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St. Andrew's-Sewanee Director of Athletics, Rob Zeitler, accepted the award of excellence.



SAS Head of School Karl Sjolund was named principal of the year in TSSAA District 4.

SAS Receives TSSAA Award of Excellence; Sjolund Named District 4 Principal of the Year

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School received an "award of excellence" given to Tennessee schools by the TSSAA "in recognition of the high ideals of ethics and integrity in the teaching and promotion of citizenship and sportsmanship." SAS was one of nine schools chosen for the award from among more than 700 Tennessee public and independent schools.

The award is part of the TSSAA A.F. Bridges Awards program, which includes awards for School System Administrator of the Year, Principal of the Year, Athletic Director of the Year, Female Coach of the Year, Male Coach of the Year, Official of the Year, and Contributor of the Year.

This year's honorees were announced on Monday, Nov. 9, in Nashville. Athletic Director Rob Zeitler accepted the award of excellence on behalf of the school, which is given to schools with no reported unsportsmanlike conduct marks.

"The SAS athletic program emphasizes 10 specific values: trust, discipline, integrity, positivity, dedication, work ethic, respect, honesty, grit, and kindness," Zeitler said. "These values mirror the spirit of the A.F. Bridges award– 'just do what's right'–by communicating how athletes are expected to represent themselves, their schools, their families, and their communities.

"Whether a team finishes a match with a winning score, we know that keeping these principles at the forefront of our game plan is a different but equally important win."

In addition to the award of excellence, SAS Head of School Karl Sjolund was named principal of the year in TSSAA District 4. Nominations are made by a Citizenship/Sportsmanship Committee in each athletic district, and the final selection is made by a State Selection Committee.

"Being nominated for this award is an honor in itself," Sjolund said. "At SAS, I see both the subtle and the extraordinary impacts school athletics have on students every year. Our student athletes carry these values with them into other parts of school life and long after they leave our campus."

A.F. Bridges, a long-time teacher and coach in Tennessee, was the TSSAA's first executive secretary.

DuBose 'Boutique Hotel' on the Map Soon

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Nov. 5 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission approved the site plan for what developer Trevor Cross described as a "boutique hotel," a project three years in the making. In November of 2023, the commission approved rezoning the DuBose Conference Center property from Institutional Development to Commercial C-2. The project on the former Conference Center site calls for two restaurants, open to the public, and a spa, pool, and pickleball and tennis courts for the use of guests. One aspect of the plan, no internal vehicle traffic on the property other than to and from the parking lot, presented the commission with a unique circumstance when considering the proposed route for emergency vehicle access.

Cross explained the roadbed beneath the two-foot-wide grass aprons on each side of the paved 8-foot-wide golf cart-type path was the same substructure used under asphalt. "It can hold an 85,000-pound fire truck," Cross said. "It's used all over the country. It's about aesthetics. Twelve-feet wide doesn't feel 'pedestrian.'"

Commissioner Dan Brown noted at a workshop thatb Fire Chief Travis Lawyer approved of the emergency vehicle access route.

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Franklin County Schools Visiting Authors Program

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"The children build a connection with books. That's vital if we want them to be a lifelong reader," stressed children's books author Christina Soontornvat at the Nov. 9 Franklin County School Board meeting providing the board with an overview of the new Visiting Authors Program for Franklin County fifth graders. A Franklin County resident and the author of over 30 children's books, Soontornvat joined with Elementary Supervisor Amy Greer, Secondary Supervisor Rachel Shields, and board member Sarah Marhevsky to brainstorm and launch the program. Through a Penn Foundation Grant secured by Greer, all fifth graders received a copy of Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test, the first book in Soontornvat's middle-grade fantasy series about kids training to become magical Guardians who protect nature. On Dec. 8, the children will meet with Soontornvat

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Allison Dietz was named Franklin County School District's Principal of the Year.

Congratulations to Allison Dietz

Sewanee Elementary is thrilled and incredibly proud to share that the principal, Allison Dietz, has been named Franklin County School District's Principal of the Year.

Sewanee Elementary is so honored to have Mrs. Dietz leading our school. Her unwavering dedication to our students, faculty, and staff shows in everything she does. Day in and day out, she works tirelessly to make SES an exceptional place that educates and supports the whole child.

Thank you, Mrs. Dietz, for your incredible leadership, passion, and heart for our school community.



Imogene Latham, Kenedee Hale, and Bea Shealy comb the campus floor for white oak acorns.

SAS Adventure Ed Participates in White Oak Reforestation

During SAS's seventh- and eighth-grade Adventure Education classes, the students learned about the importance of oak trees in the ecosystem and collected healthy white oak acorns to help the Tennessee Forestry Association (TFA) in future reforestation efforts across the state. The students initially collected more than 28 pounds of acorns from around the SAS campus. Adventure Ed instructor Michael Kochinski was able to cull close to seven pounds of viable acorns to send to TFA.

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Letters

THANK YOU FROM THE GILLIAM FAMILY

To the Editor:

Thank you for your article about my father, Sandy Gilliam, the Renaissance man.

Reading it felt like seeing him clearly again — not just one part of who he is, but all of him together: the Domain ranger who knows the Mountain like the back of his hand, the photographer, and the outdoorsman who has spent his life learning this place and sharing it with others.

My father has always taught me to respect the land and learn from it, and your article showed exactly why that lesson has stayed with me.

Thank you for taking the time to tell his story with such care and respect, and for giving our family something we will treasure.

With gratitude,

Heather Gilliam Hamilton

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE SEWANEE COMMUNITY CHEST

To the Editor:

MARC (Marion Animal Resource Connection) is deeply grateful to the Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) for its generous 2026 award of $10,000. Thanks to the generosity of SCC and its donors, we were able to put those funds to work immediately, improving and saving the lives of 79 dogs and cats between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2026.

During those three months, MARC spent $10,165.91 providing critical services to animals in need. This included spaying and neutering 54 animals, including 10 beloved pets whose owners reached out for financial assistance. Helping people afford these essential procedures prevents unwanted litters and is an important step toward reducing animal homelessness and overpopulation in our communities.

We also provided veterinary medical and surgical care for 25 rescued dogs and cats. The needs were many and varied, including heartworm treatment for a very large dog, surgical repair and partial toe amputations for a cat, eye surgery, treatment for a brain infection and skin infections, biopsies, X-rays, and much more.

Behind every one of those numbers is an animal whose life was made better because someone cared enough to help. And behind that help are the generous donors who make the Sewanee Community Chest possible.

To each and every SCC donor, thank you. Your contributions helped prevent unwanted litters, provided lifesaving medical care, and gave animals a chance at healthier, happier lives. You also helped the people who love them but sometimes cannot afford the veterinary care they desperately need. Ultimately, your generosity benefits our entire community.

The Sewanee Community Chest has consistently stood beside the animals and people of our area over the years. Your continued support makes a real and measurable difference, and we are deeply grateful for your confidence in MARC and the work we do.

Thank you for trusting us with your generosity and allowing us to turn it into better lives for animals and the people who care for them.

With sincere appreciation,

Sue Scruggs, Executive Director, MARC (Marion Animal Resource Connection)

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For more information call (931) 598-1381. Apply at <https://jobs.sewanee.edu>.

Messenger Break Ahead

The Messenger will be on Thanksgiving break Nov. 21 through Nov. 29. We will be back in the office on Monday, Nov. 30, and back in print on Friday, Dec. 4.

For the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Messenger will be on break Dec. 19, 2026, through Jan. 10, 2027. The staff will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 11, 2027, with the first issue of the new year on Friday, Jan. 15, 2027.

Important updates will be available on the website <http://sewaneemessenger.com> or on our Facebook page during these breaks.

If your organization or church has a different schedule during these upcoming holidays than we normally post, please send the updates to <news@sewaneemessenger.com> or call the office at (931) 598-9949.

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>.



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Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community's conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines. We strive to print all letters we receive, but publication is not guaranteed. Letters should be factually accurate. Letters that are deemed unsuitable for publication shall not be printed elsewhere in the newspaper, including as a paid advertisement.



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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

There will be a BZA meeting at 8:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the appeal from Mr. William Best of the decision of the codes department.

There will be a special called meeting of the Monteagle City Council at 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 23, in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of the special meeting is to swear in the newly elected officials and to have bank signatures changed.

The Monteagle City Council is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 30, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the conference room at City Hall.

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, 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.

EQB Club

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., a lead will be given by Dr. Geoffrey Ward, Choirmaster and University Organist, sharing stories and music from the University Choir's tour of Canada earlier this year.

Dr. Ward is an internationally renowned organist and has performed recitals across the United States, Canada, Scandinavia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. In the summer of 2025, Dr. Ward performed a solo recital at Westminster Abbey, London. Ward began as University Organist and Choirmaster in July 2016. He mentors student organists and conductors, directs the University Choir, and teaches courses in church music and choral history. During his tenure, the choir has grown from 40 to over 70 members and has toured the United States, Canada, England, and Ireland.

Members are asked to contact Dr. Stephanie Smith, Membership Coordinator, at <sbcsmith@outlook.com> for a luncheon reservation ($20/lunch). Non-members or prospective members are always welcome to come at 12:25 p.m., to hear the presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Shawn McIntosh will present the program on "How to Survive the News, Staying Sane and Informed in Insane News Cycles." On Thursday, Nov. 26, the club will not meet. At 8 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, there will be a club assembly at Mountain Top Restaurant.

Cowan Commercial Club

Cowan Commercial and Community Club will meet at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St. We will follow up on checklist items from the New Trails Workshop, discuss updates on the Mountain Goat Trail extension, and prepare for holiday events. Membership is open to all area residents and business owners.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 23, in the courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 25, 2027, at 7 p.m.

We have reserved Monday, Nov. 23, 2026, as a possible meeting date and will meet then if there are urgent concerns. Items for the agenda were due on Nov. 11.

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Community Action Committee Thanksgiving

The holiday season is right around the corner, and CAC is preparing to support our neighbors with Thanksgiving food boxes filled with a turkey and all the fixings. Thanks to community generosity, we're partnering with Piggly Wiggly in Monteagle for the second year to collect donations. Stop by the store to purchase a bag for CAC or use our shopping list to build one yourself. We need more than 100 food boxes to help our neighbors enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal.

Shopping list includes one box stuffing mix, two cans green beans, two cans yams, two cans cream style corn, two cans fruit cocktail, one box instant mashed potatoes, one jar of gravy, one can cranberry sauce, one can pie filling, one box of hot chocolate mix packets.

Please deliver food items to the CAC by Sunday, Nov. 15, 216 University Ave., Sewanee. Contact Sarah at <cac@stmarkstpaul.org> or call (931) 598-5927 with any questions. If you need a food box, call (931) 598-5927.



Community Chest Sets Goal

The 2026-27 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local organizations serving the area. This year's goal of $118,000 will help 15 local organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve the entire community. The following organizations will receive funding when the goal is met.

Animal Harbor, $10,000
Blue Monarch, $5,000
Community Action Committee, $6,500
Early Literacy Ambassadors, $2,000
Folks at Home, $5,000
Fourth of July Celebration, $4,000
Housing Sewanee, $6,000
La Leche League, $300
MARC, $10,000
Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, $1,500
SES Parent Organization, $25,000
Sewanee Children's Center, $18,700
Sewanee Community Center, $3,000
Sewanee Mountain Messenger, $9,000
Sewanee Senior Center, $12,000

The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

For more information or to give through PayPal Giving, go to <www.sewaneecivic.org>.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food 8–10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 14. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf-stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.



Obituaries

Margaret Hawkins Matens

Margaret Hawkins Matens, of Monteagle, died peacefully surrounded by her adoring family and friends on Nov. 1, 2026, at age 76.

A wildlife rehabilitator, environmental educator, illustrator, and author, Margaret spent her life helping others discover and care for the natural world. It is simply impossible to name the thousands of lives she touched in her all too brief life.

Margaret was born in Baton Rouge on Sept. 13, 1950. Her childhood was filled with love, adventure, and animals ranging from alligators to monkeys. She graduated from Lee High School in 1968 and received a degree in English Education from Louisiana State University. She taught English at Episcopal High School, where she met her lifelong love, Jack. She was a brilliant and loved educator in Baton Rouge, Bremerhaven, Germany, Chattanooga, and lastly St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, where she served as public relations director for 17 years until her retirement in 2010.

Her passion for bringing the wonders of nature to young and old alike found a home at Camp Nakanawa in Crossville, Tenn. For 58 years, she nurtured its beloved nature program, which she founded and whose Nature Hut was named in her honor, introducing generations of campers to picking blackberries, identifying wildflowers, and holding their first snake. She authored "Nakanawa: The First Fifty Years" and wrote and illustrated many other works, ranging from children's stories to songbooks and histories.

A certified wildlife rehabilitator and environmental educator for more than 30 years, she brought native wildlife into classrooms, camps, and festivals, helping children replace fear with understanding. She so loved her family's English Springer Spaniels, yet her unbridled enthusiasm for wildlife and all things in nature became her most important calling. Whether you were on a hike, or a participant in one of the hundreds of presentations she led, there was not one person that left without a sense of awe and enhanced love of Mother Nature.

Margaret served on the board of Friends of South Cumberland State Park, supported its Every Child in the Park program, founded Trails & Trilliums, and taught for the Tennessee Naturalist Program. Margaret received many honors and awards throughout her life. Two of her most prized were the Tennessee State Naturalist of the Year recognition and the 2019 Harry C. Yeatman Environmental Education Award, presented for her enthusiastic devotion of time, energy, and resources to teaching children and adults about the natural wonders of the region.

Personally, the lights of her life were her family. The daughter of the late Murray Free Hawkins and Julia Welles Hawkins, Margaret leaves her husband of 50 years, Jack Matens; daughters, Morgan Matens and her partner, Greg Hall, and Murray Matens Kimball and her husband, Bryan Kimball; her cherished grandsons Ender and Lewin Kimball; her sister, Julia Battle; and her brothers, Warren and Lad Hawkins.

A visitation for Margaret Matens' family will be from noon to 3 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 4, 2026, in McCrory Hall on the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School campus.

In lieu of flowers, put your toes in the grass, rescue a spider trapped inside, show kindness to an animal, or donate in her name to an organization in your community that helps children connect with nature like Friends of South Cumberland State Park. Margaret would simply wish to be remembered as you walk through the forest, feel a cool breeze on your face, and gaze in awe of all that nature has provided. For complete obituary go to < https://www.rogersfuneralhome.com>.

Edith Provost Morgan

Edith Provost Morgan, "Bunny," passed away at Presbyterian Village, Austell, Ga., on Oct. 28, 2026, after a long illness.

Bunny was born at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee on April 13, 1941, to Dr. and Mrs. Edwin K. Provost. She was raised in Columbia, Tenn., with her two younger siblings. Bunny grew up spending summers at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly with her family and developed a love for Monteagle, and the surrounding area.

She graduated with a bachelor's in elementary education from Vanderbilt University and a master's in educational administration from Peabody College at Vanderbilt. After teaching in Virginia, she worked for Toys R Us and Macy's in Human Resources. Before fully retiring, Bunny returned to the Monteagle area as head resident of Elliott and Gorgas Halls at University of the South in Sewanee, a role that she relished for over a decade.

An avid reader, she was a student of Egyptian and Southwestern Native American culture and history. She lived her retirement years in Monteagle and attended Morton Memorial United Methodist Church.

Bunny is survived by her son, John P. Henard and his wife, Dyan, and granddaughter, Avery, of Smyrna, Ga. Also surviving Bunny are her sister, Katharine Flatley (William), of Greenwich, Conn., and brother, Edwin Provost (Kathyrn), of Monteagle; and five cherished nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Edwin K. and Edith Cassidy Provost, of both Columbia and Monteagle.

A family celebration of life at The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly will be held at a later date.

Expressions of condolences may be sent to Women's Justice Initiative <womens-justice.org> or Save the Horses <savethehorses.org> in lieu of flowers.

Death Notice

Margaret (Peggy) Louise Solomon

Margaret (Peggy) Louise Solomon, C'82, died on Nov. 6, 2026, after a lengthy battle with cancer, at Alexian Village on Signal Mountain.

There will be the burial of ashes and a short service at the University Cemetery in the future. At that time, a more complete obituary will be published.

Church News

All Saints' Chapel

Services during the academic year: Sunday, All Saints' Chapel, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2; 6:30 p.m., Growing in Grace.

Monday-Friday, St. Augustine's Chapel, 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 4 p.m., Evening Prayer. All Saints' Chapel, noon, Quiet Hour.

Monday, All Saints' Chapel, 5:45 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation.

Cowan Community Thanksgiving Service

The various churches of Cowan Ministerial Association will gather for the Community Thanksgiving Service at 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, at Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Rev. Randy Brown will be the speaker and the host church will lead in music and song. All are invited to join us in the special time of thanks and praise. Cowan C.P. Church is located at 206 W. Cowan St., near the Cowan Railroad Museum.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

Kara Oliver, Executive Director of St. Mary's, will offer the message this Sunday. She has chosen Psalm 90: 1-12 and 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 as the scriptures for her message titled "Taking the Backward Step."

Children are welcome at Morton with two age-appropriate Sunday School classes as well as a nursery. Following the children's sermon, children will have time for activities.

Music is a significant component of spirituality, and Garrett Snavely, Director of Music, continues to enrich worship through

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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, Rite 2, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace, Sunday
Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday
Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday
Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday
Christ Church Monteagle
10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday
Christ Church, Tracy City
10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd
9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester
9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
City Light Church, Monteagle
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Cowan Fellowship Church
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan
11 a.m. Worship, Sunday
Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee
9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
Decherd Presbyterian Church
11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)
Decherd United Methodist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan
10 a.m. Worship, Sunday
Epiphany Mission, Sherwood
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday
First Baptist Church, Cowan
9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday
First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd
5 p.m. Mass, Saturday
10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday
Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Grace Fellowship Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Worship Service
Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service
Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle
10 a.m. Worship, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting, Wednesday
Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday
Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday
Midway Baptist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday
Midway Church of Christ
10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
Monteagle Church of Christ
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday
Monteagle First Baptist Church
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday
Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church
10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday
11 a.m. Worship, Saturday
7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday
Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle
10 a.m. Sunday School, until 10:45 a.m.
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
Online worship services. Call (931) 924-5339 or go to <https://www.tdworldministries.org>
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday
New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel
4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday
New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan
11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
Pelham United Methodist Church
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
St. James-Midway Episcopal Church
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto
8 a.m. Mass, Sunday
St. Mark & St. Paul
8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall, Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, Kennerly Hall
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available livestream Facebook
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
Warren Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Decherd
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
Winchester First United Methodist
10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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hymns, anthems and significant instrumental pieces.

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

To learn more about life in our community of faith, accept this invitation to worship. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Our service begins at 11 a.m., following coffee and refreshments in our Fellowship Center. If you are unable to attend but want to sample worship at Morton, the service is live streamed at Morton's Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

Homecoming and Bishop's Visit at St. Agnes'

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church in Cowan invites you to our Homecoming Sunday at 11 a.m., Nov. 22. We will have a festival service with a meal served afterwards. This will also be our final pastoral visit from Bishop John Bauerschmidt before his retirement in 2027. Bishop John has visited St. Agnes' on more occasions than any other bishop in our 132-year history! St. Agnes' is located at 105 England St. E. in Cowan. For more information dial (931) 922-3985.

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

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m., for children, 3 years old through fifth grade. Youth Sunday School: meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

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"It's not a road so I don't see why we would require it to meet the definition of a road," said Commissioner Alec Mosley. "If the cart path holds the weight of a fire truck, it seems satisfactory."

The entrance will be the same as at present, with parking primarily in front. Guests will check in then have the option of self-park or valet parking. "The internal traffic will be entirely pedestrian or by golf cart," Cross said. The 133 lodging options include hotel type rooms, 42 casitas (cottages), and 10 rooms in what is now Claiborne Hall possibly for use by groups holding conferences or meetings. In addition to abundant meeting space, the venue will feature both a sit-down lunch-and-dinner style restaurant and a lounge with a bar and light food.

The developers, College Street Partners, are in the process of negotiating with the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance and town to move the trail closer to DuBose Avenue. Monteagle owns the easement, and the developers will ask for a new easement. "It would be all on our cost. Having the Mountain Goat Trail go through our parking would create some odd interactions," Cross observed. The Partners plan to screen the parking from the trail with an evergreens buffer. "We want to hide the parking the best we can," Cross insisted.

Questioned about noise concerns from the pickleball court, Cross said, "We want to be good neighbors." He suggested a "sound buffer" could be added to the fence or the court could require using "quiet paddles." The project plan shows a berm to buffer the site from traffic noises, which would also help buffer noise from the pickleball court.

Monteagle engineer Travis Wilson has approved the project's stormwater and utilities plan. "We've already done some demolition and abatement," Cross said, "shoring up structures and removing asbestos. We think we found the foundation of the old Fairmount College building built in the 1800s." Cross described huge red bricks three times the size of bricks typically in use today. The building burned down and Cross speculated a new structure was built on top of the old one.

Cross expects construction to begin in late February or early March of 2027 and for the facility to open to the public in the fall of 2028. He pointed to close proximity to I-24 enhancing the hotel's attractiveness as a "destination" venue. "We anticipate visitors from Nashville and Chattanooga, as well as nationally."

Revisiting the Greenwoods of Narnia

Friends of the Library of the University of the South invites you to attend the ninth annual Tom G. Watson Memorial Event at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, in the Torian Room on the second floor of Jessie Ball duPont Library. This event is co-sponsored by English and Creative Writing, Library and Information Technology Services, and the School of Theology. John Gatta, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of English Emeritus, will discuss his newest book, "Green Worlds of C.S. Lewis."

Decades after C.S. Lewis composed his "Chronicles of Narnia," these fantasy tales about a land of enchantment continue to attract readers of all ages. This talk, drawing from Gatta's recent book, reflects on what the stories still have to tell us, especially in the face of today's environmental crises. Even or especially for adult readers, the "green" inscape of the Narnia narrative can inspire and reveal much—not only about the reach of fantasy literature, as allied with Lewis's personal faith and values, but also about the ecological vision of life these tales embody.

John Gatta is an Emeritus Professor of English both at the University of Connecticut and at Sewanee, where he also served for a time as Dean of the College. He has likewise taught at the University of Missouri, as a Fulbright lecturer in Senegal, and in South Africa. His teaching and research have been devoted to American literary history and environmental literature, as well as to the interplay between religious faith and literary imagination. He is the author of many articles and of eight books, including three titles from Oxford University Press.

There will be a reception and book sale after the talk in the Ralston Listening Commons.

More information about the Friends of the Library can be found at their website: <https://library.sewanee.edu/FOL>. If you have questions about the talk or joining the Friends of the Library, please contact Penny Cowan at (931) 598-1573 or <pcowan@sewanee.edu>.

'Aging in Our Communities' Study Results

Professors Deborah McGrath, Amy Patterson, and Chris Silver will present the findings from their study on "Aging in Our Communities" at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the St. Mark's Community Center, 481 Alabama Ave., Sewanee. The study is based on interviews and focus group discussions conducted during spring 2026 by Patterson and her students, as well as surveys conducted during summer 2026 by McGrath and Silver. The resulting report details a vibrant older population in the Sewanee-Monteagle area, as well as some challenges this demographic faces. We look forward to sharing the insights gained from the research.

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for an author-reader Q&A.

Soontornvat has travelled nationwide, meeting with students and talking about loving to read. Student questions have ranged from "What is your favorite book?" to "Did you ever feel like giving up?" Passionate about the program and getting kids "excited about reading," Soontornvat waived the speaker's fee for the Dec. 8 event. Soontornvat and Shields zeroed in on fifth graders so the children would carry "the love of books" with them into middle school. The Franklin County Library and Homeschoolers Group signed on, joining the public-school children participating. Through Soontornvat's connections, next year's visiting author will be Gordon Korman whose books are favorites of fifth and sixth grade boys.

In regular business, Coordinated School Health and Safety Director Chris Hawkersmith reported on threats since the beginning of the school year, two written and 15 verbal. "That usually constitutes most of them," Hawkersmith said. Outliers, one threat involved a knife and another involved physical aggression. Each school has its own Threat Assessments Team. Team members participate in eight hours of training.

Board member David Van Buskirk asked if the district dealt with students lured by "the dark web" to provide photographs later used to blackmail them.

"They can steal photos and generate an AI bot," Hawkersmith acknowledged. "One person did that with 20 something females. It was not illegal. We had it shut down, but it took a visit to the house. The AI generation stuff is way ahead of legislation. We're keeping an eye on it, but a lot of it is management from the parents at home."

In the Legislative Update Marhevsky reviewed provisions of the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Beginning with tax year 2027, anyone can claim the credit, up to $1,700 for individuals and $3,400 for couples filing jointly, if they donate to a state-approved nonprofit scholarship granting organization (SGO) that grants scholarships for educational expenses. "While this program is geared at helping families send their children to private school, the money can be spent on students at public schools, too," Marhevsky said. The money donated must be spent on non-required learning enhancements, "not on things the [public] schools are already supposed to be providing, like required tutoring." "The Tennessee Organization for School Superintendents is going to be our SGO," said Director of Schools Roger Alsup. "We'll be able to take advantage of this program through them."

Greer summarized district TCAP results for 2025-2026. Compared to students tested in 2024-2025, grades three through eight showed modest gains in English Language Arts, but Math scores decreased. At the high school level, English scores decreased, but Math scores increased significantly, especially in Algebra II. Greer observed, "We're lower than the state average, but we're trending with the state. When state averages dip, we dip, and when the state averages excel, we excel."

Taking up policy, the board approved three changes recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association. The change in the Grading System policy stipulates the scores of eighth grade students taking high school courses would be included in applications for post-secondary financial assistance. The change to the Promotion and Retention policy allows third grade students who score "within the 50th percentile" in ELA to be promoted to fourth grade. The change to the Testing Programs policy provides a new formula for weighting TCAP scores in End of Course grades.

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Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars! The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club invites you, your family, and your friends to our fifth annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction. Whether you are looking for a delicious weekend breakfast, a chance to connect with your neighbors, or the perfect opportunity to bid on silent auction items, this event has something for everyone. The event will be from 8–11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. Mark and St. Paul Parish, 216 University Ave. Admission: $10 for adults; $8 for students.

What's on the menu? Delicious, fluffy pancakes topped with pure maple syrup and Kerrygold butter with a side of sausage. Blueberry and gluten-free options will be available. Of course, there will be plenty of coffee, tea and juice.

Entertainment provided by the Monteagle Elementary School Top of the Rock Choir.

While you eat, browse the silent auction table, packed with items, experiences and services generously donated by over 40 vendors in our community. Silent auction winners will be announced at 10:45 a.m. Bring your checkbook, cash or Venmo. Credit cards are not accepted.

Proceeds from the ticket sales and silent auction support Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club charitable purposes. The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club supports the food insecurity programs at Community Action Committee, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church and Grundy County Food Bank, Grundy County Scholarships at the University of the South and educational needs at the Monteagle and Sewanee elementary schools and other charitable causes on the Plateau and beyond.

We're glad you're reading the Messenger.



DanceWise: Human Nature

by Blythe Ford, Messenger Staff Writer

DanceWise: Human Nature will be performed at the Tennessee Williams Center from Friday, Nov. 13 to Nov. 15. DanceWise is a collaborative dance production that functions as a combined student and professor project within the Dance program at the University of the South.

Each production features many styles of dance, the majority of which are choreographed by students, with this year also including a tap sequence created by Courtney World, Professor of Dance at the University of the South, and a Hip Hop dance by guest artist Carmen Savage from the University of Memphis. Other dance styles in DanceWise: Human Nature include contemporary ballet, contemporary/modern dance, and jazz. All dances center around a theme; in this case, what it means to be human in the digital age.

As with every year of DanceWise, student choreographers and performers take the center stage. This production is performed by 20 student dancers, seven of whom are also choreographers. The choreographers are students Vivian Boyd, Jane Edmunds, Naho Katsumura, Annabel Lamm, Gracie Moore, Lara Georgia Guimarães Noronha, and Nico Richards, as well as World and Savage providing their own dances and professorial oversight.

The performers and choreographers might be the most visible stars, but they are not the only people collaborating to make this production. Through the efforts of a student stage manager, four student lighting designers, one staff lighting designer, a student costume designer, and two staff costume designers, the theme is brought to life on stage. Lighting effects, costumes, and dance all combine to convey a message–and entertain, of course.

With styles ranging from the very structured ballet and tap to the more contemporary and freeform hip hop, the production will ebb and flow with energy. The strength and skill of the dancers will be on display; skill, which is even more impressive with the knowledge that due to the schedule of the guest artist, the closing dance was likely learned in a very short span of time.

This production closes with the Hip Hop sequence choreographed by Carmen Savage. Savage is a Memphis native who now teaches Dance at the University of Memphis. She has featured in several major productions, music videos, and competitions, including being part of the Monsters of Hip Hop cast in 2016. Certain music and sports fans may also be interested to know that she danced in Drake's "Worst Behavior" music video and several halftime shows for both football and basketball. Savage's background in dance started as a teenager with a street style called Memphis Jookin, and continued throughout her formal education. The piece she choreographed is high-energy, just right to get you hyped for your drive home.

DanceWise: Human Nature may close with a bang, but it starts at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13-14, and 2 p.m., Nov. 15, in the Proctor Hill Theatre inside the Tennessee Williams Center. Like most Department of Theatre and Dance productions, admission is free but seating is limited inside the theatre. Book your tickets on Eventbrite <eventbrite.com> to secure seats for your preferred performance.

Grundy County High School Class of 1961 Reunion

Class of 1961 is having their 65th class reunion at noon, Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Western Sizzler in Jasper. Looking forward to gathering for a few hours of fellowship. Bring a family member or friend. If you have any questions or need help call Jackie Suter Lawley at (931) 235-3029. For several years we have been gathering annually on the second Saturday in November. We are trying to keep list of people's emails, phone numbers and deaths. Come or call and bring us up to date on how you are doing.

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, Nov. 16: Salisbury steak, creamed spinach, mashed potatoes, roll.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Chef salad.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, egg roll.

Friday, Nov. 20: Shepherd's pie, soup.

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

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

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

Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop will be closed for the Thanksgiving break from Tuesday, Nov. 24 through Monday, Nov. 30. We will not be accepting any donations during this time.

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The donation bins are on the side of the new Shop. We ask that all donations are in good resale condition and come bagged or boxed when placed in the bins.



SES MENUS

Monday–Friday
Nov. 16–20
BREAKFAST

Every effort will be made to follow the published menu; however, last minute changes may be necessary.

Monday, Nov. 16: French toast sticks, juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Banana bread, juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Packaged item, juice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Nov. 20: Packaged item, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, Nov. 16: Thanksgiving Luncheon, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Thanksgiving Luncheon, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Pizza cruncher, potato smiles, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Oven-roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, macarni+cheese. turnip greens, cornbread, fruit, milk.

Friday, Nov. 20: Chef's choice, fruit, milk.

For meal pricing, go to <https://franklincountytn.schoolinsites.com/menus-meal-pricing>.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov. 21–29, Thanksgiving Break, SAS

Nov. 23-27, Thanksgiving Break, College, Franklin County School, Grundy County School

Nov. 24–27, Thanksgiving Break, Marion County School

Dec. 5-6, Lessons & Carols

Dec. 10, Last Day of Class, College

Dec. 12-18, Exams, College

Dec. 18, Abbreviated Day, Franklin County School, Grundy County School, Marion County School

Dec. 18–Jan. 4, Christmas Break, SAS

Dec. 19-Jan. 10, Christmas Break, College

Dec. 21–Jan. 1, Christmas Break, Marion County School

Dec. 21–Jan. 4, Christmas Break, Franklin County School, Grundy County School

Jan. 11, Easter Semester begins, First Day of Class, College

Jan. 15, Easter Convocation



First nine-week award winners at SES.

Sewanee Elementary Announces Honor Rolls, Award Recipients

Sewanee Elementary School principal Allison Dietz announced honor rolls and award recipients for the most recent nine-week period.

First Honor Roll

Third grade—Seager Roberts, Emma Mitchell, Lilly Hughes, Emerson Curts, Zachary Conry, Smith, Bryson Barnes, Carlson, and Hope Cathell;

Fourth grade—Emilie Asiedu-Acquah, Walker Reynolds, and Liesel Keeton;

Fifth grade—Bella Barnes, Mia Casey, and Axton Ladd.

Second Honor Roll

Third grade—Oliver Sherman, Palmer Meadows, and Everly King;

Fourth grade—Stone, Charlie Wells, Etta Freitag, Beckett Green, Elsie Gunzburger, Owen Loewer, Ryleigh Summers, Malcolm Tate;

Fifth grade—John Austin, Lavender Barry, Ren Elrod, Ellie Green, and Nora Jackson.

Citizenship Award

(Selected by their teachers)

K—Foster Lurgio and Paige Jack; **Second grade—**Blais Womelsdorf; **Fourth grade—**Caroline and Ryleigh Summers; **Fifth grade—**Charlotte Fischer.

Tiger Traits

(Selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait "Courtesy")

K—Cohen Jackson and Storey; **First grade—**Dean Stone; **Second grade—**Owen Winkler; **Third grade—**Sohi Patel; **Fourth grade—**Harlow Hall and Emma Mason; **Fifth grade—**Ren Elrod.

(Selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait "Kindness")

K—Arya and Henley Harrison; **First grade—**Wyatt Hughes; **Second grade—**Flora Christopher; **Fourth grade—**Joseph Oliver and Chaysen Poe; **Fifth grade—**Violet Stefanut.

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FYE Encounter Showcase Week

All faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited to see what our interdisciplinary First Year Experience Encounter clusters have been learning through student demonstrations, presentations, films, and group projects. Drop in and out as you are able. Help us celebrate the accomplishments of our first-semester students and their faculty in our new FYE program. All are welcome.

Monday, Nov. 16, Ways of Knowing Past and Present, Poster presentations and performances, 2-4 p.m., Mary Sue Cushman Room, Bairnwick Women's Center

CLST 123, Explorations in Ancient Society and Its Legacy (McDonough)

HUMN 104, Texts & Contexts of the Medieval World (Batkie)

RELG 132, Matthew's Gospel and the Moral Self (Thurman)

Truth & Memory Student short films, 2-4:30 p.m., Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall

POLS 156, Memory of Peace and Conflict (Dragojevic)

Sewanee's Medical Department

Roberson Project

Indigenous history at Sewanee

Indonesian genocide

Berlin Wall

HIST 129, Jerusalem: Histories of the Real and Imagined Holy City (Roberts)

CHEM 115, Crime Scene Chemistry (Seballos)

Tuesday, Nov. 17, Environmental Justice, Environmental footprint project presentations, 1:30-2:45 p.m., Blackman Auditorium

ENST 101, Environmental Studies (Watson)

PSYC 135, Social Change and the Environment (Morgan)

ECON 120, Principles of Economics (Elrod)

Designing Worlds: Story, Sound, Code, Interactive video game demos,1:30-2:45 p.m., Mary Sue Cushman Room - Bairnwick Women's Center

CSCI 157, Introduction to Modeling and Programming (Sowell)

WRIT 206, Beginning Fiction Workshop

MUSC 114, Soundtrack Scoring for Video Games

Power and its (Mis)uses, Simulation of county commission meeting. Topic: Should the commission rezone agricultural land to enable construction of a private equity funded substance use disorder treatment facility and recovery center?, 1:30-3 p.m., Torian Room - duPont Library

POLS 153, Power, Politics, Policy: A Local View (Patterson)

Student poster presentations, 2-2:30 p.m., Spencer 172

PSYC 151, Drugs, Brain, and Society (Cammack)

Student poster presentations, 3-4 p.m., Gailor 128

ECON 120, Principles of Economics (Misra)

Wednesday, Nov. 18, Flavorful Journeys: Meaning, Memory, and Molecules in Food, Videos and poster presentations, 2-3:15 p.m., Convocation Hall

SPAN 299, Gateways to Latin American, Spanish, and Latinx Studies (Burner)

ASIA 213, Chinese Foodways: Culture, History, and Global Connections (Tan)

BIOL 133, Introductory Molecular Biology and Genetics (Rodriguez)

ENST 199, The Taming of the Foods: Domestication on your Dinner Plate (Tate)

Place and Placemaking, Creative projects and presentations, 2-4:30 p.m., Snowden Hall 215

ENST 101, Environmental Studies (Carter)

3-4:15 p.m., Gailor 132

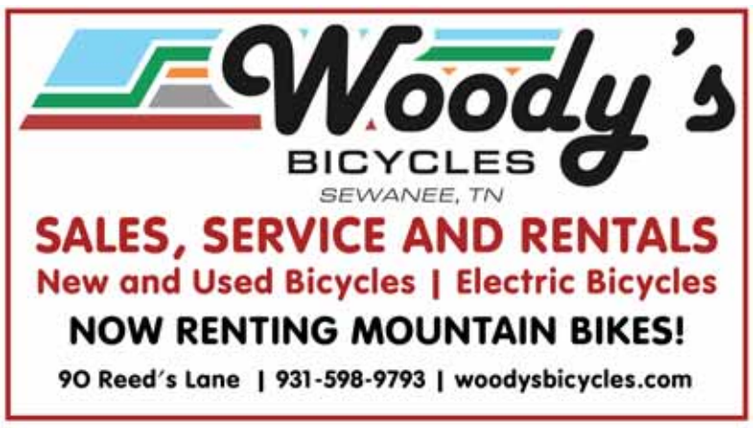
ENGL 131, Be Here Now: Poetry and Place (Michael)

Thursday, Nov. 19, Voices and Values in Civic Life, Posters and flash presentations, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Convocation Hall

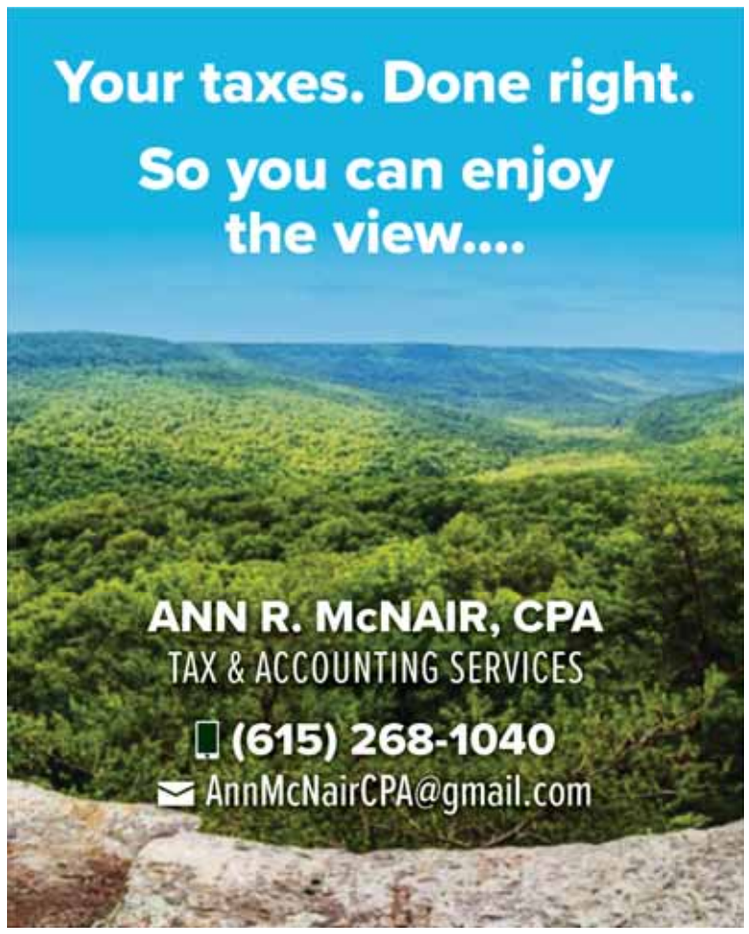
CIVC 135, Communities in Conversation: Civil Discourse in Public Life (Reinig)

HIST 137, Collections and Local Knowledge in the History of Science (Whitmer)

ECON 105, Markets and the Mountain: Economics in Our Community (Mahler)









Local and Regional Indie Short Movies to Be Screened

Two screenings of a collection of short movies will be hosted by earLuminator. About an hour and a half of short movies from the earLuminator Vault will be screened at the event. The earLuminator Vault is a curated collection of independently produced short works by local and regional movie makers. The movies include new releases by local movie makers as well as previous audience favorites from the "2024 Best of Open Screen Night" event. JimmyLee Smith, an actor, earLuminator producer, and one of the event's organizers hopes to bring Open Screen Night to the Sewanee area. He says, "There is no better way to support the local indie artist than to watch their works being screened – and there are some very talented people submitting their work."

Admission for the event is free.

One screening will be at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Sewanee Community Center in Sewanee. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The other screening will be at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Cowan Center For The Arts in Cowan. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

The event features movies from: Christopher Flippo, David Elijah, David Mayes, earLuminator, Fog Pudding, Hope Reason, Jamison Braley, Joe Heath, Kali Meister, Minty Pineapple, Randall Moser, She Wonder Productions.

earLuminator is a group of Storytellers, whether they tell it with a music keyboard, or a computer keyboard, a guitar, a voice, or pictures in motion. The group produces short movies, web series, and other indie videos where the writer tells the story to the director, the director to the actors, the actors to the director of photography, the director of photography to the editor, and the editor to the audience. More information about earLuminator can be found at <https://earluminator.com/>.

Cowan Center For The Arts is your destination for various community educational programs and cultural entertainment. The CCA Theatre is host to a variety of performances and programs throughout the year. The CCA Training Center is home to the Cowan Community School as well as other programs. You can rent spaces by the day or by the month. Cowan Center for the Arts is located at 301-303 Montgomery St., Cowan. For more information, please visit <https://cowancenterforthearts.org>

The Sewanee Community Center seeks to improve the quality of life in Sewanee by providing a space for community-initiated programs and projects. They make the center available to individuals and groups in the Sewanee area through an open-door policy, and have kept their fees low. The large community room is used by groups in a variety of ways. The Center is located at 39 Ball Park Road, Sewanee. For more information, please visit <http://sewaneecommunitycenter.org>.

Sewanee Chorale Christmas Concert

The Sewanee Chorale under the direction of Gary Sturgis and with accompaniment from Kathy Sturgis will perform a free concert of Christmas melodies at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, in St. Luke's Chapel on the campus of the University of the South. No ticket is necessary.

After its COVID demise, the Chorale was re-established this fall thanks to the energy and organization skills of Sally Hubbard and the willingness of the Sturgises to provide their musical expertise. Approximately 20 members will be on hand for the Christmas concert which includes John Rutter's "What Sweeter Music," "Star Carol," "Shepherd's Pipe Carol," "Angels' Carol," "Jesus Child," "Candlelight Carol," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Interested in joining the Sewanee Chorale for the spring season? Please contact Sally Hubbard at <sally@hubbard.net>.

'Art, Storytelling, and Creative Placemaking on the St. Mark's Heritage Trail'

The University Art Gallery—in partnership with the St. Mark's community and the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race and Reconciliation—proudly presents Art, Storytelling, Creative Placemaking and the St. Mark's Heritage Trail, on view in the UAG through Dec. 11, 2026.

Creative projects play an essential role in making the stories of the St. Mark's community visible in the landscape. "Art, Storytelling, Creative Placemaking and the St. Mark's Heritage Trail" is part exhibition and part workshop, showcasing existing projects along the St. Mark's Trail and inviting new ones. In all cases, the featured projects are marked by a shared commitment to the work of remembering and to how that work might make something new. They are shaped by a commitment to learning, and to directing that learning to community purpose.

Please join us! At 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, in Guerry Auditorium, there will be a screening of "Woven Wind" with artist Vesna Pavlović, Q&A to follow.

The University Art Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday. The UAG is closed Monday, and for academic breaks, including Thanksgiving. Read more about the project at <https://new.sewanee.edu/university-art-gallery/current-exhibition/>.

'Jekyll & Hyde' at the MAC

Don't miss the passion, romance, and unforgettable music of Jekyll & Hyde, the classic tale of love, obsession, and the clash between good and evil, coming Friday, Nov. 13 to the stage of the Manchester Arts Center.

Join Doctor Henry Jekyll and the two women who accompany him on a path of terrifying discovery when he experiments on himself and unleashes a madman.

Whether you're a musical theatre fan or just looking for a great night out, come discover the magic!

"Jekyll & Hyde" runs Nov. 13–15 and Nov. 20–22, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are $17 for adults, $15 for seniors and military, and $10 for students, and are available at <millenniumrep.org> or by calling (931) 570-4489. The Arts Center is located just off Manchester's historic square at 128 E. Main St.

Christmas Tree Trail 2026

The third annual Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail will again begin our Holiday Season on Saturday, Nov. 28. Start thinking about how you want to decorate your tree.

Calling all businesses/organizations/churches/individuals to participate by completing the registration form, found online at <https://townofmonteagle-tn.gov/christmas-in-monteagle/> or by picking up a form from Monteagle Town Hall. Be creative, you might win $100!

Trees with decorations, outdoor LED lights and an extension cord should be brought to the Greenway in front of Harton Park on Tuesday, Nov. 24, between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Monteagle employees will erect and secure the trees. Each tree will have a printed sign with the name of who decorated the tree.

The Christmas Tree Lighting celebration will be at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 28 — a great way to close out Thanksgiving weekend.

Contact Melissa at Monteagle Town Hall with questions, (931) 924-2265.

Fall Vocal Showcase

The Sewanee Voice Studios present our Fall Vocal Showcase, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, in Guerry Auditorium. From musical theatre to pop, soul, jazz, and art song, there is something for everyone in this popular semi-annual concert! With Vicki Collinsworth, piano. Free admission.

Monteagle Christmas Bazaar

The Monteagle Christmas Bazaar will be inside the Monteagle City Hall building, located at 16 Dixie Lee Ave., Saturday, Dec. 5. The Bazaar will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A wide variety of items for purchase including mosaics pictures and ornaments, leather items, wood items, cutting boards, wreaths, gift baskets, handmade brooms and baskets, jewelry, fabric items and a wide variety of food options. Breakfast and lunch items will be available.

May Justus Memorial Library, located next door at 24 Dixie Lee Ave., will have a special Christmas Program for children. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a puppet show titled "Santa Stand-In." Hot dogs & chili served after the show. The day will end with Christmas Bingo. Silent Auction baskets will be available for bids throughout the day (proceeds support the Summer Reading Program).

Donation boxes will be available for Easy's Dog Shelter. Suggested donations: soft treats, long lasting bones /chews (not rawhides), toys, elevated dog cots, leashes and harnesses.

For more information about the event and how to be a vendor, contact Rhonda at (931) 273-0606 and watch the Monteagle Christmas Bazaar Facebook page for updates.

Christmas in Monteagle – Parade, Bazaar & Santa

Join us for a festive day of holiday cheer in Monteagle on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Christmas Parade begins at 10 a.m., followed by photos with Santa, hot chocolate, and cookies at Harton Park. Don't forget to visit the Monteagle Christmas Bazaar at Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring the family and celebrate the magic of Christmas in Monteagle.

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Local handmade crafts, baked goods and stocking stuffers
5 Ballpark Rd, Sewanee

Cowan Christmas Market

The annual Cowan Christmas Market will be held Friday, Dec. 4, from 3–9 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Monterey Station in Cowan. It is a great time to get some early Christmas shopping done!

Friday, Dec. 4, is filled with activities, food vendors, demonstrations, performances, shopping with a variety of vendors and door prizes. Country Music Artist Hannah Dasher will be on hand to participate in a Sugar Cookie Holiday Decorating demonstration, sign copies of her cookbook "Stand by Your Pan" and perform a few songs. Don't forget Santa's arrival at 5:30 p.m.!

On Saturday, Dec. 5, stop in before and after the parade to continue your shopping, win some great door prizes and make sure to bring the kids by to visit with Santa at his workshop!

The "A Holly Dolly Christmas" Parade is at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, followed by the Grand Marshal reception at Monterey Station.

Free admission but donations of a new unwrapped toy will be accepted to assist the Cowan Police Department with their eighth annual Christmas Toy Drive. Donations can be dropped off at their Christmas Market booth during the event.

Vendor Applications can be submitted online through <https://form.jotform.com/262685037043053> or mailed to P.O. Box 454, Cowan, TN 37318.

Save the Dates for Lessons and Carols

We look forward to welcoming the extended Sewanee family and friends to the Festival of Lessons and Carols at All Saints' Chapel in 2026. The first service on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m., features reserved seating. Tickets will be made available to students and employees of the University during the first week of November. The other two services on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m., feature walk-up seating. Doors will open an hour in advance of the service, and overflow seating will be provided as needed. Doors close 15 minutes before each service, so please arrive early. Please note that large bags or backpacks will not be allowed in All Saints' Chapel.

We hope you'll also plan to participate in the greening of All Saints' Chapel on Friday, Dec. 4, beginning at 9 a.m. Come and go as you are able and help the Chapel be transformed.

For more information, go to <https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/festival-service-of-lessons-and-carols/>.

Tennessee Craft-South's 2026 Studio & Gallery Tour Opens Doors in Five Towns Dec. 5-6

More than 30 artists will open their studios and galleries to the public during Tennessee Craft-South's 2026 Studio & Gallery Tour, Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free, self-guided tour includes 17 stops in Sewanee, Monteagle, Cowan, Winchester, and Wartrace, featuring textiles, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, painting, metalwork, and woodwork.

Now celebrating its 31st anniversary, Tennessee Craft-South is the regional chapter of Tennessee Craft, a statewide organization that supports and promotes handmade arts and crafts throughout Tennessee.

"We're excited to celebrate our 31st anniversary with more artists participating than ever before," said Merissa Tobler, chair of the 2026 Studio & Gallery Tour. "The tour is a wonderful opportunity to meet local artists, explore their creative spaces, and discover the talent in our community."

Sewanee stops include the studios of Merissa Tobler, Pippa Browne, Claire Reishman, and Ben Potter; the American Legion Hall; the Spencer and Gallery Rooms at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (SAS); Stacy Clark Barking Birds Antiques; and Frame Gallery Gifts and Art.

In Monteagle, open studios and galleries include Sounding Stone Gallery, The Gallery at Monteagle Assembly, and Linda Kerlin Studio.

Cowan Center for the Arts and Artisan Depot Gallery in Cowan, Anne Bagby Studio and Abraham Art Gallery in Winchester, and The Wartrace Emporium in nearby Wartrace will also participate.

The SAS Gallery Room will once again feature a group exhibition of work by Tennessee Craft-South members, SAS faculty, and students. The exhibition runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; it will also be open during the 2026 Studio & Gallery Tour.

The Empty Tables Project returns this year at the American Legion Hall in Sewanee. This artist-led initiative, sponsored by Tennessee Craft-South, raises awareness about local hunger and supports the Community Action Committee, Grundy County Food Bank, and Morton Memorial Church. Donors receive a piece of artist-donated work, and all proceeds buy food for those in need.

This year's Studio & Gallery Tour sponsors include: Artisan Depot Gallery, Beauty by Tabitha, Big A Marketing, The Blue Chair Tavern, Bodyworks Youniversity, Cardinal Lake Pottery, ECO E-Bikes, First Choice Storage, Frame Gallery Gifts and Art, John Runkle Architects, Lemon Fair, LUNCH, Montee Tailored Smiles, Mooney's Market, Phil Ponder Prints, Sewanee Realty, Shenanigans, Shull Chiropractic, Sounding Stone Gallery, Sublime Haven Boutique Spa, Taylor's Mercantile, and Woody's Bicycles.

Bright yellow signs will mark the tour route, and maps are available at all tour and sponsor locations, in the Sewanee Mountain Messenger, and online at <https://tennesseecraft.org/members/chapters/south>. Most locations will offer light refreshments.

Sounding Stone Gallery Presents 'New Southern Printmaking'

On Dec. 5, 2026, Sounding Stone Gallery will open its winter exhibition, "New Southern Printmaking." Bringing together artists from across Tennessee and Kentucky, the exhibition explores the breadth of analog printmaking techniques and celebrates new stories being told through print.

On view through Feb. 27, 2027, the exhibition invites visitors to consider printmaking not simply as a traditional craft, but as an evolving practice shaped by experimentation.

The exhibition features work by seven regional artists whose practices engage printmaking in distinct ways: Elysia Mann (Knoxville), Adrienne Miller (Louisville), Althea Murphy-Price (Knoxville), Kathleen O'Connell (Murfreesboro), Jim Sherraden (Nashville), Brad Vetter (Louisville), and Yanira Vissepó (Nashville).

Co-curated with Monteagle artists Luke Graves and Christi Teasley, New Southern Printmaking is rooted in the South and traditional techniques but invites influences that transcend borders and time. The exhibition highlights the ways artists use a shared set of processes to create distinctly personal and contemporary work.

The exhibition opens during the Tennessee Craft-South's 2026 Studio & Gallery Tour, Dec. 5–6, 2026. A printmaking demonstration led by Christi Teasley and Ginger Freeman will support the Grundy Area Arts Council and Junior Appalachian Musicians programs. Sounding Stone Gallery will host an opening reception and holiday gathering from 5–7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, welcoming studio tour participants and attendees to celebrate the beloved Tennessee Craft-South Holiday Tour.

Stay tuned for information on a printmaking workshop with Cumberland Folk School in January and Artists Talk in February.

Frame Gallery's Ninth Annual Holiday Shop Opens Nov. 13

Frame Gallery Gifts and Art will open its ninth annual Holiday Shop on Friday, Nov. 13, with a free reception from 5–6:30 p.m., at 12569 Sollace M. Freeman Highway in downtown Sewanee. The Holiday Shop, open to the public, runs through Dec. 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Shoppers can discover handmade arts and crafts from local artists and from makers around the world, including felted and clay ornaments, toys and games for all ages, art kits, and holiday décor. From affordable gifts and stocking stuffers to one-of-a-kind treasures, shoppers will find plenty to choose from for family and friends.

Opening-night guests can also enjoy a Sneak Peek Exhibition featuring work by artists participating in the 2026 Tennessee Craft-South Studio and Gallery Tour <https://framegals.com/events/tennessee-craft-south-artists-holiday-tour-2026> on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sneak Peek artists include Terrie Ponder-Watch, Julie Barrett, Claire Reishman, Kate Gunderson, Linda Kerlin, and Kim Butters. Tennessee Craft-South is the regional chapter of Tennessee Craft, a statewide organization dedicated to supporting and promoting handmade arts and crafts throughout Tennessee.

"The Studio and Gallery Tour is one of the best weekends of the year on the Mountain, and the Sneak Peek lets people see the artists' work before they set out in December," said Frame Gallery owner Harriet Runkle, who is also exhibiting her clay work on the tour. "It's a great way to start your holiday shopping close to home."

The reception follows Tennessee Craft-South's final chapter meeting of the year, which will celebrate the chapter's 31st anniversary and recognize the Studio and Gallery Tour sponsors.

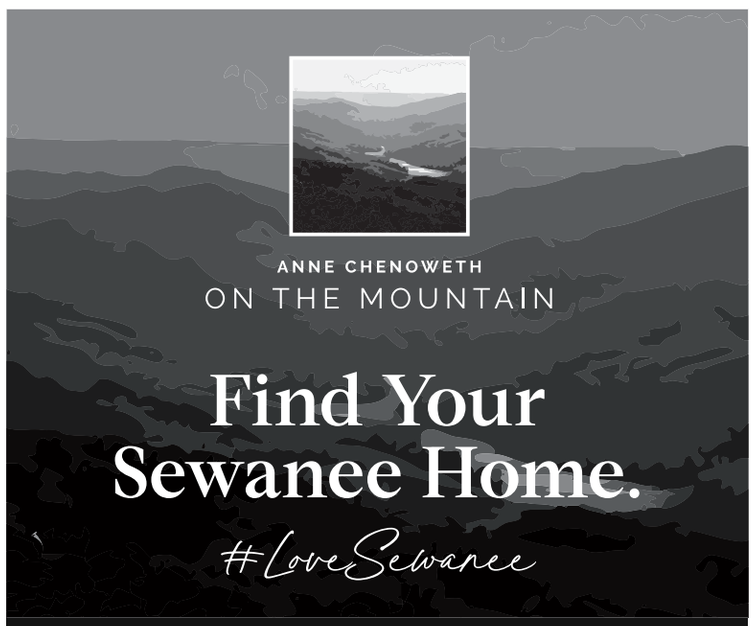
For more information about Frame Gallery's ninth annual Holiday Shop, visit <https://framegals.com/events/9th-annual-holiday-shop-2026>.

Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off

The Sewanee Symphony Orchestra is excited to return to The Caverns on Friday, Dec. 4, 2026, for another unforgettable evening of holiday music and community celebration! Free ticket reservations open on <www.thecaverns.com>. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the concert begins at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4.

Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off is presented by The Caverns, the University of the South, and the South Cumberland Community Fund.











Coach Zeitler talks to the team during their home game against North Elementary.

SAS MS Boys' Basketball Season Update

SAS MS boys' basketball is currently 1-4 for the season. Monday night, they lost to Pelham Elementary in overtime, 57-51, despite a great team effort. SAS was led by eighth graders Patch Wilson with 18 points; Louis Borchers, 11 points and seven rebounds; Charles Henley, 11 points and five rebounds; Torrey Anderson, six points; and Cameron Strong, three points. Eighth graders Pax Phares and Julian Elrod played strong defense for the Mountain Lions.

They opened their season at Winchester Christian Academy, with a 49-30 loss.

The Mountain Lions were led by eighth graders Patch Wilson,19 points; Louis Borchers, nine points; and Torrey Anderson, two points.

From there, they routed Monteagle Elementary School at home, 42-5, with Wilson, Anderson, and Borchers leading the scoring at 18, 10, and four points, respectively. Also scoring were eighth graders Charles Henry, four; Pax Phares, two; and Cameron Strong, two. Seventh grader Elliott Sowell added two points as well. Solid defensive performances were turned in by Henley and Phares.

The Mountain Lions faced North Elementary at home last Friday, losing 46-23.

SES Girls' Basketball Update

The Sewanee girls took the court against North Lake Elementary and showed determination throughout the game. Bella, Etta, Harlow, Mia, and Nora started the game and set the tone. This was the first time the tigers have faced off against North Lake.

Harlow and Nora each scored in the first period, and Nora scored four more points in the second period. Emma, Hope, Lella, Ryleigh, Savannah, and Stone took the court during halftime helping keep the energy going. Emma and Stone made an impact with Emma scoring four points and Stone adding two more.

The team continued showing teamwork in the second half. In the third period, Nora added four more points and Bella added two. During the fourth period, Bella and Etta each scored two points as the girls continued to battle until the final buzzer.

Although the SES girls came up short against North Lake, falling 29-16, the game provided another opportunity for this team to learn and grow. These girls are showing determination and teamwork every time they step on the court, whether playing in the game or cheering from the sidelines. They are working together and encouraging each other and helping build the basketball program at Sewanee Elementary.

SAS Cross Country Finishes Season with Strong State Performances

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys and girls varsity cross country teams capped off an outstanding season at the state championships held at Shelby Farms Park in Memphis, Tenn., last week. Led by senior Arthur Glacet, the boys placed 11th. Annanoel Sparacio, sophomore, led the girls team to a 10th-place finish. Their performances were a fitting conclusion to a memorable season marked by hard work, team growth, and a commitment to one another.

Coach Matt Sparacio reflected on the season, saying, "I couldn't be prouder of these athletes. They have worked hard, supported one another, and continued to push themselves throughout the season. Having our boys, girls, and middle school teams earn a spot at the state championships is a tremendous accomplishment."

Tigers Fall to No. 11 WashU in Dual Meet

Diana Ismailova won three events on Nov. 7, as the Sewanee Tigers fell to No. 11 Washington University in St. Louis in a dual meet, 174-118.

Ismailova won the 100 breaststroke (1:07.27), the 100 butterfly (57.78), and the 200 individual medley (2:11.01). Even accounting for exhibition swimmers, she still had the fastest time in those events. All three times are also new college-bests for the freshman.

Campbell Totton placed second in two events, clocking in at 58.56 in the 100 backstroke and 2:10.48 in the 200 back. Sarah Beth Roady finished second in the 500 free (5:34.00) and third in the 200 free (1:59.79).

Stella Schuch swam the 100 free in 54.73 for second place while placing third in the 200 IM at 2:13.44. Eleanor Bishop finished second in the 200 breast with a time of 2:31.52.

Emily Dengler swam the 1000 free in 11:38.01, the 50 free in 26.82, and the 500 free in 5:46.39, for third place in all three events.

On the diving board, Sophie Kroggel tallied two third-place finishes, scoring 233.65 on the 1-meter and 233.30 on the 3-meter.

Samantha Denman finished the 100 free with a time of 59.80 for third, while Anna Elliott placed third in the 100 fly at 1:02.30. Grace Gearhart swam the 200 breast in 2:42.66 for third, while Caroline Johnston was timed at 2:24.25 for third in the 200 back.

Sewanee's 200 medley relay team, composed of Totton, Bishop, Ismailova, and Schuch, posted a second-place finish with a time of 1:49.96. The 200 free relay A team (Bishop, Denman, Elliott, Roady) swam the event in 1:46.72 for second, and the B relay team (Dengler, Lucy Kilpatrick, Reagan May, Mary Sigman) was third at 1:51.03.

Sewanee meets Rhodes in Nashville, on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. CT.

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Sewanee Falls in Dual Meet at No. 15 WashU

Jonah Kearns won on both diving boards, while Jack McCrae paced the 1000 freestyle, as the Sewanee Tigers fell in a dual meet at No. 15 Washington University in St. Louis on Nov. 7, 173-105.

Kearns competed against WashU's Ian Corey, scoring 277.35 points on the 1-meter and 305.30 on the 3-meter.

McCrae's time of 9:45.05 in the 1000 free was faster than all swimmers, including the lone exhibition swimmer in the event. He also tallied a time of 4:42.64 in the 500 free for second place, a time that was second-fastest of all swimmers in the event, including exhibition swimmers.

Carter Nabors was second in the 100 free (47.50) and third in the 50 free (21.70). Ryder Griffin finished second in the 200 individual medley (2:07.00) and third in the 100 butterfly (57.25).

Mason Horner placed second in the 200 breaststroke at 2:16.89 while tallying a third-place spot in the 200 IM (2:07.45).

Tyler Foster swam the 200 backstroke in 2:00.58 for second place, while Nicholas Chilom was timed at 55.79 in the 100 butterfly, finishing second.

Andrew Olsen scored two third-place finishes, swimming the 200 free in 1:49.31 and the 200 back with a time of 2:03.10. Jonathan Brettschneider also picked up two third-place spots with a time of 10:19.88 in the 1000 free and 4:56.43 in the 500 free.

Taylor Starr was third in the 100 free (51.19), while Nate Henderson ended the 200 breast with a third-place spot at 2:24.07.

Sewanee's medley relay A team, composed of Olsen, Starr, Nabors, and Foster, finished third (1:36.86). The A team for the free relay also placed second, with Starr, Olsen, Nabors, and Foster combining for a time of 1:27.61. The B team, made up of Brettschneider, Chilom, Henderson, and Andrew Han, finished third (1:31.48).

Sewanee meets Rhodes in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. CT.

Women's Soccer Falls to Trinity in Double Overtime

Tori Botthof scored in the 78th minute to send the semifinals of the Southern Athletic Association to overtime, but Trinity scored in the second overtime to defeat Sewanee in women's soccer action on Nov. 6, in Rome, Ga., at Bob Pearson Field.

The Tigers battled back from an early deficit to force overtime, but Trinity found the game-winning goal with 48 seconds remaining in the second overtime.

Trinity opened the scoring in the ninth minute, as Talia Camin found the back of the net to give the Tigers a 1-0 deficit.

Sewanee continued to battle throughout the first half, but entered the break trailing by one.

The Tigers found their equalizer in the 78th minute. Claire Alexander's corner found the head of Botthof, who scored to bring Sewanee level at 1-1 and send the match into the final 12 minutes of regulation.

Neither team found the go-ahead goal in the closing minutes, forcing overtime.

Sewanee and Trinity played through the first overtime period without a goal, as both teams continued to search for the decisive opportunity. Botthof hit the crossbar in the 93rd minute, proving to be the best chance for Sewanee. Trinity also almost found the go-ahead goal in the final seconds of the first overtime, but Alex Doran's shot also hit off the post, sending the Tigers into a second overtime.

Sewanee had a chance to take the lead in the extra period, but Trinity goalkeeper Trinity Jefferson made a diving save, keeping Amelia Comeaux's shot from outside the box out of the net in the 96th minute.

Trinity ultimately found the winner, as Camin scored her second goal of the afternoon to secure the 2-1 victory.

Ashley Vinck recorded three saves in goal for Sewanee, while Botthof led the Tigers with three shots. Comeaux finished with two shots on goal.

Sewanee finished the afternoon with eight shots, four on goal and four corner kicks, while Trinity recorded 16 shots, five on goal, and three corners.

The loss concludes Sewanee's season at 11-5-3 overall.

Men's Soccer Falls in Last Seconds of SAA Quarterfinals

Jonah Cooker hit the crossbar twice, but Rhodes scored in the last 14 seconds, sending the Lynx past Sewanee in men's soccer action in the Quarterfinals of the Southern Athletic Association Championships in Atlanta, Ga., on Nov. 5.

The two teams battled through a scoreless first half, with Sewanee and Rhodes each recording five shots. The Tigers created opportunities throughout the opening 45 minutes, including a shot by Cooker that struck the right post in the 29th minute. Rhodes had a chance of their own, just two minutes later, but Dominic Desmond made a diving header on the goal line to clear the ball and keep the score at 0-0.

Sewanee continued to pressure the Lynx in the second half, as the Tigers recorded seven shots and four corner kicks. Cooker again found the woodwork in the 52nd minute, while Brady Lloyd put a shot on goal in the 56th minute that was saved by Rhodes goalkeeper Henri Kettner.

The Tigers continued to look for the breakthrough late in the match, but Rhodes was awarded a kick in the last seconds of the game. The Lynx found the back of the net with 14 seconds remaining, as Matthew Sucato scored at 89:46 to give Rhodes the 1-0 victory.

Sewanee finished the match with 12 shots, including two on goal, and six corner kicks. Reid Gunzenhauser recorded two saves in goal for the Tigers. Rhodes tallied 11 shots, three on goal.

The Tigers conclude the season with a 12-6-2 overall record.

Football Falls to Rhodes on Last Second Field Goal

Sewanee celebrated their seniors on Nov. 7, but the Tigers fell to Rhodes, 39-37, in the Orgill Cup at McGee Field at Harris Stadium, as the Lynx connected on a 35-yard field goal as time expired.

The Tigers totaled 471 yards of offense, including 220 rushing yards, and scored five rushing touchdowns in the back-and-forth contest.

Barton Mixon led the Sewanee offense with 177 rushing yards and four touchdowns on 26 carries. Cam Beasley added 28 yards and a touchdown on five attempts, while Maddox Franklin completed 20-of-22 passes for 251 yards.

Sewanee opened the scoring with a 29-yard field goal from Levi Dorsey with 2:35 remaining in the first quarter, capping a 62-yard drive.

Rhodes answered with a touchdown early in the second quarter, but the Tigers responded with a five-play, 41-yard drive, as Mixon punched in a two-yard touchdown to give Sewanee a 10-7 lead.

The Lynx regained the advantage with a nine-yard rushing touchdown before Mixon found the end zone again, this time from 13 yards out, following a 70-yard drive. Rhodes added another touchdown late in the half to take a 21-17 lead into the break.

Sewanee took control in the third quarter, scoring twice on the ground. Beasley opened the scoring with an eight-yard touchdown run before Mixon added a 14-yard touchdown to give the Tigers a 30-21 advantage.

Rhodes answered with a 15-yard touchdown pass to cut the deficit to two points, 30-28, entering the fourth quarter.

The Lynx took the lead with a 43-yard rushing touchdown from Brennan Keim with 9:30 remaining, but Sewanee responded with a nine-play, 75-yard drive. Mixon capped the possession with a one-yard touchdown run, his fourth of the afternoon, as the Tigers regained a 37-36 lead with 4:23 left.

Rhodes drove down the field in the final minutes, converting a third-and-12 with a 17-yard completion to Sani Bartlett before moving into field-goal range. Grady Jones connected from 35 yards as time expired to give the Lynx the 39-37 victory.

Mixon finished with 177 rushing yards and four touchdowns, while Franklin completed 20 passes for 251 yards. Trevon Garden and Na'Shawn Holman each recorded four receptions, with Holman leading the Tigers with 66 receiving yards.

Defensively, Camden Hill led Sewanee with eight tackles, while Jack Rish and Brody Sanderson each recorded six. Jaden Gnagy recovered a fumble, and the Tigers totaled three tackles for loss.

Sewanee will head to Berry to close out the season on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. ET/1 p.m. CT.

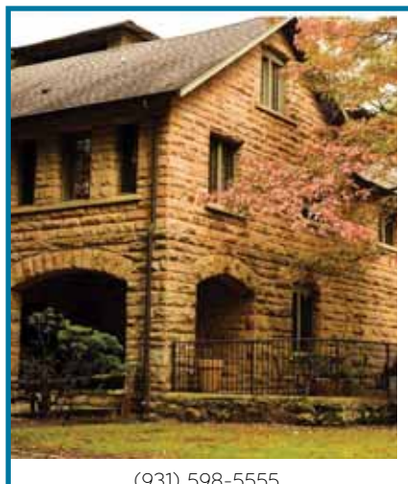
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SAS Volleyball Duo Makes All-State

Congratulations to St. Andrew's-Sewanee School junior Aubrey Blosser and sophomore Savannah Blosser, both of Whitwell, who were recently named to the Tennessee Volleyball Coaches Association (TVBCA) DII Class A All-State team. The TVBCA, which recognizes top talent throughout the state, will present the awards to the student athletes Nov. 18. This year marks Aubrey Blosser's second time to be named to the All-State team.

SAS Soccer Players Named to All-District Team

Congratulations to senior Annabelle Close and Junior Catherine Barnett, both of Sewanee, who were named to the All-District Varsity Soccer Team.

NCEA Falls to Sweet Briar

Jenna McAmis was the Most Outstanding Performer on Fences, but Sewanee fell to Sweet Briar in NCEA Equestrian action on Nov. 6, on the road in Virginia, 7-3.

Josephine Foshee recorded a 77 on Coop, earning a point for the Tigers, but Sweet Briar collected the additional four points in the flat to take a three-point lead going into fences. Mia Muscarello scored a 75 on Trey, while Rebecca Love tallied a 74 on Jakson, Olivia Carmouche posted a 73 on Kanye, and Addison Durrett collected a 72 on Emmett.

On fences, McAmis earned MOP honors with an 86 on Kobe. Rebecca Love tallied Sewanee's other point with a 74 on Kadee. Durrett fell by just two points, earning a 76 to her opponent's 78 on James. Foshee earned a 70 on Jetson and Carmouche scored a 44 on Pip.

NCEA Falls to No. 2 Lynchburg

Addison Durrett tallied Sewanee's lone two points as the Tigers fell to No. 2-ranked Lynchburg on the road in NCEA action on Nov. 7, in Virginia.

Durrett bested her opponent by 16 points on the flat, recording an 85, but Lynchburg collected the remaining four points. Josephine Foshee tallied an 80 on Ollie, but her opponent earned MOP honors with a 92. Olivia Carmouche recorded a 78 on Itina, while Mia Muscarello posted a 75 on Eragon, and Rebecca Love recorded a 53 on Caleb.

In fences, Durrett again won her point with an 85 on Zehn, outscoring her opponent by four points. However, the Hornets secured the win with four more points. Love scored an 87 on Archie, while Jenna McAmis fell by just one point on Luna, 78-79. Carmouche recorded a 79 on Motaz, and Foshee collected a 77 on Tommy.

Carmouche Earns MOP Honors, but NCEA Falls to Bridgewater

Olivia Carmouche earned MOP honors in fences, but Sewanee fell to Bridgewater in NCEA Equestrian action on the road Nov. 8, 5-4.

The Tigers outscored the Eagles, 795-784, but fell 5-4.

Sewanee started on fences, as Carmouche recorded an 85 on Rose, besting her opponent by four points. Rebecca Love recorded the Tigers' other point in fences, with a 76 on Cash. Jenna McAmis collected an 82 on Winston, but fell by just two points. Josephine Foshee and Addison Durrett both recorded 66s. Foshee rode Delilah, coming just four points behind her opponent, while Durrett rode Ernie, sending the Tigers into the flat down by one point.

Carmouche also won her point in the flat with an 86 on Rose. Durrett won her point with an 86 on Winston, 23 points ahead of her opponent. Love dropped her points on Diego by one, scoring an 88, and Foshee rode Earnie to an 85, just three points behind her opponent. On Cash, Mia Muscarello and Margarita Trukhina both scored an 85.











Sewanee's Defense Dominates in Season-Opening Win at Spalding

Nikolas Avaliani scored 17 points, and the Sewanee Tigers gave up just 15 second-half points in their season-opener, defeating the Spalding Golden Eagles 66-42 in Louisville, Ky., on Nov. 8.

Sewanee recorded its best performance on scoring defense since Nov. 29, 2017, when the Tigers held Piedmont to 37 points.

Jack Bakken had 16 points and eight rebounds, tying Avaliani's eight boards for the team lead. Avaliani finished 7-for-8 on free throws.

Aidan Treacy was Sewanee's assist leader with four. Off the bench, JD Gardner tallied seven points and secured five rebounds, while Kaden Ferguson had six boards.

Sewanee's defense limited the Golden Eagles to 1-for-20 on threes.

Spalding took a 6-0 lead early and did not concede anything until Avaliani converted on a fast-break layup with 15:28 to go in the half. The Golden Eagles later extended their lead to 13-5 off a jumper from Jaelen Leavell at 12:35.

Sewanee used a 12-2 run, capped off by a Bakken layup with 8:09 left, to give the Tigers their first lead at 17-15.

Sewanee later extended its lead to 26-20 with 4:15 on the clock, but a 6-0 run from Spalding tied the game. The Tigers led 30-27 at halftime thanks in part to a three from Ben Jackson in the final two minutes.

The Tigers posted a 10-4 run over the first five minutes of the second half, with Avaliani scoring six points, to set the score at 40-31.

After a two-pointer from Spalding's DeAireus Wells, Ferguson hit a three that extended Sewanee's lead to 45-33, the Tigers' first double-digit lead of the game, with 13:48 remaining.

Sewanee would hold a lead of 10 or more for the rest of the way. A Bakken layup with under five minutes to go earned the Tigers their first 20-point lead at 60-40.

Spalding made only one field goal in the final nine minutes. In total, the Golden Eagles were limited to 5-for-32 on second-half shots.

HOME GAMES

5 p.m., Nov. 13, Men's Basketball, Lon Varnell Classic
5:30 p.m., Nov. 13, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Oakwood Christian Academy
6:30 p.m., Nov. 13, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Oakwood Christian Academy
7 p.m., Nov. 13, Men's Basketball vs. Piedmont University
2 p.m., Nov. 14, Men's Basketball, Lon Varnell Classic
4 p.m., Nov. 14, Men's Basketball vs. Covenant, Lon Varnell Classic
2 p.m., Nov. 15, SAS Swimming vs. Rockvale High School, Coffee County Central High School, Fayetteville High School
6 p.m., Nov. 16, SAS MS Boys' Basketball vs. Tracy City
6 p.m., Nov. 19, SAS MS Wrestling vs. Moore County, Cascade Middle School

Tigers Fall to Chapman, 72-66

Hannah Cleveland shot a perfect 13-for-13 at the free-throw line, scoring 19 points and picking up eight rebounds, but the Sewanee Tigers ended their trip to California with a 72-66 loss against the Chapman Panthers.

Janie Boyd scored 12 points, while Grace Gavin tied Cleveland with eight boards. Brianna Keating-Rendon made three triples on four attempts, totaling nine points.

As a team, Sewanee was awarded 31 free throws, connecting on 27 for a clip of 87.1 percent. The Tigers also out-rebounded Chapman, 35-24.

In the first half, Sewanee struggled on field goals, going 4-for-20, but made up for it by shooting 16-for-18 at the stripe. The Tigers held a balanced scoring attack, with Campbell Barron tallying seven points, but Chapman led 29-27 at the break.

The Panthers strung together a 13-0 run in the third quarter to go up 48-31. Boyd was able to break it with a jumper over two minutes later, and Lily Robinson connected on a layup to cut Sewanee's deficit to 48-35. Despite two late threes from Keating-Rendon, the Panthers maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the quarter, leading 54-42 going into the final period.

Sewanee began the fourth quarter with four free throws from Cleveland to cut the deficit to eight. Later, down 58-48, Cleveland and Boyd made layups, shrinking Chapman's lead to 58-52 at 4:41 in the quarter.

The Tigers continued to chip away at the Panthers' lead. Down 62-55, Gavin and Kinzlee Akin converted on layups, and the Tigers found themselves in a three-point deficit with just over three minutes left.

But the Tigers only managed one shot attempt over the next 85 seconds, and Makena Nitao made two free throws for Chapman with 1:41 remaining to bring the lead up to five.

Cleveland made two free throws at 1:22, bringing the gap back down to three, but Nitao and Sydney Teoh scored back-to-back field goals, giving the Panthers a 68-61 lead.

Cleveland converted on a layup plus the foul with 36 seconds left, narrowing the Chapman lead to 68-64, but the Panthers used free throws to close the game out.

Field Hockey Falls in OT

Sewanee field hockey saw its record season come to a heartbreaking end on Nov. 8, as the Tigers fell to Rhodes, 1-0, in overtime of the Collegiate Field Hockey Conference Championship at Tomasini Stadium at Concordia Wisconsin

After 60 minutes of scoreless action, Rhodes' Alder Dickey scored the game-winning goal at 66:34 to secure the championship for the Lynx.

The Tigers' defense kept Rhodes off the scoreboard through regulation, with goalkeeper Ryleigh Cabral making five saves to help Sewanee force overtime. Rhodes finished with 10 shots, including six on goal, while Sewanee recorded two shots, with one on target.

Sewanee looked for the decisive goal in the extra period, as Catherine Crane put a shot on goal at 62:25, but Rhodes goalkeeper Caroline Naifeh made the save. The Lynx then earned a penalty corner in the final minute of overtime before Dickey found the back of the cage to end the contest.

Shepard Ramsey, Natalie Bevier, and Ryleigh Cabral were named to the CFHC All-Tournament Team at the conclusion of the championship.

The Tigers finished the season with a 13-6 record, the program's best record since 2008, while Rhodes improved to 14-1 and captured the CFHC Championship.

Sewanee Honors Eight Seniors, Defeats Covenant in Five Sets

Senior Savannah Gann had 20 kills, while freshman Estela Gonzalez posted a career-high 42 assists, as the Sewanee Tigers defeated the Covenant College Scots 3-2 at home in non-conference action Nov. 6.

Sewanee honored seniors Sophia Caruso, Romy Ahn, Maria Kennedy, Anna Ellison, Charlotte Lee, Sydney Bixby, Ella Reynolds, and Gann prior to the match.

Caruso led the way with 17 digs, while Suna Merkler was second in kills with 16. Elena Sipe added 10 kills, hitting .300 on the night.

Sewanee concludes the regular season with an 11-14 record and now awaits its postseason fate, which will come down to the result of Millsaps-Rhodes on Saturday morning. If Rhodes wins, the Tigers will make the SAA championship and will be the No. 6 seed.

In the first set against Covenant, the Tigers were out-hit .310-.031, with the Scots winning 25-14 with four 3-0 runs along the way.

Sewanee took an early 5-1 lead in the second frame off a kill and ace from Gann. Covenant did not lead until a 4-0 run, aided by two kills from Avery Maiden, put the Scots up 16-13. Later, down 19-17, Sewanee scored eight of the final 10 points, with Gonzalez picking up a kill and two aces to help close the frame 25-21.

Sewanee held Covenant to .176 while hitting .323 in the third on the way to a 25-18 victory. The Tigers ended the set with a 7-1 run that included four kills from Merkler.

Covenant began the fourth set with a 12-5 lead. Sewanee would eventually cut the deficit down to 13-11, with Gann adding two kills and an ace. The Scots later extended the advantage to 23-17, with Sewanee committing five attack errors along the way, and held on for a 25-20 victory. Covenant out-hit Sewanee .310-.067 over the course of the set.

Maiden tallied two kills early in the fifth for the Scots, who took a 4-2 advantage to start. Merkler then posted two kills to help Sewanee score three in a row. With the set later tied 6-6, Gann and Jane McAuley each tacked on a kill, alongside an ace from Merkler, to score three unanswered and go up 9-6.

The Scots scored three of the next four, aided by a kill from Aubrianna Gerdes. But the Tigers shut down Covenant the rest of the way with a 5-0 run thanks to three kills by Gann, as well as a kill and ace from Gonzalez, to win 15-9.

Sewanee awaits its postseason fate, which will be determined by the Millsaps-Rhodes match.

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Chucking

If you have been stymied in identifying a rhythmic "tok-tok" kind of sound in the woods, like I have, you may find that it is a chipmunk call. Eastern Chipmunks make a sound called "chucking," usually as a warning about the presence of an aerial predator. The call frequency is about 2 times per second, very regular, and can go on for an amazing length of time, such as 30 minutes. They stand up on something to make this call, and I would love to see one doing it. The ones we see near our house have been making a second type of call known as "chirping," which is higher pitched. This is usually a warning about the presence of ground predators; "ours" make this call when the cat is hanging around, and I have seen them do it. These calls may be mistaken for birds or squirrels, but both of those are usually up above the ground in shrubs or trees while chipmunks call from ground level. Any call heard at night is not a chipmunk — they are deep in their burrows then.

Electric Blankets vs. Space Heaters

As November brings cooler temperatures to the Sequatchie Valley, many of us are reaching for extra blankets or turning up the heat. While portable space heaters provide extra warmth, they can also add more to your monthly electric bill than you might expect.

A typical space heater uses about 1,500 watts of electricity. Running one for eight hours a day can quickly add up over the course of a month.

An electric blanket, on the other hand, provides cozy comfort while using a fraction of that energy. Most use between 50 and 200 watts, depending on their size and settings. Rather than heating an entire room, they warm you directly, using roughly 90 percent less electricity than a typical space heater.

A Little Warmth, A Lot of Savings

Choosing an electric blanket over a space heater is a simple way to stay comfortable while keeping energy costs down. However, whichever option you choose, safety should always come first.

If you use a portable space heater, remember these important tips:

Plug heaters directly into a wall outlet, never an extension cord or power strip.

Keep heaters at least three feet away from curtains, furniture, bedding and other flammable materials.

Turn heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep.

Electric blankets also require care. Follow the manufacturer's instructions, inspect cords for damage and avoid folding or bunching the blanket while in use.

At Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, we want our members to stay warm, safe and energy-conscious this winter. Sometimes, saving energy doesn't mean sacrificing comfort. It just means finding a smarter way to stay cozy.

For more energy-saving tips, contact SVEC at (423) 837-8605.

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.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

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Fiery Gizzard State Park

Guided Nature Hike: Grundy Forest Day Loop, Sunday, Nov. 22, 1 p.m. Join Ranger Hannah at the Fiery Gizzard North trailhead for a lovely hike on the Grundy Forest Day Loop and enjoy the natural beauty of the Fiery Gizzard - waterfalls, forests, and all of the many reasons we love the park! Hikers should dress accordingly for the weather, wear sturdy hiking boots, and bring water. The Grundy Forest Day Loop is a moderate 2-mile loop with rocky terrain and slight elevation gains. Hikers will be emailed 24hrs prior to the hike should it need to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Registration for this program is required as space is limited. Trailhead address: 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City.

After Thanksgiving Day History Hike, Friday, Nov. 27, 2:30–4 p.m. Have you ever wondered about The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and their significant contributions to our natural areas? Discover the fascinating story of Company 1475, which once called our very own park home. Examine the impactful work these young men undertook and the historical events that brought them to the South Cumberlands. Meet Ranger Ben under the Pavilion at The Grundy Forest State Natural Area on the North End of the Fiery Gizzard Trail, located at 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City. We will hike on a natural surface for 1.5 miles. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate attire.

Head of the Crow

Day After Thanksgiving Hike, Friday, Nov. 27, 2026 at 9 a.m.–noon. Join Ranger Matthew at the Pack Hollow Trailhead for an After Thanksgiving Hike to help give thanks to the natural world around us, specifically the South Cumberland Plateau we call home!

Savage Gulf State Park

Suter Falls Hike, Monday, Nov. 16, 8–11 a.m. Join Ranger Dylan on a 1 mile out and back hike to experience some of the beautiful Suter Falls. We will meet for this hike at the Savage Gulf South Trailhead, 2689 55th Ave., Gruetli-Laager, to begin the hike. These trails are considered moderate; however, given the distance and terrain- please be prepared for a challenging hike. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snack. We will take frequent, short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. We will hike through the ecologically diverse forestland and observe beautiful overlooks during the hike. We will chat about the park and what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required.

7-Mile Loop Hike, Thursday, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Join Ranger Jamie on a 7-mile loop-hike to experience some of the beautiful overlooks in Savage Gulf. We will meet for this hike at the Savage Gulf North Trailhead by the Stone Door Ranger Station at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. We will begin on the Laurel Trail then take the Big Creek Rim trail on the way back to the great Stone Door. We will spend a short amount of time at Stone Door before heading back to the ranger station. We will take the Stone Door Trail back to the Stone Door Ranger Station/Savage Gulf North Trailhead to complete the loop hike. These trails are considered moderate; however, given the distance and terrain- please be prepared for a challenging hike.

Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are completely capable of completing the entire 7-mile loop. We will take frequent, short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike.

We will hike through the ecologically diverse forestland and observe beautiful overlooks during the hike. We will chat about the park and what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required.

Stone Door Night Hike, Saturday, Nov. 21, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Come along with Ranger Todd on a night hike to the Great Stone Door. Guests will be provided lanterns for the approximately 2-mile round trip hike. We will view the dark night sky. Guests should wear weather appropriate clothing and sturdy walking shoes. Please meet the ranger at the Stone Door Station (Savage Gulf North) about 15 minutes before the start of the hike to check in. Please note that in the case of inclement weather (rain, high wind, snow, etc.) this program will be cancelled and a refund issued. Night hiking is not permitted without supervision of park staff.

Three Forks Lakeside Hike, Sunday, Nov. 22, 9–11:30 a.m. Curious about the newly acquired lake and future park site? Like to have a ranger-led guided hike off the beaten path? Consider signing up for this a exclusive behind the scene hike. Visitors joining this hike can look forward to beautiful moderate hike through the trees, around the creeks, and by many beaver lodges. The majority of this hike will be along the lake shore, so guests will need to be comfortable moving in soft soil, through dense brush and making short jumps at times. Guests should bring water and a snack, and should wear hiking shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Meet at Savage North (Stone Door) to begin this hike. This program is weather dependant and guests will be emailed if cancelation is required. Off Trail hiking is not permitted without supervision of park staff.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 02	59	51
Tue	Nov 03	74	56
Wed	Nov 04	69	62
Thu	Nov 05	66	51
Fri	Nov 06	69	49
Sat	Nov 07	65	41
Sun	Nov 08	58	37

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Avg max temp =	66
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Jenny Tater Tot



Zada

MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Jenny Tater Tot & Zada

Meet Jenny Tater Tot. Cute as a button and twice as much fun, Jenny Tater Tot is an 11-month-old bundle of delight. Possibly a Beagle/Weimaraner/Pointer mix, this 40-pound beauty sports a gorgeous soft gray and white coat and an adorable three-quarter docked tail. Jenny is sporty, energetic, and always ready for fun. She loves attention, walks nicely on a leash, is house trained, and gets along well with other dogs. She hasn't had a known introduction to cats yet. If you're looking for a fun-loving sidekick to share walks, adventures, and lots of love, Jenny Tater Tot might just be your perfect little spud!

Meet Zada. This sweet, happy girl is ready for a fresh start. Zada is around two years old, weighs about 48 pounds, and may be a Beagle/Foxhound mix. After recently raising a litter of puppies, it's finally her turn to be spoiled and loved. Zada is playful, friendly, and sweet as can be. She seems to be house trained and gets along well with other dogs. Cats, however, aren't really her thing. Currently stuck in a local pound, Zada is hoping someone will open their heart and home to her. She needs a foster or forever family to show her how much fun life can be. Could you be Zada's key to freedom and a step to a happy ending?

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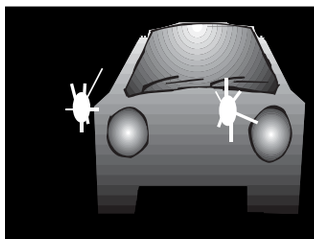
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• leaf removal • mulch
Local references available.
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Large or small yards and lots.
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Fog Happens.
It is state law to have your vehicle headlights on in fog and rain.

LOCAL SERVICES



King's Tree Service
Topping, trimming, bluff/lot clearing, stump grinding and more!
Bucket truck or climbing
Free wood chips with job
Will beat any quoted price!
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CAR WASH/DETAIL: By Appointment. Located at Sewanee Auto. (931) 691-7883. Email <Laurenthomas0217@gmail.com>.

PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES: Teens, adults and couples. Stephanie Hoylman, LCSW. <www.SewaneeTherapy.com>.

PLANNING ON BURNING DEBRIS?

Between Oct. 15 and May 15, you need a burn permit. Burn permits are free and can be obtained at <www.BurnSafeTN.org>.

WHERE DO I RECYCLE THIS?

Special Garbage:
Items for drop off only at Franklin County Solid Waste Management, 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester:
Electronics
Computers and Monitors
Televisions
All Other Electronics
Ink Cartridges
Rechargeable Batteries
Books, hard back and paper back

Special Waste:
Waste Oil and Waste Antifreeze: Used oil (oil must be oil only and not contain any gas, water or antifreeze) and antifreeze is collected for recycling at Franklin County Solid Waste Management located on Joyce Lane in Winchester and at the following Convenience Centers: Alto, Capitol Hill, Center Grove, Cowan, Estill Springs, Lexie Crossroads, Old Salem, Sewanee and Winchester Springs.

Don't clog up your pipes and sewer lines; take your used cooking oil to 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester.

Commercial waste must be disposed of at the Republic Transfer Station, 9577 Tullahoma Hwy., Estill Springs.
FOR MORE INFORMATION
<https://www.franklincotn.us/solid-waste.html>

Advertising in the Messenger works. Phone (931) 598-9949 or email <ads@sewaneemessenger.com> to find out how to make it work for you.

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Paper towels • Clumping cat litter • 13 gallon trash bags



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MARC, 225 Sequatchie Ln., Sequatchie, TN
or at Taylor's Mercantile, 10 University Ave., Sewanee before noon, Thursday and Friday
SCAN the Chewy.com wish list for easy delivery!
FOSTERS ARE NEEDED!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vogue Towers II, LLC is proposing to construct a 185-foot tall (overall height) monopole telecommunications structure located off Mansford Road, Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee (35° 14' 26.6"N, 86° 15' 42.0"W). The proposed tower is anticipated to utilize FAA Style E (medium intensity, dual red/white strobes) lighting.

Vogue Towers II, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 108 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

Any interested party may request further environmental review of the proposed action under the FCC's National Environmental Policy Act rules, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This request must only raise environmental concerns and can be filed online using the FCC pleadings system at https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/pleadings/pleadingsType.jsp or mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554 within 30 days of the date of the National Notice as referenced within the Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) application. Mailed pleadings must include a request to waive the electronic filing requirement along with an explanation of why an electronic filing cannot be made. Additionally, petitioners must email, fax, or mail a copy of the request for environmental review to the applicant the same day the request is filed using the contact information that is provided in the application. Refer to File No. A1397813 when submitting the request and to view the specific information about the proposed action. 26-000219b/DMG

PROTECT MID TN LAND & COMMUNITIES

STOP THE KINDER-MORGAN PIPELINE!

We are landowners, residents, and concerned Tennesseans who stand opposed to the construction of Kinder Morgan's natural gas pipeline. If it moves forward, this pipeline would trample through our homes, our backyards, our schools, our parks and our treasured community spaces and provide no direct benefit back to us.

Our goals are to:
1. Protect our property rights,
2. Safeguard our local water sources
3. Ensure the safety of our communities

Sign the petition to voice your opposition to the pipeline and get involved!

bit.ly/stopkindermorganpipeline

This petition is created and managed by Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment www.socm.org

FROMBARDTOVERSE

by Robin Bates

Veterans Day

Today we have naming of parts. Yesterday,
We had daily cleaning. And tomorrow morning,
We shall have what to do after firing. But today,
Today we have naming of parts. Japonica
Glistens like coral in all of the neighboring gardens,
And today we have naming of parts.

This is the lower sling swivel. And this
Is the upper sling swivel, whose use you will see,
When you are given your slings. And this is the piling swivel,
Which in your case you have not got. The branches
Hold in the gardens their silent, eloquent gestures,
Which in our case we have not got.

This is the safety-catch, which is always released
With an easy flick of the thumb. And please do not let me
See anyone using his finger. You can do it quite easy
If you have any strength in your thumb. The blossoms
Are fragile and motionless, never letting anyone see
Any of them using their finger.

And this you can see is the bolt. The purpose of this
Is to open the breech, as you see. We can slide it
Rapidly backwards and forwards: we call this
Easing the spring. And rapidly backwards and forwards
The early bees are assaulting and fumbling the flowers:
They call it easing the Spring.

They call it easing the Spring: it is perfectly easy
If you have any strength in your thumb: like the bolt,
And the breech, and the cocking-piece, and the point of balance,
Which in our case we have not got; and the almond-blossom
Silent in all of the gardens and the bees going backwards and forwards,
For today we have naming of parts.

--Henry Reed, Naming of Parts



Community Calendar

Friday, Nov. 13
- 8:30 a.m. Town of Monteagle BZA meeting, conference room, City Hall
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 5 p.m. Frame Gallery Gifts and Art Ninth Annual Holiday Shop reception, until 6:30 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, and Meditation w/ Nati, Sewanee Community Center
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise: "Human Nature," Proctor Hill Theatre, tickets <eventbrite.com>

Saturday, Nov. 14
- 8 a.m. MMUMC Food Distribution, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. American Legion Post 51 meeting, Legion Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise: "Human Nature," Proctor Hill Theatre, tickets <eventbrite.com>

Sunday, Nov. 15

CAC Thanksgiving Food Boxes donations due
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 1 p.m. YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 2 p.m. DanceWise: "Human Nature," Proctor Hill Theatre, tickets <eventbrite.com>
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Nov. 16

FYE Encounter Showcase Week through Nov. 19
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga with Pippa, Sewanee Community Center
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Chorale rehearsals, Lloyd Forum, until 8:30 p.m., contact Sally Hubbard <sally@hubbard.net>

Tuesday, Nov. 17
- 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. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 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 Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners Meeting, 150 Sherwood Rd.
- 5 p.m. Screening of "Woven Wind" with artist Vesna Pavlović, in Guerry Auditorium Q&A to follow
- 5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Pippa Browne, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Wednesday, Nov. 18
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 3:30 p.m. "Aging in Our Communities" presentation, St. Mark's Community Center, 481 Alabama Ave.
- 4:30 p.m. Ninth Annual Tom G. Watson Memorial Event, Gatta, Torian Room
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Nov. 19
- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, for details/meeting location email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
- 10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, until 3 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Cowan Commercial Club meeting, Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., Cowan
- 7:30 p.m. Fall Vocal Showcase, in Guerry Auditorium

Friday, Nov. 20
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, and Meditation w/ Nati, Sewanee Community Center





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

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