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Trails & Trilliums Registration Opens

The Friends' 20th Trails & Trilliums and Earth Day Celebration is set for April 19–21 at the historic Beersheba Springs Conference Center in Beersheba Springs.

Early Bird Registration for the Trails & Trilliums Naturalist Rally opened on Feb. 15, giving FSC members and TN Naturalist participants/alumni the first shot at signing up for hikes, presentations, and lodging. General registration will open a week later, on Feb. 22. Now is a great time to join or renew your FSC membership. Event details and registration are at <www.trailsandtrilliums.org>.

You will be able to register for more than 40 guided hikes/walks and AV presentations by 50 top naturalists, with a Welcome Address by Deputy Commissioner Greer Tidwell, head of TN state parks. The conference center offers 90 reasonably priced rooms, great food, and an ideal location for a weekend getaway, just minutes from Stone Door and Savage Gulf. Online registration includes the option to sign up for lodging and meals.

The weekend begins with Friday Adventures, including a wildflower hike in Collins Gulf, canoeing, a hunt for green salamanders at Suter Falls, and workshops on nature photography, nature journaling, and plein air painting at Stone Door. A new offering is an overnight backpacking/camping trip Friday night.

Saturday and Sunday will provide two full days of activities, including hikes, talks, workshops, and a native plant sale. You can also register for Family Adventure Days, which includes hands-on wildlife, fort building, a ropes course, campfire cooking, fairy houses, nature hikes, and more. The annual Wine & Wildflowers event is Saturday night at the Big Red Barn in Beersheba Springs, with barbeque and music. For night owls, evening programs include a Star Party, a Moth Program, a Night Hike to Stone Door, and an Earth Day Campfire with Mary Priestley.

For Registration questions, contact Andrea Sanders <sandandrea@gmail.com>.

Annual Presidents' Day Spelling Bee

The Franklin County Democratic Party invites you to a night of food, fun, and friendly competition. The Spelling Bee will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, at the Seawanee Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd., Seawanee.

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat soup/salad/sandwich buffet. Kids can win a \$50 cash prize in one of two Spelling Bees. Spelling lists will be age-appropriate. Registration will take place the night of the contest.

Free Income Tax Prep Available to Local Residents

Beginning next week, the IRS-certified BetterFi Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will begin processing and filing qualifying residents' income taxes for its 11th year in a row after transitioning from the Seawanee VITA Program. This year BetterFi is working with volunteers from the University of the South through the Office of Civic Engagement's Canale Leaders Program and South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps Program to assist local residents in filing their taxes.

BetterFi is working with partner sites to host on-site filing by appointment only. The planned schedule is below, but there is still availability for additional partners to schedule on-site tax preparation on Feb. 28, March 21, or March 27. Any potential partner who would like to inquire about hosting tax filing at their location on one of these days should contact our AmeriCorps service member Georgia at <georgia@betterfi.co>.

Any residents of Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, or Moore county who make less than \$64,000 a year, are disabled, or are elderly qualify for a free tax return.

Each resident interested in filing must bring proof of identification (a photo ID), social security cards (if filing jointly with another person then bring both social security cards and both individuals must be present), wage and earning statements (W-2, 1099, etc.), dividend and interest statements (if this applies to the resident filing), birth dates of the resident(s) and dependent(s), and banking account and routing numbers for direct deposit (found on a blank check).

If a resident filing does not have a social security card, then he/she must bring an IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter.

There is no walk-in filing — anyone interested in having their taxes prepared should contact the partner site below to sign up for one of their available time slots. Additional sites and availability will be announced on BetterFi's website <www.betterfi.co/vita> and on the BetterFi Facebook page <www.fb.com/betterfi>.

To file from your own home, most filers qualify for free filing with on-line assistance or by filing on their own at <www.getyourrefund.org>.

The current schedule is as follows — please watch BetterFi's Facebook page <www.fb.com/betterfi> for announcements of delays or closures in the event of weather.

Coffee County Manchester Public Library — Thursday, Feb. 22, with time slots available 4-7:30 p.m. or Saturday, Feb. 24, with time slots 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call (931) 723-5143 to sign up for an appointment.

Franklin County Senior Citizens Center — Thursday, Feb. 29, with time slots available 9 a.m. to noon. Call (931) 967-9853 to sign up for an appointment.

Coffee County Lannom Library — Wednesday, March 6, with time slots available 2-5:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 9 with time slots available 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call (931) 455-2460 to sign up for an appointment.

Franklin County Library — Tuesday, March 19, with time slots available 3:30-6:30 p.m. or Thursday, March 28, with time slots available 3:30-6:30 p.m. Call (931) 967-3706 to sign up for an appointment.

Sewanee Children's Center Open House

The Seawanee Children's Center (SCC) is having an open house from 9–11 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024. SCC is a cooperative preschool that provides developmentally appropriate teaching and learning for children ages two to five years old in the preschool program and for children in kindergarten through third grade in the afterschool program. A summer program is also available for children ages three to nine.

SCC provides an environment that uses the constructivist theory of learning to address children's intellectual, emotional, physical, and social growth. Constructivist learning is based on children's active participation in problem-solving and critical thinking in a learning activity that they find relevant and engaging. They are "constructing" their own knowledge by testing ideas and approaches based on their prior knowledge and experience and applying these to a new situation that they then integrate with what they already know. SCC relies on a network of communication between the children, parents, and

teachers to create a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and co-construction of knowledge to build a culture which respects childhood as a time to explore, create and be joyful. SCC strives to create a school environment that provides children with a sense of belonging in a world that is alive, welcoming and authentic. SCC wants all children to experience success, a feeling of self-worth, and a love for learning.

If you are interested in learning more about the programs SCC offers, meeting the teachers, and talking to currently enrolled families, please come to the open house on March 2. SCC is located at 216 University Avenue in Seawanee. The Seawanee Children's Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and is supported by the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul and the Seawanee Community Chest.

For more information, please visit the SCC website at <www.sewaneechildrencenter.org>, email at <sewaneechildrencenter@gmail.com>, or call the Director, Sarah Ralston Stark, at (931) 598-5928.



Seawanee Elementary School's Students of the Month for January: fifth grade, Rory Holmes; fourth grade, Dawson Marshall; third grade, Suzanna Camp; second grade, Harper Dodson; first grade, Chaysen Poe; Kindergarten, Savannah Walker.

Sand Plant Decision: Grundy County Wins Again

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

In a ruling filed Feb. 8, 2024, the Tennessee Court of Appeals "affirm[ed]" the trial court's summary judgment in favor of Grundy County ... with costs of appeal assessed against appellants, Tinsley Properties, LLC, and Tinsley Sand & Gravel, LLC." The case tested Grundy County's use of the County Powers Act to regulate sand plants, particularly the distance from residences. <<https://www.tncourts.gov/sites/default/files/OpinionsPDFVersion/Majority%20Opinion%20-%20M2022-01562-COA-R3-CV.pdf>>.

"I would not put next to you, something you would not put next to me," said Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady. "Folks take it for granted rural areas are untouchable. It's a gift and curse at the same time. A person's home is their safe place. This utopia they worked so hard for can be threatened. Corporations look at a mountain and see stone. They see opportunity." Prior to the state legislature authorizing counties to adopt the Powers Act, zoning

was the only way rural counties could "protect" themselves, Brady explained. In 2019 Grundy County adopted a Powers Act resolution, allowing the county to regulate non-agriculture activities.

Grundy County subsequently passed rules governing sand and gravel quarries, including the rule a quarry could not be located within 5,000 feet of a residence. The county also passed rules governing "adult store" with distance stipulations. The Powers Act allows counties "to regulate, but not to prohibit," Brady stressed.

In 2020, Tinsley purchased Grundy County property for a sand quarry. Both Brady and the county sheriff served the quarry management with "cease and desist" orders. Tinsley filed a lawsuit challenging the "validity" of the Powers Act arguing the county commission did not follow state County Zoning Act rules when adopting the resolution. In a Sept. 26, 2022, decision,

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The Confederate Church's Uneasy Evolution to 'Liberal Activist'

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"When [the Confederacy] surrendered in 1865, the future status of free people was not yet decided. In 1865, there was not the idea that Black people were going to become voting citizens and equal members of society," said Chris Graham grounding the historical context of his Feb. 8 lecture "Faith, Race, and The Lost Cause." Curator of Exhibitions at the American Civil War Museum, the story Graham told follows the uneasy evolution of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, from being

the home of slaveholding "good masters" who believed in white supremacy to being the home of "liberal activists."

St. Paul's, founded in 1844 by wealthy members of Virginia society, came to be known as the Cathedral of the Confederacy, the site where Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Confederate Arm, knelt in prayer. A photograph identifies the pews reserved for Davis and Lee. A stained-glass

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Letters

THANKS FROM THE FRIENDS OF CANON GIDEON FOUNDATION

To the Editor:

As I close the books for our tenth and final fundraiser for Hope Institute in Uganda, I want to express gratitude to the many loyal, local supporters of The Friends of Canon Gideon Foundation. This year we raised almost \$11,000 to help Canon Gideon buy a new vehicle for Hope Institute in Uganda. Getting to know Gideon and his students and staff has greatly enhanced and enlarged my life. I hope supporting our annual efforts has brought joy to all of you who took part. Gideon and I thank you from our hearts.

Sally Hubbard, Sewanee

BRAVA TO THE MESSENGER STAFF!

To the Editor:

Happy 40th Birthday to the best hometown newspaper ever! In your From the Editor article (Feb. 9, 2024) you told our story so well.


The vision of justice and equity that sparked creation of The Siren still inspires The Sewanee Mountain Messenger, building and strengthening community through free access to information.

Long may you lead, Kiki, and long may the Messenger live!

Geraldine Hewitt Piccard, Messenger Founder, Alto

Sobriety Checkpoint

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office will conduct a multi-agency Sobriety Checkpoint on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024. The Checkpoint or Checkpoints will be conducted between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. The location or locations can be Hwy. 41A and the Hwy 156 intersection, Hwy. 41A (Decherd Blvd.) at the Winchester/Decherd City limits, and Old Tullahoma Rd. (Hwy. 130) in the area of North Lake Elementary. Thank you for your continued support as we strive to keep the roadways safe for you, the citizens of Franklin County.



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Non-Exempt Positions: Assistant Manager of Tiger Bay Pub, Sewanee Dining, Tiger Bay Pub; Barn and Stable Worker, Equestrian Center; Catering Team Lead, Sewanee Catering; Custodial Assistant Supervisor, FM, Building Services; Custodian, FM, Building Services; Domain Recreation Post-Baccalaureate Fellow, OESS; Equestrian and Farm Hand, Sewanee Equestrian Center; Event Coordinator, Academic Affairs, Dean of the College's Office; Facilities Inspections & Auxiliary Operations Custodial Support, FM, Building Services; First Cook, Sewanee Dining, McClurg; Golf Course Greenskeeper (10-Month Position), Grounds and Landscaping; Groundskeeper I, FM



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

Local Food Available

The South Cumberland Farmer's Market has breads, fruits, vegetables, eggs, coffee, meats and more available. Ordering takes place each week online from Friday at 9 p.m. to Monday at 10 a.m. Curbside pickup is on Tuesdays, 4:30–6 p.m., at the Sewanee Community Center. To order go to <https://southcumberlandfarmersmarket.com>.

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



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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Shirley M. Lawson at <slawson@sewanee.edu>.

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Upcoming Meetings

Franklin County Historical Society

The Winter meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Franklin County Library, 105 S. Porter St., Winchester. The program will be "Show and Tell." Attendees are invited to bring photographs, clothing, jewelry, tools or other interesting things that tell about their ancestors or the county's history. All are welcome.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will live stream the meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 19, with Nick DiBinardo, Assistant Athletic Director, Men's Lacrosse. The livestream will be available at <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, 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 Doug Cameron, Johnny Hughes, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Franklin County Commission

Franklin County Board of Commission will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, the Franklin County Courthouse in the Courtroom.

EQB Club

Members of the EQB Club will gather at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Lunch will be served at 11:50 a.m. At about 12:25 p.m., we will have the pleasure of the Lead on "Learning from a Different Forest: The Sewanee Semester in Ghana Program," by Dr. Amy Patterson. Interested non-members are welcome to arrive at 12:25 p.m. and sit in on the presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Mary's Sewanee. The speaker will be Ned Murray from the Friends of South Cumberland State Park.

Marion County Commission

The Marion County Commission will have a workshop at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, in the

Lawson Building, 300 Ridley Dr., Jasper. The regular county commission meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, at 300 Ridley Dr., Jasper.

Town of Monteagle

There will be three public hearings of the Monteagle City Council for Ordinance 01-24 Unit Size, Ordinance 02-24 Dubose rezoning, and Ordinance 03-24 Water Rate increase at 4:45 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, 2024. The Monteagle City Council will have the regular monthly meeting Feb. 26, 2024 in the Conference Room at City Hall at 5 p.m.

FCDP Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Party will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Franklin County Annex, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester.

FCDP needs to prepare for our County Convention to select a delegate to the DNC and select members to be on the credentials committee. We will also elect a new chair and vice chair.

Annual Meeting of Cowan Railroad Museum

"All Aboard" for the Cowan Railroad Museum annual meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29, at Cowan Center for the Arts (301 Montgomery St., Cowan).

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The program will include a review of the previous year and our goals and challenges for 2024.

Membership dues are \$20/person/year and payable at the door.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7 p.m.

The Sewanee Community Council will not meet in February.

Black History Program

Mt. Sinai M.B. Church will be hosting the annual Black History Program from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24. The event will take place in the Townsend Cultural Center located at 913 S. Shepherd St., Winchester. The theme is "Celebrating Black Excellence." The guest speaker is Dr. Cary Holman, Franklin County Director of Schools. He will speak on "Being the First Black Superintendent and How We Can Help the Students/Communities Succeed in Franklin County." For more information contact Sandra Brown at (931) 636-4854.

Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop will be open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed.

Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

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

The Shop is looking for reliable volunteers as clerks and cashiers, especially people who could work on Friday, between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann, the Shop manager at <maystrob@gmail.com>. We can use people to sort donations any afternoon, except Sundays. Regular volunteers get a 20 percent discount on their total purchase cost. Come join a great group of volunteers and be a vital part of making Sewanee a sustainable community.

SCA to Meet March 4

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 4, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. Presenting the program will be Executive Director of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, Patrick Dean. Dean is also the author of "A Window to Heaven" and "Nature's Messenger."

Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, March 1, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. The SCA is celebrating 115 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.

Strategic Planning at the University

Scott Wilson, acting provost, announced an update on the strategic planning process, which will provide a number of opportunities for our various constituents to participate in the coming months.

The University is organizing its strategic plan around the following three pillars:

Mind: A Renewed Curriculum for the 21st Century

Heart: Preparing Students for Citizenship, Leadership and Lives of Meaning and Significance

Place: The Domain as Laboratory, Recreation Site, Sanctuary and Home.

As part of the information gathering process, the strategic planning committee is inviting all members of the Sewanee community to participate in open town hall meetings. The last meeting will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, in Convocation Hall.

These meetings are an important opportunity for you to participate in planning the direction of the University's development, and your engagement with this process is encouraged. The University has contracted Dr. Dawn Wiese, former vice president for student affairs at Washington and Lee, as a consultant to facilitate these conversations. Wiese is both knowledgeable about Sewanee and liberal arts colleges, and she has assisted a variety of organizations with strategic planning processes.

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0 Johnny's Way, Tracy City - MLS 2410583 - Lot 1. 6.17 ac. \$149,000.



MLS 2551836 - 215 Shadow Rock Rd., Monteagle. \$289,500

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MLS 2615726 - Mossy Oak Lot #35, 5.5 ac. \$63,000



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Church News

Christ Church

The First Sunday in Lent traditionally presents the account of the time in the desert that Jesus spent. “Forty days and forty nights” as a hymn puts it. Satan appears on the scene and tempts Jesus. Jesus refuses all the temptations and “and angels came and ministered unto him.” Christ Church hopes that the great hymns and lessons from Holy Scripture prove helpful in the Lenten journey. Our service begins at 10:45 a.m. Our time of fellowship after the service offers simpler snacks and coffee and other drinks during Lent, but still it is a good time for being with old friends and making new ones.

St. James Episcopal

St. James, located at 898 Midway Rd., is a thriving, growing, and warmly welcoming church. Our weekly service, Holy Eucharist Rite II is at 9 a.m., on Sunday, followed by a time for fellowship. These services are also live streamed on our Facebook page.

Ash Wednesday Simple supper and Lenten book study will be 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 13 and March 20. The book will be “The Practice of the Presence of God” by Brother Lawrence.

St. Mark and St. Paul

The 8:30 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist is in the church. The 11

a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there afterward.

Nursery services: Infants and toddlers through three year olds are invited to gather on the playground or in the child care classroom at the lower level of Claiborne Hall on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The nursery will be at the playground of St. Mark and St. Paul.

Former judge Russ Heldman will speak on “Shakespeare and Faith” at St. Mark and St. Paul’s Adult Forum on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 9:45-10:45 a.m. Heldman notes that Shakespeare informs his great plays with issues and themes common to Christian faith. Among the plays that Shakespeare wrote to challenge and awaken faith in his audiences were “Merchant of Venice,” “Hamlet,” “King Lear,” “Macbeth,” “Henry V,” and “Richard II.”

A graduate of Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt law school, Heldman was a trial and appellate attorney and civil mediator. For eight years he presided in the civil and criminal courts of four Tennessee counties as Circuit Court Judge. He has taught courses on Shakespeare and on literature and faith for Vanderbilt’s lifelong learning program and for St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church in Nashville, where he is a member.

Lenten Soup Series: “Green

Gospel: Foundations of Ecotheology” Wednesdays, Feb. 21-March 20 beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will share a simple meal and talk about Dr. John Gatta’s new book “Green Gospel: Foundations of Ecotheology,” with the author facilitating discussion. The book comes out March 5; we have a PDF copy to share with those who pre-order from Amazon.

‘The Disappearing Night Sky’ Prayer Service

Do you wonder where all the stars have gone? Ever miss seeing the night sky? Come learn how the night sky has been disappearing and ways you can bring it back. All are welcome to join the Sisters of St. Mary for a time of prayer, music, readings, and video reflections at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, at St. Mary’s Convent at 1110 St. Mary’s Lane in Sewanee.

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 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 (STEM)

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

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 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

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

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

‘Revive the Spirit of the Humble’ Lenten Quiet Morning

On Saturday, Feb. 24, the Sisters of St. Mary will host a Lenten Quiet Morning led by the Rev. Casey Perkins titled: “Revive the Spirit of the Humble.” The event will explore the path of humility from the Rule of St. Benedict as the blueprint for a life of freedom and peace. A series of meditations on the text will be interspersed with periods for personal spiritual practice and reflection.

This event will be offered hybrid: in-person at St. Mary’s Convent in Sewanee and online via Zoom. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the cost to attend is \$20. Register online at <www.communityofstmarysouth.org>

The Rev. Casey Andrew Perkins is an Episcopal deacon, coach, spiritual director, and facilitator in Sewanee, Tennessee. Deacon Casey is a graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South where he works in Development and Church Relations and is part of the clergy team at Grace Episcopal Church in Chattanooga serving in the Diocese of East Tennessee. He is also in formation to become an Oblate of the Community of St. Mary.

Church Calendar

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

service available online after noon Sunday, link is at <https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com> on FB

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, (and Facebook livestream), Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall (Sewanee Children’s Center), Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Brooks Hall

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, livestream

Facebook

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

3:45 p.m. Centering Support Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Grundy (from page 1)

Chancery Court Judge Melissa Willis ruled in favor of Grundy County's use of the Powers Act to regulate land use. The recent decision of the three-member Appellate Court affirmed Willis' decision in an opinion delivered by Justice Frank G. Clement, Jr. The court dismissed the argument that "a distance requirement on the use of land for quarrying" made the Powers Act Resolution "tantamount to zoning," by the court's conclusion releasing the county commission from any obligation to follow State Zoning Act rules when adopting the resolution. The court also dismissed Tinsley attorneys' argument the county could not regulate "practices that are subject to regulation" under the Tennessee Air Quality Act and the Water Quality Control Act. The court agreed with county attorney William Rieder the Air and Water Quality Act did not address "blasting, drilling and heavy industrial traffic," freeing the county to pass regulations related to these practices.

"Bill Rieder gave it all he had," Brady said praising Rieder and calling him "a friend of Grundy County," pointing out Rieder had family ties to the area. There has been no quarrying activity at the site since Willis handed down her decision. "The dust can cause health issues up to a mile away," Brady said, citing the rationale for the 5,000 feet distance rule for quarries. Commenting on the recent controversy about a Tinsley sand plant in Marion County and Marion County's apprehension about adopting a Powers Act, Brady said "the legal language can be tailored so long as it's not discriminatory ... and it can be rescinded at any time." Marion County did not pass a Powers Act resolution. [See Messenger, Dec. 1, 2023]. According to Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation data, Tinsley has applied for permits for a Marion County sand-plant location <https://dataviewers.tdec.tn.gov/dataviewers/?p=2005:34031:15491582243307::RR,34031:P34031_SITE_ID:178476>.

"I'd like to have three or four loads of gravel right now," Brady acknowledged, "but there's a place for that." Brady did not know if Tinsley would appeal. At the time of publication, Tinsley had not responded to requests for comments. The Supreme Court "gets to choose" what cases they will hear, Brady said. "We have a lot of support outside the county. If it goes to the Supreme Court, we're prepared."

Confederate Church (continued from page 1)

window depicting Moses leaving the Pharaoh to go with his people honored Lee who declined command of the U.S. Army to lead the "doomed cause." The window honoring Davis showed the apostle Paul pleading his case before King Agrippa who insisted Paul had done nothing wrong. Allegorically, Graham said, the scene reinforced the belief the slave states and Davis imprisoned for two years following the war had done nothing wrong.

The remarks of Sarah Valentine, teacher at a Richmond Black Sunday School, summed up the prevailing attitude in 1859, the year before the war officially began: "God hath in a mysterious union united master and slave ... man cannot put them asunder." "Providence" dictated whites' obligation to care for Blacks and Blacks obligation to obey. "I believe they really believed this," Graham insisted. Justification came from the Bible's many mentions of slavery; Jesus never condemned slavery. Black Sunday Schools and missionary work strived to make slavery fit compatibly with Christian ideals.

In the early 1900s the concept of the "social gospel" filtered down from Northern states to Southern states. The doctrine held social ills like poor housing and deplorable living conditions were "manmade sins," not ordained by God. Embraced by parishioners in the South, the doctrine shifted the narrative. For the first time, in fulfilling their obligation to care for Blacks, whites included Blacks in discussions about how to address problems. Outreach at Saint Paul's expanded beyond the realm of Sunday School to sponsorship of soup kitchens and hospitals and to lobbying for improved housing, sidewalks and sewers in Black neighborhoods.

When St. Paul's beloved Black sexton, i.e., janitor, Robert Damell, died in 1925, Damell's family and friends were seated on the ground floor at the funeral while whites sat in the upper gallery. Black ministers delivered the service. The event received national acclaim, heralding the nonracist "benevolence" of St. Paul's white congregation. Obituaries celebrated Damell as "a faithful servant" born into slavery, although neglecting to mention his enlistment in the U.S. Army and upwardly mobile successes.

Coincidentally, another newsworthy incident recounted the out-

rage of Richmond husband Scott Copeland when his wife, attending a student dance recital at a Black college, was seated next to Blacks. "They have not the 'Virginia Instinct,'" Copeland complained. In the eyes of its parishioners, St. Paul's "embodied the 'Virginia Instinct' in the proper way," Graham said. Parishioners cited the benevolence shown to Damell at his funeral and St. Paul's social outreach as illustrative. Graham translated Jim Crow era "Virginia instinct," as follows: whites sincerely believed they were obligated to help Black people with their problems, but they were not interested in Black people seeking to live in white neighborhoods—"if you give them what they need to be happy 'over there,' they won't try to come 'over here' and live amongst us."

The Civil Rights era "was a depressing time at St. Paul's," according to Graham. Things took a turn in 1969 when John Shelby Spong became rector. Display of the Confederate battle flag at the church ceased. Spong's popular radio broadcast sermons attracted young people looking for a church home with no historical connection to the church or the "Virginia instinct." Spong initiated using proceeds from the church parking garage to address poverty and racial disparity, and by the 1990s, St. Paul's had begun to earn a reputation as welcoming to "liberal activists."

Following the 2015 shooting at a Black Charleston church, St. Paul's undertook a racial self-study of its history. In October of 2020 St. Paul's rededicated the Lee and Davis stained-glass windows to Moses and the Apostle Paul. Graffiti spraypainted on the portico steps, and intentionally not removed, memorializes Trayvon Martin, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd and other Black victims of police violence.

Summing up St. Paul's history, Graham cautioned too often "our values reinforce one another when they should be clashing. How do we see through our good intentions to witness the harm we might be causing ... I value myself as a 'liberal do-gooder' and so did the segregationists at St. Paul's in the 1920s. This haunts me. What could I be doing to cause more harm than good?"

South Cumberland Community Fund Announces Spring Grant Round

Betty Carpenter, chair of South Cumberland Community Fund's grant committee, and Katie Goforth, Director of Community Development for the Fund, announced the dates for the Spring grant round for South Cumberland Community Fund.

The Community Fund board has authorized a total of \$100,000 in the Spring Grant round, one of four grant funding rounds offered by the Fund. The application deadline is midnight on April 1, and the online application will be available by Feb. 29.

The Fund makes grants to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, schools, and churches that seek support for projects that benefit the public on the South Cumberland Plateau. "We are particularly interested in projects that build collaboration to address health, education, and economic development priorities," said Carpenter.

To be eligible, organizations must send a representative to one of three grant orientation sessions:

Thursday, Feb. 29, 5:30 p.m. at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, 322 West Main St., Monteagle,

Friday, March 1, noon, also at Morton Memorial

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. at Grundy EMS, 90 Phipps St., Coalmont
Orientation will go over how to apply using a new online application, as well as the Fund's goals for building hope and prosperity on the South Cumberland Plateau.

Applicants may apply for as much as \$10,000 for a project that addresses health, education, or economic development concerns. The Fund is particularly interested in affordable housing, transportation, and early childhood literacy, as contributors to those strategic goals.

Please pose questions to Goforth at <grants@southcumberlandcommunityfund.org>.

Public Lecture on Economic Trends in the Southeast on Feb. 22

Laurel Graefe, regional executive and senior officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, will visit Sewanee to discuss future trends in the Southeastern economy and monetary policy in the modern era. Looking at the changes in workforce demographics and new worker preferences, she will show how the future of work in the Southeast has shifted.

While on campus, Graefe will give a campus lecture, "Economic and Business Insights from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta: A Conversation with Laurel Graefe," at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Torian Room at duPont Library. All are welcome to attend our second Bryan Viewpoints Speaker Series for the 2024 Easter semester.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Atlanta Fed) is the sixth of 12 Federal Reserve Districts that includes Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, and parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Graefe leads the Nashville branch, traveling the region to listen and connect with business and community leaders, gather economic data, and publish applied research on the regional economy.

In college, she was interested in math and discovered data analysis, which she said was "a way to understand emotional and complex issues of the day and sort out how to approach the world." She joined the Atlanta Fed in 2005 as an intern and has held several positions there, including as a director overseeing inflation and energy market analysis for the Research Department and, most recently, as a director of the Nashville Branch's Regional Economic Information Network.

Her economic research has been published in The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, and MarketWatch, among others, and featured on NPR. She also co-authored "The Handbook of Oil Politics" in which she contributed an essay, "The Policy Implications of Peak Oil."

Laurel received her B.A. in economics from Agnes Scott College and earned an M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management. She continued her education with executive and advanced certificates in leadership from Stanford University and Harvard business schools.

In Nashville, Laurel serves on several boards including Siskin Hospital, TennGreen Land Conservancy, the United Way of Greater Nashville, and the Economic and Finance Department at Tennessee State University. She was elected by Tennessee as a representative to the International Women's Forum. Laurel enjoys rock climbing and exploring the Cumberland Plateau.

This visit is cosponsored by the Department of Economics and the Department of Finance. The Bryan Viewpoints Speaker Series is made possible by a generous gift from Peggy and J.F. Bryan IV, C'65. For more information about the Babson Center for Global Commerce and our events, please visit: <babsoncgcsewanee.edu>.

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New Personal Training Available at Bodyworks Youniversity

Hannah VanBuren, Certified Personal Trainer at Bodyworks Youniversity, has been a lover of all things wellness since 2013 when her brother introduced her to weight training.

"This was something I had always been afraid of because it was so different from the traditional women's exercise I had always done. It didn't take long for me to have the unmistakable feeling that I was getting stronger, in more ways than one."

By 2016, Hannah was certified in personal training and medical assisting because she believed the two went hand in hand. She was excited to get her first job in both at Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation in Chattanooga. Hannah knew she had found her passion.

Over the course of the next 7 years, Hannah trained folks of all ages and abilities at Siskin. "I was lucky enough to work very closely with the physical therapist and provide a warm handover to post therapy exercise. I also was trained in PNF, Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation stretching, and various styles as I worked to understand what each individual needed."

In September 2023, Hannah and husband Zeke moved to Cowan to be closer to their Monteagle property where they plan to build a home in 2024. Hannah was working online from home and says "I began to miss my clients and training folks. I felt I wasn't doing what I was meant to do anymore." She put out an email on Sewanee Classifieds to see if there was a need or interest in Personal training in the area. Several people recommended that she speak to Kim Butters at Bodyworks Youniversity. Hannah met with Kim and told her about her love for wellness and coaching others. The two hit it off instantly and Hannah was warmly welcomed into the studio and began taking clients two days a week while continuing to work her online job from home.

Since starting at Bodyworks in October, Hannah feels that she once again has a purpose and is fulfilling her passion. She is grateful for the clients who have embraced her program, and the feedback has been very positive.

Due to the positive feedback and high demand Hannah expanded her hours. Her expanded hours will be Mondays & Wednesdays: 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays: 4:30–6:30 p.m. and Fridays: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hannah says "I am thrilled that what has been a chance for me to use my training and passion, has been so well received in the community that I have loved since arriving. Thank you to all my amazing clients for helping me get back to my happy place!"

Please visit <www.bodyworksyouniversity.com> or call/text (423) 322-1443 to view available times for Hannah and the studio's other instructors. The Sampler package featuring a class or private session with all our instructors is currently available.



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Join Mountain T.O.P. on Feb. 22–25, for a weekend of service, fellowship, and remembrance. There will be optional in-camp facility work during Friday and Saturday. Payment is not required for this program but is greatly appreciated to cover some of the costs.

There will also be the 11th annual Brick and Mortar Dinner at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24. There will be an online and in-person auction.

Friends Weekend 2024 is our 11th annual celebration of the community of servant-hearted volunteers that Mountain T.O.P. has built. We spend the weekend focusing on in-camp repairs, exploration of the Cumberland Plateau and fellowship with life-long friends.

To register, go to <<https://www.mountain-top.org/>>, under the Register tab. For more information contact Jacey Brady at <jacey@mountain-top.org>.

Seed Giveaway

There will be a seed giveaway sponsored by the UT Extension Crimson Clover Master Gardeners from Grundy, Franklin, Marion, and Coffee counties. The seeds are from local gardens and are being distributed free to encourage gardeners to plant native, heirloom and local varieties not available commercially. Stop by the May Justus Memorial Library on the dates below for your free seed packet: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, March 7, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, March 8. The library is located at 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle.

Sewanee Pilates to Offer Classes at High Vibes Healing

Sewanee Pilates is partnering with High Vibes Healing to bring Pilates training to Monteagle. Private lessons and group mat classes will be taught by Nationally Certified Pilates Teacher Bruce Manuel. Bruce has been teaching since 2015 and has worked with a wide range of clients from professional athletes to octogenarians. Private individual lessons may be made by appointment. Call (303) 817-7159 for details.

Voting Information

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary. Early voting continues through Feb. 27. For more information about times and voting locations, go to Franklin County <<http://franklinco.tn.us>>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<http://grundycountyttn.net>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <www.marionvotes.com>, phone (423) 942-2108.

Contact information for election offices, samples ballots and more can also be found at <<https://sos.tn.gov/elections>>.

Tennesseans voting should remember to bring valid state or federal photo identification with them to the polls. For information about what types of ID are acceptable, visit <GoVoteTN.com> or call (877) 850-4959.

Voters can also download the GoVoteTN app. Voters can find early voting and Election Day polling locations, view sample ballots, see names of elected officials and districts, as well as access online election results through the application. Go to <GoVoteTN.com>.

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

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$4, regardless of your age. Please call (931) 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, Feb. 19: Chicken livers, mashed potatoes, slaw, biscuit.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Cheeseburger, tater tots.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Greek grilled chicken salad, dessert.

Thursday, Feb. 22: Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwich.

Friday, Feb. 23: Barbecue pork chops, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll.

Chair exercise with Ruth Wendling is from 10:30–11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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.

A Spirituality of Hope: Listening to Four Quartets

St. Mary's Sewanee, Ayres Center for Spiritual Development, is honored to host Bishop Henry Parsley presenting a Literature and Spirituality program. Bishop Parsley, member of St. Mary's Sewanee Board of Trustees and retired 10th Bishop of Alabama Episcopal Diocese, will lead guests in a spiritual journey through readings of T.S. Eliot's "Four Quartets." The retreat will be Feb. 23-25, 2024.

In this retreat guests will listen to these four poems, with the help of Ralph Fiennes' recent reading of them. Through lecture and the contemplative practice of lectio divina, participants will engage with the Quartets and enter into their spiritual wisdom and transformational power.

To register, visit the website at <www.stmaryssewanee.org>, or contact Reservations at (931) 598-5342 or <Reservations@stmarys-sewanee.org>.

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BREAKFAST**

Monday, Feb. 19: No School - Presidents' Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Pancake wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Meat biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 22: Cinnamon roll, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday, Feb. 23: Meat sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, Feb. 19: No School - Presidents' Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Mozzarella cheese sticks, marinara sauce, buttered corn, carrot dippers, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Hamburger or cheeseburger, bun, crinkle-cut fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 22: Chicken drumstick or thigh, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 23: Pizza, green beans, seasoned potato wedges, cookie, fruit, milk, chocolate chip cookie.

A variety of fruit, fruit juice and milk is offered daily for breakfast. Daily offerings for lunch may include yogurt bag, sandwich, wrap, Bento box or pizza munchable. Menus subject to change. Go to <<https://www.fcstn.net/menus-mealpricing>>.

Local Residents Inducted into Order of the Gown at Sewanee

The following local students were inducted into the Order of the Gown at the University of the South during a ceremony held on Jan. 19, 2024.

Faith Brianna Cassie Daisy of Sewanee, the child of Philbert Daisy, Sr. and Cathy A. Aubrey.

Diana Elise Rung of Sewanee, the child of Lisa and Donald C. Rung III.

Luke Oliver Dobson of South Pittsburg, the child of Cristy D. Cookston.

The Order of the Gown is an academic honor society and a unique student government body among U.S. colleges and universities. Since 1875 the Order of the Gown has remained the body responsible for maintaining the spirit, traditions, and ideals of the University of the South. The wearing of the gown is both a sign of academic achievement and a promise to continue the ideals and traditions of the University.

The University of the South is a nationally recognized university comprising a College of Arts and Sciences and a distinguished School of Theology. Located on 13,000 acres in Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau, Sewanee enrolls 1,750 undergraduates and approximately 85 seminarians. For more information about the University, visit <www.sewanee.edu>.

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—Hank Bornemann, CeCe Brehm, Suzy Camp, Felix Colbert, Edie Holmes, Lilian Mylonas-Garcia, Clive Osborne, and Sam Ramirez;

Fourth grade—Daniel Comoretto, Francesca Gray, Dylan Jensen, Imogene Latham, Lucy Seballos, Elliott Sowell, Gracie Sparacio, Fynn Speer, Cullen Thompson, and Rainey Wood;

Fifth grade—Sadie Camp, Lois Borchers, Wesley Carpenter, Rory Holmes, Benjamin Rudd, Allie Welch, and Patch Wilson.

Second Honor Roll

Third grade—Annie Beaumont, Lucy Beaumont, Kaisen Dietz, Amelie Watson, and Averett Welch;

Fourth grade—Joe DiDomenico, Noah Douglas, Julian Elrod, Jon Fino, Nick Fino, Kenedee Hale, Esme Hopwood-Meyer, Aliza Jackson, Penny Martin, Mae Polansky, Bea Shealy, Ora Simpson, Kate Summers;

Fifth grade—Arabella Barry, Remy Garcia, Gabbie Gautier, Cooper Knight, Mia Owens, Eliana Reid, Eli Summers, and Lily Wakefield.

BUG Club

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

Third grade—Ryker Knapik and Sam Ramirez.

Citizenship Award

(selected by their teachers)

K—Zachary Conry and Calvin Watson; **First grade**—Joseph Oliver and Emma Mason; **Second grade**—Conor Sparacio and Miles Bruscato; **Third grade**—Kaisen Dietz and Ryker Knapik; **Fourth grade**—Esme Hopwood-Meyer and Rainey Wood; **Fifth grade**—Hiyasa Patel and Mia Owens.

Tiger Traits

(selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait "Diligence")

K—Eleanor Smithand Mae Hambrick; **First grade**—Eli Young and Rowan Laurino; **Second grade**—Kaden Nolan and Lavender Barry; **Third grade**—Lucy Beaumont and AnnaKay Freeze; **Fourth grade**—Bradley Rollins and Fynn Speer; **Fifth grade**—Cooper Knight and Sadie Camp.

(selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait "Helpfulness")

K—Trail Murphy and Gus Seballos; **First grade**—Lella Godfrey and Malcom Tate; **Second grade**—Mia Casey and Carter Belle Hewgley; **Third grade**—Annie Beaumont and Clive Osborne; **Fourth grade**—Aliza Jackson and Noah Douglas; **Fifth grade**—Gabbie Gautier and Camille Jackson.

THEC Announces Delay in Release of FAFSA Records

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) reports that students considering college can expect a delay in FAFSA processing. The U.S. Department of Education has informed stakeholders that records for the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will not be released to institutions until mid-March.

While the FAFSA typically launches in October on <StudentAid.gov>, this year the launch was delayed due to program updates to improve online functionality and became operational in January. Typically, FAFSA records as they are filed starting in October; however, this months-long delay in opening has resulted in postponement of students' information delivery to institutions.

For Tennessee students, this means you may receive any financial aid offers from your colleges of interest later than expected. While there will be delays, rest assured that this will not impact the availability of funds for students enrolled in any state program, including Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect.

While delays are expected in processing FAFSA records, THEC wants to assure students and their families that this will not hinder their ability to access the support needed for their education. Students' FAFSA information is expected to be sent to their selected colleges in mid-March. Once processed, colleges will assess financial aid eligibility, ensuring students receive the financial aid for which they qualify.

Last month, THEC announced that the Tennessee Promise FAFSA deadline has officially moved to May 15, 2024, to accommodate the late opening and to allow students extra time to complete the form.

As a reminder to students planning to enroll in the fall 2024 semester, the following are the most urgent deadlines:

April 15, 2024: Priority FAFSA Deadline for Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA)

May 15, 2024: FAFSA Deadline for Tennessee Promise Scholarship

September 1, 2024: FAFSA Deadline for Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission recognizes the impact that this delay may have on students and families who rely on FAFSA records to make informed decisions about their education financing. We encourage students to stay updated and to reach out to their respective financial aid offices for guidance and support during this time.

THEC remains committed to supporting students in their pursuit of higher education and will continue to advocate for resources and opportunities that facilitate access to affordable and quality education for all Tennesseans. THEC encourages students to keep their college planning options open and remain optimistic about the financial aid offers that await them.

For more information and updates regarding the release of FAFSA records, please visit <CollegeForTN.org> or contact Tennessee's FAFSA Hotline at 1-800-342-1663.



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Artisan Depot Reception, Feb. 16

The Franklin County Art Guild invites the community to the first Third Friday Reception of 2024 from 5-7 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 16, at the Artisan Depot, 204 Cumberland St., Cowan. Because of weather issues in January, this reception recognizes two shows. First is community artists with work in the show themed “Softly Stirring” as well as the all member “Best of 2023” show. Some of the work you will see is presented in this announcement.

Voice Recital: Michaela James-Thrower

This is a recital about the instability of rediscovery. Analyzing lullabies as gifts, this performance explores the necessity of love in recovery. With Vicki Collinsworth, piano, and Samuel Grace-Conyers, voice. The recital will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, in St. Luke’s Chapel.

Faculty Horn Trio with Guest Artist Yu-Han Kuan

Faculty artists Greg Danner, horn, and Andrew Uhe, violin, join guest artist Dr. Yu-Han Kuan, piano, for a program of concert works for piano, horn, and violin. The music will include compositions by Brahms, Ravel (arranged by Greg Danner), Glazunov, Glière, and Beach. This will be from 5–6:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, in Guerry Auditorium.

Grocery Store Flower Botanicals Workshop

This workshop, lead by Mary Priestley, will be 9:30–11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, in the Spencer room 171.

Flowers that we sometimes pick up when we’re grocery shopping brighten our winter days! For this workshop, we will choose individuals from among a bouquet of these colorful flowers to do a pen and ink illustration to which you may want to add watercolor. There will be a demonstration of drawing alstroemeria, a lovely flower that is usually included in these mixes. We will start by dissecting a flower to see how it’s constructed, then move on to drawing from life or tracing from a photograph. Bring a pencil and your cell phone; other materials will be provided. For more information, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

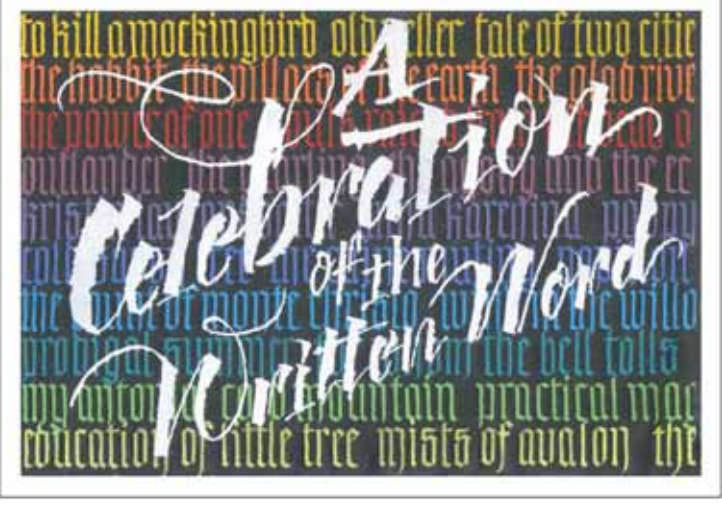
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CALLIGRAPHY & DECORATION
Diane Jones, SCRIBE

‘A Celebration of the Written Word’ at Frame Gallery

The Frame Gallery will exhibit the calligraphy and decoration of Diane Jones, Scribe. The opening reception is from 5–6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16. The public is invited. It will be on display until March 13. Frame Gallery Custom Frames and Art is located at 12569 Sollace Freeman Hwy., Sewanee.

Diane Jones has loved writing since the third grade, when she would forgo recess to practice cursive handwriting in the classroom. She went on to receive her BFA with an emphasis on graphic design from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Diane also studied calligraphy and bookmaking under Carol Patterson at the San Antonio Art Institute and has participated in lettering and gilding workshops from calligraphy masters Sheila Waters, Julian Waters, Sherri Kiesel, Peter Thornton, and Marsha Brady. She studied Spencerian Script, illumination, and engrossing under Michael Sull at the International Association of Master Penmen and Engrossers (IAMPETH).

Among numerous projects and commissions, Diane has completed resolutions and certificates for universities, including the University of the South, a testimonial for King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia of Spain, and dozens of wedding invitations for brides all over the South. Diane also enjoys painting watercolors of botanicals and animals. Primary media used in the creation of her calligraphic pieces are gouache, watercolor and ink on paper.

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‘The Ambient Pause’ at the Carlos Gallery

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Arts Building at the University of the South is pleased to present “The Ambient Pause (A Rest from the Noise)” by artist Christina Foard. The exhibit is on display through March. An artist talk and reception will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 5.

Painting interior/exterior scenes and making objects is a necessary personal Christina Foard response to experiences, emotions, and environments. Regardless of shifts in iconography, her work incorporates perceptions about time, memories, and often includes quotidian objects as symbolic placeholders. Foard translates observed scenes and incorporates invented components. Structure and pattern tend to be her preferred starting place, and throughout, she strives to remain in a state of “play,” housed in a curiosity and openness. She responds most to marks where there’s an intuitive response, a humanness, captured sensitivity, or personification over highly controlled or known outcomes. When Foard gets stuck in the puzzle of formal aesthetic concerns, she finds that altering and experimenting with materials advances and deepens her ideation. The history of the marks and movements within a piece, the history of a specific place, and her own history converge as primary elements in the making of the work.

Carlos Gallery is located at 105 Kennerly Rd., Sewanee. Gallery hours at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 1–5 p.m., Saturday.

‘Studying the Landscape’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present Philip Juras’s “Studying the Landscape: Observation, Conservation, and Restoration,” on view in the University Art Gallery through March 31.

Landscape paintings invite and construct a relationship between the viewer and the place depicted.

Philip Juras paints in oil on canvas in a visual language familiar from the American tradition of landscape painting, but turns that visual tradition to close observation of lesser known and forgotten ecosystems, with the purpose of inviting conservation and restoration.

In “Studying the Landscape,” Juras portrays fire adapted grasslands, woodlands and savannas in Tennessee, Illinois, and Georgia. Some record the artist’s impressions from particular managed natural areas. Some, especially among the larger works, recreate views of sites as they might have appeared before European-American settlement.

When Juras observes and depicts a landscape, he sees things many of us might not — soil type, centuries-long histories of growth and disturbance, native plants and habitats.

His paintings invite viewers to read the landscape differently; to attend to environments that have not historically been the focus of attention, to understand their histories and the disturbances that make them possible, to value the biodiversity they support, as well as to see and enjoy their aesthetic effects.

SAS Varsity Basketball Ends Season

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team lost to Notre Dame in the first round of the TSSAA D II-A District 2 tournament, 74-27. SAS was down 13-9 at the end of the first quarter before the Fighting Irish's Gaas Herman hit 15 points in the second quarter, 28 for the game. SAS was led by Hatch McNabb's seven points; Ethan Allen six; Harper Thompson four; Elijah Stark three; Raulston Barnett two; Petre Gotsiridze two; Alejandro Miranda two; Sam Goodpaster one. SAS finished the season 8-11. Head Coach Rob Zeitler said, "This group of young men improved so much during the course of the season and took on the challenge of a difficult schedule with a lot of grit and determination. I could not be more proud of their efforts."

Softball Falls in Season Opener

The University of the South softball team opened up their season as they traveled to Pulaski, Tenn., to face NAIA school, University of Tennessee Southern in a doubleheader.

The Tigers collected three hits in the first game, from three different players, Hannah Wilson, Ansley Giffin, and Grace Black. The third inning was ultimately the Tigers' downfall as the Firehawks sent in 11 runs. The final of game one for the Tigers was 16-0.

In game two, Sewanee had a slow start as UT Southern stuck early collecting a 10-0 lead. A sacrifice flyout with bases loaded sent Davis of UT Southern home followed by a single from Parrot, but the Tigers didn't allow any more runs.

A single from Sydney Tackett to right field drove in the Tiger's first run of the season, scored by Zoe Crockett. In the top of the fourth, Sewanee collected two more runs as Madilyn Parker scored on an error and a sacrifice fly by Eve Bournias sent Ansley Giffin home. However, the late push from the Tigers was not enough to catch up as they fell, 12-3.

IHSA Finishes First in Day 2 of MTSU Show

Laura-Ann Moore and Nell Grady tied for the High Point Rider Award as the IHSA team tied for first with MTSU on day two of the MTSU Spring Show. The win put the Tigers ahead in the overall regional standings.

Shelton Griffith and Emma Sameth qualified for regionals in their respective divisions, Griffith in Novice and Sameth in Open Fences.

Nell Grady took home first for the Tigers in the Open Fences division. Emma Sameth placed second and Jenna McAmis was fifth in the Open Fences.

Grady, Sameth, and McAmis all placed in the Open Flat division as well. Sameth collected second, Grady was third, and McAmis was fourth.

In the intermediate division, Kelly Baumgart placed fifth in both the fences and the flat. Mollie McWhorter collected second in the Intermediate Flat as well.

Laura-Ann Moore took home first in the Limit Flat B division and third in the Limit Fences for the High Point Rider award.

Claire Dillard placed first in the Limit Flat A division and London Eller finished fourth for the Tigers.

In the Novice Division, Dechanaa Ramesh finished fifth. In the Pre-Novice division, Tony Calderon Gonzalez placed second and Bailey Pezzella collected fourth.

Finally, in the Introductory Division, Hannah Fitzgerald took home silver, and Abdul Mafahi collected fifth.

Men's Tennis Wins Over UT Southern

Tenth-ranked Sewanee swept the doubles matches and Gil Weston, Henry Hyden and George Thomas Alexander each picked up singles wins in a 4-1 victory over UT Southern in men's tennis action Feb. 10, at the Charlotte Guerry Indoor Courts.

Quinn Wicklund and Weston posted a 6-1 win at No. 1 doubles against Martin Cabrera and Shizuya Kubo. Peyton Erck and Andre-Remi Jakobi collected a 6-3 victory at No. 2 versus Nickolas Rosa and Juan Camilo Moreno, and Liam Selvido and Hyden registered the same score in a triumph over Felipe Dias and Rage Matuck at No. 3.

Tristan Kelly recorded the Firehawks only point in the match with a 6-4, 5-7, 10-3, victory at No. 5 singles against Jakobi, but Weston defeated Kubo, 6-0, 6-3, at No. 3 and Hyden collected a 6-2, 6-1, win at No. 4 versus Moreno. Alexander tallied a 6-4, 6-2, decision against Matuck at No. 6.

Sewanee hosts Wallace State this coming Saturday at 9:30 a.m. before opening play in the ITA National Indoor Championships in Lexington, Ky., on Feb. 23-25.

Eight Field Hockey Athletes Honored to the National Academic Squad

Eight field hockey players were selected to the National Academic Squad by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association on Feb. 14.

The NFHCA National Academic Squad program celebrates the academic excellence of undergraduate collegiate student-athletes. This recognition is given to individuals who have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher through the fall semester of the current academic year, and who have been nominated by their coaches.

Sewanee had eight players honored, Jenna Black, Eve Bournias, Sarah Beran, Addison Cassada, Claire Damare, Alexandra Schoener, Sydney Simpson, and Molly Starkey.

The University of the South Statement on NCAA Infraction

The University of the South has accepted penalties imposed by the NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions for a self-reported violation involving sports wagering activities carried out by a former head women's basketball coach.

In March 2023, the Tennessee Sports Wagering Advisory Council informed Sewanee about impermissible sports wagering activities by the women's head basketball coach. After learning of this, Sewanee acted quickly to self-report the violation to the NCAA and began an internal investigation. The University has cooperated with the NCAA throughout the process.

The NCAA investigation found that the sports wagering activities were individual in nature and do not appear to have had any influence on the integrity of intercollegiate competition or resulted in any competitive advantage.

"We would like to thank the NCAA staff for their collaboration and support throughout this process," said Sewanee's Director of Athletics, John Shackelford. "Sewanee Athletics pursues excellence in all that we do, and it is my goal to sustain a level of high expectations for our staff and student-athletes through the way we compete, represent our great University, and promote a culture of NCAA compliance on our campus."

"The University of the South has taken these violations seriously, as shown by our quick response upon learning of our former coach's violations and our voluntary imposition of substantial penalties," said Vice-Chancellor and President Rob Pearigen. "We are committed to maintaining a culture of NCAA compliance on our campus, and we will continue our efforts to educate and provide resources to our staff and our student-athletes."

The Division III Committee on Infractions prescribed the following penalties and corrective measures:

- Public reprimand and censure.
- One year of probation.
- A \$1,500 fine (self-imposed).
- A two-year show-cause order for the former head women's basketball coach.

Sewanee will require in-person attendance by a member of the Athletics Department staff at the 2024 and 2025 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar (self-imposed).




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9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, Equestrian (NCEA) vs. Bridgewater College

9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, Men's Tennis vs. Wallace State CC-Hanceville

11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, Baseball vs. Anderson University, DH

9 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, Equestrian (NCEA) vs. Berry College

11 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, Baseball vs. Anderson University

4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs. Franklin County Middle Schools

5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, SAS MS Volleyball vs. Tracy City Elementary

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Sweet-breath-of-spring. Photo by John Palisano

Kinglets

I was delighted last week to observe a Golden-crowned kinglet at close quarters as it hopped around in a bush at the intersection of Sartain and Alabama. Its solid yellow crown marked it as a female or a young male. Males have an orange crown bordered with yellow. We only see these tiny birds here in the winter, and then not that frequently — I checked eBird for Franklin County and there was only one report each for the Golden-crowned kinglet and the closely related Ruby-crowned kinglet, dated Feb. 9, 2024. The male Ruby-crowned kinglet has a tuft of red feathers on its head that are usually only displayed when it is excited and the female has none. Kinglets are tiny—not much larger than a hummingbird—and yet can survive temperatures to as low as -40 degrees F. They feed on insects and insect eggs. These birds nest in the conifer forests of the North and so are here only in the winter. They may be in mixed species flocks with chickadees, warblers, and others. The Golden-crowned kinglet can be found year-round in the Appalachian region. One helpful clue for identification is that they flick their wings almost constantly. And a heads up for the Great Backyard Bird Count which starts this Friday, Feb. 16 and goes through Monday, Feb. 19. Go to <https://www.birdcount.org> to see how to participate — it's easy!

Our latest update on spring flowering as of Feb. 11 comes from John Palisano: "I have several salt and pepper plants flowering in my yard this weekend. Sweet-breath-of-spring has been flowering for six days in my yard." Nature Notes is always looking for reports on the progress of spring. The USA National Phenology Website states that as of Feb. 5, "After a slow start to spring in Florida and along the Gulf Coast, spring is spreading north more quickly now. Las Vegas, NV is 2 days early, Phoenix, AZ is on time, Dallas, TX is one day early, and Fayetteville, NC is 10 days early compared to a long-term average of 1991-2020."

General Assembly Passes 'Tennessee Tree Day Resolution' (HJR0714)

The Tennessee General Assembly passed the "Tennessee Tree Day Resolution," (HJR0712) declaring March 16, 2024 as "Tennessee Tree Day." The joint resolution was introduced in the State House by Representative Bob Freeman (District 56), and passed the House and Senate unanimously this evening. The resolution now moves to Governor Bill Lee's office for his signature.

Tennessee residents are encouraged to reserve trees to plant at their homes and farms by visiting the Tennessee Tree Day website: tectn.org/tennesseetreeday. Online reservations are available until March 4, while supplies last. There are more than 160 volunteer-run community tree-pick-up locations across the state where participants will be able to pick up the trees they have reserved.

The joint resolution, which passed unanimously in both chambers, includes a call to action for Tennessee residents to participate in Tennessee Tree Day:

"Be it therefore resolved, the Tennessee General Assembly declares Saturday March 16, 2024 as 'Tennessee Tree Day' during which Tennessee residents are encouraged to plant trees in their communities. Tennessee Environmental Council is recognized as the lead organization orchestrating this effort, and will continue offering tree seedlings, educational information and coordination as community support, resources and capacity allow."

More than 6,000 Tennessee residents and organizations have reserved 81,000 native trees to plant across Tennessee on Tree Day 2024. All participants are reminded to call 811 before digging, to avoid hitting any underground utility lines. Tennessee Tree Day is organized every year by Tennessee Environmental Council, a nonprofit organization founded in 1970. This is the 10th annual statewide Tree Day event. This March will mark the one-millionth tree planted by the organization and volunteers statewide.

State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>, <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf> or call (931) 924-2980.

Day Loop Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8:15 a.m. CST. Cost, \$5/12+under, \$10/Adults <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>. (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please pre-register.) Join Park Ranger Spencer Baxter at Savage Gulf East Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 5-mile (round trip, approximate) guided hike of the Savage Gulf Day Loop. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike! Weather permitting. This is a basic, introductory hike to the east side of Savage Gulf. The challenge lies mostly in the overall distance. NOTICE: The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

Three Forks Lake Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. CST. Cost, \$10. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>. (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please pre-register.) Curious about the newly acquired lake and future park site? Would you like to have a Ranger-led guided hike off the beaten path? Consider signing up for this exclusive behind-the-scenes hike. Meet Park Ranger Todd Childress at Savage North (Stone Door) Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, to begin this hike. Participants can look forward to beautiful moderate hike through the trees, around the creeks, and by many beaver lodges. The majority of this hike will be along the lake shore, so guests will need to be comfortable moving in soft soil, through dense brush and making short jumps at times. Bring water and a snack, and wear hiking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.

B.A.R.K. Ranger—South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m. Cost, \$15. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Registration is required for this program. Join Rangers Hannah and Jessie at the South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center, 11745 U.S. Hwy. 41, Monteagle, to have your dog become a Tennessee State Parks B.A.R.K. Ranger! We will be going on the easy, 1-mile Storybook Trail at the Visitors' Center. Each dog and its owner will need to complete a short checklist of tasks out on the trail, then they can be sworn in as an official B.A.R.K. Ranger! They will receive their B.A.R.K. Ranger dog tag and a certificate that they will sign with their paw print. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, bring dog poop bags, dog leash, and water for yourself and your pup! B.A.R.K. Ranger Rules: B-bag your poop, please! Dispose of it in proper bins. A-always wear a leash. R-respect wildlife. Don't harass, chase, harm, nor bark at wildlife. K-know where you can go.

Full Moon Night Hike at Stone Door—Savage Gulf State Park, Sunday, Feb. 25, 5:15 p.m. CST. Cost, \$10. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>. (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Hike is limited to the first 10 people to register. Please pre-register.) Join Park Ranger Spencer Baxter at Savage North (Stone Door) Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs for a 2-mile roundtrip night hike to the Stone Door overlook and several other overlooks that is sure to amaze. Bring your own headlamp, sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing for the weather, and the spirit of adventure. Please note that in the case of inclement weather (rain, high wind, snow, etc.) this program will be cancelled and a refund issued.

DREMC to Host Free Home Energy Workshops

Get valuable advice on how to improve the energy efficiency of your home before summer arrives. The Home Energy Workshop will be held in Decherd on Tuesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at the DREMC office located at 1738 Decherd Blvd.

Home Energy Workshops are conducted by DREMC's Residential Energy Advisor who helps attendees better understand how energy is used in the home, what repairs or upgrades will make the biggest impact on your energy bill and more.

Workshop participants will also learn about rebates available through the TVA EnergyRight Residential Services Program for existing homes and new home construction that encourage energy efficiency. The rebates are designed to assist DREMC members in achieving their goals to improve energy efficiency year-round and create a more comfortable home.

The event includes a light supper, plus each participating household will receive a free energy-saving starter kit.

For more information about DREMC's Home Energy Workshops or to enroll, visit www.dremc.com/workshop or call (931) 680-5880. Due to limited space, please reserve your seat in advance. Dates and locations of other Home Energy Workshops being offered by DREMC are listed on their website.

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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LOCAL

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Feb 05	63	34
Tue	Feb 06	61	36
Wed	Feb 07	65	41
Thu	Feb 08	54	45
Fri	Feb 09	56	54
Sat	Feb 10	57	46
Sun	Feb 11	54	52

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	59
Avg min temp =	44
Avg temp =	52
Precipitation =	3.20"

Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger



Sprout



Ziggy

MARC's Mountain Adoptables

Meet Sprout & Ziggy

Sprout is an active puppy who loves to play with every dog he encounters. He is also quite the love bug and loves to give his humans kisses and be cuddled. Sprout is a fast learner and has already mastered the sit command especially if he thinks he might get a treat. If you are looking for a puppy to join your family, Sprout may be the perfect choice.

Ziggy is a calm lover. He is so sweet wanting to be close to his person. He is a black and cream colored German Shepherd Dog, around 10 1/2 months old, and weighing about 73 pounds. Ziggy has already started learning obedience commands. He does not wander off and comes when called. He does not chase free range chickens, just in case you have any. Ziggy will be a foster-to-adopt dog because he is positive for heart worms and MARC is treating him for that, after which he should be fine. Ziggy will make a very faithful loving companion.

If you would like to learn more about Sprout and Ziggy, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website www.marc4change.org and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. These pets are fostering on the Sewanee-Monteagle Mountain and are easy to meet. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up to date on their vaccines and preventatives.

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

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FOR RENT

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Shop local.*

FOR SALE

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Taylor's Mercantile, 10 University Ave., Sewanee, on

Thursday and Friday before noon

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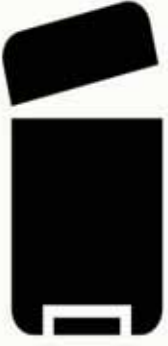


**WIPIPES
CLOG
PIPES**

They may be flushable but
the pipes say



**ALL WIPES for
FACE, BODY
& BEHIND
must go in the
TRASH.**



Do your part to avoid
costly plumbing
headaches at home and
for the equipment at
Sewanee Utility District.

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	WHEN Daylight Savings BEGINS	WHEN Daylight Savings ENDS
MON	1:00 - 6:00	12:00 - 5:00
TUE	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
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

