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DanceWise: Mystique

by Blythe Ford, Messenger Staff
Writer

The University of the South Department of Theatre and Dance will present their annual DanceWise production Nov. 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 16 at 2 p.m., in the Proctor Hill Theater at the Tennessee Williams Center. DanceWise is a collaboration between students and faculty, with students providing most of the driving force behind a production featuring many styles of dance centered around an anchoring theme. This year's theme, "Mystique," invites choreographers, dancers, and viewers to reach beyond reality into the nebulous world of imagination. Primarily student-created choreography interprets this theme through styles such as contemporary/modern, tap, jazz, hip-hop, contemporary Paraguayan, and modern-flamenco fusion. If you intend to attend, you are encouraged to reserve your seats with free tickets via Theatre Sewanee's Eventbrite page; DanceWise draws a crowd and seating is limited.

Professor and DanceWise artis-

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SCA Riddle: What Did a Snail Cause?

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
Writer

Answer: "Without the painted tiger snail, we probably wouldn't have a park," Head of Crow Park Manager Bill Loewer told members and guests at the Nov. 3 Sewanee Civic Association dinner meeting. The Tennessee General Assembly has allocated \$25 million dollars to the new park, designated as separate from the South Cumberland park system just over a year ago. The painted tiger snail is only found in a limited 10-mile radius within the park. Loewer shared highlights of the park's features and plans for the four natural areas, Buggytop Cave, the Natural Bridge, Hawkins Cove, and the Sherwood Forest. "Building the park is going to be a long process," Loewer acknowledged. "We have 20 years of trail construction ahead of us, 10 years to have all the parking lots and picnic areas finished, and five years for the visitors center to be fully operational."

The challenges of managing a large park prompted the division of South Cumberland State Park into three parks, Savage Gulf, Head of the Crow, and Fiery Gizzard, Loewer explained. "South Cumberland as a park is no more. This is the South Cumberland area of parks now." The park service is acquiring land to connect the four natural areas in Head of the Crow. Plans also call for trails connecting Crow to trail systems in the Franklin Forest and on the Domain — 45,000-acres combined, offering a two-week backpacking trip adventure. Connecting to the Mountain Goat Trail is also a possibility. The

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Pictured (left to right) Scott Landis, Pippa Browne, and Carol VandenBosch. They are installing mosaic covered stepping stones Carol created.

'Where the Sidewalk Ends'

As part of the Placemaking Project, "Where the Sidewalk Ends" focuses on community-driven process and creating quality public spaces with an emphasis on local identity, arts, and culture. This past Saturday, Pippa Browne along with six other volunteers installed the Phase I project. As a member of the placemaking committee, Pippa proposed the project last summer to better connect the new TDOT crosswalk across Hwy. 41A and the sidewalk along Hwy. 41A with the Sewanee Market, Senior Center, Community Center, and Ball Park Road.

By adding stepping stones, created by local artist Carol VandenBosch, and a native plant garden, a safer route was established and the long neglected corner was beautified. Phase I of the project was funded with a grant from the Sewanee Community Council. Phase II (currently unfunded) contemplates a colorful, painted crosswalk to connect the stepping stones to the Senior Center entrance on Lake O'Donnell Road.

Cults in the American Imagination: a Preview

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

What is a cult and why does it matter? Is the phenomenon of cultism on the rise? Investigative journalist Jane Borden, Sewanee assistant professor of religious studies Kati Curts, and Sewanee School of Letters Director Justin Taylor will grapple with these questions and more at the panel discussion, "Cults in the American Imagination," slated for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, at Convocation Hall. Cults — a little word with vast implications — have captured the imagination of all three panelists. Borden's book, "Cults Like Us: Why Domsday Thinking Drives America," Taylor's two novels, and Curts research all take a deep dive into the cult phenomenon. For all three, religion launched them on a journey of discovery into an unknown world.

Taylor frames a cult as "when a group becomes aware of itself as a group and develops a set of practices and beliefs." For Taylor, the jumping off point was a longtime interest in religions and "what gets included and disincluded." Taylor points out, some of the world's most well-established religions began as cults.

Curts, a religious studies scholar, shies away from use of the term, "cult," because of the "dangerous assumptions" that follow from labeling a group a cult. Religions associated with straight white men are far more likely to be recognized as "mainstream" and "socially acceptable," Curts commented.

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Borden cites a definition by the anti-cult activist Robert Jay Lifton characterizing cults as having a worshipped leader; being engaged in "thought reform" and "mind control"; and causing harm to the followers, often sexual or financial. Although a religious studies major in college, Borden pursued a career in journalism. In an assignment for Vanity Fair covering the NXIVM cult, she became preoccupied with the division in American culture and saw the same dynamics at play in popular cults and politics. She traced the phenomenon back to the founding Puritans, who "look like a cult," but without the attribute of leader worship.

"America is built on cult-like thinking," Borden said. She noted the First Amendment to the Constitution allows anyone to start a church and operate tax-free, while freedom of speech gives con artists free reign to manipulate followers.

Taylor maintained "a lot of our politics is cultlike ... these intense devotions to figures who are concentrating power. Hardcore Trump voters to Taylor Swift fans behave in structurally identical ways."

Addressing the question, are cults increasing in the 21st century, Taylor answered, "absolutely." He attributed the rise in cults to technology which allows "ideas to cohere much more quickly." In Taylor's novel, "Reboot," a former child actor and the voice for a video game falls prey to two warring



Ghosts and goblins at Beauty by Tabitha.

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Representatives of the Class of 1960 led the 2025 Alumni Parade up Texas Avenue to the football game on Nov. 1, during Homecoming festivities. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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

Messenger Break Ahead

The Messenger will be on Thanksgiving break Nov. 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://sewaneeemessenger.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@sewaneeemessenger.com> or call the office at (931) 598-9949.



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The following items were approved: September minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 673, located at 238 Willie Six Road, to Katherine Anderson and Laurel Elise Tarhan and repaint exterior of home; request to transfer Lease No. 689, located at 164 Willie Six Road, to Tyler Colgan and Meredith Bradford; request to transfer Lease No. 852, located at 95 Poplar Lane, to the Jennifer Fuqua and Descendants Trust; request to transfer Lease No. 992, located at 238 Wiggins Creek Drive, to Wilson and Flora Walker; request to replace the roof on Lease No. 945, located at 188 Laurel Drive; request to install a rear yard fence at Lease No. 910, located at 154 Morgan's Steep Road; request to paint exterior of Lease No. 1003, located at 583 Breakfield Road; request to install a painted mural for Lease No. 132, located at 60 University Avenue; request to replace roof for Lease No. 404, located at 125 Palmetto Avenue.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling the lease office at (931) 598-1998.

Please be sure and contact the Franklin County Planning and Zoning for any needed permits as



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well as the local utility companies to ensure there are no issues before beginning your project.

Planning and Zoning office, (931) 967-0981; Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, (931) 598-5228; Sewanee Utility District, water and sewer, (931) 598-5611; Elk River Public Utility District, natural gas, (931) 967-2110.

Agenda items are due by the fifth of each month for Lease Committee meetings. If the fifth falls on a weekend, then items are due the following Monday. Lease Committee meetings are normally the third Tuesday of the month.

Hospitality Shop News

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.

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

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

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Upcoming Meetings

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

FCDP Events

The Franklin County Democratic Party will be campaigning in the coming weeks for Aftyn Behn, Democratic candidate for US Congress, District 7. We will be carpooling to knock on doors in Williamson County on Nov. 8, leaving at 9 a.m. from the Mountain Goat Trailhead at the corner of Hwy. 41A and Hawkins Lane in Sewanee. Contact <franklin-countytdemocrats@gmail.com> for questions and to RSVP.

There will also be a phone bank in Sewanee on Nov. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. Contact <hstapleton@yahoo.com> for location and to RSVP. Please bring your fully charged mobile phone and its charger.

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, Nov. 11, with Alice Coke and Savannah Mannes, Equestrian. The livestream will be available at <www.sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The in-person meeting will be at the McGriff Alumni House.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Mountain Top Restaurant. Katie Gibson and Rachel Malde from St. Andrew's-Sewanee will present the program.

Sewanee Woman's Club Meeting

Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 is the date of the next Sewanee Woman's Club meeting at St. Mary's Sewanee. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for socializing with lunch starting at 11:50 a.m. Please make a reservation by noon, Sunday, Nov. 9, at <reservations.swc@gmail.com> for the delicious lunch at a cost of \$20, or if preferred, for the program only.

All members and guests are invited to wear an apron and share their special family traditions for the Thanksgiving celebration. In addition to the wearing of aprons and the sharing of traditions, Ranger Jason Reynolds will tell us about the new state park, Head of the Crow State Park. Come and

Peace Crane Workshop

In honor of the Global Day for Social Justice, Feb. 20, 2026, the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace is bringing back the Peace Crane installation in duPont Library.

Building up to that event, we are hosting a series of how-to workshops to fold the cranes. Our first workshop will be from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Sewanee Community Center. For more information email <cumberland-justiceandpeace@gmail.com>.

learn about this exciting addition to our community. You may become a member of the Sewanee Woman's Club for only \$20 and be informed about all our stimulating activities.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Sewanee Business Alliance

The Sewanee Business Alliance will be hosting its November meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, at Locals. The guest speaker will be Andy Baggenstoss, Vice President of the South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, giving an update on the current activities and future plans of the Chamber. Community members are welcome. You may also attend via Zoom, meeting code 811 4499 1180.

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.

Sewanee La Leche League

La Leche League meets at 10:30 a.m., on the second Tuesday of the month to support and share information about breastfeeding. All mothers and mother-to-be are warmly welcome. Please contact Pippa (931) 636-5317 to check on the venue and to request a Zoom option if needed.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2026. We have reserved Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, as a possible meeting date and will meet then if there are urgent concerns. If there are any items for discussion that cannot wait until January, please submit them to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Sewanee Emeriti Association Welcomes Professor Elise Kikis

Elise Kikis, Professor of Biology and co-director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, will present her views on "Engaging Undergraduates in Research on How Pollution Drives Protein Damage" at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the McGriff Alumni House.

Professor Kikis majored in Biology at Cornell University and earned her Ph.D. in Plant Biology from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research on protein folding that began during her postdoctoral work at Northwestern University uses the "genetic model system *Caenorhabditis elegans* to study intrinsic factors, such as genes and aging, as well as extrinsic factors, such as air pollution, that contribute to protein misfolding. This translates to human health because many neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, are associated with protein misfolding in neurons."

Since her arrival in Sewanee in 2012 Professor Kikis has established and leads an active research program that involves students in every stage of discovery. Professor Kikis is deeply committed to mentoring the next generation of scientists and fostering collaboration and critical thinking in her laboratory. Because of this commitment, many of her research projects have resulted in publications co-authored with Sewanee students in internationally recognized journals.

Everyone is welcome to join Sewanee Emeriti members to learn from Professor Kikis and, if their busy schedules allow, a few of her students. For more information or to arrange transportation, please call Trudy Cunningham at 931-535-4637.

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Fish Fry Nov. 8

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The menu will be: fried catfish, french fries, cole slaw, drinks and delicious homemade desserts, for \$15.

All donations benefit the Sewanee Fire Department through the Sewanee Community Fire Support, Inc., a 501(c)(3) recently established to support the Fire Department, especially in the rural areas it serves beyond the Domain.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church regular monthly food distribution takes place the second Saturday of the month. Distribution will be from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 8. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St., Monteagle.

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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.

6:30 p.m., Sunday, Growing in Grace, in All Saints’ Chapel.

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

Tuesday, at 7 a.m., Christian Meditation in the Meditation Chapel.

Wednesdays, in All Saints’ Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Christ Church

The Gospel Reading in the liturgical calendar in use at Christ Church has the account of the healing of a “nobleman’s son” from St. John, Chapter 4. This the author’s version of the Centurion in the Synoptic Gospels. In all the accounts the point is that Jesus’ authority is not limited to him being physically present. For Christians through the centuries this has been an assurance. A further lesson is that the Kingdom of God is not limited to any human barrier but is available to all who seek it.

Please know you are invited to the services at Christ Church not only on Sunday morning, but on Wednesdays at noon.

We are also packing shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse.

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

On Sunday, Nov. 9, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, the Reverend Rachael Jorstad will preach on the topic, “Asking Better Questions,” based on Luke 20:27-28.

Children are welcome at Morton! There is always a time during the service with our pastor and this Sunday they will focus on God’s blessings of harvest and food. Following their worship time, children will leave for time together in activities.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Worship begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-

provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook and YouTube pages.

The church’s Food Distribution will be this Saturday from 8–10 a.m. Those seeking food should enter from the rear of the parking lot.

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

Centering Prayer Group: Mon-

days 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.

Matthew David Mitchell of SeSunday Forum 9:45-10:45 in Kennerly Hall: This week Seminarian Gene Hart will draw on his extensive experience in the military to discuss what it is to be fair, just, and merciful and to walk humbly with your God when you are a citizen of a violent land. The talk will examine the violence of the nation state, of the law, and of fear in our society.

Currently in his final year at the School of Theology, Hart is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel with over 32 years of

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Church Calendar

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 (Sewanee Children’s Center), 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

Obituraies

Bobbie Jean Morrow

Bobbie Jean Morrow, age 83 of Cowan, died on Oct. 25, 2025. She was born on Dec.21, 1941, in Cowan, to Jinks Sr. and Guessie Moon Hartsfield. She attended Townsend High School. Later in her life she worked as a cashier at Walmart. She was a devoted member of the Jehovah’s Witnesses for more than 50 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard Morrow Sr.; siblings Pauline Haynes, Alma Hartsfield, Enda Williams, Evelyn Lovelace, Helen Mathis, Jinks Hartsfield Jr., Wilbur Hartsfield, Ruben Hartsfield, James Ira Hartsfield, John Morrow Jr., William Morrow, Roberta Brown, Irene Simmons, Estelle Qualls, and Wilma Johnson; niece Paulette Burks; and brothers-in-law Phillip Moss Jr. and Bill Qualls.

She is survived by her children, Howard (Tracie) Morrow Jr., Eric (Faye) Morrow, Lynn Morrow Woten, Lena (Jeffrey) Jenkins, Dana Morrow, and Jeremy (Candi) Morrow; brothers Leon (Brenda) Hartsfield and James (Deloris) Morrow; sisters Willie Mae Morrow, Susie Kennerly-Morrow, Leona Moss, Clara Mae Talley, Georgia Ann (Ed) King, and Gertrude Eady; 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A private Jehovah’s Witness Service was on Oct. 31, 2025, from the Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. The Funeral Service was on Nov. 1, 2025. Interment followed in Watson Memorial Park. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfhmn.com>.

Frank “Butch” Wells

Frank “Butch” Wells, age 71 of Tracy City, died on Nov. 1, 2025, at home. He was born on Oct. 16, 1954, in Knoxville. He graduated from Bedford High School in Temperance, Mich., and still had many dear friends from the Class of ’72. He worked for many years at Dana Corp in Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Winner’s in Nashville; and Jim Reed Chevrolet in Nashville before starting his own company, FIKES OF TENNESSEE, where he worked until happily retiring to his tiny home mountain community four years ago from Nashville. He was a man who lived for his family, a devoted husband and proud father. His two grandchildren were the light of his life. He loved restoring antique cars, watching NASCAR races, and traveling to Europe. Through determination and the help of his supportive family, he made one last trip to the beach at Hilton Head Island to celebrate his 71st birthday on Oct. 16, 2025, mere weeks before his death.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Randa Hart Wells; children, Katelyn (Ruben) of Chattanooga and Jonathan Wells of Tullahoma; siblings, Judy, Deb, Vickie, John, and Bethany; and two grandchildren, Alex Wells and Ella Sebastian Wells. His family wishes to thank Dr. Robert Taylor, Dialysis Clinic Inc., and DCI Home Training of Nashville as well as their helping neighbors and friends for caring for him during his many years of kidney disease. A Celebration of Life is planned for next spring. For complete obituary go to <<https://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>>.

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distinguished service. He most recently served as an Assistant Professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Prior to assignment to the Active Army following September 11, he served for a decade in the National Guard and Army Reserve while serving his community as a municipal law enforcement officer in North Carolina and Georgia. His deployments include assignments in Bosnia, Israel, Kuwait, and Afghanistan. Hart holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Webster University and certificates in Genocide Prevention and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Annual Parish Meeting: Please plan to gather on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 9:30 a.m., in Kennerly Hall for breakfast and the meeting to elect vestry members, reflect on the past year, and look to the future. Vestry nominees for 3-year terms are Chris Asmussen, Julia Bates, and Paul Richaud; their biographies can be found on the insert.

Hurricane Melissa relief: Donations may be made to Episcopal Relief & Development <<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>> or PO Box 5121; Boone, IA 50950-0121.

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.

Surviving the Holidays Seminar at Morton Memorial UMC

Do you find it difficult during the holidays because you are experiencing grief from the death of a loved one or loss of another kind? You are not alone. You may want to attend the Surviving the Holidays seminar from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church.

The seminar is designed to provide encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the holidays. Tracey Weibert, who has led several Grief Share groups, will lead this seminar.

To find out more and to sign up, contact: Tracey Weibert at (423) 309-0818 or by email at <twiebertlaw@gmail.com>. Rev. Melisa Derseweh at (615) 418-0559 or by email at <melisa.derseweh@twkumc.org>.

The seminar will be in the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, 322 W. Main Street, Monteagle, TN. The Wesley House is located between the Sanctuary building and CVS.

**Dancewise** (continued from page 1)

tic director Courtney World speaks glowingly of this year's performance. "Each year, the caliber of student choreography and performance goes up and I believe this is one of our strongest dance productions to date." DanceWise is collaborative not just in terms of participation, but also direction and design: each dance is created by paired choreographers and designers who coordinate dance, light, sound, and costumes to, in World's words "create cohesion within each dance piece as well as the production as a whole." The six student choreographers (Izzy Grass, C'26, Talia de la Cruz, C'26, Lara Georgia G. Noronha, C'27, Lucas Montiel Chaparro, C'28, Nico Richards, C'28, and Phoenix Tillman, C'28) have worked since last May on their dances and contributing to the artistic vision of Mystique.

As for the theme itself, World said, "I was curious about how choreographers might explore the indescribable, ephemeral, even magical realm of possibility in their dances that takes us beyond what we understand or universally hold as true. I invited student choreographers to lean into the potential of their dances to transcend language and tangible experiences, and to embrace the world of imagination where not everything is as it seems..." This experience is enhanced by the work of student lighting designers Wayne Medley and Wesley Inman, student costume designers Ivy Francis Moore and Sophia James, and the faculty supervision of Jordan Vera, Danielle Silfies, and Jennifer Matthews, to create an overall sense of unreality in the production.

World is excited in particular by the diversity of dance styles offered this year, especially the presence of flamenco in the program. Guest choreographer Noelia Garcia Carmona visited Sewanee for a few days in early October to create a new modern-flamenco fusion dance, which will be performed by some of the 24 student dancers. Carmona is a dance educator, performer, and choreographer with more than 30 years of experience in Spanish Dance, flamenco, and contemporary dance, educated in her home city of Barcelona, Spain. She now live in Memphis, Tennessee and continues to choreograph, educate, and perform many styles of dance but flamenco in particular. Her contribution to DanceWise follows the pattern of previous productions, allowing students to be exposed to entirely new styles of dance beyond what the University normally offers. In addition to this dance and the student choreographed dances, World will be performing a tap-violin duet with guest artist Jeremy Ramos.

DanceWise: Mystique will be a unique and exciting experience for everyone involved. If you are interested in attending any of the Nov. 13-16 performances, visit the Theatre Sewanee Evenbrite page and reserve your free tickets.

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groups trying to claim him as their cult leader. He doesn't want the job and is both "paranoid of surveillance" and "addicted" to the attention.

Curts resists drawing a conclusion about cults increasing overtime. She urges questioning what we are paying attention to and the media landscape. Curts speculated those calling attention to a cult's violence or mind control are often diverting attention away from the same problems in the mainstream culture.

Borden, likewise, points to technology as a factor influencing the prevalence of cults. But she also stresses the impact of crisis in a culture. Looking to the present, Borden quotes from a September 14, 2020, Time Magazine story: since 1975 "the Top 1% of Americans Have Taken \$50 Trillion From the Bottom 90%." Borden argues the circumstance has wreaked havoc on the lives of "under-resourced" lower and middle class individuals and, also, wreaked havoc on the nation. "People in a crisis crave a strong man and are easily conned," Borden insisted.

On the positive side, Taylor observed, "Cults can be a refuge for outcasts and a safe haven." "It strikes me people want to think about how to survive in sometimes dehumanizing conditions," Curts said. "Religions, sometimes labeled cults, offer really important resources for people in those moments." Borden conceded, in spite of manipulation and exploitation, cult "survivors" often reported making long-term friendships and being driven to continue their "work toward seeking enlightenment."

Is there a way to curb the cult phenomenon, and do we want to? Sponsored by the Departments of English and Creative Writing, Politics, and Religious Studies, Sewanee School of Letters, The Lectures Committee, and the Dakin Fund, the "Cults in the American Imagination" panel will tackle questions such as these and more. "Cult groups offer the chance to think about what it means to redraw boundaries and to think anew about community and how you want to make it," Curts said. "Why are [those things that get more clicks] the things that capture our attention now?"

Thanksgiving Catering at St. Mary's Sewanee

The St. Mary's Sewanee culinary team is offering Thanksgiving catering. The menu includes turkey breast, homemade dressing, green beans, sweet potato casserole, gravy, cranberry relish, rolls, and various pies for dessert. Partial orders can also be placed based on supply. Desserts can be purchased separately. Call for pricing.

This offer is for a limited time only, so place your order early by contacting the Reservations office.

The deadline for orders is Nov. 12, or while supplies last. Meals can be picked up at the retreat center on Wednesday, Nov. 26. All orders must be paid for in advance. Please, no exceptions. If you want to find Rest, Renewal, and time to Reconnect this Thanksgiving Holiday, let us take care of the cooking for you.

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SCCF Unveils LIFTGrundy

by Beth Riner for SCCF

The South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF) unveiled a bold, new health initiative to build healthier futures for Grundy Countians.

Funded by a three-year, \$2 million rural health resiliency grant from the Tennessee Department of Health, LIFTGrundy stands for Let's Improve Futures Together.

"It's not just a name — it's a promise," Program Manager Elise Krews told the crowd of more than 150 at the SCCF's fall fundraising banquet. "It's about all of us, together, building a healthier future for Grundy County."

The SCCF's Executive Director Tom Sanders echoed those thoughts.

"We see the South Cumberland Plateau as a place of hope and prosperity for all residents," Sanders said. "What does that mean? Take that abstract thought and put affirmations behind it."

He cited three key affirmations: everyone has a home, a doctor, and a community.

"We know that when people feel a sense of social connection that they tend to be healthier," Sanders said. "The project we're about to unveil combines all of those affirmations and more."

Krews said that reliable transportation is a key component of the project.

"When we think about health, it's easy to picture doctors, hospitals, and medicines, but real community health is about more than that. It's about connection. It's about whether we can reach the care, the food, and the people who help us thrive," she explained.

Grundy County residents face transportation issues every single day. "Think about it—a patient with no way to get to her dialysis appointment three times a week or neighbors who can't move into stable housing because they have no way to get to the utility office in person," she said. "A young person may miss work or school because there's no ride."

"These everyday realities don't just affect health. They affect dignity, independence, and connection to the community."

The SCCF will use grant funding to address these issues.

"Our vision is to build a com-

prehensive health mobility network — a network where transportation builds health, instead of standing in the way," she said, noting the plan is to build out the mobility network in two ways: strengthening what already exists and creating a network of volunteer drivers.

"We're working with community partners including Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, South Cumberland Community Clinic and SETHRA to provide resources like vans, staff funding, and community health workers. By investing in organizations that are already trusted here, we make the whole system stronger."

A network of volunteer drivers will also help people get to where they need to go. "Neighbors use their own vehicles, receive training and support, and are reimbursed for mileage," she said. "This isn't just about rides. It's about weaving transportation into the fabric of health and well-being."

Since beginning her work as project manager in June, Krews already sees steady progress.

"SETHRA has hired a new community health worker, expanded trips with support from the grant, and will soon purchase another van," she said.

Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic and South Cumberland Community Clinic now have community health workers walking alongside patients and connecting them to resources.

"All three of the community health workers are part of an apprenticeship program and are building skills that will strengthen this community well beyond the life of the grant," she said.

Both MOSAIC and GRACE provide transportation for people in recovery from substance abuse and pay drivers so people can access the care and support needed to stay on their recovery journeys.

Krews is confident that Grundy County will have a stronger, more reliable transportation system that supports community health and well-being when the grant ends.

"Our vision is simple: a county where health is possible for everyone because transportation is never the reason someone misses care or feels cut off from their community."

Monteagle Planning: Beer Permit, Sketch Plan Ordinances

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Nov. 4 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission revisited two ordinance questions involving Paco's Cantina and Sports Bar, a Mexican restaurant at 202 E. Main St. The commission tabled taking action on a revised site plan and landscaping plan for the Monteagle Market, already under construction.

Building inspector Travis Lawyer said he had received questions about the restaurant being granted a beer license due to the business's close proximity to Monteagle Elementary School. Lawyer read from the ordinance regulating beer sales which prohibits manufacture, distribution or sale of beer "within 200 feet any church, residence, or place of public gathering," with measurement taken from front door to front door. Lawyer measured the front-door to front-door distance between the restaurant and school as 491 feet. "They are in compliance," Lawyer said.

The ordinance, amended in 2021, changed the measurement parameters. "The measurement used to be property line to property line," said Commission Chair Richard Black.

Travis suggested the application for a beer license require the applicant to state the distance to any neighboring property. Black agreed.

Commissioner Katie Trahan pointed out, "distance is not part of the qualification" for a license to sell liquor or wine, which is regulated by the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission, not the local government.

Black read from a proposed amendment clarifying when an addition to an existing structure could be approved by the building inspector based on a sketch plan, without requiring a site plan. A proposed outdoor boardwalk/deck at Paco's Cantina and Sports Bar led to the need for clarification.

Town planner Jonathan Rush based the amendment on regulations used by other municipalities, allowing approval of additions based on a sketch plan if the addition is less than 1,000 square feet and less than one-third the total floor area of the existing building. The ordinance also provides for the building inspector to refer any questionable project to the planning commission which may require a full site plan for the project to proceed.

The commission approved the amendment and will send it to the council for final approval.

Turning to the Monteagle Market project, Lawyer said the proposed sign on the revised site plan exceeded the 120' limit. He also expressed concern about the structural integrity of the pylons the sign would be mounted on once the existing sign was removed. "I need an engineering report [on the integrity]," Lawyer insisted.

Liz Rodriguez, engineer for the project, said the owner had been notified about the problem with the height of the proposed sign. She asked the commission to approve the revised site and landscaping plans so the project could move forward.

"If a site plan is approved with a sign shown, that constitutes approval of the sign," objected Commissioner Alec Mosley.

The project has been plagued with hurdles. The site plan was approved conditionally in 2023 pending a Board of Zoning Appeals variance. The variance was granted and construction moved forward without the site plan being returned to the commission for final approval. The irregularity went unnoticed when the Southeast Tennessee Development town planner assigned to Monteagle changed. The developer also made changes to the site plan without commission approval, thus the necessity for approval of a revised site plan for a project already under construction.

"I am not comfortable with approving anything that is not exactly how it is going to be," Trahan said.

The commission agreed with Rush's recommendation to table the site plan until the sign issue was rectified. "The site plan is what is going to be built. That is the whole purpose of a site plan," Rush stressed.

"If there is an error on the project and the building is built, where do we go with this?" Lawyer asked.

"I don't believe there are any other issues," Rush said.

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new Sewanee Welcome Center, the official Sewanee trailhead for the Mountain Goat, will serve as the Crow visitor center until a facility is constructed.

"The geology and terrain are the biggest challenges to trail building," Loewer said. "We can construct 15 feet of trail on a good day." Watch the Messenger for opportunities to volunteer to help with trail building.

A new trail to Buggy Top Cave will create a loop, with the new segment cutting the elevation gain in half, making for a less demanding hiking experience. The 80' by 100' cave entrance is one of the largest in the nation. The name of the water course in Lost Cove changes from Lost Creek to Crow Creek when it exits Buggy Top Cave, thus the park's name, Head of the Crow. Caves are also a prominent feature in the Pack Hollow area of the park, with more than a dozen on record, according to Loewer. Park caves are closed Sept. 1 to April 30 to accommodate bat hibernation.

Another outstanding feature of the park are the trail overlooks. From one, Shelbyville is visible on a clear day. From another overlook, hikers can see the Tennessee River in Alabama. The park service embraces three goals: to conserve both the culture and pristine natural beauty of the parks; to increase resource-based recreation to stimulate stewardship and appreciation of the parks to help the park service protect them; and to help build up the rural areas of the state. "We want to conserve this property and manage it as close to natural as possible," Loewer said. "None of us know exactly what this would have been like 200-plus years ago. We don't know what the cultures were that were here then, but we know they left behind, and we can share that."

Reporting on SCA business, President Kiki Beavers said the Community Chest fund drive had reached 30 percent of the \$118,500 goal. The membership approved bylaws changes authorizing the SCA to manage the Welcome Center and a staff title change from Director of Sewanee Classifieds to Sewanee Classifieds Administrator.

Beavers called for nominations to serve on the Board of Directors. Nominations are due by Feb. 16. Area residents interested in serving on the board should email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

Beavers also called for nominations for the Community Service Award, recognizing those who have made outstanding contributions to the community, making Sewanee a better place to live and improving the quality of life. Send nominations to <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or SCC, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 12. The awards ceremony is scheduled for May 4.

Beavers urged community members to make donations to the Community Action Committee's food ministry, "Stock the Pantry." Online contributions can be made through the Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/f6TXKX4>.



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Monday, Nov. 10: Chocolate uncrustable, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Steak slider, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 13: sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, Nov. 14: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

LUNCH

All reimbursable meals must include a fruit or vegetable on the tray. Students may decline 2 of the 5 meal components – meat/meat alternative; grain; fruit; vegetable; milk. Daily offerings may include Yogurt Fun Packs and/or PB&J Power Packs.

Monday, Nov. 10: Chicken sandwich w/trimmings, baked beans, waffle fries, whole pickle, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Chili, peanut butter/honey sandwich, potato emojis, fresh broccoli, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Walking taco, tortilla chips, lettuce/tomato cup, salsa, corn, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 13: Turkey & dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Nov. 14: Pizza, seasoned potato wedges, fresh carrots w/Ranch, fruit sorbet, fruit, milk.

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov. 11, Veterans Day, Marion County

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



Lecture: What Does Nicaea Settle?

Join the School of Theology community at 4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10, in the Samuel Lloyd Forum (335 Tennessee Ave.) for a lecture by Yale scholar Kathryn Tanner.

The Council of Nicaea was prompted by controversy that seemed to have been settled by anathemas and a joint statement of faith. But what did it really accomplish? Rather than finally resolving controversy, Tanner argues Nicaea paved the way to further fruitful arguments about fundamental matters of faith.

Kathryn Tanner is Frederick Marquand Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale Divinity School. Among other books, she is the author of “Jesus, Humanity, and the Trinity: A Brief Systematic Theology” (Fortress, 2001), and “Christ the Key” (Cambridge, 2010).

This lecture is free and open to the public. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SAS Hosts Preview Days for Local Families

St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School invites families on the mountain and in the region to attend one of the school’s preview days.

Preview days are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11; and Monday, Feb. 16. Recognizing that not all schools are closed on these days, families are welcome to visit with or without their student.

Families can contact <admission@sasweb.org> or call (931) 598-5651 to reserve a spot for a Preview Day or schedule a visit on a different date. The school also offers coffee and tours on Thursdays at 10 a.m., with no RSVP required.

SAS offers generous tuition assistance and is a partner with the state of Tennessee’s Education Freedom Scholarship Program.

GCHS Class of 1961 Reunion

The Grundy County High school class of 1961 will have its annual class reunion on Saturday Nov. 8, at the Western Sizzler Restaurant in Jasper. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and social time. Please bring spouses or children who might be able to bring you. We would like for as many as are able to be present. Come and enjoy reminiscing about the past and check out what others are doing. You may call Jackie Suter Lawley at (931) 235-3029 if you have any questions.

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Tiny Quilts, Nov. 8. Create a sweet tiny quilt with quilt artist Zak Foster. In this intimate workshop, you’ll master essential hand-stitching techniques that form the foundation of all quilting projects.

Market Basket Weaving, Nov. 9. Learn how to make a traditional market basket with a wooden handle and a variety of reed sizes and colors with Linda Moore and Cheryl Johnson.

Felted Wool Slippers, Nov. 15-16. Learn to make wet felted wool slippers with artist and craftswoman Laurel York. Each person will go home with a pair of warm comfortable wool slippers that fit them perfectly.

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Fall Vocal Showcase

Join the Sewanee Voice Studios for our Fall Vocal Showcase, at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7, Guerry Auditorium. In this semi-annual performance, Sewanee singers offer an engaging mix of musical theatre, art song, pop, rock, soul, jazz, and more. Come one, come all. With Vicki Collinsworth, piano. Free admission.

Black Moon Trio at Kennerly Hall

Black Moon Trio is a Chicago-based horn, violin, and piano ensemble redefining the chamber music experience through adventurous programming, community-centered education, and a commitment to equity in the arts. The Performing Arts Series invites music lovers of all ages to this family-friendly performance with interactive activities for children blending music, storytelling, and learning about the natural world. The event will take place at 5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Kennerly Hall.

With thanks to Sewanee Children's Center and The Episcopal Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul.

Artifacts of Extinction: Untold Stories from the University Archives Collections

Comprised of defunct objects related to science, culture, and Sewanee-specific extinction, this show examines forgotten objects, ideas, and traditions from the William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections. Providing a window into community and campus life of former generations, this exhibition works to bridge the past and present Sewanee experience. Ranging from hair

art to dog obituaries, stone and bone books to insects-in-amber and fossil fragments, the displayed objects represent the unexpected cultural heritage and geographic diversity of the University's collections. Researched and curated by Introduction to Museum Studies students in the spring of 2025, Artifacts of Extinction showcases Sewanee's rich archival resources and hands-on student experience.

Free Tickets Available for Christmas in The Caverns

Free tickets for the concert are available to residents of the South Cumberland region at <<https://www.thecaverns.com>>. Doors open at 6 p.m. CT, and the concert begins at 7 p.m. CT, on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025. Seating is limited, and RSVP is required.

Three talented vocalists have been selected as finalists for Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off. Louise Block, a student at Sewanee, Julie Nickell from Tracy City, and Rachel Swerske from Monteagle will perform live with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra. All three singers will compete for prizes, including cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, or \$250, along with concert tickets, merchandise, and a professional video of their performance. A panel of judges at the event will determine first, second, and third place among the finalists, while the audience will select a crowd favorite, who will also receive a special package of goods and services donated by local and regional businesses.

Second Annual 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. "We are hoping many businesses, churches and individuals will put up a tree this year," said Monteagle Mayor Greg Maloof. "Come help us light up Monteagle for Christmas."

Anyone who wants to decorate a tree for the tree trail may sign up to do so. There is no fee to participate. Sign up forms are available at Monteagle Town Hall, 16 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and on the town website <www.townofmonteagle-tn.com> under "Mayor's Memos."

Last day to register is Tuesday, Nov. 18. 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.

There are several requirements for participating in the Tree Trail, including you must provide your own: tree, live or artificial; one outdoor extension cord; LED lights on the tree; a sturdy tree stand. Town staff will stake each tree securely into the ground.

For more information contact the Monteagle Town Hall at (931) 924-2265.

Perspectives in Performance: 'The Niceties'

The Roberson Project is a proud sponsor of the Perspectives in Performance Series.

"The Niceties" will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Tennessee Williams Center – Studio Theater. Tickets are available on <Eventbrite.com>.

Eleanor Burgess' play examines power dynamics when a polite meeting between a liberal arts professor and her ambitious student turns into a struggle over the interpretation of history. A short educational component will take place at each show so be sure to get your tickets here. All shows are free and open to the public. Join Dr. Sylvia Gray and Dr. Brittney Threatt for a CREATE Conversation with the actors of The Niceties, Friday, November 7th at noon in the Torian Room. No registration needed. Refreshments will be served.

Greening of the Chapel

Join us on Friday, Dec. 5, for the beloved tradition of Greening All Saints' Chapel, as we prepare for the 66th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols (Dec. 6 and 7). Greening of the Chapel begins at 9 a.m. All levels of experience are welcomed and very much needed. We also encourage you to bring any treasures from your garden (dried hydrangea, nandina, and other berries, unusual evergreen clippings, etc.) 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.

The Greening of the Chapel has become a tradition for many — many expressing that it begins, for them, the Advent season. Ken Taylor, of Taylor's Mercantile, will direct the day's activities.

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.

66th Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

On Christmas Eve, 1918, the Chaplain of King's College, Cambridge took a Cornish Christmas tradition and brought it to the world. Weaving together biblical readings with seasonal music, the service prepared participants to hear the announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ. For over 60 years, Sewanee has hosted its own service, and coming as it does at the end of the Advent semester, the gathering becomes, for many, the Christmas celebration of the University. In addition to the students, staff, and faculty of the University, the service is open to the broader community in Sewanee and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming the extended Sewanee family and friends from around the world to All Saints' Chapel in 2025. With seats for over 1000 guests, we anticipate being able to seat every person who comes to worship in All Saints' Chapel. Two services — Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. — feature walk-up seating, and doors will open an hour in advance of the service. Reserved seating for the 4 p.m. service on Saturday, Dec. 6 will be made available to students and employees of the University on or shortly after Nov. 1. Please note that large bags or backpacks will not be allowed in All Saints' Chapel. Email us with questions at <lessonsandcarols@sewanee.edu>.

All services will be live-streamed for friends and family who are unable to attend in person. The live-stream can be accessed approximately 10 minutes prior to the service time.

After Bach: A Faculty Violin Recital

Faculty violinist, Andrew Uhe, presents a program of music for violin alone featuring works by Bach, Telemann, and Ysaÿe as well as a rare concert gem by Max Reger, the monumental G Minor Chaconne, Op. 117, No. 4.

The program contrasts musical styles from the early 18th Century with those from the early 20th Century while considering ways in which the later work both allude to and diverge from Bach's precedent.

The concert, free and open to the public, will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10, in Guerry Auditorium.

Comic Book Writing Workshop

Writer, J. Holtham who works in TV, comics, and podcasts, will offer a comic book writing workshop. The workshop will be from 4:30–5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Torian Room at duPont. This event is sponsored by the Departments of English & Creative Writing and Theatre & Dance.

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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, at Sewanee's American Legion Hall.

"We're reaching out to the public for two reasons," volunteer Lee Limbird said. "We want to encourage local artists not participating in the studio tour to donate pieces to the Empty Tables Project and invite those who are inspired by art and concerned about the crisis of food insecurity on the plateau to come by our booth to shop."

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.

Grundy County Food Bank is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Grundy County area, working with volunteers and board members to make sure no person goes hungry.

The Community Action Committee, an outreach program of St. Mark and St. Paul Church in Sewanee, is dedicated to combating poverty and hunger in rural Appalachia and is open Monday-Friday from 9-11 a.m.

Morton Memorial Church in Monteagle distributes groceries once a month, typically to 275 or more families, to alleviate food security in the area.

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/>>.

'It's hard to stop rebels that time travel' at the Carlos Gallery

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present "It's hard to stop rebels that time travel," an exhibition by artist Raymond Thompson. The exhibition is on display through Dec. 11.

Raymond Thompson's "It's hard to stop rebels that time travel" is a photography project that utilizes archival fragments, historic ephemera, and Thompson's images to focus on individual stories of slaves, maroons, and runaways whose existence is only now revealed through traces in the collective archive. This project works to expand narratives about the Black experience and our connection to the "American" landscape. This work has been guided by local historic archives of runaway slave ads, lynching news articles, Black folklore, and other location-specific historical events. Maroons were enslaved people who had escaped their captors, but did not flee to the North. Instead, they choose to create a life in hard-to-access swamps or the wild spaces between plantations. The plantations can be considered "freedom practices." Through these recently reclaimed threads of stories, viewers can radically re-envision Black people's connection to the American landscape.

Raymond Thompson, an interdisciplinary artist, educator, and visual journalist, is based in Austin, Texas. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. His academic journey includes an MFA in Photography from West Virginia University, an MA in Journalism from the University of Texas at Austin, and a degree in American Studies from the University of Mary Washington.

Thompson explores how race, memory, representation, and place combine to shape the Black environmental imagination of the North American landscape. He won the 1619 Aftermath Grant (2023) and the 2021 Lenscatch Student Prize (2021). His work has been exhibited in numerous exhibitions, including the Fotofest Biennial - Ten by Ten: Ten Portfolios from the Meeting Place 2022-23 (2024). His work is held in the permanent collection of the Museum of Contemporary Photography, the Virginia Museum of Fine Art, and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. Raymond is the author of *Appalachian Ghost*, published in 2024 by the University Press of Kentucky.

Thompson's professional experience extends to freelance photography, where he has collaborated with renowned organizations such as The New York Times, The Intercept, NBC News, NPR, Politico, ProPublica, The Nature Conservancy, ACLU, WBEZ, Google, Merrell, Bloomberg Businessweek Magazine, and the Associated Press.

Carlos Gallery Visual Art Building is located at 105 Kennerly Rd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

42nd Annual Holiday Open House at Taylor's Mercantile

A time-honored tradition returns Nov. 7-9 with the 42nd annual Holiday Open House at Taylor's Mercantile in downtown Sewanee. Ken and Lynn Taylor have gone all out this year, offering carefully curated holiday gifts, elegant tabletops, and festive decorations for every taste. "There is something for everyone," Ken said.

The open house transforms the store into a Christmas wonderland, making it a must-visit destination between Nashville and Atlanta, as visitors come to find unique gifts, decorating items, and inspiration for their own homes. "People from all over come to the store to purchase unique gifts and holiday decorating items or to even to get decorating ideas. For many, this event marks the start of their holiday celebrations," Ken said.

This year's selection includes classic nutcrackers and Santas, modern woodland décor, and elegant angels. Angels, a beloved part of Sewanee's traditions, are featured in the advertisement artwork by the late Dick Posan, who also designed the store's logo and sign. "The angels are fun and a little quirky, but that art helps to herald in the season of joy," Ken said.

Ken and Lynn see the open house — with refreshments and specials — as a way to thank their supporters for 42 wonderful years. "I believe God has given us all a gift, and it's our duty to minister to those around us. I am lucky enough to get to feel like that is what I am doing," Ken said.

Taylor's Mercantile, located at 10 University Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Holiday Open House hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8, and noon to 5 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 9.

'soft bone, tender body' at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present "soft bone, tender body" by Chicago-based sculptor and performance artist Nalani Stolz, on view in the UAG through Dec. 12, 2025.

Working with abstract forms and organic materials and processes, Stolz considers our conceptions of—and experience of inhabiting—our bodies. The artist makes use of materials and practices from the domestic sphere and puts these to new purpose, evoking care and intimacy, while rendering the familiar unfamiliar, and beyond easy or full understanding.

Material surrogates for our bodies and their systems, the pieces included in soft bone, tender body change over time. They grow, and break down. Their surfaces crack and age. They seep. They expand and stretch, they empty. They are shaped by processes — the growth of yeast, fermentation, how vinegars and salt respond. They are porous, they are messy, they elude control, they decay. They are crafted tenderly, they are beautiful, they are temporary.

Nalani Stolz "shift(s) our seemingly solid edges; reminding us that we are ... changing, decaying vessels, loosely contained by skin, muscle, and bone."

Please join us at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Guerry Auditorium. Nalani Stolz will present her work in conversation with Dr. Jeff Thompson from Art, Art History, and Visual Studies.

Nalani Stolz received a B.A. in Sculpture at Whitman College and an M.F.A. in Sculpture from Ohio State University. Her recent solo exhibitions include "Bodies Still Becoming" at The Sculpture Center, Cleveland, OH in 2024; "Tenuous Threads" at the Atlantic Gallery, New York, NY in 2023, and "Midrib & Trifolio" at the Columbus Printed Arts Center, Columbus, Ohio, in 2022. She was a resident artist at Prairie Ronde, the Mill at Vicksburg, Mich., in 2025, at Anderson Ranch Arts Center in 2024, and at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art in 2023. From 2014-2018, she founded and directed The Birdsell Project, an arts organization and residency program that focuses on bringing artists into spaces to create site-responsive installations.

The University Lectures Committee, Sewanee's Integrated Program in the Environment, Biology, Religious Studies, Humanities, and Art, Art History, and Visual Studies all contributed their support to this exhibition and event. Thank you!

The UAG is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m., on Saturdays and Sundays. Please note the UAG will be closed for the University of the South's Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 22 through Nov. 30, 2025.

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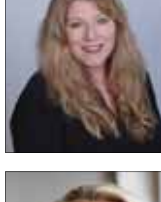
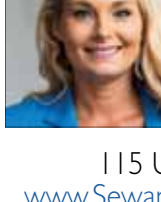
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Housing Hub Breaks Ground on New Chapter

by Beth Riner

A dreary October day didn’t dampen spirits as Housing Hub broke ground on its second build, which will provide an affordable home for one working family on the South Cumberland Plateau.

“Today we are breaking ground on a new chapter—not just for this home, but for the future of workforce housing in our little pocket of Appalachia,” Housing Hub Executive Director Julie Keel told the crowd of about thirty elected officials, community leaders, and supporters.

“The Housing Hub was founded with a simple but powerful mission: to make safe, affordable housing accessible for those who keep our communities running—teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, and service professionals,” Keel said. “We believe that housing is not just a basic need, but a foundation for economic stability, community vitality, and generational opportunity.

“This home represents more than lumber and windows and paint. It’s a symbol of what’s possible when public, private, and nonprofit sectors come together with shared purpose. We’re proud to partner with investors, elected officials, and local leaders like you—who understand that housing is infrastructure, and that investing in people is the most strategic investment we can make.”

Dubbed the Angels’ House, the home is a three-bedroom, two-bath build off Colony Road in Coalmont that is expected to be completed by late spring of

2026, Housing Hub’s Director of Housing Development Cody Jorstad said. Local subcontractors and volunteers will build the house. Nashville architect Amanda Shadowens, who has close ties to Beersheba Springs, designed the house.

“This home represents more than lumber and windows and paint. It’s a symbol of what’s possible when public, private, and nonprofit sectors come together with shared purpose. The Housing Hub is proud to partner with investors, elected officials, and local leaders like you—who understand that housing is infrastructure, and that investing in people is the most strategic investment we can make,” Keel said.

“Among the partners for this house is a group we call Angels,” she added. “These Angels are individuals who are investing literally in our mission by lending us funds at zero interest, and that money is building this home. That’s why we call it the Angels’ House. A big, big thank you to our Angels.”

Five generous Angel Investors made eighteen-month loans at zero interest to the organization. At the end of the loan period, the money is returned to them, said Board Member Lee Limbird, who spearheaded a successful pickleball tournament in September to cover the cost of the build’s kitchen.

“To outfit a kitchen in a Housing Hub home costs nearly \$10,000,” Limbird said, stressing that the unseen plumbing, electrical, and structural infrastructure

needed to support that kitchen adds an additional \$9,000.

“Putting shovel to dirt as a team for our second home is affirmation that Housing Hub’s mission to build homes working families can afford will continue to make an impact on the Plateau,” she added.

According to Keel, there is a mismatch between market-priced homes and median family income in Grundy County. The income needed to buy a home for a family of four is \$97-110,000 while the median family income is \$47-59,000.

To combat this housing crisis, Housing Hub only charges for the cost of building the home and works closely with homebuyers to navigate the mortgage process.

For more information about Housing Hub or to become an Angel Investor for future builds, email Keel at <Julie@housing-hubtn.org>.

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

Tennessee Craft–South invites the public to the 2025 Artists’ Holiday Tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in Sewanee, Monteagle, Wartrace, and Bell Buckle.

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 ClenDenning, 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 C 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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SAS Cross Country Teams Make School History: Both Headed to State

For the first time in school history, both the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School boys' and girls' cross country teams have qualified for the state championships in the same season. While each program has advanced to state in previous years, this marks the first time both teams will compete together on the state stage.

At the TSSAA Division II-A East Regional Meet on Oct. 28, at Victor Ashe Park in Knoxville, both teams earned top finishes among 18 competing schools to secure their spots at state.

The boys' team finished third out of 18 schools, led by senior captain Micah Moody, who placed fifth. Sophomore Timi Stefanut ran a personal best of 18:57.33 to take 14th, followed by Arthur Glacet in 15th (19:04.26) and Mason Sparacio in 18th with a season-best 19:09.84. Daniel Pastor (32nd), Guillermo Ruiz De La Herran Sanjuan (33rd), and Eoin Pate (49th) rounded out the team's strong performance.

The girls' team finished fourth out of 18 schools. Eighth grader Nora Jane Elrod led the team with a 14th-place finish (22:19.47), followed by Annanoel Sparacio (15th,

22:32.71), Lillian Crigger (19th, 22:54.52), and Catherine Barnett, who ran a personal best for 27th place (23:37.96). Annika Stefanut (33rd), Elowyn Pate (40th), and Beatrice Pate (41st, PR) completed the scoring effort.

In the JV race, junior Ed Smith claimed victory with a season-best time of 20:37.09. Benji Sowell finished close behind in second place (22:06.03), and Dylan Bruscatto took fourth with a personal record of 22:36.98. Ayden Allen and Seanna Mainord also turned in strong performances for the Mountain Lions.

"This group has shown incredible dedication and heart all season," said Head Coach Joe Mahler. "For both teams to qualify for state in the same year is a tremendous accomplishment and a reflection of their hard work and team spirit."

HOME GAMES

3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7, Women's Volleyball vs. Mississippi University

6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7, Women's Volleyball vs. Covenant College

6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7, University Swimming and Diving vs. UT Southern

1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, Football vs. Centre

noon, Sunday, Nov. 9, Women's Basketball vs. Wesleyan

6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10, SAS MS Boys' Basketball vs. Tracy City

6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10, SAS MS Wrestling vs. Cascade

7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11, Men's Basketball vs. Maryville

5:15 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, SAS MS/Varsity Swimming vs. Shelbyville Central

5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, Men's Basketball, Lon Varnell Classic

Collins Garners Second Team All-SAA Honors

Sewanee men's cross country freshman Jack Collins earned Second Team All-SAA honors after placing ninth in the conference meet this past Saturday in Georgetown, Texas.

Collins completed the 8K course on the Southwestern University campus in 25:57.4. He became the first Sewanee men's runner to garner All-SAA accolades since Ash Midwett (First Team) and Jack Barganier (Second Team) in 2019.

The Tigers placed sixth as a team in the conference meet, placing all five scorers in the Top 40.



Tigers Drop Homecoming Decision to No. 22 Trinity

Barton Mixon carried 32 times for 120 yards but 22nd-ranked Trinity University scored three times in an 11-minute stretch in the second half, pulling away for a 32-3 victory over Sewanee in Homecoming football action here Nov. 1, at McGee Field-Harris Stadium.

The Tigers (3-5, 1-4 SAA) trailed 13-0 at the half and drove 73 yards on 18 plays, taking almost 10 minutes off the clock to open the second half. Sean Johnson caught a pass for 24 yards and Dyer Barnes made a six-yard catch on fourth down, keeping the drive alive.

Mixon rushed three times to set-up 1st-and-goal and the Tigers had 3rd and 4th-and-goal at the three, but Mixon was stuffed on both plays, turning the ball over to Trinity (7-1, 4-1).

The visitors wasted little time, with Hondo Franklin hitting Alejandro Tavarez for 51 yards on third down and two plays later, Tavarez caught a 31-yard touchdown pass, pushing the Trinity lead to 19-0.

Sewanee moved 64 yards on nine plays in the fourth quarter, with Mixon gaining 30 yards on the first play and 27 on the third. A pass interference penalty pushed the ball to the Trinity 25-yard line, but the drive stalled and Will Simpson booted a 38-yard field to get the Tigers on the board.

Three Sewanee quarterbacks completed 9-of-23 passes for 104 yards and three interceptions, with Barnes and Johnson each catching four balls in the contest. Sewanee managed only 218 yards of offense in the contest.

Franklin finished 16-of-23 passing for 261 yards and three TDs while nine Trinity players rushed the ball, led by Xadrian Huerta's 45 yards on nine attempts. Sewanee's defense accounted for four sacks and six tackles-for-loss, stopping

three drives in the first half on fourth down. Trinity led 7-0 before scoring with 1:40 to play in the second quarter and the third-quarter TD started a 21-0 spurt to pull away.

The Tigers sacked Franklin on fourth down at the Sewanee 32 on the opening drive of the game, starting a trend in the first half where the home team ended three Trinity drives with fourth-down stops.

Trinity scored late in the first quarter on a six-play, 78-yard drive highlighted by a double-pass from Collin Bishop to Franklin, which turned into a 51-yard play. Huerta carried three times for 19 yards and Franklin broke a tackle near the goal line for a rushing touchdown and a 7-0 lead for the visitors.

Barnes caught a 44-yard pass early in the second quarter to the Trinity 19, but Kade Smith tossed an interception on third down, with Jaden Powell stepping in front of the throw to end the possession in the red zone.

Trinity failed on fourth down at the Sewanee 37 on its first drive of the second period and again at the 37 after the INT. The visitors used two of its timeouts to get the ball back before the half.

Franklin's pass at the Sewanee 45 was broken up by Jaylen Mack, who was called for pass interference on the play. On the next play Franklin tossed a touchdown to Tyson Hancock, though Trinity missed the extra point and led 13-0 at the break.

The Tigers registered just 64 total yards of offense in the half, punting five times and gaining just three first downs on seven possessions. Trinity collected 13 first downs and 254 yards of offense but converted 1-of-6 on third down and 0-for-3 on fourth down.

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Monaghan Voted First Team All-SAA for Women’s Soccer

Sewanee senior Kylene Monaghan earned First Team All-SAA honors and senior Lacey Carder and sophomores Susie Whitsett and Sonia Djurasovic all garnered Second Team accolades, as announced Tuesday by the conference office.

In addition, sophomores Emilee Scott and Laney Kalsu along with juniors Katye Dullye and Stella Martin were named Honorable Mention All-SAA.

Monaghan led the Tigers with four goals and tied for the team lead with five assists while starting all 15 matches. The Blacksburg, Va., native netted two goals with an assist at Covenant College and added a goal and an assist at Southwestern University. She garnered First Team honors for the third time in her career and received All-Conference recognition all four seasons.

Whitsett registered three goals with five assists in 15 matches this season. The Homewood, Ala., native netted goals against Trinity University and Southwestern University and recorded two assists versus Spalding University.

Martin collected two goals and four assists, with most of the assists on corner kicks. The New Orleans, La., native handed out two assists against Maryville College and posted one goal and one assist in league action. She earned Second Team All-SAA as a sophomore and Honorable Mention as a freshman.

Carder, Djurasovic, Kalsu and Dullye anchored a backline that allowed only seven goals this season, 0.47 goals-per-match, with eight shutouts. The Tigers did not allow a goal for five consecutive matches early in the season and only three goals in the first nine outings.

Djurasovic, Dullye and Kalsu each netted a pair of goals and Carder recorded three assists. Djurasovic and Carder started all 15 matches while Dullye and Kalsu each missed time with injuries but combined to play in 25 outings.

Carder garnered Honorable Mention accolades twice previously in her career and Dullye was a First Team selection as a freshman.

Scott posted a 0.56 goals-against-average in 11 matches with 10 starts in goal, giving up just five goals with 23 saves in 800 minutes of action. She posted a 6-2-2 mark in goal with five shutouts.

Tigers Top No. 13 Berry for First-ever Win Over Vikings

Mollie White and Savannah Gann each posted 15 kills as Sewanee upset No. 13-ranked Berry in four sets on Nov. 2, at Juhan Gymnasium, 22-25, 25-23, 25-21, 26-24.

White hit .400 on the day with four blocks and four digs, while Gann added 11 digs and an ace. Anna Ellison recorded 11 kills, five blocks, and a dig, and Suna Merkler tallied 10 kills with eight digs and three total blocks. Emma Meyer paced the offense with 41 assists, 12 digs, and three kills. Defensively, Sophia Caruso anchored the back row with 21 digs and five assists, and Kiera Baldwin chipped in 12 digs.

The win marks the first in program history for Sewanee over nationally ranked Berry.

Berry edged out Sewanee in the opening set, using a 4-1 run to take control midway through. The Tigers made a late push behind three kills from White and an ace from Gann to close the gap, but the Vikings held on for a 25-22 win.

Set two featured 15 ties and six lead changes. With the score even at 23-23, Sewanee capitalized on a Berry error before Merkler sealed the set with a kill off a Caruso assist to even the match.

In the third frame, the Tigers built a commanding 21-13 lead thanks to a 9-3 run fueled by kills from Gann, Merkler, White, and Ellison. Berry rallied with a 6-1 surge late, but Meyer connected with Merkler for the set-clinching kill to give Sewanee the 2-1 advantage.

The fourth set was a back-and-forth battle. After trailing early, Sewanee strung together an 8-2 run highlighted by two kills and a block from Merkler, taking a 12-11 lead. Berry regained the edge, but the Tigers answered with a 7-1 stretch powered by two White kills and a block from Ellison to go up 19-14. Berry tied the frame at 23, but a Merkler kill gave Sewanee a match point. Following a brief tie at 24-all, White’s kill and a Berry attack error clinched the historic victory for the Tigers.

Sewanee (15-10, 8-6) will close out the regular season next Friday, hosting MUW and Covenant at Juhan Gymnasium.

Collins Finishes Ninth, Men Take Sixth at SAA Champs

Freshman Jack Collins finished ninth individually and Sewanee men’s cross country placed sixth as a team Saturday at the SAA Championships in Georgetown, Texas.

Collins posted a time of 25:57.4 on the 8K course for ninth place, averaging just over five minutes a mile.

Freshman Christian Myers placed 34th in 27:02.6 while freshmen William Hughes and Austin Colvin and sophomore Declan Oberlies finished 36th, 37th and 38th, respectively with times of 27:26.4, 27:27.2 and 27:36.6.

Sophomore Parker Tallman was 40th in 27:37.6 and senior Brandon Christ finished 47th in 28:27.5.

Freshman Jack Conger placed 77th in 28:43.3 while freshman Jonah Norris was 87th in 29:43.4 and sophomore Henry Zanone came across in 89th in 31:30.6.

Graham Leads Women Harriers with 18th-Place Showing at SAA Meet

Junior Eleanor Graham placed 18th and senior Sam Ude and sophomore Elizabeth Cook both finished in the Top 35 for Sewanee women’s cross country on Nov. 1, at the SAA Championships in Georgetown, Texas.

Graham completed the 6K course in 23:41.4 for 18th, helping the Tigers to a seventh-place team showing. Ude and Cook posted times of 26:06.5 and 26:46.5 for 34th and 35th, respectively.

Senior Grace Cawley, senior Allison Haworth and senior Clara Earley finished 42nd, 43rd and 44th, respectively, with times of 26:45.6, 27:14.7 and 27:20.0. Freshman Ruby Hoerter was the seventh runner in the team points standings, placing 47th in 27:59.0.

Sophomore Molly Emmett finished 83rd in 28:40.5 while freshman Clara Holmes placed 84th in 28:55.7 and sophomore Vivian Bravo was 85th in 29:06.6.

Men’s Golf Ranked Sixth in GCAA poll

Sewanee men’s golf ended the fall season ranked sixth in the Bushnell/Golfweek Division III Coaches Poll, as released Friday by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

The Tigers won the Gate City Invitational to open the fall campaign, rising to No. 1 in the rankings, and finished 11th among 24 teams at the NCAA Fall Preview. Sophomore Turner Chiles (74.2), seniors Colin Edwards (74.3) and Elias Becker (74.4) and freshman Aidan Tudor (74.9) all posted scoring averages below 75 in 10 rounds this fall.

Other SAA members in the rankings include Oglethorpe University (10th), Southwestern University (14th) and Trinity University (22nd).

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Women’s Soccer Falls in Home Finale

Centre scored in the first 20 minutes and Sewanee was unable to answer in a 1-0 loss in women’s soccer action on Nov. 1.

Centre notched an early goal off a corner, the ball hit off a Sewanee defender, finding the feet of Tessa Miles, who found the back of the net in the 17th minute.

Sonia Djurasovic recorded the Tigers best chance of the match off a corner kick from Stella Martin. Djurasovic sailed a shot from just outside the box on the rightside, but Centre goalkeeper Madeline Redmon punched it away in the 75th minute.

Centre beat the Tigers to nearly every loose ball and did not allow Sewanee to keep possession in the offensive end for most of the match. The Colonels outshot the Tigers, 9-7.

Field Hockey Drops Final Regular Season Game

Mary Washington scored in the sixth minute and added goals in each period to make their way past Sewanee in the last regular season contest on Nov. 2, in Fredericksburg, Va. in field hockey action.

The Eagles struck first in the sixth minute off a penalty corner, as Katie Royle’s shot from the top was deflected into the cage. Mary Washington added another in the second quarter when Makenzie Tutone converted a rebound off a save.

The hosts extended their lead in the third, scoring twice in less than a minute. Monique Lipton dribbled through the circle from the right side to make it 3-0, and Grayson Scott followed soon after, finishing off a rebound.

Sewanee’s best chances came in the third period, with Keagan Southall firing two shots on goal and Molly Haskell and Kennedy Harcourt adding one apiece, but goalkeeper Tori Winans turned away all four attempts to preserve the shutout.

Mary Washington tacked on two more goals in the fourth to close the scoring.

Miriam Hussaini finished with eight saves in goal for the Tigers, while Kylie Carter recorded a defensive save in the second quarter.

Men’s Soccer Plays to Scoreless Draw

Centre goalkeeper Martin Cortez saved a penalty kick by Stokes McConnell and the Colonels cleared a shot away from the goal line, both in the first half, playing to a scoreless draw against Sewanee in the regular season finale for both teams in men’s soccer action on Nov. 1, at Puett Field.

The Tigers (12-3-4, 3-2-2 SAA) had two great chances in the first half but the Colonels (2-8-7, 1-4-2) kept Sewanee off the scoreboard in both instances.

Off a corner kick, Edward Kennedy’s header was redirected off the goal line by a Centre defender in the 18th minute and McConnell’s rebound sailed high. The Colonels nearly found the back of the net three minutes later when Ryan O’Hara crossed from the right. The ball rolled across the box and Jacob Tyler’s shot was deflected by Nathan Vanhoeve and then drilled the post.

In the 37th minute, Lörinc Loboda was tackled in the box on a corner kick, but McConnell’s penalty kick was saved by Cortez and the teams headed to halftime scoreless. Neither team created much in the way of quality scoring chances in the second half, though Grayson White’s free kick from 25 yards in the final 10 minutes was saved and Cortez jumped on a possible rebound before any Sewanee player could get there.

Sewanee outshot the Colonels, 14-6, in the match and Cortez finished with six saves.

Olsen and Francell Lead Swim and Dive at Berry

Andrew Olsen collected two individual wins and a relay victory, while Audrey Francell added two wins and a pair of runner-up finishes, as Sewanee’s swimming and diving teams fell to Berry on Oct. 31, in Rome, Ga.

On the women’s side, Ada Digby collected the first win in the 50-yard freestyle (24.83), while Caroline Johnston, Natalia Evans, McKenna Reed, and Audrey Francell teamed up to take first in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:47.40). Francell also claimed a win in the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.51) and added a runner-up finish in the 200 freestyle (2:02.49).

Johnston had an impressive day in the backstroke events, finishing first in the 200 backstroke (2:16.98) and second in the 100 backstroke (1:03.13). Evans was second in the 100 freestyle (56.84) and fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:07.13), while Eleanor Bishop earned runner-up finishes in both the 100 breaststroke (1:11.72) and 200 breaststroke (2:34.57).

Ella Deitch added second-place finishes in the 200 breaststroke (2:32.64, 2nd) and 200 individual medley (2:19.33, 2nd). Sarah Beth Rody collected a third-place finish in the 500 freestyle (5:31.38), and Grace Gearhart also placed third in the 200 butterfly (2:26.11). The 200-yard medley relay (1:54.07) of Johnston, Bishop, Digby, and Reed also earned a second-place showing.

On the men’s side, Andrew Olsen continued his strong start to the season with wins in the 100 freestyle (46.97) and 200 freestyle (1:44.52), while anchoring Sewanee’s first-place 400 freestyle relay (3:11.33) with Carter Nabors, Josh Kim, and Henry Lindeman. Olsen also added a second-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:34.13).

Naeem Mangum picked up an individual victory in the 100 breaststroke (59.51) and added a fourth-place finish in the 200 breaststroke (2:19.83). Lindeman was second in the 1000 freestyle (10:15.33) and third in the 500 freestyle (5:07.48), while Nabors secured second in the 100 freestyle (48.49) and fourth in the 200 freestyle (1:46.42).

Tyler Foster came in third in the 200 backstroke (1:59.38) and fourth in the 100 backstroke (54.19), while Jon Brettschneider added a third-place finish in both the 200 butterfly (2:08.12) and 200 individual medley (2:07.01).

The Tigers return to action next weekend as they host the University of Tennessee Southern back at the Fowler Center Natatorium for a 6 p.m., start on Friday, Nov. 7.

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McConnell, White Garner First Team All-SAA Honors for Men’s Soccer

Sewanee junior Stokes McConnell and sophomore Grayson White were voted First Team All-SAA while senior Tyler Scott and sophomore Isaac Rasheed garnered Second Team recognition, as announced Tuesday by the conference office.

In addition, sophomore Noah Bjorkman and freshmen Jonah Cooker, Kennedy Edward and Brady Lloyd earned Honorable Mention accolades.

McConnell netted nine goals with two assists while starting 12 of the team’s 19 matches this season. The Sullivan’s Island, S.C., native recorded five goals in league play, including both goals in a 2-1 win over Millsaps College as well as a two-goal effort earlier in the year versus Talladega College. McConnell scored in three consecutive SAA outings against Trinity University, Oglethorpe University and Berry College. He earned Honorable Mention accolades as a freshman.

White led the Tigers with 10 goals and added three assists in 17 matches with 15 starts. The Columbia, S.C., native netted nine goals in the first eight outings of the year, including a hat trick against Maryville College and two goals versus Johns Hopkins and William Peace.

Scott registered four goals and two assists in 14 matches while playing in the midfield for the first half of the season. The Charlotte, N.C., native tallied two goals against Talladega and one versus Johns Hopkins and Southern Virginia. He missed five matches because of injury and has played on the backline over the last three weeks. It marked the fourth straight All-SAA honor for Scott, who garnered First Team accolades as a sophomore and junior and Second Team selection as a freshman.

Rasheed collected five goals and four assists (tied for the team lead with Alpha Bah and Wells Durham). The Mount Pleasant, S.C., native recorded a goal and an assist versus Covenant College and Berry and also scored against Johns Hopkins and Oglethorpe. He was a Second Team All-SAA selection last season as well.

Kennedy and Cooker led a backline that allowed 1.05 goals per match with 11 shutouts. The Tigers gave up nine goals in seven conference matches, with five of those in one outing. Bjorkman collected three goals and two assists while starting all 19 matches and Lloyd stated 18 times in the midfield, picking up two goals and one assist.

Women’s Golf Ranked 24th in WGCA Coaches Poll

Sewanee women’s golf ranked 24th in the latest edition of the Mizuno Coaches Poll, as announced recently by the Women’s Golf Coaches Association.

The Tigers placed in the Top 6 in three fall tournaments, finishing third at the Transylvania Kickoff Classic, fourth at the Montgomery Intercollegiate and sixth among 24 teams at the Golfweek Fall Classic. The club also placed eighth at the Historic Triangle Invitational in a field that included 13 teams ranked in the Top 40 (by Clippd), four of those in the Top 12.

Freshman Natalie Catapano won low medalist honors at the Montgomery Intercollegiate and finished in the Top 5 at the Golfweek Fall Classic and the Historic Triangle Invitational, posting a 73.4 scoring average in nine rounds, including two rounds in the 60s. Senior Jane Stiltz registered a 76.7 scoring average with a pair of Top 10 finishes.

The next Mizuno WGCA Coaches Poll will be released on Friday, Nov.14.



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NATURENOTES

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Fun Fungus Facts

I have been reading the book, “Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures,” by Merlin Sheldrake. Some of the amazing information in this work is as follows. Fungi are their own kingdom, equivalent in “rank” to plants and animals. First, the basic structure of most fungi is a hypha, which is thread-like and five times thinner than a human hair. Hyphae form networks called mycelium. This sometimes forms what we see as mushrooms but mostly it exists in the soil, a rotting tree trunk, or other medium. It is estimated that the mycelium in a teaspoon of soil, if stretched out, would cover from a hundred meters to ten kilometers. There is a honey fungus in Oregon, a single organism, which weighs hundreds of tons, spreads over ten square kilometers, and is thousands of years old. Fungi are what made it possible for green algae to begin to live on land. They developed close associations to the point that now, hundreds of millions of years later, plants and fungi are intimately dependent on one another. Perhaps the best known of these associations are the mycorrhizal fungi, which enter the roots of plants but extend way beyond the plant’s root system. Put simply, plants provide the fungi with sugars and lipids while fungi provide the plants with nutrients from rock and decomposing material. Fungi decompose and grow on many materials which humans see as waste — in the lab, an oyster mushroom even grew on cigarette filter butts. During the Carboniferous period, fungi hadn’t yet begun to decompose the lignin in the wood which plants had begun to produce. The huge amounts of un-decomposed wood eventually became coal. When it is burned, a kind of delayed decomposition by heat, that stored carbon is released. The fungi that now decompose the lignin in wood — turkey tail is one — are one of the largest sources of carbon emissions today.

Tennesseans Invited to Help Restore White Oaks Through Acorn Collection Effort

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) is once again calling on citizens across the state to lend a hand in restoring one of Tennessee’s most highly valued native trees — the white oak. The Tennessee White Oak Initiative, an acorn collection project, is a cooperative effort among TDF, TDF’s East Tennessee Nursery, the University of Tennessee Extension, and the Tennessee Forestry Association. “This initiative is part of a large-scale effort to address the dropping rates of white oak regrowth in Tennessee’s forests,” State Forester Heather Slayton said. “White oaks are a critical part of Tennessee’s forests and play an invaluable role in our ecosystems and economies. What is unique about this particular initiative is that it is open to everyone — you don’t have to own wooded land to help collect acorns that will become the giant oaks of the future.” Each fall, the East Tennessee Nursery in Polk County grows thousands of white oak seedlings that supplement natural regeneration in forests statewide. However, in recent years, seed suppliers have struggled to meet the nursery’s demand. Now in its fifth year, the acorn collection project helps close that gap by sourcing acorns directly from local trees — often yielding harder, higher-quality seedlings. TDF invites individuals, families, civic organizations, youth groups, and landowners to take part in this hands-on conservation effort. Participants can learn how to identify, collect, and deliver acorns by visiting White Oak Acorn Collection Initiative in Tennessee. The collection season runs through Nov. 15, 2025. For guidance on tree identification, proper collection methods, storage and delivery of acorns, interested participants should contact their local TDF area forester. Find your area forester online at Tennessee Forestry Staff. The Division of Forestry protects and promotes the responsible use of forest resources in Tennessee. Focus areas include assisting landowners with a variety of services, providing quality tree seedlings, supporting forest health programs, collecting forest inventory data, assisting forest industries, and fighting wildland fires. Visit Tennessee State Forests for more information.



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Hello, I am Snuggles. I am a very sweet boy. I am not overly affectionate physically but I like to know where my people are and to stay nearby. I like to lie in the crow’s nest on the cat trees and watch the world from there. I get along well with other cats and there are several in my rescue/foster home. I am a handsome Domestic Shorthair velvety black boy kitty with a small white patch on my upper chest. I have been waiting what seems like a very long time for my forever family to find me. I am now around one year old and I weigh about nine pounds. I would really like to meet you and maybe we could be purrfect companions. Hi there! Dak here. Did you see me in my Halloween hat last week in the Donations 4 MARC ad? I was having fun taking that picture. But now down to business. I really need to find my forever home. I have been looking for a whole year and despite how wonderful I am, no one has even wanted to meet me. I don’t know why, because I am a very loyal friendly boy and love to be with my people. I am good with dogs and cats but not chickens. I am around one and one half years old, weigh about 60 pounds, and am a stunning shiny black short haired boy with white on my chest and paws. I would like further instructions on good manners, and I am a quick learner. I sure hope you will meet me and see if we are a great match. If you would like to learn more about Snuggles and Dak please fill out an Adoption Application found on our MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives. MARC has a trainer available to work with dog adopters and dog fosters as needed. MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization. It is not a shelter and relies on foster homes to save animals. MARC also provides low cost spay/neuter procedures for animals and is available for teaching humane care of animals in schools and to community organizations.

Give Your Home A Smart Tune-Up for the Holidays

The holidays are coming, and so are the extra plugs, cords, lights, and gadgets that make the season sparkle. Before your house turns into a winter wonderland of blinking bulbs, give it a quick smart home tune-up to keep everything merry, bright, and safe. Start with smart plugs or timers for your lights and decorations. Set them to turn on when the sun goes down and off when you head to bed. There’s no need to crawl behind the tree every night to unplug the cords attached to the lights. Some smart plugs even let you control your lights from your phone, perfect for those “Did I unplug that?” moments. Inside, use smart power strips for TVs, gaming consoles, and entertainment centers. They automatically shut off the accessories when the main device turns off, saving energy without any extra effort. Don’t forget the GFCI outlets in kitchens, bathrooms, and outdoors. These life-saving outlets protect you from shock and should be tested monthly. Finally, double-check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries die quietly, but fires and fumes don’t. Make sure your alarms are ready before the festivities begin. A quick tune-up today means you can safely enjoy your lights, music, and hot cocoa tomorrow. For more energy tips visits <svalleyec.com>.

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. **Fall Foliage Hike to Three Forks Lake — Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, Nov. 8, 1:30–3:30 p.m. \$5. Register for event.** Meet at 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs. Join Ranger Jamie on an exclusive guided hike to Three Forks Lake to witness the astonishing Fall foliage in the park. This is an approximate 3-mile round-trip guided hike and is considered moderate. We will discuss why leaves change color and interesting natural phenomena we see along the way. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. Weather permitting. The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program’s scheduled start in order to receive a refund. **Fall-tastic Foliage — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, Nov. 8, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event.** Meet Ranger Ben at the Denny Cove parking lot or this one-hour sunset hike. We will hike roughly 1 mile over a level natural surface. Bring your cameras and please dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required to attend this program and closes 24 hours prior to the event. If you are not registered, we will not be able to accommodate you. **Hike to Savage Falls — Savage Gulf State Park, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$5. Register for event.** Join Ranger Spencer on a hike down to Savage Falls. Meet at Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, at 9 a.m. to begin the hike. This is a 3 mile round-trip hike that is mostly moderate in nature. Accessing the base of the falls will be strenuous, and extreme care is needed in footing to get to the bottom of the falls. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water and snacks of your choice, as these items will not be provided. The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program’s scheduled start in order to receive a refund.

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Mon	Oct 27	56	46	Avg max temp =	54
Tue	Oct 28	56	49	Avg min temp =	43
Wed	Oct 29	55	45	Avg temp =	47
Thu	Oct 30	49	43	Precipitation =	2.24"
Fri	Oct 31	47	36	Reported by Sandy Gilliam Domain Ranger	
Sat	Nov 01	58	38		
Sun	Nov 02	56	41		


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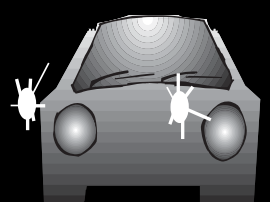
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NOTICE: The Monteagle City Council will meet for the regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, in the conference room at City Hall.


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WED	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
THU	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
FRI	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
SAT	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Let's go our old way
by the stream, and kick the leaves
as we always did, to make
the rhythm of breaking waves.

This day draws no breath –
shows no color anywhere
except for the leaves - in their death
brilliant as never before.

Yellow of Brimstone Butterfly,
brown of Oak Eggar Moth –
you'd say. And I'd be wondering why
a summer never seems lost

if two have been together
witnessing the variousness of light,
and the same two in lusterless
November enter the year's night...

The slow-worm stream - how still!
Above that spider's unguarded door,
look – dull pearls... Time's full,
brimming, can hold no more.

Next moment (we well know,
my darling, you and I)
what the small day cannot hold
must spill into eternity.

So perhaps we should move cat-soft
meanwhile, and leave everything unsaid,
until no shadow of risk can be left
of disturbing the scatheless dead.

Ah, but you were always leaf-light.
And you so seldom talk
as we go. But there at my side
through the bright leaves you walk.

And yet – touch my hand
that I may be quite without fear,
for it seems as if a mist descends,
and the leaves where you walk do not stir.

--Frances Bellerby, All Souls' Day

Community Calendar

Friday, Nov. 7

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Taylor's Holiday Open House, 10 University Ave., Sewanee, until 4 p.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Voice Studios Fall Showcase, (free), Guerry Auditorium
- 7:30 p.m. Roberson Project Perspectives in Performance, "The Niceties," Tennessee Williams Center Studio Theater

Saturday, Nov. 8

- 8 a.m. MMUMC monthly food distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Taylor's Holiday Open House, 10 University Ave., Sewanee, until 4 p.m.
- 11 a.m. Sewanee Community Fire Support Fish Fry, (\$15), Camp Mont Milner, 3375 Jumpoff Rd. (Hwy. 156), until 2 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. GCHS Class of 1961 Reunion, Western Sizzler Restaurant, Jasper
- noon Met Opera Live in HD, Puccini's "La bohème," Ralston Lilstening Library, second floor duPont Library, tickets at <www.showpass.com/met-opera-la-bohème>
- 2 p.m. CCJP Peace Crane Folding Workshop, Sewanee Community Center, until 4 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Roberson Project Perspectives in Performance, "The Niceties," Tennessee Williams Center Studio Theater

Sunday, Nov. 9

- noon Sewanee Woman's Club luncheon RSVP deadline, <reservations.swc@gmail>
- 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. 10

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. School of Theology Lecture, "What Did Nicaea Settle?," Kathryn Tanner, (free), Samuel Lloyd Forum, 335 Tennessee Ave.
- 6 p.m. Franklin County School Board, 215 S. College St., Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 • Veterans Day

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Coach, Alice Coke & Savannah Mannes, Equestrian, in-person McGriff Alumni House, 120 Georgia Ave., livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Sewanee La Leche League, call Pippa at (931) 636-5317 for venue/Zoom option
- 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.
- 4:30 p.m. Comic Book Writing Workshop, J. Holtham, Torian Room, duPont Library
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

- Deadline to order Thanksgiving Catering from St. Mary's Sewanee, (931) 598-5342
- 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.
- 5 p.m. UAG Conversation, "soft bone, tender body," Nalani Stolz/Dr. Jeff Thompson, Guerry Auditorium
- 5:15 p.m. Performing Arts Series, Black Moon Trio, Kennerly Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 5:30 p.m. Seminar, "Surviving the Holidays," MMUMC Wesley House, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, program Katie Gibson/Rachael Malde from SAS, Mountain Top Restaurant
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Panel on Cults and Culture, Kati Curts/Jane Borden/Justin Taylor, Convocation Hall
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise: Mystique, Proctor Hill Theater, tickets on <eventbrite.com>

Friday, Nov. 14

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise: Mystique, Proctor Hill Theater, tickets on <eventbrite.com>

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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