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## Dorm Mold: Nightmare for Students and University

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff  
Writer

In January of 2024 two students on the first floor of Johnson Hall dormitory complained of mold in their room. The two young women were evacuated. The University hoped this was the end of a troubling circumstance, but it was just the beginning. The above information is from a lawsuit filed in Franklin County Circuit Court Sept. 23, 2025, alleging, "Sewanee continued to place freshmen into Johnson Hall — a dorm long known for its infestation with toxic mold — causing life-changing illness to many of the students entrusted in their care."

Seven students and their parents are named in the lawsuit, six families from Tennessee and one from Texas: Elizabeth Grace Bandy, Lily Bowers, Jenna Ballard, Hannah Crawley, Hollyn Fox, Abigail Lee, and Cassandra Nicotera.

The lawsuit states that in the fall of 2024 the University continued to assign incoming freshman to the Johnson Hall women's dormitory, built in 1926 and designed to house 56 students. However, no students were lodged in the first-floor room that generated mold complaints in

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## Monteagle: Decks, Fences, Site Plan Approval Doubts

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff  
Writer

At the Oct. 7 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission grappled with whether ordinance required a site plan for a deck, language causing misinterpretation of ordinance governing fencing, and if final approval was ever given for the site plan for the convenience market under construction next to the Piggly Wiggly. The commission approved site plans for a Dollar General and a new subdivision.

"Development or redevelopment of commercial or industrial property requires a site plan," said town planner Jonathan Rush framing the question about the wooden platform Deborah Reed wants to construct outside the building at 202 East Main St., to accommodate outdoor dining at the Mexican restaurant she hopes to open this fall. "What does redevelopment mean?" Rush asked, noting ordinance did not define the term.

"No utilities are impacted. No structure is going to be on it. If it's non-interfering with any other ordinance, I don't see why the building inspector can't approve,"

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A recent lunch at the Senior Center.

## Sewanee Senior Citizens Center Wins TDAD Grant

The Sewanee Senior Citizens Center has won a \$50,000 grant from the Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging to rebuild its sagging floor and install gutters and drainage to protect the building from water in the future. The Department of Disability and Aging (DDA) has awarded grant funding to 125 senior centers in Tennessee totaling \$5 million.

Grantees will receive one-time funding to support senior centers across all three regions, providing older adults with access to programming, health and wellness resources and social connection.

"Senior centers offer physical, emotional and mental nourishment to older adults across the Volunteer State," said DDA Commissioner Brad Turner. "It's vital that we as a state agency do all we can to help senior centers thrive. These grants will ensure that over 100 centers in both rural and urban communities are better equipped to serve our growing aging population with updated equipment, upgraded facilities and engaging programming."

The Sewanee Senior Citizens Center has been providing hot meals and social activities to 50-80 people each weekday since its establishment in 1978. The Center will be closed for renovations beginning Oct. 20 and expects to re-open in December.

When asked for comment Board President Dan Sargent said, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you — be a servant to the community."

## 'The Oresteia': When the Past Reflects the Present

by Blythe Ford, Messenger Staff Writer

The University of the South Theatre Department presents a production of "The Oresteia" this week, with performances through Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday, Oct. 12 matinee at 2 p.m., in the Proctor Hill Theater inside the Tennessee Williams Center—and it is certainly worth seeing. Directed by Professor Sarah Lacy Hamilton, the play stars both faculty and student actors and features music composed by Sammy Rat Rios, an actor, playwright, musician, and composer from Portland, Oregon.

"The Oresteia" as you can see it today is an adaptation by Ellen McLaughlin of a trilogy directly from Ancient Greece, which tells of the aftermath of the Trojan War for one of its most infamous participants: Agamemnon, King of Mycenae, who led the Greeks to Troy in response to the abduction of his sister-in-law Helen, and returns in the beginning of the play to face the wrath of his wife Clytemnestra that had been brewing for the ten years since the sacrifice of their daughter Iphigenia at the start of the war. Clytemnestra's retaliatory murder of Agamemnon sparks a decade of trouble for their surviving children, which culminates in Clytemnestra's death at the hands of their son Orestes—but that is not the end of the story. The trial that ensues

debates the definition of justice, the cyclical nature of violence, and the value of democracy.

Although McLaughlin has adapted the original trilogy into a single play, the heart of the dilemmas the characters face remains—perhaps even more poignant due to the addition of a scene featuring Iphigenia at the beginning of the play, giving life to context that historical audiences would have simply assumed automatically. Agamemnon sacrificed Iphigenia to appease the goddess Artemis, an act that was required by his duty as a king and warrior but was a severe betrayal of his roles as father and husband. Dr. Durell Cooper, a Visiting Professor who plays Agamemnon, remarked that "He is both a celebrated warrior and a flawed husband and father, both a leader and a victim of fate." Cooper is enjoying the opportunity to explore the complexities of a character that understands and fears his flaws but cannot escape the consequences of the decisions he has made. "Living in that paradox is demanding, but it's also what makes the role so compelling. I am grateful to stretch as an artist in this way, and even more grateful to do so alongside such a dedicated ensemble and creative team."

Similarly, Clytemnestra is a

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## Installation of The Very Rev. Christopher L. Epperson

The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South request the honor of your presence at the installation of The Very Rev. Christopher L. Epperson as Dean of All Saints' Chapel and University Chaplain, at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, in All Saints' Chapel. A reception will follow the service at Clement Chen Hall.

Sewanee faculty, staff, students, retirees, and community members are all invited.

Please RSVP using the form at <eventsrsvp.sewanee.edu>.



From left: Sewanee Civic Association board members Kiki Beavers and Ken Taylor, Director of Economic Development Initiatives, William Shealey, Executive Director of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, Patrick Dean, and Class of 1973 representative, Jimmy Wilson at the Sewanee Welcome Center Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Photo by Buck Butler

## SWC: Inviting Blessing, Peace, and Welcome

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"There are three great beginnings here," said Meg Beasley, C'73, at the Oct. 1 Sewanee Welcome Center ribbon cutting and open house. Significantly, prior to the Civil War, the railroad depot across from where Shenanigans sits was the welcome and entrance to Sewanee; the Class of '73 which donated 80 percent of the Center's \$150,000 interior renovation cost was the first University class to welcome women; and the newly established Center will serve as the official welcome to the Mountain Goat Trail which when completed will follow the path of the former railroad line from Cowan to Palmer, spanning 40 miles.

Beasley explained in the 1860s the original passenger and freight depot, two separate buildings, occupied the north side of the track, on land now used for Highway 41A. In the 1960s, those buildings were razed to accommodate the Sewanee bypass, facilitating travel to Monteagle via Highway 41A, rather than on University Avenue. The new depot was on the south side of the tracks. With the building no longer used by the railroad

in the 1970s, the property on the corner of Highway 41A and Lake O'Donnell Road reverted to the University. That property is the Sewanee Welcome Center site.

Like Beasley, Mountain Goat Trail Alliance Executive Director Patrick Dean saw significance in the symmetry inherent in the site and celebration. "This is where the Mountain Goat Trail, the idea, actually began. In the early 2000s, Sewanee teen Ian Prunty, former Franklin County Mayor Monty Adams, and the late Louise Irwin, county commissioner, first had the idea to create a paved walking and biking path. The Welcome Center is a fitting symbol of the cooperation and collaboration that has defined so many successful initiatives here on the mountain." Dean extended special gratitude to the Sewanee Civic Association and President Kiki Beavers. The Welcome Center project began three years ago as an inspiration in the mind of Beavers who gamely took on the challenges of securing an MOU with the University,

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## Letters

### ANGELFEST - PINK HOUSES

#### To the Editor:

A small turnout enjoyed another outstanding AngelFest on Friday evening. Thanks to all who make AngelFest happen! Please show up and support our food truck vendors and musicians who create such enjoyable events. Most small towns strive for what we have, let us not take it for granted.

*Mike Henning, Cooley's Rift*

### TICKBUSH FESTIVAL SUCCESS

#### To the Editor:

The Third annual Tickbush Festival was a great success. Many, many people worked together in order that Tickbush could come together on a beautiful sunny day. A special thank you goes out to Peter Keeble and Patton Watkins who worked the soundboard and provided the equipment for the bands, which were fabulous. The vendors and food trucks provided a variety of goods for everyone's entertainment. We are truly blessed to live in a place where there is so much talent. Thank you all for celebrating our community, neighbors, and friends. Mark your calendars for the 2026 Tickbush Festival, the last Saturday in September. We look forward to seeing you.

*Karen Vaughan, Sewanee*

## Local Food Available

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

**The Franklin County Farmers' Market** is open 7 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 803 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Locally grown vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, plants and more are available. Follow them on Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyFarmersMarket>>.

**Three Seasons Market** is open 3–6 p.m., every Friday, through Oct. 24. The Market is located at 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City. The Market offers homemade and home grown products. For updates, follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Shirley M. Lawson at <[slawson@sewanee.edu](mailto:slawson@sewanee.edu)>.

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# Upcoming Meetings

## American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

## Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13, at 215 S. College St., Winchester. Meeting available on YouTube <[www.youtube.com/@franklincountyschool-stn-gy3lp](http://www.youtube.com/@franklincountyschool-stn-gy3lp)>.

## 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, Oct. 14, with Nancy Mueller, Volleyball. The livestream will be available at <[sewaneetigers.com/watch](http://sewaneetigers.com/watch)>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

## EQB Club

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

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25, the Lead, titled "Sleeping Beauty as a Guide for Deeper Spiritual Growth - A Psychospiritual Point of View," will be given by Tom Camp. Many people are satisfied with their lives as they are. They have been successful in many ways, and they have some amazing experiences and relationships. There are a few of us that sense there is something more, and we feel attracted to various paths of deep and expanding consciousness. Join us at this meeting to hear how the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale helps in this journey.

Tom and his wife, Lacy, fairly recently moved to the Mountain to be near their son and his family. Tom brings with him his experience as a retired pastor in the United Methodist Church, and founder and director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Northeast Georgia in Athens, Ga. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Georgia and Tennessee, a certified yoga therapist and registered teacher, and a Clinical Fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Members are asked to contact Susan Horton, C'73, Membership Coordinator, at <[sshorton22151@aol.com](mailto:sshorton22151@aol.com)> for a luncheon reservation (\$20/lunch). Non-members or prospective members are always welcome to come at 12:25 p.m. to hear the presentation.

## Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

## Railfan Day at Cowan Railroad Museum

Join the fun and fellowship on the mainline through Cowan at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18. Railfans from near and far will gather at Cowan Railroad Museum to photograph trains on the Pusher

District with fall colors in the background. A picnic lunch will be served and the museum will be open for regular hours. We hope to see you then.

## Franklin County Democratic Party Events

There will be a No King's Day Protest & Holiday Food Drive from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, at the corner of College St & 2nd Ave South (across from Board of Education). We will be peacefully protesting the Trump administration's actions that put regular people at risk. Food prices continue to be high. Repealing the grocery tax is stalled. Cuts in federal funding have stretched food pantries. Come and join our rally, bringing non-perishable items or cash. All proceeds go to Good Samaritan Ministries in Decherd.

The FCDP monthly meeting will at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the Franklin County Annex Small Meeting Room.

## Franklin County Historical Society

Franklin County Historical Society invites you to the second part in our "Ghost Railroads of Franklin County" series.

Join us at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at Farris Chapel United Methodist Church. Our program will recall the complicated and nearly-forgotten railroad history of the Davidson, Hicks and Greene Timber Company (D.H.&G) on Keith Springs Mountain. Farris Chapel is located near the foot of Keith Springs Mountain at 2981 Rowe Gap Rd./Hwy. 16. We hope to see you there.

## Housing Hub

The Housing Hub, a nonprofit addressing affordable home ownership for working families on the plateau, will have a board meeting at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at their office at the Littell-Partin Center, Suite 230, in Tracy City. Interested community members are welcome to attend. More information is available at their website <[housinghubtn.org](http://housinghubtn.org)>.

## Mountain Garden Club

The Mountain Garden Club is a newly formed group of enthusiastic gardeners and plant lovers who want to enjoy and share every aspect of the garden.

At 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, Bloomin Creations will be hosting a fall wreath class and we are encouraging people to attend. For

more information, follow them on Facebook.

## Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at the Franklin County Courthouse in Winchester.

## Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

## Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

## Sewanee Civic Association

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. Park Manager Bill Loewer with Tennessee's newest state park will present the program.

Items for the business meeting include the proposed bylaw changes. Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, Oct. 24, via email <[sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com](mailto:sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com)>.

This year, the SCA is celebrating 117 years of social and service opportunities for the community. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member. For more information go to <<https://sewaneecivic.org>>.

## Sewanee La Leche League

La Leche League meets at 10:30 a.m., on the second Tuesday of the month. Meeting 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.

# Belvidere Firemen's Fish Fry

The Belvidere Fire Department's annual Fish Fry is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Belvidere Community Center, 349 Belvidere Rd.

Tickets are \$15, adults; \$5, children 4-12; and free for children under 4. The menu is fish, barbecue chicken, chicken strips, hush puppies, fries, baked beans, cole slaw, drinks and homemade desserts. All seating is indoors, and there will be bluegrass music. For information on the fish fry, call Ed Burns at (931) 636-4488.

The Belvidere Valley Lawn and Garden Pullers Association Pulling In Competition starts at noon. To enter, call Mike Moore at (931) 273-4488.

# Fundraiser Yard Sale at Jump Off Fire Station

The Sewanee Community Fire Support, Inc., will host a fundraising yard sale at the Sewanee Fire Jump Off Station 2, 130 Jump Off Mountain Rd., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 11. Call (478) 542-1320 to reserve your table. There is a \$15 donation to use our tables to set up.

# 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, Oct. 11. 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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# Obituaries

## Margie Alene Gipson Henley

Margie Alene Gipson Henley, age 94, died on Sept. 23, 2025. She was born on Dec. 28, 1930, in Oak Grove, to James Alfred Gipson and Mary Jane Stephens Gipson. She graduated from Franklin County High School in 1948. She graduated from Draughons Business College, Nashville, with a business degree. She was a faithful Christian. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gene Henley; siblings, Audrey Sherrill, Pearl Hill, Louella Sernicola, James Howard Gipson, Edna Crabtree, Charles Gipson, and Jo Lynn Brown.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Henley (Ray) Keith; sister-in-law, Jimmie Gipson; brother-in-law, Johnny Henley; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Sept. 28, 2025, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Michael Clark officiating. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

## Herbert Newell Lawson

Herbert Newell Lawson, age 90, died on Oct. 1, 2025. He was a retired educator of more than 39 years, teaching two years in the Tullahoma City School System and the other years in the Grundy County School System. He had a deep love for the Lord and served multiple churches throughout his life. Most recently, he attended Parkway Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Alfred Lawson Sr. and Mildred Evelene Lankford Lawson; sisters Lucille Phipps, Nina Ruth Lawson, and Janice Nunley; and brothers Lewis Harlen Lawson, Charles Lawson Jr. and Jonathan Lawson.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, LaVenia Auberry Lawson; sons, John Lawson and Newell (Heather) Lawson, sisters Ophelia (late Claude) Parson, Evelyn (late James) Meeks Verner, Elaine (late David) Irvin, Christine (late Lonnie) Stockwell, Faye (Harley) Grimes, Angeline (Jerry) Stockwell, and Alfreda (Donald) Whited Byford; brother Thomas (Wanda) Lawson; two grandsons, one granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Oct. 5, 2025 from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberland-funeralhome.net>.

## Howard Louis Morrow Sr.

Howard Louis Morrow Sr., age 85 of Cowan, died on Oct. 1, 2025, at his home. He was born on July 26, 1940, in Elora, Tenn., to John and Georgia Pruitt Morrow. From an early age, Howard dedicated his life to the Lord, living faithfully, humbly, and with an unwavering spirit of service. For more than 65 years, he served as a Deacon of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Cowan. In addition to his service in the church, Howard worked as a skilled welder at Arnold Air Force Base. He was also a respected official, coach, and mentor to countless young people throughout the community. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers John Morrow Jr., and William Morrow; sisters Roberta Brown, Irene Simmons, Estelle Qualls, and Wilma Johnson; niece Paulette Burks; and brother-in-law, Phillip Moss Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bobbie Jean Hartsfield Morrow; children, Howard (Tracie) Morrow Jr., Eric (Faye) Morrow, Lynn Morrow Woten, Lena (Jeffrey) Jenkins, Dana Morrow, and Jeremy (Candi) Morrow; brother James (Deloris) Morrow; sisters Willie Mae Morrow, Susie Kennerly, Leona Moss, Clara Mae Talley, Georgia (Edward) King, and Gertrude Eady; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, at Elk River Tabernacle. Interment will follow in Watson Memorial Park. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfhtn.com>.

## Merriel Shrum

Merriel “Murl” Shrum, age 73, died on Oct.1, 2025, at her home. She was born on April 16, 1952, to Arthur and Alberta Boree Murphy. She was a member of Sweeton Hill First Congregational Methodist Church for 34 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother R.E. Murphy; and grandson Brandon Shrum.

She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Hiram “Sam” Shrum; children, Shawn (Sandy) Shrum, Crystal (Rusty) Zimmerman and Casey (Mandy) Shrum; brother, Hillrey Murphy; daughter-in-law, Paula Shrum; eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on Oct. 4, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City with Bro. Chad Levan and Bro. John Potts officiating. Interment followed in Coalmont Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

# Funeral Mass

## James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser

A Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at Good Shepherd Church, Decherd, followed by a reception in the parish hall for James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser, age 84, of Sewanee, who died on Sept. 10, 2025.

# Memorial Service

## Peter Thomas Smith

The Memorial Service for Peter Thomas Smith, who died on Aug. 25, 2025, will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, in All Saints’ Chapel, followed by the interment of ashes in the University Cemetery. The congregation will be invited to a reception in Convocation Hall to greet the family and for brief remarks by family and friends.

# 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 Seventeenth Sunday has a Collect which shows us how a word can be changed into what appears to be a complete reverse. The word “prevent” now means “stop.” As in, “ Stop, the bridge is out.” But originally it was “go before.” We ask God both to go before us in protection and to clean up the messes we make. When we have horses in parades we try to make sure that loud bands or firetrucks are not right in front of them and we make sure that a clean up crew is following them! Our organist is in Canada visiting his sister and we are searching for a musician for the next two Sundays. We do have a singer/guitarist for the Offertory. If you can help us out, just send an email to <bpmillsaps@icloud.

# 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

*Online worship services. Call (931) 924-5339 or go to <https://www.tdworldministries.org>*

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

## New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

## New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

## Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday  
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

## St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

## St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall (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



**Mold** (from page 1)

January or in a third-floor room reported to have similar problems.

University Director of Risk Management Chris Smith assessed complaints of mold in Johnson Hall that fall and concluded the substance observed was “just dirt” and attributed high humidity in a room to an open window. Robert Bandy from Davidson County, Tennessee, paid his daughter Elizabeth a visit. He observed the mold firsthand and demanded a mold inspection. Tennessee Mold Inspectors (TMI), certified in residential mold inspection, reported “Penicillium/Aspergillus inside Liza [Bandy] and Hollyn’s [Fox] room were hazardous to human health, effectively 2,264 times higher than those found outside ... This space is not safe for human occupation.” The University evacuated Johnson Hall.

The lawsuit maintains University Health Services attributed Johnson Hall students’ complaints to allergies. Multiple symptoms reported by the students and consistent with toxic exposure to mold include: wheezing, brain fog, extreme fatigue, nose bleeds, congestion, fever, and coughing. According to the student newspaper, The Purple, the “Johnson cough” was well known to upperclassman.

Following the evacuation, in a Zoom meeting Provost Scott Wilson told parents of Johnson Hall students, “While our initial understanding was this ‘might be a single incident, we began to think this was a systemic issue beginning on Thursday [Oct. 3, 2024, the date of the mold inspection].”

The lawsuit seeks monetary relief in excess of \$20 million, as well as punitive damages. Asked to respond to the lawsuit, Wilson issued the following statement on behalf of the University: “The University will closely review the claims made in this filing. While the University does not comment on the details of ongoing legal issues, we are confident the facts in this matter demonstrate our deep commitment to the well-being of our students, including to ensuring the health and safety of our residence halls.”

Subsequent to the TMI report, Johnson Hall underwent extensive remediation. Wilson offered details. “As part of the Johnson Hall renovations, all carpet was replaced with luxury vinyl plank (LVP) flooring in the hallways, common areas, and all resident rooms. Wallpaper was removed from the interior side of exterior walls. Every air-conditioning unit was cleaned by a manufacturer’s certified contractor. The drop ceiling tiles were removed and replaced. After the wallpaper had been removed, carpet replaced with luxury vinyl plank, and ceiling tiles replaced, the building was thoroughly cleaned by a third-party professional cleaning company. Finally, the air quality was tested prior to the building being deemed ready for occupancy.”

Students were again lodged in Johnson Hall beginning in January 2025.

[Note: Four more students signed onto the lawsuit Oct. 3, 2025, Reagan Nash, Alexa Bailey, Camille Gander, and Ava Hines. Davis & Davis law firm in Winchester has joined with Just Well Law in representing the plaintiffs.]

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Sunday. 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.

At 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, Draw Near Church will be hosting a Chili Cook-off. Everyone is welcome to come and join in fun, food, and fellowship. The cost to enter the contest is \$25 and there will be two cash prizes for the winners. Draw Near is located at Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery Street (one block behind City Hall).

**Morton Memorial United Methodist**

The message this Sunday will be delivered by Deacon Rachael Jorstad. This week, there are several scripture passages that deserve your attention. The first is Luke 17:11-19 which reminds us to give praise to God when our lives are blessed. The second is from the prophet Jeremiah — Jeremiah 29:4-7 — which challenges us to make the most of the blessings in our lives.

Children are welcome at Morton! Pastor Melisa will have a children’s time during worship. Our children’s message on Sunday will include an opportunity to make a mural emphasizing how we can make beauty together, demonstrating how the Church develops more fully over time. 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., 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 and is available in the week following the service.

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

**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 Road, 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.

Join us for Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall, where Reed Carlson will continue the series by addressing Justice and the Prophets. Carlson is Assistant Professor of Old Testament / Hebrew Bible at the University of the South, School of Theology in Sewanee. He is an Episcopal priest and completed his ThD at Harvard University in 2019. His first book, “Unfamiliar Selves in the Hebrew Bible: Possession and Other Spirit Phenomena” (De Gruyter, 2022), was awarded the Manfred Lautenschläger Award for Theological Promise.

Oktoberfest: Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4–6 p.m. “Fall” into good spirits and great company at Oktoberfest offered by the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul! This feast includes German brats, regular or veggie hot dogs served on pretzel buns, potato salad, sauerkraut, with apple cider, tea, beer, and water to wash it all down. There is no charge; donations are invited. Bring your kids and friends for fun with music, games, and pumpkin/gourd decorating for all ages!

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

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

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>.

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.

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 <aelrod@sewanee.edu> for details.

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

**Thanksgiving Catering at St. Mary’s Sewanee**

The excellent St. Mary’s Sewanee culinary team is offering Thanksgiving catering again this year. 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!

To order, contact: Reservations at (931) 598-5342 or <Reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>.

**Welcome Center** (continued from page 1)

funding, addressing structural infirmity of the building, and staffing. Dean aptly described Beavers as “a force of nature.”

Among the other key players and donors singled out by Dean: William Shealey, Director of Economic Development Initiatives, for “his expertise and calm council”; University Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen and Vice President of Economic Development David Shipps “who supported this unique, not to say, unorthodox use of University Property;” Sewanee business owners Ken Taylor and Jimmy Wilson and the Sewanee Business Alliance; the Class of ’73 and the 60 class members who rose to the donation challenge; the MGTA which paid for the bicycle repair stand and helped fund the ADA-compliant restroom and water fountain through the Bishop Family Foundation; the Sewanee Community Council and South Cumberland Community Fund for their financial support; and Tennessee State Parks for their enhancements to the property and their willingness to share staffing duties while the Center serves temporarily as the headquarters of the new state park until the park’s visitor center is completed.

“A bait shop was here, a pharmacy, and lastly a hair salon,” said Vice-Chancellor Pearigen. “Today we honor [the building’s] past and its bright future as a new welcome center.” Commenting on the extraordinary community enthusiasm for the project, Pearigen said business owners Jimmy Wilson and John Goodson phoned him to enlist his support while he was still president at Milsaps College and had not yet assumed the role of Sewanee Vice-Chancellor. “I’m delighted to see this project finally come forward,” Pearigen stressed. “The building will be a place to share community history, orient visitors to local attractions, and help support the seven communities along this historic Mountain Goat Trail.”

“May this center help others to see the beauty of this place and its people ... May this center increase in each of us a desire to welcome others,” said Reverend Rob Lamborn, Rector of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul, blessing the new Welcome Center.

Perhaps most poignant and all-encompassing was the blessing by Reverend Bude Van Dyke, descendant of the Eastern Band. “One of the big problems between my ancestors and those people who came from the European experiment was the European folks thought humans could own land which my people think is a ridiculous concept. The creator made it, the creator owns it. We’re just stewards. We thank creator for all our relations ... and ask that they find blessings, peace, and welcome as they enter this space.”



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## The Oresteia (continued from page 1)

character that would be easy to both celebrate and villainize, depending on your point of view, but her dialogue and choices reveal that it is not so simple. In this production, she is played by Ella Mitchell, C'27, who finds the role interesting and challenging because of Clytemnestra's mindset. "She uses the word justice a lot in the text so I've really been trying to understand what exactly enacting justice means for Clytemnestra," Mitchell explained. "[F]rom Clytemnestra's point of view she is committing the actions in the play in order to avenge her young daughter."

Clytemnestra's other daughter Electra, played by Victoria Ryan, C'26, reveals a different dimension to the actions of the characters. Electra shines a light on the aftermath of Clytemnestra's violence due to the fact that she is neglected and endangered in the years that follow Agamemnon's death, enough so that she is motivated to become complicit in Orestes' retaliation against their mother and her lover. Ryan remarked that "For 10 years, she's been doomed only to dream about what life could have been like if she still had her father, all while enduring the cold and uncaring treatment of her mother. She demands that Clytemnestra is punished, because in her eyes, it is only fair after all that has happened in their house." Ryan explained that Electra's bitterness is a result of loneliness and a desire to be loved, and the intensity of her feelings is one of the most challenging parts of portraying her character.

The complexity of the characters and themes is what makes this story so compelling to both historical and modern audiences. Mitchell expressed an appreciation for how "the play is so ancient yet the messages and themes can still be understood by a modern audience today." Ryan enthused about the beauty of the dialogue and the use of "incredibly vivid imagery and metaphor" to express the emotions of the characters. She explained it is one of her favorite things about playing Electra; "It's such a joy to experience and savor the pictures she creates in order to process her grief and anger." Cooper, meanwhile, has spent his career focused on art and performance to create cultural change, and he remarked on the importance of the questions posed by "The Oresteia." "I want audiences to walk away holding the tension between justice and retaliation—recognizing how cycles of violence can consume generations if left unchecked. The aftermath of Agamemnon's death forces us to confront questions of accountability: who bears the cost of leadership decisions, and how do we reconcile personal sacrifice with public responsibility?" He continued by saying: "My hope is that viewers leave considering not just the fate of one man, but the legacy of how communities respond to harm and whether true justice is ever attainable without mercy." Hamilton agrees that what makes McLaughlin's adaptation of the original trilogy by Aeschylus special is how those themes are portrayed, especially in the third act, during the trial of Orestes. "[T]his is where Aeschylus dramatizes the idea of democracy - that humans should decide together as a community how to govern and see justice done. In her introduction to the play, McLaughlin addresses this idea, 'It's born of the belief that only by bringing us all into the same place, and hearing the truth if we can speak it, can we heal. Which is of course the basic principle at work in theater.' This conclusion moved me deeply, and I believe it will resonate with audiences even more today than when the play was commissioned in 2016."

These are powerful themes and questions that everyone must consider at some point in their lives, and community members of all ages are encouraged to attend; however, some viewer discretion is advised, since the play depicts off-stage and on-stage deaths and uses stylized stage blood to show the aftermath—if you or a loved one is especially sensitive to that content, you may wish to sit this one out. Otherwise, "The Oresteia" promises to be a powerful piece of theatre and an enjoyable experience. The play runs approximately 2 hours 20 minutes, which includes a 15 minute intermission. Take advantage of Eventbrite to book your free tickets for the remaining performances on Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

## SCA: "We can do this!"

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"We can do this!" said Sewanee Civic Association President Kiki Beavers at the inaugural meeting of the SCA's 117th year. The SCA recently celebrated the opening of the Sewanee Welcome Center, a SCA driven project high in challenges and manifest in rewards. At the Oct. 6 dinner meeting, Beavers announced the SCA Community Chest goals for 2025-2026, highlighting the urgency of generosity with community need on the rise. Appropriately, the evening's speakers were Dr. Amy Patterson and Robin Hille Michaels from the University Office of Civic Engagement (OCE). With the OCE in existence just over 10 years, 90 percent of seniors now report engaging in community service. Patterson and Hille Michaels provided an overview of programs and the OCE's success in assisting in-need local populations and the grassroots organizations. Driven by the conviction the people with boots on the ground should lead, Director of Service Internships Hille Michael's said of the OCE's modus operandi, "The partners are the experts."

OCE Director, Patterson recounted the OCE's origin story. A 2007 gift funded the creation of a Canale Leaders program modeled after the Rhodes College program to foster students working with local community partners for positive social change. In 2011, the Bonners Leaders program, a four-year paid internship available to all freshman, evolved as a natural outgrowth of the community service orientation taking hold at Sewanee. The University's 2012 strategic plan established a single office for community partnership, with Jim Peterman serving as the OCE's first director beginning in 2014.

"Reciprocal community relationships allow us to integrate the academic with the civic, the practice with the theory, for experiential learning to make students into active citizens," Patterson said. The OCE currently has 70 student interns serving 35 organizations in four counties, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, and Marion. "In this politically polarized moment we think it's really important for students to get the skills of active listening, perspective taking, and practicing empathy," Patterson insisted. Students work with community partners to identify issues then delve into researching and implementing solutions. "A Bonner student can really get to know a community partner working with them for so many years and get a strong sense of what's needed," Hille Michaels said.

Alternatively, the Pathways to Community Engagement program provides an opportunity for interaction between students with limited time and community partners with short term needs. Similarly, in the intensive 10-week AmeriCorp summer service program, civic-minded students and community members work together to address community needs. The AmeriCorp Summer Meals Program served 92,000 meals over eight weeks on the Plateau and in Winchester. A new program, the First Year Experience, engages students with the community, local issues, and local history before they start classes. This past August 35 students participated. In 2026, the First Year Experience will be the introduction to the community for all incoming freshman.

For the SCA, with its long history of community service, Beavers' account of a decrease in giving on several fronts and of the increase in need point to the coming year's challenges. The 2024-2025 Community Chest fund drive goal of \$123,456 fell \$2,493 short. Donations to the School Supply Drive, and the Stock the Pantry Supply Drive hosted with the Community Action Committee were half what they had been in the past. Meanwhile the number of Food Pantry clients relying on the CAC has doubled. "Any time you're at the store, buy an extra can of chicken noodle soup or macaroni and cheese and drop it off at the CAC office at Kennerly Hall or the donation box at the entrance to Claiborne Hall," Beavers urged. Donations can also be made through an Amazon link <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>>.

CAC Director Sarah Edmonds and Sewanee Parents' Organization President Ben Austin will steward the 2025-2026 Community Chest fund drive. The steering committee pared down \$145,000 in requests for assistance to a goal of \$118,500. The 19 to-be recipients include Housing Sewanee, the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, the Senior Citizens Center, and Easy's Dog Shelter in Tracy City, new to the Community Chest grantees' list this year. "Many of these places would not exist without Community Chest donations," Beavers stressed. Committed to improving the quality of life in Sewanee and the surrounding community, the Community Chest theme, "Donations Work Here" rings true, as does Beavers invocation, "We can do this!"

For more information or to make a donation to the Sewanee Community Chest, go to <[www.sewaneecivic.org](http://www.sewaneecivic.org)>.

## Monteagle (from page 1)

said Mayor Greg Maloof.

"I didn't treat as an accessory structure," said Building inspector Travis Lawyer. An accessory structure would require a site plan. Lawyer referred to the platform as a "boardwalk."

Alderman Nate Wilson cited ordinance, pointing out a deck was not considered "an accessory structure," but rather "part of the landscaping."

The commission concluded the improvement at the East Main property fell under the provisions governing decks and voted to defer all decisions on decks to the building inspector.

Taking up the ordinance governing fencing, Commissioner Alec Mosley cited contradictory language stipulating a residential fence "have minimum opacity of 50 percent," when opacity means "having no visibility." "That would mean every split-rail fence in this town is probably illegal," Mosley said. "Probably the intent [of the rule] is 50 percent transparency."

Wilson observed four ordinance references to fencing were "backwards" in use of the word "opacity," calling for more or less visibility, likely with the opposite intent. The commission vote to change the four "opacity" references to "transparency" and asked Rush to draft an ordinance amendment reflecting the change to present to the Monteagle council for approval.

Commissioner Katie Trahan raised a question about the convenience market/gas station under construction next to the Piggly Wiggly. Based on her recollection, the construction did not coincide with the site plan which called for two drive-up windows. Lawyer said when the developer asked to remove the drive-up windows, he suggested not using them rather than submitting a modified site plan for approval.

Trahan said based on her notes she never signed the final site plan, which she is required to do as secretary. The commission approved the site plan conditionally in February 2023 pending the Board of Zoning Appeals granting a variance. Following the BZA action, the site plan should have come back to Trahan for her to signify all conditions had been met.

"I think [the developer] went to the BZA ... [and assumed] once they got the approval they were out," Lawyer speculated.

Rush noted the project originally came before the commission when Annya Shalun served as the Southeastern Development District planner for Monteagle and was approved under a different planner. "There were a lot of issues with the site plan," Rush said, "because of a lot of density on a small lot."

The commission agreed with Trahan that going forward the commission did not approve site plans with conditional stipulations.

Construction on the Dollar General on the corner of Main Street and Sampley Street will begin in several weeks, said developer Monte Turner, with a projected completion date of February or March. The 10,640 square foot small-box discount store, with an entrance on Main Street, will offer some groceries, but not to the extent of the Tracy City Dollar General.

The 10-home Oak View Patio Homes subdivision across from the National Guard Armory was approved with a variance on the standard width-to-depth ratio for residential lots.

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## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$5, regardless of your age. Please call (931) 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

**Monday, Oct. 13:** Cheeseburger, tater tots.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14:** Greek grilled chicken salad.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, egg rolls.

**Thursday, Oct. 16:** Loaded potato soup, ham and cheese sandwich.

**Friday, Oct. 17:** Pizza, salad.

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

Beginning Oct. 20, 2025, the Senior Center will be closed. We are having the dining room floor replaced. We hope to reopen Dec. 1, 2025. If the date changes we will let everyone know.

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Contact Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

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



## SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday  
Oct. 13-17  
BREAKFAST**

All reimbursable breakfast meals must include a minimum of three items with at least one being fruit or fruit juice. A variety of fruit, fruit juice & milk offered daily. All entrees = 2 items. Every effort will be made to follow the published menu; however, last minute changes may be necessary.

Monday, Oct. 13: Chocolate uncrustable, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Steak slider, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, Oct. 17: 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, Oct. 13: Beef taco, tortilla shell, lettuce/tomato cup, salsa, corn, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Spaghetti, green beans, corn, garlic cheese biscuit, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Asian chicken, steamed carrots, stir-fry veggies, rice, egg roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Oven-roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mac+cheese, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Oct. 17: Fish sticks, French fries, baked beans, hushpuppies, fruit, milk, fruit sorbet.

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*At our Friday morning assembly, Sewanee Elementary recognized the September Students of the Month (K-5) for their dedication to learning and for setting a great example. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and positive attitudes! K, Levi Austin; first grade, Rowan Lurgio; second grade, Ella Mitchell; third grade, Walker Reynolds; fourth grade, Nora Jackson; fifth grade, Kaisen Dietz.*

## Sewanee Pediatrics Seeks Book Donations

Sewanee Pediatrics is taking donations of new or gently used children's books for an upcoming event in October, where we hope to give out books to the children in our community. The goal is to have 1,000 children's books donated.

Donations may be dropped off now through Oct. 15, at Sewanee Pediatrics. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Sewanee Pediatrics is located at 1318 University Ave., Sewanee.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct. 13–17, Fall Break, Marion County  
Oct. 18–21, Fall Break, SAS, and College. Reading Period School of Theology  
Oct. 20–25, Fall Break, Grundy County  
Oct. 21, Parent/Teacher Conference, no student attendance, Franklin County

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## 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 Monday, Oct. 13; 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.

"St. Andrew's-Sewanee has a long, successful history of providing secondary education on the mountain, and we are grateful for the families in the surrounding communities who choose to send their children to us," said Karl Sjolund, head of school. "We

value our relationships with the University and the entire plateau region, and we encourage all families to explore SAS as an educational option for their children on the mountain."

Families can contact <[admission@sasweb.org](mailto: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.

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# European Cityscape: A Two-Part Painting Class with Carole Forêt

This fall, Frame Gallery Gifts & Art will host a new, two-part painting class led by art teacher and artist Carole Forêt. This painting class series, which focuses on recreating a European cityscape, takes place on Saturday, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Frame Gallery in downtown Sewanee.

Open to all skill levels, participants will learn perspective by painting a European cityscape. In the first class, students will create a duotone underpainting, and in the second, they'll layer on rich color to bring it to life.

"Painting a cityscape is such a rewarding way to learn perspective," said Forêt. "These classes give students the chance to not only build new skills but also capture the timeless beauty of a European streetscape."

"Carole and I have often heard from participants that they'd like more time to develop a painting than a single session allows, so we created this two-part class to meet that request," said Harriet Runkle, owner of Frame Gallery. "It's exciting to offer something new that lets students slow down and really see their work take shape over two sessions."

Frame Gallery recommends early registration as the two-session painting class is limited to eight participants. The cost, which includes all the required art supplies, is \$125 per person.

To register and pay for the workshop, please visit <<https://framegals.com/events/european-cityscape-painting-class-with-carole-foret>>.

# 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](http://www.townofmonteagle-tn.com)> under "Mayor's Memos."

Last day to register is Nov. 18, 2024. 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.

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# 47th Annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair

The 47th annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair returns to the Great Lawn in Nashville's iconic Centennial Park. Join us by the Parthenon for this free, family-friendly event. Fair dates and times are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 11, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12.

Join the Nashville tradition of celebrating and supporting American handmade craft at this premier event on the lawn in Centennial Park. Shop one-of-a-kind, finely crafted artwork directly from the juried, award-winning artists. A unique feature of Tennessee Craft Fairs requires artists to be on-site. While shopping, you'll meet the artists, learn what inspires them and how they take raw materials like clay, wood, metal and glass and transform them into fine craft.

In addition to the array of high quality craft, visitors enjoy fun hands-on activities in our Kids' Tent, food from area vendors and demonstrations from artisans aimed to educate as they create pieces in front of your eyes.

Tennessee Craft is a nonprofit organization that champions the local fine craft movement by supporting growth and creative expression for all artists, building a platform for high-quality craftsmanship and reinforcing the importance of fine craft for the entire community. Donate to Tennessee Craft and keep the fair free and accessible to everyone in our community. For more information go to <<https://tennesseecraft.org/events/craft-fairs/>>.

# The 12th Annual Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp

Altamont will be hosting the 12th annual Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp Saturday, Oct. 11, starting at 10 a.m. on Cumberland Street in front of the Grundy County Court House. Visitors to the festival will enjoy food, crafts, a cruise in sponsored by the Tracy City Street Rodders, live music by Christopher Smallwood, the Barrett Gospel Trio, Wild Flower and the Fredonia Blue Grass band. The 9U and GCHS cheerleaders will be performing dances as the STOMP part of our festival.

There will be tons of fun for kids. Gentlemen will enjoy watching the 3:30 p.m., Tennessee game in our covered pavilion and getting some practice on the putting green while they wait on the game to come on as well as looking over the classic cars and the 50/50 draw. Ladies will enjoy the quilt show, museum and shopping along with the ever famous Hat Contest with cash prizes.

Other cash opportunities will include the Barbecue cook off that will begin at 7 a.m. and cooking will end at 2 p.m. First prize is \$400. Entry fee is \$25. Myers' Trucking will be sponsoring a horseshoe tournament, and the quilt show will also have cash prizes for those who want to enter their quilt in the contest which features, best handmade quilt, best machine made quilt, best traditional pattern, best original pattern and the oldest quilt that we like to call "The Grand Old Lady."

A hay ride will carry visitors to points of interest in Altamont, the Altamont Cemetery to see the graves of Fannie Moffitt and Union Capt. Stephen Tipton, who was ambushed and killed during the Civil War on Old Parker Road at his home, which is now where the Earl David Campbell home is located. The hay ride will end at Fannie Moffitt's home, the Manor where the foyer will be open and people can hear about the history of the house and the life of Fannie Moffitt. Also on the property people can see Grundy County's first courthouse, the Lockhart Cabin where General Adrian Northcutt and others signed Grundy County into existence.

For further information and locations please visit our Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp Face Book Page.

# A Fall/Autumn Sun Catcher Fused Glass Workshop

Fall is quickly coming upon us, and what better way to welcome her than by creating a fall suncatcher. The beautiful, rich fall colors will adorn any window, office, or porch. Class is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Artisan Depot. Class is limited to 6 students. You don't need any experience. Age: 10+. Registration/Class fee is \$35. You must register and pay online to secure your space and supplies for the class. Go to <<https://www.franklincoarts.org>>.

Supply fee is \$50. The fee is paid directly to Denise Brislin on the day of class. Please pay via PayPal, Venmo, or cash. No checks. Supplies and use of equipment are included.

Pick up your finished sun catcher from 5-6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the gallery.

Artisan Depot is located at 204 Cumberland St. E., Cowan.

# Christmas in The Caverns

A unique holiday event is coming this December as Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off brings orchestral music and local voices together in a one-night-only celebration underground.

Presented in partnership by The Caverns, the University of the South, and the South Cumberland Community Fund, the event will feature a live performance of Christmas and holiday music by the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra.

The concert will take place on 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 2025, inside The Caverns' underground concert hall and is free to the public with advance RSVP required for limited seating for residents of Tennessee's South Cumberland region. Doors open at 6 p.m. Free tickets will be available to reserve starting Wednesday, Oct. 15 at <[TheCaverns.com](http://TheCaverns.com)>.



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## APOLLO5 in Concert

APOLLO5, one of Britain's most formidable vocal groups, will perform in All Saints' Chapel on Thursday, October 23, at 7 p.m. Hailed by BBC Music Magazine as "faultless," the ensemble of soprano, mezzo, two tenors, and bass is known for demonstrating how powerful five voices singing without accompaniment can be. Their repertoire spans nine centuries - jazz, pop, classical, and early sacred music. Their program captivates audiences with works by William Byrd and Benjamin Britten as well as Elton John and Tom Petty! APOLLO5 is consistently praised by Gramophone, BBC Radio 3, and Classic FM, and they engage over 20,000 monthly listeners on Spotify. The APOLLO5 concert will be a vocal tour de force not to be missed.

Sewanee staff, faculty, and students receive one free ticket with Sewanee ID. Sewanee ID tickets should be picked up at the All Saints' Chapel office. All other tickets available at Eventbrite.com or one hour before the concert at the door. Tickets, \$25, are available on Eventbrite <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apollo5-in-concert-at-all-saints-chapel-tickets-1368045192999?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>>.

## Acrylic Painting Class by Cheryl Lankhaar at Cowan Center for the Arts

Art Instructor Cheryl Lankhaar, Illustrator of the children's book "The Montegle Assembly, Kinsley's Story," is offering an Acrylic Painting Class this fall for six classes on Sunday afternoons from Oct. 12 to Nov. 16, 2025. The classes will be from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., Cowan.

We will learn to create vibrant paintings building upon concepts learned in the class series: drawing exercises, color values and theory, composition principles, and edge and brush technique. Seasoned artists will also strengthen their painting and composition skills in this class series. All skill levels are welcome!

The cost will be \$210 for all six classes and includes ALL painting supplies, instructor and facility fees.

Please contact <[cheryllankhaar@gmail.com](mailto:cheryllankhaar@gmail.com)> by Tuesday, Oct. 4, if you wish to reserve a place in this class.

## Rebecca Gayle Howell to Receive 2025 Aiken Taylor Award

The Sewanee Review is pleased to announce that Rebecca Gayle Howell is the recipient of the 2025 Aiken Taylor Award for Modern American Poetry.

Rebecca Gayle Howell is a writer, literary translator, librettist, and editor. Her books include two novels in verse — "Render / An Apocalypse and American Purgatory" — both of which were named Bestsellers of the Decade by Small Press Distribution. She translated Patagonia poet Claudia Prado's "El Interior de la Ballena" and Amal al-Jubouri's "Hagar Before the Occupation / Hagar After the Occupation." Howell's work has received critical acclaim from such outlets as the Los Angeles Times, Poetry London, Publisher's Weekly, and the Kenyon Review. She is an Advanced Assistant Professor of Poetry & Translation for the University of Arkansas MFA program, and she also serves on faculty for the University of the South's Sewanee School of Letters. From 2014 to 2024, she was the Poetry Editor for the Oxford American. Her sixth book, "Erase Genesis," will be released this November by Project Poetica/Bridwell Press.

Vice-Chancellor Robert Pearigen and Sewanee Review editor Adam Ross will present Howell with the Aiken Taylor Award at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Convocation Hall. As part of this year's award celebration, poet Corey Van Landingham will lecture on Howell's poetry, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the McGriff Alumni House. Van Landingham is the author of three books of poetry: "Antidote," "Love Letter to Who Owns the Heavens," and "Reader, I." She is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University. She teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois.

## UAG Presents 'Indigo Hallow'

The University Art Gallery presents Baggs McKelvey's "Indigo Hallow," a site-specific installation in the University Art Gallery, inspired by Shakerag Hollow, an ecologically significant area on the domain of the University of the South. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 15.

Maps and aerial photographs of the area, and — in the words of the artist — "the contours of the trail, the rushing of the creek, the steep incline of the ridge barring the sun's full entrance, ... the sounds of the birds," were McKelvey's starting points.

In all of her installations, McKelvey explores her relationship with the land and the environment. Indigo Hallow is not a portrait of Shakerag Hollow, but an intuitive and poetic response to that place. Visitors are invited to share in McKelvey's response, and also to consider the meanings and implications of materials, of process, and of the act of representation itself.

The immersive environment of the installation is rendered in a ubiquitous, mass-produced, and powerfully allusive material — denim from discarded used jeans, crowd-sourced from friends, family, and through social media.

Cutting, knotting, and spinning the denim rope onto electrical wire spools was a communal project undertaken with friends and family, and the installation was made possible by the assistance of Cumberland Scholar high school student volunteers from St. Andrew's-Sewanee-School. The denim will be respooled at the close of the exhibition, to be used again.

Baggs McKelvey lived and worked in Alaska for many years before returning to her childhood roots in the Southeast in 2012. Her recent solo exhibitions of the Indigo series include "Houston Indigo" at the Houston Contemporary Craft Center in Houston, Texas (2024), "Beyond Indigo" at the Gadsden Museum of Art in Gadsden, Ala., (2024), and "Indigo" at the Hunter Museum of Art in Chattanooga, (2020-22). McKelvey earned an MFA from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She now lives in Chattanooga, and teaches at Chattanooga State.

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# Merkler, Ellison, Bixby Post Career Highs As Sewanee Outlasts Spalding in Five Sets

Suna Merkler, Anna Ellison, and Sydney Bixby posted career highs in kills, tallying 23, 18, and 11 respectively, as the Tigers outlasted Spalding in five sets on Oct. 5, 18-25, 25-21, 26-28, 25-21, 15-13.

Merkler hit .316 on the day and recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 15 digs. Ellison hit .289 and added a career-tying eight blocks, while Bixby also reached double figures with 11 kills and three blocks.

Emma Meyer directed the offense with 51 assists to go along with six digs, four kills, and an ace. Defensively, Sophia Caruso anchored the back row with 24 digs and three service aces, while Charlotte Lee added 16 digs, two kills, an ace, and a block.

Merkler, Maria Kennedy, Bixby, and Nicole Radford each notched early kills in the opening set, and Ellison added a block for a 5-3 lead. Spalding responded with a 5-1 run to take control, then extended its advantage with an 8-1 stretch to pull away. Despite late kills from Merkler and Ellison and a block from Mollie White and Ellison, Spalding secured the first set on a Sewanee attack error.

The second set was full of momentum swings. Spalding opened with a 10-2 run, but Sewanee answered with an 8-2 rally featuring three kills from Eleanor Loggie, two from Bixby, and one from Caruso to cut the deficit to 12-10. The Tigers then surged ahead with a 10-1 run, fueled by five Ellison kills, a solo block, and a kill and ace from Lee. Merkler sealed the set with a kill to even the match at 1-1.

The third set proved to be the tightest of the afternoon, featuring 18 ties and eight lead changes. Merkler's kill brought Sewanee within one at 23-21, and a Caruso ace gave the Tigers set point. Spalding, however, saved two set points with three consecutive kills. After another Merkler kill tied the score at 25-25, the Golden Eagles capitalized on a service error and an ace to take the set, 28-26.

Sewanee came out strong in the fourth, winning five of the first seven points behind two aces from Caruso, kills from Ellison and Merkler, and a block from Bixby and Loggie. After Spalding rallied with a 7-1 run, the Tigers responded with a 6-1 stretch highlighted by kills from Merkler, Meyer, Ellison, and Loggie, plus a block from Merkler and Ellison to tie it at 14. Sewanee then pulled away late with three aces from Loggie, three kills from Bixby, and a pair of key blocks from Ellison before Ellison capped the set with a kill to force a fifth.

The decisive set was another back-and-forth battle, featuring 11 ties and five lead changes. Sewanee closed strong, using a 5-3 run late to secure the win, powered by two kills from Merkler, an ace from Meyer, and a block from Bixby and Loggie.

The Tigers return to Southern Athletic Association play next weekend, traveling to Texas to face Southwestern on Saturday at noon and Trinity on Sunday at noon.

# Tigers Blank Transylvania 9-0

Catherine Crane, Mary Blair Tankard, and Keegan Southall each scored twice as Sewanee rolled to a 9-0 victory over Transylvania on Oct. 4, at Puett Field, celebrating 50 years of Sewanee Field Hockey.

The Tigers wasted no time getting on the board, as Crane opened the scoring just three minutes into the contest with a shot into the corner of the cage. Southall doubled the lead later in the first period with a strike from the top of the circle.

Early in the second, Southall found Caroline Bridges open in front of the cage to make it 3-0 heading into halftime.

Sewanee continued to dominate in the third quarter, netting three goals in quick succession. Natalie BeVier started the surge after inserting a penalty corner and finishing the play off a pass from Shepard Ramsey. Ramsey then went coast-to-coast for another goal just 21 seconds later, and Crane added her second of the day two minutes after that. Southall tallied her second goal of the afternoon late in the period to stretch the lead to 7-0. Tankard capped off the scoring in the fourth, adding two goals to secure the 9-0 final.

The Tigers outshot the Pioneers 44-0, including 23 shots on goal, and earned 18 penalty corners.



*Punt, Pass, Kick Competition high scorers.*

# Punt, Pass, Kick Competition

Sewanee Elementary School had the annual Punt, Pass, Kick Competition on Sept. 30, for students in grades kindergarten through fifth. Punt, Pass, Kick is a youth football contest that features three exciting events — Punt, Pass, and Kick — where participants are judged on both distance and accuracy. Each student received three attempts per event, and their final score was based on their best effort in each category, combined for a total score.

The competition was a fun and energetic day that highlighted our students' athletic skills, teamwork, and competitive spirit! The highest-scoring girl and boy in each grade were recognized and presented with an award during our Friday assembly.

SES is thankful to the Franklin County High School girls' soccer team for helping with our Punt, Pass, and Kick competition.

High scorers:  
Westin Walker, fifth grade, Suzy Camp, fifth grade, Miles Bruscato, fourth grade, Bella Barnes, fourth grade, Malcolm Tate, third grade, Ryleigh Summers, third grade, Bryson Barnes, second grade, Savannah Walker, second grade, Cooper Green, first grade, Vivian Hall, first grade, Liam Henley, Kindergarten, and Ella Banta, Kindergarten.

# Verellen Wins Consolation Draw, McVeigh Takes C Singles Title

Max Verellen won the main draw consolation finals, and Aidan McVeigh won the singles C draw as the Tigers competed in the final day of the ITA Regional tournament at the Leftwich Tennis Center in Memphis, Tenn.

Verellen defeated teammate Sam Schroerlucke in the consolation finals of the main singles draw, 6-2, 7-5.

Aidan McVeigh won the singles C draw, defeating Nicholas Giatras of Rhodes in the finals 7-5, 6-3.



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## Men's Soccer Plays to Scoreless Draw

Nathan Vanhove recorded four saves against 15 total shots and Sewanee and Rhodes College played to a scoreless draw in men's soccer action Oct. 3 in Memphis, Tenn.

The Tigers (8-1-3, 0-0-1 SAA) held possession for at least half the match, if not more, but were unable to complete passes in the final third, misfiring or cutoff by the Lynx (2-4-2, 0-0-1) defense.

Rhodes nearly scored five minutes into the match, with a header to the back post off a throw-in, but Vanhove made a diving save. Ben Novello's header off a free kick sailed over the crossbar in the eighth minute.

Neither team managed much in the middle part of the half before a shot was deflected wide in the 36th minute after a cross from Wells Durham. Edward Kennedy's header off the ensuing corner kick missed high.

The second half was played mostly in the middle of the field, with each team penetrating their offensive zone briefly before the ball was cleared or possession changed. Stokes McConnell's cross from near the end line in the final 10 minutes was saved by Rhodes goalkeeper Henri Kettner and Sam McMurphy's blast from 35 yards in the last 90 seconds sailed over the net.

Kettner collected three saves against five total shots by the Tigers.

## McConnell Nets Two Goals in Men's Soccer Win

Stokes McConnell scored twice in the second half, including the game-winner with 10 minutes to play, helping Sewanee overcome an early deficit in a 2-1 win against Millsaps College in men's soccer action Oct. 6, in Jackson, Miss.

The Tigers (9-1-3, 1-0-1 SAA) trailed after a goal by the Majors in the 14th minute, the only shot of the first half for the home team. Sewanee created several good scoring chances in the opening 45 minutes, but two of those opportunities were saved and another hit the crossbar.

The Tigers broke through early in the second period when Isaac Rasheed picked off an errant pass and was tackled just inside the right corner of the box. Stokes McConnell converted the penalty kick, equalizing the match just over five minutes into the half.

Sewanee continued pressing forward and controlled the run of play for most of the match. Alpha Bah's shot in the 66th minute was saved by Millsaps goalkeeper Michael Hamauei and Brady Lloyd got a chance five minutes later that was also turned away by Hamauei.

All of the pressure finally led to the game-winner in the 80th minute and it started again with Rasheed, who fought for a ball down the right-side and passed forward to Noah Bjorkman. He beat one defender and slotted a ball to Bah in the middle, who kept it moving to the rightside. McConnell's shot ricocheted off a Millsaps defender and into the net, the sixth goal of the year for the junior.

Sewanee outshot the Majors, 13-3, in the match overall and Hamauei made four saves for Millsaps. Nathan Vanhove collected one save for the Tigers.

The Majors scored eight minutes into the opening half, with Braden Walters and Christian Lopez passing down the left side to Ellis Dykes. He was all alone and powered a shot off the hands of Vanhove from a bad angle into the net for an early advantage for the home team.

The Tigers created chances soon after, with Rasheed's shot from the top of the box saved in the 14th minute and a shot from distance by Domenic Desmond a minute later was also saved.

Thomas McGowan's shot down the left side was blocked in the 33rd minute and Jonah Cooker hit the crossbar in the 40th minute. After a free kick in the final minute of the period, McGowan's shot from the top of the box sailed high and Sewanee trailed at the half despite controlling possession for much of the period and outshooting Millsaps, 6-1.

Sewanee plays next Saturday at Southwestern University at 1 p.m., the seventh of eight consecutive road outings for the Tigers.

## Field Hockey Rolls Past Meredith, 8-1

Catherine Crane recorded a hat trick in the first half and added another goal in the second as the Tigers rolled past Meredith College, 8-1, on Oct. 6, at Puett Field.

Sewanee got on the board early after Molly Haskell intercepted a pass in Meredith's defensive zone and fed Crane, who sent her shot into the left side of the cage for the opening goal. Moments later, Caroline Bridges extended the lead to 2-0, cleaning up the rebound off a defensive save from Haskell's initial attempt. With under a minute remaining in the first quarter, Keegan Southall connected with Crane for her second of the game to give the Tigers a 3-0 advantage.

Crane completed her hat trick midway through the second period, weaving around two defenders before slipping her shot past the goalie for Sewanee's fourth goal of the afternoon.

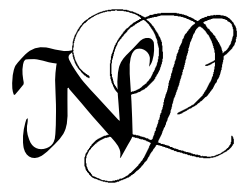
Meredith broke through in the third quarter, capitalizing on a transition opportunity, but Sewanee quickly responded as Southall found Crane once again with 33 seconds remaining to make it 5-1.

The Tigers continued to press in the fourth. A foul on Meredith set up another offensive push, and Shepard Ramsey carried the ball to the right side of the circle before finding Abigail Lee in front of the cage for a tip-in.

Sewanee earned a corner that resulted in a quick exchange between Natalie BeVier and Ramsey at the top of the circle, with BeVier redirecting Ramsey's pass for a goal. Minutes later, Haskell capped the scoring shortly after, collecting a loose ball in the circle and sending it to the back of the cage to secure the 8-1 victory.

Sewanee outshot the Avenging Angels 30-4, including a 22-3 margin in shots on goal, and held a 7-2 advantage in penalty corners.

The Tigers open conference play on Oct. 11, hosting Rhodes for an 11 a.m. start.



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## Women's Soccer Dominates in Road Win at Millsaps

Fiamma del Balzo scored a pair of goals and Izzy Maurino handed out two assists in Sewanee's 7-0 victory over Millsaps College in women's soccer action Oct. 5, in Jackson, Miss.

The Tigers (6-1-2, 1-0-1 SAA) dominated play from start to finish, outshooting the Majors, 38-0, including 21 shots on goal and eight corner kicks. Millsaps goalkeeper Emily Lozano made 14 saves and stopped a number of other chances for Sewanee.

Stella Martin, Laura Morgan and Josie Alexander all scored for the Tigers in the first half while Pope Scurlock, Morgan Cheynet and del Balzo each netted goals in the final 45 minutes.

The Majors (2-7-2, 0-2-0) tried to clear a ball near the goal and Martin stepped to it, hitting a one-timer with her left foot from the top of the box on the left side, with her shot curving into the right side of the net for a 1-0 edge less than seven minutes into the match.

In the 21st minute Cara Chaffin passed down the left side to Morgan, who dribbled back toward the middle and lofted a shot from the corner of the box to the far post, over Lozano's head and into the net, extending the advantage to 2-0.

The Tigers scored again just before the half, with Alexander passing outside to the right to Maurino. She crossed her defender, then slid a pass back to Alexander, who drilled it low on her first touch, just inside the near post, pushing the lead to 3-0 at intermission in the 42nd minute.

Sewanee dominated possession and the run of play in the opening 45 minutes, taking 16 shots to none for the Majors.

In the second half Kylene Monaghan crossed from near the leftside to the six-yard box where Scurlock redirected the ball on a short-hop, past Lozano, in the 67th minute.

In the 80th minute Sonia Djurasovic crossed from the right into the box, between the penalty spot and the six-yard box. del Balzo's first shot, point blank, was saved by Lozano but she deposited the rebound into an open net, stretching the lead to 5-0.

Maurino crossed to del Balzo just inside the box in the 89th minute, where she dribbled past two defenders and sailed her shot into the upper right corner. Then in the final minute of the match, Katie Dullye's header off a corner kick was saved but Cheynet was there to pick up the rebound for the final goal.

Sewanee ends a three-match road swing next Saturday at Southwestern University at 11 a.m.

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Seventh graders, Josiah Wilson and Oliver Zigler, before the race. Photo by Ben Brodsky

# SAS Mountain Biking News

On Sept. 21, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee Mountain Bike team traveled to Lock 4 in Gallatin, for the third race in the Tennessee Interscholastic Cycling League Race Series. Fifteen members of the varsity team raced with six riders posting top 10 finishes. In Varsity Boys, William Schrader took second place while Grayson Clark placed fifth for his first podium in JV1 Boys. In JV2 Boys, Sawyer Barry and Martin Brodsky placed eighth and ninth respectively. For the girls, Rosa Thompson took the fourth place podium for JV3 Girls, and Kat Carpenter continued to climb, placing sixth in JV2 Girls. Ten riders raced for the middle school team and all successfully completed the technical course. Alex Glacet placed 10th in Eighth Grade Boys.

# SAS Volleyball Ends Season

St. Andrew's-Sewanee Varsity Volleyball team played in a tri-match at Grundy County High School on Sept. 29, losing to Marion 25-18, 25-18 and to Van Buren 21-25, 25-17, 15-4. In the tri-match Aubrey Blosser 12 kills, 10 assists; Savannah Blosser had three aces and 10 digs; Keely Kendrick three blocks; Briley Meador 10 digs and Leah Moody four kills and two blocks.

In the first round of the TSSAA division II-A district II tournament, SAS lost to Collegedale Academy on Sept. 30. Head Coach Rob Zeitler said, "These girls have improved so much this season and we have come a long way as a team. They were a pleasure to coach and I wish we could have finished stronger in the district tournament."



SAS senior Micah Moody who placed 11th out of 370 runners, and took fourth place in the small school's division.

# SAS Runners Shine at Lake Guntersville Invitational

On Oct. 4, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity cross country teams traveled to Guntersville, Alabama, to compete in the Lake Guntersville Invitational. Facing a field of more than 40 schools and hundreds of runners, both teams turned in outstanding performances, with many athletes achieving personal records.

The SAS girls' team competed against 240 runners and delivered strong results. Freshman Annanoel Sparacio led the way, finishing 15th in the small-school division with a time of 22:44. Senior Annika Stefanut ran a season-best 24:02 for 30th place, followed by freshman Nora Jane Elrod, who clocked 24:28 for 39th. Freshman Seanna Mainord had a breakout race, cutting significant time from her previous best to run a huge PR of 28:17 and finish 76th.

The SAS boys' team faced a competitive field of 327 athletes and 27 teams and rose to the challenge. Senior Micah Moody led the charge with an impressive personal record of 17:02, placing 11th overall and fourth in the small-school division. Close behind came the "pack" of Arthur Glacet (31st, 19:08), Timi Stefanut (32nd, 19:10), Guille Ruiz de la Harran Sanjuan (37th, 19:22), Daniel Pastor (43rd, 19:31), and Ed Smith (58th, 19:58), who collectively shaved more than five minutes off their previous bests.

Adding to the day's success, Benjamin Sowell (21:27), Dylan Bruscatto (23:13), and Drew Richaud (36:43) each ran personal bests. The boys' team placed fifth in the small-school division and an impressive 11th overall.

Coach Mahler praised the teams' efforts, saying, "Our runners showed tremendous grit and teamwork today. It's exciting to see their hard work paying off as we head into the final stretch of the season."

# Schweppe-Lewis Win B2 Doubles Title at ITA Regional

Sophomore Ben Lammert posted a singles victory in the Round of 16 while freshman Charlie Schweppe and sophomore William Lewis won the B2 doubles bracket for Sewanee men's tennis Oct. 4, in the ITA Southeast Regional in Memphis, Tenn.

Lammert defeated Emory University's ninth-seeded Ajay Kartik, 6-3, 6-2, in the Round of 16 before dropping a 6-1, 7-6 (4) decision to Emory's top-seeded Ruilin Feng, who eliminated senior Andre-Remi Jakobi earlier in the day, 7-6 (5), 6-2. Also in the main draw, freshman Lucas Wrigley lost, 6-3, 6-4, to Emory's second-seeded Dean Kameney.

In the consolation bracket of the main draw, sophomore Max Verellen defeated Rhodes College's Paul Fridman, 6-3, 6-2, while freshman Samuel Schroerlucke won 6-2, 6-4, versus Emory's Joshua Lai. Both players advanced to the semifinals.

In doubles Schroerlucke and Wrigley defeated Hendrix College's Wesley McClure and James Thomson, 8-7 (3), before dropping an 8-3 decision to Emory's Daniel Kim and John Lasanajak in the semifinals. Lammert and Jakobi lost, 8-7 (6) to North Carolina Wesleyan's second-seeded Albert Sitwell and Siddarth Madhavan in the quarterfinals.

In the B draw in singles, sophomore Josh Lively dropped a 6-2, 6-2, decision to Emory's Caleb Zimmerman in the quarterfinals while sophomore William Lewis lost, 6-3, 4-6, 11-9, to Wesleyan's Largo Koch, also in the quarterfinals.

In doubles senior George Thomas Alexander and freshman Silas Montana collected an 8-7 (5) win over Oglethorpe University's Callum Searle and Zack Raymond in the semifinals. Freshman Charlie Schweppe and freshman William Lewis defeated Emory's Ryan Nash and Joshua Lai, 8-6, before defeating Alexander and Montana, 8-6, in the finals.

In the C draw in singles, freshman Aidan McVeigh defeated Ryan Rosalin from the University of the Ozarks, 3-6, 6-0, 10-3, in the quarterfinals and won 7-5, 6-4, against Asbury University's Paolo Cargnelutti in the semifinals, advancing to face Nicholas Giatras from Rhodes in the finals Sunday.

In the R3 bracket, freshman Stephen Smith claimed a 6-2, 6-0, victory over Covenant College's Cameron Erb before falling to Hendrix's Matias Ancieta, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

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Equestrian (NCEA) vs. University of Lynchburg  
11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11,  
Field Hockey vs. Rhodes College  
1 p.m., University Swimming and Diving, Sewanee Relay Meet  
11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18,  
Women's Volleyball vs. Rhodes  
1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18,  
Football vs. Berry College  
4 p.m./6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer vs. Trinity University



# Roraback's Early Goal Gives Tigers 1-1 Draw

Khiana Roraback scored early in the first half and Sewanee staved off a barrage of chances in the final 20 minutes in a 1-1 draw against Rhodes College in women's soccer action Oct. 5, in Memphis, Tenn.

The Lynx (7-1-2, 0-1-1 SAA) controlled possession for the majority of the match, including much of the second half, outshooting the Tigers, 17-10, overall and 9-4 in the final 45 minutes, though many of those shots were taken from the top of the box or long distance. Sewanee (5-1-2, 0-1-1) goalkeeper Emilee Scott made five saves in the match.

The Tigers netted the first goal in the 14th minute. After a throw-in sailed into the box and was cleared out by the Lynx, Lacey Carder sent the ball back into the box. Roraback was clear of defenders (just barely outside) and chipped it past Rhodes goalkeeper Olivia Barfield, hitting the left post and bouncing into the net for an early advantage.

Rhodes' Reese Owens hit the crossbar from 25 yards in the 20th minute and Scott saved a long free kick from near the sideline in the 24th minute.

The Tigers threatened later in the period, with Sonia Djurasovic's shot from just inside the box saved in the 30th minute and an attempt from Cassis Yappen also saved by Barfield in the 34th minute.

The Lynx equalized late in the half on a long free kick from near midfield by Abby Bell. Taylor Theofiledes headed the ball over Scott's head and just under the crossbar in the 42nd minute and the teams headed to halftime tied at one.

Rhodes was the aggressor to begin the second half, with a shot by Sophia Rall missing just to the right of the net and Annie Cimino's blast blocked by the Tigers.

The Lynx peppered the net between the 75th and 80th minutes, all from distance, with a shot from Owens sailing over the net after a free kick from just outside the box and Grace Culver's attempt saved by Scott.

Sewanee's last best chance came with just under five minutes to play on a deflected ball in the Rhodes box, but Rivers Carney's left-footed shot drifted wide of the net. The Tigers got a corner kick in the last 90 seconds but it sailed across the goal and out of bounds on the opposite side.

Barfield finished with two saves for the Lynx.

# Myers, Oberlies Lead Harriers in Mountain Goat Invite

Freshman Christian Myers and sophomore Declan Oberlies finished first and second, respectively, and Sewanee posted six of the fastest nine times in the Mountain Goat Invitational here Oct. 4.

Myers completed the 8K course on the Sewanee campus in 27:03.15 while Oberlies crossed the finish line in 27:49.28.

Freshman William Hughes, senior Brandon Christ, freshman Jack Conger and freshman Austin Colvin placed 5-8 in the team standings, respectively. Hughes finished in 28:42.06 while Christ came across in 28:43.67, Conger completed the course in 28:44.44 and Colvin was next in 28:45.70.

Freshman Jonah Norris was the final scorer for the Tigers, placing 11th in 31:13.51 and junior Reed Siegler finished 20th in 34:33.82.

Sewanee runs again Friday, Oct. 17, in the Chattanooga Intercollegiate before the SAA Championships on Nov. 1, in Georgetown, Texas.

# Graham, Ude Lead Women at Mountain Goat Invite

Junior Eleanor Graham finished first and senior Sam Ude placed fourth for Sewanee women's cross country in the Mountain Goat Invitational here on Oct. 4.

The Tigers posted seven of the Top 12 times in the team standings for second place.

Graham finished the 6K course in 24:35.69 while Ude placed fourth with a time of 26:08.93. Sophomore Elizabeth Cook completed the course in sixth in 27:12.62 while senior Grace Cawley and senior Clara Earley were eighth and ninth, respectively, with times of 27:42.45 and 27:53.95.

Senior Allison Haworth came across in 28:08.23 for 11th and freshman Clara Holmes was 12th in 28:10.16. Sophomore Molly Emmett finished 16th in 29:32.76, freshman Ruby Hoerter placed 18th in 30:09.99, sophomore Vivian Bravo completed the course in 30:39.67 for 19th and sophomore Josie Blanton was 21st in 32:33.46.

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# Kearns Takes Third As Men's and Women's Diving Compete at Moultrie Invite

Freshman Jonah Kearns led the way for Sewanee with three third-place finishes as the Tigers' men's and women's diving teams opened their seasons at the Moultrie Diving Invite, hosted by the University of West Florida.

Kearns tallied a 369.10 in the 11-dive 1-meter competition, a 221.20 in the six-dive 1-meter event, and a 214.20 on the 3-meter board.

In the men's 3-meter, Kearns posted a 214.20 for third place, highlighted by a 46.80 on his final dive, a back 1½ somersault with 1½ twists in free position. Korbin Smith placed fifth with a six-dive score of 95.05.

In the men's six-dive 1-meter event, Kearns earned a high score of 42.00 on his fourth dive, an inward 1½ somersault pike, en route to another third-place finish. Smith followed in fourth with 94.40, and Pierce Browning placed fifth with 49.55.

Kearns also competed in the 11-dive 1-meter competition, where he again placed third with a total of 369.10 points.

On the women's side, Lily Stooksbury, Zoe Napier, and Anne Claud finished 14th through 16th, respectively, in the six-dive 1-meter championship. Stooksbury recorded a 114.25, followed by Napier at 96.55 and Claud at 86.05.

In the women's 3-meter event, Stooksbury placed 15th with a 104.70, while Napier finished 16th with an 88.35.

The women's team competed against West Florida, Emory, and Georgia Southern, while the men faced Emory. Sewanee finished fourth on the women's side and second on the men's.

# Football Drops Home Decision to Maryville

Barton Mixon rushed 17 times for 137 yards and one touchdown but Sewanee converted just 3-of-12 on third down while Maryville College racked up over 500 yards of offense in a 40-7 victory over the Tigers in football action on Oct. 4, at McGee Field-Harris Stadium.

The Scots (4-0, 1-0 SAA) raced out to a 19-0 lead early in the second quarter and led 26-7 at the half. Maryville added two touchdowns in the final period.

Mixon was the lone bright spot offensively for the Tigers (2-2, 0-1), getting his first start and banging out 137 yards on the ground, including a five-yard TD run in the second quarter and a 47-yard scamper in the second half. Four Sewanee quarterbacks completed 16-of-31 passes for 149 yards with two interceptions. Cam Beasley drew the start and passed for 87 yards on 10-for-19 with two INTs.

Maryville quarterback Bryson Rollins completed 19-of-26 passes for 295 yards, three touchdowns and one interception and was sacked once. The Scots also rushed for 214 yards and three scores, with Chris Cooper leading the way with 11 carries for 98 yards and two TDs. Jermaine Abner added 52 yards on nine attempts and one touchdown.

Maryville drove 80 yards on 10 plays on its first drive of the game, picking up four first downs along the way. Rollins rushed for 11 yards and hit Steph Carter, Jr., for 19 yards. He also completed a fourth-down throw to Carter, Jr., for 22 yards and Abner gained the final six yards for the touchdown on the next play, though the Scots missed the extra point.

After Sewanee pinned Maryville at its own two-yard line with a punt, the Scots made short work for another score. Rollins completed a 12-yard pass to Roro Edmondson and two plays later found Edmondson again, this time for 34 yards. Cooper then rushed 49 yards up the middle for the TD, weaving his way through the defense for a 13-0 advantage.

Maryville kept attacking but more methodically on its next possession, covering 80 yards on 12 plays. The Tigers were flagged for pass interference and the Scots picked up two more first downs before a fourth-down completion to Alex Wein for 18 yards. After a sack, Cooper burst through the middle for 22 yards and a touchdown but the PAT was missed again for a 19-0 lead.

Sewanee found some rhythm offensively late in the second period, with Jacorin Thomas completing a third-down pass to AJ McLemore for 10 yards. Thomas picked up five yards for another first down and Beasley posted a 33-yard completion to Dyer Barnes. Mixon rushed five yards for the score, cutting the deficit to 19-7 with 1:46 left in the half.

Teddy Orton returned the ensuing kickoff 40 yards and Abner gained a first down before Rollins scrambled for 21 yards. He then tossed a 20-yard touchdown for Wein and the PAT gave the Scots a 26-7 lead at the half.

Maryville scored on just two plays to start the second half, with Rollins hitting Edmondson for a short gainer, but he broke three tackles and raced 68 yards for the touchdown.

Sewanee drove to the Maryville nine-yard line midway through the third period thanks to three rushes for 25 yards by Mixon and a 24-yard completion from Beasley to Sean Johnson. A facemask penalty on the Scots pushed the ball to the 10, but Beasley was intercepted in the end zone on fourth down.

Maryville took the ensuing drive 80 yards on 10 plays, starting with a 16-yard run by Abner and a 13-yard completion to Wein. Abner took a screen pass 27 yards and three plays later, Rollins found Carter, Jr., for a 15-yard TD pass.

Sewanee travels to Southwestern University next Saturday and returns home in two weeks, facing Berry College at 1 p.m.

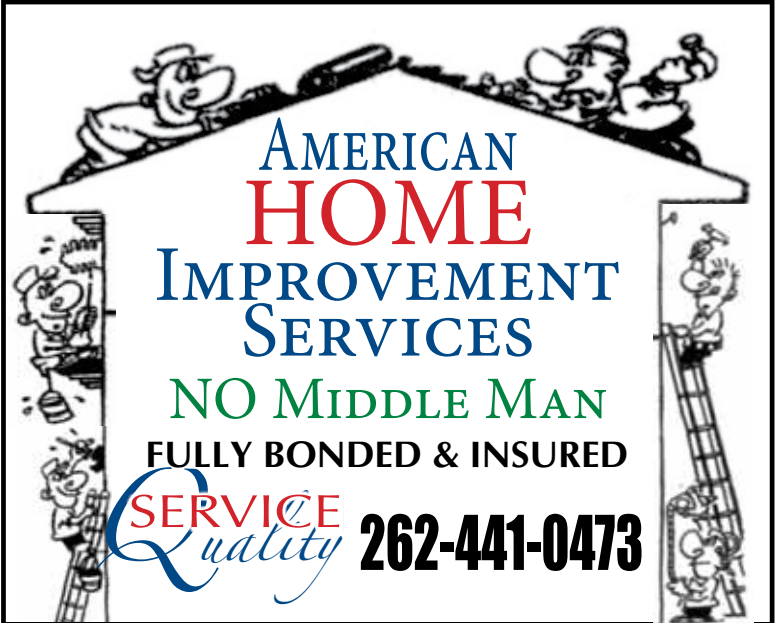


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# NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Grape fern. Photo by Laura Blackman



Gentian. Photo by Yolande Gottfried

## Lake Dimmick Trail

We walked the trail to Lake Dimmick from Hwy. 156 last weekend on a perfectly lovely day. I tend to think of that trail as somewhat boring, but it wasn't at all. The trail goes through mostly dry woods with lots of scarlet oak and large (for sourwood) sourwood. The shrub layer included mostly blueberries and catbrier. Various plants of drier environments were in the "herb" layer—elephant's foot, spotted wintergreen, crane fly orchid, and even some ladies' tresses. There were some areas with more moisture that supported colonies of New York fern and hay-scented fern. The occasional grape fern was present — it is related to the rattlesnake fern of the spring but sends up its fertile frond in the late summer or fall. The sporangia on that frond look somewhat like clusters of tiny grapes. Surprisingly, we didn't see any Christmas fern, usually so common. There is a nice sandstone outcrop with the usual hairy-cap moss, white cushion moss, and reindeer moss (lichen). In some other spots there was even sphagnum moss, though the source of moisture was not evident. Very few critters were about, but we did see a one of the red meadow hawk dragonflies and a squirrel. The birds were very quiet. The true objective of the walk was achieved when we reached the shore of the lake and found several lovely clumps of bright blue soapwort gentians — made my day. There was also a plant new to me — marsh dayflower — which was not so exciting as it is an invasive non-native. Maybe I should have pulled it up?

# Sewanee Herbarium Calendar of Events

Coyote Cliffs Trail — Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m., Mary Priestley. St. Andrew's-Sewanee School welcomes all to its 13 miles of hiking trails, which wind through the oak-hickory forest of the plateau top. It will probably be too late in the season to see flowers, but the trees, ferns, mosses, rocks, and creeks in these woods will make up for it. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the intersection of Firetower and Deepwoods Roads, behind SAS's academic buildings, for this two- to three-mile moderate walk, with a 200-foot elevation change.

Homecoming/Reunion Greenhouse Open Hours — Friday-Saturday, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 3-5 p.m., Jonathan Ertelt. Continuing a tradition started just two years ago, the Webb Greenhouse will have open hours for visitors and alumni to come and see the diverse collection within. Jonathan Ertelt C'78 will be on hand to point out special plants and answer questions.

Wear appropriate shoes on all walks. Risks involved in hiking include physical exertion, rough terrain, forces of nature, and other hazards not present in everyday life. Picking flowers and digging plants are prohibited in all natural areas.

# Nature Journaling Continues

The Nature Journaling group, sponsored by the Sewanee Herbarium, meets Thursdays, 9-11 a.m. Grab a pencil and paper and plan to join us. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for more information and meeting location.

# State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to South Cumberland State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>>, Savage Gulf State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>> or call (931) 924-2980. All times are central.

**Hike to Savage Falls — Savage Gulf State Park, Monday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$5. Register for event.** Meet at Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer. Join Ranger Spencer on a hike down to Savage Falls. 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.

**Trail Run — Savage Gulf State Park, Monday Oct. 13 and Tuesday, Oct. 14, 8:30–9:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event.** Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please preregister. Join us on a 3(ish) mile (round trip, approximate) trail run on the Savage Day Loop. We will be doing a combo of running/walking. The anticipated pace will be between 10-15 minute miles. We may go slower as needed, but not faster (typically towards the slow end of the pace scale). Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes that can handle running off road! Weather permitting. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall still 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. Events outside the park's control may necessitate program cancellation (weather, illness, park emergencies, etc). You will receive a text, email, or call with as much advance notice as possible, depending on the situation. Refunds will be processed for such canceled programs. Allow up to 7 business days for refunds.

**Hike to Big Creek Overlook — Savage Gulf State Park, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 8:30–11:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event.** Join Ranger Jamie on a day hike to the Big Creek Overlook. We will meet at the Savage Gulf West Trailhead, 550 Greeter Falls Rd., Altamont, at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. We will begin the hike by taking the Greeter Trail to the Big Creek Overlook and on the way back we will be completing the Greeter Falls Loop Trail. This hike will be approximately 3 miles in total and is considered strenuous in certain areas — please be prepared for a challenging hike. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are capable of completing the entire hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. We will observe a beautiful overlook, waterfall, and we will also chat about the park and/or what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required.

**Gas Lantern Night Hike at Stone Door — Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, Oct. 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m. \$25. Register for event.** Meet at 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs. Join Ranger Spencer for a gas lantern night hike to the Stone Door overlook that is sure to amaze. This hike is two miles long round trip and will take visitors to several overlooks to experience the night sky and the unseen wonders of night in the beautiful Savage Gulf State Park with the warm glow of a gas lantern lighting the path. Visitors are required to bring sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing for the weather, and the spirit of adventure. This hike is limited to the first 10 people to register. Please meet the ranger at the Stone Door Station (Savage Gulf North) about 15 minutes before the start of the hike to check in. Please note that in the case of inclement weather (rain, high wind, snow, etc.) this program will be cancelled and a refund issued..

**Overnight Adventure on the Fiery Gizzard — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m.–11:59 p.m. \$85, no gear needed. \$100, gear needed. Register for event.** Meet Ranger Hannah at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead where we will begin the exciting 13-mile backpacking adventure thru the Fiery Gizzard! This will be a strenuous hike! This trip is designed for intermediate to advanced hikers. Hikers should be prepared for very rocky terrain and steep elevation gain and loss of roughly 1,000+ft. Participants will need to dress accordingly for the weather.

The hike will begin at 9 a.m. at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead. We will then hike the 10.5 miles to Small Wilds campground the first night, set up camp, relax and enjoy the sunset from a nearby overlook. We will wrap up the remaining 2.5 miles to Foster Falls the following day. This hike will go through the Fiery Gizzard gorge which is 4 miles of strenuous terrain due to the rocky trail and steep elevation gains.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own gear. We can provide equipment if needed (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, & backpack). These items are for those who need them and will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Participants need to have: sturdy hiking boots, overnight backpack, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, extra socks, extra clothing, rain coat, water, camp stove, toiletries, snacks, trekking poles (optional). Meals (dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday) will be provided. If anyone has any food allergies, please reach out to Ranger Hannah so she can make proper adjustments.



Trout



Archie

# MARC's Mountain Adoptables Meet Trout & Archie

Trout is curious and brave. He loves to explore and play. Trout is a very handsome black and white Domestic Shorthair boy around 15 weeks old weighing about five pounds. His favorite thing to do is sneak around and pounce on his unsuspecting brother, Derby. Trout's days are spent lounging or wrestling with his brother, no in between. He also loves to snuggle, after all the fun has been had, of course. Trout is a fun, entertaining, loving boy hoping you will make your home his.

Archie is a lover and enjoys playing with other dogs and with people. He is around seven months old and weighs about 50 pounds. He is a brown and tan color with white highlights. Archie likes to give kisses and will give you a bunch if you will make him part of your family. He is working with a trainer on leash walking, sit, down, stay and other commands and is doing very well. Archie would really like to find his own inside loving home, hopefully including some young people. He is going to make a great companion. Take him out for a day or for a weekend and fall in love.

If you would like to learn more about Trout and Archie, please fill out an Adoption Application found on our MARC website <[www.marc4change.org](http://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 - 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.

# WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week's Stats:
Mon	Sept 29	81	62	Avg max temp = 79
Tue	Sept 30	85	60	Avg min temp = 60
Wed	Oct 01	80	55	Avg temp = 69
Thu	Oct 02	80	53	Precipitation = 0.6"
Fri	Oct 03	78	60	
Sat	Oct 04	77	63	
Sun	Oct 05	72	64	

Reported by Sandy Gilliam  
Domain Ranger



# Messenger Classifieds

## ART

Stephenson's  
**SCULPTURES  
IN BRONZE**  
Jeanie Stephenson  
(931) 691-3873  
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## FOR RENT

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT:** In beautifully appointed commercial building in Monteagle. The room is perfect for a counselor, aesthetician, massage therapist or lash artist. Preference given to a tenant in the wellness or aesthetics space. Building already holds a medical dermatology/wellness/aesthetics office. \$850/month rental + 1 month's security deposit. All other bills paid for by landlord (WiFi, electricity, gas, water, sewer, and security system). Building opens from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Background check and two references required. Your clients can utilize our beautiful lobby and park in our parking lot. Call (832) 264-3676 for a showing.

## FOR SALE

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE:** Available for woodstove, fireplace or firepit. (Please designate your preference.) Stock up for next year. \$125/pickup load, delivered and stacked. (423) 322-7639 or (931) 212-2585.

**FIREWOOD & TOPSOIL FOR SALE:** \$100/pickup load for wood, \$25 to stack. Topsoil \$150/pickup load. Call Richard, (931) 598-5358.

## LAWN CARE

**CHAD'S LAWN & LANDSCAPING**  
-FREE ESTIMATES-  
\* Lawn care & Design (Mulch & Planting)  
\* Tree Trimming & Removal  
\* Pressure Washing \* Road Grading  
\* Stone Patio/Fireplace \* Garden Tilling  
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Now Offering Specials for the **WINTER!**  
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Local references available.  
Jayson Long  
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## MOVING SALE

**MOVING SALE:** Dining room suite w/table, four chairs; desk w/ chair. Call for prices. (931) 691-4629.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE:** The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

## LOCAL SERVICES

**King's Tree Service**  
Topping, trimming, bluff/lot clearing, stump grinding and more!  
\*Bucket truck or climbing\*  
Free wood chips with job  
Will beat any quoted price!  
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—Fully licensed and insured—  
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Decks, Home Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Drywall, Tile & Hardwood Floors, Outbuildings, Pressure Washing  
**MARK GREEN, owner**  
931-636-4555 | mdgreen41@gmail.com

**HOUSE CLEANING:** Sewanee-Monteagle-Tracy City area. References. (931) 409-3762.

**CAR WASH/DETAIL:** By Appointment. Located at Sewanee Auto. (931) 691-7883. Email <Laurenthomas0217@gmail.com>.

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MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Open 5 a.m.-4 p.m., later if needed  
Two Hot Meals & Snack Furnished  
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We strive to take the best care of your child  
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## New to the Mountain?

Read what you have been missing.  
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**DONATIONS NEEDED 4 MARC**  
Kitchen trash bags • Tough dog toys • Potty pads



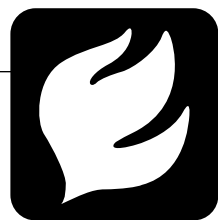
**DROP OFF @**  
MARC, 225 Sequatchie Ln., Sequatchie, TN  
or Taylor's Mercantile, 10 University Ave., Sewanee  
before noon, Thursday and Friday  
SCAN the Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/7119w5J>  
FOSTERS ARE NEEDED!




## WHERE DO I RECYCLE THIS?

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

**Special Waste:**  
Waste Oil and Waste Anti-freeze: Used oil (oil must be oil only and not contain any gas, water or antifreeze) and antifreeze is collected for recycling at Franklin County Solid Waste Management located on Joyce Lane in Winchester and at the following Convenience Centers: Alto, Capitol Hill, Center Grove, Cowan, Estill Springs, Lexie Crossroads, Old Salem, Sewanee and Winchester Springs.  
Don't clog up your pipes and sewer lines; take your used cooking oil to 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester.  
Commercial waste must be disposed of at the Republic Transfer Station, 9577 Tullahoma Hwy., Estill Springs.



## PLANNING ON BURNING DEBRIS?

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

Travelers can access road and travel conditions online at the TNSmartWay Traffic app or by dialing 511 (or 877.244.0065 outside Tennessee) from a cellular or landline phone.

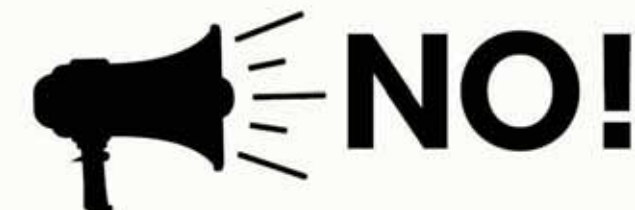
**Sewanee CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**You are invited**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Monday, November 3**  
**Kennerly Hall**  
**Social at 5:30 pm | Dinner at 6 pm**

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**WIPE CLOG PIPES**

They may be **flushable** but the pipes say



**ALL WIPES for FACE, BODY & BEHIND must go in the TRASH.**



Do your part to avoid costly plumbing headaches at home and for the equipment at Sewanee Utility District.



