

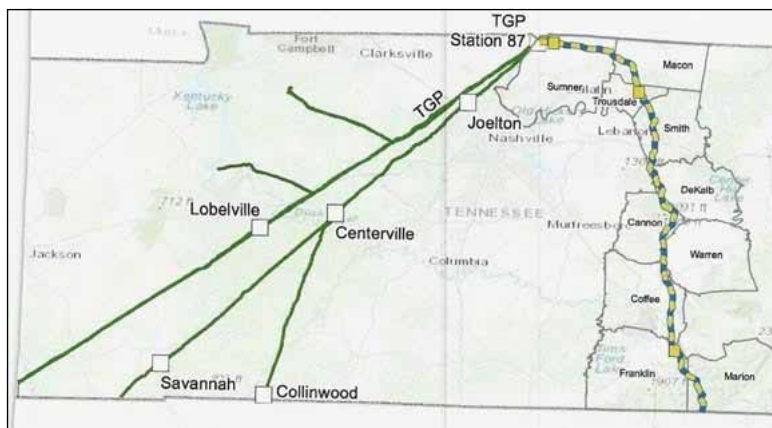


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Proposed natural gas line pipeline route through 10 Tennessee counties.

Natural Gas Pipeline: Why, Where, When, No?

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"The proposed pipeline route runs approximately two miles along an eastern portion of the Domain near Jump Off Road," said Provost Scott Wilson in an Oct. 19 email to leaseholders. "Members of the University's administration met with company [Kinder Morgan] representatives last week." Many area landowners have recently received a letter from Kinder Morgan (KM) requesting permission to conduct civil and environmental surveys on their land. "You're not part of the project unless you received a letter," said Kinder Morgan Vice President Allen Fore. The 150-mile Southeast Connector Pipeline will pass through 10 middle Tennessee counties connecting KM's Tennessee Natural Gas Pipeline in Sumner County with the Southern Natural Gas Pipeline, likewise operated by KM, just across the Marion County line in north Alabama. "This is a part of Tennessee that is underserved from a natural gas standpoint," Fore stressed. "The utilities that are part of the natural gas infrastructure in the state are excited about the opportunity to access a new, plentiful reliable source of natural gas." One area resident commented to the Messenger that transporting natural gas underground was safer than transporting it by railcar or semitrucks. Another resident commented on the economic benefit to the county. But a large number of residents have come forward opposing the project and formed a Facebook group to solidify their efforts. These Tennessee residents want the pipeline stopped.

According to Fore, the proposed route passes through Sumner, Macon, Trousdale, Smith, DeKalb, Cannon, Warren, Coffee, Franklin and Marion counties and impacts 760 landowners, 40 in Franklin County and 65 in Marion County. KM will not make an upfront payment to counties, but counties will realize property tax benefits for taxation of the infrastructure. Fore estimated tax revenue as \$1.6 million for the 13 miles of pipeline in Franklin County and \$1 million for the 14 miles of pipeline in Marion County. Emphasizing the "current and long-term need," Fore called the project a "\$1.3 billion investment in middle Tennessee."

University Biology professor Jon Evans challenged that interpretation. "We've only recently started to use natural gas to replace coal burning plants [to produce

electricity], then suddenly we add this enormous demand from data centers. That changes the equation dramatically. People think, 'My cookstove, I'll have cheaper gas.' It has nothing to do with that. Where gas is flowing for other pipelines such as this, it's all about data centers."

Evans brought to light many concerns. "They say the right of way is 50 feet, but the damage is far larger." KM acknowledged the construction diameter was 100-125 feet, in conversation with the University describing the area disturbed as "the width of a football field." "The rare growth forests and plant habitat will never recover," Evans insisted. Although KM points to rights-of-way used for everything from parking lots to hiking trails, "structures" and "reforestation" are not allowed on rights-of-way.

Even more worrisome is the "blast zone" when a pipeline ruptures. U.S. Department of Transportation Data gives the impact radius as 1,000 feet for a pipe larger than 30 inches in diameter. The Southeast Connector project calls for a 48-inch pipeline. For a pipeline that size "600 feet is the destruction zone where everything gets burned up," Evans said. Asked if KM would take into account the proximity of homes and schools to the route, Fore said KM would abide by "federal regulations." Although regulations require pipelines to be buried at least three feet below the surface of the ground, regulations say nothing about any minimum distance away from homes. "There is no limitation on how close gas pipelines can be built to homes," according to the Pipeline Safety Trust. Fore said a 48" line was "not unusual," and 42" lines were common. Evans said from his observation, "There is nothing larger than a 48" line."

Evans suggested KM consider an alternate route along the TVA electric transmission line which follows a path very similar to the proposed route. "There are only a fraction of homes in the blast zone along the TVA line," Evans observed. Questioned about this alternative, Fore replied the TVA route was "more miles and more landowners." Evans countered, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) required proposed projects consider alternate routes

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SUD: New Development, Outside Boundaries Service, Election

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Oct. 27 meeting the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners approved the application for service for the Hamlet Development across from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. The board also grappled with two inquiries about service outside district boundaries and discussed the upcoming commissioner election.

Located at the junction of Hwy. 41A and Hwy. 156, the 63-acre Hamlet Development calls for 10-11 residential lots, 5-6 acres each in size. "The two-inch line running past the property goes to Pearl's," said SUD manager Ben Beavers, "but it's not big enough." The developer will need to increase the line to 4 inches. All the lots will have septic sewage treatment. "Water service is not an issue," Beavers

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Monteagle: Rate Increase the Town Hopes to Repeal

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Oct. 26 meeting, the Monteagle Council took two unprecedented actions regarding water and sewer rates. The council passed a progressive rate increase for 2027, with higher rates for customers who use more water. The council also passed a rate increase for 2028 which the town hopes to be able to repeal by implementing an Impact Fee.

The council has grappled with the rate increase issue since August. Confronted with rehabilitating an aging sewage pump station and remediating Inflow and Infiltration of rainwater into the sewer system, which decreases the sewage treat-

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It's Time to Fall Back

Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, Oct. 31. Daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 1.

43rd Annual Holiday Open House at Taylor's Mercantile

A time-honored tradition returns Nov. 6-8 with the 43rd annual Holiday Open House at Taylor's Mercantile in downtown Sewanee. Ken and Lynn Taylor have gone all out this year, offering carefully curated holiday gifts, elegant tabletops, and festive decorations for every taste.

The open house transforms the store into a Christmas wonderland, making it a must-visit destination between Nashville and Atlanta, as visitors come to find unique gifts, decorating items, and inspiration for their own homes.

This year's selection includes traditional Sewanee elegance of woodlands and gold, with classic nutcrackers and Santas, modern woodland décor, and angels. Angels, a beloved part of Sewanee's traditions, are featured in the advertisement artwork by the late Dick Posan, who also designed the store's logo and sign.

Taylor's Mercantile, located at 10 University Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Holiday Open House hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7, and noon to 5 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 8. Don't miss out on the merriest event of the year. Gather your friends and family, and join the Taylors for a celebration filled with holiday magic.



The Mural Project on the side of Taylor's Mercantile in downtown Sewanee is taking shape. The design celebrates Shakerag Hollow and its recently discovered species of wildflower, Phacelia sewaneensis, using a color palette of greens, browns, and purple



Crow Fest on the Mountain comes to Angel Park in Sewanee from Friday, Oct. 30, through Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026. The three-day festival celebrates community, creativity and remembrance with live music, a chili cook-off, a bike ride, a Halloween pet parade, meditation and a vendor market. Go to page 15 of this issue for a schedule of events. Follow Crow Fest on Facebook.

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Letters

TOUR DE GOAT

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Tour de Goat Committee, sponsors, artists, prize contributors, and volunteers, we want to thank The Sewanee Mountain Messenger for helping to make this event successful. Without your continued posting of weather-related date changes and other articles, we would have had few participants. Getting the word out is sometimes difficult. We appreciate The Messenger being there for us. We look forward to next year with no cancellations.

Linda Brookhart, Monteagle

SEWANEE COMMUNITY FIRE SUPPORT

To the Editor:

As neighbors, we rely on each other. Your volunteer firefighters answer the call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Fire Station #1 is on Sewanee University campus. Station #2 is on Jumpoff Mountain road in Marion County serving the Jumpoff Mountain Fire Community. Recognizing increased population and new construction in the Stagecoach and Jackson Point community we need a new closer fire station. In addition to enhanced public safety and property protection, home insurance rates would realize improved fire protection rating saving you premium cost.

Our Critical Needs:

The Land: We need to obtain a strategic plot of land to cut down crucial response times.

The Station: A new facility to properly store fire engines and gear. Volunteers willing to accept the firefighter challenge.

Donations may be made by check, credit card or cash to Sewanee Community Fire Support, 3335 Jackson Point Road, Sewanee, TN 37375.

A generous donor has agreed to match charitable donations up to an aggregate amount of \$25,000.

There is an additional Income Tax reduction way to give. If you are age 70½ or older and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) you have an annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your (IRA) to our 501(c)(3) charity. The transferred funds are excluded from your taxable income, lowering your overall tax burden while directly funding our life-saving station project.

Please consult your tax advisor or IRA custodian to request a direct transfer to Sewanee Community Fire Support.

With your help, we can secure the land, build the station and improve community safety for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration.

Norine Gill, President, Sewanee Community Fire Support, and Terry Smith, Chief, Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department

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, and some municipal elections.

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 proposed constitutional amendments, go to <https://sos.tn.gov/elections/announcements/2026-proposed-constitutional-amendments>.

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

For more information on voting, and IDs required 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.



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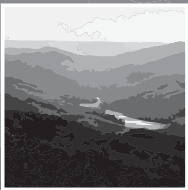
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Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with 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@sewanee-messenger.com>. — KB



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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.

Dinner and a Movie

The Sewanee Community Fire Support presents "Chili, Hot Dogs and a Movie." The movie will be "Backdraft." The meal will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7. Cost is \$15, and 6 years and under are free. The movie starts at 6:30 p.m. The event will be at Camp MontMilner, 3333 Jump Off Rd., Sewanee.

Appreciation Supper

You are invited to a Covered Dish Supper given to show appreciation of our military, past and present at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Legion Hall, 36 University Avenue. Please bring a covered dish to share. There will be special music.

Come and hear Robert Roberson speak about being in New York on 9/11 at the 9/11 site. Everyone is invited.

MMUMC Food Distribution

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



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Upcoming Meetings

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://sewanee.org>.

EQB Club

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., a musical lead will be given by Robin Gottfried and Marc St. Pierre.

Robin Gottfried and Marc St. Pierre on guitars will present "A Taste of Latin America's Classic Popular Songs." Robin grew up hearing Latin American music at home and lived for three years in Central America. Marc has wide musical interests and teaches economics at the University.

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

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

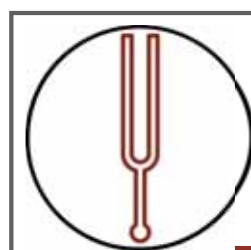
The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, at St. Mary's Sewanee, for a club assembly.

Town of Monteagle

Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, in the conference room at City Hall.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.



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The CAC is an outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest, and other organizations and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 50 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance, and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. The CAC is open 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

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

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

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

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

Christ Church

This Sunday is one of the great feasts and celebrations of the liturgical year. Christ Church will keep All Saints’ Day with some of the great hymns written for the day.

We are also preparing for the Ordination of Steve Higgins to the priesthood on Nov. 8. We hope many of Steve’s classmates can join us.

Bishop Phillip Jones, who was the quarterback on the Sewanee football team of Steve’s years at Sewanee, will be the preacher. Our Sunday services begin at 10:45 a.m.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

Sunday, Nov. 1, is All Saints’ Day. Our service will include the lighting of candles in remembrance of those we miss. We will speak the names of Morton members who have died since last All Saints’, as well as leave space for you to name and remember other family and friends.

This Sunday, we will share Holy Communion with an open table, meaning those who come to this holy meal are not required to be members of Morton, nor are they required to be members of any church. We understand ourselves to be invited by the Host, Jesus Christ. To share in Holy Communion, a person of any age doesn’t have to be a baptized believer. Come to the feast! This Sunday, we will emphasize the “great cloud of witnesses,” those who have finished their time here in this life. We will speak words of love, hope, and resurrection.

If you are challenged in ways that prevent you, a family member, or a friend from attending and would like Communion brought to you or them, contact Pastor Melisa at (615) 418-0559 to request a visit this Sunday or in the coming week.

Children are welcome at Morton! Rev. Melisa Derseweh will share a homily “All” (Revelation 7:9-17) and a children’s sermon “On This Day.” There will be activities for the children after the message.

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

Obituary

Ann Templeton Cameron

Ann Templeton Cameron, a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, and accomplished professional, died on Aug. 9, 2026, at the age of 78.

Born in Sewanee, Tennessee, Ann grew up in Winchester and attended St. Mary’s School. She studied at Colorado Women’s College before earning her bachelor’s degree in anthropology and sociology from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

In the 1980s, Ann earned her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license and embarked on a distinguished accounting career in Chattanooga. Over the years, she lent her financial expertise to Deloitte, Haskins, and Sells, as well as Decosimo, before completing her career at Stein Construction. Beyond her professional practice, Ann offered decades of dedicated service and leadership to the John Templeton Foundation, the Templeton World Charity Foundation, and the Templeton Religion Trust, serving in key leadership roles including Treasurer, Trustee, and Chair of the Finance Committee. Members and colleagues across the foundations fondly remember her as a wonderful listener whose warmth and wisdom left a lasting mark on everyone she worked with.

While her leadership and intellect were admired by many, those who knew Ann best remember her for her boundless kindness, generous spirit, and welcoming presence. Family members saw her as the quintessential grandmother figure, and she was known for her warm and loving smile. She always had a game or an idea for play with the kids, and she was very proud of all the accomplishments, big and small, made by her family members. She and Doug supported each other in their lives’ work, such that the successes of one were truly the successes of the other. Doug always spoke of his “bride” and her beautiful smile.

As a young woman, Ann won her county’s pie contest with a signature cherry pie that became a beloved staple at every Thanksgiving and Doug joked that he married her for the recipe. Each holiday season, Ann poured her heart into making and distributing more than 200 bags of homemade peanut brittle to friends, family, and over 50 members of the Sewanee Fire Department where her husband Doug served.

Ann found immense joy in cultivating orchids, surrounding herself with a vibrant wall of blooms at her home in Sewanee. She cherished traveling with her family and especially treasured time spent with her sisters and sisters-in-law. Their legendary gatherings, affectionately dubbed “Camp Runamuk,” were filled with laughter, storytelling, and love.

Ann was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Douglas W. Cameron; and her parents, Harvey and Jewel Templeton.

She is survived by her children, Handly Cameron (Leigh) and Jenna Juday (Ben); her grandchildren, Jewel, Dillen, Will, Kaila, and Jevan; her siblings, Jill Sideman (Richard), Harvey M. Templeton III (Becky), Handly Templeton (Becky), and Avery Lloyd (David); as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and extended family.

A Celebration of Life for Ann Templeton Cameron will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Social Lodge, 287 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Blue Monarch at <<https://www.blumonarch.org/givetoday>>. For complete obituary, go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

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: This Sunday, our seminarian Arielle Latiolais will speak on “Keeping Company with the Saints.” What does it mean to believe in the communion of saints? How might the saints become companions in our own spiritual lives?

This All Saints’ Day, we’ll ex-

plore how the stories of the saints live within Anglican worship and spirituality, shaping our imagination of the Christian life. We’ll also encounter some of these strange, beautiful, and fantastical stories for ourselves and practice meditating on them as a doorway to prayer. Sunday Forum meets 9:45-10:45 a.m., each week in Kennerly Hall with light refreshments.

November Book Study: “We Gather Together: The True Story of Thanksgiving and the Woman Who Fought to Make It an American Holiday,” by Denise Kiernan. Book study meets on Tuesdays, 5–7 p.m., in Brooks Hall. Bring a snack or drink to share.

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

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

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and the assessment needed to be based on “public welfare and environmental impact, not money.”

For KM, now engaged in preparing a FERC “pre-filing request,” conducting landowner surveys is critical to defining a route and identifying any environmental concerns needing to be assessed. “We’ve found things landowners are unaware of,” Fore said. The route currently proposed has changed and could change again. In other projects cultural relics, endangered species, and even a pet cemetery prompted rerouting, although in that case just to a different location on the landowner’s property. KM is offering landowners \$500 to allow them to conduct a survey. Significantly, by Tennessee state law, “A professional land surveyor, the professional land surveyor’s agents, employees and personnel under the professional land surveyor’s supervision, may go on, over and upon the lands of others when necessary to perform surveys for the location of property corners, boundary lines, rights-of-way and easements.”

Advising those opposing the pipeline, Evans argued, “When pipelines are stopped is because enough monkey wrenches got thrown into the works that they just quit or the economic winds of the country change or political winds changed or investors pulled out. If they see there is this monumental wall of complete opposition, they’ll just have to regroup. That’s why it’s absolutely critical, the University which is the biggest duck on the entire pipeline, they have to say, ‘no.’”

Other concerns include damage to drinking water wells and the possibility of a compressor station being located in Franklin County. Fore said landowners with drinking water wells who agreed to easements would be asked if they wanted to have their wells tested before construction began. Fore compared the sound from a compressor station to a refrigerator humming, rated at 55 decibels. Fore explained the stations, located every 40-50 miles along the route to keep the gas moving, were situated in the center of 20-30 acre tracts to buffer the sound.

KM expects to submit the pre-filing request in December. Once the pre-file is approved, KM will apply for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, with the timeline calling for submitting the application in the third quarter of 2027. Environmental impact assessment will begin, and KM and FERC will host public meetings. Fore promised there would be a meeting in Sewanee. Acquiring easements cannot begin until FERC approves the Environmental Impact Statement and awards the project a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Monetary compensation for easements is based on valuation by a local property assessor and can include loss of trees and loss of revenue on agricultural land during construction. Fore claimed at most 5 percent of landowners refused to sign an easement. When that happens, KM condemns the property under the authority of FERC as “in the public interest.” If an agreement still cannot be reached, the court decides on the value of the contested property. Evans disputed the low rate of opposition. He cited a report stating Tennessee Natural Gas Pipeline, a KM subsidiary, had filed 141 lawsuits against Mississippi landowners.

As tentatively proposed, the Franklin County pipeline passes through St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School property and the Midway community, as well as through the Domain, and along Hwy. 156.

“It’s not in the interest of this institution from a moral, civic, or Christian standpoint for the University to do anything other than the right thing which is to say ‘no’ for their community, and the welfare of their people and for the benefit of our precious environment,” Evans said. “For the University not to do this, the hypocrisy is just mind blowing.”

Based on the email message to leaseholders, the University is well aware of what is at stake. “This proposal understandably raises significant questions and environmental concerns across our campus,” said Provost Wilson. “We understand that Kinder Morgan will formally request permission in the coming weeks to conduct preliminary surveys on University property. The University will evaluate this request.”

Commenting on the University’s publicly stated position, Evans said, “There is no information they need to know, they don’t already have. The community needs to be told why they are not being protected. The University should come right out and say ‘no’ emphatically. There isn’t any excuse to wait a day longer.”

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said. “There is no negative impact.” “It’s a win-win,” observed Commissioner Donnie McBee. “We get new pipe and new customers.”

Both the inquiries about service outside SUD’s boundaries presented concerning scenarios. In the Jackson Point Road area an existing out-of-boundary customer wants to divide his property into five lots and requested service to the lots. His current meter is at the edge of the SUD service area, but his residence is outside the boundary. Beavers said there had been no problems with service to the customer making the inquiry, but for other Jackson Point customers with meters at the edge of the service area leaks are an ongoing problem. The property is steep, and rocky, and the road has slid in places. “The blame for the leaks probably rests both with the homeowners for failing to maintain their lines and us for allowing a service line in the first place,” said Beavers.

The other inquiry came from state park officials. “The new Head of the Crow State Park is looking at putting the visitor center by the Buggy Top parking lot, and they want water,” Beavers said. “There are several issues. It’s a couple hundred feet down drop and several miles from where our line currently ends.” Given the steep drop, the line would require several pressure-reducing stations. “If that line ever breaks it could drain our tanks,” Beavers observed. “There must be some indemnity to us if something happens to the line. We cannot be responsible.” The other concern is water quality. “By TDEC regulations there must be so many people per linear feet of line to maintain water quality,” Beavers said. The University owns most of the land between the end of SUD’s current line and Buggy Top, so it is unlikely residences will be built there. “My recommendation at this point would be not to do it,” Beavers said.

The board agreed more information was needed on both projects.

“What is he planning, a development?” asked McBee regarding the Jackson Point project. A development would mean different

regulations and pricing for connecting to SUD. Beavers pointed out. Beavers will pass along that information to the customer making the inquiry. He will defer responding to the inquiry about service to the visitor center pending the outcome of a meeting of state officials to discuss the plan.

“My inclination would be to resist all these outside of our district requests,” said Board President Charlie Smith. “We have too much of a track record on how bad they are.” Smith cited service to Sewanee Summit, another long service line in steep rocky ground plagued by leaks.

Taking up the commissioner election, the commissioners put out a call for candidates for the seat of Marion County commissioner. Current Marion County Commissioner Clay Yeatman will not seek reelection. Commissioners receive a monthly \$50 stipend and must participate in commissioner training. Prospective candidates should phone the SUD office to request being added to the ballot, (931) 598-5611. Candidates must reside in Marion County.

Returning to unfinished business, the board approved the 2025 audit received for review in September. Beavers will ask auditor John Poole to correct the error listing Wilson County as the administrator of the American Rescue Plan Act grant funding SUD received.

Beavers presented highlights of the 2027 budget. He projected almost \$800,000 for critical capital improvements including upgrading office security, attention to the office parking lot, and determining and addressing the cause of the raw-water intake problem at the water plant. The current flow, 440 gpm, is 200 gpm less than when the plant was constructed.

The big-ticket CIP project will be repainting the farm water tank, estimated to cost \$450,000-\$500,000 depending on whether or not SUD engages an engineer for the project, a requirement if SUD gets a loan or grant funding. Beavers is investigating grant funding options.

Beavers is waiting for data on Health Insurance premiums and Property and Casualty Insurance premiums and plans on presenting the final budget for review at the Nov. 17 meeting.

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The Babson Center Welcomes Jim Henley, C’96

The Babson Center for Global Commerce welcomes Jim Henley, C’96, for a presentation at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, in the duPont Torian Room. Henley’s talk, titled “Curious Compounds: A Geologist’s Guide to Thriving in the Age of AI,” will be presented in collaboration with the Department of Earth and Environmental Systems as well as the Department of Math and Computer Science.

Jim Henley is Chief Technology Officer at Quanturisk Analytics, where he leads technology strategy and product innovation to turn environmental risks into quantifiable financial insights. He also serves as Senior AI Advisor and Agent Deployment Lead at Stellis AI, helping leaders adopt and integrate AI effectively. His work at Quanturisk builds on 15 years at Moody’s, where he held senior roles in Analytical Design and Data Management, helping to transform financial data capabilities. At Moody’s, he saw a need to better measure the financial impact of environmental and climate risks, which led to driving innovations at Quanturisk. Earlier in his career, after graduate school, Henley was a Hydrogeologist at McLane Environmental LLC and began his career as a Geologist II at ThermoRetec, applying groundwater modeling and contaminant-transport analysis to environmental cleanup and safety.

Henley earned his master’s degree in Hydrogeology, with a focus on numerical methods, from Clemson University. He graduated from Sewanee with a B.S. in geology. Henley believes Sewanee helped him to create positive habits such as “questioning and exploring problems from different perspectives, and continuing to learn.” His favorite memories include leadership on the Sewanee mountain bike team and the relationships he formed with professors such as Dr. Bran Potter. Henley credits Sewanee with evoking his everlasting sense of curiosity about the world. This pursuit and drive led him to many career paths, and intentionality has allowed him to be successful in his many roles.

Please join Jim Henley for an exciting discussion on how the people best positioned to thrive in the age of AI will be those who remain curious, have a strong desire to learn, and capitalize on what they are capable of contributing to this rapidly growing technological society.

The Humphreys Entrepreneur-in-Residence program is made possible by a gift from Debra and David Humphreys, C’79.

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ment plant’s capacity, Monteagle applied for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan. The SRF refused to make the \$4 million loan unless Monteagle increased water and sewer rates, maintaining that without the rate increase the town could not repay the loan. Mayor Greg Maloof pointed out the only other option was bonds, with a 4.5-5 percent interest rate compared to SRF’s 1.8 percent interest rate.

“You’re going to have your service interrupted if we don’t do these improvements,” stressed Alderman Grant Fletcher. “This is not just about growth.”

Both the 2027 and 2028 rate increases have two stages, with a second increase coming in July. In determining the best way to increase rates, the aldermen focused on not increasing the burden on low-income and low-use customers. “This is the first time Monteagle has had a progressive rate structure,” said Alderman Nate Wilson. “This is appropriate for a town that has limited water resources.” By the new rates, which go into effect Jan. 1, 2027, the more a customer uses, the higher the rate. The new rates also shift more of the burden to sewer customers who will benefit most from the sewer improvements.

“Hopefully, with an Impact Fee coming into play we can repeal [the 2028] rate increase,” Fletcher said.

Wilson explained an Impact Fee was a fee paid by new water and sewer service customers to recoup the cost of water and sewer improvements needed to accommodate new customers. The Impact Fee suggested by Wilson would be based on ERUs [Equivalent Residential Units], meaning large projects such as hotels would pay higher fees. Wilson observed Sewanee had lower water and sewer rates than any other utility on the plateau, but Sewanee recouped infrastructure improvement costs caused by new customers by charging high tap fees. In Sewanee a two-inch commercial tap costs \$30,000; in Monteagle a two-inch commercial tap costs \$5,000.

“I hope we can act and get an Impact Fee on the board,” Wilson said. “We [would] only need one reasonable size development to be able to satisfy SRF.”

Both rate increases, each calling for a cumulative rate increase of 3.2 percent, passed unanimously on a first reading vote. Monteagle will publish the new rate schedules on the website following second-reading approval.

Taking up a related issue, the council voted to condemn a 0.18-acre tract needed for the pump station project. Wilson called the interaction with the property owner “friendly.” The town’s appraisal and the property owner’s appraisal were “too far apart,” Wilson said. The courts will decide on just compensation.

In a split vote, the council passed an amendment increasing the budget for the sludge-screw press by \$24,925. No contractors bid on the project, complaining the budget was too low and did not account for the cost of electrical engineering. Wilson objected to the budget increase including a \$5,375 fee from Monteagle’s engineering firm LJA for rebidding the project. “They didn’t guide us right,” Wilson argued. Alderman Dan Sargent countered, “We agreed to let this bid go in the way it went in.” Alderman Dean Lay and Wilson voted no. Fletcher voted yes, but expressed disapproval of the rebidding fee.

Maloof urged residents to conserve water, noting the lake level was down to 7.2 inches. Monteagle’s water supply was close to the Drought Plan “trigger point” which would make conservation mandatory, Maloof said.

Wilson announced the Tennessee American Planning Association recognized Monteagle as the community with the Best Small Town Planning in the state for the work addressing the downtown corridor. Monteagle also received a \$550,000 grant from the Tennessee Conservation Heritage Trust Fund for a park at Laurel Lake to help protect the water supply from development. The South Cumberland Community Fund will assist the town in writing grants to secure the additional funding needed.

Mayor Greg Maloof did not seek reelection. Dean Lay, the only candidate for the office, is expected to begin overseeing meetings in November. Residents recognized Maloof with a standing ovation. Wilson lauded Maloof for his integrity and dedication to the position. “Greg Maloof has put in more hours than any of the folks that I’ve seen in this office in the 22 years I’ve lived in Monteagle,” Wilson said.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Nov. 2: Cabbage rolls, okra, slaw, cornbread.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Philly cheese steak sandwich, chips.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Lemon pepper chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, rolls.

Thursday, Nov. 5: Ham, pinto beans, fried potatoes, harvest beets, cornbread.

Friday, Nov. 6: Ribs, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll.

Sewanee Senior Center Annual Thanksgiving Lunch will be on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Suggested donation is \$10. Take-out starts at 11 a.m. Sit-down meal at noon. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 6, (931) 598-0771.

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.

SES MENUS

Monday–Friday Nov. 2–6 BREAKFAST

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

Monday, Nov. 2: French toast sticks, juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: No School. Election Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Banana bread, juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 5: Egg and cheese biscuit, juice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Nov. 6: Pancake on a stick, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, Nov. 2: Chili cheese dog, potato wedges, fresh carrots, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: No School. Election Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green peas, roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 5: Baked Italian pasta shells, green beans, corn, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Nov. 6: Whole School Field Trip: PBJ Sack Lunch

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Sewanee Elementary School proudly recognized the September Students of the Month for kindergarten through fifth grade during our Friday morning assembly on Oct. 16, 2026. K, Case Hall; first grade, Graham Freitag; second grade, Jay Reynolds; third grade, Bryson Barnes; fourth grade, Logan Hambrick; fifth grade, Ryker Knapik.

SAS Announces Local Students on Honor Roll for Quarter 2

The following St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students from Franklin, Grundy, and Marion counties earned academic honors in the second quarter of the 2026-2027 school year. Overall, 83 students – 16 boarding and 67 day – achieved academic distinction for the second quarter. High Honors students earned an average of 93 or above with no grade below 83. Honors students averaged between 83 and 92 and earned no grade below 80. Satisfactory completion of PEAK, SAS's co-curricular program, is required for students to be eligible for the Honor Roll. Congratulations to all students.

High Honors

Bryce Archambault, Savannah Blosser, Sean Bridgers-Carlos, Elena Brodsky, Martin Brodsky, Claire Christopher, Christopher Clifton, Locan Close, Miren Colbert, Lucio Dusseldorf, Kinsey Ellis, Brendan Ellison, Nora Jane Elrod, Elwen Fain, Lou Lou Fain, Alex Glacet, Arthur Glacet, Zuzanna Hebda, Ella Johnson, Mercy Kanai, Lannon Kilgore, Konrad Knoll, Nadya Kuriachaia, Wilson Liu, Armstrong Maina, Theo Michaels, Arabella Mitchell, Drake Nayeem, Duy Nguyen, Beatrice Pate, Elowyn Pate, Leonora Pate, Lucia Polanski, Adeline Pond, Jack Roberts, Will Roberts, Mark Rogers, Maggie Lu Rudd, Joseph Satz, Coco Schoell, Theo Schrader, Annanoel Sparacio, Mason Sparacio, Trinity Sparacio, Timi Stefanut, Cabell Thompson, Harper Thompson, Rosa Thompson, Emmett True, and Ian Tucker.

Honors

Ayden Allen, Catherine Barnett, Sawyer Barry, Henry Boyle, Sophia Bryan, Annabelle Close, Conner Deen, Grayson Freeman, Brodie Fricker, Hank Garland, Porsche Haney, Louan Imena, Kaiser Keeton, Dagen Latham, Triumph Maina, Sienna Mainord, Maggie Mayo, Trevor Muchiri, Brinkley O'Neal, Drew Richaud, Brooklyn Roberts, Shelby Rogers, Brody Scales, Jane Shealy, Isaiah Shelby, Ed Smith III, Gavin Smith, Benjamin Sowell, Alexander Smolensky, Ruthie Sweeney, Emmanuel Wimbish, and Afify Youssef.

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Malde Recognized with TAIS Hubert Smothers Award

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School faculty member Rachel Malde has been named as this year's Hubert Smothers Award recipient, given by the Tennessee Association of Independent Schools to recognize "outstanding service and dedication to independent education in Tennessee."

Malde teaches several upper- and middle-school art courses and is the school's service coordinator. "This award recognizes teachers who have more than 20 years in the teaching profession and have distinguished themselves through their commitment to students' needs and their ability to inspire students," said John Phillips, dean and associate head of school. "Rachel has demonstrated her commitment to our students in the classroom, as an advisor, and as our service coordinator. We are pleased that TAIS selected her for this award."

Malde joined the SAS faculty in 2002 as technological director but quickly moved into the classroom as an art teacher. A long-time middle school advisor, she was instrumental in creating the eighth grade "This I Believe" capstone project and served for several years as middle school director. As chair of the Arts Department, she also helps students and faculty organize their own handmade crafts to sell

during the TN Craft South annual holiday studio tour.

As service coordinator, Malde has planned a variety of outreach opportunities for students, including building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace to completing home repair projects and providing a half-day morning camp for children and families on the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico. She also organized and led several student service trips hosted by Boys' Town Jamaica in Kingston, where students' work included tutoring local children and building refurbishment.

Another criterion for selecting the award recipient is "meaningful collegiality with faculty, staff, and administration."

"Great teachers are optimistic, determined, and happy people," said SAS Head of School Karl Sjolund. "Rachel is all of these things, which makes her both a great teacher and a wonderful colleague. To put it simply, Rachel makes our school even better than it already is, which is why I'm delighted to see her receive the TAIS Hubert Smothers Excellence in Teaching Award. She is truly deserving of the honor!"

TAIS will present the award to Malde at its annual conference in November.

Bag Sale at Hop Shop on Nov. 7

The much-loved Bag Sale is back at the Hop Shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at the shop's new location, 574 Georgia Avenue, in Sewanee. For \$5, you can fill a bag full of great clothing for men and women. Inside the shop, there will be huge markdowns on housewares and designer clothing. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be on Saturday, Nov. 14.

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Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off Returns This December With New Youth Competition

The magic of the holidays comes alive underground at The Caverns as Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off brings orchestral music, local talent, and the sounds of the season together this December.

Presented in partnership by The Caverns, the University of the South, and the South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF), the free community event will feature a live performance of Christmas and holiday music by the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sewanee Assistant Professor of Music Mario Alejandro Torres.

"We are thrilled to return to The Caverns for another wonderful celebration of music and the holiday season. There is something truly special about sharing our music in such an extraordinary space, surrounded by a community that brings so much joy and energy to the experience," says Maestro Torres. "We look forward to continuing to strengthen these connections through music, and we are especially excited to hear the voices of our community come together once again for our holiday sing-off.

It is these shared moments that make this concert so memorable."

This year's event introduces an exciting new addition to the regional Sing Off vocal competition: a dedicated Youth Division for singers ages 2–17. The new category gives young performers an opportunity to showcase their talent, compete for prizes, and potentially perform alongside the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra in The Caverns' underground concert hall.

The Sing Off will feature both an adult competition and a youth competition, welcoming singers of all experience levels from across the South Cumberland region.

The concert will take place on Friday, Dec. 4, 2026 and will be free to the public, with advance RSVP required due to limited seating. Free tickets will become available to local community members on Nov. 18, 2026, at <TheCaverns.com>.

"We're proud to bring Christmas in The Caverns back and give singers of all ages a chance to shine," says Joe Lurgio, general manager of The Caverns. "The

new youth division builds on what makes this event special: celebrating local talent and bringing our community together through music."

The Sing Off is open to residents and community members of the South Cumberland Region, which consists of Altamont, Beersheba Springs, Coalmont, Gruetli-Laager, Monteagle, Palmer, Pelham, Sewanee, and Tracy City or those with strong ties to the area.

Finalists will be selected to perform live with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra during the December concert. A panel of judges will select competition winners, and the audience will have an opportunity to select a crowd favorite.

Whether singing in the shower, performing in a school choir, or pursuing music professionally, the competition welcomes voices in the region of all backgrounds and experience levels.

Sing Off Prizes

Adult Division – Age 18+

First Place: \$1,000 cash award, a performance with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, two tickets to an upcoming show at The Caverns with overnight yurt accommodations, venue merchandise, and a professional video of their performance with the orchestra.

Second Place: \$500 cash award, a performance with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, two tickets to an upcoming show at The Caverns, venue merchandise, and a professional video of their performance with the orchestra.

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Crowd Favorite: In addition to one of the prizes above, the audience-selected crowd favorite will receive a package of goods and services donated by local and regional businesses.

New! Youth Division — Ages 2–17

Young singers will have the opportunity to compete in a dedicated youth category, celebrating the next generation of musical talent in the South Cumberland region.

First Place: \$175 cash award, a professional video of their performance with the orchestra, and venue merchandise

Second Place: \$75 cash award, a professional video of their performance with the orchestra, and venue merchandise

Third Place: A professional video of their performance with the orchestra, and venue merchandise

Crowd Favorite: In addition to one of the prizes above, the audience-selected crowd favorite will receive a package of goods and services donated by local and regional businesses.

How To Audition For The Sing Off

Submission deadline: Nov. 11, 2026.

Adult and youth categories are available, with the Youth Division open to singers ages 2–17.

Submit at least two vocal performances via MP3, video links, or TikTok links.

At least one submission must feature a song from the orchestra's approved competition song list below. Audio for each song is available at the audition form found at <TheCaverns.com/SingOff>.

A judging panel will include representatives from Sewanee University, The Caverns, and SCCF.

Finalists will be announced Nov. 18, 2026.

Finalists will have an opportunity to rehearse with the orchestra before the December concert.

Submit entries at <TheCaverns.com/SingOff>.

Orchestra Approved Competition Song List

For Adult Sing-Off:

"All I Want for Christmas" - arr. Michael Brown

The Christmas Song ("Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire") - arr. Bob Lowden

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" - arr. John Whitney

For Kids Sing-Off:

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" - arr. Jack Bullock

Song of Christmas ("O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Deck The Halls," and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas") arr. James Swearingen

This special evening offers a rare opportunity to experience the magic of live orchestral holiday music deep underground while supporting and celebrating local singers from across the South Cumberland region. Community members are encouraged to audition for the Sing Off or reserve seats early for this unforgettable seasonal event.

Thank you for reading the Messenger!

Autumn at the Depot: Art, Community & Scarecrows

Celebrate the beauty of the season at Artisan Depot Gallery during our Autumn Expressed reception from 5–7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, and the unveiling of our charming scarecrow installation in the garden! Join us for a relaxed, come-as-you-are evening filled with artwork, community connections, and festive autumn fun. No special preparation is required, though you're welcome to arrive in costume ... artfully, of course!

Enjoy refreshments, seasonal treats, and an opportunity to experience the creativity of local artists while celebrating the charm of fall in Cowan. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Tree Trail 2026

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

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

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

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

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

Fall Vocal Showcase

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

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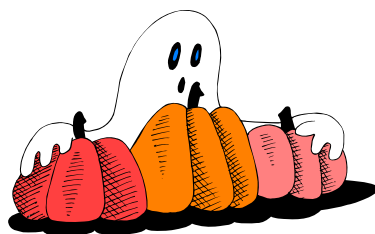
Voice Recital: Ellanna Swope's Liberal Arts

This junior voice recital is an exploration of the liberal arts through music, featuring a diverse array of composers from Judith Cloud and John Corigliano to Sir Arthur Sullivan and Stephen Sondheim. Join Ellanna Swope, C'28, for an afternoon of music, laughter, and togetherness, at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, in St. Luke's Chapel. With Vicki Collinsworth, piano, and Erik Gustafson, tenor.

'Romeo and Juliet'

The Nashville Shakespeare Festival's 1-hour, 5-actor traveling production of Shakespeare's classic tragedy will be at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 2, at Convocation Hall.

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'The Thanksgiving Play'

Perspectives in Performance Presents "The Thanksgiving Play" by Larissa FastHorse (Sicangu Lakota) and directed by Sierra Rosetta (Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe).

"The Thanksgiving Play" is a sharp satirical comedy by MacArthur Genius Fellow, Larissa FastHorse. When school teacher Logan is tasked with creating a "culturally sensitive" Thanksgiving pageant, she assembles a team of well-meaning collaborators: her yoga-enthusiast boyfriend Jaxton, fellow teacher and aspiring playwright Caden, and Alicia, an actress newly arrived from Los Angeles. As the group struggles to create the "perfect" production without offending anyone, their efforts spiral into increasingly hilarious (and painfully recognizable) disaster. Through biting humor, FastHorse exposes the contradictions of performative ally-ship, liberal guilt, and the ways American institutions continue to misunderstand and erase Native voices.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5-7, in the Studio Theatre, Tennessee Williams Center. The show runs approximately 90 minutes with no intermission. Immediately following each performance, there will be a panel discussion with director Sierra Rosetta and members of Sewanee's Indigenous Engagement Initiative.

This production is supported by the Department of Theatre and Dance, the Indigenous Engagement Initiative, the Performing Arts Series, the Truth, Community Healing, and Transformation Faculty Fellows, the Walter E. Dakin Memorial Fund, and the University Lectures Committee.

"The Thanksgiving Play" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. <www.concordtheatricals.com>.

Tickets are required <<https://www.showpass.com/the-thanksgiving-play/>>. This is a "Pay What You Can" event. You will see suggested options in the checkout area as well as a custom box where you can put your own price.

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/>>.

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Judaica Artist to Lead Educator Workshops at The Frist

In conjunction with the "Beauty and Ritual: Judaica from the Jewish Museum, New York" exhibit at the Frist Art Museum, the museum is offering workshops for adult educators teaching K-12 in any subject. The workshop, "Judaism in Art," will explore the role of the historical art of papercutting in the ritual life of Jews. The workshops will take place on Nov. 5 and 7 at The Frist.

This special day of learning will begin at 9 a.m., with a continental breakfast. Participants will enjoy a guided tour of the exhibit, followed by lunch and a lecture by Samuel Finkelman, the Mellon Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. The fee for either day is \$30 for Frist Members and \$35 for not-yet Frist members and includes parking validation and admission to the entire museum.

To register for one of the two workshops, visit <<https://bit.ly/3UdCLaS>>.

The workshop leader is Nashville native and Cowan native Kim Phillips, a working papercut artist in the modern Jewish papercutting tradition. "I have always been an artist working in black-and-white mediums like ink and charcoal," said Phillips. "It wasn't until I converted to Judaism 25 years ago that I began to see in color." Phillips learned the art of papercutting in Jerusalem while attending Pardes yeshiva. Workshop participants will create a hamsa, a popular symbol in Israel and in Judaism around the world.

Drawn from the world-renowned collection of the Jewish Museum in New York City, the "Beauty and Ritual" exhibition presents more than 130 Jewish ceremonial objects (Judaica) created from antiquity to the present, including books, silver, and textiles. The works represent many parts of the world, from South Asia to North Africa and from Western Europe to Australia, and display a diversity of Jewish cultures.

The "Beauty and Ritual" exhibit will be on display at The Frist Art Museum from Oct. 30, 2026 through Feb. 7, 2027. For more information about the exhibit, visit <www.fristartmuseum.org>.

Christmas in Monteagle – Parade, Bazaar & Santa

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

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Gann Reaches 1,000 career kills, Tigers split Sunday Matches

Senior Savannah Gann reached the 1,000-kill mark on Oct. 25, as the Tigers fell to No. 9 Berry College in four sets while sweeping Oglethorpe University to conclude their SAA penta match.

Gann, a two-time all-SAA honoree, tallied her 1,000th career kill during the first set of the match against Berry.

In the loss to Berry, Suna Merkler paced the Tigers with 18 kills. Gann added 12, and Mollie White tacked on 10. Estela Gonzalez and Jordan Krise combined for nearly 40 assists, with Gonzalez' 21 leading the way.

Five Tigers made double-digit digs: Sophia Caruso (16), Keira Baldwin (14), Gann (14), Gonzalez (11), and Merkler (10). Gann also picked up five service aces.

Sewanee held Berry to a .000 hitting percentage in the first frame, taking an 11-2 lead early and winning the set 25-16. The Tigers led 21-18 in the second, but Berry closed out on a 7-0 run to tie the match, 1-1.

In the third, Berry came back from a slow start and held a 24-22 advantage. Sewanee used a 4-1 run, aided by three Merkler kills, to go ahead 26-25. The Vikings tied it at 26 off a Shelby Harris kill before an attack error gave Sewanee set point once again. Berry closed the set on a 3-0 run that included a pair of kills from Keira Kruk, winning 29-27.

Berry took a 7-1 lead to begin the fourth. The Tigers mounted multiple comeback efforts and found themselves down just 21-20 late, but Berry's match-high .243 hitting percentage proved to be too much. Berry won 25-22.

In the sweep over Oglethorpe, Gann had another double-digit performance, picking up 10 kills, while Krise and Gonzalez combined for 27 assists. Keira Baldwin paced Sewanee with 10 digs, and Merkler registered four aces.

In the first set, Sewanee took an early 9-3 lead and never really looked back, later ending the frame on an 8-0 run, in a 25-10 win. Sewanee hit .348.

The Tigers also dominated the second set early with an 8-3 advantage and won 25-16 off a .355 hitting percentage. In the third, the Tigers posted another 8-0 run to set up a 14-4 lead, later finishing with a 25-15 scoreline.

Sewanee held Oglethorpe to a -.029 attacking percentage.

The Tigers travel to Maryville College for an SAA quad match, beginning with a game against Southwestern on Friday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. CT.

Abell Tabbed High Point Rider

Kelly Rose Abell was named High Point Rider as the Sewanee Tigers finished in third place on Oct. 24, at Murray State University.

Sewanee scored 30 points as a team, just four behind Murray State and three behind second-place Middle Tennessee. The Tigers bested Tennessee, Maryville, and Tennessee Tech.

Abell won Limit Fences A while riding Finn and also took first place in Limit Flat A on OG Ember.

Cate Eberly won Intermediate Fences on Big Rig and also rode Vegas to a third-place spot in Intermediate Flat.

Michael Miller rode Shooter over the Open Fences, placing fourth, while riding Foster to a fourth-place finish on the Open Flat. Lily Carter placed fourth in Intermediate Fences on Shooter.

Maeve Raible also competed in Limit Fences A on OG Ember, tallying a sixth-place finish. Raible took third on Finn in Limit Flat B.

Isabele Gentle posted a fifth-place finish in Limit Fences B with Big Rig while also placing fifth in Limit Flat A on JC.

Lauren Scanlon competed in Novice A on Simba, finishing fifth. In Novice B, Hannah Fitzgerald garnered fifth while riding Splenda. Afton Koerth Parks rode Treasure in Novice C, earning third.

In Pre Novice A, Caroline Holland secured second place with Rapper. Imam Mufaddisen took a fifth-place finish in Introductory, riding Teller.

Miller, Eberly Lead Tigers to Third-Place Finish at Murray State

Michael Miller tied for high point rider, and Catherine Eberly earned reserve high point rider honors, as Sewanee's IHSA team finished third on the second day of competition at Murray State on Oct. 25.

Miller won the open fences on Foster and placed second in the open flat on Guitto. Eberly took first in intermediate fences, riding Vegas, and third in intermediate flat on Guitto, while Lily Carter finished second in intermediate flat on Vegas and sixth in intermediate fences on Shooter.

Maeve Raible won the limit fences A, riding Sky, while Isabele Gentle came in third in the limit fences B division on OG Ember and Kelly Rose Abell came in fifth on Norman. In limit flat, Gentle placed fourth in Division A on Rapper, while Abell finished second in Division B, riding JC.

In Novice B, Caroline Holland rode Bogey for a sixth-place finish, while Hannah Fitzgerald finished sixth in Novice A on Holly. Lauren Scanlon added a fifth-place finish in novice C on Rapper, and Imam Mufaddisen placed sixth in the introductory division, riding Teller.

Sewanee finished third in the team standings with 26 points, seven points behind first-place MTSU (33). Murray State placed second with 31 points, followed by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with 23 points.

Field Hockey Blanks Concordia Wisconsin

Keagan Southall recorded two assists and a goal as the Sewanee Tigers took down Concordia Wisconsin, 3-0, Oct. 25, in Mequon, Wisconsin.

Freshmen Maggie Hazelrigg and Faith Erickson also tallied their ninth career goals.

The Tigers out-shot the Falcons 20-5, including 15-3 on target. Sewanee took six penalty corners and conceded five. Ryleigh Cabral made three saves.

With just over 2:30 left in the first, Southall received a corner at the top of the circle, tapping the ball leftward to Hazelrigg, who struck from distance to put the Tigers up 1-0.

Midway through the fourth, Erickson scored off a midrange shot after Southall connected with her on a pass from outside the right wing.

Shortly after, Southall received a penalty corner at the top and took a shot straight on from distance. A Falcon defender blocked it, but Southall rebounded the ball and scored a midrange goal with 6:15 remaining.

Sewanee wraps up the regular season at Rhodes College on Saturday, Oct. 31, at noon CT.

No. 11 Southwestern Holds Off Sewanee

Reed Henley scored in the second half, but No. 11-ranked Southwestern held on for a 2-1 victory over the Tigers in men's soccer action on Oct. 25, at Puett Field.

Southwestern took a 2-0 lead in the first half with goals in the 24th and 27th minutes. Grey Richards opened the scoring for the Pirates before Brady Faulkner added a second goal just over two minutes later.

The Tigers responded in the second half, as Henley found the back of the net in the 62nd minute to cut the deficit to one. Wels McLeod assisted on the goal, giving Sewanee an opportunity to rally over the final 29 minutes.

Sewanee continued to look for the equalizer, but Southwestern held off the Tigers to secure the road victory.

Henley led the Tigers with three shots, including two on goal, while Brady Lloyd added two shots. Reid Gunzenhauser recorded six saves in goal for Sewanee.

The Tigers finished with 10 shots, including four on target, while Southwestern recorded 21 shots and nine on goal.

Sewanee will head to Georgia to face Berry on Friday at 5 p.m. ET and Oglethorpe on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. ET to close out the regular season.

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Mixon Rushes for Career-high 243 Yards, Tigers Fall at Centre

Barton Mixon ran for a career-high 243 yards, and Na'Shawn Holman tallied 105 receiving yards and 90 kick return yards, but the Sewanee Tigers dropped an SAA contest to Centre College in Danville, Ky. 69-30 on Oct. 24.

Holman's twin brother Na'Zaiyah Holman also hauled in four catches for 64 yards and a touchdown. Mixon and the Holman twins combined for over 500 all-purpose yards.

Freshman Clay Woody made his first career interception in the third quarter at the Sewanee 18, stopping a potential Centre scoring drive. Albert Clark, Michael Showalter, and Peyton Martin each contributed a solo sack apiece. Martin led the way for Sewanee with eight total tackles, with Showalter adding seven.

Levi Dorsey connected on a season-long 30-yard field goal in the first quarter.

Mason Trimble opened the scoring on a 54-yard touchdown to Dant Bowling. After Dorsey's field goal, Isaac Johnson made a 33-yarder two minutes later to extend Centre's lead to 10-3.

The Tigers engineered a three-play, 92-yard drive, aided by a 69-yard Mixon run and a 13-yard rushing touchdown from quarterback Maddox Franklin, to tie the game 10-10 with 3:32 left in the first.

The Colonels then scored 24 unanswered points. Johnson made a 23-yard field goal in the second quarter, and Trimble threw three more touchdown passes to put Centre up 34-10.

Mixon found the end zone on a four-yard rushing touchdown with a minute left, but Trimble connected with Jakei Tarter for a 73-yard touchdown. Centre led 41-17 at halftime.

Trimble added two third-quarter touchdowns to extend the lead to 55-17.

Mixon cut Centre's lead to 55-24 on a one-yard run with 10:02 to go in the game. But Terry Cayson collected a 62-yard touchdown from Jake Carson to extend Centre's lead to 62-24 less than a minute later.

With 2:26 to go in regulation, Na'Zaiyah Holman caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Franklin to put Sewanee's side of the scoreline at 30.

Dylan Gaiser added a long rushing touchdown for the Colonels to cap off the day.



HOME GAMES

Oct. 30, Men's Basketball vs. Emory
5 p.m., Oct. 30, Swimming and Diving vs. Southwestern
9 a.m., Oct. 31, Swimming and Diving vs. Southwestern
6 p.m., Nov. 3, Women's Volleyball vs. Maryville
6 p.m., Nov. 6, Women's Volleyball vs. Conventant

Mountain Biking Team Finishes Second in State; Individuals Place in Top Ten

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School mountain biking team capped off a strong season by taking second place at the Tennessee Interscholastic Cycling League State Championship at Raccoon Mountain in Chattanooga Oct. 25, navigating technical, rocky terrain with grit and determination.

Senior Harper Thompson earned a fifth-place finish, while junior Grayson Clark capped off an incredible season in fourth place. Senior Theo Schrader completed the first lap but, due to a previous injury, made the difficult decision to pull out of the race. He still contributed 455 points to the team's overall score, helping secure their second-place finish.

The JV1 boys' competitors crossed the finish line in a blur of blue, mere feet apart. Junior Martin Brodsky placed seventh, junior Sawyer Barry in eighth earned his best finish to date, and junior Will Roberts followed closely in ninth. Their performances showcased both their competitive spirit and the camaraderie they have continued to build on throughout the season.

In JV1 girls, sophomore Rosa Thompson finished 10th on a dust-filled course. Sophomore Jane Shealy placed 13th in JV2 girls, while sophomore Cabell Thompson held strong in JV2 boys with a 15th-place finish. In her first season of racing, freshman Elena Brodsky earned an impressive fifth-place podium finish in JV3 girls, demonstrating the grit and perseverance required in the sport.

Other finishes were:

JV3 boys/group A: freshman Alex Glacet, ninth; and freshman Jack Roberts, 25th (despite a crash disabling his bike).

JV3 boys/group B: senior Son Vo, ninth. Juniors Lucio Dikic and Lucas Mantel finished despite problems; Junior Afify Youssef had to exit the race because of a crash in the first lap.

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school team had an excellent showing as well. Eighth grader Arabella Barry stood confidently on the podium in fifth place, while eighth graders Cameron Strong, Josiah Wilson, and Remy Garcia showcased the growth they made throughout the season. Seventh graders Julian Elrod and Cullen Thompson competed with skill, and sixth graders Nicolas Borchers and Sam Ramirez rounded out a strong and resilient group of riders.

In addition to individual race results and team standings, several SAS riders were recognized for overall series awards based on cumulative points earned across all five races: Junior Grayson Clark, third in varsity boys; senior Theo Schrader, fifth in varsity boys; junior Martin Brodsky, sixth in JV1 boys; Will Roberts, eighth in JV1 boys; Alex Glacet, sixth in JV3 boys; and Arabella Barry, fifth in eighth grade girls.

Coaches Elizabeth Christopher, Michael Kochinski, and Aymeric Glacet extend thanks to the volunteer coaches who helped make this incredible season possible: Speed Baranco, Amy Neubauer, Ben Brodsky, Barbara Fox, Nick Roberts, Matt Schrader, and David Colbert.

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SES Girls' Basketball Is Back!

After two years without a girls basketball team, the Tigers are back on the court. The team is working hard this season, showing determination and school pride with each tipoff.

The girls opened their season against Rock Creek in a hard-fought game. Despite their best efforts, the Tigers fell just two points short in a close and exciting matchup. The narrow loss showed that the team was ready to compete.

The girls bounced back in their second game against Broadview and earned a win. Nora Jackson led the scoring efforts, while Etta Freitag and Bella Barnes also contributed points.

The team then faced Clark Memorial in a challenging match up. Although the girls came up short, Mia Casey and Bella Barnes each put points on the board.

This season represents more than what's being seen on the scoreboard. These athletes are getting the opportunity to grow as a team, support friends, and make memories that will last beyond the court. These girls are helping build the foundation for the future of this program. Their school community is so proud of them.

The Tigers return to the court on Oct. 30, for a 6:30 p.m. tipoff against Decherd at Huntland School.

SES Boys Swarm Hornets in Home Victory

The Sewanee Elementary boys extended their record to 3-1 on the season with a 25-18 victory over the Huntland Hornets. Fueled by an enthusiastic home crowd at the Fowler Center, the Tigers jumped out to an early lead on a putback layup by Malcolm Tate, the first of his game-high 12 points. Ren Elrod helped add to the advantage, scoring all 7 of his points in the first half.

Miles Bruscato and John Austin took the sting out of the Huntland offense with aggressive perimeter defense, forcing turnovers that created fast-break opportunities for the Tigers. They also made contributions to the offensive effort, with Austin scoring 4 points and Bruscato chipping in 2.

Third-grader Bryson Barnes once again logged heavy minutes and provided a steady defensive presence in the paint for Sewanee. Birch McAnally, Charlie Wells, Eli Young, Noah Rowe, Walker Reynolds, and Trail Murphy also saw action in the home win.

The Tigers return to the court on Oct. 30, for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff against Decherd at Huntland School.

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NATURENOTES

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Dryad's Saddle. Photo by Laura Blackman

Sun Dogs and Dryad's Saddle

As we were driving down the mountain this past Monday around sunset, we had a great view of sun dogs. These were bright, rainbow-like spots on either side of the Sun and persisted for quite a while. There were a lot of clouds around the Sun, adding to the sunset magnificence. Sun dogs, also called parhelia meaning “with the sun”, are caused when sunlight passes through a thin veil of ice crystals, which act as prisms. Those crystals are often in cirrus or cirrostratus clouds. They usually occur when the Sun is near the horizon, at sunrise or sunset. They are supposed to be a sign of rain, but unfortunately, not in this case. Rainbows, in contrast, are caused by sunlight passing through droplets of water, and are seen when facing away from the sun. The origin of the “dog” name is not clear, but may come from Norse mythology, in which two wolves are thought to track the Sun and the Moon, one ahead and one behind. In fact, there are also Moon dogs, the same sort of phenomenon.

Another mythological reference is found in the name of the Dryad's Saddle mushroom. Dryads, in Greek mythology, are tree nymphs, and one can imagine them riding on large specimens of this mushroom. It is a polypore-like bracket mushroom growing on dead or dying hardwood trees, causing white rot. It usually fruits in the spring around morel season and then again in the fall.





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Fiery Gizzard State Park

Intro to Rock Climbing, Sunday, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try rock climbing? Join park staff for an introduction to the exciting sport of outdoor climbing at Foster Falls. Participants will learn basic climbing equipment, safety procedures, climbing commands, knot tying, and beginner climbing techniques. After a safety briefing and gear orientation, everyone will have the opportunity to climb beginner-friendly routes under ranger supervision.

This program is designed for first-time climbers and beginners with little or no experience. All climbing gear will be provided. Climbing shoes are limited but we have sizes ranging from 5-11. Helmets and harnesses are provided as needed. Participants should wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activity and bring water and a snack for the program. Climbing activities are weather dependent and may be canceled in the event of rain, lightning, or unsafe climbing conditions. We will meet at the pavilion at Foster Falls trailhead parking lot.

Savage Gulf State Park

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.

Savage Gulf Day Loop Hike, Saturday, Oct. 31, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on a 5 mile (round trip, approximate) guided hike of the Savage Gulf Day Loop and witness the colors of fall. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike! Weather permitting. This is a basic, introductory hike to the east side of Savage Gulf. The challenge lies mostly in the overall distance. We sometimes discuss what we see, sometimes just chat, and sometimes just enjoy what we see around us.

Ghouls in the Woods Costume Hike, Saturday, Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join Ranger Dylan for an approximate 1-mile round trip guided sunset hike to Laurel Gulf Overlook in your favorite Halloween costume! We will meet at the Stone Door Ranger Station, Savage North, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, at 5:30 p.m., to begin our adventure. We will celebrate the holiday, weather depending, for sunset viewing at Laurel Gulf Overlook. Please ensure to wear adequate footwear and bring along water as needed. Limited candy will be provided to those interested at the end of our hike. Costumes encouraged but not required to attend.

Sewanee Herbarium Fall Events

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 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.

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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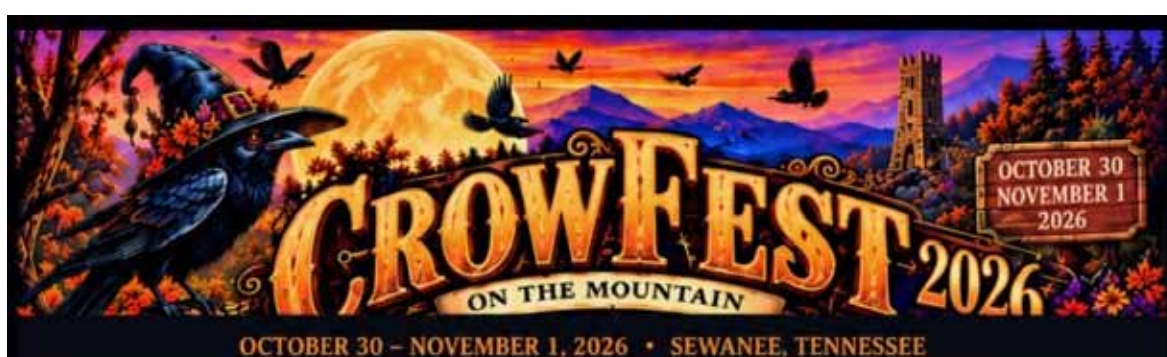
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Monday, Nov. 2, KENNERLY HALL
Social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm
RSVP by Friday, Oct. 30, 2026

Sewanee CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Patrick Dean will present the program. Dean is the executive director of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance. He is also the author of two books, "A Window to Heaven," and "Nature's Messenger."

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

All Saints’ Day (Nov. 1)

When death comes
like the hungry bear in autumn;
when death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse

to buy me, and snaps the purse shut;
when death comes
like the measles-pox;

when death comes
like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering:
what is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?

And therefore I look upon everything
as a brotherhood and a sisterhood,
and I look upon time as no more than an idea,
and I consider eternity as another possibility,

and I think of each life as a flower, as common
as a field daisy, and as singular,

and each name a comfortable music in the mouth,
tending, as all music does, toward silence,

and each body a lion of courage, and something
precious to the earth.

When it’s over, I want to say: all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it’s over, I don’t want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.
I don’t want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.

I don’t want to end up simply having visited this world.

--Mary Oliver, Poem 102: When Death Comes

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Community Calendar

Friday, Oct. 30 • Crow Fest, through Nov. 1
RSVP for Sewanee Civic Association meeting <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
5 p.m. Art reception, Artisan Depot, Cowan, until 7 p.m.
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, and Meditation w/ Nati, Sewanee Community Center

Saturday, Oct. 31 • Halloween
Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed
9:30 a.m. Hike to the H-Tree, meet at the Cross
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1 • Daylight Saving Time Ends • All Saints’ Day
1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 3 p.m.
1 p.m. YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
4 p.m. Choral Evensong, University Choir, All Saints’ Chapel

Monday, Nov. 2
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. “Romeo and Juliet” Shakespeare Festival Tour, Convocation Hall
5:30 p.m. Sewanee Civic Association Meeting, Kennerly Hall
5:30 p.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga with Pippa, Sewanee Community Center
7 p.m. Sewanee Chorale rehearsals, Lloyd Forum, until 8:30 p.m., contact Sally Hubbard <sally@hubbard.net>

Tuesday, Nov. 3 • Go Vote
8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Stirling’s, until 1 p.m.
11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, reg-

istration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Pippa Browne, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
Wednesday, Nov. 4
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. Humphreys Entrepreneur in Residence, Henley, C’96, Torian Room
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Nov. 5
8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club, St. Mary’s Sewanee
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Nature Journaling, for details/meeting location email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>
9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, until 3 p.m.
4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room at City Hall
7:30 p.m. “The Thanksgiving Play,” Studio Theatre, Tennessee Williams Center, tickets at <https://www.showpass.com/the-thanksgiving-play/>

Friday, Nov. 6
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Annual Holiday Open House, Taylor’s Mercantile
noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>
3 p.m. Homecoming Greenhouse Open Hours until 5 p.m.
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, and Meditation w/ Nati, Sewanee Community Center
7:30 p.m. “The Thanksgiving Play,” Studio Theatre, Tennessee Williams Center, tickets at <https://www.showpass.com/the-thanksgiving-play/>



Sewanee Senior Center Thanksgiving Lunch
Tuesday, Nov. 10
Take-Out Starts At 11 am
Sit-Down Meal At Noon
Suggested Donation \$10
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Friday
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
Saturday
7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
Sunday
6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church
Monday
5 p.m., 12-Step Women’s Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
Tuesday
11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester
Wednesday
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
6 p.m., NA, community room at 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle
7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist
Thursday
6 p.m., Life’s Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont
7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee
7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester