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Five students from Sewanee Elementary School recently served as ambassadors for their institution at the Tennessee State Fair. At the invitation of TN Magazine, the students participated in the "Made in Tennessee" exhibit, where they greeted fairgoers and highlighted the school's storied 100-year history. The appearance was organized as a key event in the ongoing centennial celebration of the historic school.



Class of 2030 photo at All Saints' Chapel. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



Signing of the Honor Code. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Thurmond Memorial Library Annual Book Sale

Thurmond Memorial Library will host its annual book sale on Labor Day Weekend in the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul at 216 University Avenue in Sewanee.

The four-day sale, which is primarily self-serve, runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4, Saturday, Sept. 5, and Sunday, Sept. 6. On Monday, Sept. 7, the sale is from 8 a.m. to noon. Hardbacks will cost \$2 each or three for \$5 while paperbacks will cost \$1 each or three for \$2. Cash or check is preferred since an IOU is the only form of credit available.

The library, which contains newer fiction and classic books as well as books for children and young adults, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to everyone in the community. All books in Thurmond are either donated or purchased with money raised by the book sale and there are no due-dates or late fees.

Book donations that cannot be used in the library are given to a books-for-prison ministry or sold at the annual sale to purchase new books or taken to McKay's Bookstore in Chattanooga for cash/credit.

Monteagle Planning: Data Centers; Municipal Property Acquisitions

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Sept. 1 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission revisited data centers in response to the Monteagle Council's action the previous evening, banning data centers outright instead of adopting an ordinance amendment limiting them to Industrial zoning as a special exception. The Commission also took up another issue on the table as a consequence of a Council discussion the night before: municipal land acquisition for the rehabilitation and enlargement of the pump station behind Waffle House.

The rationale for the proposed ordinance amendment limiting data centers to Industrial zones was that Monteagle has no property zoned industrial. Commenting on the Council's reason for not adopting the ordinance, Commissioner and Alderman Dan Sargent said, "It was the wrong way to go about it. We felt like we wouldn't have good footing in a court of law if we were challenged. We would be declaring we were not allowing something in an area that doesn't exist."

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Remembering 9/11: Twenty-Five Years Later

Sewanee students, faculty, and other community members are invited to the Quad on the morning of Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, to plant American flags to honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost 25 years ago.

The memorial, jointly sponsored by the University Chaplaincy, the Sewanee Fire Department and the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club, will begin at 8 a.m., with the planting of 3,000 flags in memory of the lives lost in New York City, at the Pentagon, and aboard United Airlines Flight 93 as its passengers forced the plane down in Pennsylvania preventing hijackers from diverting it to attack Washington, D.C.

A brief service will begin at 9 a.m., on the Quad, led by the Reverend Chris Epperson, University Chaplain.

The 2001 tragedy, felt across America and around the world, remains fresh for many on the Mountain, where residents include people who were in the U.S. Capitol, lived within a few miles of the Flight 93 crash, lost friends in the towers, or reported on the attack and its aftermath in Washington, D.C. and abroad.

"We commemorate this event to remember," Epperson said. "It's a horrific loss of so many lives, and also a loss of innocence for our country and the world, one that reverberates to this day."

Sewanee Fire Chief Terry Smith said student and community members of his department will honor the first responders who died or suffered exposure that led to debilitating and fatal illnesses as they rushed to save others, as well as the military service men and women who fought in the ensuing Afghan War and the families who still grieve.

Later in the day, Sewanee firefighters will participate in a private 9/11 workout that has become a quiet tradition here and in fire departments around the country. The workout traditionally involves donning full turnout gear and air packs to simulate climbing the equivalent of the 110-floor Twin Towers and carrying injured civilians and colleagues, all while listening to recordings of 9/11 emergency radio transmissions from New York fire and police and other first responders.

"We will honor those people with a field of flags that will represent the thousands of people who died that day. Everybody was affected, through themselves, their families, people they know," Smith said. "There's not enough field to hold the flags of all the lives touched by 9/11."

Monteagle Bans Data Centers; Water Rate Woes

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"We have the option to not allow data centers. If it goes to court, I think we have a case just from the standpoint of we don't have the infrastructure to support a data center," insisted Alderman Grant Fletcher at the Aug. 31 Monteagle Council meeting, arguing for banning data centers outright instead of passing on second reading the ordinance approved in July, limiting the location of data centers. Fletcher prevailed. The Council also grappled with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) refusing to loan the city money for critical sewer needs if Monteagle did not raise water and sewer rates.

The data center ordinance approved on first reading in July only allowed data centers as a special exception on property zoned Industrial, the rationale being Monteagle has no property zoned Industrial. Challenging the ordinance before the second reading vote, Fletcher said, "The way we're going about this, I disagree with. We have the authority to say we don't want a data center." Fletcher pointed out numerous other communities in

the state had banned data centers.

"It is illegal to declare something to not be a permitted use," countered Alderman Nate Wilson. "If you need time to study it, you can do a temporary moratorium, but it has to have a term. That's how Grundy County is doing it. A lot of the bans happening statewide will not hold up in court. People are doing it to make a statement."

Only Wilson voted yes for approving on second reading the ordinance amendment allowing data centers as a special exception in Industrial zoning. Fletcher's subsequent resolution passed unanimously: "We do not allow data centers as a permitted use within our zoning ordinances." Mayor Greg Maloof will research the resolution's validity and path forward with the city attorney and Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service.

In refusing to loan Monteagle money if they did not raise water and sewer rates, SRF maintained the town would be unable to repay the loan and unable to fund the depreciation for the two infrastruc-

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Three Seasons Market will be open the first Friday of each month, through October, 3–6 p.m., at the Old Roundhouse Park, 366 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. We offer fresh homegrown seasonal produce, plants, crafts, small livestock, food trucks, music, kid activities, and much more.

The Sewanee Gardeners' Market is open 8–10 a.m., every Saturday until September at Hawkins Lane. Locally-produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants and flowers will be available.

The Fresh Mess Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday afternoon until Oct. 1, from 3–6 p.m., at Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle. Stop in to buy, sell, or barter fresh produce,

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Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. A reminder: we do not accept any children's items, and ask that you check with us during open hours before donating furniture. Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The donation bins are on the side of the new Shop. We ask that all donations are in good resale condition and come bagged or boxed when placed in the bins.

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



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It is time to renew your Sewanee Civic Association membership! Much like a fishing license, your SCA membership expires each year on Oct. 1, regardless of when you joined. We open up the renewal period on Sept. 1, to ensure that there is plenty of time for everyone to renew.

To continue receiving Sewanee Classifieds, you must renew by Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, we will update the membership list to only those members who have paid between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1. Anyone who pays after Oct. 1 will be added to the list as soon as payment is received and processed.

Sewanee Classifieds are provided as a service to SCA members. The Sewanee Civic Association fosters a well-informed, harmonious, and dynamic community by creating opportunities for community discussion and social interaction, managing the Sewanee Community Chest and Sewanee Classifieds, and sponsoring projects that benefit the community. The association brings community members together to stay informed, connect with one another, and support the greater Sewanee community.

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Between now and Oct. 1, we will send an email directly to those members who have failed to renew their membership to remind them that they will need to renew to continue receiving emails.

Please be patient as we work our way through the renewal process. If you have a question or comment, it is best to send a new email to us at: <classifieds@sewaneecivic.org>. Sewanee Classifieds is managed by a group of volunteers and we do our best to not disrupt anyone's use of the service. As always, you can find renewal payment information on our website: <<https://sewaneecivic.org/sewaneeclassifieds/#renew>>.

Opioid and Overdose Awareness Event

The second annual awareness event starts at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Altamont Baptist Church, 1440 Main St. This is sponsored by Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor, the Altamont Baptist Church, and Native Song Ministry. Food truck and trailer vendors are wanted. Please contact us at (931) 356-2303. Artisan vendors and recovery resource tables are also wanted.

Testimonies and special speakers will be from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Christian artists Doug Mathis and Kelly Alayna will perform from 1-5 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

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 is given by a variety of talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the lead will be given by Sarah Edmonds, Executive Director of the Community Action Committee of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul. Her talk is titled, "Community Action Committee: Together, We Make it Possible."

Edmonds holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology from Christopher Newport University, where she focused on sustainability, leadership, and service. She moved to Tennessee in 2021 to serve with the South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps VISTA Project. During her time in AmeriCorps, Sarah built hunger relief networks across the Plateau, developed food programming, and volunteered with local food banks. Sarah has served as the Executive Director of the Community Action Committee at the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul since December 2022.

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

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Nancy Seiders, Assistant Dean of Greek Life and Student Involvement, will present the program.

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Sewanee Woman's Club

The Sewanee Woman's Club will start this year at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at St. Mary's Sewanee Ayres Center, 770 St. Mary's Lane, Sewanee. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at 11:55 a.m. The meeting follows at 12:20 p.m.

The theme of our first meeting is "Who we are and where we're going." We're building the program around our purpose as defined in our Constitution: "The purpose of the club shall be to promote the well-being of the whole community and to sponsor interest groups." The board will present the program, starting with a pictorial history and moving to our plans for this year. The theme of the table decorations is "Apples," reminding us of bringing fall apples to our teacher when we start the new school year.

Reservations to eat lunch and attend the program/meeting must be made by noon on Sunday, Sept. 6. Send your request for a reservation by email to <reservations.swc@gmail.com>. You will receive a response from Hilary Goodman to verify that she has reserved a place for you. If you need to cancel, send her an email at the same address by Sunday, Sept. 6.

There is a \$20 charge for lunch and a \$25 charge for yearly dues, payable onsite by cash or check only.

If you wish to attend the program/meeting without eating lunch, there is no charge but you still need to reserve a seat at <reservations.swc@gmail.com>. Plan to arrive at 12:20 p.m.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at 215 S. College St., 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, Sept. 15, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21. Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Monteagle City Council

The Monteagle City Council will have workshop meetings in the conference room at City Hall. These will be at 4:30 p.m. Closed Sept. 7, 2026. Workshop Sept. 21, 2026. City Council Meeting Sept. 28.

The regular City Council meeting will be at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 28, 2026.

SCRLT Annual Membership Meeting

The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) will host their annual membership meeting and potluck starting at 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, at the end of Tate Trail Road (1420 Tate Trail for GPS addresses, look for the orange tent).

All community members are welcome to attend, children are encouraged, and anyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert if they would like, although contributions are not required. Local smoked pork, cutlery, plates, and beverages will be provided. Bring your instruments too for music late into the evening.

Founded in 1993, SCRLT is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization with a mission of conservation, environmental education, and stewardship of land in the South Cumberland Bioregion. You can learn more about SCRLT at our Facebook page or Instagram @southcumberlandlandtrust, <www.scr.lt.org>, or contact us at <hello@scr.lt.org>.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, on Sept. 6. All are welcome to contribute. All donations can be dropped off on the porch outside the CAC office or inside the church doors at St. Mark & St. Paul, both at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. There is an Amazon Wish List <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>> for those who want to shop online.

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

This month, the CAC is in need of bread, cereal, canned tuna, baby diapers (size 6), feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper.

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

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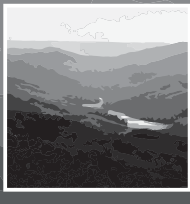


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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

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

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

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

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

Christ Church

Christ Church will keep The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity with the Collect and Lessons attached to the Sunday. On Friday, Sept. 11, the church will be open for prayer.

Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch is served at noon.

Draw Near

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist

On Sunday, Sept. 6, Rev. Melisa Derseweh will offer the sermon “Passiver” based on the Exodus 12:1-14 text.

This Sunday, we will share Holy Communion with an open table, meaning those who come to this holy meal are not required to be members of Morton, nor are they required to be members of any church. We understand ourselves to be invited by the Host, Jesus Christ. To share in Holy Communion, a person of any age doesn’t have to be a baptized

believer. Come to the feast!

Children are welcome at Morton! The Children’s Sermon will be “Coming to the Table.” There will be activities for the children after the message.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Worship begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

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

St. Mark and St. Paul

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

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

Morning and Evening prayer services are at 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.

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 3:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. The class begins with

a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday.

Robin Bates will discuss how it is that stories can reconfigure lives. Citing an observation from Game of Thrones — “There’s nothing in the world more powerful than a good story. Nothing can stop it. No enemy can defeat it” — Dr. Bates will explore instances of literary works changing human behavior and invite attendees to share their own experiences.

The talk is part of this year’s “Narratives That Transform” Sunday Forum series. It will take place 9:45-10:45 at Kennerly Hall.

Robin Bates is an Emeritus Professor of English at St. Mary’s College of Maryland. In retire-

ment Bates returned to Sewanee, where he grew up in a book-rich household, and has written books on “How Beowulf Can Save America” and “Better Living through Literature: How Books Change Lives and (Sometimes) History.” He currently heads the Friends of the Library and is responsible for a weekly poetry column in the Sewanee Messenger.

September Book Study – “Green Worlds of C. S. Lewis,” by John Gatta, illustrated by Mary Gatta. This will take place on Tuesdays, Sept. 8–29, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. Please bring a drink or snack to share.

The Sewanee chapter of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross meets on the second

Saturday of the month during the school year. Open to all Christian women, Companions are united under a common rule of prayer, thanksgiving, and simplicity of life. Social justice, peace, the unity of all people, and environmental responsibility are special concerns. This year, the chapter will be reading and discussing “Following the Call, Living the Sermon on the Mount Together.” The first meeting of the year, on Sept. 12, will be in Lookout Mountain. For more information see Mary Blount, Beth Chamberlain, Phebe Hethcock, Susan Holmes, or Mary Priestley <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

Church Calendar

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

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

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

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Warren Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Decherd

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Obituary

Phyllis (Phyl) Anne Martin Birdsong

Phyllis (Phyl) Anne Martin Birdsong, age 72, died on Aug. 26, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Sewanee on Dec. 14, 1953, to the late Halson W. Martin and Mildred J. Martin. Phyl was known for her strong will, kindness, love for all things owl, and an even bigger love for her family.

Phyl attended grade school in Redbank, Tenn. Her family then moved to Tullahoma, Tenn. in 1969, where she attended Tullahoma High School and graduated in 1972. Phyl spent many years as an administrative assistant at Motlow State Community College. She also worked at Temco, National Pen, Dunhams, before officially retiring at her last job, Bealls in Tullahoma. Outside of work, Phyl loved to read books, paint, and spend time with her family, especially if they were going to Casa Mexicana or Walmart.

Phyl was preceded in death by her parents Halson W. Martin, Mildred J. Martin, and her brother David W. Martin. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Corrie (Joseph) Martin, Tullahoma, Kelley (Marcus) Sintic, Tullahoma; one brother Steve (Karla) Martin, Chattanooga; six grandchildren, Orion Smith, Madison Smith, Gracie Martin, Haydon Malone, Brody Sintic, and Alexander Sintic; as well as many other family members and friends.

Visitation will be at Tullahoma Funeral Home on Sunday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A small graveside service will be after visitation at 2:30 p.m. at the Eastern Star Cemetery in Sewanee, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for any donations to be made in Phyl’s name to the Coffee County Lannom Memorial Library in Tullahoma.

Phyl will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. For complete obituary go to <<https://www.tullahomafuneralhome.com/>>.

Celebration of Life

Aidan McGrath Smith

Aidan McGrath Smith, of Sewanee, died on July 25, 2026, following a biking accident in Boulder, Colo. There will be a celebration of Aidan’s short but full life at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at the St. Andrew’s-Sewanee Chapel with a reception to follow at Angel Park at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Aidan can be made to St. Andrew’s-Sewanee at <sasweb.org/giving>.

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

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

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

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

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

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ture projects, i.e., set aside money for replacing the infrastructure in the future. Monteagle applied for funding to replace the pump station behind the Waffle House, a critical need for sewer service to continue on the west side of town, and for more Inflow and Infiltration remediation preventing groundwater from seeping into sewer lines, reducing the lines' capacity and increasing the cost for sewage treatment. Monteagle applied for a \$5 million SRF loan for the two projects. SRF responded that approval was conditional upon Monteagle increasing water and sewer rates 23 percent. The 1973-era pump station redo will necessitate a 13 percent rate increase, and the I&I remediation will necessitate a 17 percent rate increase by SRF's calculations. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation gave Monteagle 120 days to respond to SRF.

Maloof cited SRF's low interest rate, only 1.8 percent, compared to other lenders as the impetus for pursuing an SRF loan. "Monteagle is playing catchup and the town was growing," Maloof acknowledged. "We had our first rate increase in recent memory when I became mayor." Since 2022, rates have increased 52 percent spread out over several years.

"There is a limit to what people can afford," said Alderman Dean Lay. He strongly opposed a rate increase for water customers who did not benefit from the sewer system. If public sewer is available, customers are billed for sewer even if they do not connect to the sys-

tem. Aldermen Fletcher and Dan Sargent spoke in favor of spreading the increase over several years. Fletcher also cited the possibility of a rate increase that did not impact all customers, finding other ways to pay for the projects, or only doing one, with the pump station most critical in his opinion.

Wilson suggested charging an impact fee for a new tap, with the fee based on the size of residential units served by the tap, i.e., a lower fee for a single-family home than for a 230-unit motel. He also pointed out Monteagle's rate structure benefited customers with high use. He proposed considering a "water conservation" rate and adjusting the sewer rate.

"We're going to have to do something," Maloof stressed. "We're looking at different avenues and approaches."

On the good news front, sisters Pat Fisher and Peggy Helton coordinated a Senior Center project asking restaurants and businesses to make donations to be given as gifts to the first responders who protect Monteagle. The project yielded \$5,000 worth of gift cards and gift certificates. The seniors are creating thank you cards to be given to the town's first responders along with the gift certificates and gift cards in commemoration of the first responders who served and who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Updating the town on the Imagine Monteagle sculpture project, Fletcher said the town received a grant from the Lyndhurst Foundation covering 100 percent of the cost of the sculpture. The patio and

foundation were privately funded through the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance. The only cost to the town was \$1,500 for design drawings.

Looking to Imagine Monteagle's interest in helping promote tourism, Fletcher proposed hiring someone to manage a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram and to create flyers for events, costing \$2,500 annually from the Imagine Monteagle budget. The council approved the request, with Wilson abstaining. He recommended tabling the idea until Monteagle decided whether or not to take over coordinating the Monteagle Mountain Market event. The Chamber of Commerce will not coordinate the event in the future.

Building Inspector Travis Lawyer advised the community he and Codes Enforcement Officer A.J. Wade were removing the vinyl yard and garage sales signs posted throughout the community. "They are illegal," Lawyer explained.

During the Mayor's Communications segment of the meeting, Maloof announced the Petro truck stop property sold recently. He anticipates the new owners will meet with the planning commission regarding moving forward.

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The 12th Annual Hunger Walk

The 12th annual Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club Hunger Walk takes place Sept. 26, 9 a.m., starting at Angel Park in Sewanee. The Rotary Hunger Walk raises funds to combat food insecurity in Tennessee's South Cumberland Plateau region by supporting its local food organizations, Morton Memorial Food Pantry, Grundy County Food Bank, and the Community Action Committee. All report need is increasing.

Food insecurity across Marion, Grundy, and Franklin counties consistently exceeds national averages, with Grundy experiencing the highest rates, reaching an overall food insecurity rate of 19.8 percent.

Grundy County, overall insecurity, 19.8 percent, child insecurity, 20.9 percent.

Marion County, overall insecurity, 17.3 percent, child insecurity, 17.6 percent.

Franklin County, overall insecurity, 15.2 percent, child insecurity, 18.3 percent.

Child Hunger Vulnerability – In Grundy County, child insecurity is especially severe, with 93 percent of food insecure children living in households that fall below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty level, making them eligible for federal nutrition programs.

The "Eligibility Gap" — Across the region, a substantial number of food-insecure individuals have incomes slightly too high to qualify for SNAP benefits, forcing heavy reliance on community meal programs and food pantries.

Rising Grocery Prices, Rising Hunger — As the cost of food skyrockets, many families are struggling to afford food and other necessities, and food banks are having to fill the gap. Without federal assistance the hunger crisis in the US will worsen.

"Do I keep the lights on or do I pay the rent on time this month?"

"Do I buy gas to get to work or risk running out of fuel to buy enough food to feed my family this week?"

These are the types of tough choices that many on the South Cumberland Plateau are forced to make each day.

You can help. Give online at <<https://givebutter.com/hunger-walk2026>> or mail your contribution to Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Foundation, PO Box 336, Monteagle, TN 37356.

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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, Sept. 7: Labor Day, closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Chicken gnocchi soup, garlic bread.

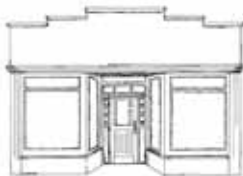
Thursday, Sept. 10: Tuna salad sandwich, chips.

Friday, Sept. 11: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll. Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

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

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

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Frame Gallery Gifts & Art Hosts “Art of Abstraction” Watercolor Workshop

Frame Gallery Gifts and Art welcomes back Jackson, Tenn., artist Lendon Noe, who will lead a full-day “Art of Abstraction” art workshop for all experience levels from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Limited to eight participants, the session will involve experimenting with building abstract images using watercolor and other water-soluble media. This hands-on workshop invites students to move beyond representation and discover how line, shape, color, texture, and composition can serve as expressive tools.

Noe will guide participants in exploring how artists use layering, repetition, contrast, movement, and visual rhythm to create meaningful compositions. Noe says, “The emphasis is on curiosity and discovery, allowing ideas to develop through the process rather than focusing on perfection.”

Class Schedule: 10 a.m.–noon: Introduction, exercises, and exploration; noon–1 p.m.: Lunch break (brown bag or enjoy one of Sewanee’s local restaurants); 1–4 p.m.: Studio time and individual guidance.

Participants will leave with new approaches to abstraction, a deeper understanding of abstract art, and one or more original works created during the workshop.

To learn more and to pay the \$145 registration fee, which includes class supplies, visit: <https://framegals.com/events/art-of-abstraction-workshop-with-lendon-noe>.

F@H Vaccination Clinic

Registration is now open for our annual vaccination clinic on Oct. 9, at the American Legion Hall in Sewanee from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome, but please register in advance with Folks at Home by email or phone, including the vaccination(s) you would like to receive. We will use the same method as in the past of organizing arrival times around last names: So A-M try to arrive between 9–11 a.m., and N-Z try to come between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If we reach 50 plus vaccinations, Walgreens will waive their pricey administrative fees, so we hope for another great turnout this year!

Vaccinations offered will include:

- 1) Covid (latest Moderna version and compatible with prior Pfizer)
- 2) Flu (low and high dose)
- 3) RSV
- 4) Pevnar/Pneumonia.

The Moderna COVID vaccination is compatible with a prior history of Pfizer vaccinations. The COVID vaccination will be the latest updated version of the vaccine. To receive the new COVID vaccine, an interval of six months is recommended by Walgreens since your last COVID vaccination. High Dose Flu vaccination is recommended for those 65 years and older. Please specify low or high! To receive any of the vaccinations, it must have been at least two weeks since you received any of the others. RSV is recommended by Walgreens for those 1) 60 years and above with existing health conditions and/or 2) 75 years and above without health conditions.

You may receive multiple vaccinations at the same time if you have not received any of them in the last two weeks.

Most Insurance will be accepted onsite.

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We hope to see you there! For more information contact Folks at Home <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com> or (931) 598-0303.

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Town planner Jonathan Rush concurred. “Anything you have as an industrial use, you have to have an industrial zoned area for,” Rush said. “You can’t use zoning to outright ban anything.” Rush pointed out Monteagle had assigned Adult Entertainment to Industrial zoning for the same reason.

“A data center sits in a different category from Adult Entertainment,” said Alderman Grant Fletcher. “We have further justification for not allowing data centers. The difference with a data center is infrastructure limitations. That’s the avenue we’re going to go down with legal to make sure Tennessee code can allow it [an outright ban].”

“It’s zoning without mentioning zoning,” Rush cautioned. He cited the alternative of a moratorium on data centers. “I see a lot of moratoriums in Tennessee based on ‘We’re working toward regulations.’”

At the August meeting, the commission asked Rush to draft a more concise definition of a data center to be used in the proposed amendment. Since the amendment did not pass, the commission did not review and took no action on the definition Rush prepared.

Taking up the municipal land acquisition issue, Commissioner and Alderman Nate Wilson explained part of the current pump station was not on the town’s property, due to a boundary line mistake. Also, the rehab and enlargement of the pumping station required more land and easements, with the total land acquisition less than an acre.

At the Council meeting, Mayor Greg Maloof proposed condemnation of the land needed.

“Condemnation is not a great look,” Wilson acknowledged, “but that would allow us to bypass planning and zoning and for the property transfer to take place more quickly. In other places in Tennessee, acquisitions for municipal services are not subject to planning and zoning.”

“State law says the division of property five acres or less for transfer has to go through the subdivision process,” Rush said elaborating on Wilson’s point. But Rush added, “In many cases, local governments can choose not to be put under enforcement of those regulations.” Wilson proposed Monteagle exempt land acquisitions for municipal services from the subdivision process, which would require a site plan and hiring an engineer. “[The exemption] would save government money,” Wilson observed. He maintained the subdivision process was not “relevant to municipal services acquisitions.”

Fletcher suggested a one-time exemption.

“Can you imagine a scenario where land acquisition for water and sewer needed to go through the subdivision process?” Wilson asked in reply.

Commissioner Dan Brown spoke in favor of amending the ordinance to allow the exemption. The commission voted unanimously for approval. For the ordinance amendment to be adopted, the amendment must go before the Council for a vote, as well.



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Car Wash Benefit

Greek organizations Alpha Delta Theta and Lambda Chi Alpha are hosting a car wash benefiting Folks at Home. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the ADT House, 163 Mississippi Ave., Sewanee. Pay what you can: \$10 minimum donation for community members and \$5 minimum donation for students.

SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday
Sept. 7–11
BREAKFAST**

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

Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day, no school.

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Cinnamon toast crunch bar, juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Banana bread, juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 10: Chicken biscuit, juice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Sept. 11: Pancake on a stick, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day, no school.

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, pinto beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Pizza, potato wedges, steamed carrots, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 10: Spaghetti, side salad, corn, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Sept. 11: Beef taco, pinto beans, salsa, cookie, fruit, milk.

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

Community Chest Applications Available

Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association (SCA), the Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2026–27 grant cycle. The purpose of the Sewanee Community Chest campaign is to raise funds for local organizations that serve the common good. An important function of the campaign is to minimize the need for excessive area fundraising by many groups; therefore, organizations receiving funds are expected to acknowledge support from the Sewanee Community Chest in other area fundraising efforts.

The Sewanee Community Chest does not allocate funds to those organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, or national origin.

The 2026–27 funding application is available on the website <www.sewaneecivic.org> in a Word document. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 11, 2026. There is an online form available <<https://forms.gle/yMTGeRXz9TLkzECr9>>. It does require you to have a Gmail email account.

The SCC is a nonprofit organization and relies on funding from the community to support programs throughout the greater Sewanee area. As the 2026–27 grant cycle begins, the SCC is also kicking off its annual fundraising campaign.

The SCA urges everyone who benefits from life in this community, whether you live, work, or visit, to give generously. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Contributions, payroll deductions and pledges are accepted at any time at P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. You can also donate through PayPal Giving <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.

For more information go to <<https://sewaneecivic.org>>.

Of Wood & Light at Sounding Stone Gallery

This summer, two creative communities will come together at Sounding Stone Gallery for Of Wood & Light, an exhibition uniting the craftsmanship of the Cumberland Furniture Guild with the evocative painted works of the Nashville Painters Salon. The exhibition runs through Sept. 19.

Founded in 2024 by Kymberlee Stanley, the Nashville Painters Salon (NPS) is a collective of artists who draws on the tradition of the European salon as both exhibition and community. Plein air landscape paintings will be their central focus for this exhibition. NPS actively participates in public painting events across Nashville and has recently expanded its reach to the South Cumberland Plateau.

The Cumberland Furniture Guild is a nonprofit Middle Tennessee group dedicated to the craft, education, and preservation of furniture making and fine woodworking. Its members span the full range of the discipline, from nationally recognized studio furniture makers, restorers, and collectors to devoted hobbyists. What unites them is a shared reverence for the materials and traditions of the woodworking craft.

Fine craft and traditional art take center stage at Sounding Stone Gallery, which shares space with stone sculptor Stephen Hutchins. Work created with intention, skill, and respect for materials shines through local artists and craftsmen from across the Southeast. Sounding Stone Gallery is located at 74 West College St., Monteagle.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. 7, Labor Day, No School Franklin, Grundy, Marion Counties, St. Andrew's-Sewanee

Sept. 18, Fall Convocation and Gowning

Sept. 25–27, Family Weekend, St. Andrew's-Sewanee

Oct. 2–4, Family Weekend, College

Oct. 5–9, Fall Break, Franklin County School

Oct. 12–16, Fall Break, Marion County School

Oct. 19–23, Fall Break, Grundy County

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

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



‘Dark Waters’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present Kristine Potter's “Dark Waters,” on view through Oct. 14, 2026.

The artist will speak about her work at 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, in Guerry Auditorium. Reception to follow. The event is free and open to the public.

In “Dark Waters,” Kristine Potter plumbs the relationship between culture and landscape, and specifically that between gendered violence and the Southern landscape.

In her words, “Dark Waters” “attempt[s] to make visible the unseen forces through which culture, memory, and embodied perception shape our relationship to place ...”.

The artist pulls together murder ballads, studio portraiture, and landscape photography. Sharp, precise images immerse the viewer in carefully observed views of Southern riverbanks, roadsides, night skies, and bodies of water. Cinematic narrative cues, the juxtaposition of potential settings and characters, and archetypal motifs all invite viewers to step in and construct a story, but who we are in that story — victim, aggressor, witness, observer — is left deeply uncertain.

In “Dark Waters” Potter troubles representational traditions, both the narratives of gendered violence that persist as entertainment, and depictions of the Southern landscape.

Acclaimed photographer Kristine Potter has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship (2018), the Grand Prix Image Vevey (2019-2020), and the Hariban Prize (2023). Raised in Georgia, she earned a BFA in photography and a BA in art history from the University of Georgia, and an MFA from Yale University. She is an assistant professor of photography at MTSU, and lives in Nashville.

Open Casting Calls

The Sewanee Tennessee Actors Group and production companies are planning to shoot four short movies this fall and winter in the Sewanee/Cumberland Plateau area. The auditions will be at 5 p.m., Sept. 10 and Sept. 17, at the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd.

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The Franklin County Master Gardener volunteers are dedicated to educating and training the public in the latest gardening techniques and information. These volunteers support the Extension Service by running plant clinics, answering horticultural inquiries, establishing demonstration gardens, and engaging with diverse community groups. They design and implement community projects and coordinate Master Gardener training programs. The Master Gardener program aims to train citizens as knowledgeable volunteers for The University of Tennessee Extension and Tennessee State University Co-operative Extension Programs. This partnership helps extend educational outreach by providing home gardeners with research-based information and the opportunity to serve in their communities. The free in-person presentation will be 5:30–6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, at 330 Joyce Ln., Winchester. To register call (931) 967-2741 or email <crt@utk.edu>.

TDF Opens for Tree Seedling Orders

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry's (TDF) East Tennessee Nursery (ETN) is open for tree seedling orders. Orders will be accepted through 5 p.m., ET March 15, 2027 or while supplies last. More than three dozen native hardwood, pine and shrub species will be available for purchase, including species suited to streambank restoration.

"ETN gives landowners, municipalities and organizations across the state an affordable way to restore and strengthen their rural and urban forests," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "Efforts to plant trees contribute to the resilience of our state's forests and the stabilization and revitalization of streambanks heavily impacted by Hurricane Helene."

Each year, ETN cultivates millions of native trees and shrubs and sells seedlings in bulk to public, municipal, nonprofit and private organizations, as well as individuals. The seedlings are grown from seed collected within 50 miles of Tennessee's borders, making them well suited to Tennessee's soils and

climate.

Popular species offered by ETN include hybrid chestnut, white oak, shagbark hickory and shortleaf pine. In addition, ETN offers species suitable for streambank restoration, including buttonbush, water tupelo, baldcypress, swamp white oak and persimmon.

Visit <<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/seedlings.html>> to purchase seedlings online.

Financial assistance is available to qualified landowners and municipalities to help offset the cost of seedling purchases. Available programs include:

The ProMark (formerly D'Addario) program supports the sustainability of hickory and oak in Tennessee. The Huber Engineered Woods LLC program funds the purchase of loblolly pine 2.0 seedlings. The Tree City USA recognition program enables eligible municipalities to acquire 200 seedlings in bundles of 100 per species.

Each program has its own eligibility requirements, and some require a forest management plan.

Individuals and organizations interested in the ProMark or Huber programs should contact their local area forester through the TDF Staff Directory online to learn more about these programs and their eligibility requirements.

Municipalities interested in the Tree City USA recognition program should contact <Ashley.Kite-Rowland@tn.gov> for more information.

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.

Governor Bill Lee, TDEC Announce First License for Commercial Fusion

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee joined the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to announce the issuance of the state's first ever fusion-specific byproduct material license to Type One Energy in preparation for a new commercial fusion project. Tennessee is the first state in the nation to issue a license under a new regulatory framework specifically for nuclear fusion machines.

Gov. Lee was joined by leaders from Type One Energy and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for the announcement at the annual meeting of the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) held in Nashville. OAS is the scientific and professional organization of state radiation control directors.

"As the global epicenter of nuclear energy, Tennessee is building the workforce, infrastructure and regulatory framework needed to lead the next generation of nuclear innovation," said Gov. Lee. "By creating a clear path for emerging technologies like fusion, we're advancing the reliable, abundant American energy we'll need for generations to come."

When the Nuclear Regulatory Commission delegated regulation of fusion energy production to the states, TDEC's Division of Radiological Health took the lead in creating a first-of-its-kind licensing program for fusion machines and fusion-related activities.

"Issuing this license is a significant milestone that solidifies Tennessee's reputation as the global hub for nuclear innovation," said TDEC Commissioner David Salyers. "We are proud to develop this groundbreaking regulatory framework for fusion energy that will serve as a model for other states."

Type One Energy and the TVA worked closely with TDEC to

prepare the application and submit plans. The Knoxville-based company intends to break ground on the first phase of Project Infinity at TVA's Bull Run Energy Complex in Clinton, Tenn., this year, and expects a full startup by 2034.

"For the first time, a fusion power plant-specific licensing process has been developed and then used to grant a fusion-specific license to operate a fusion machine, consistent with a national regulatory framework for fusion energy," said Christofer Mowry, CEO of Type One Energy. "The importance of this milestone cannot be overstated. Tennessee's licensing process is now the international benchmark for how to ensure fusion power plant 'safety by design' in a manner that can unlock the compelling economics of this transformational power generation technology. We are grateful and honored to receive this initial fusion machine license for Project Infinity."

Type One Energy's commercial site will function as a fusion development campus through projects between the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TVA, and the University of Tennessee. Type One's Infinity Two is forecast to be a 400 MWe fusion power plant using stellarator technology.

Nuclear fusion is the process by which two or more light atomic nuclei combine to form a single, heavier nucleus. This clean process releases large amounts of energy and is the same reaction that powers the sun and other stars.

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Austin Promoted to Deputy Director of Athletics

Sewanee Director of Athletics John Shackelford has announced the promotion of Carrie Austin to Deputy Director of Athletics, elevating Austin from her current role as Associate Director of Athletics.

Austin enters her fifth season with the Sewanee Athletics Department in 2026-27 and has played a key role in the department's internal operations since arriving to the Mountain.

"Carrie Austin has been a vital member of our athletic staff for more than four years," said Shackelford. "She's a terrific leader with a tremendous skill set for running day-to-day operations of our growing department. We're excited to see her in the well-deserved new role."

As Deputy Director of Athletics, Austin will serve as a senior member of the Athletic Leadership Team, with expanded responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the department, strategic initiatives, compliance, purchasing, and budget management. She will also provide leadership in departmental policy and planning, personnel management, championship event hosting, and the operational success of varsity support programs, with particular oversight of football and equestrian.

In addition, Austin will assume full responsibility for the athletics department when the Director of Athletics is unavailable and will work closely with campus partners across the University to support student-athlete success and the overall mission and strategic goals of Sewanee Athletics. The role also includes oversight of departmental efforts related to gender equity, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and Title IX compliance initiatives.

"I am incredibly appreciative of Coach Shack and Provost Scott Wilson for their trust and confidence in me as I step into this new role," said Austin. "Sewanee has become the best home imaginable for my family and me, thanks to the extraordinary community and unwavering support that surrounds us. I am honored to continue serving our student-athletes and coaches, and I look forward to building on everything that we have accomplished together as we pursue excellence both on and off the field."

Thank you for reading the Messenger!

HOME GAMES

noon, Sept. 4, Women's Volleyball, Sewanee Invitational

10 a.m., Sept. 5, Women's Volleyball, Sewanee Invitational

11 a.m., Sept. 5, Field Hockey vs. John Carroll

1 p.m., Sept. 5, Football vs. Bethany College

11 a.m., Sept. 6, Field Hockey vs. Roanoke College

4 p.m., Sept. 8, SAS Golf vs. Grace Baptist Academy, Winchester Christian Academy

Sewanee Defeats Covenant on the Road, 3-1

Savannah Gann recorded 16 kills, and Sophia Caruso recorded 21 digs, as the Tigers opened the 2026 season with a 3-1 victory over Covenant on Sept. 1, at the Barnes PE Center in Lookout Mountain, Ga.

Gann led the Sewanee attack with 16 kills on 29 attempts while hitting .310. The senior also recorded two service aces, nine digs, and a block to finish with 18.5 points. Anna Ellison added 14 kills on 28 attacks and hit .357, while Suna Merkler recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 11 digs. Maria Kennedy contributed eight kills and added three blocks, while Elena Sipe posted six kills and three blocks. Mollie White added four kills and two blocks.

Sewanee's offense was directed by Jordan Krise and Estela Gonzalez, who recorded 27 and 17 assists, respectively. Krise also added four digs and a service ace, while Gonzalez recorded three digs and an ace.

Caruso anchored the Sewanee defense with 21 digs, while Merkler added 11 and Gann finished with nine. As a team, the Tigers recorded 53 digs and held Covenant

to a .178 hitting percentage.

The Tigers opened the match with a 25-22 victory in the first set, hitting .333 with 19 kills. Gann recorded five kills in the frame, while Ellison added four and Merkler contributed three as Sewanee took an early lead in the match.

The second set was a back-and-forth battle, as Sewanee pulled out a 30-28 victory. Ellison led the Tigers with five kills, as Sewanee recorded 17 in the frame. Gann and Merkler each added four kills, while Gann recorded back-to-back kills to secure the second set.

Covenant responded in the third set, putting together a 10-4 run to take an early lead and eventually running away with the set to cut Sewanee's lead to 2-1.

Sewanee again started slow in the fourth set, as Covenant got out to an early 8-2 lead. The Tigers battled back with a 14-4 run to take a four-point lead, 18-14. Covenant tied the set at 22-22 before a service error, and an ace from Kennedy gave the Tigers match point. A Sewanee service error got Covenant within one, but Ellison secured the win with a kill for a 25-23 final set.

Field Hockey Dominates Transylvania, 9-0

Molly Haskell scored the game-winning goal, while Maggie Hazelrigg recorded a hat trick, as Sewanee opened the 2026 season with a dominant 9-0 victory on the road against Transylvania in field hockey action Sept. 1.

Haskell put the Tigers on the board following a penalty corner, before Faith Erickson and Shepard Ramsey scored within 42 seconds of each other to give Sewanee a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Keagan Southall added to the Tigers' lead six and a half minutes into the second period. Caroline Bridges then made it 5-0 after Erickson's shot hit the post and

Bridges collected the rebound and found the back of the cage. Hazelrigg scored her first goal of the night with 27:04 remaining in the second period, assisted by Southall, as the Tigers carried a 6-0 advantage into halftime.

Sewanee capitalized on another penalty corner just under seven minutes into the third period, with Erickson connecting with Hazelrigg for the lone goal of the period.

Catherine Crane added another goal for the Tigers in the 52nd minute, before Hazelrigg completed her hat trick with 2:06 remaining in the game to cap the 9-0 victory.

Women's Soccer Opens Season with 18 Corners, Shuts out Covenant

The Sewanee Tigers dominated the stat sheet and used a late second-half goal to defeat Covenant College 1-0 on Sept. 1.

In its season opener against a familiar non-conference opponent from Lookout Mountain, Sewanee (1-0) out-shot the Scots 28-7 (13-4 on-target). The Tigers had 18 corners and conceded none.

In the 79th minute, senior Stella Martin took one of those corners and found Kayte Dullye around the six-yard line. Dullye headed it directly off the serve from Martin for the lone goal of the match.

Sewanee kept the Scots from tallying a shot until the 17th minute, and Covenant took its first shot on goal in the 22nd.

Covenant's goalkeeper Bronwyn Kickasola was a tough match for the Tigers, as she registered 12 saves on the night.

Sewanee junior Arianna Shirak had two shots on target, including in the 84th when she took one from just outside the goal area. Kickasola made the stop, and the ball bounced off the left post and right back to Kickasola, who dove on top of it.

Sophomores Pope Scurlock and Josie Alexander also each registered two shots on goal. Junior goalkeeper Emilee Scott made four saves for Sewanee.

The Tigers begin a road trip to Delaware, Ohio with a contest against Ohio Wesleyan on Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. ET / 3 p.m. CT.

Men's Soccer Falls in Thriller to No. 4 Emory

For about 33 minutes, it seemed like Sewanee was about to upset the fourth-ranked team in Division III men's soccer.

In the 43rd minute, sophomore Thomas McGowan took a foul inside the box and converted on a penalty afterward to give the Tigers (0-1) a 2-1 lead. But two unanswered second-half goals for the No. 4 Emory Eagles (1-0) thwarted the upset.

Emory struck first on a free kick from a few yards behind the penalty area, as Jeremiah Cateau veered one into the right side of the cage.

The Eagles continued to control the match for the first 15 minutes and were out-pacing the Tigers on shots 3-0. In the 18th minute, Sewanee junior Isaac Rasheed tallied back-to-back shots, with the first one saved by Emory goalkeeper Geoffrey Halpern and the second one wide left.

In the 35th, with the Tigers finding their feet, McGowan found freshman Wels McLeod on a touch pass. Emory's keeper was out of position, and McLeod fired it from long distance and found the back of the net for the equalizer.

McGowan's penalty made it 2-1 going into the half.

Sewanee had a few opportunities to extend the lead in the second half. Senior Stokes McConnell had a shot saved in the 54th, and freshmen Reed Henly and Alex Obester each fired shots on target in the 63rd but were denied by Halpern.

But in the 76th, Emory's Nick Carrano scored from a few yards behind the box right after an Emory takeaway. The Eagles followed with a coast-to-coast chance that ended in a Vincent Maraschiello game-winner in the 81st.

Sewanee out-shot Emory 19-18, and shots on target were tied at seven. Both teams had two corners apiece.

Sewanee begins a Virginia road trip on Friday at Southern Virginia. Kickoff from Buena Vista is scheduled for 4 p.m. CT / 5 p.m. ET on FloCollege.

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Pinesaps. Photo by Lin Cameron

Plants at Extremes

Our pond has had a growth of a stringy floating aquatic for the last couple of years. I've been waiting for it to bloom so I could identify it and it is blooming now — Bladderwort! The small yellow flowers are atop a filament of a stem a couple of inches high. It is probably also blooming in Lake Cheston. Bladderwort is carnivorous, trapping such things as fairy shrimps, water fleas, and copepods in its bladders, where they are digested. The bladders have an amazing trigger mechanism, in which the "trapdoor" of the bladder opens and closes in something like two-thousandths of a second, sucking in water and zooplankton. They indicate a rich concentration of these zooplankton in a body of water, so I guess our pond is doing well.

From one extreme, the aquatic, we pass to another, a dry sandstone bluff. We finally took the trail out to Point Disappointment for the first time last weekend. We were not disappointed, by the plants or the view. On a bluff property, if it isn't mowed right up to the edge, a lovely assortment of plants blooms this time of year. There's the purple of the Small-headed Blazing Star and Southern Prairie Aster, the yellow of Wandlike or Erect Goldenrod, and the pink of Curtiss' Milkwort. These survive and thrive in the barren environment where even the leaves of the chestnut Oaks below the bluff were drooping.

Lin Cameron writes, "The Pinesaps have arrived. They are easy to overlook in the leaf litter but some are at trail's edge. These (in the photo) are between Lake Jackson and Dimmick." This is another type of plant at an extreme—a flowering plant that lives without chlorophyll, relying on a complex relationship with other plants and fungi.

Keep Safety in Your Sights This Dove Season

For many Tennesseans, the first Saturday of September means one thing: dove season. Fields fill with hunters before sunrise, making opening weekend one of the busiest hunting weekends of the year.

Before heading to the field, make safety your first priority. Shooting power lines, electrical equipment, or fiber-optic lines can disrupt electric and communication services for hundreds of your neighbors and create a dangerous situation.

Know your surroundings. Before opening day, scout the fields you plan to hunt. Identify fences, ditches, uneven ground, power poles, and overhead lines. Choose a safe shooting direction away from utility equipment.

Watch for power lines. Never shoot toward power lines, poles, transformers, or other electrical equipment. If a bird lands on electrical equipment, do not attempt to retrieve it. Getting yourself or your firearm too close to energized equipment could result in serious injury or death.

Leave utility equipment alone. Never climb on poles or transformers or use utility boxes as seats or tables. Keep decoys, firearms, and other gear away from electrical equipment, which can carry thousands of volts of electricity.

Keep an eye on hunting dogs. Keep dogs away from substations, fenced utility areas, and other electrical facilities. If a dog becomes trapped near energized equipment, call Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative. Do not attempt a rescue yourself.

A successful hunt is one where everyone makes it home safely. Take a few extra moments to look for electrical equipment, know what is beyond your target, and help protect yourself, fellow hunters, and the electric system your neighbors depend on.

If you see damaged SVEC equipment or have an electrical safety concern, contact Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative at (423) 837-8605.

Before you head to the field, have: hunting license; migratory bird permit; bright vest; water; first-aid kit; eye and ear protection; charged cellphone; know where power lines are.

State Park Offerings

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

Fiery Gizzard State Park

Intro to Rock Climbing, Sunday, Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try rock climbing? Join park staff for an introduction to the exciting sport of outdoor climbing at Foster Falls. Participants will learn basic climbing equipment, safety procedures, climbing commands, knot tying, and beginner climbing techniques. After a safety briefing and gear orientation, everyone will have the opportunity to climb beginner-friendly routes under ranger supervision. This program is designed for first-time climbers and beginners with little or no experience. All climbing gear will be provided. Climbing shoes are limited but we have sizes ranging from 5-11. Helmets and harnesses are provided as needed. Participants should wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activity and bring water and a snack for the program. Climbing activities are weather dependent and may be canceled in the event of rain, lightning, or unsafe climbing conditions.

Savage Gulf State Park

Mini Ecosystem Explorers Hike, Saturday, Sept. 5, 3-4 p.m. Join Interpretive Ranger Haley to learn about all the mini-habitats that could be right in front of your eyes in our beautiful State Park. While we are hiking the Laurel Falls Loop, we will take a closer look at our surroundings and learn about how a tiny square of the environment can be a home to so many plants and animals! We will be going around the Laurel Falls loop, which is about 0.3 miles. It is moderate to hard, strictly due to the fact that we have to go downstairs and a bit of rocky terrain. Be sure to bring water, suitable hiking clothes, and sturdy shoes. We will meet at the Stone Door Trail head for this program.

Fur-Tastic Friends!, Saturday, Sept. 5, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Come and stop by and see Interpretive Ranger Haley outside the Greeter Falls trail to see, feel, and experience the furs of our native animals that reside right here in our park. This event will be canceled if there is any inclement weather or rain.

B.A.R.K. Ranger Hike, Saturday, Sept. 5, 8:30-10 a.m. Love hiking with your fur-baby through state parks? Then join Interpretive Ranger Haley for a hike out to the Stone Door with your furry friend. At the end of our hike, your fur-baby will become a certified B.A.R.K. Ranger with Tennessee State Parks. We will meet outside the gift shop at the Stone Door, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs. The Stone Door hike is considered a 2.0-mile easy to moderate hike with little incline and decline. On this hike you will be surrounded by beautiful views of Savage Gulf and a unique perspective of the Stone Door. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes and bring water for our hike. Your dog is required to be on a leash the entire hike.

Pop-Up Trivia, Sunday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. Want to test your knowledge? Stop by and see Interpretive Ranger Haley outside Greeter Falls at the Savage Gulf West entrance for some trivia. It could be anything to do with the park whether it's history, how many trails we have, tree ID, animal ID, or just facts about Savage Gulf State Park. Or you can stop by to ask questions that you have about the park. The pop-up will be around for 1.5 hr. You can stop by at any point for some trivia or to ask questions about the park.

Suter Falls Hike, Sunday, Sept. 6, 9-10:30 a.m. Join Interpretive Ranger Haley for a 2.0 mile guided hike to see the beautiful waterfall at the Savage Gulf South Entrance to Savage Gulf State Park. This hike is moderate to hard in difficulty due to several steep sections and rocky terrain. Visitors will be taken to one waterfall, a swinging bridge, and see plenty of beautiful scenic spaces on the trail. Visitors will need to bring sturdy boots/shoes, water, some snacks, and weather appropriate clothing. Please gather at the Savage Gulf South Parking lot 10 minutes before the start of the program. In the event of inclement weather this program will be canceled. Make sure you put the correct address in your maps as we will be at the South Entrance and not at the Stone Door! Here is the address: Savage Gulf South Entrance 2689 55th Ave., Gruetli-Laager, TN 37339.

Hike to Savage Falls, Thursday, Sept. 10, 8:30-11 a.m. Join Ranger Jamie on a hike down to Savage Falls. Meet at Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. This is a 3 mile round-trip hike that is mostly moderate in nature. Accessing the base of the falls will be strenuous, and extreme care is needed in footing to get to the bottom of the falls. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water and snacks of your choice, as these items will not be provided. The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program's scheduled start in order to receive a refund.

Hike to Rattlesnake Point Overlook, Friday, Sept. 11, 8:30-11 a.m. Join Ranger Jamie on an approximate 4-mile guided hike to Rattlesnake Point Overlook via the Savage Day Loop Trail. We will meet at the Savage Gulf East Trailhead (3157 SR 399, Palmer, TN) at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. This hike will be approximately 4 miles in total and is considered moderate, however the trail can be 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 and we will 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. This hike is weather dependent and will be canceled in the case of inclement weather. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

Weather Stats on page 15 of this issue.



Dusty



Petey

MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet Dusty & Petey

Dusty is a handsome gray Tabby with a soft, medium-length coat and an adorable personality that's sure to win your heart. He prefers to choose when it's time for affection, but once he decides you're his person, you'll find him happily curled up in your lap, purring away like you've been best friends forever. He's the kind of kitten who builds a special bond based on trust, and that makes every cuddle even more rewarding. If you're looking for a loyal little companion who will blossom with a little patience and a lot of love, Dusty is ready to find the forever home he's always deserved.

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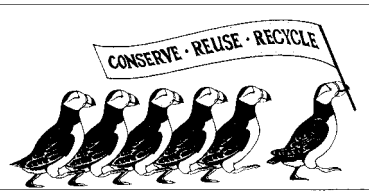
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Football Season Opens

When I faded back to pass
Late in the game, as one
Who has been away some time
Fades back into memory,
My father, who had been nodding
At home by the radio,
Would wake, asking
My mother, who had not
Been listening, "What's the score?"
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Community Calendar

- Friday, Sept. 4**
8 a.m. Thurmond Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, Kennerly Hall, until 6 p.m.
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 5**
8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
8 a.m. Thurmond Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, Kennerly Hall, until 6 p.m.
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.

- Sunday, Sept. 6 • CAC Pantry Sunday**
Sewanee Woman's Club reservations due
8 a.m. Thurmond Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, Kennerly Hall, until 6 p.m.
1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
1 p.m. YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

- Monday, Sept. 7 • Labor Day**
8 a.m. Thurmond Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, Kennerly Hall, until noon
noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga with Pippa, Sewanee Community Center

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

- Wednesday, Sept. 9**
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee

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- 5 p.m. Yoga for Release of Myofascial Tension, Tom Camp, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

- Thursday, Sept. 10**
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
10 a.m. Beginning Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
noon Intermediate Pilates, Kim Butters, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>
12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, until 3 p.m.
3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.

- Friday, Sept. 11 • National Day of Service and Remembrance**
Sewanee Community Chest applications due
8 a.m. Start planting flags at the Quad for 9/11
9 a.m. Brief 9/11 Service, the Quad
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
noon YouFit with Betsy Miller, registration required <<https://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com>>

Local 12-Step Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday
11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester
7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Wednesday
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
6 p.m., NA, community room at 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle
7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday
6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont
7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee
7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

WEAR WHITE AT NIGHT.

Walkers and bikers should wear light, reflective clothing after dusk. Don't assume drivers can see you — be on the lookout for your own safety.