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Sewanee Fourth of July

The G.O.A.T. Show didn't disappoint. There were celebrity sightings including Elvis, King Kong and Dolly Parton. The parade of cakes at the Cake Contest showcased creativity and community. And, people went all out on imaginative floats for the parade. So much more!

The Sewanee Fourth of July Committee thanks everyone who attended the 40th celebration.

Planning for the 41st celebration will start in March 2027. If you would like to join us, email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>.

More photos on page 7 of this issue. More photos will also be in next week's issue.



*The 53rd annual Flag Raising at Abbo's Alley in Sewanee.
Photo by William Shealy*



The Almost World Famous Mutt Show featured the G.O.A.T., Dolly Parton. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



*Grand Marshals for the G.O.A.T Show parade, Sewanee Elementary.
Photo by Lyn Hutchinson*

MSSA 62nd Annual Cottage Tour & Bazaar

The Woman's Association of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly (MSSA) will host its 62nd Annual Cottage Tour & Bazaar on Friday, July 17. The highly popular event will include tours of five historic cottages; the always-tempting bazaar with booths featuring curated artisans of jewelry, home décor, fine art, clothing, plants and more; Butterfly Boutique (resale); bake sale; and lunch options. Go to <<https://monteaglesundayschoolassembly.org/programs-events/>> to register.

The annual event showcases the Assembly's unique history and mission, spotlights representative turn-of-the-century cottages, and educates the public about the Chautauqua Movement and the Assembly's association with the Chautauqua Network. The cottages to be featured this year are: Fleurs de Lis, Amen, Restover, Linger Longer and Cumberland.

Old favorites and several new vendors will bring local arts and crafts and splurge-worthy fine art and jewelry as well as paper, ceramics, art, clothes, plants, leather and more plus specially selected local and regional artisans. The nearby Butterfly Boutique is a bargain-lover's dream, featuring donated items from members and is in the Writers' Grove located near the Woman's Association Winfield House.

Box lunches must be reserved and paid for in advance on the MSSA website. Box lunches include chicken salad on a croissant, kale salad, fruit cup, a lemon bar and cost \$20. They can be enjoyed in one of the Assembly's green spaces. Cottage tour attendees may also choose to dine at Harton Dining Hall. The buffet lunch includes chicken tetrazzini, seasonal vegetable, tomato pie, salad bar and a selection of desserts and costs \$20. Check, Venmo, PayPal and Cash accepted. Please note that credit cards are not accepted. Deep-dish tomato pies from Whiskey Business Catering will be available for purchase for \$25.

Guests will also enjoy the annual Bake Sale where the Assembly's best cooks share their sweet and savory specialties. The Snack Shop will be open for popcorn, chilled candy bars, bottled water and souvenir T-shirts.

Be sure to stop by cottage #9A, Little Lexington, a mainstay of the Assembly history and a must-stop shopping destination. In addition to art and gifts, The Gallery is one of a select few to carry award-winning McCarty's Pottery. Gallery owner Melissa Webb invites cottage tour attendees to stop by, shop, and pick up a raffle ticket for a specially selected 21" x 21" McCarty's free form candle plate. It retails for \$1,625, and tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$40.

Schedule of events:

Bazaar: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Butterfly Boutique and Bake

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SWC poetry faculty Eduardo C. Corral

36th Annual Sewanee Writers' Conference

From July 14-25, 2026, the University of the South will host the 36th annual session of the Sewanee Writers' Conference. Supported by Tennessee Williams and the Walter E. Dakin Memorial Fund, the Conference provides promising writers instruction through workshops and craft lectures in fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and playwriting.

Although workshops are limited to Conference participants, lectures and readings are open to the public and free to attend. These events will be held in Guerry Auditorium on the corner of University Avenue and Georgia Avenue.

Masking is required for the first five days of the Conference. If at the end of five days we have no COVID cases, masks will be optional. Otherwise, they will remain mandatory until further notice. Thank you in advance for helping keep our community safe and healthy.

The Conference will feature readings by fiction writers Chris Bachelder, Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, Lydi Conklin, Amitava Kumar, Claire Messud, Margot Livesey, Jill McCorkle, Chinelo Okparanta, Maurice Carlos Ruffin, and Stephanie Powell Watts; poets Marianne Chan, Eduardo C. Corral, Danielle Cadena Deulen, Ananda Lima, Carl Phillips, and Caki Wilkinson; nonfiction writers Jaquira Díaz, Amy Leach, Alex Marzano-Leznovich, and Elena Passarello; and playwrights Brittany K. Allen, Nathan Alan Davis, Anne Washburn, and Lauren Yee.

A complete Conference schedule can be found online at <sewaneewriters.org> and on page 8. Authors' books are available at the University Bookstore.

Final SSMF Concerts

The 2026 Sewanee Summer Music Festival is through July 12. For complete information, go to <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/home/ssmf-2026/>>. A list of events is available at <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/events-calendar/>>. All concert tickets for the 2026 season are free for everyone. We will thankfully take any donations in the lobby if you wish to make one. All livestream tickets are also free for the 2026 Season. Links to those concerts will be sent out on our social media platforms the day of the concerts.

Chamber Intensive Showcase, Friday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., Guerry, livestreamed.

Student Chamber Concerts, Saturday, July 11, 2 p.m., Guerry, St. Luke's Chapel, Art Gallery.

Faculty Artist Series, Saturday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., Guerry, livestreamed.

"A.B.O.P. Trio," Shanyse Strickland

"Create Le bonne chanson, op 61, no 3," Faure

"Tzigane for woodwind quintet," Valerie Coleman

"Nocturne for bassoon and Harp," Allan Blank

"Octet," Mendelssohn

Festival Brass Concert, Saturday, July 11, 10:05 p.m., All Saints' Chapel

Cumberland Orchestra Concert, Sunday, July 12, 2:30 p.m., Guerry, livestreamed. The John G. Bratton Concert. This concert is presented to honor the memory and legacy of a true friend of Sewanee, John G. Bratton, C'51. Jherrard Hardeman, conductor.

"Loco-Motion," Stella Sung

"The Planets: Mars, Venus, and Jupiter," Gustav Holst

Sewanee Symphony Concert, Sunday, July 12, 3:30 p.m., Guerry, livestreamed. The Martha McCarty Concert. Pierre Vallet, conductor

"Symphony no. 9," Beethoven

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Trinity Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave., NW, Winchester. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pelham United Methodist Church, 2440 SR 50, Pelham. Wednesdays, 3–6 p.m.

Coalmont Elementary (UT Extension), 7862 TN-56, Coalmont. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, 19592 TN-56, Beersheba Springs. Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.

Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Altamont Public Library, 1433 Main St., Altamont. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Morton Memorial UMC Food Distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle. Saturday, July 11, 8–10 a.m.

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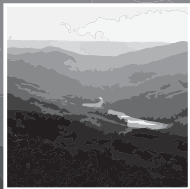


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Tennessee's traditional sales tax holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026. During this time clothing, school supplies and computers may be purchased tax-free. Certain restrictions apply. Items sold online are also eligible. Items must be purchased for personal use, not for business or trade.

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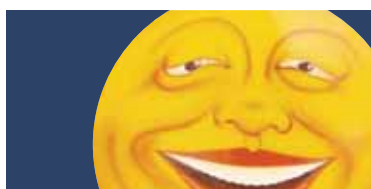
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Go to <<https://www.tn.gov/revenue/taxes/sales-and-use-tax/sales-tax-holiday/sth-traditional.html>>.

Live Music at Greeter Falls Campground

The Altamont Jam Band returns to Greeter Falls Campground for another fun evening of live music at the pavilion 7-9 p.m., Saturday, July 11. Bring a chair and settle in for a summer night of music and community. Come join us if you're so inclined!

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Upcoming Meetings

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 11, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will have workshop meetings in the conference room at City Hall. Workshops in July will be: July 13, at 9 a.m., Utility Projects updates. July 20, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., Parks & Sign Ordinance. The regular City Council meeting will be Monday, July 27, at 5 p.m.

There will be a Special Called Meeting of the Monteagle City Council for a Public Hearing on Property in Violation of the Slum Ordinance. This will be at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday July 14, 2026.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, July 13, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

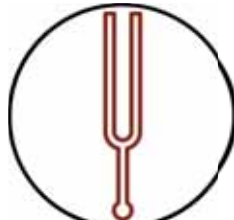
Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, July 16, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Harvey Cotten, garden writer, designer, and consultant will present the program on "The Importance of Public Gardens and the Benefits of Plants."

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

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Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, July 11, from 8-10 a.m. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

Voting Information

Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026 in the Primary and General Election. Primary elections will be held for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Tennessee Senate (odd-numbered districts), Tennessee House, and Republican and Democratic State Executive Committees. General elections will be held for vacant state judicial offices and applicable county offices.

Early Voting: Friday, July 17 - Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Monday, July 27, 2026

All voters must present a federal or Tennessee state ID containing the voter's name and photograph when voting at the polls, whether voting early or on Election Day.

For information on the Tennessee Congressional redistricting, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/announcements/2026-congressional-redistricting>>.

For more information on voting, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn>>.

For more information on sample ballots, and polling locations, go to Franklin County Election Commission <https://www.franklincotn.us/election_commission.html>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<https://www.grundycountyttn.net/officials/index.html#election>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <<https://marionvotes.com>>, phone (423) 942-2108.



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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

There will still be two services on Sunday, at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., through Sunday, July 19.

Christ Church

With all of the late night fire-works and parties last week churches all over braced themselves for a slim Sunday morning. However, the opposite was the case. I credit, at least in part, the way some newspapers including the Sewanee Messenger published news of church services. We are grateful.

This Sunday’s Collect and readings from Scripture continue an emphasis on reconciliation that God alone can bring to perfection.

Our Sunday starts at 10:45 a.m. We serve lunch at noon. Our Wednesday noon includes a study of the lessons which serves as a Bible Study. Holy Communion and Anointing are also a part of the service.

Draw Near

Draw Near is a new church at 301 Montgomery St., Cowan, that is all about becoming disciples of Jesus one person at a time through real relationships. Come as you are and experience authentic worship at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years through fifth grade.

Monteagle SDA

Weekly prayer meeting is at 9 a.m., Wednesday, and Sabbath school is at 10 a.m., Saturday, followed by worship service at 11 a.m. A vegetarian potluck takes place each week after the worship service. Please join us. Monteagle SDA Church is located at 497 College St., Monteagle.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

This Sunday, Morton Memorial

UMC will enjoy the sermon “Potluck Theology” from Cody Jorstad. Children are welcome at Morton! Pastor Melisa will have a children’s time during worship. Our All God’s Children time will explore an idea of “A Cup of Cold Water.” Following this portion of worship, children will leave for time together in activities.

Morton has many active ministries and missions. This Saturday, from 8–10 a.m., our Food Mission team will offer substantial food baskets to approximately 250 families. To receive food, drivers should enter the food distribution line, which begins behind the church. Volunteers are also welcome, should arrive before 7:45 a.m., and are asked to park in the CVS lot next door.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Worship begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men’s Breakfast Group meets the first Saturday of the month. We gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

Sunday, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: During June and July nursery services will only be available at the 10 a.m. service. Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Morning and Evening prayer services are at 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.

Centering Prayer Group: Mondays at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., both in the sanctuary.

Lectionary Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. The class begins with

a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday.

July Book Study: “The Little Prince” by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. Study led by Jeannie Babb, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. Please bring a drink or snack to share. Do you have a book you buy any time you come across it in used books? “The Little Prince” is one of mine. The themes are deep and symbolic without (I would argue) straight-up allegory. The simple, poetic writing invites contemplation. Join me for a journey with “The Little Prince” and his pilot friend as they consider wisdom, folly, and true friendship.

Unitarian Universalist

The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and

a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626, or visit the church’s website at < www. tullahomauu.org >.

Winchester First United Methodist Church

Embrace a new beginning with Jesus in a new kind of faith community. Come home to Winchester First United Methodist Church, 100 S. Jefferson St.

Worship services are on Sundays at 10 a.m. On the first Sunday of the month, our service is followed by a free lunch. For more information, contact senior pastor, Eric Bronkala, at (865) 591-8823, or visit us on Facebook.

Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, until 10:45 a.m.

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available
livestream Facebook

10 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall,
Sunday

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Bazaar (continued from page 1)

Sale: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

McCarty's Pottery at The Gallery (#9A) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cottage Tours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Prepaid Box Lunch Pickup 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Horton Dining Hall: Lunch Buffer available 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Prices for Cottage Tour & Bazaar:

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Organized in 1887, the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly (MSSA) Woman's Association has played a vital role in the development of the Assembly by providing hospitality, funds and meeting space for all aspects of the summer

program. The Association's cottage, "Winfield," is the center for many activities during the Season, from Sunday School to parents' meetings, workshops, children's story hours, and card parties. It also houses the Assembly library and is staffed by a resident hostess/librarian. The MSSA Culinary Guild, a program of the Woman's Association, celebrates and supports the local South Cumberland food and farming community and the production and enjoyment of great food. Members maintain the Assembly's Humphreys-Martin Family Herb Garden and enjoy coming together for food, beverages, and fun several times during the program season. Woman's Association Motto: Each for the other, all for Monteagle.

MSSA: Authors, Chautauqua Movement, and Music Dot this Week's Schedule

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly in Monteagle continues its 144th consecutive summer season of enrichment through Sunday, Aug. 2, featuring numerous visiting lecturers who will present morning and evening programs that are open free of charge to the public; unless otherwise noted, morning lectures begin at 10:45 a.m., (Warren Chapel) and evening lectures at 7:45 p.m., (Auditorium). Anyone interested in a full schedule of the Monteagle Assembly's 2026 program is welcome to pick one up at the Assembly Office (tel. 931-924-2286), or to peruse the schedule on the Assembly's website at <MonteagleSundaySchoolAssembly.org>.

How does an idea become a novel? Mystery writer Beth Riner, whose books include "Odd Job Annie" and "Deadly Development," aims to answer that question in her Wednesday morning lecture on bringing books to life. A native of Tennessee, Riner retired from a 23-year English teaching career to move to scenic Monteagle Mountain. She writes weekly feature stories for The Grundy County Herald, in addition to her cozy mystery series set in Monteagle. Riner loves blackberry cobbler and Rooster, her rambunctious, wildly affectionate Boykin Spaniel. They live in a 600-square-foot cabin named Storybook Cottage.

Wednesday evening, the Rev. Polk Van Zandt will lecture on the history of the Chautauqua

Movement and how it informs the past and present of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. As the Chautauqua Trail website says, "The Chautauqua movement began in 1874, when John Heyl Vincent and Lewis Miller launched a summer educational program in New York, now known as the Chautauqua Institution. What started as training for Sunday school teachers quickly expanded into a national movement focused on adult education, culture, and community enrichment." The movement spread thereafter, with "Circuit Chautauquas" or "Tent Chautauquas" appearing in rural communities across the United States.

Two-time Grammy award winning artist, songwriter, and producer Daniel Tashian returns to the Assembly Saturday night for a 7:45 pm performance at the Auditorium. Tashian has worked with artists such as Kacey Musgraves, Tim McGraw, and Martina McBride. In 2019, Tashian released "I Love Rainy Days," a children's album he wrote and illustrated. In July 2020, he collaborated with Burt Bacharach on the album

"Blue Umbrella" (EP).

Additional events in the week ahead include the following:

Monday, July 13, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel — Regan Dougall leads a workshop on "Reset & Refresh Your Body's Fun Rhythm." Advance registration required; limited space.

Monday, July 13, 8 p.m., Warren's Point — Storytellers will share "Ghost Stories to Tell in the Dark."

Tuesday, July 14, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel — Kee Sloan lectures on "Stories: Faith and Imagination."

Thursday, July 15, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel — Anne Monfore lectures on "The Duchess of Windsor: The Life of Wallis Warfield Simpson."

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational, and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

School Supply Drive for SES

The Sewanee Civic Association is inviting individuals, local groups and businesses to help collect donations of elementary school supplies for Sewanee Elementary School.

School supply donations and monetary donations are accepted at Taylor's Mercantile through Wednesday, July 29, during normal business hours. Please make checks payable to Sewanee Elementary School.

There is also an Amazon Wish List from the Sewanee Community Chest for those who want to order school supplies. These will be delivered to Sewanee Elementary School. The link is <<https://a.co/0bLwZvEO>>. The address will be listed as Allison Dietz, SES.

Sewanee Elementary will oversee the distribution of the available donations to those who need it 2-4 p.m., Thursday, July 30 and Thursday, Aug. 6.

The event is sponsored by the Sewanee Community Chest, the Sewanee Civic Association, and the Sewanee Elementary School.

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Sewanee Herbarium Events

Summer Flora of the Res, Saturday, July 11, 9:30 a.m., Mary Priestley. Join us for a leisurely walk around the St. Andrew's-Sewanee Reservoir, known familiarly as "the Res." This one-mile trail traverses four distinct plant habitats and encounters a population of at least one rare plant, the spring-blooming elf orpine. Park in the lot on Firetower Road behind SAS's Simmonds academic building. Meet there, not at the trailhead kiosk.

Trees of the Sewanee Campus, Saturday, July 25, 9–11:30 a.m., Sandy Baird. Come walk among the trees! Join Sewanee alumna and forestry graduate Sandy Baird for a leisurely tour of some of the campus's most remarkable trees, including Abbo's Alley. Learn to recognize common species, hear a few memorable stories, and enjoy a summer morning outdoors. Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Meet in the parking lot behind Fulford Hall.

All times are Central Time. Wear appropriate shoes on these walks. Risks involved in hiking include physical exertion, rough terrain, forces of nature, and other hazards not present in everyday life. Picking flowers and digging plants are prohibited in the above-mentioned natural areas.

'Resilience + Belonging'

Please join us for the opening of "Resilience + Belonging: Grundy Stories from Past and Present" at the Littell-Partin Center. The performances will be 6–8 p.m., Saturday, July 25 and 2–4 p.m., Sunday, July 26. Supported by the Office of Civic Engagement and created by local high school students in partnership with Sewanee faculty, "Resilience + Belonging: Grundy Stories from Past and Present" will explore stories of growing up, staying, leaving, returning, and finding belonging in Grundy County. Guests will be guided through the new exhibit by student performances, all inspired by the oral history of Grundy County alumni from the classes of 1967-2001. Each guided performance will last approximately 30 minutes, beginning in the renovated gymnasium of the old high school. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended if you have a limited time to visit the exhibits. Reserve space by calling (931) 691-2225.

Something to Crow About Party

Come celebrate, support, and learn more about our new park, Head of the Crow, on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18. Friends of the Parks is hosting Something To Crow About, a Friday night info-dance party to raise awareness and support for the park. Ticket holders will have an opportunity to sign up for curated hikes and adventures in Head of the Crow on Saturday, July 18.

We have found that most everyone is aware of the new park, but few know much about it or the plans for its future, so we decided to do something about it! This is a great opportunity to learn and experience more about the incredible place where you live, work, and play, while meeting new Friends.

Join us at 7 p.m., in Cravens Hall for drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres as you mingle among a series of info-panels and chat with park rangers and key volunteers to learn about the park, future plans, and the work of Friends. Around 8 p.m., the band Upper Level will play while you dance the night away. Childcare is available for ages 5 and up.

For more information and tickets, go to <<https://friendsofscsra.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/nonevents/events?path=%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F46376%3Fsource%3Demail>>.

Thanks to our sponsors, 100 percent of ticket sales will go to support our work in the parks.

Knoll Named to TSWA All-State Team

The Tennessee Sports Writers Association released the Boys Soccer All-State Team Selections for 2026, and St. Andrew's-Sewanee (SAS) sophomore goalkeeper Konrad Knoll was one of two keepers selected for the Division II-A All State Team. Knoll is the first soccer player at SAS to receive All-State honors. During the course of the 2026 season, Knoll faced 124 shots and made 97 saves for an impressive save percentage of 78 percent, leading his team to a record of 7-6-2 and a first-round win in the Region tournament versus Lakeway Christian Academy.

Head Coach Marion Knoll praised Konrad saying, "Konrad played this entire season with a maturity and composure beyond his years. The positive effects of his exceptional work ethic and dedication to the sport of soccer were consistently apparent. It's terrific to see him get this well-deserved recognition from TSWA."

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The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$5, regardless of your age. Please call (931) 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, July 13: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach casserole, roll.

Tuesday, July 14: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, July 15: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans.

Thursday, July 16: Chuck wagon sandwich, chips.

Friday, July 17: Pork cutlets, mashed potatoes, veggie blend, roll.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Game day is 12:30–3 p.m., every Thursday, at the Senior Center. Contact Susan Roberson by text at (516) 987-8440 for more information on chair exercise and Mahjong.

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members.



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Since the best trick category had no contestants this year, human tricks were displayed instead at the Almost Famous Mutt Show. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



Scenes from the parade. The G.O.A.T. of All Places, and Elvis with King Kong. Photos by Buck Butler

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7/14

8:30 p.m. Faculty: Maurice Carlos Ruffin, Amy Leach | Fiction, Nonfiction | Reading

7/15

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #1

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Marianne Chan, Amitava Kumar | Poetry, Fiction | Reading

7/16

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #2

3:45 p.m. Carl Phillips | Poetry | Lecture

5:00 p.m. Participant Reading #3

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Jaquira Díaz, Lydi Conklin | Nonfiction, Fiction | Reading

7/17

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #4

3:45 p.m. Maurice Carlos Ruffin | Fiction | Lecture

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Brittany K. Allen, Stephanie Powell Watts | Playwriting, Fiction | Reading

7/18

1:15 p.m. Directors Reading: Travis Eisenbise, Adam Leeds Latham, Leah Stewart
| Nonfiction, Nonfiction, Fiction | Reading

3:45 p.m. Alex Marzano-Lesnevich | Nonfiction | Lecture

5:00 p.m. Participant Reading #5

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Caki Wilkinson, Sarah Shun-lein Bynum | Poetry, Fiction | Reading

7/19

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #6

3:45 p.m. Ananda Lima | Poetry | Lecture

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Carl Phillips, Anne Washburn | Poetry, Playwriting | Reading

7/20

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #7

3:45 p.m. Lydi Conklin | Fiction | Lecture

5:00 p.m. Participant Reading #8

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Elena Passarello, Chris Bachelder | Nonfiction, Fiction | Reading

7/21

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #9

3:45 p.m. Brittany K. Allen | Playwriting | Lecture

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Danielle Cadena Deulen, Margot Livesey | Poetry, Fiction | Reading

7/22

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #10

3:45 p.m. Leah Stewart | Fiction | Lecture

5:00 p.m. Participant Reading #11

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Claire Messud, Nathan Alan Davis | Fiction, Playwriting | Reading

7/23

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #12

3:45 p.m. Danielle Cadena Deulen | Poetry | Lecture

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Ananda Lima, Alex Marzano-Lesnevich | Poetry, Nonfiction | Reading

7/24

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #13

3:45 p.m. Amitava Kumar | Fiction | Lecture

5:00 p.m. Participant Reading #14

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Lauren Yee, Chinelo Okparanta | Playwriting, Fiction | Reading

7/25

1:15 p.m. Participant Reading #15

7:15 p.m. Faculty: Eduardo C. Corral, Jill McCorkle | Poetry, Fiction | Reading

Of Wood & Light at Sounding Stone Gallery

This summer, two creative communities will come together at Sounding Stone Gallery for Of Wood & Light, an 11-week exhibition uniting the craftsmanship of the Cumberland Furniture Guild with the evocative painted works of the Nashville Painters Salon. The exhibition runs through Sept. 19, with a public reception 6–8 p.m., Saturday, July 11.

The exhibition brings together two distinct but complementary traditions: the tactile, structural beauty of fine woodworking and the visual poetry of plein air painting.

Founded in 2024 by Kymberlee Stanley, the Nashville Painters Salon (NPS) is a collective of artists who draws on the tradition of the European salon as both exhibition and community. Plein air landscape paintings will be their central focus for this exhibition. NPS actively participates in public painting events across Nashville and has recently expanded its reach to the South Cumberland Plateau.

The Cumberland Furniture Guild is a non-profit Middle Tennessee group dedicated to the craft, education, and preservation of furniture making and fine woodworking. Its members span the full range of the discipline, from nationally recognized studio furniture makers, restorers, and collectors to devoted hobbyists. What unites them is a shared reverence for the materials and traditions of the woodworking craft.

Fine craft and traditional art take center stage at Sounding Stone Gallery, which shares space with stone sculptor Stephen Hutchins. Work created with intention, skill, and respect for materials shines through local artists and craftsmen from across the Southeast. Sounding Stone Gallery is located at 74 West College Street, Monteagle.

Summer Square Dances and Old Time Jam

Cumberland Community Dance has a great line up of musicians and callers this summer. Open to all ages and experience levels, the evening will include traditional square dance along with live old-time music. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, everyone is encouraged to join. No partner is required. A live caller will guide dancers through every step.

The dances are every third Friday of the month from 5:30–8 p.m., at the Monteagle Library Pavilion. The dancing is from 6–8 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., there will be an old time music jam open to the public before the dancing begins, so bring your instrument! Suggested donation for community members \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 3–10 years old with a \$30 max per family.

LUNCH will provide some light snacks and goodies and there will be water and other child-friendly beverages.

Cumberland Community Dance is made possible with support from Grundy Area Arts Council and the South Cumberland Community Fund. If you'd like to support our mission or learn more about our organization you can sign up for our newsletter or visit <<https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance>>. Please come out this summer and help Cumberland Community Dance in their mission to keep the ever-evolving, living tradition of Southern Appalachian music and dance alive.

Social Fabric to Offer Kids' Sewing

Social Fabric, a group of people who gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesdays, to do handwork together, has added fun sewing projects for kids for the summer. Each week, participants are invited to try that week's project if they don't already have something they're working on. Projects may include but are not limited to: a felt softie, pencil case, finger puppet, sock doll, book jacket, embroidered flowers, pocket mouse, and doll clothes. Social Fabric, which is sponsored by CAC, has moved from the Hospitality Shop to Stirling's Coffeehouse for the summer. Anyone is invited to join. Children should be accompanied by a parent. For more information, contact Sister Felicity Parks at <maelpa11@gmail.com> or Mary Priestley at <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

School of Letters Summer Reading Series

Every summer the School of Letters invites our acclaimed faculty and other prominent, nationally recognized writers and scholars to read their work and speak about the writing life. The 2026 session will be through July 17.

Readings are in Naylor Auditorium at 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, with a reception following in Gailor Atrium.

Wednesday, July 15, 4:30 p.m. Faculty Reading with Daniel Hornsby & Tiana Clark.

Friday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. MFA Candidate Reading in Biehl Commons.

Go to <<https://letters.sewanee.edu/>> for more information.

Ballads and Tunes

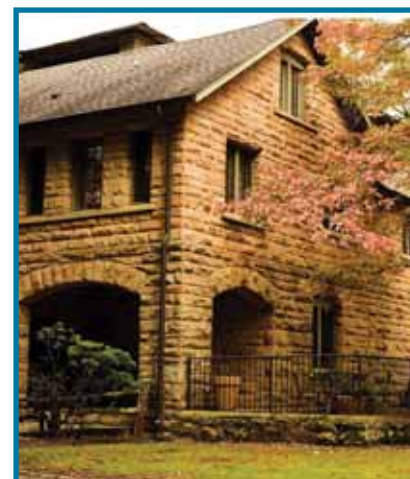
Join us on at 7 p.m., Friday, July 10, at Cowan Center for the Arts for an evening of old and new world tunes and ballads performed by singer and guitarist Rachel Swerske and multi-instrumentalist Ben Ayers. Both Swerske and Ayers grew up immersed in the traditional music of Ireland, Britain, and the Southern US. Inspired by classic balladeers like Jean Ritchie and Doc Watson, the duo will share timeless songs which tell stories from the Highlands of Scotland to the hollows of Tennessee. Suggested donation for the show is \$10. The Cowan Center for the Arts theater is located at 301 Montgomery St., Cowan.



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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Leafcups

When we first moved to Sewanee, I took a hike in the summer on the fabled Shakerag Hollow and was dismayed to find it full of what I took to be giant weeds. I later learned that they were not weeds at all but a rather interesting member of the Aster Family, the Tennessee Leafcup, *Polymnia laevigata*. It is called leafcup because the paired leaves form a cup around the stem. It is probably more abundant in the Cumberland Plateau of Southeastern Tennessee than anywhere else in its known range, which is limited to a few sites elsewhere in the Southeast. And it is named for Tennessee! It prefers calcareous soils on rich, wooded slopes and shaded limestone outcrop areas but does not seem to be limited to these conditions. A walk in the part of Abbo's Alley below Biehl Commons this time of year will also bring you into a large population of this plant. However, a walk on the Sherwood Day Loop in the new Head of the Crow State Park will bring you into a large population of a close relative, White-flowered Leafcup, *Polymnia canadensis*. It has a much broader range in the Eastern U.S. and Canada and is more common. The stem is noticeably hairy or glandular, giving it a strong smell, while the stem of the Tennessee Leafcup is smooth. The ray flowers of both are white and three-lobed, but those of White-flowered Leafcup are usually larger and more numerous.



Polymnia canadensis. Photo by Lin Cameron

State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/>> and select the park. Fiery Gizzard State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/fiery-gizzard#happenings>>, (931) 924-2980; Head of the Crow State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/head-of-the-crow#happenings>>, (615) 762-5917; Savage Gulf State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/savage-gulf#happenings>>, 931-692-3887. All times are central.

Fiery Gizzard State Park

Leaves and Sticks Arts and Crafts, Saturday, July 11, noon–1 p.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/leaves-and-sticks-arts-and-crafts->>. Join Ranger Orion at the Visitor Center for out-of-the-box arts and crafts with sticks and leaves! Open for all ages.

Medicine Walk at Denny Cove, Friday, July 17, 8–9:30 a.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/fgsp-dc-medicine-walk>>. Want to learn about the healing the natural world offers us for ailments of all kinds? Join Ranger Orion for a joyful and educational journey through Denny Cove and learn how to identify the healers that grow unassuming all around us.

Head of the Crow State Park

The Intrepid Trailbuilders, Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/the-intrepid-trailbuilders0716>>. Join Master Trailbuilders every third Thursday and Saturday for the ongoing quest to fully flesh out the trail system at Head of the Crow State Park. Our current objective is rerouting a treacherous section of the Buggytop Trail to increase its accessibility to our visitors. From newbies to pros all volunteers are welcome and we will supply all tools, gloves, and eye protection. All you need to bring are snacks, water, close-toed shoes, and a happy attitude! Volunteers should expect to hike 3 miles over difficult uneven terrain, work with various hand tools, and leave with a warm sense of fulfillment after a good day's work.

Savage Gulf State Park

Fur-Tastic Friends!, Saturday, July 11, 2–3:30 p.m. Come and stop by and see Interpretive Ranger Haley outside the Greeter Falls trail to see, feel, and experience the furs of our native animals that reside right here in our park.

Nature Photography Hike, Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m.–noon. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/nature-photography12-hike125>>. Join Interpretive Ranger Haley for a scenic hike to Savage Falls and discover why this trail is a favorite here at Savage Gulf State Park. We'll take our time enjoying the journey, stopping to admire the landscape and photograph the natural beauty that makes this area unforgettable. Bring your camera, your phone, or simply your sense of wonder! The hike is around 3 miles round-trip to Savage Falls. Please meet at the Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer. Make sure you bring plenty of water and wear adequate hiking shoes. The terrain of the hike is moderate and may include ledges, so care is needed. Weather dependent.

Waterfalls at Greeter Falls, Sunday, July 12, 9:30–11 a.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/water-falls-at-greeter-falls2366532>>. Join Interpretive Ranger Haley for a 1.5 mile guided hike to see the waterfalls around the Savage Gulf West Entrance to Savage Gulf State Park. This hike is moderate in difficulty due to several steep sections and rocky terrain. Visitors will be taken to 3 waterfalls and scenic spaces such as Upper Greeter, Lower Greeter, and Boardtree Falls. Visitors will need to bring sturdy boots/shoes, water, some snacks, and weather appropriate clothing. Please gather at the Savage West Parking lot 10 minutes before the start of the program. In the event of inclement weather this program will be cancelled.

Nature Journaling Continues

The Nature Journaling group, sponsored by the Sewanee Herbarium, meets Thursdays, 9-11 a.m. Grab a pencil and paper and plan to join us. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for more information and meeting location.



Brook



Pepper

MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet Brook & Pepper

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Wed	July 01	91	71	Avg temp = 80
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Fri	July 03	92	71	
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NOTICE: There will be a Special Called Meeting of the Monteagle City Council for a Public Hearing on Property in Violation of the Slum Ordinance. This will be Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

NOTICE: The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties 2025 Water Quality Report will be published in the Sewanee Mountain Messenger on July 17, 2026. This report will not be direct-mailed to customers, but you may request a copy by calling (931) 598-5611. The report will also be available on line at <<https://sewaneutility.org/>>.

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Community Calendar

Friday, July 10

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Sherwood/
Crow Creek Community Center, 10225
Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture: "How William Became
a Shakespeare," Elliott Engel, Warren
Chapel
2:30 p.m. MSSA Readings from the Writers' Grove,
"An Uncertain Peace," James Tucker,
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Medita-
tion, Nati, Sewanee Community Center,
until 7:15 p.m.
7 p.m. Ballads & Tunes, (\$10), Cowan Center
for the Arts, 301 Montgomery St.
7:30 p.m. SSMF Chamber Intensive, Guerry

Saturday, July 11

- 8 a.m. MMUMC monthly food distribution,
322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10
a.m.
8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, Hawkins
Lane, until 10 a.m.
9 a.m. American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall
9:30 a.m. Herbarium Walk, "Summer Flora of
the Res," Mary Priestley, park in lot on
Firetower Rd. behind SAS's Simmonds
Academic Bldg.
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
10 a.m. Summer Meals Program, Altamont
Library, 1433 Main St., until 1 p.m.
5 p.m. Reception, "Of Wood and Light,"
Sounding Stone Gallery, 74 W. College
St., Monteagle, until 8 p.m.
7:30 p.m. SSMF Faculty Artist Concert, Guerry
10:05 p.m. SSMF Festival Brass, All Saints'

Sunday, July 12

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
2:30 p.m. SSMF Cumberland Orchestra, All Saints'
3:30 p.m. SSMF Sewanee Symphony, Guerry
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, July 13

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Monteagle City Council workshop,
Utility Projects update, conference room,
City Hall
9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park
Rd.
10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Palmer Library,
2115 Main St., Palmer, until 1 p.m.
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Commu-
nity Center, until 11:30 a.m.
3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Grundy Safe
Communities Coalition, 14339 US-41,
Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
6 p.m. Franklin County School Board, 215 S.
College St., Winchester
6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Com-
munity Center

Tuesday, July 14

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park
Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Special Called Meeting, Monteagle City
Council
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
10:30 a.m. Sewanee La Leche League, call Pippa at
(931) 636-5317 for venue
10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture, "Stories: Faith and
Imagination," Kee Sloan, Warren Chapel
11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Stirling's, until 1
p.m.
11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid
Bakery, Tracy City
noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park
Rd.
4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup,
Community Center, until 6 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
8:30 p.m. SWC, Faculty Readings, Maurice Carlos
Ruffin, Amy Leach, Fiction, Nonfiction,
Guerry

Wednesday, July 15

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park
Rd.
10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot,
204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Trinity Episco-
pal Church, 213 1st Ave. NW, Win-

- chester, until 1 p.m.
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Commu-
nity Center, until 11:30 a.m.
1:15 p.m. SWC, Participant Reading No. 1, Guerry
3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Pelham UMC,
2440 SR 50, Pelham, until 6 p.m.
4:30 p.m. School of Letters Faculty Readings,
Daniel Hornsby and Tiana Clark, Naylor
Auditorium
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
7:15 p.m. SWC, Faculty Reading, Marianne Chan,
Amitava Kumar, Poetry, Fiction, Guerry

Thursday, July 16

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, "The
Importance of Public Gardens," Harvey
Cotten, St. Mary's Sewanee
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <Mpriest-
ley0150@gmail.com> for details/meet-
ing location
9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room,
Monteagle City Hall
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Coalmont
Elementary (UT Ext.), 7862 TN-56,
Coalmont, until 1 p.m.
10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture: "The Duchess of Wind-
sor: The Life of Wallis Warfield Simp-
son," Anne Monfore, Warren Chapel
noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park
Rd.
12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, until 3
p.m.
1:15 p.m. SWC, Participant Reading No. 2,
Guerry
3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123
College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Beersheba
Springs Medical Clinic, 19592 TN-56,
Beersheba Springs, until 6 p.m.
3:45 p.m. SWC, Poetry Lecture, Carl Phillips,
Guerry
5 p.m. SWC, Participant Reading No. 3,
Guerry
7:15 p.m. SWC, Faculty Reading, Jaquira Diaz,
Lydi Conklin, Nonfiction, Fiction,
Guerry

Friday, July 17 • Early Voting starts

- MSSA 62nd Annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Sherwood/
Crow Creek Community Center, 10225
Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
1:15 p.m. SWC, Participant Reading No. 4,
Guerry
3:45 p.m. SWC, Fiction Lecture, Maurice Carlos
Ruffin, Guerry
5:30 p.m. School of Letters MFA Candidate Read-
ing, Biehl Commons
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Medita-
tion, Nati, Sewanee Community Center,
until 7:15 p.m.
7 p.m. Something to Crow About info-dance
party, Cravens Hall
7:15 p.m. SWC, Faculty Reading, Brittany K. Al-
len, Stephanie Powell Watts, Playwriting,
Fiction, Guerry

Local 12-Step Meetings

- Friday**
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church,
Tracy City
Saturday
7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United
Methodist
Sunday
6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley
House, Morton Memorial United
Methodist Church
Monday
5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study
Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for infor-
mation and for the Zoom link
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church,
Tracy City
Tuesday
11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance
Community Endeavor Open Narcotics
Anonymous Meeting
7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist,
Altamont
7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal
Church, Winchester
7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House,
Morton Memorial United Methodist
Church
Wednesday
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931)
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6 p.m., NA, community room at 187
Raulston Ave., Monteagle
7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Meth-
odist
Thursday
6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy
County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont
7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open,
Brooks Hall, Sewanee
7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Win-
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