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## A Prayer for What Being Southern Means

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff  
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“Everybody knows what the caste system does to the people under the boot, but we don’t often talk about the inherited psycho trauma of what it does to the people who are wearing the boot,” said author Wright Thompson taking questions on March 24 in Convocation Hall about his new book “The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi.” A New York Times bestseller, frequently touted by reviewers as the “best book of the year,” “The Barn” is an eyes-wide-open journey into a storm of social, agricultural, political, and economic forces all manifestly blamable for the 1955 torture and murder of the 14-year-old black youth, Emmett Till. Thompson claims the Mississippi delta where the torture and murder occurred as his home. Unpacking Thompson’s comment about the psycho trauma experienced by the boot wearer underlies his prayer for the book. “This is a very precarious time for the South and to be Southern and to be proud of being Southern. Is there still such a thing as the South? What is our culture? What are our values? This book exists to me as a prayer that we might find a way to have a unified tribe of us.” The “us” Thompson speaks of are those who inherited the legacy of the former boot wearers, the slave holders, lynchers, and Jim Crow macrocosm that once dominated the culture.

Thompson’s long litany of locations erecting post-civil-war confederate monuments seemed as though it would never end. He juxtaposed the list to the decision confronting Till’s friend, 18-year-old Willie Reed who hid in the brush outside the eponymous “barn” of the book’s title and listened to Till’s screams turn to whimpers turn to silence. Reed chose truth. Reed and Till’s Uncle Mose who witnessed Till’s murderers yank him from the bed in the middle of the night were the first two black men to ever testify against white men. “We have no statues of Willie Reed,” Thompson pointed out.

Plagued by death threats, Reed fled to Chicago, found work and married. Twelve years passed before Reed could bring himself to tell his wife he even knew Emmett Till.

Jeff Andrews who in 1984 bought the farm where the eponymous barn still stands knew nothing about the barn’s history even though his family was from a neighboring farmstead. Ultimately, Andrews’ father told him about the barn’s significance. “He [Andrew’s] was very kind to all the Till family members who were always coming out there,” Thompson said, “but he doesn’t understand what any of it has to do with him. And the reason is every single person of authority in his life, every coach, every scout master, every preacher, every parent told him it didn’t have anything to do with him.”

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Chef Rick Wright of the Blue Chair Tavern, at the smoker.

## A Story of Good

The new menu at the Blue Chair Tavern is a story about where the trail from the Low Country meets the road of Appalachia.

“The Blue Chair Tavern menu is Low Country cooking influenced by the Appalachian food culture, with a Creole Cajun emphasis,” said Chef Rick Wright. “It’s the commonality of it all — shared ingredients and cultures. It’s a merger of Creole, Spanish, French, Indigenous, and Scots — the diversity of people, their traditions and all their stories. That’s the heart and soul of food, and I want to carry those traditions forward.”

Wright is passionate about good food and people having access to good food.

“This passion comes from my heritage. I grew up in poverty in eastern Kentucky. I learned to cook from the women in my family — grandmother, mother, aunts. We cooked at home and ate food from the garden.

“All my life I have seen a lack of access to food and how it affects people. People struggle to put food on the table. Children go to school hungry or jacked up on sugar. Food insecurity outreach is a big need, and it is something I will continue to be involved in.”

This commitment to access good food has led to action. While the Director of Sewanee Dining, Wright started the Kitchen 2 Table program to benefit the Community Action Committee. The program receives unused portions from McClurg Dining Hall and repackages them into freezer safe, microwaveable meals. On average, the food donations create 500 meals a month for the CAC to share with their neighbors.

He also played a key role in the South Cumberland Summer Meals program, which provides meals to children and youth ages 2-18 at community partner sites in Franklin, Marion, and Grundy counties.

With the UT Grundy County Extension office, he opened a commercial kitchen, which provides nutrition education and serves a monthly community meal.

He has worked on creating healthy menus for the Jewish Federation and the American Heart Association. He also volunteers with World Central Kitchen, which serves chef-prepared meals to communities impacted by natural disasters and during humanitarian crises. “They call me when they need me,” said Wright.

“When the Blue Chair closed, John Clark, C’82, called me and asked if I wanted to go into business at the Blue Chair,” said Wright. “I didn’t see how it could work because the facilities needed work. It’s a tiny space which creates challenges. Then I realized other than places such as Shenanigans or the dining hall, you can’t really go out to eat every week in Sewanee. There aren’t that many every-day-working-man venues where you can get something good to eat at a good price. Plus, the closest place to get barbecue is in Monteagle. A smokehouse and a tavern were a piece of business entirely missing.”

Since the Blue Chair Tavern opened, Wright said the Shrimp Po’ Boy, gumbo and the smash burgers have been the most popular items on the menu. “We do everything from scratch. Food is sourced locally and regionally, such as produce, shrimp from the Gulf, and wild caught catfish. We will be using bison from the Lost Cove Farm, and lamb from Emmett Lodgson. We will soon run a blue plate special, which we are calling the purple plate, with food sourced locally.”

Current hours are 4–9 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. When the downstairs kitchen comes online, brunch and lunch will be offered. Provisions will also be available such as smoked meats, and pasta dishes purchased by the pound, boxed lunches and premade casseroles. Pizza offerings are also on the horizon. There are vegan and gluten free options available.

“We want to be the third place, where you can get a good drink, a good meal and feel included,” said Wright. “The story of The Blue Chair has always been about community and comfort, and we will continue that. I respect all that good work that has come out of there.”

The Blue Chair Tavern is located at 41 University Ave., Sewanee. To keep up with the next chapter of the Blue Chair Tavern, follow them on Facebook. Better yet, come on in and pull up a chair at the table. — reported by K.G. Beavers

## Monteagle Council Refuses to Fire Police Officer

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

In a split vote at the March 29 Monteagle Council meeting, the council voted down Alderman Dean Lay’s motion, that “Sargent [Alhafiz Ibn] Karteron be dismissed from employment from the town of Monteagle effective immediately for his actions previous to and including [the arrest of] Rodney Kilgore.” Heated discussion followed the vote, with Monteagle business owner Kilgore threatening a resident, “I’ll knock the piss out of you.” Under pressure from Monteagle police, Kilgore honored officer Chad Locke’s request to leave the meeting.

Lay’s motion referenced Karteron’s Sept. 15, 2025, arrest of Kilgore for false imprisonment, vandalism, and resisting arrest. In support of Lay’s motion, Alderman Dan Sargent said, “We’re a body responsible to the citizens of Monteagle that voted us into this seat. The judicial system has ruled in favor of the business operator arrested wrongly ... the charges were dismissed and he’s been expunged ... we have the responsibility to act.”

Mayor Greg Maloof responded, “I called the investigator of the district attorney. He said the case was closed. There were no proceedings against the officer.”

Concurring, Police Chief William Raline said, “I have not received any written complaints on him [Karteron]. He’s not done anything illegal or immoral in my eyes. If he has done that, bring it up. Let’s investigate it.”

Lay and Sargent voted for dismissal. Maloof, Alderman Grant Fletcher, and Alderman Nate Wilson voted no.

Applause followed the vote. Explaining his decision, Wilson said, “We have a lot of strong opinions on this matter, but what we don’t have as a council is written documentation and a written statement of fact. Rodney, if you have an issue, I encourage you to fill out a complaint form which will start the investigative process.”

Kilgore countered with complaints and accusations and threatened a resident who disagreed with him. More applause followed Kilgore’s departure.

Kilgore has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against Karteron, Raline, and the town of Monteagle seeking \$9 million in damages “for violations of rights secured to the Plaintiff under the United States Constitution.” Maloof said the council could not discuss the lawsuit because the case was under litigation.

In other business, the council approved funding for several civic projects: \$8,500 for American Holly evergreen plantings on the greenway; \$3,500 for landscaping at City Hall and the police station; \$1,300 to retain a designer for the Veterans Park project; and \$1,048 for tables and chairs at the Senior Citizens Center. The center also received a \$100 donation from Crippled Hookers Taxi and Towing, as well as \$250 in towing services, and the offer of a free ride to and from the center’s bingo night.

Likewise on the civic enhancement front, Monteagle has several grant projects underway. Trees received from a Tennessee Division of Forestry grant will be planted at Hannah Pickett Park and the fire hall, with planting by High Canopy tree service at no cost to the town. A TN 250 semiquincentennial grant will fund a mural on the west side of the fire hall. And donation will fund the planting of an American Holly tree on the greenway to serve as the town’s official Christmas tree.

Taking on new business, the council approved a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for waterline improvement; a resolution required by the state governing incurrence of indebtedness; adoption of a debt policy to comply with state law; and a resolution to enter into a loan agreement to finance critical sewer treatment needs.

In another split vote, the council approved a task order requesting the city’s engineer to conduct a study (cost \$55,250) to determine the financial impact of development on present and future water and sewer infrastructure needs. Maloof observed many municipalities and cities charged developers impact fees to cover future water and sewer infrastructure costs. Lay voted against the task order, arguing Monteagle could charge impact fees for residential development. Fletcher pointed out, “The only thing we’re voting on tonight is giving the engineer permission to move forward. When we get ready to look at impact fees, that will be a whole separate policy, and we can exclude residential if we need to.”

Monteagle will host an Easter egg hunt, music, and a potluck lunch from noon to 2 p.m., April 4, at Hannah Pickett Park. A “Put litter in its place” town cleanup is planned for 9-11 a.m., May 2.

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## Local Food Available

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

Three Seasons Market will be open the first Friday of each month, April 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.

## Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

The donation bins are on the side of the new Shop. We ask that all donations are in good resale condition and come bagged or boxed when placed in the bins.

## Volunteers Needed for Sewanee Fourth of July

In preparation for the 40th Sewanee Fourth of July Celebration, and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, volunteers are needed to make this the best celebration possible.

The first planning meeting is at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, via Zoom. If you would like to be involved with planning for the parade, children's games, Almost World Famous Mutt Show and more, email <[sewaneeju-ly4th@gmail.com](mailto:sewaneeju-ly4th@gmail.com)>.

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## Sewanee Community Chest Needs You

The 2025-26 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is \$4,500 away from the \$118,500 goal to support 19 local organizations providing essential services — quality of life programs, community aid, children's initiatives, and more.

The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information go to <[www.sewanee.org](http://www.sewanee.org)>. to give through PayPal Giving go to <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 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 meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, with students from all spring sports at the McGriff Alumni House. Coffee with the Coach will be livestreamed on <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>.

### Eastern Star Cemetery Association

The Eastern Star Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at St. James Episcopal Church.

### 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 very talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:30 p.m., the Lead, "Walking the West Highland Way" will be given by Carolyn Fitz.

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.

### Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, April 9, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Jade Barry will present the program on nutrition.

### American Legion

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

### FCDP Event

Meet the candidates from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at the Franklin County Annex, Community Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Meet candidates for governor, U.S. Rep. and other offices. All are welcome.

### Sewanee Woman's Club

The Sewanee Woman's Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 13, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Social time begins 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:50 a.m., and then the presentation.

Everyone is welcome to hear Norman Jetmundsen, author of "Unrivaled: Sewanee 1899." Jetmundsen will speak on Sewanee's role in the history of football, how football came to be the game that is played today, 137 years later, and the remarkable story of the Sewanee Tigers' 1899 incredible season.

A graduate of the University of the South, Jetmundsen, C'76, went on to earn his JD from University of Alabama, followed a Masters in Literature from Oxford

University.

Lunch is available for \$20.

Make reservations now or by 8 p.m., Sunday, April 5, if you wish to enjoy the lunch or just to hear the presentation. If you wish to cancel your reservation, please cancel by 8 p.m., Sunday, April 5. Reservations are made by emailing: <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

### Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, April 13, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

### Sewanee La Leche League

La Leche League meets at 10:30 a.m., on the second Tuesday of the month to support and share information about breastfeeding. All mothers and mother-to-be are warmly welcome. Please contact Pippa (931) 636-5317 to check on the venue and to request a Zoom option if needed.

### Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 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 Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

### Duck River Electric Hosts Free Home Energy Workshop in April

Spring into energy savings. Join Duck River Electric for their free Home Energy Workshops and learn how to: boost your home's energy efficiency; lower your energy bills; create a more comfortable home; learn about rebates for efficiency upgrades offered through TVA's EnergyRight program

The workshop includes a light supper. Each participating household will receive a free home energy starter kit.

The Decherd workshop is set for 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at DREMC's office, 1738 Decherd Boulevard.

Seating is limited at each workshop location, so reserve your seat soon. For more information and to register online, visit <dremc.com/workshop> or call (931) 680-5880.

### SCA Membership Meeting, May 4

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, May 4, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, a brief business meeting, and the presentation of the 43rd annual Community Service Award.

Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, May 1, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. The SCA is celebrating 117 years of social and service opportunities for the community. The SCA is the sponsoring organization for the Sewanee Classifieds, and the Sewanee Community Chest. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member. Go to <www.sewaneecivic.org> for more information.

## Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales, April 11

The Sewanee Community-wide Yard Sales will be from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 11. Multiple sales will be at the Sewanee Community Center and various locations in town.

The week prior to the sales, maps and a list of sale items will be available on the porch of the Community Center at 39 Ballpark Rd., Sewanee. Plan to come and shop!

## Belvidere Firemen's Fish Fry

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

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

The Belvidere Valley Lawn and Garden Pullers Association will also be having a Pulling-in Competition at noon. To enter, call Mike Moore at (931) 273-9314.

## Broadview Firemen's Fish Fry

The Broadview Fire Department's annual Fish Fry is noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at the Broadview Volunteer Fire Department, 5253 Lynchburg Rd., Winchester.

Tickets are \$15, adults; \$5, children 4-12. The menu is fish, chicken, hush puppies, fries, beans, cole slaw, drinks and desserts. There will be a raffle with a chance to win one of five \$100 Walmart gift cards. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$20. For information call Brooke Boswell at (615) 218-9051.

## CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, April 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. There is an Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/f6TXKX4> for those who want to shop online.

This month CAC is in need of: peanut butter, canned beans, individual snacks, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent (pods preferred), and paper towels.

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. The CAC is open 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

## MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, April 11, from 8-10 a.m. 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.

## Worm Castings Sale

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys Troop 14 and girls Troop 141 are conducting their annual spring worm castings sale. We will be set up at Trails and Trilliums all day Saturday, April 11, and are also accepting online orders <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9n\_xKAg-7Klw3S8sBRKrOS-V5efVko-kVauLhZ7gN9CeUYqw/viewform?pli=1>.

All proceeds will go to supporting scout access to summer camp and for an extended canoe trip this summer to the Boundary waters.

For any questions, please email scoutmaster Nate Wilson at <diospyros42@gmail.com>.

## BODYWORKS YOUNIVERSITY

**YOGA TO RELEASE MYOFASCIAL TENSION**

5 sessions - Wednesdays, April 1-29 at 5:00-6:15 pm

Life stress and other lifestyle issues often leave our connective tissue ("fascia") tense, which restricts the natural flow of lymph fluids, resulting in muscle pain, restricted range of motion, less beneficial sleep, decreased immunity, and a tendency toward negative moods. This series of yoga classes will help people of all ages and abilities to learn breath practices, physical movements, and meditations that open lymphatic pathways and relax connective tissues. Participants will notice less stiffness, more sense of spaciousness, more beneficial rest, and more frequent positive moods.

Tom Camp is a Registered Yoga Teacher, Certified Yoga Therapist, clergyperson, and psychotherapist, with 40+ years experience. Space is limited to eight participants, sign-up at [www.bodyworksyouniversity.com](http://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com) or call 423-322-1443 to reserve your space!

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## Obituaries

### The Right Rev. Craig Barry Anderson

The Right Rev. Craig Anderson, age 83 of Odessa, Minn., died on Jan. 17, 2026, at Avera McKennan Hospital. He was born and raised in Los Angeles, attended Valparaiso University, graduating in 1963, and served for two years on active duty as a Lieutenant at Fort Ord. In 1972 he was called to ministry in the Episcopal Church, attended seminary in Sewanee, and was ordained in 1975. He received a Ph.D. in Theology from Vanderbilt. He served as Priest-in-Charge at Christ Episcopal Church in Alto until 1984, when the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota elected him Bishop. He was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at Ohio State University during the academic year 1992-93. From 1993-97 he served as President and Dean of The General Theological Seminary in New York City. In 1995 he was elected President of the National Council of Churches. In the fall of 1997 he was installed as the eleventh Headmaster of St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., during which time he was also a member of the Harvard Business School Board for Social Enterprise. Following his retirement from St. Paul's in 2005, he and his wife moved to Orcas Island, Wash., where he was the part-time Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Parish and an Assistant Bishop from 2007-14.

He is survived by his wife, Lizbeth Johnston Anderson; children, Courtenay Bram Anderson, Megan McCrea Anderson, Ragnar Margaret Anderson; sister, Sharyl Anderson, six grandchildren, and two nephews.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at All Saints' Chapel. For complete obituary go to <<https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/right-reverend-craig-anderson>>.

### Barbara Fittz Carden

Barbara Fittz Carden, age 79 of Sewanee, died on March 17, 2026. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 18, at St. James Episcopal Church. Committal of ashes will follow at the University Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: MARC (Marion Animal Resource Connection) <<https://marc4change.org/>> or SSMF (Sewanee Summer Music Festival) <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/>>. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.

### Bobby Wayne Hamby

Bobby Wayne Hamby, age 70, died on March 23, 2026. He was born on April 12, 1955, in Sewanee, to Billy and Joanne Pace Hamby. He was preceded in death by his father; son Jeremy Hamby; and great-grandson, Waylon Miles Sanders.

He is survived by his mother, Joanne Hamby; wife, Debbie Hamby; children Jason (Tina) Hamby and Alicia Copeland; stepchildren, Amanda Fults and Chad Fults; sister, Peggy (Ernest) Burnett, six grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on March 26, 2026, at Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle Interment followed in Monteagle Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.

### Melody Ann Goode Harrison

Melody Ann (Goode) Harrison died on March 20, 2026, at her home. She was born on March 10, 1958, in Winchester, to D.P. and Mary Frances Copeland Goode. She attended Winchester Church of Christ and was baptized at Cowan Church of Christ. She attended Cowan Elementary, South Junior High, and graduated from Franklin County High School in 1976, attended the University of Tennessee College of Nursing, Knoxville in 1981, and earned her MSN from University of Alabama at Huntsville in 1997. She began her nursing career in Winchester as a floor nurse, then charge nurse, and then a director of home health, then worked at Sewanee Hospital as a nursing administrator. She transitioned to a nurse practitioner and had been practicing for 28 years, including at clinics in Monteagle and Tracy City. She worked the last 15 years with Dr. Myers at Amani Women's Health. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister Gina Faye Goode Bishop.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Joshua Harrison; children, Jamie (Josh) Kerin, Jacob (JaeLeia) Morris, Andrew (Maddie) Harrison, Susan (Dennis) Hurst, Matthew Harrison, and Donald Parker; siblings Meg Griffin, Jackie Goode, and Dempsie (Elizabeth) Goode; eight grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and a great-great niece.

Funeral services were on March 23, 2026, from the Roy B. Watson Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. Interment followed in Cowan Montgomery Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <[www.watsonfh.com](http://www.watsonfh.com)>

### John M. Hollingsworth

John M. Hollingsworth, age 73 of Winchester, died on March 18, 2026, at Vanderbilt Harton Hospital. He was born on May 16, 1952, to Clyde and Johnnie-Dell Modena Hollingsworth. Before his retirement, he served as the Assistant Director of Lucas County Child Services in Toledo, Ohio, where he devoted his career to protecting and advocating for children and families in need. He was a member of Holy Covenant Original Church of God in Winchester. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Winfred Hollingsworth and Darrell Hughes; and brother Clyde Hollingsworth, Jr.

He is survived by his devoted significant other of 40 years, Donna Hollingsworth Lewis; children, Monika Hollingsworth and John Hollingsworth; brothers Michael Hollingsworth and Mario Hollingsworth; sister Antoinette (George) Banks, and eight grandchildren. He will be cremated and returned to Toledo, Ohio. For complete obituary go to <[www.watsonfh.com](http://www.watsonfh.com)>.

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

## 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; and 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.

Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation. All Saints' Chapel, 5:45 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum. Choral Evensong services will take place on April 8, April

15, and April 22, and then resume on Sept. 2.

Holy Week Services: Good Friday, April 3, noon, Stations of the Cross (begins at St. Mark & St. Paul). 1 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy (All Saints' Chapel).

Holy Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m., Decorate the Chapel; 8 p.m., The Great Vigil of Easter.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

The celebration of Jesus' resurrection continues with two services: Rite 1 with hymns at 8 a.m., Rite 2 with choir, brass and incense at 11 a.m.

### Christ Church Monteagle

Our Good Friday service at noon is Tenebrae. This is the one service of the year when we leave the nave in silence.

On Holy Saturday we have a brief service at noon. We welcome all helpers to prepare Christ Church for Easter Day!

As is in the case of churches everywhere, we expect to welcome visitors! We begin at 10:45 a.m. The Easter banquet begins at noon. Invite your friends and family.

### Christ Episcopal Church

Christ Episcopal Church of Tracy City is beginning a study

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## Church Calendar

### 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

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday  
11 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. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, 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

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

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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of the Lectionary readings for each Sunday before the service. The study is at 10 a.m., Sundays, in the Parish House which is next door to the Church. The study will be hosted by the Rev. Marion Rectenwald. Marion is a retired priest who served for many years on a Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota. Our regular service hour is 11 a.m. each Sunday with Eucharist and organ music.

**City Light Church**

City Light Church in Monteagle exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle, and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Our children's ministry offers a safe and exciting environment for children newborn to fifth grade. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

**Good Friday Observance, Cowan First Baptist**

The various Cowan churches will gather at 5 p.m., Friday, April 3, at Cowan First Baptist Church for a shared Good Friday event.

All are invited to this very special and solemn time to reflect on Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial. First Baptist Church is located at 316 W. Cumberland St., in Cowan.

The service is sponsored by the Cowan Ministerial Association.

**Easter Sunrise Service, at Cowan Montgomery Cemetery**

The various Cowan churches will gather for an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Sunday, April 5, at Cowan Montgomery Cemetery. The service is a joyful celebration of the empty tomb and the news that Jesus is risen!

Our speaker will be Rev. Ronnie Pittenger. The cemetery is located at the end of South Willow Street in Cowan.

In case of rain/bad weather, the service will gather instead at Cowan Fellowship Church.

**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. Come as you are and experience authentic worship at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years through fifth grade.

**Good Shepherd Parish**

Good Shepherd Parish (Catholic) will celebrate Holy Week. On Good Friday, April 3, at Good Shepherd Church, there will be a dramatic presentation of the Last Words of Christ at noon, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m., and the regular Good Friday liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (bilingual) at 7 p.m. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (bilingual) will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 4. There will be no 5 p.m. vigil Mass at St. Margaret Mary that day. On Easter Sunday, April 5, the regular Mass schedule will be followed: 8 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary, 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Church, and the 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at Good Shepherd Church.

**Sunrise Service at Marble Plains**

Marble Plains Baptist Church will host an indoor Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., on Easter Sunday. The service will be followed by a fellowship breakfast at 7:45 a.m. The regular morning service will

begin at 10:30 a.m. Both services will include a special children's story. Visitors are encouraged to attend. The historic Marble Plains Church is located just inside Tims Ford State Park at 525 Marble Plains Road in Winchester.

**Monteagle First Baptist**

There will be a sanctuary dedication on April 19. The open house will be 2:30-3 p.m., followed by the dedication, and refreshments. Monteagle First Baptist Church is located at 239 First St., Monteagle.

**Monteagle SDA**

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

**Morton Memorial United Methodist**

"Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!" is the theme of Easter. Sunrise Worship will begin at 6:27 a.m. We will gather around a fire pit to hear scripture read, to sing, and to remember the first Easter. Light refreshments will be available afterward.

At 11 a.m., we will worship in the historic sanctuary with music, scripture, and Holy Communion. The message is "The Good News Is Alive In The World," as we share Resurrection reality with worship for all ages.

Children are welcome at Morton! Pastor Melisa will have a children's time during worship. Following this portion of worship, children will leave for time together in activities.

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

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.

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

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

There will be no Sunday Forum on April 5 as we observe Easter Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite-13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler <hbwchurch@gmail.com> for details.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule: Good Friday, April 3, noon, Community Stations of the Cross, beginning at St. Mark and St. Paul in front of Brooks Hall. Solemn Liturgy, 1 p.m., at All Saints' Chapel. Solemn Liturgy, 5:30 p.m., at St. Mark and St. Paul.

Easter Day, April 5, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Festival Holy Eucharist. 10:30 a.m., Easter egg hunt. Celebratory coffee hour following the 11 a.m. service.

April Book Study: "Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr: Tuesday nights, 5:30-6:30 p.m., April 7 - 28 in Brooks Hall Led by the Rev. Scott Lee.

Bishop's Visit Sunday April 19: The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt will make the final visitation of his episcopate on Sunday, April 19. He will preside and preach at both services, and will administer Confirmation at the 11 a.m. service. Bp. John will be the speaker at Sunday Forum, and will be present for a reception following the 11am service. The undesignated offering on April 19 will be for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

**Holy Week and Easter at St. Mary's Convent**

Saturday, April 4, 7:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 8 a.m., Holy Saturday Liturgy; 5 p.m., Evening Prayer

Sunday, April 5, 5:30 a.m., The Great Vigil of Easter (sunrise service); 5 p.m., Evensong.

**Prayer** (continued from page 1)

"Is there still such a thing as the South?" Thompson asked. "Who are we?"

Till's best friend growing up in Chicago was his cousin Wheeler Parker. Sixteen-year-old Parker travelled to Mississippi with Till in the summer of 1955. Asleep in the adjacent room, Parker woke up when the men who abducted Till stormed into his room, but they passed him over. They wanted Till to avenge his whistling at a white woman minding the counter at a country store.

Asked what does justice look like to you, Reverend Parker, now 86, answered, "Memory."

"Justice is never forgetting," Thompson said. "Justice is you telling that story. Justice is every person here walking away with that story now part of their understanding of their home."

"In the bookstore, there is almost nothing that says The University of the South," Thompson stressed. "There's one T-shirt, it says Sewanee. There is only one place called the University of the South. It feels incumbent in a place like this to model what it means to be Southern, in the way you go about your lives and your traditions and your values and how you relate to your neighbor. If there's going to be a South, let it start here."

Veteran investigative journalist and Sewanee resident Lee Hancock brought Thompson to the attention of the program's sponsors, the University's Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation, the Sewanee School of Letters, and The Sewanee Review. Following his talk, Thompson signed free copies of "The Barn" available to everyone attending.

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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, April 6:** Country-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll.

**Tuesday, April 7:** Cheeseburger, French fries.

**Wednesday, April 8:** Pork roast, red potatoes, green beans, roll.

**Thursday, April 9:** Cabbage Patch soup, Mexican cornbread.

**Friday, April 10:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, 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. 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.

## 2026 Anita S. Goodstein Lecture

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in Convocation Hall, Sewanee is proud to welcome Dr. Katherine Parkin, Professor and Jules Plangere, Jr. Endowed Chair in American Social History at Monmouth University, and Dr. Katherine Turk, Professor and Adjunct Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to campus as the 2026 Anita S. Goodstein Lecturers in Women's History. Moderated by Dr. Melody Lehn, Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Chair of Women's and Gender Studies, their lecture and roundtable, "Revisiting Sex and the Office: A Conversation on the History of Gender, Power, and Desire" will explore the contemporary challenges women face in the workplace alongside key insights of the newly released second edition of "Sex and the Office," written by the late Dr. Julie Berebitsky, Professor of History at Sewanee and founding director of the university's Women's and Gender Studies program. Dr. Berebitsky's pathbreaking work of scholarship, "Sex and the Office," was first published in 2012 by Yale University Press. The second edition from the University of North Carolina Press features a new foreword and afterword by, respectively, Dr. Turk and Dr. Parkin. Dr. Berebitsky began her Sewanee career in 1997 and introduced courses in U.S. women's history and women's and gender studies. Tune in via zoom: <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/96217303005>>.

At 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, in Convocation Hall, Sewanee welcomes alumni from the university's Women's and Gender Studies Program, Ron Allen, C'03, Jane Johnson, C'08, Summer Martins, C'00, Claire Forbes, C'15, Dr. Carrie Barske Crawford, C'22, and Jessica Osaki, C'22, to join us as part of the Goodstein Lecture events. Their roundtable, "Now and Then: Alumni Reflections on Women's and Gender Studies from Campus to Career," moderated by Dr. Liesl Allingham, Associate Professor of German and Chair of the Department of German and German Studies, will explore the lasting impact of Women's and Gender Studies on their careers, contemporary issues in the field, and what Dr. Berebitsky's work continues to mean today. <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/98640375258>>

Co-sponsored by the History Department, the Women's and Gender Studies program, and the Roberson Project.



On March 28, we had fantastic weather and a great turnout for SCRLT's annual Bluebell Island Ramble. The flowers were in full bloom and the water level made the stream crossing relatively easy. A huge thank you to Scout Troop 14 of Sewanee, for their rope engineering of the temporary bridge and their assistance getting everyone across safely. Save the date for SCRLT's annual meeting and potluck Saturday, Sept. 26. Everyone in the community is invited to bring a dish to share, enjoy music late into the evening, and the company of others who share a commitment to protecting the natural world.

## The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely to Lecture: 'Image-Bearers in an Age of Algorithms.'

Join the School of Theology community at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, when the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely will present "Image-Bearers in an Age of Algorithms." In his lecture the Knisely will explore how Christians can engage AI without surrendering what makes us human: relationship, wisdom, and the imago Dei. The lecture will name real risks—from bias to AI-fueled isolation and "sycophantic" chatbots—while charting practical, pastoral ways to use these tools to serve people, not replace them.

The lecture will be in Hamilton Hall at the Samuel Lloyd Forum on the campus of the University of the South (335 Tennessee Ave. in Sewanee). It will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. Livestream registration can be found at <[www.theology.sewanee.edu](http://www.theology.sewanee.edu)>. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Presidential Historian Jon Meacham to Deliver 2026 Baccalaureate Address at Sewanee

The University of the South is pleased to announce that Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer and presidential historian Jon Meacham, C'91, H'10, will deliver the baccalaureate address on Saturday, May 9, 2026, during Commencement Weekend.

A nationally respected interpreter of American history, democracy, and civic life, Meacham plans to use the Sewanee platform to share his reflections on 250 years of the American story — a theme central to his scholarship and public commentary. His remarks are expected to draw significant interest from graduates and their families, Sewanee alumni, and a broad public audience. The ceremony will be livestreamed and recorded for those unable to attend in person.

Meacham is the author of numerous New York Times bestsellers, including "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House" — winner of the Pulitzer Prize — as well as acclaimed biographies of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, George H.W. Bush, and John Lewis. The Carolyn T. and Robert M. Rogers Chair in the American Presidency and a distinguished visiting professor at Vanderbilt University, he is the canon historian of Washington National Cathedral, a contributing editor to TIME, and a fellow of the Society of American Historians. His work regularly shapes national conversations about leadership, character, and the American experiment.

A native of Chattanooga and a summa cum laude Sewanee graduate, Meacham has remained deeply connected to the University through service on the Board of Regents and other advisory roles. He lives in Nashville and Sewanee with his family.

Commencement Weekend will also feature a conversation between Meacham and veteran television news anchor John Seigenthaler on Friday, May 8. Additional details about this event will be shared soon.

Sewanee looks forward to welcoming Jon Meacham home to the Mountain for a weekend of reflection, celebration, and inspiration.

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## SAS Announces Local Honor Roll For Quarter 3

Eighty-two students — 16 boarding and 66 day students — achieved academic distinction for the third quarter of the 2025-26 school year. High Honors students earned an average of 93 or above with no grade below 83. Honors students average between 83 and 92 and earned no grade below 80. Satisfactory completion of PEAK, SAS's co-curricular program, is required for students to be eligible for the Honor Roll.

### High Honors

Seniors: Kat Carpenter, Meridian Cloniger, Lilly Crigger, Kira Dombrowski, Sam Goodpaster, Eliza Griffey, Ketiah Inganji, Keely Kendrick, Kiran Malde, Jackson Mayo, Micah Moody, Caroline Neubauer, Eoin Pate, Ameila Pond, Eliot Sparacio, Annika Stefanut, Ally Syler, Levana Val, Maddie Van de Ven, Sam Weintraub, Griff Wilson, and Vie Virkhaus.

Juniors: Bryce Archambault, Clara Brodkorb, Sophia Bryan, Miren Colbert, Arthur Glacet, Ella Johnson, Nadya Kuriachaia, Theo Michaels, Arabella Mitchell, Mark Rogers, Theo Schrader, and Harper Thompson.

Sophomores: Catherine Barnett, Martin Brodsky, Konrad Knoll, Maggie Mayo, Drake Nayeem, Beatrice Pate, Elowyn Pate, Adeline Pond, Will Roberts, Maggie Lu Rudd, Guille Ruiz de la Herran Sanjuan, Mason Sparacio, and Timi Stefanut.

Freshmen: Savannah Blosser, Claire Christopher, Scarlett Doshier, Brendan Ellison, Elwen Fain, Daniel Pastor, Annanoel Sparacio, Cabell Thompson, and Rosa Thompson.

### Honors

Seniors: Lowell Brainerd, Melissa Haworth, Keziah Ingeli, William Schrader, and James Steffner.

Juniors: Henry Boyle, Lennon Kilgore, Triumph Maina, Brody Scales, and Trinity Sparacio.

Sophomores: Ayden Allen, Aubrey Blosser, Grayson Clark, Louan Imena, and Leonora Pate.

Freshmen: Logan Close, Jackson Evans, Porsche Haney, Bryant Karunda, Armstrong Maina, Seanna Mainord, Drew Richard, Shelby Rogers, and Benjamin Sowell.

## Franklin County Preschool Application Process

Register your child at the school you wish your child to attend during the 2026-2027 school year if accepted. Applications are accepted 1-5 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Child must be 4 years old by Aug. 15, 2026 to apply for Preschool for the 2026-2027 school year.

Documents required: certified birth certificate; immunization record and current physical report; proof of residence (utility bill, rent receipt, etc.); proof of income required for eligibility, (2025 W-2's, tax return, three consecutive pay stubs showing gross income or Food Stamp letter).



*Tiger Traits (Respectful, Organized, and Citizenship) front row from left to right: Everly King, Emerson Curts, Graham Feitag, Lilith Terral, Vivian Hall, Owen Winkler, Aiven Ladd, G.S., Sohi Patel, Anthony Carlson. Back row from left to right: Gauge Harmon, Lilian Mylonas-Garcia, Sam Ramirez, Violet Stefanut, Ryker Knapik, Luke Winkler, Noah Rowe, Ben Cunningham, Eli Luzader, Aria Argo, Joseph Oliver, and Etta Feitag.*



*BUG Club, from left to right: third grade, Leonie Gunzburger, Elsie Gunzburger, Eli Young, Joseph Oliver, Owen Loewer, Madeleine Blanchard, and Eli Luzader; fifth grade, CeCe Brehm.*

## Sewanee Elementary Announces Honor Rolls, Award Recipients

Sewanee Elementary School principal Allison Dietz announced honor rolls and award recipients for the most recent nine-week period.

### First Honor Roll

**Third grade**—Malcolm Tate, Beckett Green, Owen Loewer, Walker Reynolds, Tycho World, Etta Freitag;

**Fourth grade**—Zeke Matson, Axton Ladd, Nora Jackson, Mia Casey, Bella Barnes;

**Fifth grade**—Suzy Camp, Felix Colbert, Averett Welch, A. Watson, Lilian Mylonas-Garcia, Will Mahler, Kaisen Dietz, Cece Brehm, Hank Bornemann.

### Second Honor Roll

**Third grade**—Charlie Wells, Emilie Asiedu-Acquah, C.S., Elsie Gunzburger, Liesel Keeton, Aralyn Ladd, Maisyn Staples;

**Fourth grade**—Ellie Green, Luke Winkler, Ren Elrod, Birch McAnally, John Austin, Charlotte Fischer, Violet Stefanut, Lavender Barry;

**Fifth grade**—Annie Beaumont, Lucy Beaumont, Nicholas Borchers, Benjamin Ryan, Westin Walker, Will Reynolds, Sam Ramirez.

### BUG Club

*(students who brought up grades without letting any go down)*

**Third grade**—Leonie Gunzburger, Elsie Gunzburger, Eli Young, Joseph Oliver, Owen Loewer, Madeleine Blanchard, and Eli Luzader;

**Fifth grade**—CeCe Brehm.

### Tiger Traits

*(Selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait "Respectful, Organized, and Citizenship")*

Everly King, Emerson Curts, Graham Feitag, Lilith Terral, Vivian Hall, Owen Winkler, Aiven Ladd, G.S., Sohi Patel, Anthony Carlson, Gauge Harmon, Lilian Mylonas-Garcia, Sam Ramirez, Violet Stefanut, Ryker Knapik, Luke Winkler, Noah Rowe, Ben Cunningham, Eli Luzader, Aria Argo, Joseph Oliver, and Etta Feitag.

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## SES MENUS

### Monday-Friday

April 6-10

#### BREAKFAST

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

Monday, April 6: Peanut butter and chocolate sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday, April 7: Steak slider, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, April 8: French toast sticks, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, April 9: Egg and cheese biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, April 10: Sausage pancake sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

All reimbursable meals must include a fruit or vegetable on the tray. Students may decline 2 of the 5 meal components – meat/meat alternative; grain; fruit; vegetable; milk. Daily offerings may include Yogurt Fun Packs and/or PB&J Power Packs.

Monday, April 6: Chicken sandwich, waffle fries, whole pickle, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 7: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 8: Cheesy pull-apart, marinara sauce, green beans, French fries, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 9: Walking taco, lettuce/tomato cup, salsa, corn, pinto beans, tortilla chips, fruit, milk.

Friday, April 10: Deep dish pizza, potato wedges, fresh carrots, fruit, milk, cookie.

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

## Franklin County Kindergarten Registration

You must register your child at the school that your child is zoned to attend during the 2026-2027 school year, between 1-5 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 2026.

A child must reach the age of 5 years by Aug. 15, 2026, to enroll in kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.

Items to bring: child's certified birth certificate; child's immunization record and current physicians' physical report; proof of residency (utility bill or rent receipt).

## Another Way to Support CAC!

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is looking for the use of an enclosed trailer to retrieve food orders from Second Harvest at the drop off location in Winchester, at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center. If the trailer can handle 1,000 pounds of food, it would only be needed twice a month. If you think you can help, please see Sarah Edmonds in the CAC office or send an email to <[cac@stmarkstpaul.org](mailto:cac@stmarkstpaul.org)>. CAC, St. Mark & St. Paul's outreach arm serves an average of 300 neighbors monthly with much needed food, help with utilities, and more.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 24, Last Day of Classes, School of Theology  
 April 27-May 1, Final examinations, School of Theology  
 April 29, Last Day of Classes, College  
 May 1-7, Final examinations, College  
 May 5, Staff Development Franklin County  
 May 8, Commencement, School of Theology  
 May 9, Baccalaureate, University of the South  
 May 10, Commencement, College

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat  
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April 17-19

Mindfulness on the Mountain

May 1-3

Step Into the Stillness:  
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May 2nd

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May 9th

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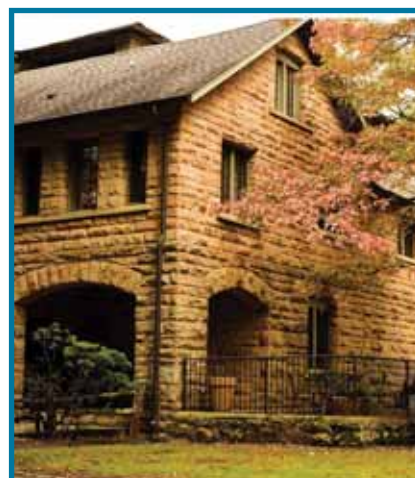
The 19 members of SAS's class of 2030, this year's eighth graders, spent March 25-27 together in the nation's capital visiting many historic sites, museums, and monuments, complementing their Humanities study of American History. Middle School Coordinator Katie Archambault and grade level advisor accompanied the students.

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## Register to Vote

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, is the State and County Primary Election. Voter registration deadline is Monday, April 6, 2026.

Early Voting Period is Wednesday, April 15 through Thursday, April 30, 2026. Absentee Ballot Request Deadline Saturday, April 25, 2026.

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

Any of the following IDs may be used, even if expired:

Tennessee driver license with your photo

United States Passport.

Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

Photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government.

United States Military photo ID.

Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo.

For first time voters who register by mail or using Online Voter Registration <<https://ovr.govote.tn.gov>>, if the ID is expired, the voter must also present one of the following :

a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.

The following IDs are not acceptable:

College student IDs.

Photo IDs not issued by the federal or Tennessee state government are not acceptable. This includes county or city issued photo IDs, such as library cards, and photo IDs issued by other states.

The following individuals are exempt:

Voters who vote absentee by mail (view requirements here <<https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/guide-to-absentee-voting>>)

Voters who are residents of a licensed nursing home or assisted living center and who vote at the facility.

Voters who are hospitalized.

Voters with a religious objection to being photographed.

Voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee.

For more information go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn>>.

## Time for the MGTA 2026 Race

Join us on Saturday, April 4 as we celebrate 20 years of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance at the Mountain Goat Trail Race, sponsored by Mountain Outfitters. There's a 2-mile walk, 5-mile run, and half-marathon, all on the trail, followed by food, fun, and the famous gear raffle!

The half-marathon begins in Mountain Outfitters in Monteagle at 8 a.m., and will run on the Mountain Goat Trail to Sewanee, with a section on smooth gravel railbed, before returning to the finish at Mountain Outfitters. The two-mile walk begins at 10:15 a.m. at La Bella Pearl's Restaurant in Sewanee, and the five-mile run begins at 9:30 a.m., in downtown Sewanee, both finishing at Mountain Outfitters.

Packet pickup is from noon to 5 p.m., Friday, April 3, at Tower Community Bank in Monteagle.

For more information and to register, go to <<https://www.mountaingoattrail.org>>.

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## Grant Program Available to Protect Private Forestland from Development

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) announces the application period is open for a special round of Forest Legacy Program (FLP) funding made available to landowners to protect privately owned forested land from development.

"As conversion of forested land for development increases in Tennessee, the need to conserve critical woodlands grows," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "This program helps put long-term conservation within reach for more Tennesseans, helping to ensure that future generations will have access to the many benefits sustainably managed forests provide, including a thriving forest industry, clean air and pure water."

FLP is a conservation program administered by the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with TDF to protect privately owned forest lands from conversion to non-forest uses through conservation easements or land purchases. Federal grant funds pay for conservation easements that restrict development and allow landowners to continue to own and manage their land.

Applications should be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Central time on May 22, 2026.

The request for proposal package and more information about Tennessee's FLP are available at the Forest Legacy Program webpage. For questions, contact TDF's Landscape Conservation Program Specialist Allana Funderburk at <[allana.funderburk@tn.gov](mailto:allana.funderburk@tn.gov)>.

FLP in Tennessee currently conserves more than 58,000 acres valued at more than \$59 million across the state. Conserving and managing forested land in Tennessee contributes to improved water and air quality, fosters fish and wildlife habitat, provides sustainable timber and other forest products, and offers recreation opportunities.

TDF protects Tennessee's forests by fighting wildland fires, coordinating hazard emergency response, providing wildland fire training, and offering prescribed fire guidance and services. The division promotes the responsible use of forest resources by providing technical and financial assistance to landowners, cultivating quality seedlings, monitoring insects and diseases, improving urban forests, managing state forests, protecting water quality, and collecting forest inventory data. TDF also promotes forest industries to stimulate the state's economy. Visit the Tennessee Division of Forestry webpage for more information <<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests.html>>.



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### Dear Angel,

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Sincerely,  
Rocks-B-Gone

### Dear Rocks-Be-Gone,

Given that Travel & Leisure magazine recently named Sewanee the No. 1 most beautiful campus in America, this veritable smorgasbord of granite, sandstone, conglomerate, limestone, and other misshapen lumps of igneous seems to undermine that title; they are immovable, inconsistent, unsightly, and randomly spaced. Only a geologist could love them.

As to how they got here, perhaps a hungry, drunken giant gorged itself on different parts of the plateau then hurled his guts onto Florida. Maybe the second and third place "most beautiful college campuses" dropped the rocks there in the dark of night (after all, No. 3 is University of Colorado at Boulder) to disqualify Sewanee. Most likely they were placed there in an effort to keep the big trucks at bay.

You might recall that before the big rocks arrived, Florida Avenue was often lined with oversized trucks – Ford F-250s, Chevy Silverado and Ram 1500s, for example. Such enormous, expensive vehicles are clearly necessary to transport our athletes over the long distances from dorm, McClurg or Fowler Center to McKee Stadium, lest they wear themselves out walking. Often trucks lined both sides of the street, especially on game days, making it impossible for two normal cars going in opposite directions to drive down Florida at the same time, creating Sewanee's version of a traffic jam.

The trucks, however, could drive away. Not so the rocks.

And while they cannot be easily moved, they cannot be unseen. The rocks are an eyesore, a driving hazard, and a sad contrast to the aesthetically-pleasing ticket booth garden. They could be repurposed as construction material for the new apartments, or the big trucks could put them in their truck beds, take them over to the water tower field and create Sewanee's own version of Stonehenge, making us not only the Most Beautiful College Campus in the US, but also the Most Druid-Friendly.

Best,  
Angel

## Fragments of Love and Pain by Sunny Bowers, C'26

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present Fragments of Love and Pain, a solo art honors exhibition by Sunny Bowers, C'26. The exhibit will be on display through April 5. There will be a reception 5–6:30 p.m., Friday, April 3.

Fragments of Love and Pain describes the sensory experience of being human as we relate and interact with our surroundings, other beings, and ourselves. This body of work begs people to understand their crucial role in creating a more loving and empathetic world, not only for oneself but also for others, through engaging in acts of empathy found within vulnerability. This work combines large-scale painting with improvised violin sound sculptures as well as drawing with violin and guitar music to create an immersive experience that expresses the overwhelming nature of being. The auditory pieces animate the narrative of my visual works making it performative and blur the separation of the reality we experience and the imaginary reality that exists within the work. The inclusion of nude female bodies, cows, intense color palettes, dripping paint, and unstructured sound sculptures create friction between beauty and discomfort. Fragments of Love and Pain examines anxiety, grief, existentialism, power dynamics, and the female body, inviting the audience to consider what is valuable about being human and reflect on how to bring more empathy to a world where it is lacking.

Sunny Bowers combines visual art and music to consider what is valuable about being human and speak to themes of empathy, uncertainty, and existentialism. Bowers was born and raised in Annapolis, Maryland and is a student at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee pursuing a BA in both Art and Music. Her work has been featured in Sticks Magazine as well as exhibited in the Carlos Gallery and the EQB Building at The University of the South. While at Sewanee she has worked as a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow and as a freelance graphic designer. Bowers is also a classically trained violinist.

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

## Spring Vocal Showcase

The Sewanee Voice Studios present our Spring Vocal Showcase at 7 p.m., Friday, April 10, in Guerry Auditorium, 68 Georgia Ave. From musical theatre to pop, rock, folk, arias, and art song, there is something for everyone in this popular semi-annual concert! With Vicki Collinsworth, piano. Free admission.

## 'The Mormon Giant,' a Live Documentary

"The Mormon Giant" explores the relationship between religion and professional wrestling in the 20th century. Focusing on wrestlers with Mormon "gimmicks," the film shows how they presented as "heels" (villains) or "faces" (heroes) in auditoriums throughout North America and abroad, and how such representations proved usable (or not) to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints writ large. "The Mormon Giant" narrates the "face-turn" of Mormonism in 20th century American popular culture, while showing also how religion and wrestling generally work together — how they shape and reflect each other—in the modern world. This event will feature live narration by David Walker and live soundtracking by Timothy Albro. The event will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 9, in Guerry Auditorium.

## Easter Egg Hunt & Community Picnic

Community Picnic from noon–2 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Hannah Pickett Park in Monteagle. Bring a lunch or a dish to share and enjoy live music by the Sewanee Conglomerate. An Egg Hunt will begin at 1 p.m.



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## University Choir Events

Save the date for Cathedral Masterworks at 7:30 p.m., April 24, in All Saints' Chapel. The University Choir and Sewanee Symphony Orchestra present a thrilling program of time-honored, sacred anthems and works for choir, orchestra and organ.

Choral Evensong will be at 5:15 p.m., April 28, in All Saints' Chapel. The University Choir leads this worship service under the direction of Geoffrey Ward, organist and choirmaster, with Stephanie Yoder, assistant organist. Evensong offers a peaceful pause at the end of the day, inviting reflection and spiritual nourishment.

## 'Notes from the Field' at Proctor Hill Theatre

Sewanee Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Notes from the Field," written by Anna Deavere Smith, and directed by Dr. Durell Cooper, Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre.

"Notes from the Field" explores America's struggle with systemic inequities in education and justice, drawn from over 250 interviews with students, educators, activists, and community leaders. Actors bring multiple real-life characters to life, embodying empathy and transformation.

Performances will be 7:30 p.m., April 15-18, 2026 and 2:30 p.m., April 19, 2026, at the Proctor Hill Theatre at the Tennessee Williams Center.

## School of Theology Hosts Smithsonian Exhibition

The traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History will be in Sewanee through May 15, 2026. The School of Theology is hosting the traveling exhibition "Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?" The exhibit can be found in room 126 of Hamilton Hall, 335 Tennessee Ave., in Sewanee. The exhibition is self-guided, free, and open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information or to schedule group tours, contact the director of the School of Theology Library, Dr. Romulus Stefanut, at (931) 598-1267 or <rdstefan@sewanee.edu>.

## Nature Journaling Continues

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

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## New Sewanee Wildflower Discovery Inspires 'Sewanee Purple Through the Year' Art Exhibit

A newly identified wildflower in Shakerag Hollow has inspired "Sewanee Purple Through the Year," the sixth annual art exhibit featuring the Nature Journaling Group at Frame Gallery Gifts and Art.

Director of the Sewanee Herbarium and University of the South Biology Professor, Dr. Jonathan Evans, says their discovery "underscores the incredible diversity right here at Sewanee on the southern Cumberland Plateau."

Artist and head of the Nature Journaling Group, Mary Priestley says, "the plant had literally been hiding in plain sight for as long as people have visited Shakerag Hollow to admire the spring wildflowers. Many have commented on the scorpionweed's two distinct colors — purple and blue."

Curious about the difference in Phacelia flower colors, Dr. Evans and his research team studied the differences in the plants' habitat preferences, blooming times, and — most importantly — distinct genetic profiles to confirm that this purple-flowered scorpionweed variation was, in fact, a new species.

"For years, people thought there was only one species of Phacelia in Shakerag Hollow," the blue-colored Phacelia bipinnatifida, explains Dr. Evans. "But thanks to detailed ecological and genetic research over the last four years, we've confirmed that the purple-flowered variety is actually a separate species."

The common name of Phacelia sewaneensis is Sewanee scorpionweed, because of the plant's location and its early purple flower cluster, tightly coiled like a scorpion's tail. Admirers of the plant should know that, despite its name, it does not sting.

"The Sewanee Purple Through the Years" exhibition features Priestley's original watercolor drawing of Phacelia sewaneensis, along with works by the Nature Journaling Group that explore the purple hues of spring — larkspur, hepatica, violets, and other blooms — found across the Sewanee Domain. The other artist-members in the exhibit include: Laura Blackman (oil), Lin Cameron (oil and acrylic), Mary Davis (watercolor), Margie Gallagher (watercolor), Joni Gordon (watercolor), Yolanda Gottfried (watercolor), Deb Partee (watercolor), Mary Priestley (watercolor), and Deb Tucker (watercolor).

"The Sewanee Purple Through the Years" art exhibit will remain open to the public through April 25, 2026.

Prints of Priestley's Phacelia sewaneensis will also be available for purchase, in addition to other artists' original works and prints. To learn more about the exhibit and the Sewanee scorpionweed discovery on the Sewanee Domain, visit: <https://framegals.com/events/sewanee-purple-through-the-year>.

## April Fool Fest & Crawfish Boil

The fourth annual April Fool Fest & Crawfish Boil will be on Saturday, April 4, at Shenanigans in downtown Sewanee. There will be live music on multiple stages, amazing food and drink, games, and April Fools' shenanigans! Saturday lineup includes Grace Bowers on the main stage. Slim Wednesday makes their long-awaited return. Annie Sellick's Funk Fam heats it all up. And Aces Brass Band brings that second line to the mountain. Don't miss our ever growing pre-NOLA Jazz Fest Party.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-fool-fest-crawfish-boil-2026-tickets-1982719050052?aff=ebds\_sbdstsearch>. For more information go to <https://www.shenanigans1974.com>.

## South Cumberland Shindig

Join us for SCCF's annual shindig at the Caverns celebrating music education on the South Cumberland Plateau. Hear from Grundy County Strings, Grundy JAM, Top of the Rock Choir, and Sewanee Elementary Music, with square dancing by Cumberland Community Dance and a talk by special guest Nicholas Ma. This is a free event, but a ticket reservation is required. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/k6f64c9>.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and the show begins at 5:30 p.m. Additional gifts made when reserving your ticket help SCCF continue to support these programs and fund even more music education opportunities on the plateau. We appreciate your support!

## Senior Art Majors C'26

From April 10 through May 9, the University Art Gallery will present the thesis work of graduating senior art majors, Roman Belton, Sunny Bowers, Savannah Brister, George Handley, Audrey Hoffman and Sally Whitehead. Please join us at 5 p.m., Friday, April 10, for an opening reception. They will also present their work at 9 a.m. to noon, April 24, in Convocation Hall during Scholarship Sewanee.

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## Tickets Available for CaveFest

Now in its fifth year, CaveFest returns to The Caverns on Oct. 10-11, 2026, for a two-day, boutique festival experience rooted in Americana, bluegrass, and roots music. This year's lineup is led by Gillian Welch & David Rawlings, Peter Rowan & Sam Grisman Project, Rising Appalachia, and Keller & The Keels, alongside a wide-ranging group of collaborators, tribute performances, and artist-in-residence Lindsay Lou.

Blending music with a one-of-a-kind natural setting, CaveFest features performances both above ground at The Caverns Amphitheater and underground inside the cave. The weekend includes kids' activities, cave tours, cave yoga, a sound bath, local vendors, open jam sessions, late-night shows, and more. A 2-day ticket costs just \$99 and includes camping, while kids 12 and under are free — making it easy for families to experience it all.

"CaveFest is my favorite weekend of the year. It's such a communal weekend, with the camping and fall weather," says The Caverns owner/founder Todd Mayo. "All the folks come together in celebration of great music—jam-friendly, family-friendly, hippy-friendly, happy-friendly—and there always seems to be such serendipity in the air."

CaveFest 2-day tickets are available for just \$99 and include camping. Kids 12 and under are free. General sale begins Friday, March 27 at noon, at <CaveFest.com>.

The weekend begins early with the CaveFest Kick-Off Party on Friday, Oct. 9 — an add-on event featuring a cave concert with Lindsay Lou and Slap Dragon, that includes early access to the campground. A separate ticket is required.

For more information and to get tickets, go to <https://www.thecaverns.com/cavefest>

## Wild Fish Fused Glass Class

Wild Fish Fused Glass Class is from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at the Artisan Depot Gallery and Gift Shop, 204 Cumberland St. E., Cowan. This Wild Fish Suncatcher can be hung in any window, on a porch, in an office or even outside from a tree. In this class you'll learn: how to cut glass strips, design/arrangement and how to fuse them together to create this adorable fish.

Class size: limited to six students. Age: 12+, Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration and class fee is \$35, in order to secure your space and supplies for class.

Registration and payment must be made on line: <https://www.franklincoarts.org/workshops.html>.

## Social Fabric Group Formed to Sew Together

Ready to "unplug" for part of your week and do simple hands-on activities instead? Want to spend some time with others who enjoy old-fashioned granny crafts? Maybe you'd just like to have company while you work through your mending basket. If so, bring your handwork — knitting, sewing, crochet — to Social Fabric, a new group formed for those who share a passion for crafting. Social Fabric meets in the parish hall at St. Mark & St. Paul from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesdays. Feel free to drop in, and bring your lunch. All levels of expertise are welcome. Who knows? You might learn new techniques, gain inspiration from others, or find a new outlet for your creative expression. Social Fabric is sponsored by the Community Action Committee. For more information, email Sister Felicity Parks at <maelpa11@gmail.com> or Mary Priestley at <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

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SAS players celebrate their stand-out play at home March 24.

## SAS Boys Soccer 2-1 On the Season After Win Versus Community

On March 24, the SAS varsity boys' soccer team hosted the Community High School Vikings from Unionville. The Mountain Lions emerged from the match victorious with a score of 2-0.

The SAS Mountain Lions dominated possession and moved the ball effectively around the field, creating multiple scoring opportunities in the first half. The Vikings put up a valiant defensive effort, however, and the first half ended scoreless. SAS returned to the pitch after half-time with renewed determination, turned up the attacking pressure, and capitalized on two exceptional scoring opportunities for the win. A beautiful cross from the right wing by senior Kiran Malde was buried by sophomore Samuel Briggs. Briggs sealed the win with a second goal from a sneaky through-pass down the middle of the pitch by senior Sam Goodpaster. The back line of senior Eliot Sparacio, juniors Bryce Archambault and Mark Rogers, and sophomore Martin Brodsky was extremely effective as a defensive unit, while sophomore goalkeeper Konrad Knoll pushed high out of his box, contributing to the team's success by acting as a 12th field player. Collectively, SAS had 26 shots on goal while limiting Community to only one shot on goal.

## SAS Middle School Track & Field Update

On March 27th, St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school track & field teams competed at home. Despite the reduced numbers due to the eighth-grade trip to DC, the athletes competed hard and represented the team well.

Oliver Keener placed fifth in both the 200 m and 400 m. Davey Allen had a standout day, finishing second in the 1600 m with a personal record of 6:15.20 and also taking second in the 800m. Maclyn Bloecher and Arabella Barry earned third and fourth place finishes in the 1600m and 800 m, respectively. Maclyn also set a personal record in the 800 m with a time of 3:03.33, while Arabella recorded a personal best in the shot put with a throw of 23'-6".



SAS seniors Micah Moody and Lilly Crigger

## SAS Track Shines at Home Meet with Two 1600m School Records

On March 27, St. Andrew's-Sewanee hosted Webb School, South Pittsburg High School, and Middle Tennessee Christian School for an exciting home meet that featured standout performances across the board. The day was highlighted by two remarkable school records in the 1600m run, set by senior leaders on both the girls' and boys' teams.

Senior Lilly Crigger delivered a dominant performance, winning both the 800m and 1600m races. Her time of 5:27.47 in the 1600m established a new school record, showcasing her strength and consistency as one of the team's top distance runners.

On the boys' side, senior Micah Moody led an impressive sweep of the 1600m, where SAS claimed first, second, and third place. Moody set a new school record with a time of 4:38.37, followed closely by sophomores Mason Sparacio and Grayson Clark, both of whom ran personal bests. Moody also claimed first place in the 800m, capping off an outstanding day on the track.

The girls' team saw numerous standout performances. Leonora Pate captured first place in both the 100m high hurdles and 300m hurdles, setting personal records in each event. She also took first in the triple jump, demonstrating her versatility across events. Elowyn

Pate added to the team's success in the field by winning the long jump.

Arabella Mitchell sprinted to victory in the 200m, also achieving a new personal best. Annanolo Sparacio claimed first in the 3200m with a PR, while Leah Moody impressed in her first-ever hurdle race, placing second in the 300m hurdles.

In the field events, senior Kelley Kendrick earned first place in the shot put, adding a full foot to her previous best and placed second in the discus.

The boys' distance squad continued to excel beyond the 1600m. Arthur Glacet won the 3200m, cutting an impressive 21 seconds off his previous time, and also set a personal record in the 800m. Freshman Benji Sowell showed strong improvement in the 3200m, lowering his time by 30 seconds.

In the sprints, Ayden Allen and Reuben Cloninger each recorded personal bests in the 100m. In the field events, seniors Korbin Helton and Brenden Ellison delivered strong performances, with Helton adding nine feet to his discus throw and Ellison improving his shot put mark by over a foot. Archer Ladd also competed in the discus for the first time, gaining valuable experience.

With multiple personal records, event wins, and two new school records, the meet marked an exciting and successful day for the SAS track and field program as the season continues to build momentum.

## Sameth Wins Open Fences, IHSA Places Fourth at Zones

Emma Sameth won individual fences, and Lily Carter won the team intermediate fences division as Sewanee's IHSA equestrian team competed at the Zone 5 Championships at SCAD on March 28.

Sameth won the open fences division and will represent Sewanee at Nationals in Tryon, N.C. As a team, the Tigers were fourth with 32 points.

Sameth individually qualified to compete in open flat and open fences for the Tigers, while Sewanee's IHSA team also competed at zones.

Carter was second in intermediate fences and limit flat, while Sameth was second in open fences and fourth in open flat. Elise Gierhart added a fourth-place finish in intermediate flat, while Abdul Maffahi came in third in the novice flat division. Caroline Holland added a second-place finish for the Tigers in introductory flat.

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## Men's Lacrosse Falls to Colorado College, 13-6

Colorado College used a six-goal second quarter to pull away as Sewanee's men's lacrosse team fell 13-6 on March 28, in Georgetown, Texas.

Manoli Loupassi scored two goals and added two ground balls, while Robert Freeman, Tyler Clary, and Will Kennedy each recorded a goal and an assist. Charlie Hanson also found the back of the net for the Tigers.

Defensively, James Boguskey led Sewanee with two caused turnovers, while Flynn Bowman recorded 18 saves and collected seven ground balls in goal. Kennedy added five ground balls, and Freeman and Clary each picked up three.

Colorado College struck first after hitting the post, but Freeman answered to tie the game at 1-1 with 11:21 remaining in the first quarter. The visitors added a late goal with 1:52 to go in the period to take a 2-1 lead into the second.

Colorado College opened the second quarter with two quick goals before Benton Sullivan won the ensuing faceoff, leading to a connection between Griffin Peterson and Loupassi to cut the deficit. However, Colorado College responded with four more goals to cap a six-goal quarter and take an 8-2 lead into halftime.

Sewanee came out strong in the third, scoring three straight goals to trim the margin. Freeman connected with Kennedy to open the period, before Kennedy found Loupassi just over a minute later. Clary then tallied his first career goal to bring the Tigers within three with 12:52 remaining.

Colorado College answered with three consecutive goals, including a man-up score, to push the lead back to six. Clary later assisted Hanson for a pole-on-pole goal with 52 seconds left in the third to make it 11-6.

Colorado College added two goals in the fourth quarter to secure the 13-6 victory.

The Tigers return home to face Berry on April 4 at 1 p.m. before facing Southern Virginia on Monday afternoon.

## Barker Homers, Giffin Tallies Three Hits in 5-4 loss to Southwestern

Maggie Barker homered, and Ansley Giffin recorded three hits, but Southwestern (Texas) used late runs to edge Sewanee, 5-4, in softball action the final game of the series on March 29, at Tiger Field.

Giffin finished 3-for-3 at the plate to lead the Tigers, while Abbie Buckner added two hits and an RBI. Sewanee outhit Southwestern in the final game 11-10, but left six on base.

Barker recorded solo home run to open the second inning. The Tigers added another run later in the inning when Giffin singled and came around to score on a Southwestern throwing error, extending the lead to 2-0.

Southwestern answered in the third with an RBI single to cut the deficit in half before tying the game and taking the lead in the fifth. The Pirates used a sacrifice fly and an RBI double to move in front, 3-2.

Sewanee evened the score in the bottom of the fifth as KK Wadkins doubled to left center and later scored on an RBI single from Buckner to make it 3-3.

The Pirates regained control in the sixth inning, stringing together a double and a single to plate two runs and take a 5-3 advantage.

Sewanee continued to battle in the bottom half of the inning. Giffin and Madilyn Parker opened the frame with back-to-back singles, and Parker eventually scored on a Southwestern error to cut the deficit to one at 5-4.

The Tigers threatened in the seventh as Buckner worked a one-out walk, but Southwestern turned a double play to end the game.

Reagan Huskey started in the circle and allowed three runs over five innings of work, while Abby Winkler took the loss in relief.

Sewanee will host Franklin College on Thursday for a doubleheader before heading to Centre for their third conference series, with one game on Friday and two on Saturday.

## Men's Tennis Takes Down No. 13 Trinity, 4-3

Samuel Schroerlucke clinched the match for Sewanee as the Tigers defeated No. 13-ranked Trinity 4-3 in men's tennis action on March 29, at the Bruton Guerry Tennis Courts.

The Tigers split the first doubles matches as Trinity quickly won at two, as the No. 8-ranked doubles team of Roshin Kamath and Ethan Flores collected the first match. Drew Rukavina and Max Verellen evened the doubles point with a 6-2 win at three. With the doubles point down to Andre-Remi Jakobi and Samuel Schroerlucke at one against Jared Perry and Kishan Kersten, Sewanee tied the match at 6 all to send the match to a tiebreaker. Sewanee built an early 6-1 lead, getting within one point of the doubles point. Trinity battled back, but the Tigers secured a 7-4 win to send Sewanee into singles with a 1-0 lead.

In singles, Sewanee quickly got out to a 2-0 lead as Verellen dropped just one game for a 6-0, 6-1 win in under an hour at four. Trinity, however, took a 3-2 lead as they collected three straight wins at two, one, and five.

Charlie Schweppe evened the match at 3 all with a 6-3, 6-3 win at six to bring the match down to Schroerlucke at three. The freshman won the first set in a tiebreaker 7-5, and was up 5-4 in the set but down 0-40 serving, and held his serve to win and secure the upset for Sewanee.

Sewanee will head on the road for four straight conference matches, taking on Rhodes, Millsaps, Berry, and Oglethorpe.

## Women's Lacrosse Rolls Past Southwestern, 19-1

Sally Herrington tallied four goals, and Elizabeth Muller added a hat trick as Sewanee's women's lacrosse team scored 18 straight goals to defeat Southwestern, 19-1, at Puett Field on March 29.

Herrington also contributed two caused turnovers and two ground balls. Muller finished with five points behind three goals and two assists, adding a caused turnover and a draw control. Kennedy Harcourt added two goals on two shots while recording three caused turnovers and two ground balls.

Alex Berg tallied three points with two goals and a ground ball, while Erika Bolcar filled the stat sheet with a goal, an assist, three caused turnovers, and two ground balls. Carolyn Ames added a goal, three caused turnovers, and two draw controls.

Marlin Price led the Tigers with six points on five assists, adding three ground balls and two caused turnovers. Ellen Lewis controlled the draw with six draw controls while adding a goal and two assists.

Price connected with Harcourt for the game's opening goal, sparking an early surge as Sewanee netted eight goals in the first quarter. Herrington followed with the second, and Price found Lewis for another. Herrington then forced a turnover, collected the ground ball, and scored to extend the lead.

Sophia Bean secured the ensuing draw control, and just 22 seconds later, Price connected with Muller. Muller later assisted Berg, while Bolcar found Price before Berg capped the quarter with a goal in the final second to give Sewanee an 8-0 advantage.

The Tigers continued their momentum in the second quarter, adding five more goals. Lewis opened the frame with a draw control, leading to a Harcourt goal off an assist from Clark. Herrington pushed the lead to double digits after causing a turnover and converting a feed from Alex Kelly.

Stella Birk connected with Bean following another Lewis draw control, and Sam Shrader notched her first career goal off a Lewis assist. Clark and Kelly combined for the final goal of the half as Sewanee took a commanding lead into the break.

Sewanee added five more goals in the third quarter before Southwestern broke through in the fourth. Herrington closed the scoring with a man-up goal to secure the 19-1 victory.

Defensively, Sewanee was dominant, holding Southwestern to just three shots, including only two on goal, while the Tigers recorded 37 shots with 30 on target.

Sewanee returns to action on the road against Berry on April 4 before hosting Oglethorpe on April 11.

### HOME GAMES

1 p.m., Saturday, April 4,  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Berry  
3:30 p.m., Monday, April 6,  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Southern Virginia  
5:15 p.m., Monday, April 6,  
SAS MS Girls' Volleyball vs. Tract City  
2 p.m., Tuesday, April 7,  
Baseball vs. Maryville  
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8,  
SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs. Cascade  
5 p.m., Friday, April 10,  
SAS Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Grace Baptist Academy  
noon, Saturday, April 11,  
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Women's Lacrosse vs. Oglethorpe



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## NATURENOTES

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Garlic mustard. Photo by Lin Cameron

### A Dreaded Weed

While out admiring our abundant spring wildflowers, be alert for an invasive plant blooming at the same time in our native woodlands and elsewhere—garlic mustard, *Alliaria petiolata*. At home in Europe it was grown in vegetable gardens as a salad herb, and it is, in fact, edible. It is in the Mustard family of plants, along with things like turnip greens, broccoli, and radishes. Unlike those garden veggies, though, it escapes readily in to disturbed environments and from there into native plant communities. There it can spread unchecked, forming a monoculture and outcompeting everything else on the forest floor, including microbes, and changing the soil chemistry, making it unsuitable for the native wildflowers. It is one of the few invasive herbaceous plants that will do well in woodland shade. Like many invasive non-native plants, it can thrive in many different environments and spreads easily through incredibly high amounts of seed production, hundreds or even thousands per plant. And it can even self-pollinate. The best way to control it is to pull it up by the roots and bag it — it is easy to pull up but it is important to get the whole root. Left lying on the ground, it can have enough vigor to re-establish itself. So, how to recognize it? It is a biennial, spending the first year as a rosette of roundish, scalloped leaves. The second year it sends up a tallish flowering stalk with small, white, four-petaled flowers, as is typical of Mustard Family plants. If in doubt as to identification, pick and crush a leaf—it will smell like garlic. It produces long, thin seed pods full of numerous small black seeds. The pod will burst and fling the seeds to a distance of several meters. If it is thoroughly eliminated for several years in a particular area, the seed bank will be exhausted and it can be kept under control.

On a happier note, the red buckeyes are blooming — has anyone seen a hummingbird? Mary Davis and Joan Thomas have reported seeing hummingbirds this week.

## Hide Eggs, Not Hazards

Easter Sunday is almost here, and across the Sequatchie Valley, families are getting ready for one of the season's favorite traditions: Easter egg hunts. Whether it's in the backyard, at church, or at a community gathering, it's a day filled with laughter, excitement, and a little friendly competition.

At Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, we want to help make sure those memories are happy ones. A little planning can go a long way in keeping your egg hunt safe, especially when it comes to avoiding electrical hazards.

Before you start hiding eggs, keep these simple tips in mind:

**Indoors:** Skip hiding eggs near outlets, plugs, power strips, or cords, curious hands and electricity don't mix.

**Outdoors:** Avoid placing eggs near air conditioning units, electric meters, or anywhere close to overhead power lines.

**Watch your footing:** Kids will be focused on finding eggs, not where they're stepping. Clear away tripping hazards like toys, tools, or yard debris.

**Check the terrain:** Fill in holes and be mindful of uneven ground to prevent slips and falls.

**Set safe boundaries:** Keep egg hunts away from roads, driveways, and parking areas.

**Choose hiding spots wisely:** Bushes can be great, but watch for thorns, insects, or other hidden surprises.

**Be mindful of timing:** If you're using real eggs, hide them shortly before the hunt to keep them fresh and safe.

A safe egg hunt means more time for what really matters — seeing those smiles, hearing the laughter, and enjoying time together as a community.

From all of us at Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, we wish you and your family a joyful, safe, and bright Easter.

## State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to Fiery Gizzard State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/fiery-gizzard>>, (931) 924-2980; Head of the Crow State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/head-of-the-crow>>, (615) 762-5917; Savage Gulf State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>>, 931-692-3887. All times are central.

**Sherwood Forest Bathing — Head of the Crow State Park, Sunday, April 5, 9–10:30 a.m. \$0–\$10. Register for event.** Meet at Pack Hollow Trailhead. Connect with nature in the most pure and simple way. This forest bathing experience will combine an easy 3/4 mile walk through the woods, with a quiet sitting spot right on the edge of the beautiful Cumberland Plateau. Participants should be prepared to breathe deeply, sit calmly, relax wholly, and let the cares of the day drift away with the early spring breeze. Optional items to bring cushion, mat, pillow, or pad, water.

**Wildflower Wanderlust Hike — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m. \$5–\$20. Register for event.** Meet at Buggytop Trailhead. This will be a fun but challenging wildflower hike that includes traversing the strenuous 4-mile Buggytop Trail and roughly 1 mile of rugged off-trail hiking along Crow Creek, where we will enjoy and discuss various wildflowers in bloom. You will get to experience the beauty of Crow Creek and the various wildflowers that call the valley their home. Close-toed shoes are required. Tall hiking boots with good ankle support and slip-resistant soles are preferred. Hiking poles are suggested for stability on steep side slopes and creek crossings. Please bring water plus any desired snacks and electrolyte beverages. Before registering, please be aware that this will be a difficult hike on difficult terrain. Expect around 1,700 feet of elevation gain over 5 miles, with very uneven natural terrain off-trail.

**Overnight on the Gizzard: Ravens Point Hike Edition — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, April 11 through Sunday, April 12, 8 a.m. \$85 no gear needed. \$100 gear needed. Register for event.** Meet Ranger Hannah at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City where we will begin the exciting 9-mile adventure to Ravens Point and back to the Grundy Forest Campground. The hike will begin at 8 a.m., at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead. We will then hike the 0.6 miles to the campground, set up camp, and then hit the trail for a great day of hiking. We will wrap up day back at the campground to relax by the campfire. 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 will need to dress accordingly for the weather. Camping meals will be provided for dinner and breakfast the following morning. Participants are more than welcome to bring their own food should they prefer. Participants are encouraged to bring their own gear. We can provide equipment if needed (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and backpack). These items are for those who need them and will be on a first come first serve basis. Once all the registration spots are full there will be a brief online meeting to discuss details and any concerns.

Participants need to review the EEC (Essential Eligibility Criteria) prior to signing up for this program <[https://reserve.tnstateparks.com/gallery/tsp\\_masterg/451/items/2C097C96-650E-4D3C-95D474849DCD92F1.pdf](https://reserve.tnstateparks.com/gallery/tsp_masterg/451/items/2C097C96-650E-4D3C-95D474849DCD92F1.pdf)>. Participants should bring: sturdy hiking boots, overnight backpack, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, extra socks, extra clothing, rain coat, water, camp stove, toiletries, and snacks. Participants will receive 24 hour notice if the trip should be cancelled due to inclement weather. This trip is limited to ages 15 and up and all minors must be accompanied by an adult. This event is limited to the first 10 people who register. Registration for this event will end April 4. If you register for this event but must cancel for whatever reason, then you must do by April 8 by 4 p.m. in order to receive a refund. If the Ranger decides to cancel for dangerous weather conditions she will do so by noon on April 10, and refunds will be issued to participants.



Bandit



Gracie

## MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet Bandit & Gracie

Meet Bandit - a handsome four year old, white and chocolate brown Pointer mix, who weighs about 55 pounds. Bandit is a lovable guy who is really ready to settle in with his forever family. He likes to give hugs to his favorite people, is very smart, and cares deeply for his family. Bandit gets along great with other dogs (prefers females), and he is also good with cats and chickens. He likes to roam if left unattended so it is best to have a good fenced in yard where he has freedom to explore. Bandit likes to snuggle at bedtime and will need to be comforted during big, scary, loud storms. He is house trained, gentle, and walks well on a leash. Bandit would really like to go on some fun adventures and to be someone's best friend. Are you looking for a new friend? Bandit may be your perfect match.

Say hello to Gracie - a beautiful four year old tan Anatolian Shepherd mix who weighs about 85 pounds. Gracie is amazing. A gentle giant with a heart of gold. Like her breed, she is calm, watchful, and deeply loyal to her people. Gracie enjoys her daily walks and relaxing in a shady spot. She would thrive in a home with a big, securely fenced yard where she can stretch her legs. Gracie is house trained and good with other dogs. She is such a sweetheart. If you like giant breed fluffy dogs, you will love Miss Gracie.

If you would like to learn more about Bandit and Gracie, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website <[www.marc4change.org](http://www.marc4change.org)> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, (423) 619-3845.

All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives. MARC has a trainer available to work with dog adopters and dog fosters as needed.

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<<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88205604176?pwd=0VkrZExEKOo5VON1bVBnSmNXbTZCZz09>>  
Meeting ID: 882 0560 4176  
Passcode: 873719  
Contact the Fourth of July Committee at  
<[sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com](mailto:sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com)>

## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week's Stats:	
Mon	Mar 23	82	47	Avg max temp =	71
Tue	Mar 24	69	42	Avg min temp =	46
Wed	Mar 25	70	50	Avg temp =	59
Thu	Mar 26	68	54	Precipitation =	0.1"
Fri	Mar 27	77	53		
Sat	Mar 28	68	33		
Sun	Mar 29	65	43		

*Reported by Sandy Gilliam  
Domain Ranger*

# Messenger Classifieds

## EMPLOYMENT

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**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3BR/2BA. 1700 s/f. Large back and front yard. 3 mi. from Campus, Sherwood Rd. For more info call (931) 607-0418 or email <rwnunley381@gmail.com>.

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**NOTICE:** The Monteagle City Council has approved Ordinance 01-26 an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance by adding additional exceptions to section 1002(A) in the Town of Monteagle.

**NOTICE:** The Monteagle City Council has approved Ordinance 02-26 an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone Grundy County tax map 107C E Parcels 00.800, 008.01, and 009.00 from R-2 to R-3 located in the Town of Monteagle.



## WHERE DO I RECYCLE THIS?

**Special Garbage:** Items for drop off only at Franklin County Solid Waste Management, 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester:

Electronics  
Computers and Monitors  
Televisions  
All Other Electronics  
Ink Cartridges  
Rechargeable Batteries  
Books, hard back and paper back

**Special Waste:** Waste Oil and Waste Antifreeze: Used oil (oil must be oil only and not contain any gas, water or antifreeze) and antifreeze is collected for recycling at Franklin County Solid Waste Management located on Joyce Lane in Winchester and at the following Convenience Centers: Alto, Capitol Hill, Center Grove, Cowan, Estill Springs, Lexie Crossroads, Old Salem, Sewanee and Winchester Springs.

Don't clog up your pipes and sewer lines; take your used cooking oil to 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester.

Commercial waste must be disposed of at the Republic Transfer Station, 9577 Tullahoma Hwy., Estill Springs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION <<https://www.franklincotn.us/solidwaste.html>>



## PLANNING ON BURNING DEBRIS?

Between Oct. 15 and May 15, you need a burn permit. Burn permits are free and can be obtained at <[www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org)>.

## READ THE NEWSPAPER ON THE GO.

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## GLASS - DROPOFF BOXES

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Glass recycling is supported with community and University funds, separate from Franklin County Solid Waste.

Boxes for separated glass are located at 191 Kennerly Avenue, at the rear of the University's Facilities Management (FM) Warehouse, under a carport. Drop off area is open 24/7



## RECYCLING - DROPOFF CENTER

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WASTE OIL/ANTIFREEZE



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## HOURS of OPERATION

	WHEN Daylight Savings BEGINS	WHEN Daylight Savings ENDS
MON	1:00 - 6:00	12:00 - 5:00
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WED	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
THU	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
FRI	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
SAT	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00
SUN	CLOSED	CLOSED

## FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

### Easter

Every morning  
the world  
is created.  
Under the orange

sticks of the sun  
the heaped  
ashes of the night  
turn into leaves again

and fasten themselves to the high branches—  
and the ponds appear  
like black cloth  
on which are painted islands

of summer lilies.  
If it is your nature  
to be happy  
you will swim away along the soft trails

for hours, your imagination  
alighting everywhere.  
And if your spirit  
carries within it

the thorn  
that is heavier than lead—  
if it's all you can do  
to keep on trudging—

there is still  
somewhere deep within you  
a beast shouting that the earth  
is exactly what it wanted—

each pond with its blazing lilies  
is a prayer heard and answered  
lavishly,  
every morning,

whether or not  
you have ever dared to be happy,  
whether or not  
you have ever dared to pray.

—Mary Oliver, *Morning Poem*

# Community Calendar

### Friday, April 3 • Good Friday

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon Community Stations of the Cross, beginning at St. Mark and St. Paul in front of Brooks Hall
- noon Packet pickup for the MGTA Race, Tower Bank, Monteagle, until 5 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, Old Roundhouse Park, 365 Railroad Ave., Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Art Reception, "Fragments of Love and Pain," Sunny Bowers, C'26, Carlos Gallery, 105 Kennerly Rd., until 6:30 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.

### Saturday, April 4

- 6:45 a.m. MGTA half marathon runners in-person registration at Mountain Outfitters, until 7:30 a.m.
- 8 a.m. MGTA 5-mile runners in-person registration, Sewanee Welcome Center. MGTA half marathon, starts and finishes at Mountain Outfitters
- 9 a.m. MGTA 2-mile walkers in-person registration, La Bella Pearl's, until 9:40 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Grief Recovery Group, Wesley House, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 9:30 a.m. MGTA five-mile run, begins in downtown Sewanee, ends at Mountain Outfitters
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10:15 a.m. MGTA 2-mile walk, starts at La Bella Pearl's, finishes at Mountain Outfitters
- 10:30 a.m. MGTA half marathon award ceremony at Mountain Outfitters
- noon Easter Egg Hunt & Community Picnic, Hannah Pickett Park, Monteagle; egg hunt at 1 p.m.
- noon April Fool Fest & Crawfish Boil, Shenanigans; live music at 5 p.m.

### Sunday, April 5 • Easter Sunday • Pantry Sunday

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 8 p.m. Deadline for Sewanee Woman's Club lunch reservations, email <reservations.swc@gmail.com>

### Monday, April 6

- Voter Registration Deadline*
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 7

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Student Panel, students from all sports, McGriff Alumni House; livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Kennerly Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul's, until 1 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 1 p.m. FC Preschool Application, at school your child will attend, until 5 p.m.
- 1 p.m. F@H Caregivers Support Group, Brooks Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul's until 2 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6:30 p.m. Goodstein Lecture, "A Conversation on the History of Gender, Power & Desire." Convocation Hall

### Wednesday, April 8

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 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 12:30 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 3:30 p.m. Lecture, Knisely, Hamilton Hall
- 5 p.m. Yoga to Release Myofascial Tension, Tom Camp, 293 Ball Park Rd., until 6:15 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

### Thursday, April 9

- 8 a.m. Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Jade Barry, nutrition, 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. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 1 p.m. FC Kindergarten Registration, at school your child will attend, until 5 p.m.
- 6 p.m. "The Mormon Giant," Guerry

### Friday, April 10

### Trails & Trilliums Naturalist Rally, through April 12

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Senior Art Majors, University Art Gallery, reception
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Voice Studios Spring Vocal Showcase, Guerry

### 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  
6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle  
7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee  
7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester



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