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Writer

“Things are happening in the world today that are not normal,” said Police Chief William Raline explaining the decision to wand scan those attending the Sept. 30 Monteagle Council meeting to detect metal objects. Only law enforcement officers are allowed to carry firearms at public meetings, Raline stressed, citing Tennessee state law. “I don’t have the luxury of not taking these steps. I have to ask myself, ‘What if?’” Raline said. “This [wand scan] is less invasive than touching people.” Going forward, police will scan all attendees at Monteagle City Hall public meetings. Raline intended to begin the scan procedure at the August council meeting, but the wand device had not yet been delivered.

“If it’s something we need to do on a regular basis, we might consider having a remote people walk through,” suggested Alderman Nate Wilson. Raline said grant money was available.

Revisiting another security issue, Alderman Wilson said the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance had signed a contract for a cloud-based camera system that will use AI to automatically send [law enforcement] a message when it detects something illegal on the trail.

During regular business, the council took up several water-utility issues.

“The wastewater treatment plant is not designed with solids removal equipment and that’s what it’s going to take to meet limits and not violate,” said Monteagle engineer Travis Wilson explaining the need for undertaking a \$500,000-\$700,000 project at the sewer plant.

Last year Monteagle received a notice of violation from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Engineer Wilson recommended screw press pumping equipment to bring Monteagle into compliance with TDEC regulations. Currently Monteagle is paying an outside vendor to haul off the solid waste. T. Wilson projected

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Third Annual Fiery Gizzard Fest

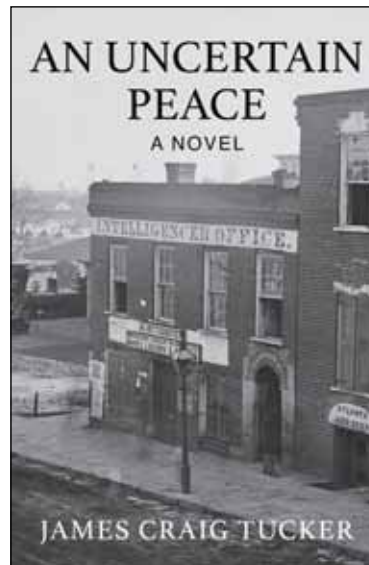
The third annual Fiery Gizzard Fest will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, in Tracy City, at the Tracy City Roundhouse Park. There will be food and craft vendors, classic cars & Jeep show, a beauty contest, and music. All the proceeds go to the youth baseball and softball leagues. This event is sponsored by the Tracy City Parks and Recreation. For more information, follow them on Facebook.

‘An Uncertain Peace’ Book Launch at In-Town Gallery

James Craig Tucker announces the launch of his new historical mystery, “An Uncertain Peace.” There will be a reception from 6:30–8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, at In-Town Gallery. The event is free and open to the public. Join us for wine, hors d’oeuvres, and a sample reading from the novel, followed by a Q&A.

Set in 1866, “An Uncertain Peace” takes place in a time when the guns have fallen silent, but the struggles for many continue. Federal authorities, suspicious of Southern intentions, control Civil War-ravaged Atlanta. Allan Ramsey, a former captain in Sherman’s Army, has returned to the city, a place where his past and future might intersect. Writing for Atlanta’s leading newspaper, The Intelligencer, Ramsey functions as an informal liaison between the city’s leaders and the U.S. Army. A body turns up on the railroad tracks — an accident? Abigail Maynard arrives in Atlanta seeking her sister, enlisting Ramsey’s help in the search. As additional crimes threaten the city, conflicting motives and uncertain loyalties drive the fate of Allan Ramsey, Abigail Maynard, and a rich cast of characters as each navigates a treacherous path in a time of uncertain peace.

James Craig Tucker is a writer and artist currently living in Sewanee. He moved there from Atlanta, where he worked for the



Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Between 2002 and 2009, he was the Admissions Director at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Athens, his studies focused on art and history. “An Uncertain Peace” is his first novel.

Showcasing the creativity of local artists for 50 years, In-Town Gallery is located ‘Between the Bridges’ on Chattanooga’s North Shore at 26A Frazier Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday–Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. Mon-Sat 11-6 p.m. and 12-5 p.m. on Sundays. Visit us at <www.intowngallery.com>, Facebook and Instagram.

SAS Hosts Four Preview Days for Local Families

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

Preview days are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 6, Monday, Oct. 13; Tuesday, Nov. 11; and Monday, Feb. 16. Recognizing that not all schools are closed on these days, families are welcome to visit with or without their student.

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

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

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

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

Sewanee Theatre and Dance Presents ‘The Oresteia’

The Sewanee Department of Theatre & Dance presents “The Oresteia” by Ellen McLaughlin, adapted from the trilogy by Aeschylus. It is directed by Assistant Professor Sarah Lacy Hamilton.

“The Oresteia” is based on the three plays by Aeschylus — “Agamemnon,” “The Libation Bearers” and “The Eumenides.” They are among the oldest plays in the Western canon and are the only surviving trilogy from the ancient Greek theatre. “The Oresteia” concerns the House of Atreus. Through 10 years of war, grief, and rage, Clytemnestra lies in wait for her husband Agamemnon’s return, determined to avenge one child, only to doom the others. The community, haunted by the sins of the present and the past, must then decide how to cleanse the royal house and balance both the need for justice and the desire for absolution. What does history demand? What is justice? What do we owe each other? The Greeks ask all the toughest questions.

Performances will be at the Proctor Hill Theatre at the Tennessee Williams Center, 390 Kentucky Ave., at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 8–11, and at 2 p.m., Oct. 12. For tickets, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-oresteia-tickets-1670077549909?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.



SAS Board President Phil Woodlief, Head of School Karl Sjolund, and Board member Dan Backlund cut the ribbon for the school’s new Outdoor Learning Complex. Photo by Lucy Rudman



Mountain biking students demonstrate how they use the pump track at SAS’s new Outdoor Learning Complex while guests of the ribbon cutting celebration look on. Photo by Lucy Rudman

AngelFest 2025

Angel Park is excited to announce the return of its annual fall festival, AngelFest, on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025. The event promises an evening of fun for the whole family, with activities kicking off at 5 p.m. University Avenue will be closed from the highway to Regions Bank for the event.

This year’s festival will feature a full lineup of activities for all ages. The early evening is dedicated to family-friendly entertainment, beginning at 5 p.m.

The highlight of the night will be a performance by Pink Houses, a premier tribute band celebrating the music of rock legend John Cougar Mellencamp. They will take the stage at 7 p.m.

In addition to the live music, attendees can enjoy a variety of offerings from local food trucks and a selection of beer will be available. AngelFest is the perfect opportunity to welcome the fall season with great food, refreshing drinks, and memorable music.

Admission is free and open to the public. Come on out and celebrate the arrival of autumn with your friends, family, and neighbors at AngelFest.

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Letter

'SCRAPHEAPS' EXHIBIT

To the Editor:

Sam Prickett's scrappy and elegant collage exhibit "ScrapHeaps" at Stirling's in Sewanee is perfect for a university community. Prickett's fully enticing collages are brilliantly, colorfully, composed in a range of images that are magnificent theoretical meanderings with vivid humor throughout each separate daring and challenging work of art.

The psychological insights are invitations to view what will be viewer discoveries to delight the mind and thrill each of us surely being a part of the fulfilling discovery. Each collage is terse with just the right measure of curiosity

as discernment and a lusty provocation for a viewer to be fully engulfed intellectually. But each work of art, too, seduces the sensuous enticement of images that interlace to register a unique brilliant image that is a reminder of creativity so needed in this particular strange climate of daily negative embarrassing situational low levels of political hostilities.

This marvelous exhibit enables the viewer to feel good about an appropriation of encouraging humanity. Discerning. Abiding. The viewer is bound herein Prickett's collages to appreciate splendor and enjoy his mind and your own.

Edward Carlos, Sewanee

Hospitality Shop News

Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Shop is located at 1096 University Ave., Sewanee.

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

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



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

Fundraiser Yard Sale at Jump Off Fire Station

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

Local Food Available

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

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

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

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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, come by our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your email to <news@sewanee-messenger.com>. — KB



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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the conference room at City Hall.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, with Haley Overstreet, Field Hockey. The livestream will be available at <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair. Coffee with the Coach will not meet on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

EQB Club

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

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 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, the Lead will be given by Bob Townsend, considered one of Tennessee's finest living fiddlers who has been on a lifelong mission to preserve and pass on the fiddle tunes of his home region. Bob grew up in South Pittsburg learning guitar and developing an interest in old time fiddle music after hearing local musicians play. He taught local old time square dance tunes in regional workshops across the Southeast and as far away as Fort Worden, Washington. He was awarded the 2023 Heritage Award from the Nashville Old Time String Band Association for a lifetime of preserving local fiddling traditions. Bob continues to teach through Grundy Area JamKids, an affiliate of Junior Appalachian Musicians program, serving Grundy and surrounding counties, and giving private lessons.

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

Mountain Garden Club

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

At 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, we are going out to the Farm at the University and Caroline is giving us a class on propagation, spring seeds, and planting, we are encouraging everyone who can to attend.

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

For more information, follow them on Facebook.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Guest speaker is Dan Eby who will bring gardening news on how to improve our plants.

American Legion

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

Franklin County School Board

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

Sewanee Woman's Club

At the Oct. 13 meeting of the Sewanee Woman's Club the ladies will be hearing all about a local museum, the Sam H. Werner Military Museum. The museum is located on Hwy. 41A between Sewanee and Monteagle. Parker Lowndes, curator of the museum, will discuss the fascinating role that our area played in World War II including Camp Forrest which is located in Franklin and Coffee Counties. Camp Forrest had a large training facility that boasted over 900,000 men and women preparing for the European and Pacific theaters. Along with soldiers, Camp Forrest also housed 68,000 POW's. General Patton accompanied the 2nd Armored Division when it was in the area. Lowndes will discuss how our area contributed to the war effort and helped the Allied victory.

Bring a friend and come to the Oct. 13 Sewanee Woman's meeting to learn more about this proud military history and our involvement in the WW II war effort! We will gather at St. Mary's, Sewanee at 11:30 a.m. for socializing with lunch starting at 11:50 a.m. Lowndes will begin his presentation following lunch. The lunch will be a healthy and gourmet affair for just \$20. The cost to belong to this welcoming organization, which is in its 96th year, is also just \$20. For 95 years this club has been a wonderful way to connect with friends and meet new and interesting ladies.

Reservations are required for lunch and, if preferred, just to hear the program. Please make reservations by noon, Sunday, Oct. 5, to this email: <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

Franklin County Commission

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

Sewanee Utility District

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

IRS to Phase Out Paper Tax Refund Checks Starting with Individual Taxpayers

The Internal Revenue Service, working with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, announced that paper tax refund checks for individual taxpayers will be phased out beginning on Sept. 30, 2025, as required by Executive Order 14247, to the extent permitted by law. This marks the first step of the broader transition to electronic payments.

The IRS will publish detailed guidance for 2025 tax returns before the 2026 filing season begins. Until further notice, taxpayers should continue using existing forms and procedures, including those filing their 2024 returns on extension of a due date prior to Dec. 31, 2025.

The change is designed to:

Protect taxpayers: Paper checks are over 16 times more likely to be lost, stolen, altered, or delayed than electronic payments. Direct deposit also avoids the possibility that a refund check could be returned to the IRS as undeliverable.

Speed up refunds: Electronic refunds give taxpayers faster access to refunds, with payments issued in less than 21 days if filing electronically, choosing direct deposit and there are no issues with the return, whereas nonelectronic payments may take 6 weeks or longer for refunds sent by mail.

Cut costs: Electronic payments are more efficient and cost less than paper.

What this means for individual taxpayers:

Filing stays the same: Taxpayers should continue to file their returns as they normally would, using one of the existing filing options.

Refunds go digital: Most refunds will be delivered by direct deposit or other secure electronic methods.

Help for those without access to bank accounts: Options such as prepaid debit cards, digital wallets or limited exceptions will be available.

Act now: Taxpayers should make sure they know their banking information or consider opening a free or low-cost account. Visit FDIC: GetBanked and <MyCreditUnion.gov> for account options.

Most individual taxpayers already receive their refunds by direct deposit into their bank accounts. During the 2025 tax filing season, the IRS issued more than 93.5 million tax refunds to individual income tax filers, and 93 percent of those, almost 87 million refunds, were issued through direct deposit. Only 7 percent of individual refund recipients received their refunds by check through the mail.

Next steps:

Executive Order 14247 also applies to payments made to the IRS. Taxpayers should continue to use existing payment options until further notice. Additional guidance and information for filing 2025 taxes will be issued prior to the 2026 filing season.

The IRS will share updated guidance on <IRS.gov> and through outreach efforts nationwide.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church regular monthly food distribution takes place the second Saturday of the month. Distribution will be from 8–10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St., Monteagle.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, Oct. 5. All are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to St. James Episcopal in Midway, the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul for collection, or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee.

The typical bag of groceries includes beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, vegetables, fruit, and canned soup.

This month CAC is in need of protein drinks (Ensure, Boost, etc.), dried beans, laundry detergent (pods preferred), dish soap, and toilet paper. CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

The CAC is an outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest, 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 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

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Obituaries

Anne Farley Core

Anne Farley Core, designer, died on Sept. 18, 2025 at the age of 62 after a devastating case of West Nile encephalitis.

After she graduated with a B. A. in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Annie worked briefly at Katz Communications in Atlanta. She was a stockbroker at Dean Witter in Lexington, K. Annie's passion for beauty from the time she was young grew deeper after working with designer Robert Isbell in New York City. She decided to pursue a career in design at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where Annie earned an MA. Her designs graced homes throughout the Southeast, primarily in Lexington, Charlotte, and Atlanta.

Our world will be forever dimmer and duller without Annie's spirited presence, her infectious laughter and contagious warmth, her boundless generosity, and her unwavering compassion.

Annie was preceded in death by her sister Elizabeth Dunne Core and by her father George Eric Core. She is survived by her mother Susan Darnell Core, her brother John Early Core and his partner Judith Stefania Donath, her sister Julia Core Carlson, her niece Frances Dorothy Carlson, her brother-in-law Dr. William James Carlson, and her beloved pets Hells Belles and Shittay Kittay.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in Annie's name to Angels Among Us Animal Rescue <<https://angelsamongusanimalrescue.org/>> or Atlanta Community Food Bank <<https://www.acfb.org/>>.

Mary Jo Hill

Mary Jo Hill, age 93 of Decherd (formerly of Sherwood), died on Sept. 25, 2025. She was the daughter of Joe and Claudia Hill. Before her retirement, she was employed at Lanier Clothing and the Hat Corporation. She loved Jesus and her family tremendously, and was a lifelong member of Sherwood Emmanuel Apostolic Church, where she served as assistant pastor and Sunday School teacher for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Jack (Minnie) Hill and James (Pat) Hill; and sister Sue (George) Barnes.

She is survived by her sister Ruth Ray of Decherd; brother Franklin (Ethylene) Hill of Tracy City; many nieces and nephews, and her Church family.

Funeral Services were on Sept. 28, 2025, at Sherwood Emmanuel Apostolic Church. Interment followed in Mt. View Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Tommie “Tom” Eugene Melton

Tommie “Tom” Eugene Melton, age 78, died on Sept. 22, 2025. He was born on Sept. 6, 1947, in Palmer, to Charles David and Jessie Pauline Parsons Melton. He was member of Monteagle Church of Christ, and a U.S. Army veteran who served two years in Vietnam, then served four years in the National Guard. He began his coaching career with Little League, then coached elementary basketball, baseball, and other sports at Grundy County High School, where he was head baseball coach for 11 years. He also taught auto mechanics at GCHS for 22 years. His favorite pastime was playing softball. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Dave Melton and Bill Melton.

He is survived by his wife of

54 years, Janie Melton; children, Stacey Melton, Joy Melton, and Bryan (Heather) Melton; brothers Henry (Karen) Melton and Wayne (Lisseth) Melton; sister, Ginny Hughes; sister-in-law, Sue Melton, seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on Sept. 24, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City with Bro. J.D. Cantrell and Bro. Paul Tittle officiating. Military Honors were provided by Sequatchie Valley Honor Guard. Interment followed in Clouse Hill Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Sharon Morgan Gifford Patton

Sharon Morgan (Gifford) Patton, age 73, died on Sept. 18, 2025. She was born on July 21, 1952, in Columbia, Ky., to Charles and Bertie McCarver Morgan. She grew up in Beersheba Springs, and received a BS in Accounting from Middle Tennessee State University. She was a strong Christian caregiver. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Brenda Elaine and Phyllis Ann Morgan.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie Patton; children, Johnny (Brittany) Anderson, Jason (Wendi) Patton, and Dr. Laura Gifford; mother-in-law, Mary Ellen Patton; Laura's father, Mike (Christina) Gifford, four grandchildren, and many in-laws, cousins, and countless friends.

Funeral services were on Sept. 21, 2025 from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle, with Dr. Murphy Martin officiating. Interment followed in Philadelphia Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the food ministry at Morton Memorial Methodist Church in Monteagle, Dr. David Jeremiah of Shadow Mountain Community Church, Easy's Animal Shelter in Tracy City, the Brenda Morgan Scholarship Fund at Citizens Tri County Bank, or the aid program of your choice. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Betty Jo Skidmore

Betty Jo Skidmore, age 77 of Knoxville, died on Sept. 16, 2025, at Legacy Park Health and Rehabilitation. She was born on March 13, 1948, in Frankfort, Germany, to Ret. Col. William Frank and Esther (Windhol) Skidmore. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from MTSU. She was employed as a registered nurse, starting her career at Bedford County Hospital then St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville. Before her retirement, she was a Nursing Home Inspector for the State of Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her parents; and stepmother, Ellen Skidmore.

She is survived by her son, William “Billy” Phillage (Carla); brothers, Bill Skidmore, Jeffery Skidmore, and John (June) Skidmore; nieces, Marissa Skidmore (Charles Koeppen), Vivian Esther Skidmore, Lani Mae Skidmore, Anneke Skidmore (Toney), Clara Skidmore, and Austyn Skidmore; and nephews, John Skidmore Jr. (Meghan), and Andy Skidmore. The C.E. Newlon family of Knoxville want to express their deepest appreciation for her many years of faithfully being the “flower keeper” of their headstones by for every season.

Graveside Services were on Sept. 21, 2025, at Owens Chapel Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Memorial Services

James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser

James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser, age 84, of Sewanee, who died on Sept. 10, 2025, will be at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, at All Saints' Chapel Sewanee followed by a reception at Convocation Hall. A Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at Good Shepherd Church, Decherd, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Peter Thomas Smith

The Memorial Service for Peter Thomas Smith, who died on Aug. 25, 2025, will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, in All

Saints' Chapel, followed by the interment of ashes in the University Cemetery. The congregation will be invited to a reception in Convocation Hall to greet the family and for brief remarks by family and friends.

Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Sundays During the Academic Year: 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.
6:30 p.m., Sunday, Growing in Grace, in All Saints' Chapel.
Monday-Friday at St. August-

Church Calendar

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday
11 a.m. Worship, Saturday
7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, until 10:45 a.m.
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

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

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

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

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall (Sewanee Children's Center), Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available livestream Facebook

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday
10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday
5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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Sunday and wonderful singing. If you love to sing, please know that we need your voice.

City Light Church

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. as we mark 4 incredible years at City Light Church. Expect powerful worship, a life-giving message, an amazing kids experience, and a community that feels like family. Don't miss this milestone celebration, it won't be the same without you. We will also have a few surprises for the whole family to enjoy. All first time visitors will receive a free gift. City Light Church is located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle

Draw Near

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday as we consider the significance of the sharing in a spiritual feast together. Our open table means that you do not have to be a member at Morton, nor at any church, in order to experience this sacrament. We understand ourselves to be invited by the Host, Jesus Christ. It's an open table, meaning a person of any age doesn't have to be a baptized believer or a member of any church. Come to the feast!

Children are welcome at Morton! In All God's Children this Sunday, they will be invited to notice extra breads on the altar and what World Communion can mean for each of us. Following that time, children will have time in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children's Church.

To learn more about life in our community of faith, accept this invitation to worship. Morton is located at 322 West Main Street 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.

St. Agnes' Episcopal

Weather permitting, St. Agnes' will host a Day of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, on the church lawn. St. Agnes' is located at 105 East England St. This will be a short prayer service and each pet owner will receive a St. Francis/St. Anthony pendant. We will also receive an offering to benefit Franklin County Animal Harbor. We ask that all pets be on a leash or in a carrier and be under the safe control of their owners at all times.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men's Breakfast Group meets the first Saturday of the month. We gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Road, Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful

fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

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

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

The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt has announced his retirement in January 2027. The process to discern his successor is in the early stages, but bishop elections happen infrequently enough that the Rev. Rob Lamborn will offer a refresher on the process. This week in Sunday Forum, we will discuss the role of bishops historically and in the Episcopal Church, along with how they have been selected. He'll then outline how the process will work in the Diocese of Tennessee, and how people may participate.

Sunday Forum meets each week in Kennerly Hall behind the church, from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Coffee is served and everyone is welcome.

Parish Work Day will be Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. There will be painting and varnishing, sign installation, tree trimming and many other tasks. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring work gloves, shovels and other basic tools if you have them. No experience needed. Lunch will be provided.

Blessing of the animals: St. Mark & St. Paul will again join with St. James for a joint service celebrating St. Francis of Assisi and asking God's blessing on animals important to us. The service will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5, at St. James, 898 Midway Rd. If you have animals too large or rowdy to bring, please bring a photo and we'll pray over that!

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

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

Lectionary Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday. Then there is a rather freewheeling and far-ranging discussion of issues and questions raised by the Gospel read. The group is convened and the conversation moderated by the Reverend Scott Lee.

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

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

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m., for children (3 years old through 5th grade). Youth Sunday School, meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

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

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a four-to-six-year payoff for the new equipment. Monteagle could pursue receiving a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan or a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or could finance the project with a 20-30 year bond, Wilson said. But he pointed out the SRF and CDBG options would not yield funds until 2027. Wilson will submit the proposed screw-press solution to TDEC. Monteagle will need to wait to see if TDEC will allow delaying the project until 2027.

The council approved the recent emergency purchase of a sewer plant pump, cost \$40,000. "A new pump was strongly recommended," said Mayor Greg Maloof. "You never know what the rebuilds do and how long they last."

Alderman Nate Wilson proposed, and the council approved on first reading, a change to the ordinance governing the developer's responsibility when a project required changes to water lines. N. Wilson cited a current case where the project called for increasing the size of water lines. At present the ordinance stipulates the developer must pay for extending service lines, but does discuss the cost of upgrades to the system. The new language assigns the cost of "extensions and improvements" to the developer.

The council also voted to adopt a resolution indicating support of and willingness to supply data to a Tracy City Economic Enhancement Grant project that will investigate the feasibility of a regional water authority.

Alderman and Imagine Monteagle coordinator Grant Fletcher introduced the new Monteagle logo designed under the direction of the Imagine Monteagle steering committee. The council approved the logo and a policy governing its use. Big A Design will act as the "storefront" for acquiring the electronic file for the logo. There will be no fee for use of the logo by representatives of the town. Non-affiliated interests wanting to use the logo will be vetted by Big A Design, the Imagine Monteagle steering committee, and, if deemed necessary, by the council as well. Proceeds from the 5 percent use fee will go to a special fund established by the city.

Fletcher also updated the council on Imagine Monteagle tourism and beautification projects. The council approved \$3,500 for landscaping downtown public buildings (e.g., city hall, the police department, the fire department) and \$8,000 for the purchase of new planters for the greenway. Imagine Monteagle, a community led long-term planning initiative, will pursue grant funding for the seven other projects identified.

The council also approved the purchase of four computers for city hall with a five-year warranty and support, cost \$13,062. Monteagle could purchase the computers it currently leases for \$1,000, but there would be no warranty or software support, said city recorder Debbie Taylor.

During the alderman comment period, Alderman Dean Law made a motion requesting, and the council approved, holding a public hearing for an employee terminated for falsifying reports. "I was disappointed we were not briefed [about the decision]," said Alderman Wilson in support of a hearing. "It's important to hear the other side of the story," Lay insisted.

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Censorship Is So 1984

Friends of the Library of The University of the South invites you to attend a talk at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025, in Naylor Auditorium in Gailor Hall. Christina Soontornvat and Keri Lambert will talk about their experiences with book censorship. Reception to follow.

Join award-winning children's author Christina Soontornvat, and Keri Lambert, Vice President of the Rutherford County Library Alliance, to discuss how we can all fight for the right to read and learn how to push back against efforts to ban books in our communities.

Christina Soontornvat is an award-winning author, engineer, and STEM educator. Her many works for children include picture books, chapter books, and the New York Times bestselling graphic novel series, "The Tryout." She is a three-time Newbery Honor recipient, most recently for "The Last Mapmaker," which was also named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times.

Keri Lambert is a founding member and vice-president of the Rutherford County Library Alliance (RCLA) which formed in August 2023 in response to Murfreesboro's "Decency Ordinance" that caused our library board to begin restricting access to information. In April 2024, RCLA was presented with the Tennessee Library Association's (TNLA) Intellectual Freedom Award. As a representative of RCLA, Keri has spoken at public library board meetings, school board meetings, testified in the state senate (successfully stopping two anti-library bills), was a guest speaker at the Freedom to Be Heard event in Nashville 2024, presented at the TNLA annual conference in April 2025, and was a panelist for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) summer 2025 virtual conference.

For more information go to <https://library.sewanee.edu/FOL> or contact Penny Cowan at (931) 598-1573 or <pcowan@sewanee.edu>.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

- Monday, Oct. 6:** Chicken, dumplings, fried okra, sweet potato casserole, cornbread.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 7:** Taco salad.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 8:** Fish, French fries, slaw, hushpuppies.
 - Thursday, Oct. 9:** Chuckwagon sandwich, chips.
 - Friday, Oct. 10:** Chicken soup, dessert.
- 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. Contact Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.
- The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members.

Installation of The Very Rev. Christopher L. Epperson

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

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

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

tnAchieves Celebrates Rural Impact in New Report

tnAchieves is proud to share a new Rural Impact Report, highlighting the vital importance of rural communities across Tennessee and our commitment to supporting students there.

Students earning a post-secondary credential with the support of tnAchieves is a game-changer for rural counties. From changing the trajectory of students' lives to attracting high-quality careers, prioritizing post-secondary attainment leads to meaningful economic impact and community mobility. Key findings on the return of investment for rural counties partnering with tnAchieves include:

- 84.7 percent of tnAchieves graduates employed in Tennessee
- 24,401 rural college graduates supported
- \$18.9B economic impact

"tnAchieves has been working across rural Tennessee for more than 15 years, changing lives and breaking family cycles by providing more opportunities for students and increasing educational outcomes," said Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton. "The economic impact of this work will span generations and is a gamechanger for Tennessee and our citizens."

"Earning a post-secondary credential is the best way to prepare for the workforce of tomorrow," said UT System President and tnAchieves Board Chair Randy Boyd. "Every student in Tennessee deserves a clear and supported path forward to college and career, regardless of zip code."

Beyond the economic impact, there are deep effects for communities working with tnAchieves. To date, rural tnAchieves students have completed more than two million hours of community service to give back directly to the community supporting them on their post-secondary journey. Furthermore, community members are raising their hands to help students. Nearly 14,000 volunteer mentors have helped students navigate the next steps from high school to college or career. Rural businesses have also joined alongside tnAchieves to stand with students by providing career exposure and financial contributions to help with this vital work. This has led to more than 340,000 hours of job shadowing in a student's community so they can gain real-time experience and perspective about future career options.

"Transforming rural communities is at the core of the tnAchieves mission," said tnAchieves President & CEO Krissy DeAlejandro. "Rural counties represent more than 80 percent of the state's counties. Building Tennessee's Future Workforce is not possible without the rich partnerships in these communities who support our work."

Read the full Rural Impact Report here, and see how tnAchieves is creating a stronger, more prepared Rural Tennessee — one student at a time.

tnAchieves is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Any interview requests or questions can be directed to Rebecca Franklin at <Rebecca@tnAchieves.org> or (865) 748-7767.

Altamont Presents the 12th Annual Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp

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

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

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

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

It is impossible to list each and every thing that will be going on in Altamont on Oct. 11, but rest assured there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

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

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Goat Yoga and Bake Sale to Support Early Literacy Ambassadors

Join the Early Literacy Ambassadors at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, on St. Luke's Lawn (on the corner of Georgia and University Ave.). Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZygrT5G7qRrVz6tjR8qIQ_p-UXb_WexINN8049mZltlwwTQ/viewform?usp=header>.

We are seeking sponsors to help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000. Donations can be made online through the website <www.earlyliteracyambassadors.com> or sent to: 225 Cumberland St. W., Cowan, TN 37318.

Please choose one of the sponsorship levels.

Sponsor: \$100
Bronze Sponsor: \$500
Silver Sponsor: \$1000
Gold Sponsor: \$5000

ELA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in its fourth year of early literacy programming. Our Story Time program is reaching 88 low income students in Franklin and Grundy Counties every week. We are serving 40 students each week at Cowan Elementary during their intervention time. Eight students at Sewanee Elementary are participating in before and after school reading groups, and we are forming after school reading groups at Tracy City Elementary. Fourteen college student Ambassadors are assisting with our programs, which is a record number. We are reaching more students than ever, and our Reading Group program has expanded to Grundy County.

This fundraiser is very important because we are at risk of running out of funding before the end of the school year. We continue to operate on a shoestring budget. Please help us reach our fundraising goal as a sponsor, come join the fun, and/or stop by for a homemade treat.

Fall Classes at Cumberland Folk School

The Cumberland Folk School, located at Sequatchie Cove Farm, is a place to celebrate and commune around traditional crafts and skills, offering weekend workshops taught by skilled craftspeople. Our classes are built upon the inherent connection between traditional skills, sustainable land management, and farming to teach self-reliance and the use of natural materials to create beautiful utilitarian objects. Check us out at <www.cumberlandfolkschool.com> for more information, detailed class listings, and to sign up for upcoming classes.

Backyard Mushroom Cultivation, Oct. 4. Learn the theory and process of shiitake mushroom inoculation via log sawdust spawn & plugs with Adam Hobbs and Pledger Schaefer of Midway Mushrooms.

Rush Chair Seat Weaving, Oct. 5. Learn the techniques with Heather Ashworth to weave a chair seat from start to finish in this class designed to teach you to restore your own antique chairs at home.

Natural Dyeing 101, Oct. 11. Learn the basic building blocks of natural dyeing by learning about fabrics, preparation, scouring, mordants, tannins and dyes on cellulose fibers with artist Jan Quarles.

Dumplings, Oct. 25. Learn to make delicious dumplings with chef and author Sonoko Sakai. You'll learn how to make the wrapper, different fillings (vegetarian and meat options), and a variety of methods for wrapping and cooking your dumplings.

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

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

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

Sewanee Named Among U.S. News Best Colleges

On Sept. 23, the U.S. News and World Report released its 2026 Best Colleges rankings. Sewanee ranked No. 45 among the nation's top 201 liberal arts colleges, sharing its position with Berea College, Dickinson College, Furman University, and Kenyon College.

Sewanee also appears on the separate U.S. News lists of Best Value Schools (No. 70), Undergraduate Teaching - National Liberal Arts Colleges (No. 59), Economics (No. 216), and Undergraduate Psychology (No. 265).

The 2026 edition of the report evaluates more than 1,700 U.S. colleges and universities, using up to 17 factors to measure academic quality and graduate success. Key ranking factors include: graduation rates, first-year retention rates, peer assessment scores, student-faculty

ratio, and graduate salary earnings.

"We're delighted to be recognized as one of the best colleges in the country," says Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen. "These rankings reflect what we have long known to be true of the Sewanee experience — it's an incredible place that, with our strong academic program and close-knit community, helps prepare students to make a positive difference in the world."

The U.S. News rankings add to Sewanee's recent run of national recognition. This summer, The Princeton Review named Sewanee to its list of the Best 390 Colleges in the nation—and awarded Sewanee the No. 1 spot on the Most Beautiful Campus list.

Go to <<https://new.sewanee.edu/news/us-news-rankings/>> for more information.

tnAchieves Launches New Workforce Mentorship Program to Prepare Students for Career Success

Recruitment is now underway for the tnAchieves' Mentor program! This year, tnAchieves has expanded the statewide volunteer mentoring program to include a new opportunity focused on workforce readiness for students.

In 2026, tnAchieves Mentors can choose between two separate formats — selecting how they want to make a difference in the lives of students, their communities and the state.

New this year is the Workforce Mentorship opportunity. This program complements tnAchieves' longstanding mentorship efforts, expanding support for students beyond college access and completion. The tnAchieves' Workforce Mentorship Program pairs college sophomores with volunteer mentors who bring real-world expertise in their chosen career/industry. Mentors will be paired with students based on career interests and will provide guidance on career exploration, professional skills development and workplace readiness.

The goal of tnAchieves remains clear: to Build Tennessee's Future Workforce by ensuring students are supported from high school to career. 84.7 percent of tnAchieves graduates live and work in Tennessee after completing their education. They go on to become healthcare professionals, educators, business owners and other essential contributors to the state's economy.

"tnAchieves has always been focused on helping students reach their goals and taking their next step," says tnAchieves Vice President of Workforce Tyler Ford. "The new Workforce Mentorship Program will bridge the gap between post-secondary education and the workforce. Doing so ensures students transition into a career after college graduation while also supporting Tennessee's thriving economy."

In addition to the Workforce Mentorship Program is the longstanding Access Mentorship program. Access Mentors will continue to make a meaningful impact in the lives of high school seniors from their community by supporting them to their first year of college.

With more than 60,000 high school students and more than 30,000 college students being served annually by tnAchieves, both Workforce and Access Mentorship play an important role in building the workforce of tomorrow and ensuring that every student has access to personal support on their path to college and career.

tnAchieves Mentorship requires just one hour a month and is virtual, making it accessible for busy professionals and community members. tnAchieves provides all mentors with a training, handbook and weekly emails to ensure success.

The tnAchieves Mentor application is open through Nov. 14. Those interested in becoming a mentor can learn more and register at <www.tnAchieves.org/mentors>.

tnAchieves is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Any interview requests or questions can be directed to Rebecca Franklin at <Rebecca@tnAchieves.org> or (865) 748-7767.

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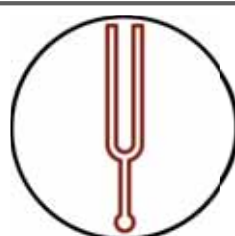
Sewanee Pediatrics Seeks Book Donations

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

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct. 6–10, Fall Break, Franklin County
Oct. 13–17, Fall Break, Marion County
Oct. 18–21, Fall Break, SAS, and College. Reading Period School of Theology
Oct. 20–25, Fall Break, Grundy County
Oct. 21, Parent/Teacher Conference, no student attendance, Franklin County



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Poetry Reading by Robert Wood Lynn

The Department of English and Creative Writing and the Sewanee Review welcomes the poet Robert Wood Lynn to campus, where he'll read from his debut poetry collection, "Mothman Apologia" (Yale University Press, 2022). Lynn's poetry is a moving investigation of myth and loss in Appalachia, with the looming backdrop of the opioid crisis. The reading will take place from 4:30–5:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6, at the McGriff Alumni House.

'Recent Work' by Daniel Reidy

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present "Recent Work," an exhibition by artist and educator Daniel Reidy. The exhibition is on display through Oct. 10. An artist talk and closing reception is at 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9.

Dan Reidy's "Recent Work" frames large scale oil paintings, sculptures, video and poetry filled with imagery that references stories that become oddly familiar. Visual references ranging from art history to pop culture come together with objects and images from Reidy's personal history. He is interested in overlapping narratives and how collision points between them speak to a shared humanity with fascination. Viewers engaging with the work become intellectual offspring of these collision points, for example, when we talk in movie quotes and make allusions to Greek mythology. Francis Bacon, Han Solo and Blanche Dubois become characters in his exhibition where their stories are shared out of context, asking the viewer to discover them anew in relation not only to each other, but to the mediums of traditional painting, sculpture and video.

Daniel Reidy is an artist/educator living and working in Cincinnati, Ohio. Reidy has taught undergraduate and graduate-level Painting, Drawing, and Art History in several institutions including the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Corning Community College, Corning, New York, the University of Alabama Huntsville, and now the Art Academy of Cincinnati. He has presented recent solo and collaborative exhibitions at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York, The Zeitgeist Gallery in Nashville, Stove Works in Chattanooga, The Waters Gallery, located on the Campus of Elmira College and Flag Studio in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Perspectives in Performance: 'The Niceties' by Eleanor Burgess

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

"The Niceties" will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6, Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Tennessee Williams Center – Studio Theater.

At an elite East Coast university, an ambitious young black student and her esteemed white professor meet to discuss a paper the college junior is writing about the American Revolution. They're both liberal. They're both women. They're both brilliant. But very quickly, discussions of grammar and Google turn to race and reputation, and before they know it, they're in dangerous territory neither of them had foreseen – and facing stunning implications that can't be undone. The Washington Post hails it as "a barnburner of a play," adding that it's "one of the best plays I've seen about who gets to tell the story of America, and how." For more information go to <<https://roberproject.sewanee.edu/>>.

Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off

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

Presented in partnership by The Caverns, the University of the South, and the South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF), the 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.

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

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APOLLO5 in Concert

The University Choir and All Saints' Chapel of Sewanee are pleased to present APOLLO5 in concert. The concert will be 7–9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, in All Saints' Chapel. Tickets, \$25, are available on Eventbrite <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apollo5-in-concert-at-all-saints-chapel-ticket-s-1368045192999?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>>.

Celebrating its 15th year in 2025, APOLLO5 continues to thrill, move and inspire audiences as one of Britain's smallest but most impressive vocal groups. Comprising a soprano, mezzo-soprano, two tenors and a bass, the ensemble – which takes its name from the ancient Greek god of music – has become known for its ability to connect with intimacy and directness, showcasing with rich, dynamic and distinctive sound how powerful five voices alone can be. With a versatile approach to music programming, and a repertoire spanning renaissance, classical and contemporary choral works to folk, jazz and pop, the group's five voices bring the music of five centuries to life.

APOLLO5's busy touring schedule has taken the group to Europe, the USA and Asia. In addition to performing at prestigious UK venues such as the Wigmore Hall, Cadogan Hall, St. John's Smith Square, the Royal Albert Hall and the Barbican Centre, the group has toured extensively across France, Germany, and other European countries, including recent appearances with an orchestra and a brass band in Lisbon (PT) and Prague (CZ) respectively. The group is a regular guest on BBC Radio 3's In Tune, and often receives airplay from the national broadcaster, as well as other UK stations Classic FM, Magic Classical and NTS Radio. Tour highlights include a three-week trip to the USA under new agency representation, appearances at European festivals such as Common Ground (NL), La Folle Journée (FR), and Koorfestival Vlaanderen (BE), and a performance at the Barbican Hall as part of sister group VOCEs8's 20th Anniversary celebrations in June.

The group is signed to VOCEs8 Records and has released seven solo studio albums under the label. "Haven," which explores the music of troubled, displaced and persecuted composers and features a full setting of William Byrd's "Mass For Five Voices," was released in 2023 to critical acclaim. Other albums include "Where All Roses Go" and "O Radiant Dawn" (both of which charted in the top 5 of the UK Classical Charts), winter disc "A Deep But Dazzling Darkness," and "Invocations," a piano-accompanied treasury of favourite songs recorded with composer and arranger Fraser Wilson. In January 2025, APOLLO5 released their seventh album, "Anam," a Gaelic-tinged programme of "music to move the soul." During the pandemic, APOLLO5 was part of the launch of LIVE From London, a series of live broadcasts from many of the world's leading vocal ensembles and orchestras. These online concerts brought music to the homes of millions during the pandemic, and raised funds for more than 500 artists, composers and production teams in the process; the festival continues to thrive online in today's post-pandemic world.

Staff, faculty, and students of Sewanee receive one free ticket with Sewanee ID. Sewanee ID tickets should be picked up at the All Saints' Chapel office, not purchased through Eventbrite.

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

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

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

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

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

Rebecca Gayle Howell to Receive 2025 Aiken Taylor Award

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

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

Vice-Chancellor Robert Pearigen and Sewanee Review editor Adam Ross will present Howell with the Aiken Taylor Award this October at the University of the South. As part of this year's award celebration, poet Corey Van Landingham will lecture on Howell's poetry, 4–6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the McGriff Alumni House. Van Landingham is the author of three books of poetry: "Antidote," "Love Letter to Who Owns the Heavens," and "Reader, I." She is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University. She teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois.

47th Annual Fall Tennessee Craft Fair

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

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

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

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

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UAG Presents 'Indigo Hallow'

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

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

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

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

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

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

Artifacts of Extinction: Untold Stories from the University Archives Collections

Comprised of defunct objects related to science, culture, and Sewanee-specific extinction, this show examines forgotten objects, ideas, and traditions from the William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections. Providing a window into community and campus life of former generations, this exhibition works to bridge the past and present Sewanee experience. Ranging from hair art to dog obituaries, stone and bone books to insects-in-amber and fossil fragments, the displayed objects represent the unexpected cultural heritage and geographic diversity of the University's collections. Researched and curated by Introduction to Museum Studies students in the spring of 2025, Artifacts of Extinction showcases Sewanee's rich archival resources and hands-on student experience.

CaveFest at The Caverns

On Oct. 11-12, The Caverns presents the fourth annual CaveFest, featuring a curated lineup of music with headliners Sam Bush, Leftover Salmon, Dan Tyminski Band, and Tim O'Brien, plus artists-in-residence Lindsay Lou and Kyle Tuttle, along with an impressive roster of additional performers. Festivalgoers can enjoy on-site camping, glamping packages, open underground jam session, cave tours, delicious food trucks, local craft vendors, workshops, kids' activities, surprise performances, and more. Two-day CaveFest tickets are just \$99 and include camping. Early arrivals can kick things off with a separately ticketed CaveFest Kick-Off Party on Friday, Oct. 10, featuring Airshow, The Cowpokes, and Lost Bayou Ramblers. Go to <<https://www.thecaverns.com/cavefest>> for complete information.

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Spotted Lanternfly Detected in East Tennessee

A report from a citizen in East Tennessee led to the discovery of Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) in Knox County.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) confirmed the SLF detection after inspectors and a TDA detection dog verified 15 adult SLF on a tree of heaven. This marks the first detection of the invasive insect in Knox County.

“Citizen reports are essential in stopping the spread of this destructive pest,” Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M., said. “This non-native insect threatens the health and viability of several agricultural businesses in our state. We want your help in watching out for this pest and reporting and eliminating any you find.”

SLF are invasive insects that attack a wide variety of plants, from grapevines and fruit trees to hardwoods. They deposit egg masses on nearly any solid object, including vehicles, trailers, firewood, outdoor gear, furniture, and toys. People and their belongings can unknowingly carry these eggs, allowing the pest to spread far beyond its original range.

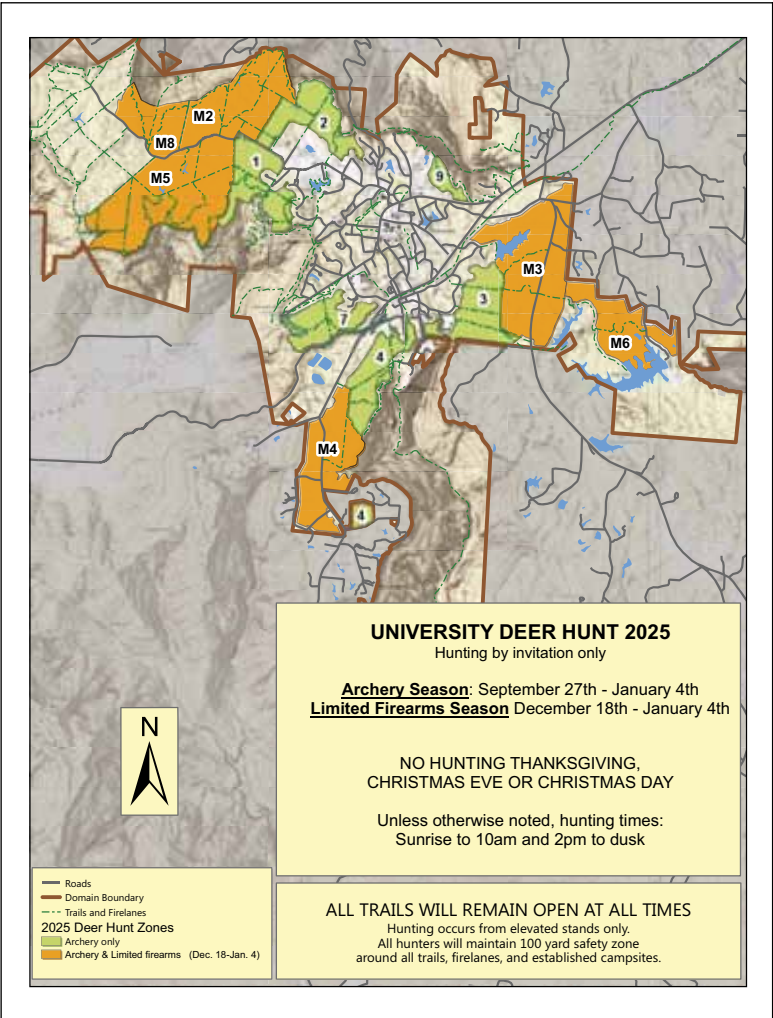
TDA urges Tennesseans to help protect the state’s agriculture and natural resources:

If you see SLF or an egg mass, take photos and report the sighting at <www.tn.gov/protecttnforests/resources/report-a-pest.html>.

Next, stomp the insect and destroy egg masses by smashing them or dousing them with rubbing alcohol.

Check vehicles, boats, campers, and outdoor equipment to make sure they are free of SLF or egg masses before moving them.

The Plant Certification Section oversees nursery, greenhouse, and plant dealer certification programs. Plant inspectors work with industries to ensure the continued movement of healthy, pest-free plant material in interstate and international trade and monitor the phytosanitary condition of plant material coming into the state.



The regular University archery season continues through Jan. 4. This invitation-only hunt is generally open to all approved University faculty and staff, as well as their direct relatives (spouses, adult children, and parents). The hunt is also open to approved students. All participants must complete the Tennessee Bowhunter Safety Course (or other state equivalent) and ia TWRA Bowhunter Safety Field day. Hunters must also undergo a background check by the Sewanee Police Department, and participate in all mandatory meetings. All hunters are required to possess valid TN type 94 or sportsman’s license and follow all TWRA rules and regulations at all times. For more information go to the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability website <<https://new.sewanee.edu/offices/university-offices/environmental-stewardship-sustainability/the-domain/ecosystem-management/deer-huntin/>>.

Surplus Deer List

As has been the case for many years, there will be a limited surplus of field-dressed animals available for pickup by community members. If you would like to be on the list to receive a surplus animal, please fill out the request form found here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FIpQLSduwi0an3xhnFx8Utc6spFBxSfLeydw1o_u6SajdUnRkUE6w/viewform?pli=1>. We are updating our surplus deer list this year, so even if you have filled it out in the past, please do it again if you would like a deer this year.

If you are contacted about a surplus deer you will have 24 hours to pick up the animal or it will be given to the next person in line.

Hemorrhagic Disease in White-Tailed Deer Confirmed in Eight Counties

White-tailed deer populations in portions of Middle and West Tennessee are currently experiencing an increase in hemorrhagic disease (HD) activity based on TWRA monitoring efforts. HD is a naturally occurring disease in deer, typical of southeastern states, that can be caused by epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) and bluetongue (BT) viruses. These viruses are transmitted by a biting midge (known as no-see-ums), not directly between deer. HD is not known to cause disease in humans either through insect bites or through handling or consuming meat from infected deer.

HD occurs seasonally, but the severity is highly variable year-to-year, ranging from a few infrequent cases to highly visible outbreaks. Outbreaks are known to be linked to environmental conditions that impact the midge life cycle. Midges breed in the mud around water sources such as stump holes and small puddles. Years of excessive rain in the spring and early summer, followed by dry conditions in the late summer (as much of Tennessee has experienced this year), create favorable conditions for midge reproduction and elevated abundance, increasing the risk of HD outbreaks.

The disease can cause fatigue, respiratory distress, swollen tongue, sores in the mouth, fever, and sloughing of hooves that may cause lameness in deer. The deer may become thin, the tongue may hang from the mouth, accompanied by drooling, a lack of fear, and the whites of the eye may appear red. Usually, sick, dying, or dead deer are found in or near water as they try to relieve fever symptoms. However, not all deer that succumb to HD will look sick. Midges will die off with the first hard frost, but already infected deer may exhibit symptoms for several weeks after.

Deer can recover from this disease and develop immunity that can be passed on to the next generation. Therefore, the severity of outbreaks also depends on the level of herd immunity to circulating viruses. Some of these survivors may look thin and could suffer from lameness until their condition improves. Deer populations in the Southeast have evolved with these viruses and show long-term resiliency. Developed immunity often prevents consecutive outbreaks, allowing time for natural population recovery.

Thus far, HD has been lab confirmed in eight white-tailed deer in Franklin, Giles, Humphreys, Lewis, Shelby, Sumner, Wayne, and Williamson counties, with additional sick and dead deer reports coming in that are consistent with HD. TWRA officials will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. If you find a sick or dead deer, please submit a report at <<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/twra/sickdeer.html>>. TWRA staff may reach out to you if there is an opportunity to collect a viable sample for HD testing. Testing can only occur within 24 hours of death.



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Women's Basketball Announces 2025-26 Schedule

Sewanee women's basketball head coach Jaylynn Stewart announced the team's 2025-26 schedule this week, which includes 13 home games as well as the Sewanee Classic in December.

The Tigers begin the 2025-26 campaign with a home game against Georgia Wesleyan on Nov. 9 at Juhan Gymnasium. After road contests at Piedmont University (Nov. 15) and LaGrange College (Nov. 16), the Tigers host Maryville College (Nov. 20) before traveling to Huntingdon College (Nov. 22).

Sewanee takes on Warren Wilson on Nov. 29, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and faces Belhaven University on December 6, part of a doubleheader with the men's team. The Tigers hit the road for outings at Bob Jones University (Dec. 8) and Covenant College (Dec. 12) before hosting the Sewanee Classic on Dec. 29-30, with games against Berea College and Covenant.

Southern Athletic Association games begin Jan. 3 at home versus Centre College, followed by Rhodes College (Jan. 9) and Millsaps College (Jan. 11). The final four home contests of the season take place Jan. 30-Feb. 8, with outings against Trinity University (Jan. 30) and Southwestern University (Feb. 1) one weekend and Oglethorpe (Feb. 6) and Berry College (Feb. 8) the next.

The SAA Championships take place Feb. 26-28 at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga.

Sewanee Announces 2025 Athletics Hall of Fame Class

The University of the South announced the 2025 class of inductees for the Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame, which includes five former student-athletes, one coach, a championship team, and a Trail Blazer honoree who helped shape the foundation of women's athletics at Sewanee.

The 2025 Hall of Fame class features Bronte Goodhue, C'15 (women's tennis), the 2015 women's tennis Team, Michael Morris, C'14 (men's lacrosse), Jean Anne Babin, C'07 (volleyball and track & field), Todd White (men's soccer coach), Sara Neil, C'14 (women's swimming & diving), and Lucas Ridley, C'06 (cross country and track & field). In addition, former coach and pioneer Nancy Ladd is this year's Trail Blazer recipient for her contributions to the advancement of women's sports at Sewanee.

Bronte Goodhue, C'15 was one of the most decorated tennis players in program history. A five-time All-American, Goodhue played No. 1 singles and doubles for three seasons and helped lead the Tigers to national prominence. She was a three-time SAA Player of the Year, the 2015 SAA Woman of the Year, the Sewanee Senior of the Year, and NCAA Woman of the Year finalist. Also the 2015 Sewanee Valedictorian, she earned an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

The 2015 women's tennis team posted a 19-6 record, finishing the year ranked No. 12 nationally. The Tigers captured both the SAA regular-season and tournament titles and recorded wins over multiple ranked opponents. The season also included head coach Conchie Shackelford's 500th career win. The team featured multiple All-Americans and academic honorees, including Bronte Goodhue and Lindsey Liles.

Michael Morris, C'14 remains Sewanee's all-time leader in total points in men's lacrosse with 251 (133 goals, 118 assists). A two-time SAA Player of the Year, Morris guided Sewanee to its first conference championship in 2013 and was named the university's Senior Male Athlete of the Year in 2014.

Jean Anne Babin, C'07 was a two-sport standout in volleyball and track & field. She is the only Sewanee student-athlete to earn Academic All-America honors in two different sports and the only three-time honoree in school history. Babin led the volleyball team in multiple statistical categories, including kills, blocks, and digs, and was a three-time All-Conference performer in track & field.

Todd White* served as head coach of the Sewanee men's soccer team from 1985 to 1990, compiling a 62-28-8 (.673) overall record. Under his leadership, the Tigers captured four conference championships in 1985, 1987, 1988, and 1989, and 20 players earned All-Conference honors. Several of his players went on to compete at the semi-professional level. White's coaching was defined by purpose, belief, and personal connection. Players bought into his leadership because it was authentic, unwavering, and deeply invested in their growth as people.

Sara Neil, C'14 was a dominant swimmer for the Tigers, earning four All-Conference honors and capturing seven individual conference titles in the butterfly events. She is a six-time school and conference record holder and was named an Academic All-American three times. Neil was also a 13-time All-SCAC selection and received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

Lucas Ridley, C'06 was an elite distance runner in cross country and track. A three-time NCAA national qualifier in cross country, Ridley earned All-Region honors four times and All-Conference recognition in both cross country and track. He set multiple school records, including the 5K, and held the third-fastest 5K time ever at the SCAC Championships as of 2019. Ridley still holds Sewanee records in the indoor 1500-meters and mile, and outdoor 3000 and 5000-meters.

Nancy Ladd, a longtime coach of basketball, volleyball, and golf, will be honored with the 2025 Trail Blazer Award. One of the first female coaches at Sewanee, Ladd is remembered for her lasting impact on student-athletes and her pioneering spirit during a transformative era for women's athletics.

The 2025 Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame class will be recognized Oct. 3-4, as the University celebrates the achievements and legacies of these exceptional individuals and teams.

*White is unable to make the 2025 ceremony and will be inducted with the Class of 2026.

Men's Hoops Releases 2025-26 Slate

Sewanee will play 12 home contests starting Nov. 11, including seven conference games, as well as hosting the Lon Varnell Classic, as announced this week by men's basketball coach Will Merrell.

The Tigers open the 2025-26 season with a home game against Maryville College at Juhan Gymnasium on Nov. 11. The Lon Varnell Classic takes place Nov. 14-15, with contests against Bob Jones University and Covenant College.

The squad travels to Piedmont University on Nov. 22 before hosting Berea College on Nov. 30, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Tigers face LaGrange College on the road December 3 and take on Asbury University on Dec. 6, part of a doubleheader with the women.

The club spends the rest of December on the road, traveling to Welch College (Dec. 8) and Covenant (Dec. 10) before two games at Oglethorpe University versus Brevard College (Dec. 29) and LaGrange (Dec. 30).

Southern Athletic Association games begin January 3 at home versus Centre College, followed by Rhodes College (Jan. 9) and Millsaps College (Jan. 11). The final four home contests of the season take place Jan. 30-Feb. 8, with outings against Trinity University (Jan. 30) and Southwestern University (Feb. 1) one weekend and Oglethorpe (Feb. 6) and Berry College (Feb. 8) the next.

The SAA Championships take place Feb. 26-28 at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga.

Crump Named Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Sewanee men's basketball coach Will Merrell has announced the addition of John Crump as an assistant coach for the program.

A 2023 Sewanee graduate, Crump returns to the Mountain after serving as an assistant coach at Belmont Abbey College. He prepared scouting reports, led the varsity scout team during practices, and coordinated individual and small group player development sessions with the Crusaders.

He also served as head coach for Belmont Abbey's top developmental team, guiding the program to its first conference semifinal appearance. As the lead recruiter, he signed 37 recruits over two years, contributing to the team's 2023-24 Conference Carolinas Northwest Division championship.

Crump also brings coaching experience from Gaston Day School in Gastonia, N.C., where he assisted with game preparation, practice planning, and skill development for guards, in addition to running summer basketball camps.

As a player, Crump was a two-time team captain for the Tigers, helping Sewanee to the 2023 Southern Athletic Association (SAA) Tournament championship and an NCAA Division III Tournament appearance. He topped the SAA in assist-to-turnover ratio his senior season (2.45) and was a two-time selection to the SAA All-Sportsmanship Team.

Crump earned his bachelor's from Sewanee in Economics with a minor in Business and recently completed his master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Sports Management from Belmont Abbey.

HOME GAMES

9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, Cross Country vs. Mountain Goat Invitational

noon, Saturday, Oct. 4, Field Hockey vs. Transylvania University

1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, Football vs. Maryville College, Hall of Fame Weekend

4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6, Field Hockey vs. Meredith College

noon, Friday, Oct. 10, Equestrian (NCEA) vs. University of Lynchburg

11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, Field Hockey vs. Rhodes College

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Carmouche, Love Lead Tigers Past Minnesota-Crookston in Season Opener

Olivia Carmouche and Rebecca Love earned Most Outstanding Player honors as the Sewanee equestrian team edged Minnesota-Crookston in a tiebreaker to open the 2025-26 NCEA season on Sept. 26, at Delaware State.

The Tigers claimed the meet, 5-5 (746-703), after winning the overall points total.

Carmouche got Sewanee started in fences, scoring an 83 on Tillie to secure one of two points for the Tigers in the event. She outscored her opponent by 33 points, while Piper Nelson Snyder added another with a 68 on Sally, topping her rider by 28. Minnesota-Crookston claimed the remaining three points in fences, but Sewanee carried a 342-322 advantage in raw score.

In flat, freshman Rebecca Love delivered with a 90 on Todd to win by 22 points. Emma Sameth followed with the meet's top score, a 91 on Tillie, while Carmouche sealed Sewanee's final point of the day with an 82 on Westia to tie the meet at 5-5.

With the score knotted, the result came down to the cumulative tally, where the Tigers secured the victory, 746-703.

NCEA Pushes Division I Delaware State to the Wire, Falls 5-5 on Tiebreaker

Despite standout performances from Emma Sameth and Piper Nelson Snyder, Sewanee's NCEA team came up just short on Sept. 27, falling 5-5 (818-815) to Division I Delaware State in a tightly contested meet to close out their trip.

The Tigers set the tone early in fences, taking a 3-2 lead behind strong rides. Nelson Snyder posted an 80 on Todd, Sameth tallied an 88 on Elton, and Olivia Carmouche added an 86 on Cici to give Sewanee the advantage.

Delaware State rallied in flat, earning three of the five points to even the score. Sameth secured her second win of the day with a 90 on Kevin, while Nelson Snyder also finished undefeated, matching Sameth with a 90 on Carl.

With the meet tied 5-5, the result was determined by the cumulative score, where Delaware State edged Sewanee by just three points, 818-815.

Sewanee Posts Strong Showing at ITA Regionals, Led by High, Foster, and Davis

Sewanee women's tennis turned in a strong showing at the ITA Regional Championships over the weekend, advancing multiple players deep into singles and doubles play.

On day one, Emma Foster and Hanna Davis each picked up a pair of straight-set singles victories. Foster cruised past Isabella Sanchez of Asbury (6-0, 6-0) and Skylar Keesee of Centre (6-1, 6-2), while Davis blanked Bella-Bennett Graham (6-0, 6-0) and followed with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Caroline Morrison of Piedmont. Harper High advanced with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Zainab Baba of Rhodes after earning a first-round bye, and Natalie Pumpelly topped Kayla Harger of Centre (6-0, 7-6 [5]) before falling to Emory's Audrey Pogue.

In doubles, Lucy Lee and High teamed up for an impressive run, defeating Millsaps' Riley McClain and Alexis Oliver (8-4) and Berry's Sara Mejia and Carolina Hanson in a tiebreak (8-7 [5]) to advance to the quarterfinals. Davis and Foster also posted an 8-3 win over Emily Immordino and Sophie Maddux of Centre.

Day two featured High advancing to the singles quarterfinals, becoming the only non-Emory player to reach that round. She defeated Grace Williams of Centre (6-3, 6-1) before falling to top-seeded Emily Kantrovitz (6-3, 7-6 [5]). Foster and Davis both dropped their round of 16 matches to seeded Emory opponents.

In doubles quarterfinal action, Lee and High fell to the No. 1-seeded Emory team of Iris Berman and Kantrovitz, while Davis and Foster dropped their match to the Eagles' No. 2-seeded duo of Izabele Antanavicius and Erika Olson.

SAS Hosts Successful Mountain Lion Invitational

On Sept. 27, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School welcomed 22 teams and more than 360 runners across four races for the annual Mountain Lion Invitational. Despite the challenges of SAS's notoriously tough home course, the meet was a tremendous success, with many SAS runners setting personal- and season-best times.

The middle school boys' team had a standout performance, with four of six runners earning new personal records — an impressive feat given the difficulty of the course. Fletcher Keener led the way with an 8th-place finish in 13:47.39, followed closely by Davey Allen (13th), Louis Borchers (16th), and Ethan Stefanut (19th). Strong runs also came from Noah Douglas Allen, Charles Henley, and Elliott Sowell, each turning in PRs. Their efforts propelled the team to a second place overall finish.

The varsity girls rose to the occasion, with every runner recording her fastest time of the season on the SAS course. Lily Crigger led the charge with a 12th-place finish, while Annanoel Sparacio followed in 14th with a new PR. Nora Jane Elrod, competing in just her second 5K, clocked a PR of 23:52.87. Anika Stefanut also impressed with her best-ever time on the home course.

The varsity boys delivered a gritty performance, finishing sixth out of 11 teams after a demanding week of training. As a group, they averaged two minutes faster on the course than they had earlier this season. Senior Micah Moody fought through an ankle injury to claim 12th place, with fellow senior Eoin Pate not far behind in 31st. Arthur Glacet, Daniel Pastor, and Ed Smith rounded out the scoring five. Highlights included sophomore Dylan Bruscato's impressive PR of 23:34.03 and Drew Richaud's strong debut 5K, which he completed in 36:50.02.

Reflecting on the day, SAS Head Coach Evan Mahler praised the team's resilience: "I couldn't be prouder of how our athletes competed," Mahler said. "The course is one of the toughest in the region, but our runners embraced the challenge, pushed themselves, and came away with some of their best performances of the season."

The varsity team will return to action next Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Lake Guntersville Invitational in Guntersville, Ala.

The Mountain Lion Invitational once again showcased the strength and resilience of the SAS cross country program, with both middle school and varsity athletes excelling against strong competition. SAS extends a special thank you to the many parents, students, faculty, and staff whose volunteer efforts made the day possible.

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SAS Golf Update

The golf team at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School ended regular season play last week with a record of 9 wins and 11 losses. During the final weeks of competition, the starting line up all performed exceptionally well marking personal best rounds during competition at their home course: Bryant Kuranda (41), Julius Froboese (42), and Bryce Archambault (44), Gavin Smith (44), Gus Sherril (45).

Following the final matches marked by strong play, the SAS team made their way to Bear Trace and Harrison Bay to compete in the East Region, District 2 Tournament on Sept. 23. SAS placed fourth out of six teams, narrowly missing team qualification for the regional tournament. Nevertheless, two individual golfers, Julius Froboese (88) and Bryant Kuranda (92), qualified for the regional competition.

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Volleyball Splits Matches in SAA Quad Action

Savannah Gunn posted 16 kills, Suna Merkler added 10 and Sophia Caruso and Emma Meyer combined for 29 digs in a 3-1 Sewanee win over Rhodes College in volleyball action Sept. 27, in Mount Berry, Ga.

In the second match of the day the Tigers dropped a 3-0 decision to 12th-ranked Trinity University.

In the opening match against Rhodes, the Tigers also collected two solo blocks and 14 block assists, including four by Anna Ellison.

Gann and Merkler recorded kills for a 7-6 edge in the opening set before the Lynx ran off eight of the next 10 points. Mollie White and Gann collected kills and Meyer and Ellison combined for a block during a 6-3 spurt for Sewanee, pulling within, 17-15, and a late run got the Tigers within, 24-23, thanks to kills from Maria Kennedy and White, but Rachel Clarke posted the final point for the Lynx in the set.

Ellison and Merkler registered kills and Meyer and Ellison combined for a block to start the second set, giving Sewanee a 6-3 advantage, but Rhodes answered with four consecutive points. The Tigers then won seven straight points behind kills from Merkler, White and Kennedy and a block from White and Kennedy for a 14-8 lead.

White and Gann collected kills and Ellison added one as well, keeping the advantage at six points (18-12) before the Lynx reeled off five straight, pulling within a point. Sewanee answered with a 6-0 run thanks to two blocks from Meyer and Ellison and kills by Merkler and Gann. Merkler delivered the final kill of the set.

The Tigers netted five of the first six points of the third set behind two kills from Gann and one apiece by Kennedy and White. Gann posted a kill and a service ace and Merkler added a kill for a 9-3 advantage. Sewanee pushed the lead to 16-5 behind three kills from Merkler, one by White and a block from White and Kennedy. Gann registered two kills and Ellison collected three more, including the final point of the set.

Rhodes answered with a 10-0 spurt to begin the fourth set, which included five service aces. The Ti-

gers cut the deficit in half thanks to a kill by Kennedy and a block from Kennedy and Gann and a 9-1 run put Sewanee in front. Gann registered five kills and Ellison added one during the stretch.

Gann and Ellison and then Gann and Kennedy posted kills, stretching the lead to 19-14, but Rhodes pulled within, 20-18. Sewanee reeled off five of the final six points, including kills by White and Kennedy.

White paced the Tigers with 11 kills and Caruso collected 14 digs in the three-set loss to Trinity.

Two kills by White and one from Gann gave Sewanee a 5-2 edge in the first set and another kill by White and two blocks from Gann and Ellison extended the advantage to 9-3. Trinity recorded five of the next six points and then the teams traded points, with Merkler, Kennedy and White each registering kills and the Tigers hanging onto a 15-12 lead.

Gann and Merkler added kills and Sewanee led 18-15 before three straight points by Trinity knotted the set at 18. Trinity pulled in front, 21-19, but kills from White and Gann and a service ace from White pushed the Tigers back ahead, 23-22. A pair of attack errors gave Trinity the opening set, 27-25.

Merkler and Meyer registered kills and Ellison and Gann posted another block early in the second set before kills by Merkler and White put the Tigers in the lead, 9-7. Kennedy and Gann tallied kills and a service error tied the set at 12. Trinity won eight of the next 10 points and 13 of the final 17 in the set.

White collected two kills and Gann and Ellison posted one apiece early in the third set and a service ace by Gann made it 8-7 Sewanee. Ellison's kill tied the score at nine before a 6-0 spurt by Trinity.

Sewanee answered with a kill from Merkler and two each by White and Gann, pulling within, 18-15, but that was as close as the Tigers would get. Trinity registered seven of the last nine points to finish the match.

Sewanee takes on host Berry College on Sunday at Noon CT to complete a two-week set of pod-play to begin conference action.

Men's Soccer Drops Road Decision at Emory

Sewanee men's soccer dropped a 5-0 decision to second-ranked Emory University on Sept. 27, in Atlanta, Ga., the team's first loss of the season.

Ignacio Cubeddu netted four of the team's five goals, including a hat trick in the first half.

The Tigers (8-1-2) trailed just 2-0 late in the first half before Logan Steren and Cubeddu netted goals in the final three minutes of the period.

Cubeddu scored in the 22nd and 32nd minutes, both on assists from Adeyemi Oni. Steren's goal in the 43rd minute was assisted by Jack Burgess, who also assisted on the Cubeddu score with just 33 seconds left in the opening period.

Cubeddu's goal at the 69-minute mark of the second half was unassisted.

Sewanee begins conference play this coming week, traveling to Rhodes College on Friday and Millsaps College on Saturday.

Field Hockey Falls to No. 21 Lynchburg, 4-1

Catherine Crane scored off a penalty corner, but Sewanee field hockey fell to No. 21 Lynchburg, 4-1, on Sept. 28.

Crane put the Tigers on the board in the 27th minute, converting Sewanee's first corner of the match. Off Natalie BeVier's insert, Crane ripped a shot from the top of the circle that deflected off the goalkeeper's glove and across the line for her sixth goal of the season.

Sewanee nearly struck again just before halftime when Molly Haskell's attempt off the Tigers' second corner was saved and redirected just wide. Defensively, Kylie Carter denied the Hornets with a defensive save in the second quarter, but Lynchburg tallied two goals late in the period, including one on a corner, to build a 3-1 advantage at the break.

The Hornets added one more in the third quarter, but Sewanee's back line held firm in the fourth, limiting Lynchburg to two off-target shots.

Lynchburg held a 24-2 edge in total shots and 14-3 advantage in corners. Both of Sewanee's attempts were on frame. Goalkeeper Miriam Hussaini registered five saves, while Carter added a defensive stop.

Ramsey, Crane Led Sewanee Past Roanoke, 2-1

Shepard Ramsey opened the scoring in the first three minutes, and Catherine Crane added a goal in the second as the Sewanee field hockey team defeated Roanoke, 2-1, on Sept. 27, in Salem, Va.

The Tigers struck early, as Ramsey scored just three minutes into the match to give Sewanee the lead off a corner. Catherine Crane doubled the advantage in the second quarter, netting her third goal of the season in the 18th minute.

Roanoke cut the margin before halftime with a goal from Corinne Orlando off an assist by Brooke Garcia in the 26th minute, but Sewanee's defense held strong the rest of the way.

Goalkeeper Miriam Hussaini anchored the back line with seven saves, including four in the first quarter, to keep the Tigers in front. Crane and Ramsey led Sewanee's offensive push, combining for four of the team's nine shots on goal.

Women's Soccer Falls to No. 2 Emory, 1-0

Sewanee hit the post twice and created several strong chances, but the Tigers were unable to convert as No. 2-ranked Emory earned a 1-0 win Sept. 27, at Puett Field.

The Eagles struck in the 16th minute when a ball bounced loose inside the box and Mikayla Camp buried it into the far post for the lone goal of the match. It marked just the second time this season that Emory (10-0-0) has been held to a single goal, the other coming in a 1-0 victory over then-No. 15 Washington and Lee.

Emory had another dangerous opportunity when Katie Hungness beat Emilee Scott at the top of the box, but Laney Kalsu stepped in and made a huge defensive save to prevent a shot from getting off and keep the Eagles out of the net.

Sewanee pushed for an equalizer in the second half. Just five minutes after the restart, Mia Ramirez linked up with Laura Morgan, whose shot from outside the box sailed just high. Moments later, Susie Whitsett's attempt rattled off the crossbar, and Pope Scurlock nearly finished the rebound, but an Emory defender cleared it off the line.

In the 58th minute, Kylene Monaghan unleashed a long-range effort from 25 yards that struck the post again. Later, Kalsu connected on a corner from Stella Martin but pushed her shot just wide.

Despite the near misses, Sewanee could not find the equalizer. Emory finished with a 14-13 edge in shots and a 6-2 advantage in shots on goal, while Sewanee earned three second-half corner kicks. Goalkeeper Emilee Scott collected five saves to keep the Tigers within striking distance.

Sewanee (5-1-1) turns its focus to Southern Athletic Association play, opening the conference slate at Rhodes on Friday at 1 p.m. in Memphis.

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Volleyball Falls to Berry to Close Out SAA Pods

Savannah Gann posted a team-high eight kills, while Maria Kennedy added four on a .571 hitting percentage, but Sewanee volleyball fell in straight sets to Berry on Sept. 28, to close out the second SAA Pod of the season.

Emma Meyer paced the offense with 15 assists to go along with seven digs and an ace. Sophia Caruso tallied nine digs, while Anna Ellison chipped in four kills and four blocks. Kennedy also finished with four kills without an error.

Berry used a 12-0 first-set run to take control early, but Sewanee responded with a 7-1 stretch highlighted by an ace from Kennedy and a kill from Ellison. The Vikings, however, closed the frame by winning seven of the final 10 points.

The second set was the tightest of the match, featuring eight ties and three lead changes. Sewanee hit .280 with just two errors in the frame and fought off set point with a kill from Suna Merkler off a Laney Barnes assist, but Berry secured the 2-0 lead on the next rally.

Ellison opened the third set with a solo block, but the Vikings quickly countered with an 8-1 run fueled by three aces and three kills. Sewanee rallied late behind a 5-1 spurt that included a kill from Gann and four Berry errors, but the Vikings closed out the match with three kills.



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Baby Timber Rattlesnake. Photo by Bill Kershner

Hodge-Podge

The Partees sent in a photo of a mushroom with a number of interesting details, a Dyer's Polypore, also known as a Cowpie Fungus. It has, in fact, been used to produce dyes in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. It is parasitic on conifers and can even kill them. Sometimes, as in this photo, it appears to be growing on the ground, even incorporating bits of grass, leaves, etc., but it is actually growing on the roots of a tree. This specimen is in the later stages of its life — younger specimens are more colorful. Several round, white largish fungi are appearing along our road. They are one of the Calvatias, I believe, that name meaning bald. They are a puffball, and closer identification will involve watching them as they mature and release their spores.

This Monday, Oct. 6, the full moon is the Harvest Moon, defined by many as the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox. Usually it falls in September, but every five years or so it falls in October. The bright light aided in harvest in earlier times. An additional help to farmers was that, at this time of year and in northern latitudes, the Moon rises only a few minutes later each night instead of the usual 50 minutes. This year, it will be especially bright because it occurs at almost the same time that the Moon is closest to the Earth for its current orbit.

Bill Kershner writes, "I found this baby Timber Rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus) in our yard recently. It is the first ever non-adult I've seen. It was about 12"-14" long. Although it had no rattles, it shook its button mightily. I was glad that it moved off without encouragement."

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Wed	Sept 24	77	64
Thu	Sept 25	78	60
Fri	Sept 26	82	62
Sat	Sept 27	84	60
Sun	Sept 28	83	60

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Hike to Big Creek Overlook — Savage Gulf State Park, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 8:30–11:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event. Join Ranger Jamie on a day hike to the Big Creek Overlook. We will meet at the Savage Gulf West Trailhead, 550 Greeter Falls Rd., Altamont, at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. We will begin the hike by taking the Greeter Trail to the Big Creek Overlook and on the way back we will be completing the Greeter Falls Loop Trail. This hike will be approximately 3 miles in total and is considered strenuous in certain areas — please be prepared for a challenging hike.

Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are capable of completing the entire hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike.

We will observe a beautiful overlook, waterfall, and we will also chat about the park and/or what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required.

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

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

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

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

Division of Forestry Nursery Now Accepting Tree Seedling Orders

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry's (TDF) East Tennessee Nursery is accepting tree seedling orders until March 15, 2026 or while supplies last. More than two dozen tree and shrub seedlings are currently available for reforestation and conservation projects.

"Native species seedlings grown at our East Tennessee Nursery play an important role in the expansion and regrowth of our forests," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "Grown from seed gathered no more than 50 miles from Tennessee's borders, these seedlings are uniquely positioned to thrive in our state. Planting native species helps ensure the resilience and health of urban and rural southern forests."

The East Tennessee Nursery cultivates millions of native trees and shrubs each year and sells seedlings in bulk to public, nonprofit, and private organizations, as well as individuals.

Several cost share and financial assistance programs are available to qualified landowners to provide financial assistance for seedling purchases. Sponsored programs include:

The Beam Sundry program promotes the purchase of oak and hickory seedlings.

The Promark (formerly D'Addario) program supports the sustainability of hickory and oak in Tennessee.

The Huber Engineered Woods, LLC. Program funds purchasing loblolly pine 2.0 seedlings.

The Tree City USA program supports cities and towns seeking to grow urban and community forests.

Each program has its own eligibility requirements, and some require a forest management plan. Contact your local area forester at <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/staff> to learn more about these programs and their eligibility requirements, including forest management plans.

Landowners may also qualify for cost share opportunities for hardwood and softwood seedling purchases through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP). For information, visit <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/landowner-assistance/financial-assistance.html>.

Please visit <www.planttnutrees.org> to purchase seedlings online.

The Division of Forestry protects and promotes the responsible use of forest resources in Tennessee. Focus areas include assisting landowners with a variety of services, providing quality tree seedlings, supporting forest health programs, collecting forest inventory data, assisting forest industries, and fighting wildland fires. Visit <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests> for more information.

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.



Dak



Chevy

MARC's Mountain Adoptables Meet Dak & Chevy

Dak is ready for Halloween! He is a party guy, always ready for some fun action. His favorite activity is playing with children and other dogs. And sticks are top on his list of toys. Dak is also a snuggler, loving soft beds and time with his people. He is very sweet and well behaved. Dak walks on a leash and sometimes pulls hard. He would like to learn more leash manners and other obedience skills. Dak is a handsome black dude with some white markings. He is around three years old and weighs about 60 pounds. Dak is looking for his new best friend. Why not take him for a day or a weekend and see if he is the right fit for you?

Chevy is a beautiful Tortoise Shell kitty who is around six months old and weighs about four and one half pounds. (And she does have a nice long tail, not seen in photo.) She is strong survivor. When she was only around six weeks old she held on tightly under the hood of a car and rode about 40 miles without getting injured. Her foster mom was able to lure Chevy out from hiding and ever since Chevy has enjoyed a safe and loving environment. She loves to play with toys and empties the toy box of every single toy then throws them around all over the room. Chevy is very smart and fearless and oh so sweet! She is good with other cats and with an older dog. Chevy will be an active companion, not just an observer. If you like spunky kitties who are also gorgeous, check out Chevy soon.

If you would like to learn more about Dak and Chevy please fill out an Adoption Application found on our MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives.

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by Robin Bates

Banned Book Week, Oct. 5-11

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Always reported the truth? And here you are
Treating me like a liar! I command you:
Burn me

--Bertolt Brecht, *The Burning of the Books*
Trans. Michael R. Burch

Community Calendar

Friday, Oct. 3

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. AngelFest 2025, (free), music at 7 p.m., with Pink Houses, Angel Park

Saturday, Oct. 4

- 8 a.m. Swiss Pantry 56th Annual Open House, 10026 David Crockett Hwy. Belvidere, until 5 p.m.
- 9 a.m. Third Annual Fiery Gizzard Fest, Tracy City Roundhouse Park, until 7 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Mountain Goat Trail Fall Bicycle Poker Run, registration 9-11 a.m., behind Depot Cafe, 403 W. Main St., Monteagle; awards party, Harton Park, 4 p.m.; more info email <monteagletrourism@gmail> or call (931) 871-6040

Sunday, Oct. 5 • CAC Pantry Sunday

Sewanee Woman's Club luncheon reservation deadline, <reservations.swc@gmail.com>

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

Monday, Oct. 6

FC Schools Fall Break, through Oct. 10

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Poetry Reading, Robert Wood Lynn, McGriff Alumni House, until 5:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Sewanee Civic Association, program Dr. Amy Patterson/Robin Hille Michaels, "Office of Civic Engagement," Kennerly Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Coach Haley Overstreet, Field Hockey, in person Blue Chair, livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
- 4 p.m. Mountain Garden Club, University Farm
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch at noon, lead at 12:25 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5 p.m. Friends of U of S Library talk, Christina Soontornvat/Keri Lambert, "Censorship is SO 1984," Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 7:30 p.m. "The Oresteia," Proctor Hill Theatre

Thursday, Oct. 9

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Artist Talk/closing reception "Recent Work," Daniel Reidy, Carlos Gallery, Visual Arts Building, 105 Kennerly Rd.
- 7:30 p.m. "The Oresteia," Proctor Hill Theatre

Friday, Oct. 10

CaveFest, <https://www.thecaverns.com/cavefest>

- 8 a.m. Sewanee Community Fire Support Fundraiser Yard Sale, Sewanee Fire Jump Off Station 2, 130 Jump Off Mountain Rd., until 3 p.m. (also Oct. 11)
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. F@H Vaccination Clinic, Legion Hall, until 1 p.m., <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. "The Oresteia," Proctor Hill Theatre



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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

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

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

Wednesday

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

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

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

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

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

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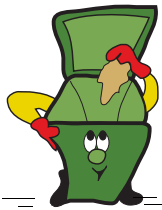
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