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Franklin County Schools: Book Ban; “Sex” Definition

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The influence of the state legislature weighed heavily on two items on the July 13 Franklin County School Board agenda. Rachel Brown, Franklin County School District Lead Librarian, updated the board on efforts to comply with the Age Appropriate Materials Act amended by the legislature during the course of the past school year. On the policy front, nine district policies were amended to comply with state law, adding language defining “sex.”

“The implementation of the Age Appropriate Materials Act presented challenges for school districts all across the state,” Brown said. “While the law outlines what is prohibited content, it did not provide a definitive list of titles we should be looking at.” Brown and her staff came up with a list by looking at what books were challenged in other school districts and other states. Books determined to require additional evaluation are quarantined, placed in a holding spot until the evaluation is complete. The “quarantine” system came into play during COVID when books in circulation were potential carriers of the virus. Students can check out quarantined books, but are asked why they want the book.

“Most of the books on the list are not in a lot of demand,” Brown acknowledged. She anticipates many of the books on the list will be back in circulation, in some cases moved to a different age bracket, with elementary school books moved to the middle school libraries and middle school books moved to high school libraries. Brown said her staff would complete their evaluation by Aug. 6. The review resulted in a pre-school age picture book, “No, David!,” written and illustrated by David Shannon, being removed for nudity in an illustration of a person viewed from behind. Brown expects additional legislative action related to the Age Appropriate Materials Act, but is uncertain what direction that action will take. “Some say it is too strict and others say it is too broad,” she observed.

“The common denominator is the definition of ‘sex,’” said board Vice-Chair Lance Williams, commenting on a group of amended policies presented for approval. “This is straight from state law.”

The definition added to the policies reads: “Sex shall be defined as the ‘immutable characteristics of the person’s reproductive system that identify the person as male or female, as determined by anatomy and genetics existing at the time of birth.’” In all cases, the policies had a clause with the word “sex,” e.g. “race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability” or “race, nationality, origin, color, sex,” in

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Monteagle Planning: Data Centers, Light Manufacturing Decisions

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the July 7 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission voted to recommend the Monteagle City Council adopt an ordinance severely constraining the location of data centers in Monteagle and to allow a light manufacturing facility in the C-3 interstate commercial interstate district. In both discussions, definitions played a key role: what is a data center and what qualifies as light manufacturing and sales consistent with interstate commercial and public uses?

At the June meeting, the commission tasked Southeast Tennessee Development (SETD) town planner Jonathan Rush with drafting an ordinance addressing where data centers could be located in Monteagle. Rush cited a proposed data center near the Nashville Zoo and concerns about demands on the power grid and water supply. Grundy County passed a resolution calling for a two-year moratorium on data centers locating in the county [see Messenger, May 29, 2026]. Rush pointed out a moratorium had legal ramifications, and the council as a legislative body would need to initiate the action, not the planning commission. The commission approved an ordinance amendment stipulating data centers were allowed only in Industrial Zoning and would need to be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals as a special exception, significant constraints since Monteagle has no areas zoned for industrial use. Rush maintained a data center did not constitute com-

mercial use since it did not generate sales tax or jobs.

Asked if the ordinance should include a concise definition, Rush said most people understood data centers to have something to do with computers and AI, but all the communities in the region initiating regulations governing data centers had different definitions. “My staff is looking to have a more solidified, in-depth data center zoning ordinance that is consistent throughout the region,” Rush stressed. He added the Institute for Public Service, the state local planning office, was also working on a statewide approach.

“This is a start, and then we could amend it,” said Commissioner Katie Trahan urging approval. The commission unanimously recommended the Monteagle City Council adopt the ordinance.

Other recommendations to the council at the July meeting lacked consensus.

Justin Dirkson, COO of Manchester-based KD3 Construction, requested approval to locate a facility at 850 Dixie Lee Avenue. The business specializes in custom homes, condominiums, shops, garages and other metal frame buildings. Dirkson said KD3 would sell building materials, including metal components manufactured on site, to both contractors and the public. Customers meet with company consultants prior to manufacture of building components. Build-

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South Cumberland Summer Meal Program

The University of the South is participating in the Summer Food Service Program through July 31. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, and reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). Meals will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at the sites and times as follows:

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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.

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Local Scout Troops 14 and 141 at the 53rd annual Flag Raising. Photo by William Shealy



At the Sewanee Fourth of July parade. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson. More photos on page 10 of this issue.

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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.

Clothing — Exempt: General apparel that costs \$100 or less per item, such as shirts, pants, socks, shoes, dresses, etc. Not exempt: Apparel items priced at more than \$100; Items sold together, such as shoes, cannot be split up to stay beneath the \$100 maximum; Items such as jewelry, handbags, or sports and recreational equipment.

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Computers — Exempt: Computers for personal use with a purchase price of \$1,500 or less; Laptop computers, if priced at \$1,500 or less, also qualify as well as tablet computers. Not exempt: Storage media, like flash drives and compact discs; Individually purchased software; Printer supplies; Household appliances.

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

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Monday, July 27, 2026

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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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Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with your letter. You may mail it to us at Sewanee Mountain Messenger, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375, come by our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your email to <news@sewaneemessenger.com>. — KB

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Hospitality Shop: History in the Making

This summer the Hospitality Shop has two interns: Sarah Grace and Stella, doing research on the history of the Hospitality Shop since its beginning. As they pull the manuscript together, they are asking the citizens of Sewanee for historic pictures of the Shop and for recipes for the famous Shop meals. If you have such artifacts and family stories of shopping at the Shop, please send them to sarahgracepowell13@gmail.com as soon as possible. The history will be available on sale in the fall.

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. The Shop continues its regular hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please leave donations in the outside bins during the hours the Shop is open. Clothing should be clean and in good repair. Décor and household items should be in working condition. We thank the community for its continued vigorous support.

Upcoming Meetings

Meet the Candidates

Chuck Morgret and Annie Armour Morgret will host a reception in their backyard, 235 Mimosa Circle, Sewanee, (inside if raining) on Saturday, July 18, from 2-4 p.m., for the Sewanee community to meet their local candidates running in the August election. Early voting runs from July 17-Aug. 1. Election Day is Aug. 6. Early voting hours are weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.

Cliff Huffman is running for Congress. All other candidates are running for local office. Bruce McMillan and Susan Holmes are running for County Commissioner, Johnny Hughes for Road Commissioner, and Sarah Marhevsky and Matt Hughes for school board (Sarah will be out of town). Our local district includes Sewanee, Sherwood, and Keith Springs.

Please come out to meet your Sewanee candidates and please vote in this important and often overlooked election.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will have workshop meetings in the conference room at City Hall. Workshops in July will be: 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 public hearing on Ordinance 06-26 at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, in the conference room at Monteagle City Hall. This Ordinance is to add light manufacturing and sales facility to section 501 of schedule of permitted uses and create section 545 light manufacturing and sales facility to the zoning ordinance.

There will be a Special Meeting of the Monteagle City Council at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026 to have a second reading of Ordinance 06-26 in the conference room at city hall. This Ordinance is to add light manufacturing and sales facility to section 501 of schedule of permitted uses and create section 545 light manufacturing and sales facility to the Zoning Ordinance.

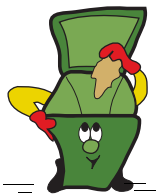
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The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, 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.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, July 23, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Rev. Chris Epperson, Dean of All Saints' Chapel and University Chaplain, will present the program.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

There are two services on Sunday, 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, and 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

Christ Church

The Rt. Rev. John Greaves, Bishop Coadjutor of The Episcopal Missionary Church, Diocese of The South, will be the Celebrant and Preacher at Christ Church Monteagle this Sunday. Bishop Greaves lives in Roswell, Ga. His secular career has been in Security where he has been with some of the largest corporations in The United States of America. He has worked with Federal authorities and those of many States as well as local Law Enforcement. He is also known as a pastor and a listener.

The Sunday service at Christ Church begins at 10:45 a.m.

We always serve lunch at noon. When Bishop Greaves comes he always brings desserts from famous Atlanta bakeries! You are invited.

Community Fun Day

Mt. Sinai M.B. Baptist Church located at 134 Walnut Street, Cowan, is hosting a Community Fun Day on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Everyone is welcome to attend and have fun. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events include bingo, cake walk, bounce house, water slide, corn hole toss, food and more. For more information contact Sandra Brown at (931) 636-4854.

Goshen C.P. Church

There will be a Hamburger Supper at 5 p.m., Saturday, July 25, at Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1262 Williams Cove Rd., Winchester. There will be hamburgers and all the trimmings, with homemade desserts and homemade

ice cream. Proceeds benefit the mission of ministries of the Church.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

“All the Families of the Earth” (Genesis 28:10-19a) will be the sermon for Sunday, July 19.

Children are welcome at Morton! Rev. Melisa Derseweh will share a children’s sermon called “Family” during All God’s Children time. Following this portion of worship, children will leave for time together in activities.

Morton has many active ministries and missions. A Mission Moment will be presented by Colombia Kids, an international mission that Morton supports.

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

Obituaries

Bobby Ray Church

Bobby Ray Church, age 71, died on July 7, 2026. He was born on Nov. 24, 1954, in Chattanooga, to Wesley Ray and Mildred Loretta Thomas Church. He enjoyed cooking and deer hunting, spending time with his family and cooking out with them. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Teresa Mae Church; and daughter Nacole Magouirk.

He is survived by his children Bobbie (James) Ashley, Brandy (Jeremey) White, and Cameron (Stephanie) Church; sister, Linda Faye Bonner; four grandchildren, and his special fur-baby, “Sam.”

Funeral Services were on July 10, 2026, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City with Bro. Claude Hoback officiating. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Sarah Eva Furr Zimmerman

Sarah Eva Furr Zimmerman, 83, died Saturday, June 27 after a joyful week at home that included her birthday with family, outdoor time in her beloved woods and visits with friends.

Survivors include her husband Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Donald Zimmerman of Monteagle; daughters Elizabeth B. Hickman (John) of Nashville and Catherine B. Ballenger (Craig) of Hendersonville; granddaughter Ava Brooke Ballenger of Hendersonville; sister Leita Patton (Jerry) of Oxford, Mississippi; brother Charles Furr (Billie) of Madison, Mississippi; numerous other family and a beloved cat “KW”. Her parents were the late Francis and Hazie Furr of Pontotoc, Mississippi.

A native of Mississippi, Sarah Eva always said she felt truly at home on the mountain. She graduated from Pontotoc High School, where she met her future husband Don Zimmerman. She then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and a Master of Social Science degree from the University of Mississippi. She also earned an additional Master’s in Education from the University of Memphis.

A national award-winning and beloved U.S. history teacher, Sarah Eva won the prestigious Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator of the Year Award in 1997. In 2004, she was recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as the Outstanding American History Teacher in Tennessee.

Sarah Eva loved being outside in the forest, where she connected to God in nature and enjoyed the wind in the trees and observing flowers and birds. She served as former Chaplain for the Judge David Campbell Chapter of the DAR in Chattanooga and volunteered at Monteagle Elementary School. As her beloved sister said: “Everything was always more fun with Sarah Eva.”

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church in Monteagle. A complete obituary is available from Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, Winchester, TN, <www.moorecortner.com>.

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 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.

Fall Kick Off Events:

Aug. 2, Children’s Sunday school begins

Aug. 9, Back to School Blessing

Aug. 12, Children’s Choir re-

hearsals begins.

Aug. 23, Youth Sunday school begins. Sunday Forum begins. Welcome picnic after 11 a.m. service.

Sept. 13, Rite 13 & J2A resume

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

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

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New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

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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

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ings are not assembled on site. "The building goes out in pieces," Dirkson said.

Commission Chair Richard Black argued the business did not conform with the definition of C-3 commercial zoning: "to meet specific opportunities and needs of interchanges of interstate highways to serve both public and commercial vehicles as well as addressing unique commercial opportunities and problems created by access to interstate highways, excluding uses or accommodations not directed toward interstate highways."

"Your business does not meet that criteria," Black insisted.

Commissioner Alec Mosley disagreed. "[The business] has a connection with the interstate," Mosley said. "They move things on heavy trucks. It fits here as well as anywhere."

"I think so, too," said Trahan. "They're not putting stuff together like in industrial."

"I can't find anything in your industrial use that would allow it," Rush said.

Commissioner Nate Wilson cited ordinance. "It says 'the planning commission may determine if light manufacturing is compatible.' It seems like an appropriate use."

Black countered the commission needed to define "light manufacturing. It's a mistake allowing it in C-3."

"I don't know why we delay and delay," said Commissioner Dan Sargent. Alderman Dean Lay concurred, "It's ridiculous how we treat people who want to do business here."

Black voted against allowing KD3 to operate a facility at the 850 Dixie Lee Highway site.

In other business, the commission approved the long discussed Downtown Zoning District amendment intended to encourage commercial development in the downtown C-1 corridor. Both Black and Trahan voted no, objecting to no minimum parking requirements.

The commission also approved the Residential Overlay amendment regulating residential development in property adjacent to the C-1 commercial corridor. At the commission's request, Rush added a provision allowing dormitory-style living quarters, with the stay not to exceed 30 days. Black and Trahan voted no, again objecting to no required parking.

Head of the Crow Concept Feedback Open House

Tennessee State Parks is hosting an open house 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, to hear the public's feedback on proposed concepts and changes at the Head of the Crow State Park. Opened in October 2025, Head of the Crow is Tennessee's newest state park. Caves, sinkholes, trails, and forests span the 4,200-acre landscape, and it is home to the rare endemic Painted Tiger Snail. Drop by this open house to view the most recent maps and proposed concepts for the park and to share your feedback about what can be added and improved across the park. The open house will be at St. Mark's Community Center, 481 Alabama Ave., Sewanee. RSVP <bit.ly/TSP-HOTC>.

MSSA: Space Force, AI, and Bach at Sunset Ahead this Week

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>.

Former Congressman Jim Cooper, who represented middle Tennessee in Congress over a span of 40 years, will speak Tuesday morning on the topic of, "What on Earth is Space Force?" Cooper served in the U.S. House of Representatives until the Nashville congressional district was gerrymandered in such a way to make his reelection nearly impossible. During his tenure in Congress, though, Cooper worked closely with Representative Mike Rogers to propose the Space Force under the U.S. Department of the Air Force. He views satellites as critical infrastructure for national security and global communications. Cooper now teaches at Vanderbilt University Law School and works with a private equity

firm in Nashville. He and his wife, Mary, split their time between Nashville and Shelbyville.

Generative artificial intelligence is making waves in all facets of life, from work to school to home. Mel Oliveros works at Coursemojo, an AI-powered platform used by school districts across Tennessee to improve support for K-12 students. Her Thursday morning lecture, "Beyond the Hype: A Practical Look at AI," will focus on a practical introduction to what AI is today, how it works in plain terms, and dispelling common myths about it.

Though J.S. Bach's Six Cello Suites were written 300 years ago, they continue to inspire musicians and listeners alike. Cellist Hamilton Berry brings three of those Suites to a concert Thursday evening at the Stone House at Sunset Rock. Berry is a member of the Grammy-nominated PUBLIQuartet, a Nashville native, and the assistant program director of the Musicambia program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility, where he teaches string students.

Additional events in the week ahead include the following:

Wednesday, July 22, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel—Stephanie Sabbe lectures on "The History of Home."

Friday, July 24, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel—Jeff Ford lectures on "Usonian Houses: Frank Lloyd Wright's Vision of Affordability Through Architectural Design."

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policies ranging from Instructional Programs to Sexual Harassment.

"If we're only defining sex in that way, what if there is a student who identifies in a way outside of that?" asked board member Sarah Marhevsky. "Is bullying still not allowed because it's bullying?"

"I don't think our bullying policy says it's okay to bully anyone," Williams stressed.

"Anyone being bullied?" Marhevsky replied.

"It's anyone being bullied," Williams insisted.

Board member Sara Liechty abstained from the vote.

The board also approved several other policies. The amended Tobacco-Free School policy replaced all the language in the existing policy. The Franklin County Prevention Coalition pushed for the change and urged a comparison to other districts' policies. "This is a result of our policy not being very strong, and trying to get it stronger," said Director of Human Resources Jenny Crabtree.

The amended Emergency Allergy Response Plan policy requires

"Each school shall maintain epinephrine, either as auto-injectors, nasal sprays, or other forms."

According to Coordinated School Health Coordinator/Safety Director Chris Hawkermith, each school will receive two epi pens annually at no cost to the district. Marhevsky asked if the pens "would only be used on students who had a prescription?" "It would be for an emergency if someone got stung by a wasp or had an allergic reaction and their throat was closing," Williams said. "It would be administered by the nurse."

All Franklin County school board seats in odd numbered districts are up for election Aug. 6. Sandy Schultz is running unopposed for re-election in District 1; Dave Van Buskirk is running unopposed in District 3 to take the place of Vice-Chair Lance Williams; Sarah Marhevsky, current board member, and Matt Hughes are running for the District 5 seat. Caycee Roberts, current board member, and Ashley Bowers are running for the District 7 seat.

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Oliver W. Jervis to Address Heritage Center on Origin of Steel Industry in the South at Tracy City

Dr. Oliver W. Jervis, Chair of the Museum, Director of Exhibits and Historian of Grundy County Historical Society Heritage Center, will deliver an address in the Teaching Center at the Heritage Center, located at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City, at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 18, 2026, on the Origin of the Steel Industry in the South at Tracy City. The public is welcome. Admission is free.

Jervis is a graduate of the University of the South, where he was awarded a B.A. degree in History in 1957, and further awarded a Doctor of Law degree from University of Chicago. He was born in Nashville and has been connected with the Plateau since 1938. Circa 1993 he became associated with Grundy County Historical Society and served as president of that organization from 2014 to 2023.

Sewanee Mining Company emerged from the Civil War as reorganized Tennessee Coal and Railroad Company, later Tennessee Coal and Iron Company (TCI). This company grew to become the largest producer of steel and iron products in the South and third largest in the United States before it moved its operations from Tracy City to Ensley Town in Alabama in 1904. In 1907 it merged with United States Steel Corporation to become Tennessee Coal & Iron Division of United States Steel Corporation.

The lecture is part of a monthly series to commemorate the 250th birthdate of the United States of America.

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MSSA 62nd Annual Cottage Tour & Bazaar

The Woman's Association of the Montegale 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://montegalesundayschoolassembly.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.

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 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.

Harton Dining Hall: Lunch Buffet available 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Prices for Cottage Tour & Bazaar:

Day of Entrance Ticket: \$30

Free Parking

Organized in 1887, the Montegale 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 Montegale.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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 20: Salmon, macaroni and tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread.

Tuesday, July 21: Reuben sandwich, chips.

Wednesday, July 22: Chicken and dumplings, corn nuggets, green beans.

Thursday, July 23: Goulash, Mexican cornbread.

Friday, July 24: Chicken Alfredo, salad, garlic bread.

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.

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36th Annual Sewanee Writers' Conference

Through July 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.

Friday, July 17, 1:15 p.m., Participant Reading No. 4; 3:45 p.m., Maurice Carlos Ruffin, Fiction Lecture; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Brittany K. Allen, Stephanie Powell Watts, Playwriting, Fiction

Saturday, July 18, 1:15 p.m., Directors Reading: Travis Eisenbise, Adam Leeds Latham, Leah Stewart, Nonfiction, Nonfiction, Fiction; 3:45 p.m., Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Nonfiction, Lecture; 5 p.m., Participant Reading No. 5; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Caki Wilkinson, Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, Poetry, Fiction

Sunday, July 19, 1:15 p.m., Participant Reading No. 6; 3:45 p.m., Ananda Lima, Poetry Lecture; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Carl Phillips, Anne Washburn, Poetry, Playwriting

Monday, July 20, 1:15 p.m., Participant Reading No. 7; 3:45 p.m., Lydi Conklin, Fiction Lecture; 5 p.m., Participant Reading No. 8; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Elena Passarello, Chris Bachelder, Nonfiction, Fiction

Tuesday, July 21, 1:15 p.m., Par-

ticipant Reading No. 9; 3:45 p.m., Brittany K. Allen, Playwriting, Lecture; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Danielle Cadena Deulen, Margot Livesey, Poetry, Fiction

Wednesday, July 22; 1:15 p.m., Participant Reading No. 10; 3:45 p.m., Leah Stewart, Fiction Lecture; 5 p.m., Participant Reading No. 11; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Claire Messud, Nathan Alan Davis, Fiction, Playwriting

Thursday, July 23, 1:15 p.m., Participant Reading No. 12; 3:45 p.m., Danielle Cadena Deulen, Poetry Lecture; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Ananda Lima, Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Poetry, Nonfiction

Friday, July 24, 1:15 p.m., Participant Reading No. 13; 3:45 p.m., Amitava Kumar, Fiction Lecture; 5 p.m., Participant Reading No. 14; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Lauren Yee, Chinelo Okparanta, Playwriting, Fiction

Saturday, July 25; 1:15 p.m., Participant Reading No. 15; 7:15 p.m., Faculty Reading: Eduardo C. Corral, Jill McCorkle, Poetry, Fiction

Authors' books are available at the University Bookstore.

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 Friday, July 31, 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 Monday, Aug. 3, and Thursday, Aug. 6.

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

'Come & See' Event at St. Mary's Sewanee

Join us for this free event at St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development. "Come & See" all things St. Mary's Sewanee will be from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1.

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This event is free, registration is suggested. Go to <<https://www.st-maryssewanee.org/retreats#/event/173/come-see>> for more information.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

July 31, Grundy County Staff Inservice

Aug. 3, Marion County Staff Inservice

Aug. 3-5, Grundy County Staff Inservice

Aug. 3, Franklin County Administrative Day

Aug. 4, Grundy County, Meet the Teacher

Aug. 4, Marion County Registration

Aug. 4-6, Franklin County Staff Development

Aug. 5-6, Marion County Staff Development

Aug. 6, Grundy County Orientation Day

Aug. 7, Franklin County First Day of School, abbreviated

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Dances are every third Friday of the month at the Monteagle Library Pavilion. The next one on July 17 features the band The Stones River Reelers and caller Stan Sharp. The dancing is from 6-8 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., there will be a BYO community picnic and old-time music jam open to the public before the dancing begins, so bring your instrument and something to eat! Suggested donation for community members \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 3-10 years old with a \$30 max per family.

Light snacks and goodies will be provided 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.

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.

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.

'Picasso Faces: Playful Portraits in Cardboard' Workshop on July 25

Frame Gallery Gifts & Art invites artists of all ages to explore the imaginative world of Pablo Picasso during "Picasso Faces: Playful Portraits in Cardboard," a hands-on workshop led by gallery owner and artist Harriet Runkle on Saturday, July 25, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Inspired by Picasso's abstract approach to portraiture, participants will discover how the artist transformed ordinary faces into expressive works of art by combining different viewpoints, bold shapes, and unexpected colors. Using colorful chalk, cardboard, and recycled custom framing materials, each participant will create a unique portrait full of personality and imagination.

"No artistic experience is needed," said Runkle. "This workshop is all about experimenting, having fun, and discovering that there isn't just one right way to make art."

Designed for all ability levels, this hands-on workshop offers a fun activity for adults, families, grandparents, and children who enjoy creating together. Every participant will leave with a finished artwork and a new appreciation for Picasso's innovative style.

The "Picasso Faces" workshop is part of Frame Gallery's growing lineup of creative community events, including the monthly Makers Market, where visitors can watch local artists demonstrate their craft, enjoy hands-on art activities, and discover unique handmade work. Together, these events celebrate creativity, encourage artistic exploration, and bring people of all ages together through art.

The workshop fee is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child under 12, who must be accompanied by an adult. The workshop fee includes all materials; space is limited to eight participants to provide ample individual instruction, and advance registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, visit: <<https://framegals.com/events/picasso-faces-playful-portraits-in-cardboard>>.

For those who want to continue creating at home, Picasso-inspired art kits will also be available for purchase at Frame Gallery. These take-home kits include everything needed to keep exploring playful portraits and creative collage using recycled materials.



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New DAR Chapter Forming in Chattanooga

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our Nation the Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution is excited to announce the formation of its newest chapter – The Tennessee River Chapter in Chattanooga. This chapter will begin formal meetings later this year and is currently recruiting new members! The chapter will meet at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month in the downtown Chattanooga area.

DAR is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, volunteer women's service organization with a threefold mission: Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. DAR members come from diverse backgrounds and have a variety of interests. Their common bond is their lineal descent from patriots of the American Revolution. Any woman, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove this lineage is eligible to join.

Organizing Chapter Regent, Katie Burton says, "As a full-time intern with TVA and recent college graduate, I have had a packed schedule for the last several years. I have missed attending regular meetings and spending time with other members of DAR because my previous chapter meets during the workday. This new chapter will allow me and many other members to attend regular meetings and become more active in DAR." The Tennessee River Chapter will accommodate women who work, attend school, or simply prefer to attend a weeknight meeting.

Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects throughout their communities that promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

If you are interested in joining and/or learning more about the Tennessee River Chapter and DAR membership, visit <dar.org>, <tndar.org>, or contact Organizing Chapter Regent, Katie Burton at <TNRiverDAR@gmail.com>.

Annual Swiss Heritage Celebration

Come to the 52nd Swiss Celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 25. There will be music, food, hay rides, wine and cheese tasting both & much more. The cost is \$10 (12 & Older). The celebration is at the Stoker-Stampfli Farm and Museum, 328 Swiss Cemetery Rd., Gruetli-Laager. There is still time for anyone to become a vendor at the Farm by calling Jackie Lawley at (931) 235-3029. For more information go to <https://www.swisshistoricalsociety.org>.

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FC Master Gardener Volunteer Program

The Franklin County Master Gardener volunteers are dedicated to educating and training the public in the latest gardening techniques and information. These volunteers support the Extension Service by running plant clinics, answering horticultural inquiries, establishing demonstration gardens, and engaging with diverse community groups. They design and implement community projects and coordinate Master Gardener training programs.

The Master Gardener program aims to train citizens as knowledgeable volunteers for The University of Tennessee Extension and Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension Programs. This partnership helps extend educational outreach by providing home gardeners with research-based information and the opportunity to serve in their communities.

Plan to attend a free presentation and learn how to become a Master Gardener volunteer.

In-person, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6.

In-Person, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10.

Via Zoom, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The in-person sessions will be at the Extension office, located at 330 Joyce Ln., Winchester. To register call (931) 967-2741 or email <crt@utk.edu>.

67th Annual Mountain Market for Arts & Crafts

Join us for the 67th Annual Mountain Market and the second annual Business Expo — two full days of Appalachian charm, local craftsmanship, and small-town celebration in the heart of the South Cumberland Plateau. This event will feature over 100 artisans and crafters displaying their handmade creations. A variety of delicious food will be available for purchase and there will be live music. The 67th annual Mountain Market for Arts & Crafts will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 25 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 26, at 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle. There is free admission and free parking.

You may contact the Chamber at (931) 692-5353, <info@southcumberlandchamber.com> for more information. Additional information can be found at the South Cumberland Chamber's Facebook page.

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Whether you're an avid reader, a casual book lover, or simply looking for a relaxing Sunday afternoon, we'd love to welcome you. Come trade stories, make new friends, and help us write the first chapter of what we hope becomes a beloved annual tradition.



First Place for owner/dog look alike. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



Best Dressed at the Almost World Famous Mutt Show. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.



Judge's Choice. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Mutt Show Winners

We had a wonderful time at the Almost World Famous Mutt Show on July 4. Audience members contributed \$300 for our local animal rescues.

Judge's Choice:
First place: Beatrice from New Orleans
Second place: La Chunk from Chattanooga
Third place: Loretta from Rat-

lesnake Springs, Tenn.
Best Theme:
First place: Maple dressed as Dolly Parton from Dallas, Texas
Second place: Maggie dressed as Michael Phelps from Christchurch, New Zealand
Third place: Harley dressed as super heroes from Nashville, Tenn.
Best Dressed:
First place: Duke from Nashville

Second place: Gus from Nashville
Third place: Birdie from Sewanee
Owner/Dog look alike:
First place: George from Atlanta, Ga.
Second place: Honey from Decherd
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Leslie Todd with her award winning cake, *Greatest women of all time in the United States featuring female leaders throughout our American history, including Sacajawea, Harriet Tubman, Clara Barton, Maya Angelou, Wilma Rudolph and Sandra Day O'Connor and 11 other notable women in US history.*

Sewanee Fourth of July Cake Contest Winners

The Sewanee Women's Club wishes to thank its sponsors for the Cake Contest: Piggly Wiggly, the Frame Gallery, the Lemon Fair, Lunch, the Sewanee Inn, and the Sewanee Mountain Messenger. Thanks to Ken Taylor for the Grand Prize ribbon, St. Mark and St. Paul Church for use of

Kennerly Hall, and the numerous volunteers that made this event a success.

For the children's categories, Best Tasting, Cricket, Gus and Bryan

Best Decorated, Neave Pate Bennett
Best Theme Representation,

Eden, Etta, & Ocean Wilson-Bates

Winners of the Adult Categories, Best Tasting, Makayla McBee
Best Decorated, and second runner-up, Gracie Davis

Best Theme Representation and Best All Around, Leslie Todd.

'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.



Judges hard at work.



Winners of adult categories, 2026 Cake Contest, Left to right: Best Decorated Cake and second runner-up, Gracie Davis, Cheryl Lankhaar, Cake Contest Coordinator, Leslie Todd, Best Theme Cake representation and Best All Around. Not present Best Tasting Cake Makayla McBee.



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3 BR, 2/1 BA, 2300 SF
3.35 Acres - \$993,260



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Accolades for SAS Tennis Athlete Vie Virkhaus

Vie Virkhaus, member of SAS's class of 2026 and district singles' champion in Tennessee, has been recognized for her "exemplary character and sportsmanship in athletics" with the Award of Excellence for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity, given jointly by the TSSAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

According to the announcement from the TSSAA, the award is "intended to applaud student-athletes...who take extraordinary strides in manifesting exceptional character in...athletic pursuits."

According to SAS Athletic Director Rob Zeitler, "Vie finished her high school tennis career as district champion and advanced to the regional tournament, speaking to her dedication to the sport. Her drive and competitiveness on the court were consistently mirrored by her positive attitude and exemplary behavior as an athlete. We're thrilled that she received this well deserved recognition."

Moran, Bowman Named USILA Scholar All-American; Men's Lacrosse Earns Team Academic Award

Sewanee men's lacrosse seniors Charles Moran and Flynn Bowman were named United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) Scholar All-Americans, the organization announced. In addition, the Tigers earned the USILA Team Academic Award for the 2026 season.

The USILA Scholar All-America program recognizes senior student-athletes who have achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average while also earning All-America or All-Conference honors during their careers.

Moran, a three-time All-Southern Athletic Association selection, earned Second Team All-SAA honors twice and Honorable Mention recognition once during his career as an attacker. The Dallas, Texas, native finished his career with 145 points on 70 goals and 75 assists while adding 75 ground balls and 20 caused turnovers.

Bowman garnered First Team All-SAA honors as a senior after leading the conference with an 8.94 goals-against average. The Chestertown, Md., native concluded his career with 325 saves, a .528 save percentage, and 22 victories in goal.

The USILA Team Academic Award is presented to programs that achieve a team grade-point average of at least 3.0. Sewanee was one of 73 NCAA Division III men's lacrosse programs to earn the distinction during the 2026 season.

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Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Water Quality Report 2025



Is my drinking water safe?

Yes, our water meets all of EPA’s health standards. We have conducted numerous tests for over 80 contaminants that may be in drinking water. As you can see in the chart below, we only detected 11 of these contaminants. We found all of these contaminants at safe levels.

What is the source of my water?

Your water, which is surface water, comes from Lakes O’Donnell and Jackson. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of our water source to *potential* contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the untreated water sources serving this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of untreated water sources to *potential* contamination. To ensure safe drinking water, all public water systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible, moderately susceptible or slightly susceptible based on geologic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties (SUD) sources rated as slightly susceptible to potential contamination.

An explanation of Tennessee’s Source Water Assessment Program, the Source Water Assessment summaries, susceptibility scorings and the overall TDEC report to EPA can be viewed online at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/water-quality/source-water-assessment.html> or you may contact the Water System to obtain copies of specific assessments.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Community water systems are required to disclose the detection of contaminants; however, bottled water companies are not required to comply with this regulation. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. For more information about your drinking water, please call Water Superintendent Josh Green at 931- 598-5201.

How can I get involved?

Our Board of Commissioners meets on the Third Tuesday of every month at 5:00 PM at the Utility Office. Please feel free to participate in these meetings. The SUD Board is elected and consists of five members. Each member serves a four year term. Decisions by the Board on customer complaints brought before the Board under the District’s complaint policy may be reviewed by the Utility Management Review Board of the Tennessee Department of Environment of Conservation pursuant to Section 7-82-703 (7) of Tennessee Code Annotated. You can also visit our website www.sewaneeutility.org for more information

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The State and EPA require us to test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all of these requirements. Results of unregulated contaminant analysis are available upon request. We want you to know that we pay attention to all the rules.

Other Information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. SUD’s **water treatment processes are designed to reduce any such substances to levels well below any health concern.** FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Due to all water containing dissolved contaminants, occasionally your water may exhibit slight discoloration. We strive to maintain the standards to prevent this. We at SUD work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children’s future.

Do I Need To Take Special Precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have under-gone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about not only their drinking water, but food preparation, personal hygiene, and precautions in handling infants and pets from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead in Drinking Water

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The Sewanee Utility District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family’s risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes.. If you are concerned about lead in your water you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead Service Line Inventory

A Lead Service Line Inventory has been completed for our system and, using a combination of records review and field inspection, we determined that we have no lead or galvanized service lines requiring replacement in our system. More information on our survey results can be obtained by contacting our office during regular business hours.

Water System Security

Following the events of September 2001, we realize that our customers are concerned about the security of their drinking water. We urge the public to report any suspicious activities at any utility facilities, including treatment plants, pumping stations, tanks, fire hydrants, etc. to 931- 598-5611

Think before you flush!

Flushing unused or expired medicines can be harmful to your drinking water. Properly disposing of unused or expired medication helps protect you and the environment. Keep medications out of Tennessee’s waterways by disposing in one of our permanent pharmaceutical take back bins. There are nearly 100 take back bins located across the state, to find a convenient location please visit: <https://tdeconline.tn.gov/rxtakeback/>

Water Quality Data

What does this chart mean?

MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfectant level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Below Detection Level (BDL) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a level that can be detected.
AL - Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – explained as a relation to time and money as one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - explained as a relation to time and money as one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
TT - Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	NO	0		2025		0	<2 positive samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity ¹	NO	0.04	0.03-0.18	2025	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Chlorine	NO	1.7	1.4-2.1	2025	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.
Copper	NO	90%± 0.121 ppm	0.001- 0.749	2024	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead ²	NO	90%± BDL	.0000- 4.1	2024	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) ³	NO	BDL	BDL	2025	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	NO	11.7	11.7	2025	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment
THM ⁴ [Total trihalomethanes]	NO	39	30-54	2025	ppb	n/a	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Halooxetic Acids (HAA5)	NO	30	18-46	2025	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Organic Carbon ⁵	NO	1.12	1.00-1.29	2025	ppm	TT	TT	Naturally present in the environment.
Chlorine	NO	1.7	1.4-2.1	2025	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

During the most recent round of Lead and Copper testing, 0 of 20 households sampled contained concentrations exceeding the action level.
¹100% of our samples were below the turbidity limit.
²Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home’s water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).
³Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.
⁴ While your drinking water meets EPA’s standard for trihalomethanes, it does contain low levels. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
⁵We have met all treatment technique requirements for Total Organic Carbon removal.

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by Yolande Gottfried

Roadside Attractions

Poinsettias in July? Walking down our road, I noticed a plant of Wild Poinsettia, a native in our area. It is not as big or as vividly colored as the Christmas Poinsettia, but it is marked with red or, as in this case, white, at the base of the leaves around the flowers. Like the Christmas one, the actual flowers are small, odd-looking things without petals or sepals. Keep an eye out for it in moist soil in shady areas.

A pink, open-flowered gentian? Also along the road at this time of year I see the Rose Pink, a lovely color, with a distinctive, greenish yellow center. It doesn't look anything like a Soapwort Gentian or Pennywort, other members of this family. It does like acid soil. Rose Pink is a biennial but must be part of a population that reseeds.

A "good" thistle? They are not blooming yet, but some tall thistles are growing along the road. I check to make sure it is not the Bull Thistle, a problematic non-native weed of agricultural areas. The white-woolly underside of the leaves tells me that it is Carolina Thistle, a native plant that is much-loved by butterflies when in bloom. It is a food plant of the Painted Lady Butterfly and the seeds are popular with goldfinches and other birds.



Wild Poinsettia



Rose Pink

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.

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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. All times are central.

Fiery Gizzard State Park

Compass 101, Tuesday, July 21, 10-11:30 a.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/compass-101-721>>. Join Park Rangers Ben and Josh for an introduction to basic compass use and land navigation. Participants will learn how to identify cardinal directions, take bearings, and navigate simple courses using a compass. Through hands-on activities and navigation challenges, you'll build confidence in finding your way outdoors while learning one of the most essential skills for hikers, campers, and outdoor adventurers. No experience is necessary. We will meet at the Park Visitor Center, located at 11745 US-41, Monteagle. This is a free program, and orienting compasses will be provided for use during the class. Please bring water, wear comfortable walking shoes, and dress appropriately for the weather.

Sycamore Falls Hike, Thursday, July 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/sycamore-falls-hike>>. Join Ranger Jessie on a 3.2 mile hike to see Sycamore Falls via the Grundy Forest Day Loop and Fiery Gizzard Trail. We will learn about the flora and fauna that call the Fiery Gizzard home and some history about the area as well. This trail is moderate in terrain as we will be hiking on rocky/uneven surface and there will be a moderate elevation gain and loss. Sturdy hiking shoes are encouraged, slide in sandals, flip flops, and crocs will not be allowed. Please bring plenty of water and snacks as well. This hike will lead out from the Fiery Gizzard North Parking lot located at 131 Fiery Gizzard Road, Tracy City. In case of severe weather, Ranger Jessie will let everyone know the day before if the hike is cancelled or not.

Lone Rock History Deep Dive, Friday, July 24, 11 a.m.-noon. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/fgsp-lone-rock-history>>. Less than a century ago, the Lone Rock Stockade stood near Grundy Lakes and was the site of horrific abuse and conditions for those forced to work there. Today we are picking back up the pieces and learning how to look history in the eye and honor the people who lived, and often died, at the Stockade.

Cherokee History Hike, Friday, July 24, 11 a.m.-noon. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/fgsp-cherokee-history-hike>>. Join Ranger Orion at Grundy Forest (Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead) for a hike and hands-on engaging lesson on Cherokee history at the Fiery Gizzard. Come prepared with water, sunscreen, and closed-toe shoes.

Head of the Crow State Park

Buggytop Cave Trip, Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/buggytop-cave-trip-7-18>>. This guided cave tour will last about 6 hours, covering just about 5.5 to 6 miles. During the cave tour, even though marketed as a beginner level cave, there will still be some crawling, mud, and water. There is a chance that during our tour we may get wet, up to our knees, since Crow Creek flows through Buggytop Cave. Participants must be able to walk across rocky, slick, uneven surfaces. Participants will also need the ability to climb up and down some rock ledges. So be prepared when arriving at the trailhead with proper footwear to be able to hike 2 miles to the cave, scramble over rocks in the cave, and for the 2-mile hike back to the trailhead. Please also bring plenty of water. Head of the Crow staff will provide headlamps and helmets. We also recommend packing knee pads for your convenience, though these are not required.

Forest Prints and Walking Sticks, Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/forest-prints-and-walking-sticks-7-22>>. Every leaf and branch tells a story. Join us at the Head of the Crow Welcome Center to uncover the intricate veins, shapes and textures of our native plants, while creating a nature inspired souvenir that can walk home with you.

Savage Gulf State Park

Scavenger Hunt at the Stone Door, Friday, July 24, 9-10:30 a.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/scavenger-hunt-at-the-stone-door-23614869>>. Think you have a sharp eye for nature? Join Interpretive Ranger Haley on a scavenger hunt adventure to Stone Door! We'll hike together while searching for plants, animals, tracks, rock formations, and other clues that tell the story of Savage Gulf. Fun for explorers of all ages! This is considered an easier hike that will be roughly a 2.0-mile moderate guided hike, surrounded by beautiful views of Savage Gulf and a unique perspective of the Stone Door. Make sure you wear sturdy shoes and bring water!

Nature Journaling, Friday, July 24, 2-2:45 p.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/nature-journaling245147>>. Join Interpretive Ranger Haley for a relaxing walk to Laurel Falls as we slow down and experience nature through journaling. No artistic experience is needed! Through simple sketches, observations, and writing prompts, we'll explore the sights, sounds, and stories of the forest while creating our own nature journal pages. We will be doing the Laurel Falls loop, which is about 0.3 miles. It is moderate to hard strictly due to the fact that we have to go downstairs and a bit of rocky terrain. Be sure to bring water, suitable hiking clothes, and sturdy shoes. You will also need to bring your own journal to write in, but we will have some pencils provided.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week's Stats:	
Mon	July 06	82	68	Avg max temp =	83
Tue	July 07	81	68	Avg min temp =	68
Wed	July 08	86	67	Avg temp =	76
Thu	July 09	84	66	Precipitation =	3.80"
Fri	July 10	86	68		
Sat	July 11	80	71		
Sun	July 12	84	67		

Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger



Spencer



Rusty

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Meet Spencer, a handsome five year-old chocolate and white Beagle/German Shorthaired Pointer mix with an easygoing personality and a heart full of love. This charming "ladies' man" wins people over wherever he goes and is happiest when he's by the side of his favorite humans. Spencer loves car rides, leisurely walks, and simply spending time with his people. He's friendly, loyal, and walks well on a leash, though his Beagle nose can sometimes lead him to investigate an interesting scent! With his sweet nature and laid-back attitude, Spencer is looking for a family who will enjoy sharing life's adventures and plenty of cuddles with him. If you're searching for a devoted companion who will happily be your sidekick, Spencer is ready to meet you!

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NOTICE: There will be a public hearing on Ordinance 06-26 Aug. 11, 2026 at 4 p.m., in the conference room at Monteagle City Hall. This Ordinance is to add light manufacturing and sales facility to section 501 of schedule of permitted uses and create section 545 light manufacturing and sales facility to the zoning ordinance.

NOTICE: There will be a Special Meeting of the Monteagle City Council on Aug. 11, 2026 to have a second reading of Ordinance 06-26 at 4:30 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall. This Ordinance is to add light manufacturing and sales facility to section 501 of schedule of permitted uses and create section 545 light manufacturing and sales facility to the Zoning Ordinance.

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FROMBARDTOVERSE

by Robin Bates

The World Cup

after practice: right foot
to left foot, stepping forward and back,
to right foot and left foot,
and left foot up to his thigh, holding
it on his thigh as he twists
around in a circle, until it rolls
down the inside of his leg,
like a tickle of sweat, not catching
and tapping on the soft
side of his foot, and juggling
once, twice, three times,
hopping on one foot like a jump-roper
in the gym, now trapping
and holding the ball in midair,
balancing it on the instep
of his weak left foot, stepping forward
and forward and back, then
lifting it overhead until it hangs there;
and squaring off his body,
he keeps the ball aloft with a nudge
of his neck, heading it
from side to side, softer and softer,
like a dying refrain,
until the ball, slowing, balances
itself on his hairline,
the hot sun and sweat filling his eyes
as he jiggles this way
and that, then flicking it up gently,
hunching his shoulders
and tilting his head back, he traps it
in the hollow of his neck,
and bending at the waist, sees his shadow,
his dangling T-shirt, the bent
blades of brown grass in summer heat;
and relaxing, the ball slipping
down his back...and missing his foot.

He wheels around, he marches
over the ball, as if it were a rock
he stumbled into, and pressing
his left foot against it, he pushes it
against the inside of his right
until it pops into the air, is heeled
over his head- the rainbow! –
and settles on his extended thigh before
rolling over his knee and down
his shin, so he can juggle it again
from his left foot to his right foot
– and right foot to left foot to thigh-
as he wanders, on the last day
of summer, around the empty field.
— Christopher Merrill, *A Boy Juggling a Soccer Ball*

Community Calendar

- Friday, July 17 • Early Voting Begins**
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. MSSA 62nd Annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar, until 3 p.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. Cumberland Community Jam, Monteagle Library Pavilion, until 6 p.m.
Dancing 6–8 p.m.
5:30 p.m. School of Letters MFA Candidate Reading, Biehl Commons
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, 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 Readings Brittany K. Allen, Stephanie Powell Watts, Playwriting, Fiction, Guerry
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture, “Living with Antiques in a Modern World,” Eric Ross, Warren Chapel
1:15 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 10, Guerry
3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Pelham UMC, 2440 SR 50, Pelham, until 6 p.m.
3:45 p.m. SWC Fiction Lecture, Leah Stewart, Guerry
5 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 11, Guerry
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
7:15 p.m. SWC Faculty Readings, Claire Messud, Nathan Alan Davis, Fiction, Playwriting, Guerry

- Thursday, July 23**
8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Rev. Chris Epperson, St. Mary’s Sewanee
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting 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: “Beyond the Hype: A Practical Look at AI,” Mel Oliveros, 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. 12, 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, Danielle Cadena Deulen, Guerry
7:15 p.m. SWC Faculty Readings, Ananda Lima, Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Poetry, Fiction, Guerry

- Friday, July 24**
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, “Usonian Houses: Frank Lloyd Wright’s Vision...,” Jeff Ford, Warren Chapel
1:15 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 13, Guerry
3:45 p.m. SWC Fiction Lecture, Amitava Kumar, Guerry
5 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 14, Guerry
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.
7:15 p.m. SWC Faculty Readings, Lauren Yee, Chinelo Okparanta, Playwriting, Fiction, Guerry

- Saturday, July 18**
8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners’ Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
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.
1:15 p.m. SWC Directors Travis Eisenbise, Adam Leeds Latham, Leah Stewart, Non-fiction, Nonfiction, Fiction Readings, Guerry
2 p.m. Lecture, Jervis. Origin of the Steel Industry ..., Heritage Center, Tracy City
3:45 p.m. SWC Nonfiction Lecture, Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Guerry
5 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 5, Guerry
7:15 p.m. SWC Faculty Readings, Caki Wilkinson, Sarah Shun-lien Bynum, Poetry, Playwriting, Guerry
- Sunday, July 19**
1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
1:15 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 6, Guerry
3:45 p.m. SWC Poetry Lecture, Ananda Lima, Guerry
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
7:15 p.m. SWC Faculty Readings, Carl Phillips, Anne Washburn, Poetry, Playwriting, Guerry

- Monday, July 20**
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
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 Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
1:15 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 7, Guerry
3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14339 US 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
3:45 p.m. SWC Fiction Lecture, Lydi Conklin, Guerry
4:30 p.m. Monteagle City Council workshop, Parks & Sign Ordinance, conference room, City Hall
5 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 8, Guerry
6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center
7:15 p.m. SWC Faculty Reading, Elena Passarello, Chris Bachelder, Nonfiction, Fiction, Guerry

- Tuesday, July 21**
8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
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 a.m. Story Time, Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., until 11:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture, “What on Earth is Space Force,” Jim Cooper, 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.
1:15 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 9, Guerry
3:45 p.m. SWC Fiction Lecture, Brittany K. Allen, Guerry
4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District, Utility Office, Sherwood Road
5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

- Wednesday, July 22**
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-

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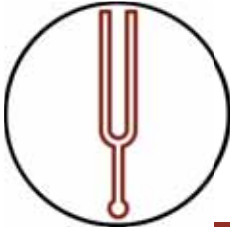
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Saturday
7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

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 information 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) 924-3493

6 p.m., NA, community room at 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

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, Winchester