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Sewanee Senior Kylene Monaghan Named 2026 Rhodes Scholar

The University of the South is pleased to announce that Kylene J. Monaghan, C'26, has been named a 2026 Rhodes Scholar, becoming the University's 28th recipient of the world's oldest and most celebrated international postgraduate award.

Monaghan, a physics and mathematics double major from Blacksburg, Va., was selected as one of 32 American Rhodes Scholars chosen from 238 finalists nationwide. Nearly 2,800 students began the application process this year, representing more than 260 colleges and universities. The Rhodes Scholarship provides full funding for two to three years of graduate study at the University of Oxford in England.

Ranked first in her class with a 4.0 GPA, Monaghan has distinguished herself at Sewanee through exceptional academic achievement, ambitious scientific research, and wide-ranging leadership across campus. At Oxford, she plans to pursue a Masters degree by research in engineering science as well as a Masters in quantum technologies, extending the interdisciplinary work she has already undertaken in physics, mathematics, and engineering.

A Vice-Chancellor's Scholar, Monaghan has earned some of Sewanee's top academic awards, including the Isabel Caldwell Marks Award and induction into Phi Beta

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SES 'Turkey Protection' Project

The Sewanee Elementary School first-grade students have once again created disguises for their turkey friends to help them survive the upcoming holiday and avoid being the main course for dinner.

Turkeys are "hiding" throughout this issue of the Messenger and may try to sneak into the next issue. See them all in color at <sewaneemessenger.com> or <sewaneemessenger.smugmug.com>.



I am not a turkey!



Volunteers creating the Ginkgo roses at a previous Greening of the Chapel.

Annual Greening of the Chapel, Dec. 5

On Friday, Dec. 5, members of the Sewanee community and beyond are invited to join in the Greening of All Saints' Chapel in preparation for the 66th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, which takes place Dec. 6 and 7.

Greening of the Chapel begins at 9 a.m. All levels of experience are welcomed and very much needed. Bring any treasures from your garden, which can be used to decorate wreaths and garlands. Food and beverages will be supplied throughout the day which are provided by the Chapel. Come anytime and stay as long as your schedule allows.

Directing the day's activities is guided by Ken Taylor of Taylor's Mercantile. He started volunteering for the flower guild, which is part of St. Augustine's Guild at All Saints' Chapel, in 1982. He volunteered for a couple of years when the members of the Guild said, "why don't you let us help you," Ken said. He has been in charge of the Greening since, going on for 40 years now.

Taylor is known for his hands-on artistry, transforming ordinary objects into beautiful decorations. For example, he created the signature Ginkgo rose from leaves collected in his mother's yard, a unique touch that now adorns every decoration in the Chapel during Lessons and Carols.

Reflecting on his lifelong love of gardening, Taylor recalls, "When I was growing up, I loved to garden and play around with flowers and greenery. I would pick weeds and make bouquets out of them." His passion and generosity have helped the Greening grow into a beloved event, with 100–150 people now gathering each year to decorate the Chapel.

He continues to volunteer his time for this annual event because "it is the right thing to do for the community. The community makes Taylor's my favorite part of being in business. You get to share good news with people, such as their weddings or other special occasions," said Taylor.

"And, we always hear how we have made their day special," he said. Taylor said people start looking for items to use to decorate the Chapel in the fall, like dried hydrangea blooms, seed pods and nandina berries. Folks will add magnolia, pine clippings, laurel, holly, hemlock and other evergreen trimmings. Facilities Management rakes up the fallen Ginkgo leaves on campus, and the University Forestry Department brings in an additional two trailer loads of greenery. Taylor's Mercantile adds poinsettias.

Team leaders help volunteers with the day's activities to create wreaths and garlands to adorn windows, altars, lecterns, rails, columns and other parts of the church, including two wreaths each for the 14 sets of doors, and the pillars in the church. The festivities also include an Advent wreath for the large steel ring that sits overhead, and the Ginkgo roses. Taylor and his wife, Lynn, wait until the last minute to decorate the lectern and pulpit with fresh flowers and greenery themselves.

The Greening of the Chapel has become a tradition for many — many expressing that it begins, for them, the Advent season.

"I love doing it and I love that the community is involved," Taylor said. "Members of flower guilds as far as Mobile, Ala., have come to help and learn how to do these decorations at their church."

There will be a tour of the decorations for Lessons and Carols at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. Meet Ken Taylor in the narthex of All Saints' Chapel. — *reported by K.G. Beavers*

Two Nationally Renowned Sewanee Restaurants' Origin Stories

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Jurors recently selected the Sewanee restaurants Judith and LUNCH for inclusion in the 2025 MICHELIN Guide to the American South. At a Nov. 3 ceremony at the Peace Center in Greenville, S.C., Michelin revealed the names of the 228 honorees, selected from restaurants in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Tennessee claimed 36 celebrity restaurants with 20 of those from Nashville, making the significance of the accolade earned by Judith and LUNCH all the more impressive. In addition to bringing fame to Sewanee, Judith and LUNCH share another distinction: origin stories that hark back to Sewanee long before Judith's Julia Sullivan and LUNCH's Mallory Tubbs ever dreamed of hanging out a shingle there.

Michelin inspectors base their recommendations on anonymous visits. Neither Tubbs or Sullivan were aware their restaurants had attracted attention of the Michelin inspectors until receiving email invitations to the Nov. 3 ceremony. "Being invited indicated to us we were included in some something," Tubbs said. "It was shocking and exciting." "It was amazing to be considered and visited by them,"

Sullivan said. "For a destination restaurant in a destination like Sewanee, it's really cool to be included in a guide like that." Sullivan determined investigators visited Judith at least twice because the menu selections mentioned in the Michelin listing were from two different seasons.

Tubbs graduated from Sewanee as an environmental studies major in 2015. "I loved cooking since I was a young child," Tubbs said. "That was my passion and what I wanted to do as a career. Being an environmental studies major, I made a lot of connections between sustainable agriculture, food traditions, and food anthropology. My major was really informative to my food ethic and approach to cooking and sourcing from local farmers."

During a Sewanee summer break, Tubbs worked in a kitchen at a ranch in Wyoming and after graduation returned to the ranch as head chef for two years. Her food career took her to kitchens in Washington, D.C., and a few years later to Nashville, where she and her husband Trapp Tubbs, also a Sewanee grad, started a catering business, Hen of the Woods. A favorite venue was selling prepared

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Morning on the Mountain Goat Trail. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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Candidates Sought for SUD Board of Commissioners

In January 2026, the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties customers will elect two commissioners for four-year terms. Commissioner Donnie McBee will seek reelection. Commissioner Johnny Hughes will not seek reelection. All SUD customers are eligible to serve on the board. Customers wishing to be added to the ballot should contact a commissioner or phone the SUD office. The deadline for application is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16. The SUD board will approve a slate of nominees at the December meeting. Voting will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, Jan. 5, 2026, at the SUD office during regular business hours and continue until 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2025. Final selection will be by the vote of SUD customers.

Messenger Break Ahead

The Messenger will be on Thanksgiving break Nov. 24 through Nov. 28. We will be back in the office on Monday, Dec. 1, and back in print on Friday, Dec. 5.

For the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Messenger will be on break Dec. 22, 2025 through Jan. 9, 2026. The staff will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, with the first issue of the new year on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026.

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.

Call for SCA Board Nominations

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for open positions on the 2026-27 Board of Directors. Experience working in fundraising and for nonprofits is a plus, but any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is welcome.

Nominations are due by Monday, Feb. 16, 2026. The slate will be presented at the March 2, 2026 membership meeting. Voting will occur at the annual membership meeting on May 4. For more information, email at <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

We're glad you're reading the Messenger.

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Associate Dean of Students; College of Arts & Science; Director of Greek and Student Involvement; College of Arts & Sciences; Director, University Health Services; Forest Research and Education Biologist; Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability; Mineral Physics; Postdoctoral Fellowship, Earth and Environmental Systems; University Registrar, Provost's Office.

Non-Exempt Positions: Access Services Coordinator; Library and Information Technology Services; Accounting Administrator; Facilities Management Administration; BAS (Building Automation Systems) HVAC Tech; Finance & Treasurer; Business Office Specialist for Accounts Payable, Finance & Treasurer; Campus Security Officer; On-Call, Public Safety, Sewanee Police Department; Catering Team Lead, Sewanee Dining; Fire Alarm Technician, Facilities Management; FitWell Group Exercise Instructor, Flourishing Wellness Center; Medical Assistant, University Health Services; On-Call Catering Attendant, Sewanee Dining; On-Call, Stable Assistant, Athletics, Equestrian



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

Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Monday, Nov. 24 through Monday, Dec. 1. We will reopen at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, with more Christmas goodies throughout the shop.

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 Shop is located at 1096 University Ave., Sewanee.

As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed. Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

Children's clothing can be taken to Good Samaritan in Winchester or to Goodwill in Kimball. We do accept children's books and puzzles.

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Thanksgiving Closings

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, Nov. 27. All federal, state and county offices will be closed, including the banks and post offices. The Franklin County Convenience Centers will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27–28, and reopen Saturday, Nov. 29, for Thanksgiving weekend. Go to <https://www.franklincotn.us/assets/pdfs/holiday_schedule.pdf>.

The Fowler Center is closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul offices and the CAC will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28.

The duPont Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29. It will reopen Sunday, Nov. 30, from 1–10 p.m. Regular hours return Monday, Dec. 1. <https://library.sewanee.edu/library_hours>.

Richardson Waste will alter the holiday garbage pickup for Sewanee residents for the week of Thanksgiving and pick up garbage on Friday, Nov. 28, instead of the normal Thursday pickup.

Sewnee Auto will be closed Nov. 26–30.

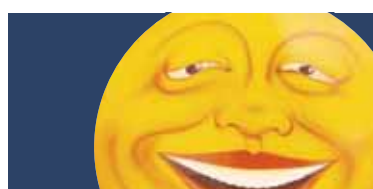
McClurg Dining Hall: Regular academic hours through Friday, Nov. 21. Saturday, Nov. 22 through Saturday, Nov. 29, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27. Sunday, Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Stirling's Coffee House: Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23. Monday, Nov. 24 and Tuesday, Nov. 25, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Biehl Cafe: Closed Friday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Cup & Gown: Regular academic hours through Friday, Nov. 21. Closed Saturday, Nov. 22 through Sunday, Nov. 30. Return to regular academic hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Tiger Bay Pub: Closed Friday, Nov. 21 through Saturday, Nov. 29. Return to regular academic hours on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will meet for the regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the conference room at City Hall.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, at the courthouse in Winchester.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, with Will Merrell, Men's Basketball. The livestream will be available at <www.sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The in-person meeting will be at the McGriff Alumni House. There will not be meetings on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

EQB Club

The Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Club, founded in 1870, is Sewanee's oldest organization in continuous existence. During the Academic Year, the EQB Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch after which a talk (called a "Lead") is given by a variety of talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will next meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:30 p.m., the Lead will be given by Dr. Jennifer Cooley on "Paths to Sewanee and Paths for Sewanee: Creating a Shared Vision for Collaborative Work in the College of Arts and Sciences." Dr. Cooley will talk about what drew her to Sewanee, and how she is going about creating a vision for the future of the College.

Dr. Cooley joined Sewanee and started her role as Vice-Provost and Dean of the College on July 1, 2025. Prior to this, she served as Interim Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa, after having served as an Associate Dean and a Department Head. A professor of Spanish, she has published on 16th and 17th century Spanish literature and culture and has also performed ethnographic research on 21st-century immigration in the Americas, leading to the creation of interactive theatre pieces and a two-act play. Dr. Cooley has worked extensively with students on numerous community engagement projects and performed research on their impact on both students and community partners. Dr. Cooley earned her Ph.D. in Spanish Literature from the University of Iowa, her Master's in Spanish from Syracuse University, and holds undergraduate degrees in both Philosophy and Spanish from Lawrence University.

Members are asked to contact Susan Horton, C'73, Membership Coordinator, at <sshorton22151@aol.com> for a luncheon reservation (\$20). 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, Dec. 4, at St. Mary's Sewanee for a club assembly. On Thursday, Nov. 27, the club will not meet.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2026. The Community Council will not meet on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is hosting its third annual Pancake Breakfast and Raffle from 8–11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, at Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul Episcopal Church, 216 University Ave., Sewanee. Pancake Breakfast tickets can be purchased through Givebutter <<https://givebutter.com/c/mspancakes>> prior to the event, or purchased day of at the door. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, and kids under 3 are free.

Raffle tickets are \$5. The limited amount of the silent auction packages are available for review on Givebutter <<https://givebutter.com/c/mspancakes/auction>>. Proceeds from the event supports several projects of the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club.

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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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Sundays During the Academic Year: 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

Christ Church

Since this is the last edition before the Messenger takes a break, Christ Church sends Thanksgiving greetings and also pre-Advent thoughts. In Monteagle the decorative lights are already up and we are grateful to have one right in front of Christ Church. When fogs come it is especially appreciated.

We blessed the shoeboxes for Samaritan’s purse last Sunday.

It was such a beautiful day for Golf and hikes and just spectacular that we almost wondered anyone was “in church.” On the other hand, we had visitors from Tuscaloosa and Fr. Paul Oxner’s mother who lives in Canada.

Carpe Diem! Is that the famous phrase?

Wednesday noon services continue and our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m.

Cowan Community Thanksgiving Service

Various churches will gather at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, at

Cowan First Church of the Nazarene for a shared Thanksgiving service. The speaker for the service will be Rev. L.Z. Johnson, and the host church will lead in music and song. Cowan Nazarene is located at 221 West Cumberland St. The Community Thanksgiving Service is provided by the various churches of the Cowan Ministerial Association.

City Light Church

City Light Church in Monteagle exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle (right next to Ace Hardware) and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. You will experience passionate worship, powerful preaching, and a fun and exciting environment for your children. Our children’s ministry offers a safe and exciting environment for children newborn to fifth grade. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

Draw Near

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

Morton Memorial

This Sunday, Nov. 23, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, the Reverend Melisa Derseweh will share a homily entitled “Jesus, Remember Me” for this Reign of Christ Sunday.

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving our children will participate in an interactive children’s sermon with our pastor celebrating harvest, home and other blessings.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Worship begins at

11 am. In addition to a thought-provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and still want to join us in worship, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook and YouTube pages.

At 1:30 p.m. the church will gather to decorate the building for the upcoming Advent season.

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

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be 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 downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m., for children (3

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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

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

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

11 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. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 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

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

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Memorial Service

Stephen Wells Burnett

The Memorial Service for Stephen Wells Burnett who died on Oct. 24, 2025, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at The Parish of St. Mark’s and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. For complete obituary go to <https://www.csog.com/obituaries/stephen-burnett?ttm_pid=210234125&ttm_affiliate=legacypro&ttm_affiliatetype=standard&ttm_campaign=legacy>.

Obituaries

Sharon Kay Roberts

Sharon Kay Roberts, age 80 of Monteagle, died on Nov. 4, 2025. She was born on Feb. 8, 1945, in Richford, Wis., but grew up in Oshkosh, Wisc. She and her husband Richard “Dick” Roberts lived in England and New Zealand. She attended the Cordon Bleu in London where she excelled as a cook and baker, skills that she later utilized while running a catering company with a close friend. Upon Dick’s retirement, the family relocated to Oshkosh, Wisc. In Oshkosh, Sharon worked for Clarity Care where she became the director of the Heritage Court Senior community, which she managed until her retirement in 2015 at the age of 70. She moved to Monteagle in 2015. She was part of the Southern Tennessee Ladies’ Society, the EQB club, and other groups in the area. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elaine Whittaker; husband, Richard Roberts; brother, Jim Reiter; and sisters, Mary Troxell (Orin) and Judy Whitewater (Don).

She is survived by her sons, Nicholas (Mary Heath) Roberts, Alexander (Cozue) Roberts; cousin, Tom (Eli) Wollangk; and grandchildren, William Roberts and Jack Roberts.

A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be at the Clifftops Lake Clubhouse on Nov. 23, 2025. For complete obituary go to <www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com>.

Betty Sue Rollins

Betty Sue Rollins, age 77, died on Nov. 13, 2025. She was born on Feb. 1, 1948, in Anderson, Tenn., to Linnie (Shetters) and Leonard McBee. She spent her early working years at the Hat Factory in Cowan, and later dedicated most of her career to the University of the South, from which she retired. She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings George McBee, Bobby McBee, Glen McBee, and Juanita (McBee) Patterson.

She is survived by her children, Carole Lynette (Steve) Verner and Ronald (Stephanie) Daniel, Jr.; sisters Mary Lou McCarver and Carlyne (Tellous) Garner; grandchildren Tracy (J.R.) King, Mark D. Green Jr., Ethan Daniel, and Aiden Daniel; and great-grandchildren Kaitlyn King and Garrett King.

A Memorial Service was on Nov. 17, 2025, at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.



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years old through fifth grade). Youth Sunday School, meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

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

Lectionary Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall.

Sunday Forum 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Kennerly Hall: this Sunday will be a Rector's Forum providing a reintroduction to the Gospel of Matthew as we enter a new church year.

November Book Study happens Tuesday nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with food and beverage in Brooks Hall dining room. Julia Bates will lead a study of "Psalm for the Wild Built," a novella by Becky Chambers.

Adult choir practice is on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Children's choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at <music@stmarkstpaul.org>.

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Aaron Elrod <aaelrod@sewanee.edu> for details.

Advent Study: On the first three Tuesdays in this Advent (Dec. 2, 9, 16), Rev. Tom Gildemeister will lead a study on Frederick Buechner: Writing for the Kingdom. This will take place in Brooks Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

Christmas Memorials: It is that time of year when the Altar Guild offers church members an opportunity to contribute to the beauty of our church during this blessed holiday season. Please consider honoring your family and friends with a 2025 donation towards poinsettias and Christmas decorations. The Flower Fund donation is \$50, which may include up to six dedications per family in one donation. Please specify whether the gift is an honorarium as a thanksgiving dedication for living family and friends or a memorial gift for the dearly departed, including the names of those dedicated. Please email Cheryl Lankhaar at <cheryllankhaar@gmail.com>, no later than Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m., including exactly how you want your dedication to read.

Sunday, Dec. 7 is CAC Pantry Sunday. This month CAC is in need of: macaroni & cheese, shelf stable milk, dry beans, canned green beans, pasta, and paper towels. CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

SUD Rate Increase Won't Cover Capital Expense

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Nov. 18 meeting of the Sewanee Utility District board of commissioner, the board approved a 2026 budget calling for an increase of 2 percent in the base rate and usage charges for water and sewer. The rate increase will cover operating expenses, but not critical capital improvement needs. "The proposed net income will be insufficient to fund all of the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for the coming year," said SUD Manager Ben Beavers. "A decision will have to be made to borrow funds to close the gap, use current District cash reserves, or to modify and/or delay some of the proposed projects until a later date." Beavers provided an overview of the cost increases driving the rate increase and the priority capital improvement demands confronting the utility.

The expense budget reflects an 8 percent increase in health care costs and a 2.8 percent cost of living increase for SUD employees, matching the 2026 Social Security cost of living increase. Also on the operating expense side, the cost of lab chemicals used for testing samples has increased, Beavers noted.

After operating expenses are met will leave SUD with \$17,210 to pay for necessary capital improvements estimated to cost \$739,637. The list of critical capital improvements includes SUD's share of the cost for American Recovery Plan Act

(ARPA) projects currently underway; painting the farm water tank; purchase of a new service truck; and rehabilitation of the Bob Stewman Road pump station. "Painting the farm tanks is the biggest chunk of the capital improvements needed," Beavers said, cost \$450,000. "Most everything else can be put off one year, but the farm tank painting shouldn't be." Beavers explained delaying painting the tank could result in rust with costly repairs adding to the expense. Beavers is researching grants to cover the cost of painting the tank.

Beavers said the capital improvements could be paid for out of cash reserves, but cautioned that depreciation rules would require SUD to show the replacement cost of ARPA projects as expenses beginning in 2027. Asked about the grinder pump fee SUD began charging grinder pump customers in January of 2025, Beavers said the revenue from the fee only covered 60 percent of grinder-pump repair and replacement costs this past year.

Except for the base rate and usage charge, no other SUD fees will increase in 2026. In June of 2025, SUD contracted for the firm RateStudies to analyze the utilities growth, revenue, and the amount of cash needed for operation, maintenance, debt service, funding of capital improvements, and maintaining a reasonable amount for cash reserves. Beavers will provide RateStudies with the 2026 budget data.

In other business, the board approved a request for water service from Merchant Management Group, Inc., for 22 lots in the Deep Woods development, with a projected peak demand of 6,615 gallons per day. Commissioner

Clay Yeatman asked if SUD was required to provide water service. Beavers replied, "Yes, unless we can prove we don't have the water available." The infrastructure cost falls entirely to the developer. After one-year warranty period, SUD assumes ownership of the new infrastructure.

In the past few years, SUD received applications for and granted water service to a project for University apartments and for a development in the vicinity of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. "Those applications are no longer valid," Beavers said. "One year is the policy on availability." Board President Charlie Smith asked what the demands would be on SUD's water supply if all the stalled projects again requested water service. "Running out of water is still roughly 1,000 units away," Beavers said. "Last time we had a study done it showed 1,200 units and I don't think we've added 200 since."

The commissioner seats currently held by Johnny Hughes and Donnie McBee will come open for election in January. McBee will seek reelection. Hughes will not. SUD customers Ronnie Hoosier and Phil White have expressed an interest in being added to the slate of candidates. In December, the board will nominate an official slate. Voting will begin the first business day of 2026 at the SUD office during regular business hours.

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Kappa. Her research résumé spans quantum computing, thermal engineering, high-energy particle physics, and applied mathematics.

In summer 2025, she served as a CERN Summer Student in Geneva, where she conducted simulations for dijet analyses in the LHCb program and was one of only two American students recognized with honorable mention in the Karbach Prize competition for summer researchers. She previously completed an NSF-funded Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in thermal engineering at Washington University in St. Louis and reviewed mathematical modeling research for a physics publication.

Beyond the classroom and laboratory, Monaghan has made an equally strong impact as a leader and athlete. A four-year starter and two-time First Team All-SAA honoree, she serves as captain of the Sewanee women's soccer team, helping lead the Tigers to three consecutive conference championships and multiple NCAA tournament appearances. She is also a member of the University's track team, holding a school record in the 4x400m relay.

On campus, she is president of the Sewanee Society of Physics Students, a peer tutor in physics and calculus, a member of Order of the Gown, and an active participant in Sewanee Cru and the Math Club.

With Monaghan's selection, Sewanee continues a well-established tradition: the University is among the nation's leading producers of Rhodes Scholars relative to its size, with 28 winners since 1907—more than many larger and more widely known institutions.

Monaghan follows Sewanee's most recent Rhodes Scholar, Klarke Stricklen, C'22, who became the University's 27th recipient in 2021.

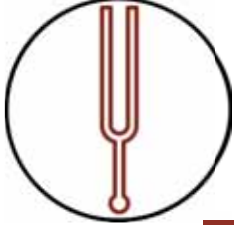
Established in 1902, the Rhodes Scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence, leadership, commitment to service, and ambition for social impact. As American Secretary of the Rhodes Trust and Sewanee alumna Ramona Doyle, C'81, notes, "A Rhodes Scholar should show great promise of leadership and character, as well as an exceptionally strong commitment to service."

Increased Truck Traffic Possible

Beginning after Thanksgiving, the University will be salvaging timber blown down in recent storms on its property on Rattlesnake Springs Road. The operation is expected to last approximately a month. During that time there may be increased truck traffic in the area. Please be on the lookout for logging trucks in the vicinity during this time.



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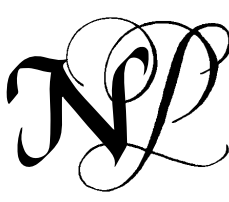
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foods at the East Nashville Farmers Market. “I found a sense of community by having a booth at the farmers market,” Mallory said. “During COVID, just like everyone, I felt limited in terms of my interaction and lacking community. I was inspired to move back to Sewanee in search of more of that small community and to make a difference in a small place and support local farmers.”

LUNCH opened in February of 2023. The “flexible” constantly changing menu is based on what’s available from the more than 20 local farms in LUNCH’s stable. “I plan our menu on a weekly basis,” Mallory said. “That allows us to be flexible and be ready for whatever proteins and produce farmers have an abundance of.” The week the Messenger spoke with LUNCH, the menu featured cabbage soup with lamb meatballs, with lamb from two local farms, and lots of vegetables.

Born and raised in Nashville, Sullivan credits studying abroad with spawning her interest in food. After graduating from Tulane University, the Culinary Institute of America in New York City became Sullivan’s destination. After nine years in New York working at several Michelin starred restaurants, Sullivan decided to move home. “I always wanted to open a place and do it in Nashville,” she said. Henrietta Red, an oyster bar also specializing in woodfire seafood and vegetables, soon garnered fame, named one of America’s 50 Best New Restaurants by Bon Appetit in 2017 and one of GQ Magazine’s Best New Restaurants in America 2018. Forty-nine weeks of meal delivery during COVID taught Sullivan, “I did not want to run a catering business.”

“I was waiting for the next thing, I wasn’t even sure it was going to be a restaurant,” Sullivan said. “A friend of mine sent me a listing for that building. I brushed it aside for six months, then she sent it again in February of 2024.” “That building” was the former Steam Laundry and most recently home to the French restaurant Lumière. Sullivan’s father, a 1969 alum, linked her to Sewanee along with childhood visits to her father’s favorite professor and her godfather, author Andrew Lytle. Still, the remoteness of Sewanee troubled Sullivan, and she found herself asking, “Where is a person even going to live up there.” The precision and artistry of gourmet cuisine is what Sullivan knows and what she likes to cook, and a visit convinced her that was what the community wanted, “something that was elevated and very good quality but not unapproachable or inaccessible.” Judith opened in November 2024. The restaurant bills itself as “an American Tavern.” Illustrative is a favorite autumn entrée, a hanger steak with sweet potato, caramelized shallots, caramelized onion puree and hazelnuts.

Sullivan credits the first woman to matriculate from Sewanee, Judith Ward Lineback, with lending the establishment its name. After contacting Lineback to ask permission to name Judith after her, Sullivan later learned Lineback’s brother Tom Ward, former University Chaplain, had baptized her in a Nashville church decades before. “It feels very synchronistic,” Sullivan observed.

For both Sullivan and Tubbs, their Sewanee restaurants speak of coming home. Asked why she chose to open a restaurant focusing on breakfast and lunch, Tubbs said, “I wanted to open something that would be sustainable for me long term and allow me to accomplish other goals in life like having a family and being able to spend time with loved ones while staying passionate about and happy with my career.” Still the majority owner and chef partner of Henrietta Red, Sullivan splits her time between Nashville and Sewanee. “It’s really nice to get up and go for a hike, then go to work, and come home and go to bed instead of dealing with Nashville traffic,” Sullivan insisted.

LUNCH, located at 24 University Ave., is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and also serves a monthly dinner with tickets available on the website. The next LUNCH dinner is Dec. 13. Judith, located at 36 Ballpark Rd., is open 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Monday. The Michelin sleuths got it right! Pay LUNCH and Judith a visit. You’ll be glad you did.

Electric Bill Assistance with Project HELP

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) members can apply for assistance with their electric bills through the Project HELP program. Project HELP is DREMC’s emergency residential energy assistance program overseen by local charity organizations, including the Franklin County Good Samaritan Association.

Project HELP provides emergency electric bill assistance year-round to help qualifying DREMC members keep their electric power on during difficult financial times.

Project HELP is supported by donations from DREMC members and employees, and their generosity has made this assistance program a valuable resource for those who live in Franklin County.

To apply for Project HELP assistance, contact the Franklin County Good Samaritan Association located at 1725 Decherd Blvd., Decherd, or call (931) 967-9336.

Round Up for Project Help

The Sewanee Utility District’s billing software has the ability to round up your bill to the nearest dollar with the difference going to the Project Help fund. Project Help collects donations from SUD customers and passes them on to the Community Action Committee, where it is used to pay folks’ water and sewer bill when they need a bit of help.

Please consider rounding up your bill for this worthy cause – it really makes a difference in our community. Call the office at (931) 598-5611 to enroll or if you have any questions.



CAC Calls for Support as Federal Nutrition Support Halts

As grocery prices rise and federal nutrition support wanes, more families across our region are turning to organizations like the Community Action Committee (CAC) for help putting food on the table. But with visits to the pantry now twice as high as last year, the organization is stretched thin and asking for increased community support to keep meeting the need.

Families across Tennessee will be forced to make impossible choices about meals, bills, and basic needs as food support disappears. Regional food banks and community food pantries were never intended to be the only resource – but right now, they are.

Although local organizations are increasing their food purchases and donations are flowing in, it’s still not enough to cover the need that federal nutrition programs once met. At CAC, we are doing everything we can, but our shelves are being filled and emptied faster than ever before. CAC is also preparing for an increased demand in our emergency assistance program that helps offset utility costs for families as households may be forced to choose between putting food on the table and keeping their lights on.

Like other local organizations, CAC’s food pantry and emergency assistance program are critical safety nets for local families, but it depends on community generosity to stay stocked. Donations of non-perishable food, financial contributions, and volunteer hours all make a meaningful difference. Visit <www.cacsewanee.org> to see how you can help.

Those in need of CAC’s services can visit the office 9–10 a.m., Monday through Friday, or call (931) 598-5927 for assistance.

As the demand for food continues to build month after month, CAC remains committed to serving every family that walks through its doors. But with your help, they can do even more — and ensure no one in our community goes hungry.

Editor’s Note: Amazon Wish List available for those who want to shop online <https://a.col/f6TXKX4>. Items will be delivered directly to the CAC.

Winter Solstice Market Party and Potluck

The South Cumberland Farmer’s Market is hosting a Winter Solstice Market Party and Potluck from noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ballpark Rd., Sewanee. Vendors will be set up indoors and along the sidewalk with everything from the last of the season’s veggies, teas and tinctures, juices and prepared meals, meats and cheeses, craft and gift items, to sourdough, French pastries, cookies & cakes, and more! Pre-ordering is not required, but will take place online from 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 until noon Saturday, Dec. 20, if customers would like to secure holiday items in advance. Bring a dish or a drink to share and come enjoy mingling with other customers and meeting all the people that produce the food sold online at the market all year.

Volunteer as a Reading Buddy

The Community Action Committee is working with Sewanee Elementary School to recruit reading buddies who can help out during library time for our young students. This partnership requires consistent volunteers who will read with students and help select books, while overall fostering a love for reading and providing support for the library program. If you are interested, contact Sarah at <cac@stmarkstpaul.org> to see how you can get involved.







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Community Chest Needs You

The 2025-26 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 \$118,500 will help 19 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, \$7,637
 - Blue Monarch, \$5,000
 - Community Action Committee, \$5,000
 - Early Literacy Ambassadors, \$1,500
 - Easy's Dog Shelter, \$1,000
 - Folks at Home, \$5,000
 - Fourth of July Celebration, \$4,000
 - Housing Sewanee, \$10,000
 - MARC, \$10,000
 - Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, \$1,500
 - Reach Out and Read, \$2,063
 - SES Parent Organization, \$25,000
 - Sewanee Children's Center, \$15,000
 - Sewanee Community Center, \$2,500
 - Sewanee Mountain Messenger, \$8,000
 - Sewanee Senior Center, \$11,000
 - Sewanee Welcome Center, \$1,800
 - St. James Midway Community Park, \$500
 - St. Mark's Community Center, \$2,000
- 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.

To date, 35 percent of the goal has been met. For more information or to give through PayPal Giving, go to <www.sewaneecivic.org>.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Nov. 22–30, Thanksgiving Break, SAS
- Nov. 24–28, Thanksgiving Break, Franklin County, Grundy County, Marion County, University of the South
- Dec. 5, last day of classes, School of Theology
- Dec. 11, last day of classes, College



Empty Tables to Support Food Insecurity on the Plateau

Empty Tables seeks local artists to donate pieces for its booth at the upcoming annual Tennessee Craft South Holiday Studio Tour Dec. 6-7.

The studio tour is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Saturday, Dec. 6, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. Empty Tables will be at Sewanee's American Legion Hall.

Empty Tables, launched by Claire Reischman on behalf of Tennessee Craft South five years ago, shares all proceeds with organizations that address food insecurity on the South Cumberland Plateau. Funds raised this year will be distributed to the Grundy

County Food Bank in Coalmont, the Community Action Committee in Sewanee, and Morton Memorial United Methodist Church in Monteagle.

Artists interested in donating pieces to the Empty Tables Project should contact Lee Limbird by text/phone (615) 630-9196 or <llimbird95@gmail.com>. Set-up will begin at 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at the American Legion Hall, Sewanee, but arrangements can be made to pick up art in advance. To see all the studios on tour, and a map for the entire event, go to <https://tennesseecraft.org/members/chapters/south/>.

Operation Noel

In just a few weeks, it will be Christmas. While many are already planning about gifts to buy and food to eat, there are those not so fortunate. In our area, there are children who may not get presents and families that may not have an abundant holiday meal.

Operation Noel is a group that was formed many years ago by Fire Chief David Green to provide help for families in need. They provide food and/or toys during the Christmas season. Local volunteers organize the purchasing and distribution of goods.

To be eligible, everyone must fill out an application. Every family needs to fill out a new application whether you have received from us before or not. An application will ensure that we have all the pertinent information so we can provide for everyone in need.

The deadline for returning applications is Friday, Dec. 12. Families eligible for Chief David Green's Operation Noel must live on top of Sewanee Mountain in the following communities: Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and on Sherwood Road.

To donate money, nonperishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Sewanee Police Department located behind duPont Library, Print Services located in the old Beta House, or the CAC located at St. Mark and St. Paul (formerly Otey Memorial Parish). Checks may also be mailed to Sewanee Operation Noel, 138 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375. Please donate by Monday, Dec. 15.

Food and toys will be available for pickup in the large parking lot beside Cravens Hall, 435 Kentucky Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 9–11 a.m. Volunteers will be there to assist in loading of the items. Food and toys will not be delivered. You have to pick up your order. No one else may pick it up for you.

If you have any questions, please call (931) 598-0040 and leave a message, or call (931) 308-6534.

2025 Chief David Green's Operation Noel Form

Please mail completed form to Tracie Sherrill by Friday, Dec. 12

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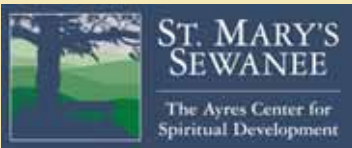
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Holiday Tour Exhibition Opens in SAS Gallery

Vivid and inspiring creative work fills the SAS Gallery in the 2025 TN-Craft Holiday Tour Exhibition. Running through Dec. 7, 2025, the show provides a broad sampling of the pieces to be found in the 2025 TN-Craft South Studio Tour on Dec. 6-7, 2025.

The annual exhibition features works by TN-Craft South member artists and SAS faculty and staff. This year's show features textiles, ceramics, sculpture, photography, painting, and more. The 2025 Holiday Tour exhibition was juried by fiber artist and storyteller Zak Foster. Works by artists Merissa Tobler, Diane Getty, and Linda Kerlin were chosen for awards of merit.

During the weekend of the studio tour, Dec. 6-7, SAS students and community members will join the celebration by offering their ceramics, jewelry, textiles, and original artwork for sale. All can be found in the classroom adjoining the SAS Gallery.

The SAS Art Gallery and all of the Holiday Studio Tour locations will be open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The detailed map will guide you to the SAS Art Gallery and other tour locations. Hard-copy maps are available in the SAS Gallery. Follow the bright yellow signs across the mountain to see the unique variety of artists and artwork on the tour.

The SAS Art Gallery is located in the center of the Simmonds Building on the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School campus at 290 Quintard Rd., Sewanee. Follow signs to the Academic Complex/Gallery. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. Contact Gallery Director Kinion Asmus at <sasgallery@sasweb.org> for more information.

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Tennessee Craft-South Presents the 2025 Artists' Holiday Studio Tour

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Now celebrating its 30th anniversary, Tennessee Craft-South is the regional chapter of Tennessee Craft, a statewide organization dedicated to supporting and promoting handmade arts and crafts throughout Tennessee.

During the weekend, visitors can explore studios and galleries featuring the work of local and regional artists in a wide variety of media, including textiles, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, painting, metalwork, and woodwork.

Sewanee stops include the studios of Judith Condon, Pippa Browne, Diane Getty, Ben Potter, Claire Reishman, and Merissa Tobler, along with the American Legion Hall, the Spencer Room at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, and Frame Gallery Gifts and Art.

In Monteagle, open studios and galleries include those of Cheryl Lankhaar, Jim Clendenen, Linda Kerlin, Terrie Ponder Watch, and The Gallery at Monteagle Assembly. In Bell Buckle, Sherri Warner Hunter will open her studio, and the Wartrace Emporium in nearby Wartrace will also participate. Light refreshments will be available at most locations.

A group exhibition of work by Tennessee Craft-South members, SAS faculty, and students will once again be featured in the St. Andrew's-Sewanee Art Gallery, located in the Simmonds Building at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. The exhibition opens on November 3 and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will also be open to visitors during the Holiday Studio Tour.

The Empty Tables Project returns this year at the American Legion Hall in Sewanee. This artist-led initiative, sponsored by Tennessee Craft-South, supports the Community Action Committee, Grundy County Food Bank, and Morton Memorial Church by raising awareness about local hunger. Participating artists donate artwork in exchange for contributions, with all proceeds used to purchase food for those in need.

This year's 2025 Artists' Holiday Studio Tour sponsors are: Artisan Depot, Big A Marketing, Blue Chair, Cardinal Lake Pottery, Eco E-Bikes, First Choice Storage, Full Circle Candle/Hallelujah Pottery, Frame Gallery Gifts and Art, The Lemon Fair, LUNCH, Montee Tailored Smiles, Mooney's Market & Emporium, Mountain Goat Market, Phil Ponder Prints, John Runkle Architects, Sewanee Realty LLC, Shull Chiropractic Clinic, PLLC, Sublime Haven, 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 <tennesseecraft.org/members/chapters/south>.

Tennessee Craft-South is an active and engaged chapter of Tennessee Craft. South members have year-round opportunities to gather, network, exhibit, and sell work.

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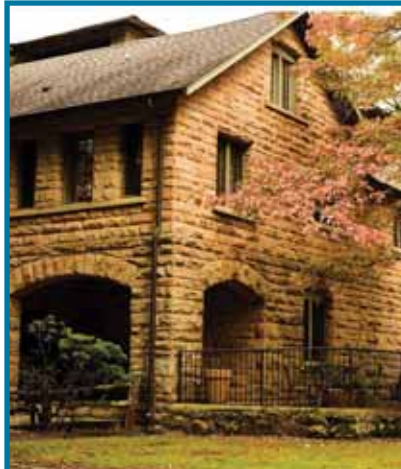
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Cowan Christmas Market

The Cowan Christmas Market 5-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. The event will be at the Monterey Station, 104 Monterey St., Cowan. There will be pictures with Santa, crafts games, live music, dance performance, food trucks and more.

The Cowan Christmas Parade will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6.

Christmas Tree Lighting at Angel Park

The Sewanee Christmas Tree Lighting will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at Angel Park in downtown Sewanee. Carols will begin at 4:45 p.m., Santa will arrive by firetruck around 5 p.m., followed by tree lighting, visits with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies. Bring unwrapped toys for Operational Noel, or canned goods for the Community Action Committee.

Monteagle Christmas Parade

The Monteagle Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, Dec. 6. This year's theme is Santa's Workshop. Parade lineup is at 2:30 p.m., at the Flea Market. Meet with Santa after the parade at Harton Park.



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Festival of Trees

The annual Festival of Trees at the Grundy County Heritage Center, hosted by the Grundy County Historical Society, brings the holiday spirit to life in Tracy City. The Festival of Trees will be Dec. 1–31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Grundy County Heritage Center, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. This festive event showcases creatively decorated Christmas trees contributed by local businesses, organizations, and residents, each uniquely representing community spirit and seasonal joy. Guests can enjoy holiday music while they browse the beautifully lit trees. Open throughout the holiday season, the festival is an excellent opportunity to support local heritage efforts and revel in community cheer. For more information contact <tnsouthcumberland@gmail.com>.

Sewanee Senior Citizens' Christmas Bazaar

The Sewanee Senior Center Annual Bazaar and Fundraiser will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 5, at the American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., Sewanee. Pick up your favorite baked goods including cookies, bread, cakes, fudge and other goodies. There will also be handmade quilted items, stocking stuffers, Christmas decorations and gifts. This fundraiser is always a big part of the year for the Senior Center, and proceeds help fund the cost of meals. If you have any questions, contact: Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail

The Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail returns this year, and will be located in the Monteagle Greenway between Main Street and College Street. Trees must be decorated and delivered by Monday, Nov. 24. There will be a "Lighting of the Christmas Trees" on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. A \$100 cash prize for the Best Decorated Tree will be awarded. Winner must be present to win. For more information contact the Monteagle Town Hall at (931) 924-2265.

66th Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

On Dec. 6 and 7, All Saints' Chapel will host the 66th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The 4 p.m. service on Saturday has reserved seating and requires a ticket for entry, although unclaimed tickets may be released one hour prior to the service. The other two services, 7 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday, feature open seating, and tickets are not required for attendance. Doors open an hour in advance of each service, and overflow seating will be available as needed. All three services will be livestreamed <<https://vimeo.com/event/167828>> for family and friends who are unable to attend in person. We hope you will join us.



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'Excursions in Nature'

The Franklin County Art Guild is proud to announce a special guest show at the Artisan Depot in Cowan. The show is presented by members of the nature journaling group sponsored by the Sewanee herbarium located at the University of the South. The show "Excursions in Nature" will be up in the gallery through Dec. 21.

Mary Priestly, leader of the group explains the art displayed as a representation of close and careful observations from the natural world as seen by the observer.

There will be a Meet the Artists Reception from 5–7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21, at 204 Cumberland St. E in Cowan. All interested members of the community are cordially invited to the reception. All are also invited to see the show as well as all our work by all of our current artists during operation hours noon to 5 p.m., Thursday-Sunday.

'The Art of Words' at In-Town Gallery

In-Town Gallery is hosting The Art of Words, a book signing by the authors of In-Town. All of our members are creative, and some work with words as well. The authors will be on hand at a reception from 1–4:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, to meet, greet, and sign the books you purchase. Their books will be for sale through the remainder of the year.

Miki Boni's "Figments" is filled with delight. Her expressionistic tiny tales and paintings burst with energy, joy, humor, and mystery. Readers are challenged to complete these rich, unfinished stories for themselves.

Rick Sanders offers three novels. "The Walking Bridge." Trevor Gray is a loner who sees his doppelganger, Brad (a man who looks exactly like him), on the walking bridge. Brad goes missing, and strange forces make it evident the characters don't have as much control of their lives as they think. "Strange Times in Yeehaw Junction" is a tale featuring a bizarre journey across Florida born of unforeseen circumstances and questionable decisions, four hunters on a maniacal quest to bag the elusive Jackalope, and ending when each finds a woman to love. In "The Darkest Place," Charlie meanders through his days alone, coveting the booze, a stark reminder of his failings. He has Jennie, but she is dead. He longs to bring her back from The Void.

Ashley Delaney's children's book, "What To Do With Unhappiness," is a heart-centered story that helps children explore and release big emotions through gentle language and colorful metaphors, delighting kids and the adults who love them.

Robert Roth says, "I was a naïve Jewish kid from Miami Beach, plunked down as a freshman at the University of Georgia, where I fell in love with and married a slightly unbalanced gentile girl. The rocks in my head fit the holes in hers for 50 years. 'Bagels To Biscuits - A Memoir' is our story."

James Craig Tucker's "An Uncertain Peace" is a mystery set in Atlanta immediately after the Civil War has ravaged the city. It is a story of crime, conflicting motives, and uncertain loyalties as a rich cast of characters navigates a treacherous path in a time of uncertain peace.

Showcasing the work of local artists, In-Town Gallery is located on Chattanooga's North Shore at 26A Frazier Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday–Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday.

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Monteagle Christmas Bazaar

Monteagle Christmas Bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Monteagle City Hall. City Hall is located at 16 Dixie Lee Hwy, across from the Monteagle post office and next to May Justus Library. There will be 25 vendors available with skincare products, handcrafted jewelry, homemade soaps, sun catchers, bowl cozies & kleenex holders, gift baskets & ideas, plants, baskets, wreaths & pillows, flower arrangements, custom cutting boards, freshies, lavender syrups, deer jerky, dog treats, resin items, gourmet chocolates & cookies, wide selection of specialty breads and pretzel bites, resin items, variety of baked goods & desserts, cake pops & dipped treats and decadent French pastries.

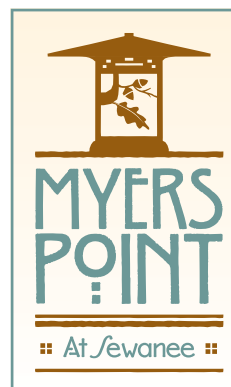
May Justus Library will have activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Make sure you bring your children for Storytime at 10:30 a.m. and kids crafts throughout the event. Enjoy a light snack and take home a treat bag. As part of the library's summer reading fundraiser, Silent Auction baskets will be available for bidding.

Follow our Facebook page, Monteagle, TN Christmas Bazaar, <<https://www.facebook.com/events/803216055850186>>, for spotlights on our vendors and chances to win Bazaar Bucks to be spent at the event. During the event, there will be several drawings for T-shirts and Piggly Wiggly gift cards. We will be collecting donations for Easy's Dog Shelter (Tracy City) including treats and flea treatment.

We hope to see you at the Monteagle Christmas Bazaar and again at the Monteagle Christmas Parade that starts at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.

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Tennessee Department of Tourist Development (TDTD) Commissioner Mark Ezell announced Nov. 13, that 30 communities will receive more than \$2 million in Tourism Enhancement Grants to strengthen local tourism assets and drive Tennessee’s continued growth as a world-class destination.

Grants in our area went to City of Coalmont, Grundy County, \$100,000; Town of Tracy City, Grundy County, \$100,000; City of South Pittsburg, Marion County, \$100,000.

The grants help cities and counties enhance experiences, draw more visitors and increase economic impact. Eligible projects include improvements to stages, signage, historic preservation, ADA accessibility and other upgrades to local attractions and venues.

“Tourism is a key driver of economic growth,” said Commissioner Mark Ezell, TDTD. “When we invest in local attractions and experiences, we’re supporting small businesses, creating jobs and generating visitor-paid tax dollars that benefit Tennesseans in every community.”

“These grants are an investment in the future of Tennessee’s communities, helping attract visitors and generate lasting opportunities,” said Melanie Beauchamp, Assistant Commissioner of Rural Tourism and Outreach, TDTD. “Their impact is especially visible in rural areas, turning local assets into long-term opportunities for growth and improving quality of life for residents.”

This year, Tourism Enhancement Grants were awarded to 12 at-risk and distressed communities. A full list of grant recipients and their awards can be here <<https://www.tn.gov/tourism/news/2025/11/13/tn-tourism-awards-2-million-in-tourism-enhancement-grants-to-30-tn-communities.html>>.

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44 Communities to Receive Community Development Block Grants

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Deputy Gov. and Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD) Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter announced on Nov. 13, that \$26.5 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) will be awarded to 44 communities statewide to assist with infrastructure and beautification improvements.

In our area, Gruetli-Laager received \$951,087 for Volunteer Park Revitalization. The full list can be found here <<https://www.tn.gov/ecd/news/2025/11/13/governor-lee-and-deputy-governor-and-commissioner-mcwhorter-announce-44-communities-to-receive-community-development-block-grants.html>>.

“Ensuring that our local infrastructure is equipped to meet the demands of future economic development is a top priority for our administration,” said Gov. Lee. “Congratulations to these 44 communities for taking the necessary steps to strengthen their local economies. I look forward to seeing the lasting, positive impact this investment will bring.”

The allocation of CDBG funds is based on priorities set through the public meeting process at the local community level. The CDBG program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by TNECD. Funds are available for water and sewer improvements, health and safety projects and other improvements to enhance the quality of life in Tennessee’s rural communities.

In addition to traditional community improvement and safety projects, funding was also made available for community development projects, such as sidewalk and walking trail improvements, street paving and community centers.

“The CDBG program is one of our most valuable tools for helping Tennessee communities prepare for future economic growth,” said Deputy Gov. and Commissioner McWhorter. “We’re thrilled to support these 44 projects and thankful for the strong local leadership and partnership that make this progress possible.”

Each application was supported by the community’s senator and representative(s) in the Tennessee General Assembly.

TDEC Announces \$968,000 in Parks and Recreation Planning Grants

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) today announced \$968,000 in grants from the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) for parks and recreation planning for 18 communities across the state. Grundy County received a grant of \$48,000.

The Planning Grant Program provides state funding to match local government investments for communities who want to create or update a Parks and Recreation Systemwide Plan. This is an 80 percent state and 20 percent community matching grant.

“We appreciate all the communities who have gone through the process to receive these grants,” said Greer Tidwell, deputy director of Conservation for TDEC. “The investments will improve quality of life throughout our state. We look forward to seeing the plans that come from this assistance.”

“Outdoor spaces are at the heart of Tennessee communities,” said Brian Clifford, director of the Office of Outdoor Recreation. “With these grants, we’re helping local leaders plan for parks that inspire healthier lives, stronger economies, and lasting connections to our state’s natural beauty.”

TDHS Begins Issuing Partial November 2025 SNAP Benefit Payments

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) announced on Nov. 12, that the department will begin processing partial SNAP payments, following updated guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service to issue 65 percent of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for November 2025. If directed, upon the reopening of the federal government, TDHS will work quickly with USDA to process remaining benefits for SNAP customers.

SNAP customers who were originally scheduled to receive their benefits between Nov. 1–12 will begin to see benefits on Nov. 12. SNAP customers scheduled to receive SNAP benefits after Nov. 12 can expect to receive their partial November SNAP benefit payment on their regularly scheduled date.

Tennessee SNAP recipients can use the One DHS Customer Portal to view the latest case details at <<https://onedhs.tn.gov/csp>>.

SNAP customers can also use the ebtEDGE app or Cardholder Portal to check their benefit amounts by visiting <<https://www.fisglobal.com/ebtedgemobile>> to download the app or log into the Cardholder Portal at <<https://www.ebtedge.com/govportal/PortalHome.do>>.

For continued updates and additional information, customers are encouraged to visit the TDHS website here: <<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/federal-shutdown.html>>.

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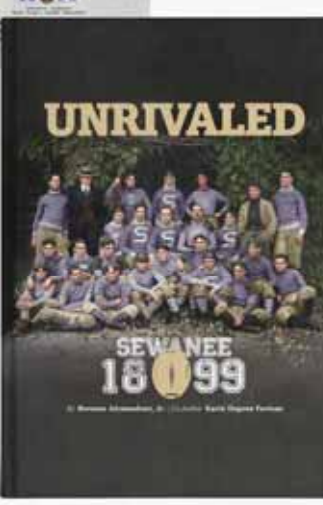
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Highpoint Health – Sewanee with Ascension Saint Thomas and Highpoint Health – Winchester with Ascension Saint Thomas (formerly Southern Tennessee Regional Health System – Sewanee and Southern Tennessee Regional Health System – Winchester) highlighted the two locations joining Highpoint Health at a ribbon cutting ceremony and ‘Light the Night’ event. The celebrations at the two respective locations showcased the unveiling and illuminating of new signage.

The ribbon cutting and ‘Light the Night’ events provided an opportunity for the community to gather, hear from hospital leaders about the facilities’ continued commitment to each community, and celebrate the new signs.

“These celebrations were a wonderful way to celebrate being a part of the Highpoint Health family,” said Winchester and Sewanee CEO Adam Martin. “Our teams at Winchester and Sewanee have so much to be proud of and this collaboration allows us to be part of a larger, growing regional network, which will enable us to provide even better care to our community.”

Both facilities, a 157-bed facility in Winchester and a 41-bed facility in Sewanee, have already been operating under the new names. However, now both locations feature new signage that reflects their relationship with Highpoint Health, which is a joint venture between Lifepoint Health and Ascension Saint Thomas.

The Highpoint Health system combines the organizations’ clinical excellence, best practices, and talented caregivers, leading to improved access to clinical programs and specialty care for patients and the broader community.

Duck River Electric Celebrates New Partnership with Southern Tennessee Weather during Ribbon Cutting

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation and the Shelbyville-Bedford Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting at DREMC’s headquarters in Shelbyville in celebration of a newly forged partnership. The event officially launched the collaboration between DREMC and Southern TN Weather, the hyperlocal weather service formerly known as Shelbyville Weather, founded by local meteorologist Elijah Kirby.

Kirby’s weather coverage overlaps the areas that DREMC serves, making the partnership beneficial to those served by both entities on several levels. The newly forged partnership enhances storm readiness and energy reliability across the communities in DREMC’s footprint. Hyperlocal, real-time weather updates keep residents informed, especially during severe weather events. This same valuable information helps Duck River Electric make fast, accurate decisions to keep power flowing to homes and businesses.

At the ribbon cutting, DREMC’s President and CEO James Wright shared that before talks of partnering even began, it was clear that this collaboration was a natural fit. Long before the alliance was formed, the cooperative’s employees utilized Elijah’s weather forecasts for member safety, system operations and the safety of field

crews during storms.

“Elijah’s reputation at such a young age is impressive,” said Wright. “One of our linemen mentioned today how accurate his forecasts are. Having him here at the Duck River headquarters adds another layer of safety for our employees and the communities we serve.”

Wright adds that real-time, local forecasts allow DREMC’s operations staff to improve storm tracking and prepare for possible outages. Understanding on-the-ground conditions helps support faster, safer decision-making during power restoration. These forecasts also optimize coordination efforts, thanks to live weather intelligence tailored to specific areas.

Among the benefits of the partnership for Kirby is a new office. DREMC has opened its doors to offer Southern TN Weather a dedicated space inside its system operations center. Broadcasting and working from this location mean ready access to backup power – an essential requirement for around-the-clock weather updates. And the proximity ensures a seamless flow of weather information to DREMC staff, maximizing the cooperative’s ability to quickly restore power.

Kirby is a degreed meteorologist and trained National Weather Service Storm Spotter. He lives in Bedford County and has built

an impressive following through his hyperlocal coverage of severe weather – his social platforms reach more than 30,000 followers. Kirby offers street-level forecasts, storm tracking and live severe weather coverage. Following his rebrand to Southern TN Weather, forecasts are now updated daily, with 24/7 live-stream coverage on YouTube. He has also launched an all-new best-in-class weather app, available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Kirby’s passion for understanding the weather began after witnessing the 2009 EF-4 tornado in Murfreesboro, transforming early fear into a lifelong commitment to weather science. In 2018, while still in high school, Kirby began Shelbyville Weather, which was first available on Facebook and later became a part of local radio stations’ WLIJ and WZNG, daily weather reports.

“Localized weather matters,” Kirby said. “It helps people prepare, stay safe, and make decisions that truly impact their lives. That’s why I do this.”

In his remarks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Wright looked ahead to a bright future for the collaboration between the two companies. “There are many exciting things ahead,” he said. “New tools, new platforms and a partnership that will benefit thousands across our service area.”





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NCEA Equestrian Updates

Emma Sameth and Rebecca Love secured Sewanee's two points as the NCEA equestrian team fell to No. 5 Sweet Briar, 8-2, on Nov. 14, at the Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center.

Sameth delivered Sewanee's lone point in flat, posting an 85 aboard Jackson as the seventh rider of the day. Piper Nelson narrowly missed adding another, scoring a 76 on Bella to finish just four points shy of her opponent.

In fences, Love earned the Tigers' second point with an 84 on Pip as the sixth rider in the lineup. Addison Durrett wrapped up the meet with a strong ride on Kobe, coming up just one point short in an 82-81 decision.

Emma Sameth, Rebecca Love, and Addison Durrett tallied points for Sewanee, but Lynchburg defeated the Tigers in NCEA Equestrian action in Rustburg, Va., on Nov. 15.

Love was the second rider for the Tigers in flat, recording a 76 on Eragon, edging out her opponent by three points for a Sewanee point. Durrett, Sewanee's third rider and the fifth overall in flat, posted an 88 on Ollie, besting her opponent by 10 points for Sewanee's second point in flat. The Hornets collected the remaining three points in flat, taking a 3-2 advantage going into fences.

In fences, Sameth posted an 85 on Itina, defeating her opponent by 13 points. The Hornets collected the final four points in fences for a 7-3 win.

Football Falls in Season Finale at Millsaps

Sean Johnson caught nine passes for 209 yards and Barton Mixon scored a pair of rushing touchdowns, but Millsaps College posted 24 of the final 31 points, holding off Sewanee, 34-20, in the football season finale for both teams on Nov. 15, in Jackson, Miss.

Mixon recorded a pair of two-yard TD runs in the second quarter, the second one giving the Tigers (3-7, 1-6 SAA) a 13-10 lead with 5:27 remaining in the half. Connor Babin booted a 28-yard field goal late in the period, evening the contest at 13 at the half.

The Majors (6-4, 4-3) took the lead for good with a three-yard scoring run by Tameron Patterson with five minutes remaining in the third quarter. Derrick Tasby, Jr., caught a nine-yard TD pass midway through the fourth period, but Sewanee answered with an eight-yard touchdown pass from Toryn Wilkins to Trevon Garden with 4:09 remaining.

Patterson put the game away with a 33-yard scoring run after the Tigers failed to recover an onside kick.

Cam Beasley rushed 12 times for 32 yards and Mixon gained 31 yards on 13 carries. Beasley completed 10-of-18 passes for 165 yards with one interception and Wilkins passed for 100 yards and a TD on 6-of-12, also with one INT, in the second half.

The Tigers missed a chance to score in the first quarter, putting together an 11-play, 83-yard drive, picking up five first downs along the way. Beasley found Johnson for 20 yards to near the goal line, but Johnson fumbled at the goal line while fighting for the final two yards.

The Sewanee defense got a turnover on downs at the Tigers' 34-yard line on the ensuing possession and the teams then traded interceptions on consecutive plays. Beasley was picked off by Jimetrius Akins, who returned the ball to the Sewanee five-yard line, but Jaylen Mack picked off Millsaps' Grant Bizjack in the end zone on the next play.

After the Majors kicked a 26-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter, Johnson caught a 55-yard pass and Brett Dobbs rushed three times before Mixon got the final two yards. The pass failed on the extra point and Sewanee led, 6-3.

Bizjack rushed 69 yards on the first play of the next Majors possession and two plays later, Braxton Garmon gained three yards for the touchdown.

The Tigers answered with a seven-play, 74-yard scoring drive that included a 56-yard completion to Johnson and then four straight rushes for Mixon, the last one giving Sewanee a 13-10 edge.

Millsaps opened the second half with an 18-play, 80-yard possession that took nearly 10 minutes off the clock, with 12 of those plays on the ground. Patterson's three-yard run capped the drive and the Majors led, 20-13.

The Tigers moved to the Millsaps 33-yard line thanks to 17 and 15-yard rushes by Beasley, but a sack and a holding penalty pushed the ball back and Beasley's third-down pass to Johnson fell incomplete.

The Majors put together a 13-play, 92-yard drive, including 25 and 20-yard carries by Bizjack, who found Tasby, Jr., for the nine-yard TD, pushing the Millsaps lead to 27-13.

Sewanee answered with a 10-play, 74-yard possession, with Wilkins entering and hitting Johnson for 26 and 27-yard gains. Garden gained 15 yards on a pass and Johnson picked up 14 yards on another completion. The Tigers had three straight incompletions but Wilkins found Garden for an eight-yard TD on fourth down, cutting the deficit to seven.

Millsaps muffed the onside kick but the ball went out of bounds at the Sewanee 43. Two plays later Patterson rushed 33 yards for the final score.

Volleyball Drops SAA Quarterfinal Match

Savannah Gann recorded a team-high 12 kills and 10 digs, but Sewanee fell to Centre in four sets in the Quarterfinals of the SAA Volleyball Tournament on Nov. 13, at Oglethorpe's Dorrough Field House in Atlanta, Ga. Centre took the match 19-25, 25-19, 25-16, 25-22.

Gann added an ace, while Mollie White followed with nine kills, and three total blocks. Maria Kennedy added seven kills, and Anna Ellison finished with five kills and three block assists.

Sophia Caruso anchored the defense with a team-high 18 digs and an ace, while setter Emma Meyer posted 30 assists, eight digs, and an ace. Bela Cancado added eight digs and two aces off the bench, and Eleanor Loggie contributed two kills and two blocks.

Both teams traded points early before Sewanee used back-to-back Centre errors and a kill from Kennedy to take a 6-3 advantage. The Tigers followed with a 7-2 run fueled by kills from Gann and White and a block from Gann and Ella Reynolds. Centre pulled within two midway through the set, but Kennedy responded with another kill, and a string of Colonel errors pushed Sewanee ahead by six. Three more Centre miscues and a White kill closed out the first set for the Tigers, who hit .219 in the opening frame.

Centre opened the second set on an 8-3 run, capitalizing on four early Sewanee errors. The Tigers answered with five straight points, highlighted by kills from White and Gann and back-to-back aces from Cancado, to take a brief 12-11 lead. Centre regained control late, using a 10-3 closing stretch to even the match at one set apiece. Sewanee hit .100 in the second set.

Centre carried its momentum into the third, opening with six straight points for a 6-1 lead. Sewanee battled back to within one thanks to a series of Centre errors and a kill from White, narrowing the score to 8-7. The Colonels responded with another 6-0 run to build a seven-point cushion. Sewanee struggled offensively in the frame, hitting -.061 as Centre pulled away for the 25-16 win.

The final set featured nine ties and three lead changes as neither team created more than a two-point lead through the middle stages. With Sewanee trailing 21-20, Centre strung together three points to move in front 23-20. A block from Eleanor Loggie kept the Tigers alive at 23-22, but the Colonels closed the match with back-to-back kills to secure the four-set victory.

Sewanee concludes its season at 17-11 overall and 8-6 in SAA play, entering the postseason on a seven-match win streak before Thursday's tournament matchup.

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SAS MS Boys' Basketball Update

St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school boys' team defeated Swiss Memorial Nov. 13, 30-28. Swiss pulled ahead by one point with 18 seconds left in the game by hitting a pair of free throws. SAS inbounded the ball to Ian Tucker who weaved his way through the full court defense to sink a 3-point shot, giving the Mountain Lions their first conference win of the season. Strong performances were turned in by Patch Wilson, Torrey Anderson, Dagen Latham, and Isaiah Shelby.

The team lost to Tracy City Nov. 10, 51-22. Ian Tucker led SAS with 12 points; Patch Wilson eight; Jack Roberts and Isaiah Shelby chipped in one each. Jayston Watwood led Tracy City with 19 points.

Collins Places 36th at Regionals

Freshmen Jack Collins and Christian Myers finished 36th and 47th, respectively, and Sewanee men's cross country placed 11th among 24 teams at the NCAA South Regional on Nov. 15, in Salem, Va.

Collins completed the 8K course in 25:58.90 while Myers crossed the finish line in 26:28.90 for 36th and 47th among 170 runners to compete Saturday.

Freshmen William Hughes and Austin Colvin placed 75th and 79th, respectively, with times of 27:14.10 and 27:20.70 and sophomore Parker Tallman was the fifth scorer for the Tigers, finishing 86th in 27:36.30.

Sophomore Declan Oberlies was 90th in 27:48.20 and freshman Jack Conger posted a time of 30:18.30.

HOME GAMES

noon, Friday, Nov. 21, Equestrian (NCEA) vs Bridge-water College

11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, Equestrian (NCEA) vs Berry College

2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29, Women's Basketball vs Warren Wilson

2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30, Men's Basketball vs Berea College

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy

6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, SAS JV Boys' Basketball vs. Grundy County

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Grundy County

6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, SAS Boys' Wrestling vs. Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence

Saturday, Dec. 6, SAS Varsity Swimming, Snowball Invitational

noon, Saturday, Dec. 6, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Boyd Buchanan

1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, Women's Basketball vs Belhaven University

3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, Men's Basketball vs. Asbury University

Late Run Sinks Men's Hoops Versus Covenant

Fletcher Bigham and Philip Ryan each posted double-doubles and Nikolas Avaliani netted 25 points, but Covenant College used an 18-8 spurt late in the game and held off Sewanee, 110-109, in the final game of the Lon Varnell Classic in men's basketball action on Nov. 15, at Juhan Gymnasium.

The Tigers (0-3) led 52-43 at the half and 63-53 four minutes into the second period, but that advantage diminished thanks to nine consecutive points by the Scots, including back-to-back 3-pointers from Logan Patterson and Zach Wescher. Bigham and Ryan each recorded field goals and Brock Barton made a three for the Tigers, stretching the lead to 73-66 with 12 minutes to play.

Another triple by Patterson and two foul shots from Pierce Smith pulled Covenant even at 76. Sewanee did not lose the lead at that point, with Ryan hitting both ends of a 1-and-1, but Isaac Rorey's 3-pointer from the wing seconds later put the Scots in front, 80-79.

Bigham made two straight baskets and Avaliani nailed a three from the corner, one of five in the game for the freshman. Two free throws by Bigham put Sewanee in front, 88-83, with seven minutes remaining.

The home team led 92-87 with 5:45 to play when a banked in 3-pointer by Covenant's Luuk Dusek started the decisive run. Smith's layup and two foul shots by Patterson knotted the contest at 94 with 4:40 on the clock.

Field goals from Aidan Treacy and Reid Carrier and another by Bigham evened the game at 100 with just over three minutes remaining, but the Tigers scored just two points over the next two-plus minutes, going 1-for-4 from the field with two turnovers.

Jake Stephens netted the first two of five foul shots in the final three minutes for the Scots and a steal by Rorey turned into a layup for Korbin Long. Ryan's coast-to-coast layup cut the deficit to 105-102 with 1:20 on the clock, but Stephens added two more free throws.

Smith tipped in a missed layup with 23.4 seconds on the clock and Long netted the second of two foul shots with 13.6 ticks on the clock. Avaliani's final heave found the bottom of the net as the buzzer sounded, giving Covenant the victory.

Avaliani finished with 25 points on 9-of-17 shooting overall, 5-for-10 from behind the arc, and Ryan collected 22 points and eight rebounds. Bigham put up another monster game with 35 points and 16 boards.

Sewanee committed 11 turnovers that turned into 11 points for Covenant in the second half, with the Scots shuffling in five players at a time every 90 seconds to two minutes the entirety of the contest. The Scots also recorded 23 second-chance points on 28 offensive rebounds, a big difference in the game. The Tigers have lost three games by a combined nine points this week.

Smith registered 16 points and a game-high 18 rebounds along with six blocks in 22 minutes of action while Patterson netted 19 points, leading five Covenant players in double figures.

Sewanee travels to Piedmont University next Saturday before returning home Nov. 30 to face Berea College.

SAS Swim Team Update

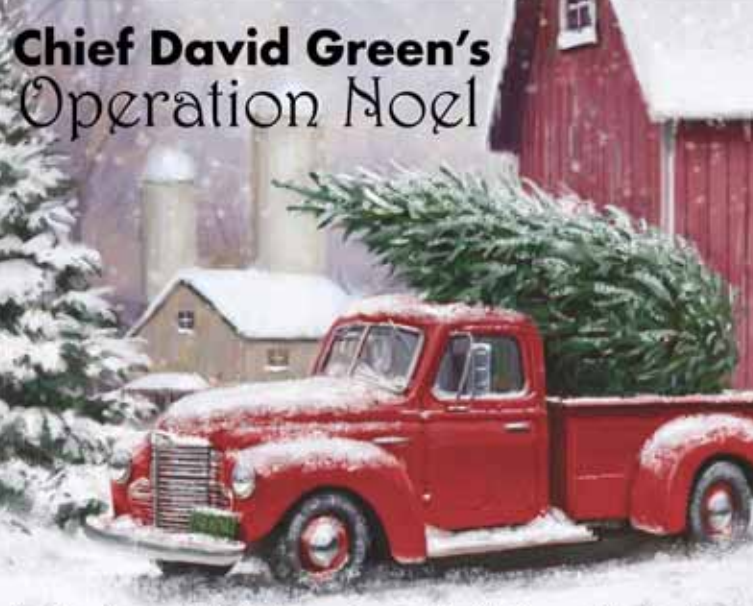
The SAS middle and varsity swim teams competed in two meets last week, securing victories across the board. The SAS varsity girls' and boys' teams are 2-0 for district matches.

Senior Sarah Russell Leonard raced her way to two high school state cuts in the 200 IM and 100 fly, while Freshman Archer Ladd secured a high school regions cut in the 200 IM.

Between the two meets, nine middle school swimmers made 18 middle school champs cuts, including Arabella Barry (7), Elena Brodsky (8), Kinsey Ellis (8), Jon Fino (6), Nick Fino (6), Eva Gheesling (8), Alex Glacet (8), Kam Kilgore (7), and Will Moody (8).

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Second Quarter Surge Sends Piedmont Past the Tigers

Olivia Falvey scored a team-high 15 points, and Janie Boyd and Cydney Wright added double figures, but Piedmont used a decisive second-quarter surge to pull away in a 93-72 loss for the Tigers on Nov. 15, at Cave Arena.

Falvey knocked down two threes and added four assists, two steals, and three rebounds. Boyd finished with 11 points and two boards, while Wright went a perfect 3-of-3 from the field and 4-of-4 at the line for 10 points, adding four rebounds and four steals. Eliza Everett paced Sewanee on the glass with seven rebounds, and Hannah Cleveland followed with six boards and six points.

Piedmont set the tone early with a 17-5 first-quarter run in which five Lions scored. The Tigers broke through late in the frame, as Falvey converted back-to-back layups in the final minute and Micha Lovelace blocked a three at the buzzer to bring Sewanee within four, 19-15.

The second quarter proved decisive. Piedmont outscored Sewanee 30-12 in the period and used a 22-4 run midway through the frame to build a commanding lead. The Tigers were held to 3-of-13 shooting and committed nine turnovers that led to 25 Piedmont points, while the Lions collected 28 second-chance points in the game. Falvey and Adison Howard each hit threes, and Boyd and Lovelace added points at the line for Sewanee's scoring in the quarter.

Sewanee regrouped after halftime, outscoring Piedmont by one in the third. Wright opened the period with a layup before Boyd knocked down back-to-back threes. After a 9-0 Lions run, Cleveland split a pair at the line to spark an 8-1 Tigers push, highlighted by a three from Grace Gavin and four made free throws. Everett tipped in a putback in the final seconds to close the quarter.

The Tigers played Piedmont even in the fourth but couldn't erase the early deficit, scoring 10 points at the line and adding seven second-chance points.

Sewanee returns to action Sunday against LaGrange in day two of the CCS/SAA Classic. Tip-off is set for Noon CT / 1 p.m. ET.

Graham Posts 36th-place Showing at NCAA South Regional

Junior Eleanor Graham placed 36th for Sewanee women's cross country and the Tigers finished 16th as a team on Nov. 15, at the NCAA South Regional in Salem, Va.

Graham posted a time of 23:26.3 on the 6K course at Green Hill Park in Salem. Senior Sam Ude crossed the finish line in 25:01.4 for 68th while sophomore Elizabeth Cook was 84th in 25:21.0.

Seniors Clara Earley and Grace Cawley finished 105th and 109th, respectively, with times of 26:09.4 and 26:18.4. Senior Allison Haworth placed 123rd in 26:52.8 and freshman Ruby Hoerter was 140th in 28:26.4.

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November Notelets

Our great winter constellation, Orion the Hunter, is rising earlier and earlier in the East, a sure sign of approaching winter. It is possibly the most recognizable constellation in the world and is visible in both the northern and southern hemispheres (at different times of the year). Near him are his hunting dogs, Canis Major and Canis Minor. Taurus the Bull comes between him and the Pleiades. The story I heard somewhere is that Taurus is protecting the Pleiades, the Seven Sisters, from Orion, but I do not find any confirmation of that story. On recent nights I have been able to see the Pleiades clearly if I do not look at them directly.

The past couple of weeks have brought us an aurora, a hard freeze, and heavy leaf fall. Not only is it unusual to see the aurora borealis this far south, the red color itself is unusual, as pointed out by Al Partee. The more usual color is green, when charged particles from solar activity collide with oxygen molecules at altitudes of around 60-190 miles. The red color occurs at higher altitudes where the oxygen concentration is less, often during periods of especially intense solar activity. Al Partee reported that in addition to the red aurora, they saw a red fox the next morning. The heavy leaf fall may have been brought on by the hard freeze. The tree forms an abscission layer between the leaf and the branch, as explained in an earlier Nature Note. A temperature drop below freezing can cause this layer to harden more quickly. Then, when it is windy, the leaves drop, perhaps earlier than they normally would. It certainly seem that they have been falling in showers recently. At least the gingkoes did lose their leaves in time for Ken Taylor to collect them to use in the greening of the chapel.

State Park Offerings

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

Hike to Big Creek Overlook — Savage Gulf State Park, Sunday, Nov. 23, 8:30–11:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event. Join Ranger Jamie on a day hike to the Big Creek Overlook. We will meet at the Savage Gulf West Trailhead, 550 Greeter Falls Rd, Altamont, to begin the hike. We will begin the hike by taking the Greeter Trail to the Big Creek Overlook and on the way back we will be completing the Greeter Falls Loop Trail. This hike will be approximately 3 miles in total and is considered strenuous in certain areas — please be prepared for a challenging hike. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are capable of completing the entire hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. We will observe a beautiful overlook, waterfall, and we will also chat about the park and/or what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required. This hike is weather dependent and will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

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After Thanksgiving Day Hike — Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North. Come along with Ranger Todd to hike and explore the Stone Door.

After Thanksgiving Day Hike — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Friday, Nov. 28, 1–2:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Meet at 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie. Join Ranger Josh for a scenic hike along the Fiery Gizzard Trail from Foster Falls to the beautiful Esther Falls Overlook. This moderate hike winds through hardwood forest, crosses rocky terrain, and offers stunning views of the gorge. Before signing up, please review the Essential Eligibility Criteria form <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/fiery-gizzard/#/?event=after-thanksgiving-day-hikes-2025> to ensure this program is a good fit for you. Be sure to bring plenty of water and wear sturdy hiking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.



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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Thanksgiving

The gathering family
throws shadows around us,
it is the late afternoon
Of the family.

There is still enough light
to see all the way back,
but at the windows
that light is wasting away.

Soon we will be nothing
but silhouettes: the sons
as harsh
as the fathers’.

Soon the daughters
will take off their aprons
as trees take off their leaves
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Let us eat quickly--
let us fill ourselves up.
the covers of the album are closing
behind us.

--Linda Pastan, Home for Thanksgiving

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Community Calendar

Friday, Nov. 21

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- noon CAC Community Meal, Kennerly Hall
- 5 p.m. Meet the Artists Reception, “Excursions in Nature,” Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St. E., Cowan, until 7 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

- Thanksgiving Break, SAS, through Nov. 30*
- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Pancake Breakfast and Raffle, (\$10/adults\$8/students; free/kids under 3), Kennerly Hall, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- noon Met Opera Live in HD, Strauss, “Ara-bella,” Ralston Listening Room, second floor duPont Library; tickets at www.showpass.com/met-opera-arabella>

Sunday, Nov. 23

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Nov. 24

- Thanksgiving Break, FC, GC, MC Schools, U of S, through Nov. 28*
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council, conference room, City Hall
- 6 p.m. Franklin County Commission, Courthouse, Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

- 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. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 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, lunch at noon, lead at 12:25 p.m., St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Nov. 27 • Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 28 • No Messenger

- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29 • Shop Small Saturday

- 5:30 p.m. Lighting of the Trees, Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail, Monteagle Greenway, between Main Street & College Street, more info (931) 924-2265

Sunday, Nov. 30

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Dec. 1

- 10 a.m. Sewanee Senior Center Annual Christmas Bazaar, American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., until 2 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 • Giving Tuesday

- 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.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Coach Will Merrell, Men’s Basketball, in person McGriff Alumni House, 120 Georgia Ave., livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch>
- 10 a.m. Sewanee Senior Center Annual Christmas Bazaar, American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Christmas at Beersheba, (\$30), 55 Hege Ave., Beersheba Springs, until 2 p.m.; to register go to <https://www.beershebaas-

sembly.org/event/christmas-at-beersheba/>

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Sewanee Senior Center Annual Christmas Bazaar, American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., until 2 p.m.
- 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, lunch at noon, lead at 12:25 p.m., St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Dec. 4

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, club assembly, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <priestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, City Hall
- 10 a.m. Sewanee Senior Center Annual Christmas Bazaar, American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Sewanee Christmas Tree Lighting, Convocation Hall and the Quad

Friday, Dec. 5

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Greening of All Saints’ Chapel (all volunteers welcome)
- 10 a.m. Sewanee Senior Center Annual Christmas Bazaar, American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., until 2 p.m.
- 4:45 p.m. Sewanee Christmas Tree Lighting, Angel Park
- 5 p.m. Cowan Christmas Market, Monterey Station, 104 Monterey St., until 8 p.m. (also 12/6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

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, MMUMC

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

11a .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

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

6 p.m., Life’s Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont

6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle

7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee

7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

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