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Franklin County District Five School Board Candidates

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Two Seawanee area residents are running for the District Five school board seat in the Aug. 6 General Election. Early Voting is underway through Aug. 1. Read on to learn about Matt Hughes and Sarah Marhevsky, the two District Five candidates.



Matt Hughes

Among Matt Hughes' top concerns as a candidate for the District 5 school board seat is what Hughes calls "a disconnect between what is happening in our classrooms and what is often discussed at the board level. Too often, attention is given to political disagreements instead of practical solutions." True to his ethos, Hughes is running as an independent candidate.

Employed by the district as a part-time field trip bus driver, Hughes increasingly found himself in up-close-and-personal conversations with teachers, coaches, aides, other bus drivers, and other school employees. "Those conversations gave me a firsthand perspective on both the strengths of our schools and the challenges they face," Hughes said. He began attending school board meetings and making himself informed about the boots-on-the-ground reality.

Hughes cites school funding as a major challenge brought into play by the Education Freedom Scholarship program leading to declining public school enrollment. "When student enrollment declines, so does state funding. The burden often shifts to local property owners to make up the difference through higher taxes. Every dollar should be spent where it has the greatest impact on student success. At the same time, we must focus on attracting and retaining students. Investing in strong academic programs, athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular opportunities makes our schools more competitive and gives families a reason to choose to remain in our district's public schools."

"We should be asking how we can make our schools the first choice for families," Hughes insisted. "One idea is to expand career and technical education opportunities by partnerships with the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology. TCATs provide hands-on training in high-demand careers such as welding, HVAC, industrial maintenance, automotive technology, health care, and many other skilled trades preparing students for good-paying careers right

here in our region. Every student should graduate with a clear path forward, whether that path leads to college, the military, a skilled trade, or directly into the workforce."

Born in Bowling Green, Ky., Hughes spent most of his childhood and graduated from high school in Kingston Springs, Tenn. He met his wife Hannah Barry Hughes when they were both attending school in Knoxville. Hannah hails from a family with long Seawanee-area ties. The eighth generation of Barry's now lives on the Barry family homestead in Midway. "As I listened to Hannah's stories about growing up here, it became clear that this was the kind of community where we wanted to raise our own children," Hughes said. "As a child, I moved frequently and attended six different elementary schools in six years. This is the first place that has truly felt like home. By serving on the school board, I hope to give back to the community that has given so much to my family."

"I find it disappointing candidates are required to declare a political party to serve on the school board. School board members should be willing to listen, collaborate, and work with everyone, regardless of political affiliation. Our responsibility is to our students, not to a political party."



Sarah Marhevsky

"I know public education from the perspective of a student, a teacher, a parent, a community member, and a school board member," said incumbent Sarah Marhevsky who has served on the school board since 2019. "This variety of perspectives gives me insight into the expectations and challenges each of those groups faces." Marhevsky seeks election for a third term.

Although born and living for much of her childhood in Ohio, Marhevsky spent her high school years in Pennsylvania. "The arts, particularly band and marching band, played a big role in my school experience. My parents were the first in their families to go to college and stressed the importance of a good education." Following in her teacher mother's footsteps, Marhevsky earned a bachelor's degree in English and German from Wake Forest University and a Master of Arts in teaching English from the University of Chicago. Marhevsky has either attended or worked at 11 public schools. She taught at public

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What's Happening at the Plateau Parks? Lots!

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Multiply and divide describes the new-math of the Tennessee State Parks on the South Cumberland Plateau, currently recognized as Fiery Gizzard, Head of the Crow, and Savage Gulf. Formerly, these three parks were one park, South Cumberland State Park, noncontiguous natural areas covering more than 30,000 acres, a two-hour drive from one end to the other traveling by car. The Park Service designated Savage Gulf as a separate park in 2022, and in 2024 the regions encompassing the Carter State Natural Area and Buggytop Cave, the Natural Bridge State Natural Area, Hawkins Cove State Natural Area, and Sherwood Forest State Natural Area officially became Head of the Crow State Park, linked by their affiliation to Crow Creek which emerges from Buggytop Cave. In 2025, the remaining South Cumberland Park holdings, Grundy Lakes, Denny Cove, and the Fiery Gizzard Trail, were rechristened as Fiery Gizzard State Park. So just how big an area do the three Plateau state parks encompass today?

"I can't get that information from the park rangers because it's changing so fast," acknowledged Ned Murray, Friends of the Parks Executive Director. Murray estimated the area encompassed by the parks as 30,000-40,000 acres. Since 2020, 2,354 acres have been

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SUD Auditor Woes; Fire Hydrant Flushing Update

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"On the afternoon of June 30, I got an email from the auditor saying they couldn't do our audit before the end of the year. That doesn't work," Seawanee Utility District manager Ben Beavers advised the board of commissioners at the July 21 meeting, apprising them of the difficult circumstance confronting the utility. The audit was due in the State Comptroller's office at midnight on the day the email arrived. SUD had kept in regular contact with the auditor and Beavers was prepared to call a special meeting for last-minute approval by the board if necessary. "They've been stringing us along," objected Board President Charlie Smith.

The auditor, formerly known as the MG Group, recently changed hands. The MG Group had performed SUD's audit for several years. Beavers explored finding

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School Supply Drive for SES

The Seawanee Civic Association is inviting individuals, local groups and businesses to help collect donations of elementary school supplies for Seawanee Elementary School. A school supply list is on page 11 of this issue.

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

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

Seawanee Elementary will oversee the distribution of the available donations to those who need it from 2-4 p.m., Aug. 3 and Aug. 6.

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

Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday

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.

School Supplies — Exempt: School and art supplies with a purchase price of \$100 or less per item, such as binders, backpacks, crayons, paper, pens, pencils, and rulers, and art supplies such as glazes, clay, paints, drawing pads, and artist paintbrushes. Not exempt: School and art supplies individually priced at more than \$100; Items that are normally sold together cannot be split up to stay beneath the \$100 maximum.

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.

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

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@south-cumberlandchamber.com> for more information. Additional information can be found at the South Cumberland Chamber's Facebook page.

Annual Swiss Heritage Celebration

Come to the 52nd annual Swiss Celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 25. There will be music, food, hay rides, a wine and cheese tasting booth, and much more. The cost is \$10 (12 & older). The celebration is at the Stoker-Stampfli Farm and Museum, 328 Swiss Cemetery Rd., Gruetli-Laager. For more information go to <<https://www.swisshistoricalsociety.org>>.

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Letter

BEETHOVEN'S 9TH SYMPHONY

To the Editor:

A chorus of 80 singers and an orchestra of 70 students were privileged to perform Beethoven's 9th Symphony last Sunday in All Saints' Chapel, Sewanee, conducted by Pierre Vallet of the Metropolitan Opera. Beethoven was intrigued by Schiller's 1785 poem celebrating the joy of brotherhood, and set it to music in 1824. The poem is about the unifying power of human love and joy.

When I had a nimble soprano voice in 1976, I sang it with the Houston Symphony. Now as a geriatric alto, I was delighted to experience again the profound joy of voices blending in a crowd of singers, and the humor and friendships that bloom quickly among singers struggling to pronounce German and come in on the right pitch. I am grateful to Sewanee Summer Music Festival Director Hillary Herndon for the imagination and courage to schedule Beethoven's 9th for the Festival Orchestra, and to Sewanee's own Laura Rice for recruiting singers and Darrin Hassevoort of Chattanooga to coach them.

Deaf, unhappy Beethoven could not have imagined how important his message that love and joy are the sparks that unite humanity continues to be 200 years later.

Sally Hubbard, Sewanee

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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.

Fayetteville Storyteller Presents The Charles Dahlgren Mystery

The Beersheba Springs Historical Society (BSHS) is hosting a program at 4 p.m., Saturday, July 25, when Eugene Ham — teacher, historian and storyteller — will speak on the house which once belonged to Charles Dahlgren and more about the man for whom the avenue was named. He will reference the Dahlgren biography researched and written by Hershel Gower, a beloved Beersheban and Vanderbilt professor. Ham resides in Fayetteville where his famous storytelling and teaching youth has passed down wisdom and knowledge that is priceless and will long outlive the man himself.

Ham is a native of the once lively Mississippi river port city of Greenville, Miss., which is also the native city of writer Walker Percy and historian Shelby Foote. He attended and was graduated from the University of the South at Sewanee and received a master's degree from The University of Virginia.

Attendees will also get to meet the 2026 Leonard Tate Scholarship winner, Kinsley King, a graduate of Grundy County High School, at a reception following the presentation.

This free public event will take place at Grace Chapel (19221 State Route 56).

Questions may be emailed to <info@BeershebaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org>.



'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.

Meet program presenters and learn about upcoming events

Participate in spiritual practice demonstrations

Taste St. Mary's Sewanee menu samples

There will be local vendors, food trucks and live music

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

Local Food Available

The South Cumberland Farmers' Market has breads, fruits, vegetables, eggs, coffee, meats and more available. Ordering is online from Friday at 9 p.m. to Monday at noon. Pickup is on Tuesdays, 4–6 p.m., at the Sewanee Community Center. To order go to <https://openfoodnetwork.net/south-cumberland-farmer-s-market/shop>.

Three Seasons Market will be open the first Friday of each month, through October, 3–6 p.m., at the Old Roundhouse Park, 366 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. We offer fresh homegrown seasonal produce, plants, crafts, small livestock, food trucks, music, kid activities, and much more.

The Sewanee Gardeners' Market is open 8–10 a.m., every Saturday until September at Hawkins Lane. Locally-produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants and flowers will be available.

The Fresh Mess Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday afternoon until Oct. 1, from 3–6 p.m., at Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle. Stop in to buy, sell, or barter fresh produce, crafts, clothing, jams, candles, boutique goods, flowers, and other creative products from local artisans. Watch <facebook.com/groups/freshmess> for information on weekly vendors and rainy day calls. Call or text Rhonda at (931) 273-0606 if you are interested in becoming a vendor.

Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Monday, July 27, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a public hearing on Ordinance 07-26 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 07-26 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.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, July 27, at the courthouse in Winchester.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

There will be no morning Rotary meeting on July 30. The club will have a private social function on this date.

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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

This weekend brings back great memories. The Mountain Market was mainly in the school and the classrooms and the covered area were packed with vendors. Parking was hard so all in all things are better now. The late Linda Mansfield had an idea of offering a short Sunday Service early on Sunday morning. She asked me to conduct it and I did. Sometimes we had a good many present and others not so much. All in all the weekend is much better attended. Christ Church is open on most Saturday mornings although you may have to knock. You don’t have to ask if you can cut Zinnias. You are welcome to “cut and come again” which is exactly what the name says on the package of these particular seeds. Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Central. We always serve lunch. We also invite people who are using the MGT to use our parking lot.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 rehearsals begin.

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

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.

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Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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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

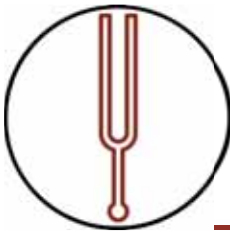
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11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday



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District 5 (continued from page 1)

schools in Chicago, a suburb of Austin, and in a rural college town in Idaho. In 2010, Marhevsky moved to Sewanee with her husband Matthew Rudd when he took a position teaching math at the University. “We were most recently in Idaho, and we wanted to get closer to family as we were starting our own,” Marhevsky said. “We’ve settled in and happily made this home. I’ve lived here longer than I’ve lived anywhere else.”

One of Marhevsky’s chief roles on the Franklin County School Board is serving as the board’s legislative liaison, working with the Tennessee School Board Association to keep the Board and community informed about current and upcoming legislation. She helps draft resolutions to share with legislators, creating carefully crafted statements presenting the board’s position on pending legislation and explaining why. Under Marhevsky’s guidance the board has adopted resolutions objecting to the third-grade retention law and student testing practices; requesting more funding for universal Pre-K and for teacher education, especially “grow your own” programs; and denouncing vouchers type initiatives such as the Education Freedom Act, tax credits, charter schools, and other programs that take funding away from the public schools.

Marhevsky is quick to acknowledge the state legislature’s role in the local public schools. “Among the challenges the school district faces are legislation that impacts what teachers teach and how they have to teach it, the required testing that is often the sole basis for how schools (and students) are judged, and legislation that allows public money to support private schools instead of better supporting public schools,” Marhevsky stressed. Top on Marhevsky’s wish list: “more classroom freedom to allow teachers to better meet students’ needs and more funding to support smaller class sizes and enrichment like field trips and the arts.”

Pointing to the asset of her varied background in bridging the various groups and communities she represents, Marhevsky said, “I’m an optimist and expect the best in people. I am working for the good of public education not just at the local level but at the state level, as well.”

SUD (continued from page 1)

another auditor. Best-practices guidelines recommend changing auditors periodically, and SUD had some issues with recent audits, including the auditor’s failure to catch what was likely a software error where category totals failed to correspond with entries. None of the local firms Beavers contacted could take on a new client with a midyear deadline, and SUD again retained the MG Group to conduct its audit.

Seeking advice when he learned the auditor could not perform the contracted for service by the deadline, Beavers contacted the comptroller’s office and Buddy Perry, the principal of the firm conducting a rate study for SUD. Beavers received several names and reached out to CPA John Poole from Hendersonville, the geographically closest name on the list.

“Poole was familiar with the situation,” Beavers said. “We were not the first clients of the [former] MG Group to contact him.”

“He’s well qualified,” Beavers commented. Poole holds degrees in accounting, law, psychology, and an MBA. He offered to do SUD’s audit for the next three years for the same fee the utility had planned to pay the auditor they were under contract with and could provide SUD with a draft 2025 audit by the end of August.

The board voted to contract with Poole for the three-year term. “We might have to look all over the state to find someone else,” Smith said. Beavers explained SUD could cancel the contract at the end of the first year if there was a valid “material reason.”

SUD is required by law to have a contract with an auditor on record. Poole will advise SUD on canceling the contract with its current auditor, now operating under the name Strategic Vision. SUD will not be fined by the comptroller for failure to submit its audit on time. “I’d like to see if there is any kind of board of responsibility for CPAs,” Smith said.

Beavers agreed. “I’m going to ask that question. If nothing else, I’d

like to lodge a complaint about unprofessional conduct. I don’t want this to happen to someone else.”

On another strategic front, Beavers updated the board on plans to flush and flow test the utility’s fire hydrants.

By law, SUD is only required to flush hydrants every five years. Flow testing is not required. For the Sewanee Fire Department to receive the best ISO score, meaning lower homeowners’ insurance rates, hydrants must be flow tested and the caps color-coded to indicate the flow rate available when the fire department hooks a hose to the hydrant to fight a fire. Commenting at the February 2025 meeting on the feasibility of annually flow testing and flushing all its hydrants, Beavers said, “It would take one-third to one-half of one worker’s time over a year plus the water loss.”

Responding to community concerns about both fire protection and demands on the community’s water utility, the University is investigating hiring a private contractor to flush hydrants, test flow rates, and color code the caps. The Alabama contractor under consideration estimated completing the job in two weeks. “That’s an optimistic timeline,” Beavers said. He predicted the project would take as much as three months.

Consistent with past joint projects between the University and SUD, the University will pay 80 percent of the cost and SUD will pay 20 percent. Beavers will work with the contractor hired to coordinate when and where flushing and flow testing will occur so as not to impinge upon water availability.

Commenting on her personal experience with flow testing when she lived in Nashville, commissioner Amanda Bailey said, “The white clothes I was washing turned brown.” Beavers explained the high-pressure surge during flow testing could bust loose iron and manganese deposits. Customers will be notified when flushing and flow testing will occur via The Messenger, Classifieds, and Facebook.

Plateau Parks (continued from page 1)

added to the Plateau state parks. Another 1,100 acres, 10-15 parcels are in a preservation pipeline process. Friends of the Parks is monitoring another 61 parcels, totaling over 7,300 acres. Support from the Friends figured significantly in the acquisition of an additional 670 acres at Savage Gulf in 2025 and in the 2026 acquisition of an acre tract in Fiery Gizzard to protect the Lone Rock Stockade archeological site at Grundy Lakes. The Friends goal for the parks: to preserve an additional 10,000 acres by 2036. What does that mean translated into dollars? The average price per acre has doubled since 2020. The cost to preserve 100 acres increased from \$400,000 to \$800,000.

Dividing three natural regions into three parks made sense on multiple levels. The large area of noncontiguous land presented “a lot of challenges,” said Head of the Crow Manager Bill Loewer, long response times when rangers received calls for assistance and navigational difficulty for visitors. The Fiery Gizzard Trail and Buggytop Cave Trail, favorite visitor hikes, were at opposite ends of the park when all three parks were grouped under the moniker South Cumberland. The division into three parks translated into three times as many staff, three times the amount of equipment and number of computers, and a threefold increase in the operations budget which includes funds for everything from trail markers to toilet paper. But Murray pointed out, “That’s three trail systems attracting more visitors and a lot more activity.”

The Friends embraced the challenge, purchasing an off-road, side-by-side vehicle for park staff, an electric wheelbarrow, trail building materials, blazes and information signage, as well as funding trail building and chainsaw certification classes and the construction of a new aviary at Fiery Gizzard ranger station for their birds and reptiles.

Boots-on-the-ground Friends’ volunteers help build trails, install blazes, and serve as ambassadors stationed at popular trailheads to offer information and answer visitor questions about the trail. Even more impressive is the Friends’ outreach to the public schools in the three counties encompassed by the parks, Franklin, Grundy, and Marion. The “Every Child in the Parks” program seeks to do just that. Coordinating park visits with teachers and principals to design a day of learning activities aligned with their curriculum, the Friends took over 400 children on field trips in the 2024-2025 school year. Every third, fourth, and fifth grader in Grundy County spent a day in the parks on a field trip led by a Friends volunteer.

On July 17, the Friends hosted a “fun raiser” at Cravens Hall. Guests browsed displays, sampled hors d’oeuvres, sipped cocktails, and danced the night away to the music of the band Upper Level. Next day activities included a “Creek Crawl” exploring the exceptional biodiversity in the region’s waterways, trail building, and visiting Tom Pack and Buggytop Caves, jewels in the region’s vast cave system. Typical of the Friends version of generosity, the event was sponsored entirely by donations, with 100 percent of ticket sales dedicated to directly supporting the parks. Special thanks for coordinating the event goes out to Tara Houston, Kathryn Kendrick, Jenn Reynolds, and to committee members Gracie Davis, Robin Hille Michaels, Katy Morgan, and Scott Parrish.

What’s new in the parks? The



Head of the Crow Park Manager Bill Loewer with Biology Professor Jon Evans.

three-mile Sherwood Day Loop Trail accessible from Highway 156 a few miles south of Monteagle, features a visit to the Sherwood Natural Bridge, unique rock formations, and several outstanding overlooks viewing the Tom Pack Hollow and Crow Creek valleys, including one of the longest overlook views in the park, where visitors can see nearly 17 miles into Franklin County.

What’s next? Plans call for a trail system through Lost Cove, protected by a conservation easement and managed by the University of the South, linking to the trail system in Head of the Crow, as

well as new trails and more than a half dozen back country campsites in the Crow.

Why do the Friends exist? The mission statement captures it in a nutshell (forgive the metaphor, although apt): “We have experienced and research confirms the spiritual, mental, physical, and cognitive benefits of spending time in the natural world and we want to share that with everyone we can ... We believe in the power of nature to change us and our world.”

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Monday, July 27: Cabbage rolls, white beans, okra, cornbread.

Tuesday, July 28: Grilled chicken salad.

Wednesday, July 29: Cheeseburger, onion rings.

Thursday, July 30: Pork roast, red potatoes, green beans, roll.

Friday, July 31: Chinese pepper steak, egg rolls.

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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MSSA Concludes Its 144th Season with Talks From Two Sewanee Professors and a Food Writer

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>.

Two professors from the University of the South will talk about their research this week. Dr. Melody Lehn joins for a second lecture based on her scholarly work investigating how women use rhetoric in their writing and oration. On Wednesday morning, July 29, Lehn's lecture, "On the Basis of Sex: First Ladies and Suffrage," will share insights from her research on how first ladies — iconic women like Abigail Adams and Eleanor Roosevelt — worked to shape women's rights. Lehn became interested in this topic during the 2008 presidential election, when friends pressed her to pay attention to the campaign. After seeing how so many dismissed or neglected Clinton's work during her time as first lady, Lehn said on a podcast about first ladies that she felt "indignation" at that erasure. From the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention that launched the women's rights movement to Helen Taft's deft advocacy for women's educational opportunities as a way to round out their femininity (and much more!), Lehn will lead attendees through this fascinating topic.

Our second Sewanee professor, Dr. Sherry Hamby, will lecture Tuesday morning, July 28, about her new book, "Stronger Than You Think: Building Lifelong Resilience." The book takes a strengths-based approach to overcoming trauma and adversity, based on her own experiences

building resilience. Hamby is a distinguished research professor of psychology who has been teaching at the University of the South since 2008. She directs the Life Paths Appalachian Research Center and is an internationally recognized expert on victimization and trauma. In addition to talking about her research, Hamby is happy to take questions on the process of working with Penguin Random House on publishing a book. Following her morning lecture, she will sign books, which will also be available to purchase.

Perhaps best known for her reporting in the Tennessean on restaurant industry trends and her weekly column, "Drive Thru Review," Mindy Merrell has built her reputation on her expertise around southern cuisine. She will lecture Thursday evening about her new book, "Self-Rising: The Magic Rise Behind the Biscuit and Cornbread Culture," coauthored with R.B. Quinn and Linda Carman. Part history, part cookbook, "Self-Rising" argues that the introduction of self-rising flour and corn meal gave women more control over their time and table in a way that few other innovations could. Merrell previously published "Cheater BBQ: Barbecue Anytime, Anywhere, in Any Weather" with R.B. Quinn and two Jack Daniel's cookbooks. A book sale and signing will follow the evening lecture. Merrell will also offer a cooking demonstration based on her book at 3 p.m., Thursday at Harton Hall. A gate ticket is required to attend the cooking demonstration.

Additional events in the week ahead include the following:

Thursday, July 30, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel — Minoa Uffelman lectures on "Nannie, Serepta, and Sarah: Three Clarksville Civil War Women."

Friday, July 31, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel — Rory Fraser screens the documentary, "Old Times in Tennessee," with a Q&A to follow.

Friday, July 31, 7:45 p.m., Sunset Rock — Davis Arnold, violinist, performs at one of the last sunsets of the 144th season.

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>.

Book Swap at the Sewanee Inn

The Sewanee Inn is hosting a Book Swap from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 9. Celebrate National Book Lovers Day with an afternoon of community, cozy vibes, and all things bookish. We are also thrilled to announce the ribbon cutting of our very own Little Free Library, handcrafted by our talented maintenance team - a gift to our community we hope will be enjoyed for years to come.

There will be local vendors and authors, delicious lunch offerings, book-inspired drinks, book trivia, door prize, sweet treats and more.

Book donations are being accepted now through Aug. 7. Please bring books in good condition to the front desk. (No damaged books, please.) As our "thank you," everyone who donates will receive a coupon for 25 percent off at our full-service restaurant, Shakerag. (Valid through Dec. 18, 2026.)

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The Sewanee Community Chest does not allocate funds to those organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, or national origin.

The 2026–27 funding application is available on the website <www.sewaneecivic.org> in a Word document. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 11, 2026. There is an online form available <<https://forms.gle/yMTGeRXz-9TLkzECr9>>. It does require you to have a Gmail email account.

The SCC is a nonprofit organization and relies on funding from the community to support programs throughout the greater Sewanee area. As the 2026–27 grant cycle begins, the SCC is also kicking off its annual fundraising campaign.

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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.

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.

Belflower Joins St. Andrew's-Sewanee School As Clay Teacher

Faith Belflower will join the SAS faculty this fall as clay teacher, bringing a wide range of visual arts education and experience to the position. "Faith Belflower's depth and breadth of experience as an artist and an arts educator make her a strong addition to our Visual Arts program," said Karl Sjolund, head of school. "Her accomplishments in clay as well as her technical expertise will inspire our students at all levels."

An interdisciplinary artist, Belflower holds an MFA in Ceramics from Indiana University, Bloomington. She also earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Studio Art and Art History, with a minor in Music, from Stetson University. She has extensive experience managing ceramics studios in addition to teaching 2D and 3D Design and basic drawing courses. She has taught at the university level and oversaw studio operations and kiln firings for K–12 ceramics classes at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

"I am drawn to St. Andrew's-Sewanee School for the opportunity to contribute to a collaborative community where mentorship, creativity, and personal growth are deeply valued," Belflower said. "I am thrilled to contribute as an educator, mentor, and practicing artist while supporting students both inside and outside the studio."

Belflower holds a teaching and learning certificate, and her work has been exhibited nationally.

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Launched in mid-June by Sewanee researchers Deborah McGrath, Amy Patterson and Chris Silver, the survey examines the roles, experiences, and needs of community members aged 55 and older in Sewanee, Monteagle, Sherwood, Jump Off, Deep Woods, and Midway. Results will help improve the work of Folks at Home and inform other social service agencies, as well as highlight the contributions that older residents make to our communities. Participation is open to anyone 55 or older and those who complete the survey may choose to be entered into a drawing for gift certificates from local businesses (Blue Chair, Mountain Goat Market, Piggly Wiggly, Sewanee Dining, and Shenanigans) that will occur the first week of August. Responses collected in this study are strictly confidential although the general results will be made available to communities.

The survey can be completed online at <<https://www.sewaneesurvey.com/>>.

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Aug. 3–5, Grundy County Staff Inservice
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Aug. 4, Grundy County, Meet the Teacher
Aug. 4, Marion County Registration
Aug. 4–6, Franklin County Staff Development
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Aug. 6, Grundy County Orientation Day
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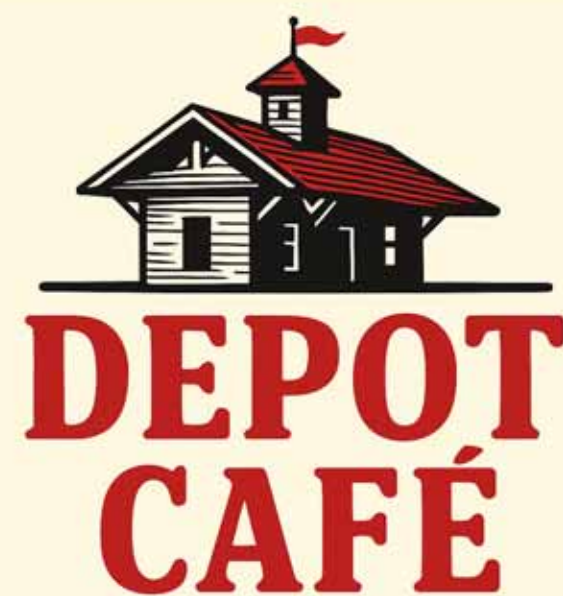
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In-person, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6.

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>.

‘The Beauty of Broken’

Artisan Depot is so excited about the second annual Recycled & Up-cycled Community Art Show! The theme is "The Beauty of Broken." It's just around the corner but there is still time to create something unique and fabulous with stuff you might be thinking of throwing away! We are awarding three prizes again this year, so get busy! The show will be up July 31 through Sept. 28. Reception at Artisan Depot will be 2–5 p.m., Sept. 19.

Last year's show was a great success and drew a large crowd! Our reception will take place during the Fall Heritage Festival in Cowan, and we are really looking forward to the excitement the festival always provides with music, artists, creatives and yummy food!



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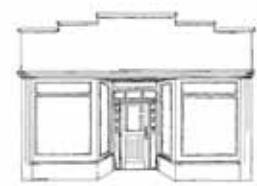
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Of Wood & Light at Sounding Stone Gallery

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.

‘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.

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‘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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Sewanee Announces 2026 Athletics Hall of Fame

The University of the South announced the 2026 class of inductees for the Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame, which includes seven student-athletes, one team, and a coach who will be formally inducted after previously being unable to attend his scheduled ceremony.

The 2026 Hall of Fame class features Lindsey Liles, C'16, (women's tennis), Eric Roddy, C'16, (men's tennis), Emily Javadi, C'16, (women's golf), Courtland Day, C'12, (men's swimming), Eric Ochel, C'95, (men's basketball), Telfair Hodgson Parker, C'69, (wrestling), Laura Johnston Cothorn, C'06, (women's soccer), the 2016 men's lacrosse team, and Todd White (men's soccer coach).

Lindsey Liles, C'16, was one of the most accomplished student-athletes in Sewanee women's tennis history. A six-time All-American (four in doubles, two in singles), Liles earned 2016 ITA National Senior Player of the Year honors and was named the SAA Player of the Year. She was also the 2013 SAA Newcomer of the Year and a recipient of the ITA Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship. Liles excelled both on the court and in the classroom, earning Academic All-America honors and an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship while finishing her career ranked among the nation's top players in both singles and doubles, with a career high 5th in doubles and 16th in singles.

Eric Roddy, C'16, was a standout for the Sewanee men's tennis program, earning ITA All-American honors in doubles and was the 2015 ITA Regional Doubles Champion and the 2015 ITA Small College National Runner-Up in Doubles. A three-time First Team All-SAA selection, Roddy helped lead the Tigers to four conference championships and earned recognition as the 2016 SAA Man of the Year. He was also honored as the ITA Atlantic South Most Improved Player in 2016, earning his career high rankings of No. 2 in doubles and No. 38 in singles. Roddy was also a Rhodes Scholar Finalist, a two-time team captain, and a four-time ITA Scholar Athlete.

Emily Javadi, C'16, was a dominant force in Sewanee women's golf and one of the top players in program history. A three-time All-American, Javadi earned the 2013 WGCA National Freshman of the Year award and was the SAA Player of the Year and Tournament Medalist that same season. A four-time First-Team All-SAA selection and the 2016 SAA Woman of the Year, she qualified for the NCAA Tournament four times and recorded 10 tournament victories, finishing in the top five in 23 of her 33 collegiate events.

Courtland Day, C'12, was a two-time NCAA All-American in the 200-yard breaststroke and one of Sewanee's most accomplished swimmers. A three-time SCAC champion in the event, Day set both school and conference records and earned four All-SCAC honors. His success in the pool also earned him recognition on the SCAC 30th Anniversary All-Conference Team.

Eric Ochel, C'95 was one of the top scorers in Sewanee men's basketball history. A 1994-95 All-American, Ochel finished his career with 1,510 points and 251 3-point field goals, both ranking among the top three all-time in program history. A two-time All-SCAC selection, he was known for

his consistent scoring ability and perimeter shooting.

Telfair Hodgson Parker, C'69, was a standout wrestler for Sewanee, compiling a 27-9 career record. A two-time CAC Conference Champion and a one-time SIWA Conference Champion, Parker was a key contributor to multiple team titles. Across his career, Parker scored 104 career points, placing him fifth in the program's all-time leaders. His success helped establish a strong foundation for Sewanee wrestling during his era.

Laura Johnston Cothorn, C'06, was a cornerstone of the Sewanee women's soccer program during her career. A First Team All-American in 2005, Johnston Cothorn also earned First Team All-Region and All-Conference honors twice, while serving as team captain. She was

named Sewanee's Female Athlete of the Year in 2006 and helped lead the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament.

The 2016 Sewanee men's lacrosse team had one of the most successful seasons in program history, finishing 12-4 overall and a perfect 7-0 in SAA play. The Tigers captured the conference regular-season championship and became the first team in program history to win back-to-back SAA titles. The team earned 11 All-SAA selections and swept the conference's major individual awards, while also producing the program's first two USILA All-Americans, Robbie Berndt and Cason Liles.

Todd White* will be formally inducted with the Class of 2026 after previously being unable to attend his scheduled ceremony.

White served as head coach of the Sewanee men's soccer program from 1985 to 1990, compiling a 62-28-8 record and leading the Tigers to four conference championships. His leadership and commitment to student-athlete development left a lasting impact on the program.

The 2026 Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame class will be recognized during the Hall of Fame Weekend on September 18-19, honoring the outstanding achievements and lasting legacies of these individuals and teams.

*White was originally selected for the 2025 class but will be inducted with the Class of 2026.



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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Adventures with UV

Cindy Salo offers this week's Nature Note:

My first two summers at the Sewanee School of Letters, I was enchanted by summer nights raucous with cicadas and tree frogs and bejeweled with fireflies. This summer, I brought an inexpensive 365 nm ultraviolet flashlight (a "black" light) to discover more nighttime magic. The University of the South Cemetery provided a dark area with plenty of lichen substrate for two friends and me to hunt for fluorescent lichens. Lichens are partnerships between fungi and photosynthetic green algae. The fungi provide the lichens' structure and the green algae capture energy from the sun. Lichenologists use the colors that lichens fluoresce under UV light to identify some species. We found lichens glowing in shades of blues and greens, unlike their drab daytime colors. One lichen, growing on both rock walls and trees, shone a bright Sewanee purple. Another, less common, type appeared as small, dispersed spots of bright gold. After a soaking rain a few nights later, certain lichens appeared to have a reddish cast. Some of the rocks in the cemetery also fluoresced, including the gravel in the paths; we walked on Sewanee purple. In wooded areas off campus, I found bright blue fluorescent millipedes. These arthropods feed on dead organic matter and are found under vegetation. The brilliant blue bands show off their body segments.



Millipede. Photo by Cindy Salo

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.

Sewanee Herbarium Event

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.

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Fiery Gizzard State Park.

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.

Guided Nature Hike: Grundy Forest Day Loop

Tuesday, July 28th 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/guided-nature-hike--grundy-forest-day-loop>>. Meet Ranger Hannah at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead for a fun adventure on the Grundy Forest Day Loop! Participants need to bring plenty of water, a snack, wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots, and dress accordingly. This will be a moderate 2-mile hike with sections of rocky terrain. We will pass two waterfalls and hike through beautiful hemlock forests and awesome geological formations. Participants should look over the attached Essential Eligibility Criteria prior to signing up for the program.

Head of the Crow State Park

Buggytop Cave Trip, Sunday, July 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/buggytop-cave-trip-7-26>>. 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-door23614869>>. 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.

Nature Photography Hike, Sunday, July 26th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Register <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/nature-photography12-hike12578>>. 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, to begin the hike. 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.

WEATHER

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Wed	July 15	82	68	Avg temp =	76
Thu	July 16	82	69	Precipitation =	0.95"
Fri	July 17	85	71		
Sat	July 18	87	70		
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Dusty



Sophie

MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet Dusty & Sophie

Dusty is a handsome gray tabby kitten with a soft, medium-length coat and an adorable personality that's sure to win your heart. Life started out a little rough for this sweet boy after being found as a stray, so he appreciates having the chance to get to know people at his own pace. Dusty prefers to choose when it's time for affection, but once he decides you're his person, you'll find him happily curled up in your lap, purring away like you've been best friends forever. He's the kind of kitten who builds a special bond based on trust, and that makes every cuddle even more rewarding. If you're looking for a loyal little companion who will blossom with a little patience and a lot of love, Dusty is ready to find the forever home he's always deserved.

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NOTICE: There will be a Special Meeting of the Monteagle City Council on Aug. 11, 2026 to have a second reading of Ordinance 07-26 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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Sewanee Elementary School's Supply List 2026-2027

Please label your children's clothing! Thank you for your support!

Supplies listed are for the entire school year.

The Sewanee Community Chest will be hosting a FREE SUPPLY PICK UP on July 30 and August 6 from 2-4 at SES! This is for all SES students!

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade
4 boxes, 24 count, Crayola Crayons 2 box of washable Crayola Classic color markers (10 count) 2 bottles Elmer's school glue 4 Elmer's glue sticks 1 package of Ticonderoga #2 pencils 1 plastic pocket folder with 3 brads 1 set headphones (to be used with chromebooks) No earbuds. 1 pocket folder with brads 2 box of tissues 1 box of baby wipes 1 poster board 1 rain coat 1 pair of rainboots *Teachers will label supplies.	4 boxes of 24 count CRAYOLA Crayons 1 pair of pointed Fiskars scissors 1 pack of black dry erase markers 4 glue sticks 1 set headphones 2 packages #2 sharpened pencils Ticonderoga 1 box of tissues 1 poster board *Only label your child's scissors, folders, and headphones. The rest of the supplies will be collected and shared by all.	4 boxes of 24 count of Crayola Crayons 1 box of colored pencils 2 packages #2 pencils Ticonderoga 2 glue sticks 1 pair of pointed Fiskars scissors 1 set Headphones 1 box of tissues 1 poster board
Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
2 packs #2 pencils, Ticonderoga preferred 1 pack of colored pencils 1 pencil pouch 1 pair of scissors 2 packs of pencil cap erasers 1 box of crayons 1 pair of wired headphones or earbuds 1 pack of graph paper 2 boxes of tissues 1 poster board *Please do not label any supplies with a name. Many supplies will be communal.	2 packs of #2 pencils, Ticonderoga preferred 1 pack of colored pencils 1 pencil pouch 1 pair of scissors 2 marble covered composition notebooks 1 pair of wired headphones or earbuds 2 boxes of tissues 1 poster board *Please do not label any supplies with a name. Many supplies will be communal.	2 packs of #2 pencils, Ticonderoga preferred 1 pack of colored pencils 1 pencil pouch 1 pair of scissors 1 marble covered composition notebook 1 pair of headphones or earbuds 1 poster board *Please do not label any supplies with a name. Many supplies will be communal.
Wish List Items band-aids sandwich size ziploc bags baby wipes		

Every vote counts!

Please vote on Aug. 6 and Nov. 3!

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Early Voting: July 17–Aug. 1, and Oct. 14–29
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FROMBARDTOVERSE

by Robin Bates

Hope

Human beings suffer.
They torture one another.
They get hurt and get hard.
No poem or play or song
Can fully right a wrong
Inflicted and endured.

...

History says, “Don’t hope
On the side of the grave,”
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up
And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that a further shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles.
And cures and healing wells.

Call miracle self-healing,
The utter self revealing
Double-take of feeling.
If there’s fire on the mountain
And lightning and storm
And a god speaks from the sky

That means someone is hearing
The outcry and the birth-cry
Of new life at its term.
It means once in a lifetime
That justice can rise up
And hope and history rhyme.

--Seamus Heaney, Chorus from The Cure
of Troy

Community Calendar

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 25

- 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners’ Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Herbarium Walk, “Trees of the Sewanee Campus,” Sandy Baird, meet in parking lot behind Fulford Hall, until 11:30 a.m.
- 9 a.m. 67th Annual Mountain Market, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, until 5 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. 52nd Annual Swiss Celebration, (\$10), Stoker-Stampfli Farm, 328 Swiss Cemetery Rd., Gruetli-Laager, until 4 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meals Program, Altamont Library, 1433 Main St., until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Art Workshop: “Picasso Faces: Playful Portraits in Cardboard,” (\$25/adult, \$15/under 12) Frame Gallery, 12569 Solace M. Freeman Hwy., Sewanee, until noon
- 11 a.m. Mt. Sinai M.B. Baptist Church Community Fun Day, 134 Walnut St., Cowan, until 4 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. SWC Participant Reading No. 15, Guerry
- 4 p.m. Beersheba Springs Historical Society program, (free), Eugene Ham, Grace Chapel, 19221 SR 56
- 6 p.m. “Resilience+Belonging” Littell-Partin Center, 14399 US-41, Tracy City, until 8 p.m.
- 7:15 p.m. SWC Faculty Readings, Eduardo C. Corral, Jill McCorkle, Poetry, Fiction, Guerry

Sunday, July 26

- 9 a.m. 67th Annual Mountain Market, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, until 4 p.m.
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
- 2 p.m. “Resilience+Belonging” Littell-Partin Center, 14399 US-41, Tracy City, until 4 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, July 27

- 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.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14339 US-41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council meeting, conference room, City Hall
- 6 p.m. Franklin County Commission, Courthouse, Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center

Tuesday, July 28

- 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, “Stronger Than You Think: Building Lifelong Resilience,” Dr. Sherry Hamby, 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. Head of the Crow Concept Feedback Open House, St. Mark’s Community

- Center, 281 Alabama Ave., Sewanee, until 7 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- Wednesday, July 29**
- 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 Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave. NW, Winchester, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Pelham UMC, 2440 SR 50, Pelham, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, July 30

- 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: “Nannie, Serepta, and Sarah, Three Clarksville Civil War Women,” Minoa Uffelman, Warren Chapel
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, until 3 p.m.
- 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.
- 7:45 p.m. MSSA Lecture, “Self-Rising: The Magic Rise Behind the Biscuit and Cornbread Culture,” Mindy Merrell, Warren Chapel

Friday, July 31

- 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.
- 1:30 p.m. Art Reception, “The Shape of Thought,” Stirling’s
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.



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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 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