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True or False: 148 Unmarked Seawanee Graves

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

True. This is an uncanny story, bordering on the unbelievable. But it is not a Halloween story. It is the story of the 148 unmarked graves in the University Cemetery. A chunk of common field stone shows the location of 16 of those graves. But nothing whatsoever indicates beneath the soil are the graves where 132 more unnamed loved ones were laid to rest. That will change on Sunday, Oct. 18. Bronze stakes adorned with a dogwood blossom will mark the locations of each of the 148 unmarked graves in the former Black cemetery, honoring the African American residents who chiseled the stone, planed the lumber, tended the gardens and washed the clothes and children of the University founders and educators, the graves of people who were the engine that kept the University chugging along.

"Join us in placing the spikes. This is an inclusive community event unlike any I can think of in Seawanee's past," said Woody Register, Director of the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation. The ceremony begins at 2:30 p.m. Arriving at this milestone in Seawanee's history has been a four-year journey.

In 2022, the Roberson Project commissioned UTK archaeologists Katherine Parker and Jordan Schaefer to perform a ground-penetrating-radar scan of the historic Black burial ground, a 1.3-acre tract bounded on the east by Kennerly Road and on the west by the historic University Cemetery, which it became part of in 1965.

"We knew before we started the GPR survey that we would find graves," Register said. "But we never thought there would be anywhere near this many."

The researchers found 156 graves marked with inscribed stones. But who are the people in the 148 un-

marked graves the scan discovered?

"Our archival research has been unable to identify any of the persons in the graves," Register conceded, "but we are confident that their descendants can be found in Black church communities and cemeteries throughout Franklin County today."

The Messenger spoke with three longtime members of the Seawanee African American community whose families have deep roots in the town's history. Asked what they thought when they learned about the unmarked graves in the Black cemetery discovered by the scan, all three replied, "We knew."

But the number of unmarked graves surprised James Burnett, a pillar of the Seawanee African American community for over 60 years. "That's a lot to get lost," Burnett said. "I know quite a few people with family there."

What surprised Evelyn Patton was the broken headstone found in the Kirby-Smith grave site in the white cemetery inscribed with the words, "OUR MAMMY. February 27, 1879." The headstone marks the grave of Mahala Ward, the Kirby-Smith family's Black nurse and caregiver. Mahala Ward is the only known Black person buried in the white cemetery.

Carl Hill has family in marked graves in the Black cemetery, and speculates he likely has family in unmarked graves as well. "My granddaddy's daddy and mother are there. Willie Six's grandson was my granddaddy." Legendary Seawanee athletic trainer Willie "Six" Sims, likewise, has an inscribed headstone in the Black cemetery.

"Willie Six's parents may well be among those in the unmarked graves," Hill said. "I knew there were some graves that were marked where the sandstone corroded away

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The 2026 Aiken Taylor Award for Modern American Poetry

Vice-Chancellor Robert W. Pearigen and Seawanee Review editor Adam Ross will present poet Caki Wilkinson with the award on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 4:30 p.m., in Convocation Hall, after which Wilkinson will give a reading from her body of work. Join us afterward for a reception featuring an open bar and light fare. On Wednesday, Oct. 21, the writers Alice Bolin and Daniel Hornsby will lecture on Wilkinson's poetry in the McGriff Alumni House at 4:30 p.m. The Seawanee bookstore will be there both days selling selected titles by our winner and lecturers. These events are free and open to the public.

Franklin County Schools Laud National 4-H Youth Leader

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Being young doesn't mean you know what your plan is and you know what your future is going to be. It just means you have the skills and the discipline to figure it out along the way," said Harrison Crenshaw, national 4-H Youth in Action award winner. At the Oct. 12 Franklin County School Board meeting, the board recognized Crenshaw for his achievements and contribution to the county and nation.

Crenshaw grew up hunting and fishing with his family and selected forestry for his 4-H project focus. "I love forestry and I also love the business side of things," he said. In conjunction with the program, he worked at a sawmill and a light-bulb came on. "There's so much more that goes into forestry than I realized. I was amazed." Inspired, Crenshaw launched Project to Professions, a program that encourages businesses to put young people beside professionals and inside workplaces doing meaningful work. He stressed the importance of giving young people the opportunity "to see strengths and possibilities they may have never seen in themselves. Growing up in rural Tennessee, it's hard to see a future when you've never had a chance to see it yourself. 4-H Project to Professions can bridge that gap."

As a 4-H Youth in Action winner, Crenshaw received a \$5,000 scholarship. He will serve as a 4-H spokesperson and work alongside national leaders from Walmart, Microsoft, Nationwide, Tractor Supply and other corporate icons. 4-H is the largest national youth development organization in the country, with six million members, 151,000 members from Tennessee. "The relationship between the Franklin County School District and UT Extension Service gives youth opportunities they might not otherwise have," Crenshaw said, thanking the board for supporting the 4-H program.

Franklin County government has started funding Project to Professions and is giving young people paid jobs, working with the county trustee and in the chamber. County Mayor Chris Guess presented Crenshaw with a certificate of recognition. "Harrison created Project to Professions as an initiative that began here in Franklin County with a vision of helping young people explore opportunities, develop skills, and prepare for successful futures," Guess said. "Through his leadership and dedication, Project to Professions has expanded beyond Franklin County and throughout Tennessee exhibiting the power of one young person's vision to create meaningful change on a much larger scale."

In regular business the board approved two policy amendments.

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Monteagle Council Election: Meet the Candidates

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Five candidates are seeking election to the Monteagle Council with two seats open. Incumbents Dan Sargent and Nate Wilson, and challengers Jessica Blalock, Felicia Ladd, and David Pilcher are on the ballot. Read on to learn about the skills and experiences the candidates will bring to the table and how they propose to address the challenges confronting the town. Early voting is underway through Oct. 29.



Jessica Blalock

Born and raised in Gruetli-Laager, Jessica Blalock married her Grundy County High School sweetheart Jeremy Blalock. The couple bought a home in Monteagle in 2004 and have lived there ever since. "Monteagle's biggest challenge is our infrastructure," Blalock insisted. "We have so many new residents and new businesses coming in and our water and sewer is at a limit of capacity." Owner of Jessica's Pampered Pets, in business for 19 years, Blalock celebrates small businesses and their part in guaranteeing a thriving community. "I will back our businesses. They play a crucial role in our beautiful town." Blalock was twice before elected to serve on the Monteagle Council. Harton Park and the ball field were her priorities as an alderwoman, and she ushered in renovation of both. Heading up Parks and Recreation, she also oversaw the Easter Egg Hunt, Movies in the Park, the Community Yard Sale, holiday parades, and ball season. "I am running for council again because I feel like the town has just been let go. It's time to get back our traditions," Blalock stressed. "Our citizens' voices need to be heard again." Ever community-minded, Blalock was recently recognized by Marion Animal Resource Connection for fostering puppies, dogs, cats, and kittens for over 10 years. "Monteagle is my home," Blalock said. "Do I want change? No, Monteagle just needs structure and guidance."



Felicia Ladd

Born and raised in Pelham, Felicia Ladd and her husband have called Monteagle home for 40 years. Her children attended Monteagle Elementary, as do two of her grandchildren. "One of the biggest challenges facing Monteagle is our water, sewage and aging infrastructure," Ladd insisted. "Many residents are on a fixed income. I would like to see us pursue every grant, state and federal funding opportunity available before putting more financial burden on our residents. We need to prioritize the most important repairs and look for ways to save money. I don't believe we have to choose between improving our town and taking care of our people." Ladd stressed the importance of nurturing a sense of community where "neighbors look out for one another, help one another and come together when someone needs a helping hand, where people feel heard and work together to make our town a better place." Ladd wants to see more community gatherings, activities at the ballpark, movies in the park, activities for families, and opportunities for people who have lived in Monteagle their entire life and those new to Monteagle to get to know one another. Ladd's credentials: "I am a wife, mom, and a nana. I care about what kind of community we leave for our children. I am willing to listen, learn, ask questions, to work with others, and to do my best to make decisions that benefit our entire community."

Although he was born and raised in Nashville, David Pilcher has deep Monteagle roots, visiting his family's Monteagle vacation home among his earliest memories. He and his wife Martha Ann married in Monteagle 50 years ago, and he has served over 20 years on the Board of Trustees of the Monteagle Assembly, including three terms as its treasurer. Pilcher and Martha

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Letter

MALOOF EXTENDS GRATITUDE

To the Editor:

As my term as Mayor for Monteagle comes to a close, I extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated employees, contractors, volunteers, and licensed professionals.

Your advice, loyalty, and constant willingness to guide Monteagle forward have been some of our valued assets.

Best personal regards to all.

Greg Maloof, Monteagle

Messenger Break Ahead

It is hard to imagine, but with Halloween upon us, Thanksgiving is soon and Christmas is just around the corner.

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

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

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

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

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Associate Director for Public History Research and Program Development, Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation at Sewanee; Athletic Trainer, Athletics; University Archives and Special Collections Instruction and Outreach Archivist, Library & Information Technology Services; Assistant Director of Alumni and Family Engagement, University Relations; Manager, University Farm, University Farm.

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Voting Information

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026, is the State and Federal General Election. For municipal elections held with the November election, the qualifying dates below also apply.

Early Voting: through Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026

All voters must present a federal or Tennessee state ID containing the voter's name and photograph when voting at the polls, whether voting early or on Election Day.

For information on the Tennessee Congressional redistricting, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/announcements/2026-congressional-redistricting>>.

For more information on voting, IDs required and if you registered to vote, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn>>.

For more information on sample ballots, and polling locations, go to Franklin County Election Commission <https://www.franklincotn.us/election_commission.html>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<https://www.grundycountyttn.net/officials/index.html#election>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <<https://marionvotes.com>>, phone (423) 942-2108.

Hospitality Shop News

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

Local Food Available

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

American Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Kennerly Hall.

To make an appointment click the link <<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=uos019>>.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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



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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@sewaneed.edu>.

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Upcoming Meetings

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Bill Priestley, creator of "The Dream Job Blueprint," will present the program. He helps parents and students navigate one of life's most important questions: "What should I do with my life?"

EQB Club

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the lead will be given by Annie Armour Morgret, former University archivist. EQB member Annie Armour Morgret discovered two previously unknown, original watercolors by American artist Winslow Homer that had been quietly hanging in her family's homes for generations. The extraordinary story gained widespread public attention when she featured the paintings on an episode of PBS's "Antiques Roadshow." Members are asked to contact Dr. Stephanie Smith, Membership Coordinator, at <sbcsmith@outlook.com> for a luncheon reservation (\$20/lunch). Non-members or prospective members are always welcome to come at 12:25 p.m., to hear the presentation.

Sewanee Emeriti Association

The Sewanee Emeriti Association (SEA) cordially invites the community to attend a talk and reception at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, at the McGriff Alumni House. We are excited to host Dr. Virginia Craighill, recently retired from the English Department, for a program titled "Writing and Recovery: How Teaching a Poetry Workshop for Women at Blue Monarch Helped me Recover the Joy in Teaching." Refreshments will be served. We hope that you can join us for this inspiring talk, and fellowship. Please contact <pschneid@sewanee.edu> with any questions about the event.

Cowan Commercial Club

The next meeting of the Cowan Commercial Club will focus on "Making New Trails Business Workshop / Who will be our new customers and how we can prepare for their arrival." The meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Franklin House/Firefly Gallery, 108 Cumberland St E, Cowan. The expansion of the Mountain Goat Trail represents an exciting opportunity for Cowan's businesses, residents, and visitors. As new trail segments open, Cowan will welcome walkers, cyclists, families, and outdoor travelers exploring our region. These visitors will be looking for places to eat, shop, rest, and learn about our community. The Cowan Commercial Club is committed to helping local businesses prepare for this growth and ensuring Cowan continues to offer hospitality, creativity, and a strong sense of place. This initiative supports the Club's purpose of strengthening Cowan's civic and commercial vitality and contributing to the general welfare of our community, as stated in the organization's bylaws. Business owners, community leaders, and residents are encouraged to attend and participate in planning for this new chapter in Cowan's growth.

Town of Monteagle

Special Meeting Monday, Oct. 26, 2026, at 4 p.m. The Monteagle City Council will have a workshop meeting in the conference room at City Hall, at 4:30 p.m., Oct. 26, 2026. The regular City Council meeting will be Monday, Oct. 26, 2026, at 5 p.m. The Monteagle City Council will have a Special Called Meeting at 3:30 p.m., Oct. 29, 2026, in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to have a reading of the new water and sewer rates. Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, in the conference room at City Hall.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 26, in the Franklin County Courthouse in the Courtroom.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 26. Items for the agenda were due to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

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. 27, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Sewanee Civic Association

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, 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. Patrick Dean will present the program on the Mountain Goat Trail. Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, Oct. 30, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. This year, the SCA is celebrating 118 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. For more information go to <https://sewaneeccivic.org>.

Sewanee Community Council Election

Six elected seats have terms ending in December 2026: one seat in each of Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, plus two at-large seats. Here is a link to the Community Council website with a district map: <https://new.sewanee.edu/offices/university-offices/leases-and-community-relations/community-council/>. Early Voting is Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 30, 2026. Voting is in-person during business hours at the Office of Leases and Community Relations, 400 University Avenue (Blue House). Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. Voting is in-person at Sewanee Elementary School. Registered voters in Franklin or Marion County with a home address in the 37375 zip code may vote in the Sewanee Community Council election. Voters may vote for candidates seeking to represent the district in which they reside, as well as at-large candidates.

Belvidere Firemen's Fish Fry

The Belvidere Fire Department's annual Fish Fry is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 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) 273-9314.



Farm to Table

Join us at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16, in Manigault Park at the Sewanee campus for Farm to Table. Farm to Table is a free, community-wide celebration featuring locally sourced food, a craft fair, community dance, and yard games. This event brings together all corners of our community while highlighting the people and places that grow and produce the food that sustains us. The Cumberland Community Dance will be hosting a contra dance during Farm to Table at Manigault Park starting at 6 p.m. This event is open to everyone (all ages welcome)! Stop by for a few quick bites, to hit the dance floor, or to do both and stay the whole time. Either way, we hope to see you there.

Community Chest Sets Goal

The 2026-27 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$118,000 will help 15 local organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve the entire community. The following organizations will receive funding when the goal is met. Animal Harbor, \$10,000 Blue Monarch, \$5,000 Community Action Committee, \$6,500 Early Literacy Ambassadors, \$2,000 Folks at Home, \$5,000 Fourth of July Celebration, \$4,000 Housing Sewanee, \$6,000 La Leche League, \$300 MARC, \$10,000 Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, \$1,500 SES Parent Organization, \$25,000 Sewanee Children's Center, \$18,700 Sewanee Community Center, \$3,000 Sewanee Mountain Messenger, \$9,000 Sewanee Senior Center, \$12,000 The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information or to give through PayPal Giving, go to <www.sewaneeccivic.org>.



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All Saints’ Chapel

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

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

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

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

Christ Church

October is so dominated by Halloween that you might think you will arrive at church and find Orange Vestments and Hangings.

However, two ancient Holy Days, St. Luke the Evangelist, October 18 and St. Simon and St. Jude October 28 provide opportunities for deep prayer and even fun as we allow ourselves to consider that Luke may have painted a portrait of St. Mary as well as writing down her accounts of the Angel Gabriel’s visit and what followed.

Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. We also have a service on each Wednesday at noon.

Draw Near

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

Monteagle SDA

Weekly prayer meeting is at 9 a.m., Wednesday, and Sabbath school is at 10 a.m., Saturday, followed by worship service at 11 a.m. A vegetarian potluck takes place each week after the worship service. Please join us. Monteagle SDA Church is located at 497 College St., Monteagle.

Marble Plains Fall Festival

Marble Plains Baptist Church will host its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 17. The event begins at 4:30 p.m., with games, crafts, hayrides, and campfire fun. At 5:30 p.m., a chili, soup, and hot dog supper will be served. The Fall Festival is open for all ages and guests are encouraged to attend. Marble Plains Church is located just inside Tims Ford State Park at 525 Marble Plains Road in Winchester.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

“In the Cleft of the Rock” is the sermon for Sunday, Oct. 18. The Old Testament lectionary passage is Exodus 33:12-23, the story of Moses being safe in the crevice of rock while experiencing God’s glory.

Children are welcome at Morton with two age-appropriate Sunday School classes as well as a nursery. Pastor Melisa will provide a children’s sermon of “The Witness of Rocks.” Following the children’s sermon, children will have time for activities.

Music is a significant component of spirituality, and Mr. Garrett Snavelly, Director of Music, continues to enrich worship through hymns, anthems and significant instrumental pieces. 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 page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men’s Breakfast Group meets the first Saturday of the month. We

gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

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

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

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

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

Sunday Forum: Rob Lamborn will talk about “St. Paul in Greece.” Sunday Forum meets at 9:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall.

October Book Study: “Frankenstein,” by Mary Shelley. On Tuesdays, from 5:30–6:30 p.m., through Oct. 27, in Brooks Hall. Please bring a drink or snack to share.

“Frankenstein” or “The Modern Prometheus” is an 1818 Gothic novel written by English author Mary Shelley. “Frankenstein” is one of the best-known works of English literature. Infused with elements of the Gothic novel and the

Romantic movement, it has had a considerable influence on literature and on popular culture, spawning a complete genre of horror stories, films, and plays.

Unitarian Universalist

The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626, or visit the church’s website at <www.tullahomauu.org>.

Church Calendar

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, Kennerly Hall

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available livestream Facebook

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Warren Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Decherd

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Obituary

Malinda Jane Sutherland

Malinda Jane Sutherland, age 91, of Sewanee, died on Oct. 10, 2026. Malinda was born on Oct. 23, 1934, to the late Egbert and Christine Ricketts. Along with her parents she is preceded in death by her husbands Jack Sutherland and Ansel Sharp; sister Sylvia Barry; and daughter-in-law Cathy Sutherland.

Malinda was the Treasurer of the Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the Daughters of the King, EQB Club, Sewanee Emeriti Association, St. James Altar Guild, American Legion Auxiliary and Treasurer of the Eastern Star Cemetery Association. She attended St. James Episcopal Church and was employed from 1961-1969 at College Entrance Examination Board South Regional Office and 1969-1995 in the Office of Admission, University of the South.

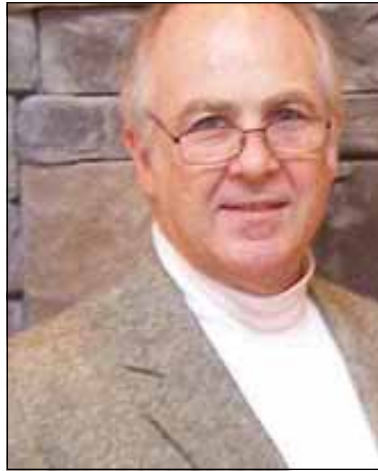
Malinda is survived by her children Mike Sutherland, Ted (Debbie) Sutherland, and Mark Sutherland; sisters Jean Ricketts, Faye Ricketts, and Peggy Green; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Oct. 15, 2026, at 1 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church with Rev. David Goodpaster officiating with burial following at Eastern Star Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. James Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 336, Sewanee, TN 37375; Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 343, Sewanee, TN 37375; Hospice of the Highland Rim Foundation, 101 Bragg Circle, Tullahoma, TN 37388; or, one’s favorite charity.

For complete obituary go to <<https://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net/>>.

If your church is in our print circulation area and would like to be listed in the Church Calendar, please send service times, church address and contact information to <news@sewaneemessenger.com> or phone (931) 598-9949.

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David Pilcher

Ann became permanent residents seven years ago. “I think the biggest challenge facing Monteagle is upgrading our aging water-sewer system to bring it up to modern standards and accommodate future businesses and housing,” Pilcher said. “It is likely going to require some gradual rate increases as well as obtaining a series of federal and/or state grants. I feel it is time for me to give back to the town using my financial accounting and business experience.” Pilcher has worked as both a public and private accountant and performed audits for businesses, as well as for a small municipality. He still works part-time preparing tax returns. Pilcher also does bookkeeping for Folks at Home and serves on the Leadership Board and as church treasurer at Morton Memorial United Methodist where he is a regular volunteer at the monthly food distribution. An active supporter of the Imagine Monteagle initiative, Pilcher cites businesses improving their visual image and creating a Visitor Information Center as key to sustaining a vibrant community. Asked to describe Monteagle in a single word, Pilcher replied, “exceptional.”

Born in Portland, Ore., Dan Sargent moved to Tennessee at the age of 10, what he calls “a return to my father’s homeland.” Sargent seeks reelection to a second consecutive term. He has lived in Monteagle 62 years. Sargent opened a lawn mower business in 1974 and served on the Monteagle Planning Commission and two terms as alderman in the 90s, believing as a business owner knowledgeable about the community he “could help make things better.” In 2003 Sargent sold his business and went to work for the University of the South, and his

wife Joanne went to work for the city of Monteagle. When Joanne retired, with the conflict-of-interest factor removed, Sargent decided to embrace public service again. “The biggest challenge for the town of Monteagle is the continued lack of infrastructure, namely utilities,” Sargent said. “The ongoing housing needs can’t be adequately supported unless we have upgraded water and sewer. Planning is in place and we are moving in the right direction. I want to see changes that are potentially beneficial for our community, and the people who have been here all their lives.” He cited the importance of “common sense and respect for our fellow American citizens,” expressing concern that many people did not understand “how small-town life is lived!” Sargent’s single word to describe Monteagle is “comfortable,” comfort rooted in him and his family feeling supported by the community. For Sargent, serving as alderman is “giving back.”



Dan Sargent

“I like to say I am a TAG local,” said Nate Wilson. Wilson was born in northeast Alabama, raised in Northwest Georgia, and has lived in Monteagle, Tenn., for the last 22 years. “I value small towns and small-town living. My graduating class at Menlo Elementary School was almost exactly the same size as my daughter’s graduating class from Monteagle Elementary.” Wilson seeks election to a third term. He cites managing growth while staying “a great small town for families” as among Monteagle’s biggest challenges. As an alderman, he worked to implement zoning changes to make investment in downtown easier and to acquire a grant to foster investment in afford-

able housing, a crucial issue with housing prices being driven up by second-home owners. The other major challenge cited by Wilson is how to fund water and sewer improvements without making rates unaffordable for fixed-income residents. Looking to solutions, he points to a current grant focusing on drought mitigation; his efforts to secure funding for a city park adjacent to Laurel Lake that will both protect water supply and provide outdoor recreation opportunities; building up Monteagle’s capital reserves; and multi-year budget planning. “Forestry is about long-term planning, experience in budgets and planning that I bring from my education as a forester,” Wilson said. “I am running for city council again because I am proud of the work we are doing and recognize there is still more to do.”



Nate Wilson

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over time. I didn’t know there were that many.”

“People who kept records of the cemetery had a map of which sections had people in them and which didn’t,” Hill explained. But the maps did not include names.

“We tried to use paperwork and records to match the unmarked graves with names,” Patton said. “It was just too hard.”

Where graves are located and who is buried where is fairly easy to keep track of when there are inscribed headstones. But the picture of a cemetery looks different when families with loved ones there cannot afford costly granite headstones and graves are marked with a wooden cross or a name scratched with a pottery shard in a piece of sandstone that crumbles into dust in just a few years’ time.

“The historic Black graveyard appears to be under-used and open spaces,” Register observed, “but there are almost as many lost and invisible graves there as there are marked and named graves. It’s a landscape of hidden histories.”

Burnett, Patton, and Hill all served on the committee tasked with deciding how to commemorate the unmarked graves. Artists Greg Pond and Allie Cahoon and Sewanee students joined in the collaboration.

The group brainstormed ideas, with suggestions including the state flag, a state marker, and the state flower. One day Pond brought a sketch of a dogwood blossom drawn by his daughter Adeline. “Dogwoods were always blooming when we were kids walking through the cemetery,” Patton said. The group seized on the idea. Sculptor Pond took the design to the final level, with the life-size bronze blossoms mounted on a bronze stake hand-forged in the University foundry. The stakes inserted in the ground with the blossoms at ground level will allow for easy grounds maintenance and deter theft.

GIS instructor Chris Van de Ven and University archaeologist Brian McCray geo-located the graves for the ceremony marking each with a flag soon to be replaced by a dogwood blossom.

There is perhaps synchronicity in that legend has it Christ’s cross was made from the wood of a dogwood tree.

“The ceremony reflects an extraordinary collaboration of people from across our community: students, faculty members, University staff, and, above all, the people with deep and abiding roots in the St. Mark’s neighborhood,” said Register. “To quote Tiana Clark, whose poem we commissioned for the ceremony, on Oct. 18, all of us will gather, at long last, to ‘locate, honor, grieve, and love the dead.’”

Honor the truth by attending, and join in placing the dogwood blossoms on unmarked graves as a testimony to the past and testimony to hope for the future.

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St. Mary's Sewanee Invites Community to 'Buy One, Donate One' This Thanksgiving

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development is once again offering Thanksgiving catering to the community, and this year there is a new way to share the table.

Through its first "Buy One, Donate One" effort, St. Mary's Sewanee invites neighbors to purchase a Thanksgiving meal for their own family and a second meal to be donated. The Ayres Center is partnering with Community Action Committee and Morton Memorial United Methodist Food Bank to get the donated meals to neighbors in need.

The idea has been close to the hearts of the St. Mary's Sewanee staff for some time, and this is the first year it is being put into practice.

"This is something our staff has wanted to do for a long time," said Kara Oliver, Executive Director of the retreat center.

A full meal serving four to six people is \$150 and includes turkey, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, gravy, relish, and rolls. Desserts are sold separately, with pecan pie at \$30 and pumpkin pie at \$25. Items may also be ordered individually: turkey, \$40; dressing, \$25; green beans, \$25; sweet potatoes, \$25; gravy, \$15; relish, \$15; and rolls, \$5.

The last day to order is Wednesday, Nov. 11, and meals are available while supplies last. All orders must be paid in full at the time of the order. Orders must be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 25, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Sewanee, 770 St. Mary's Lane.

To place an order or donate a meal, call (931) 598-5342 or email <Reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>. Let's be thankful together!

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Changes to the Emergency Preparedness Plan make fire drill procedures legally compliant. Explaining the policy requirements, Director of Schools Roger Alsup said, "The protocol now is when the fire alarm goes off, students do not evacuate until they are instructed to do so, because of some recent active shooter incidents. When the fire alarm goes off, they treat it like an active shooter and go to a safe corner in the classroom until they're instructed to evacuate."

"Unfortunately, it makes sense," agreed Board Chair Clejo Walker.

The change to the Safety policy added "intruder" to the existing list of emergency drills: fire, severe weather, earthquake, and bomb threat.

A change to the Use of Facility request form increased the wage of the employee charged with supervising the facility from \$17.50 to \$25. "It's hard to get someone to stay at the building while someone is using it," explained Director of Human Resources Jenny Crabtree.

Elementary Supervisor Amy Greer provided an overview of the TISA Accountability Report. The state TISA funding formula requires school districts to set third grade proficiency goals. Compared to last year, scores dropped in ELA and even more dramatically in math. In response, the district adopted small group tutoring in math and began using second grade testing data as a "predictive" indicator.

The discussion prompted questions about economic and demographic differences and the value of Pre-K.

"We can't reach every four-year-old in Franklin County, unfortu-

nately. There is no requirement for that [Pre-K]," Greer said. Greer stressed the importance of realizing "the Pre-K model is very different from the Kindergarten model. [In Pre-K] they're learning how to be a human around other people. When school starts in August, they're expected to know that, and, 'Now we're gonna read.' There's no more napping, no more working puzzles."

For working parents who would like their children to be in Pre-K, transportation is often a problem since the Pre-K children cannot ride the bus.

"When there's so much you can't control, we need to make sure we're doing all that we can to control what we can," said board member Sara Liechty. Acknowledging the county's size and rural demographic challenges, Liechty suggested a reading van visiting communities. Board member Sandra Shultz pointed to the summer reading program hosted by the library.

"There are no wrong answers," Greer said. "A lot of kids need RTI (Response to Intervention) support in kindergarten and first grade. We're getting children coming to school in October who have never been in school before. Teaching Pre-K or kindergarten is a lot." In some cases, that includes potty training.

The Voluntary Pre-K program is offered at all county elementary schools except Sewanee.

"The legislators are conducting a study on increasing the Pre-K program in the state of Tennessee," Alsup said. "Hopefully they'll provide more funding so we can open it up to more kids."

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. 19: Loaded potato soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich.

Tuesday, Oct. 20: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Tenderloin, mac and cheese, green beans, roll.

Thursday, Oct. 22: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, roll.

Friday, Oct. 23: Chicken pot pie.

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

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

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

Round Up for Project Help

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

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



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Monday-Friday Oct. 19-23 BREAKFAST

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Monday, Oct. 19: French toast sticks, juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 20: No school, parent/teacher conference.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Banana bread, juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 22: Egg and cheese biscuit, juice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Oct. 23: Pancake on a stick, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, Oct. 19: Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, fresh carrots, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 20: No school, parent/teacher conference.

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Beef steak fingers, white gravy, baked potato, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 22: Asian chicken, broccoli, rice, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Oct. 23: Hamburger/cheeseburger, French fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct. 19-23, Fall Break, Grundy County

Oct. 22-23, Fall Break, College, Reading Period, School of Theology

Oct. 22-25, Fall Break, St. Andrew's-Sewanee

Nov. 6-8, Homecoming Weekend



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Poetry Reading & Conversation with Laura Candler

On Monday, Oct. 19, Laura Candler, C'09, will give a poetry reading at duPont Library from her award-winning chapbook, "Common Name." She will be joined in conversation by poet and Associate Professor of Creative Writing Molly McCully Brown. The event will run from 5-6 p.m., in the Torian Room on the second floor of duPont Library, and will also feature live banjo music by Richard Candler. Chapbooks will be available for purchase.

"Common Name" is a collection of lyric poems selected by Aimee Nezhukumatathil as the 2026 Poets Corner Chapbook Contest winner, and published by Toad Hall Editions in September. The collection explores motherhood, identity, and the greater than human world. Candler devotes poems to single species like the Tennessee Cave Salamander and American Persimmon, while also marveling at the humorous language of her children. She moves from handmade quilts to the backyard flower garden to the ecosystem of the South Cumberland Plateau, all with an ear toward what sparks wonder. With careful attention and play, tenderness and urgency, this collection interrogates what it means to both assert and accept a sense of self during a time of personal and ecological transformation.

Candler earned a BA in Environmental Studies: Ecology & Biodiversity from Sewanee in 2009 and an MFA from Spalding University in 2026. In 2009-2010, she spent a year studying rare clouds around the world as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow. Laura works at Lodge and lives with her family in Sewanee.

John Adams to Speak at Heritage Center on Beersheba Springs

John Adams will address Grundy County Historical Society Heritage Center at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, on the ante bellum resort at Beersheba Springs. The Heritage Center is located at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. The public is welcome. Admission is free.

A chalybeate spring was discovered by Beersheba Cane in 1833 at the north end of Broad Mountain. The water was considered medicinal and by 1837 a tavern was built to accommodate visitors who came to bathe in the spring's water. A community developed and became named Beersheba Springs, the first town on Broad Mountain.

John Adams is the third generation of Adams who have been vacationers since the 1870s at the ante bellum resort at Beersheba Springs. He owns a cottage in a compound established by his father over several years. For over 60 years he has hiked, swam, caved, and explored over the Beersheba area. He is a student of local history and has served two terms as president of Beersheba Springs Historical Society of which he is a Life Member. He has organized the re-opening of the Beersheba Springs Market which he oversees. He also operates the Big Red Barn as an event venue.

John lives in Atlanta where he works on software and raising a family. Educated in engineering and business, he uses his technical skills to perform research, create websites, and otherwise uses technology to create and educate.

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University Apartment Construction Update

Despite recent rainy weather, construction on the University's employee apartment project continues to move forward. Recent aerial photos illustrate that foundations and concrete slabs are now complete for the two three-story buildings.

Plumbing within the slab is complete, along with much of the stormwater infrastructure, marking important milestones in preparing the site for the next phase of construction. Framing materials will be delivered in October, and vertical construction is scheduled to begin in November. The driveway and entrance, located on Highway 41A, will be graded and paved in the coming weeks.

This project represents an important investment in employee housing and the continued development of the Sewanee Village. It also supports objectives within the University's Strategic Plan, Elevating Mind, Heart and Place. For more information about the University apartments and to view the latest construction photos, please visit the University's website.

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Cumberland Folk School Fall Fundraiser on Oct. 17

We hope you'll join the Cumberland Folk School for a casual evening at Sequatchie Cove Farm from 5–8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, CT (rain date Oct. 24) to celebrate and support the folk school as they transition to a nonprofit and grow their offerings. Come enjoy music by the Stones River Reelers and a casual farm-to-table dinner. October is the perfect time to witness the changing seasons at the farm and enjoy some cool weather after the long hot summer.

In addition to music and good food, we'll also have craft demonstrations in the studio from 5–6 p.m. These demonstrations by some of our amazing teachers include Zak Foster with a sewing demonstration, Leah Larabell sharing some of her extensive knowledge of herbal medicine, Joel Larabell carving wooden spoons and Bill Keener talking about his sourdough bread making. Come meet these wonderful folks and buy some of the beautiful goods from them and other teachers at our silent auction! Proceeds from the silent auction will help the folk school cover the expenses related to becoming a nonprofit.

Mark it on your calendar, and get your tickets today. Bring your family and a blanket for picnicking. Tickets to this event are sliding scale. Children under 2 attend free. We can't wait to see you there for an evening of community and celebration. Go to <<https://www.cumberlandfolkschool.com/classes-store-2>> for more information.

'This Silence Echoes' by Abigail Rose Hedley at the Carlos Gallery

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present "This Silence Echoes," a solo exhibition by artist Abigail Rose Hedley. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 21.

Hedley is a Midwestern sculptor who reimagines the familiar in wool. By working in the slow, engaged, and tactile process of needle felting, their sculptural works are intimately familiar yet detached from this reality. Informed by storytelling and distorted recollection, objects and forms that are subconsciously attached to memories become outlets to re-examine personal histories, generational folklore, and perceptions of society.

In "This Silence Echoes," through the exhaustive processing of wool, the relationship between what is real and what is imagined becomes intertwined, melding into something unforeseen. Belonging

equally to the physical world and an internalized speculative terrain, viewers are invited to sit comfortably with what is already known, while simultaneously collecting fleeting ideas of what could be.

Abigail Rose Hedley is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sculpture at the University of the South. In addition to their gallery work, Hedley's work has been featured in "Sculpture Magazine" and "Fiber Arts Now." Hedley also has an extensive background in public art, working as a fabricator, conservator, and consultant in the Midwest. Hedley received their Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Northern Iowa and their Master of Fine Arts from the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

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

Crafting Space For Ourselves: A Conversation

Bonnie Smith Whitehouse, C'97, and Leigh Anne Couch will be in conversation at The University Bookstore at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 17 to discuss Bonnie's new book, "In Our Hands: A Maker's Manifesto for Changing the World through Creative Practices" (Hachette). "In Our Hands" is a compassionate manifesto for crafting space for ourselves in a troubled world. To make things with our hands is to participate in creation and, therefore, hope. When we create — especially in moments of pain or disempowerment — we remember that we belong to a lineage of those who have used their hands to claim and shape their lives. Through crafting, we are beckoned to slow down, listen inward, and create not just objects but autonomy and legacy.

Debbie Millman, author and host of the "Design Matters" podcast, calls Whitehouse's newest, "A luminous and deeply humane manifesto for reclaiming agency in a fractured world." Mari Andrew, New York Times bestselling author and illustrator adds, "With her signature sanctification of the ordinary, Whitehouse declares that craft supplies are holy, letter-writing is resistance, and creating anything — even a page-margin doodle! — is sacred work. . . . This radiant handbook is hope made doable."

There will be books, door prizes, refreshments, and a meaningful craft activity for the young and the young at heart!

Bonnie is Professor of English and Senior Scholar of the Global Honors Program at Belmont University in Nashville. Her previous books include "Seasons of Wonder: Making the Ordinary Sacred through Projects, Prayers, Reflections, Rituals," "Afoot and Lighthearted: A Journal for Mindful Walking," and "Kickstart Creativity: 50 Prompted Cards to Spark Inspiration." Couch is the co-founder and editor of SWING, a literary magazine in print (with covers drawn by hand) published by The Porch, and the co-editor of the LSU Press series, Sewanee Poetry. Her books of poetry include "Every Lash" and "Houses Fly Away."

Save the Dates for Lessons and Carols

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

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

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

'YSR: Your Stories, Remembered'

"YSR: Your Stories, Remembered" is on exhibit at the William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections through Nov. 30. Spanning centuries of objects, ephemera, and folklore, YSR: Your Stories, Remembered, is an exploration of all things Sewaneeana. Legends, traditions, and cultural memories that have quietly accumulated at the heart of this institution and community, passed down and added to by every generation that has called the Mountain home. Together, students, faculty, staff, and community members have contributed objects to the University Archives that document their studies, work, friendships, and daily lives.

Students in three public history courses came to the collection as researchers, but something shifted along the way. They left as storytellers and curators, drawn to the objects and moments that surprised them, made them laugh, sparked a question, offered a glimpse of Sewanee they had not expected to find, and most importantly, made them remember.

Thank you for reading the Messenger!

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Save the Date for a Conversation with Nicholas Ma

We hope you will save the date to join South Cumberland Community Fund on Saturday, Oct. 24, for our annual fall fundraiser, titled “Where the Light Shines First: Lessons from an American Revival with Nicholas Ma.”

The event will be in Cravens Hall on the campus of the University of the South, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., and dinner following at 6:30 p.m. You can find more information and purchase tickets now at this link <<https://wl.donorperfect.net/web link/web link.aspx?name=E329962&id=39>>.

Nicholas Ma is an award-winning director, most notably of the 2018 documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” about the life and guiding philosophy of Fred Rogers. He is also a writer, producer, and the creator of American Revival, a traveling festival celebrating connections within and between communities. American Revival aims to bring people together across political, cultural, and spiritual divides through the universal languages of music, hope, and compassion for our fellow neighbors. Designed to inspire action, the festival combines world-class performances with powerful dialogue, creating an unforgettable experience that moves attendees from curiosity to commitment.

Earlier this year, American Revival visited the South Cumberland Plateau. Ma and his team spent significant time and care enmeshing themselves in our community to understand what makes us unique and how people and organizations in our area are fostering joy and making a difference. During his keynote at the festival’s closing concert at the Caverns, which raised over \$30,000 for the Littell-Partin Center, Ma spoke about the plateau as a shining example of how the work of inspiring positive change is not only possible, but already happening.

‘Bright Star’

Sewanee’s departments of Theatre & Dance and Music present “Bright Star,” a bluegrass musical by Steve Martin & Edie Brickell. Reserve your free tickets here: <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bright-star-tickets-2002104835458>>. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16–17, and 2 p.m., Oct. 17–18, in the Tennessee Williams Center, Proctor Hill Theater.



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Trunk-or-Treat at Monteagle Elementary

Join us from 5:30–6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, for Monteagle Elementary’s annual Trunk-or-Treat! there will be candy, costumes, decorated cars, and lots of Halloween fun. Bring the kids, wear your favorite costumes, and come enjoy a fun evening with the community. Monteagle Elementary is located at 120 E. Main St., Monteagle.

Domain After Dark Walking Ghost Tour

Domain After Dark is Sewanee’s Walking Ghost Tour! For the third year in a row, the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability is offering this spooky selection. This tour is free and open to the public. We talk about Sewanee legends and lore, as well as history and haunts.

Tours will take place Oct. 26, 27 and 28. We meet at 8 p.m., in front of All Saints’ Chapel.

Christmas Tree Trail 2026

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

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

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

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

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

Frame Gallery Hosts Fall Makers Market

Frame Gallery Gifts and Art will host its Fall Makers Market on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 12569 Sollace M. Freeman Hwy., in downtown Sewanee. Visitors can watch live demonstrations by local artists, shop for fall decor, and participate in two hands-on pumpkin craft activities.

“Our Makers Markets are a chance to bring local artists and the community together, share the joy of making things, and give people a closer look at the talent we have right here in Sewanee,” said Harriet Runkle, owner of Frame Gallery Gifts and Art.

Registration is required for each pumpkin activity, offered in two sessions: 10:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2 p.m. No registration is needed to shop or watch the artist demonstrations. All Fall Makers Market activities will take place inside the Studio and under the outdoor canopy, rain or shine. The activities include:

Doodle-O’-Lantern: Join artist Linda Kerlin, known for her “Extreme Doodling” workshop at Frame Gallery, to create pumpkin designs inspired by traditional fall themes or something abstract. This activity is appropriate for all ages; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants can bring their own pumpkin for \$15 or buy one to decorate for \$25.

Pumpkin Pansy Planters: Participants can create a pumpkin planter with owner Harriet Runkle. Frame Gallery will supply the pumpkins, soil, and pansies to make a fall planter to take home for \$30 (or two for \$45). To reduce waste, the gallery will send the discarded pumpkin pulp and seeds to the University Farm to feed their goats. Participants can also leave their pumpkin planters outdoors to feed local wildlife. This activity is appropriate for adults and children ages 12 and up.

Local artist demonstrations: Margaret Matens will be on-site making fall wreaths from natural materials, and Connie Keetle will be painting en plein air. Visitors can watch the artists at work, learn about their creative processes, and shop for fall wreaths and fine art paintings. Keetle’s art, alongside that of her mother, Page Schley, is currently on display in Frame Gallery’s “Side by Side: Page Schley and Connie Keetle, A Mother-Daughter Exhibition” through Oct. 31.

To register for the Fall Makers Market pumpkin craft activities, visit <www.framegals.com/events/fall-makers-market>.



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Empty Tables

Art feeds the soul. Your art can also provide much-needed nutrition for our neighbors. Empty Tables seeks local artists to donate pieces for its annual food security fundraiser at the Tennessee Craft South Holiday Studio Tour, Dec. 5-6.

Each year, local artists and craftspeople donate pieces for the Empty Tables display at Sewanee’s American Legion Hall. Visitors to the studio tour, Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., may purchase these pieces with all proceeds going to local food security organizations. The table is also an excellent way to let hundreds of Studio Tour visitors see your work. You do not need to be on the Studio Tour to participate.

Empty Tables, launched by Claire Reishman on behalf of Tennessee Craft South six years ago, shares all proceeds with three organizations that address food insecurity on the South Cumberland Plateau:

Grundy County Food Bank, a

nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Grundy County area.

The Community Action Committee, a food pantry and poverty alleviation organization housed at Sewanee’s St. Mark’s and St. Paul’s Church in Sewanee.

Morton Memorial Church in Monteagle, distributing groceries to over 245 families each month.

Artists interested in donating pieces to the Empty Tables can bring their contributions during set-up 4-5:30 p.m., Friday Dec. 4, at the American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., in Sewanee. Earlier drop-off’s can be made to Claire Reishman’s studio, 102 Curlicue Rd., Sewanee. Arrangements for pick-ups in advance should reach out to Lee Limbird (615) 630-9196, text or <llimbird95@gmail.com> or Sherri Bergman (931) 636-5535, text or <sherribergman32@gmail.com>.

To see all the studios on tour, and a map for the entire event, go to <<https://tennesseecraft.org/members/chapters/south/>>.



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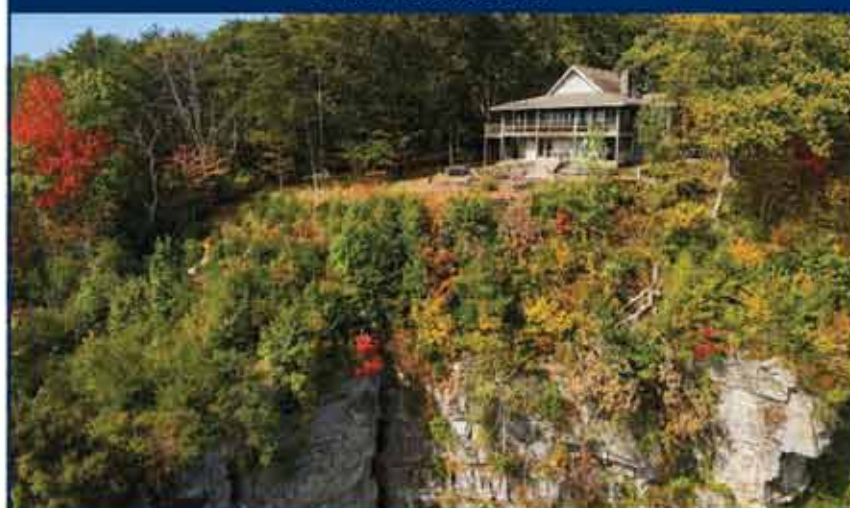
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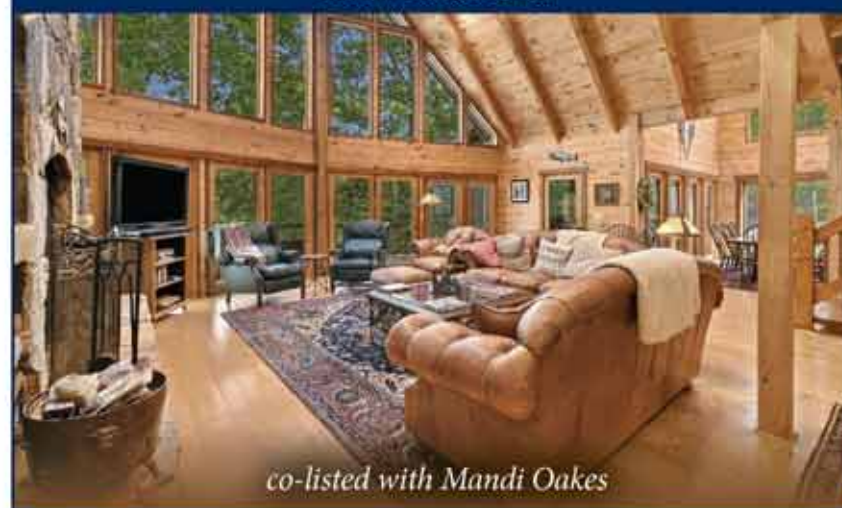
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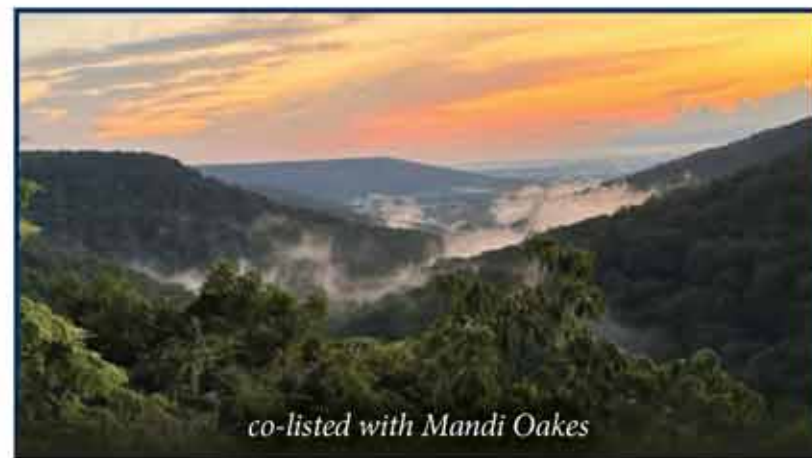
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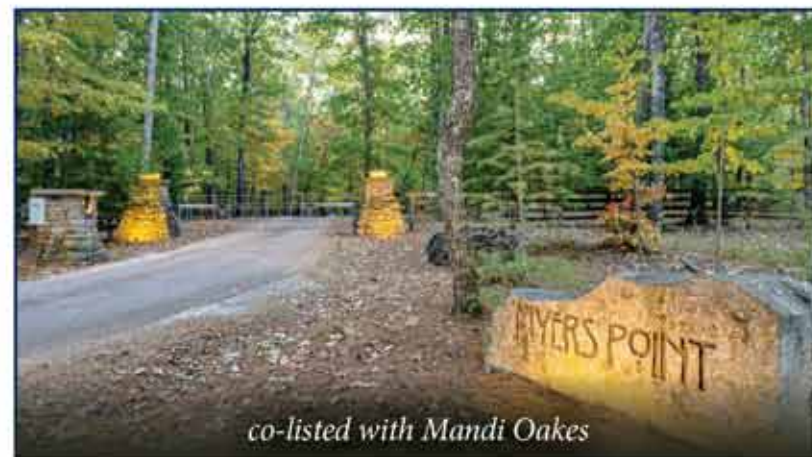
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SAS Mountain Biking Team Maintains Second Place in State Ranking

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee Varsity Mountain Biking Team traveled to Winged Deer Lakeside Park in Johnson City, Tenn., last Sunday for their fourth race of the season. Despite the wet, muddy, and slippery conditions caused by the downpour the night before, the team persevered and maintained its second-place seasonal standing.

Senior Theo Schrader placed fourth in Varsity Boys' despite an early-race crash. Junior Grayson Clark placed 12th after recovering from a popped tire that he plugged trailside, while senior Harper Thompson suffered an early-race mechanical issue after popping a tire in a rock garden, forcing him to withdraw. In JV1 Boys', juniors Will Roberts and Martin Brodsky continued to move up the ranks, placing eighth and 11th, respectively. Junior Sawyer Barry gave a strong start, quickly moving to the front of the pack before experiencing an early-race mechanical issue. Despite the setback, his lap times continued to improve.

Rosa Thompson placed seventh in JV1 Girls', while sophomore Jane Shealy placed 11th in JV2 Girls', both skillfully navigating tight, slippery corners. Sophomore Cabel Thompson placed 11th in JV2 Boys' in his best race to date. In JV3 Boys', Alex Glacet earned a spot on the podium in fourth place, while freshman Jack Roberts moved up five places to finish 15th. Afify Yousef, Lucio Dikic, Lucas Mantel, and Son Vo overcame multiple crashes to finish strong, with their teammates cheering them on. Freshman Elena Brodsky rounded out the JV3 Girls' field for SAS with an impressive sixth-place finish, moving closer to the podium with every race. Arabella Barry moved higher on the podium in eighth Grade Girls', earning a remarkable third-place finish. Meanwhile, Sam Ramirez moved up another nine places in sixth Grade Boys' to finish 25th.

The varsity team travels to Raccoon Mountain on Oct. 25, for the State Championship.

SES Boys Start Season with Victory Over Rock Creek

The Sewanee Elementary boys' basketball team opened its season on Oct. 12, with a 17-11 victory over Rock Creek. The Tigers jumped out to an early lead behind stout defense and a balanced scoring attack. Their advantage grew to 11 points in the second half before the Rockets mounted a late rally, cutting the deficit to six with less than two minutes to play. After a key defensive stop, Sewanee sealed the win by maintaining possession through the final minute.

Malcolm Tate led the Tigers in scoring with five points, while John Austin, Miles Bruscatto, and Ren Elrod added four points apiece. Bryson Barnes, Birch McAnally, Charlie Wells, and Noah Rowe contributed on the boards, while Walker Reynolds, Trail Murphy, Calvin Watson, and Cooper Green also saw action in the season-opening victory.

Ismailova Wins Three Events as Sewanee Defeats Conference Foe Centre

Freshman Diana Ismailova won gold three times, and Sewanee took eight out of 11 events, as the Tigers defeated SAA opponent Centre College, 109-96, Oct. 9.

Seven of Sewanee's individual titles were won by freshmen. Stella Schuch took home two victories, while Campbell Totton added another. Ismailova won the 200 IM with a time of 2:14.67, as well as the 100 butterfly (58.90) and the 100 breaststroke (1:08.74).

Schuch paced the 100 freestyle at 55.18 while taking the 200 free in 1:59.31.

Sarah Beth Rody won the 500 free, completing the event in 5:30.99. Totton secured the 100 backstroke (1:00.28).

The 400 free relay team, composed of Totton, Eleanor Bishop, Anna Elliot, and Schuch, finished first with a time of 4:05.26.

Tigers Win Seven Events, Top SAA Foe Centre

Tyler Foster won two individual events and participated in a relay win, while freshman Jack McRae tallied two first-place finishes, as the Sewanee Tigers defeated Centre College 105-10, Oct. 9.

Foster paced both the 200 freestyle (1:48.12) and the 100 backstroke (53.69). McRae took home two distance victories, winning the 500 free in 4:53.15 and the 1000 free in 9:59.19.

Andrew Olson topped the 100 free with a time of 48.07. Freshman Taylor Starr swam a 21.77 and won the 50 free.

Foster, Nick Chilom, Carter Nabors, and Olsen won the 400 medley relay with a time of 3:35.98.

In total, the Tigers finished first in seven of the 11 events.

Football Falls to Maryville on the Road

Sewanee fell to Maryville, 51-13, on Oct. 10, at Lloyd L. Thornton Stadium in Maryville, Tenn., as the Scots used a 28-point first quarter to take control of the contest.

Maryville opened the scoring with a 29-yard interception return for a touchdown before adding a 65-yard rushing score to take a 15-0 lead. After another Maryville touchdown, Sewanee responded with a 39-yard touchdown pass from Maddox Franklin to Na'Shawn Holman to put the Tigers on the scoreboard with 6:56 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Scots answered with another touchdown pass before adding a 20-yard scoring connection late in the first half to take a 35-7 lead into the break.

Maryville extended its advantage early in the third quarter with a 45-yard touchdown run. The Scots added another rushing score in the fourth quarter before Sewanee responded with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Franklin to Trevon Garden. The ensuing two-point conversion attempt was successful, bringing the final score to 51-13.

Franklin completed 15 of 26 passes for 226 yards and two touchdowns. Garden led the Tigers with five receptions for 83 yards and a touchdown, while Holman added two catches for 79 yards and a score. Barton Mixon led Sewanee on the ground with 40 yards on 14 carries.

Defensively, Jacorin Thomas recorded a team-high 10 tackles, while Cooper Jones and Peyton Martin each added eight tackles. Sewanee's defense also recorded four sacks, as James Gibbs tallied one and a half and Desmond Gilbert and Robert Richardson tallied one a piece.

Maryville finished with 452 yards of total offense, including 298 rushing yards, while Sewanee totaled 259 yards. The Scots held a 38:24-21:36 advantage in time of possession.

Sewanee will return to action next Saturday at home against Millsaps at 1 p.m.

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3:30 p.m., Oct. 23, Men's Soccer vs. Trinity

Volleyball Drops Five-setter at Southwestern

Savannah Gann and Suna Merkler combined for 28 kills, while Sophia Caruso tallied 26 digs, but the Sewanee Tigers fell to the Southwestern Pirates, 3-2, Oct. 11, at the Pirates' SAA pod.

Gann paced the Tigers 15 kills, while Merkler added 13 kills and a team-high five aces. Estela Gonzalez recorded 21 assists, with Jordan Krise tacking on 17. Elena Sipe posted four blocks.

Sewanee came back from an early 13-7 deficit in the first set. Merkler had four aces and a kill, while Gann posted three kills, during a 14-1 run for the Tigers. The Pirates came roaring back, in part due to a 6-0 run, and eventually forced a 25-25 tie. But a kill from Merkler and a Southwestern attacking error gave the Tigers a 27-25 win.

Southwestern held the Tigers to under .100 hitting in the second to win 25-20, ending the frame on a 3-0 run. The match was tied 1-1.

In the third set, the Tigers held a 22-16 advantage, but Southwestern rattled off five in a row to make it a one-point game. A later kill from Mollie White would give Sewanee set point, 24-22, before the Pirates scored four unanswered to win 26-24.

Sewanee hit .400 in the fourth set, taking a 10-2 lead early. The Pirates then tallied a run of 11-1 to go up by two. The set stayed close before Sewanee utilized a 5-1 run to end the frame, 25-20, tying the match 2-2.

In the fifth, Sewanee faced a 9-6 deficit before the Pirates took all but one of the final seven points of the match to win 15-7.

NCEA Tops Sweet Briar

Sewanee defeated No. 4 Sweet Briar in a tiebreaker, 792-784, in NCEA action on Oct. 10, at the Howell Equestrian Center. The victory marked the first win over the Vixens in program history.

The Tigers opened the day in flat, where Rebecca Love earned Sewanee's first point with an 83 on Caution, finishing ahead of Josie Flannery's 80. Madeline Luddy added another point with an 84 on Herbie, 10 points ahead of Lexi Reininger.

Sweet Briar claimed the remaining three points in flat. Abigail Schreiner scored a 74 on Volt, three points ahead of Olivia Carmouche. Josephine Foshee posted an 84 on Pepper, but Gracie Robertson edged her with an 85. Hallie Nelson secured the final point for the Vixens with an 85 on Archie, while Addison Durrett scored a 75.

Sewanee responded in fences, with Carmouche earning a point after scoring an 82 on Ben to finish ahead of Flannery's 74. Durrett added another point, scoring an 81 on Klacid to best Sadie Swift by 10 points. Luddy scored a 77 on Tuck, while Love recorded a 75 on Pom Pom. Sweet Briar claimed the other two points in fences behind Nelson's 85 and Reininger's 80.

The match came down to a fences reride on Gordy, with Sewanee needing the point to secure the victory. Jenna McAmis delivered for the Tigers, scoring an 80 to top her opponent's 76 and even the head-to-head score at 5-5. Sewanee secured the overall win with a 792-784 advantage in points, earning its second tiebreaker victory on the weekend.

The Tigers will head to Charleston, S.C., to face No. 3 College of Charleston next Saturday, Oct. 17.

Women's Soccer Falls to No. 2 Washington and Lee

Sewanee women's soccer fell to No. 2-ranked Washington and Lee on Oct. 9, 2-0 at Puett Field.

Sewanee battled No. 2 Washington and Lee throughout the first half before the Generals broke through in the 42nd minute. Megan Zimmerman connected with Elizabeth Zimmerman, whose initial shot was saved by Emilee Scott before rolling across the goal line to give Washington and Lee a 1-0 lead.

Elizabeth Zimmerman added her second goal of the afternoon in the 64th minute, finding the back of the net off the inside of the post to extend the Generals' lead to 2-0.

Sewanee looked to cut into the deficit late in the match, as Josie Alexander forced a finger-tip save from Washington and Lee goalkeeper Kate McEnroe with a shot toward the top left corner in the 87th minute. McEnroe made the stop to preserve the shutout.

Washington and Lee finished with an 11-4 advantage in shots, while both teams recorded three corner kicks. McEnroe made three saves for the Generals, while Scott recorded one save in the first half and Ashley Vinck played the second half in goal for the Tigers.

Erickson Leads Tigers Past Ohio Wesleyan

Faith Erickson scored twice, and Caroline Bridges added a goal as field hockey defeated Ohio Wesleyan, 3-1, Oct. 10, at Puett Field, celebrating their Senior Day.

Erickson opened the scoring in the first quarter, finding the back of the net off a penalty corner with an assist from Natalie BeVier at the 7:12 mark to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead.

Sewanee extended its advantage in the second quarter when Bridges scored at 16:54 to put the Tigers ahead 2-0. The Tigers carried the two-goal lead into halftime.

Erickson added her second goal of the afternoon in the third quarter, scoring off a penalty corner at 43:39 with BeVier credited with the assist, giving Sewanee a 3-0 advantage.

Ohio Wesleyan answered early in the fourth quarter, as Mattison Hyland scored off an assist from Susie Benincasa at 47:12. However, the Tigers held the visitors scoreless for the remainder of the contest to secure the 3-1 victory.

Sewanee finished with a 21-14 advantage in shots and an 11-8 edge in penalty corners. Erickson led the Tigers with six shots, including four on goal, while BeVier recorded two assists. Molly Haskell added four shots, three of which were on target.

In goal, Miriam Hussaini played all 60 minutes for Sewanee as the Tigers improved to 7-3 overall.

Men's Soccer Defeats Huntingdon, 3-0

Sewanee scored twice in the opening 17 minutes and added a late goal to defeat Huntingdon, 3-0, at Puett Field.

Thomas McGowan opened the scoring just 30 seconds into the match, collecting the rebound after Stokes McConnell hit the crossbar and finding the back of the net for an early 1-0 lead.

The Tigers continued to pressure the Hawks, as McGowan and Ian Cox each hit the post before Grayson White assisted Holden Patterson for the second goal in the 17th minute.

Sewanee continued to create chances throughout the first half, with McGowan hitting the crossbar again and Domenic Desmond striking the post. The Tigers outshot Huntingdon, 15-3, in the opening 45 minutes.

After a scoreless stretch in the second half, Sewanee added an insurance goal in the 85th minute when Kingsley Lavender connected with Luke Vincent, who finished past Huntingdon goalkeeper Julian Mancipe to secure the 3-0 victory.

The Tigers finished with a 23-5 advantage in shots and a 12-2 edge in corner kicks. Drew Monti recorded two saves to earn the shutout, while Mancipe made five saves for Huntingdon.



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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Chestnut oak acorns. Photo by Lin Cameron

Acorns!

Lin Cameron writes, “Better be wearing a hard hat when hiking the Perimeter trail these days. The acorn fall is prodigious and these of the Chestnut Oak are largest of all.” I’ve heard and read that last year was a mast year for oaks in Tennessee, but the oaks at our house didn’t get the memo, I guess, because we didn’t have much then but we surely do now. And they are huge! The usual size for Eastern White Oak acorns is ¾ inch but some of ours are an inch, as big as Chestnut Oak acorns usually are. And some of those are an inch and a quarter. A mast year is one in which trees such as oaks produce a much heavier crop than usual, which happens every few years due to factors not yet fully understood. The strategy, though is clear. In a mast year, there will be more acorns than predators (deer, squirrels, etc.) can consume leaving some to germinate and grow, allowing the tree to reproduce. In addition, the lean years in between mast years may reduce the predator population, leaving fewer to consume the acorns in the mast year. Oaks are divided into two general groups, white oaks and red oaks. This year’s bumper crop is coming from the white oak group, which includes Chestnut Oaks. In that group, acorns mature in one year. In the red oak group, acorns take two years to mature. This year’s acorns were fertilized two springs ago, and, due to conditions then, there are not many in this year’s crop, so the red oaks such as Scarlet Oaks are not having a mast year this year.

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.

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Calypso



Shayla

MARC’s Mountain Adoptables: Calypso & Shayla

Say hello to Calypso, a lovely little spotted gray tabby with a medium-length coat and a personality that’s worth waiting for. At around 14 weeks old, this sweet girl is still learning that the world is full of kind people and wonderful adventures. Calypso may be a little shy when you first meet her, but give her a little time and patience, and you’ll discover the lovable, playful kitten hiding beneath that cautious exterior. Once you’re part of her trusted circle, her sweet personality begins to shine. With her beautiful spotted coat, curious kitten spirit, and a heart just waiting to blossom, Calypso is ready to find someone who will let her grow confident at her own pace. Could you be the special person who helps her discover just how wonderful life can be? Adopt Calypso, and let a little kitten magic sail right into your heart!

Meet Shayla. If you’re looking for a big, fluffy lover, Shayla is your girl. This compact Newfoundland is a big girl with an even bigger heart. Around six years old, Shayla acts more like a four-year-old — sweet, playful, and ready to enjoy life with her people.

Shayla is super sweet, easygoing, and very chill when meeting other dogs. She gets along well with them and would be happy as the only dog or sharing her home with canine friends. We haven’t seen her around cats yet, so that’s still an unknown. She would most likely enjoy children, too.

Shayla loves being with her people and would really enjoy a home where she can be included in more activities. Her foster home is fairly low-energy, and we think this beautiful girl would love a family who wants to take her along for walks, adventures, and everyday fun.

She’s a wonderful combination of gentle, loving, easygoing, and fluffy. If a big-hearted Newfoundland is who you’ve been looking for, come meet Shayla.

If you would like to learn more about Calypso or Shayla, please fill out an Adoption Application found on the MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives. MARC has a trainer available to work with dog adopters and dog fosters as needed.

MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization. It is not a shelter and relies on foster homes to save animals. MARC also provides low cost spay/neuter procedures for animals and is available for teaching humane care of animals in schools and to community organizations.

Sewanee Herbarium Fall Events

Trees of the Sewanee Campus, Saturday, Oct. 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sandy Baird. Come walk among the trees! Join Sewanee alumna and forestry graduate Sandy Baird for a leisurely tour of some of the campus’s most remarkable trees. Learn to recognize common species, hear a few memorable stories, and enjoy a morning outdoors. Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Meet in the parking lot behind Fulford Hall.

Hike to the H-Tree, Saturday, Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m., Mary Priestley. “H” is for Halloween! Are you up for a mysterious Halloween adventure? Come visit this unusual duo of white oaks that grows on the mountain-side below the War Memorial Cross. The trees once bonded (but how??) to form an “H,” now reduced to lowercase “h.” Meet at the Cross. The distance is not great, nor is the encounter scary. But the hike back up can be strenuous.

Homecoming Greenhouse Open Hours, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, 3-5 p.m., Jonathan Ertelt. The Webb Greenhouse will have open hours for visitors and alumni to come and see the increasingly diverse collection. Jonathan Ertelt, C’78, will be on hand to point out special plants and answer questions.

All are Central Time. Wear appropriate shoes on these walks. Risks involved in hiking include physical exertion, rough terrain, forces of nature, and other hazards not present in everyday life. Picking flowers and digging plants are prohibited in the above-mentioned natural areas.

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Tue	Oct 06	80	54
Wed	Oct 07	80	54
Thu	Oct 08	81	56
Fri	Oct 09	85	59
Sat	Oct 10	74	56
Sun	Oct 11	62	57

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Avg max temp = 76
Avg min temp = 56
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Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger

State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/>> and select the park. All times are central.

Fiery Gizzard State Park

It’s Knot Time, Sunday, Oct. 25, 1:30-3 p.m. Join Ranger Josh for a free hands-on knot tying program focused on practical outdoor skills. We will meet at the park visitor center and depending on weather will be outside at the pavilion or stay warm and dry inside.

During this interactive program, participants will learn several essential knots commonly used for camping, securing gear, setting up shelters, and outdoor safety. Each knot will be demonstrated step-by-step, followed by time to practice with guidance from the ranger. We’ll also discuss when and why each knot is used, and how these skills apply to real situations you may encounter while enjoying the park.

This program is beginner-friendly and designed for anyone. No prior experience is required. All materials will be provided. Whether you’re new to outdoor skills or just want to sharpen your knot knowledge, this program offers a fun and practical way to build confidence on the trail and in camp.

Registration is required, and space and supplies are limited. Participants must register in advance to attend.

Savage Gulf State Park

Coffee With a Ranger, Sunday, Oct. 18, 8:30–9:30 a.m. Curious about the park or interested in learning more about what park rangers do? Enjoy informal conversation over coffee with Ranger Jamie at the Laurel Gulf Overlook. We will meet at the Savage Gulf North Trailhead by the Stone Door Ranger Station at 8:30 a.m. to begin the program. We will begin the program by taking a short walk (approximately a quarter of a mile) along a paved trail to the Laurel Gulf Overlook. The coffee station will be set up at the Laurel Gulf Overlook, where seating is also provided. Coffee, hot cocoa, creamer, and sugar will be available at the station. Complimentary coffee and hot cocoa will be provided for registered participants. We’ll have disposable cups available, but feel free to bring your favorite mug. Participants can also purchase a souvenir mug at a discounted price. We invite you to sip coffee, chat with a ranger, and take in the natural beauty of the Laurel Gulf Overlook!

Fall Foliage Hike to Three Forks Lake, Saturday, Oct. 31, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Join Ranger Jamie on an exclusive guided hike to Three Forks Lake to witness the astonishing fall foliage in the park. This is an approximate 3-mile round-trip guided hike and is considered moderate. We will discuss why leaves change color and interesting natural phenomena we see along the way. We will meet at the Savage Gulf North Trailhead (Stone Door Trailhead) at 1:30 p.m. to begin the hike. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike! Weather permitting.

The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program’s scheduled start in order to receive a refund.

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NOTICE: The Monteagle City Council will have a Special Called Meeting at 3:30 p.m., Oct. 29, 2026, in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to have a reading of the new water and sewer rates.

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by Robin Bates

Anne Carson Wins 2026 Nobel Prize for Literature

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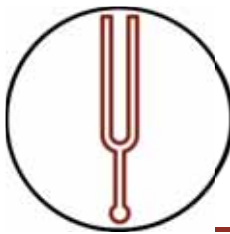
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Friday, Oct. 16

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 4 p.m. Farm to Table, Manigault Park
- 7:30 p.m. “Bright Star” bluegrass musical, Proctor Hill Theater. Reserve free tickets on <eventbrite.com>

Saturday, Oct. 17

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 11 a.m. Crafting Space for Ourselves book conversation, University Bookstore
- 2 p.m. “Bright Star” bluegrass musical, Proctor Hill Theater. Reserve free tickets on <eventbrite.com>
- 2 p.m. GC Heritage Center Lecture
- 5 p.m. Cumberland Folk School fundraiser, until 8 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. “Bright Star” bluegrass musical, Proctor Hill Theater. Reserve free tickets on <eventbrite.com>

Sunday, Oct. 18

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
- 1 p.m. YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 2 p.m. “Bright Star” bluegrass musical, Proctor Hill Theater. Reserve free tickets on <eventbrite.com>
- 2:30 p.m. The Rememberings, University Cemetery
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Oct. 19

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 5 p.m. Candler poetry reading, Torian Room, duPont Library, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga with Pippa, Sewanee Community Center
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Chorale rehearsals, Lloyd Forum, until 8:30 p.m., contact Sally Hubbard <sally@hubbard.net>
- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital, All Saints’ Chapel

Tuesday, Oct. 20

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Story Time, Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., until 11:30 a.m.
- 11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Stirling’s, until 1 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Aiken Taylor Award presentation, Convocation Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Pippa Browne, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>

Wednesday, Oct. 21

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 4:30 p.m. Aiken Taylor Award lecture, McGriff Alumni House
- 5 p.m. Yoga for Release of Myofascial Tension, Tom Camp, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Oct. 22

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, for details/meeting location email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
- 10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
- 12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, until 3 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Sewanee Emeriti Association, McGriff Alumni House
- 4:30 p.m. Cowan Commercial Club meeting, 108 Cumberland St. E

Friday, Oct. 23

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

Sunday

6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Monday

5 p.m., 12-Step Women’s Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont

7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Wednesday

10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493

6 p.m., NA, community room at 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

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

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

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

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