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Tyler Rodgers, a junior at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, recently entered the Tennessee Army National Guard in a program that will allow him to complete his high school education while beginning his preparation for military service.

Rodgers Commits to the Tennessee National Guard

Ever since his cousin was killed in action four years ago, Tyler Rodgers has felt a calling to join the military. A junior at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (SAS), Tyler was excited to learn that he did not have to wait until his 18th birthday to make a commitment to serving as his cousin had. This spring, Tyler entered the Tennessee Army National Guard in a program that will allow him to complete his high school education while beginning his preparation for military service.

Tyler idolized his older cousin who was an Airborne U.S. Army Ranger. On April 17, 2017, Sgt. Joshua Rodgers, who was on his third deployment to Afghanistan, was killed while conducting combat operations in Nangarhar Province. He was just 22 years old.

Tyler's decision to follow his cousin into service is emotional, but it is also practical.

Through his National Guard service, Tyler will earn money for college. His long-term plan is to become a doctor and the National Guard will also help to pay for medical school. Of course, he first has to graduate high school, and the National Guard's Split Option Enlistment Program allows him to do that.

Tyler begins his National Guard training on weekends through the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) this spring which will prepare him for Basic Combat Training (BCT). On May 26, after the St. Andrew's-Sewanee academic year ends, he will report to Fort Leonard-Wood in Missouri for BCT. Come fall, and his return to high school classes for his senior year, he will return to the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) to keep him mentally, physically, and emotionally prepared for National Guard service.

After he receives his SAS diploma, Tyler will continue his training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. At Fort Sam Houston, Tyler will participate in a 16-week combat medic course, the

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St. Mark's: Sewanee's Forgotten African-American Community

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At an evening webinar conversation, Jim Crow-era Sewanee residents Sandra Turner Davis and James (Jimmy) Staten talked about Sewanee's African-American culture and life experiences lost from the historical record. Woody Register, Director of the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation, joined Davis and Staten.

Providing context, Register said, the University "archive is structured to be a Jim Crow archive, to tell the story of white Sewanee." The evening's discussion was part of the effort "to recover the history of the people left out."

Davis and Staten, both born and raised in Sewanee, offered a glimpse of a rich culture known as the St. Mark's community. Staten talked about how St. Mark's Church, the Kennerly School, and Belmont Club formed the heart of the neighborhood. The Belmont Club, a community center with a ballfield on the grounds, occupied the location of the current St. Mark's community center. On

weekends "the whole area would be full of people," Staten said. African-Americans came to play ball, for parties, to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries—they came not just from Sewanee but from throughout Franklin County and even neighboring counties. Why?

In the late 1950s, the University constructed a swimming pool for African-American residents in the St. Mark's neighborhood. Register explained the University intended the newly constructed Lake O'Donnell to be for whites only. The pool built for the Sewanee African-American population "became a magnet for blacks... Sewanee became a black social center."

But the pool was not the only draw. "Sewanee was a safe haven," Staten acknowledged. He recalls being welcome at fraternity houses and attending performances by musical greats such as Louis Armstrong and Lou Rawls. Staten and Davis both praised Sewanee's

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Monteagle City Council Studies Sewer Capacity

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Feb. 11 special called meeting, the Monteagle City Council approved a \$43,525 study to determine the town's sewer capacity with emphasis on flow from the outlying area east of town and flow from the Interstate 24 Exit 135 area. A tiny homes community northeast of Monteagle has increased the city's sewer demands, with further increases expected. RBT Enterprises has proposed constructing a 20-acre Travel Center catering to truck drivers at Exit 135.

City engineer Travis Wilson's initial proposal to the board called for four flow meters and a pump station evaluation at Exit 135, cost \$28,800. The four flow meters will enable a determination of the city's sewer capacity and the inflow and infiltration (I&I) into the system (i.e., rain water entering the sewer through defects). The four meters would cover the 80 percent of the system with highest demand. The pump station evaluation would determine the operating efficiency of the Exit 135 station and the remaining capacity, given the current load.

Wilson also recommended flow isolation monitoring to determine the location of the I&I, cost \$4,200, and a pump station meter at Exit 135, cost \$3,000. The flow isolation would show where I&I is occurring to facilitate repair. Rain water entering the sewer system puts a strain on the sewer treatment plant, Wilson explained. A pump station meter at Exit 135 would determine how often the pump cycled on, giving a gauge of how hard the pump was working.

Alderman Alvin Powell asked how dry or wet weather during

the 45-day study would affect the assessment.

"This is great time of the year to do it," Wilson said. "I want to see what your peak flows are when it rains... Worst case scenario, if you put some kind of development in at Exit 135 and it's coming a monsoon and you get 6 inches of rain, what is that going to do to your sewer system?" Wilson noted the city already had average I&I data from historical records.

Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman pointed out there was not a flow meter proposed for the Tracy City side of town where the tiny-homes development was occurring. "At a later date, we could check [that] as well, right?"

"It's cheaper to do it while they're doing all this, to add one more meter," Wilson said. The additional cost would be \$2,025 (installation plus the \$45 per day meter fee).

"I think we need to do it all at once," said utilities manager John Condra.

After discussion, the council decided to include an additional flow meter and to do a pump station evaluation for the main station, which handles the flow from the outlying area east of town, cost \$4,000.

On Wilson's advice, the city will subcontract for the equipment rental and data collection, a more economical option for a town the size of Monteagle.

Wilson predicted installation would begin the next day. Data analysis would take 30 days after completion of the 45-day study. Wilson said, however, he could

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Monteagle Council Discusses Fire Department Needs and Rezoning at Workshop

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At a Feb. 15 town hall workshop, the Monteagle City Council discussed Monteagle Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) needs and the planning commission's rezoning recommendation. Both are agenda items for the regular council meeting on Monday, Feb. 22. The council also addressed questions about the beer ordinance, repairs to a culvert drain basin, and a complaint from the local garden club.

Fireman Skyler Meeks requested permission to purchase three sets of turnout gear and to do hose repair on the engine. Skyler said one of the department's eight sets of gear was "out of date" and two more would be soon. Alderman Nate Wilson asked for expiration date information on all the turnout gear for budgeting purposes. "We don't want [fireman] out there with anything that might be out of date or harmful to them," Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman said. Meeks will provide price quotes on the gear and hose repair for the Feb. 22 meeting. Meeks estimated the turnout gear cost at \$2,500-\$3,000 per set.

Rodman reported she spoke with David Green, former Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department Chief, who indicated willingness to help the MVFD with training. Wilson asked for a list of what the department needed help with to aid the council in writing a job description.

Regarding the two planning commission zoning recommendations, Rodman said a public hearing would be held and signage posted at the sites proposed for rezoning. One rezoning would facilitate RBT Enterprises constructing a 20-acre travel center catering to truck drivers. "I hope RBT will bring more detailed plans at the meeting next week that address homeowners' concerns," Wilson said.

Wilson brought up a request by Sarah Ambrose to change the beer ordinance. Ambrose plans to open a wine and cheese shop. She also wants to sell beer, but is prohibited from doing so because her location is located within 300 feet of a church property. City recorder Debbie Taylor said the city followed the state recommendation on liquor permits, but a city ordinance regulated beer sales. Rodman asked Taylor to seek advice from the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) on changing the beer ordinance.

Raising another resident's question, Wilson asked if repair was planned for a culvert area on First Street behind Builders Supply "where the side of the road is sluffing off." Street superintendent Keith Butner said the culvert would need to be dug up and a larger catch basin installed—"It should have been done different to start with," he said.

Taking up a complaint from the garden club about destruction of flowers in Harton Park, Rodman said the garden club wanted a contract guaranteeing flowers planted wouldn't be destroyed, \$500 for soil and starter plants, and an apology. Alderwoman Jessica Favaloro explained the previous administration told the garden club their services were no longer needed when they complained about the flower destruction. Taylor confirmed the money could come from the Parks and Recreation budget. "I have no problem with an apology, even though we didn't do it," Rodman said.

With icy conditions in the forecast, the council discussed two severe winter weather issues. Butner said the city had a small salt spreader but lacked the manpower and equipment to salt all the streets. Police Chief Jack Hill raised a question about housing people needing shelter given COVID-19 distancing restrictions. Taylor will consult MTAS for advice.

The council accepted Rodman's recommendation to postpone the question about deed restrictions at the ballpark. Wilson said more research was needed.

Rodman proposed a calendar listing city sponsored events to give businesses and residents an opportunity to choose what to donate to and volunteer for. The calendar would also include other events occurring in Monteagle.

Rodman also proposed a citizens' committee to review city ordinances to tailor them to the city's needs and increasing mayor and alderperson terms from two years to four years, with alderperson terms staggered. "You don't get anything done in two years," Rodman said. Alderwoman Dorraine Parmley noted staggered terms would provide for continuity on the council.

Favaloro announced books could not be recycled at the Monteagle convenience center, but could be taken to the Joyce Lane center in Winchester.

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Letters

WE ARE A COMMUNITY

To the Editor:

Community is a unified body of individuals...sharing in the problems of an area. Regardless of what side of the mountain you live on, we all share this beautiful, sacred place as home. We are a community! We share in her victories and we share in her troubles.

There has been growing support for a neighborhood group fighting against a proposed 20-acre, nearly 200 overnight parking truck stop within the city limits of Monteagle. The proposed development has faced problems from its onset: illegal commercial zoning, challenges to ordinances and site location, city ordinance violations, unpaid fines for ordinance violations, and requests for information from citizens ignored by city officials. The list goes on.

There are homes within 60 feet of the proposed development. After hours of public comments, 100 percent against the changing of the zoning, the Monteagle Planning Commission voted unanimously to disregard the Residential Buffer Zone that would protect the existing home owners. We have been told by some of our own town officials that the community wants us to "STFU" (this is a quote) and that we are literally "hated" (another quote) because we have defended our homes and quality of life.

This is not a problem for a "few disgruntled neighbors." This is a problem for everyone on the

mountain.

We are a community! Let your voices be heard. To find out how you can help, visit <www.united-plateau.org>.

Mary Beth Best, Monteagle

MONTEAGLE TRUCK PLAZA REZONING DECISION

To the Editor:

Monteagle's zoning ordinance specifically requires "protection of other citizens and businesses from incompatible land uses" for land rezoned within the city limits. The Monteagle Planning Commission unanimously voted to rezone RBT Enterprise's property adjacent to residential zones to permit building of an overnight truck plaza, reasoning that the need of truck drivers to "rest and refuel at the top of the mountain" takes precedence over the property rights and well-being of adjacent landowners. This truck stop will be devastating to residents, who relied on the town's "commitment" to protect them and their property values as required by the town's zoning ordinance.

[Some] Planners who specialize in small town development recognize that changing a town's character can ruin the environment for local citizens and visitors alike. Their vision for the future of a small, established town would include preservation of the town character, heritage, and natural beauty, protecting air and water quality, providing places for recreation, walking, and biking, and creating tourist attractions. Monteagle's planners appeared to have

instead relied on RBT promises of "great things for the town" and Southeast Tennessee Development District's advice that "rezoning will be contiguous with the entire parcel as a whole."

James E. Waller, Monteagle

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Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Girl Scout Troop 2107 will be selling cookies in front of Regions Bank in Sewanee every Friday from 3-5 p.m. This will be during the month of February, weather permitting and while supplies last.



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The 37375 Campaign Applications Due

The Sewanee Civic Association announces the final distribution from the 37375 Campaign. Applications are now available the future purchase and distribution of COVID-19 health and safety products for local Sewanee businesses and nonprofit organizations. A downloadable application is available online at <www.sewanee.org>. The applications are due by 5 p.m., Monday, March 1. To request an application or for more information, email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

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9 a.m.—noon

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Closed

Upcoming Meetings

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 8 a.m., Monday, Feb. 22, with Vice-Chancellor Reuben Brigety. The livestream will be available at <<https://www.facebook.com/SewaneeTigers/>>. Opportunities will be available on Sunday to submit questions in advance or during the live show on the social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @SewaneeTigers. For those unable to view the meeting live, the content will be accessible on-demand on the Facebook page. It will also be available on the website <www.sewaneetigers.com> and on the University of the South's YouTube Channel by midday on Mondays.

Town of Monteagle

The Town of Monteagle is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 22. All meetings for the Town of Monteagle will be held virtually until further notice. To get the Zoom link, email <monteagleinfo@blomand.net> or go to Town of Monteagle - Office of Mayor Facebook page.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin And Marion Counties Board of Commissioners will have its regular meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. This meeting was rescheduled from Feb. 16, due to weather. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. Your board members are Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, via Zoom. Mike Otterman from Lodge Cast Iron will be the guest speaker. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <woodybike@mac.com>.

Monteagle Regional Planning Commission

The Monteagle Regional Planning Commission will meet for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 6 p.m., via Zoom.

EQB Club

Members of the EQB Club will have the pleasure of a Zoom lead by John Bordley, at noon, Wednesday, March 3, titled "Why is a Red Apple Red?" Bordley will present some basic science about color, what is the visible spectrum, how the eye interprets visible light and translate it as "color," and exploring why we see the sky as blue and an apple as red. Bordley brings a unique perspective that combines knowledge of science and the arts with a dry sense of humor. Please join us for this opportunity to "boldly go explore where no one has gone before" (Star Trek) as we join Bordley in this intriguing question. Non-EQB members interested in attending this Zoom lead should contact Chuck Morgret by email at <chuckmorgret@gmail.com> for the Zoom link.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 8, at the Board of Education Building, 215 S. College St., Winchester.

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The deadline for applications is April 16

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Virtual Celebration for Eric Benjamin

The 55 Years of Black Alumni celebration originally planned for last fall will be held virtually during the month of February (Black History Month). For almost a year, a committee of alumni and staff has worked on planning a meaningful series of events to mark this milestone. See the event information and schedule on the 55 Years website <<https://new.sewaneedu.edu/alumni/55-years-of-black-alumni/>>. In particular, everyone is encouraged to participate in a celebration Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m., to honor Eric Benjamin, C'73, who retired last summer. This event will be held virtually.

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Community Service Award Nominations Accepted

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 38th annual Community Service Award. The award recognizes the person or organization that has made outstanding contributions to our community. The recipient is one who has helped make Sewanee a better place and has improved the quality of life for everyone in the area. Nominations are due by March 17.

Past recipients are not eligible to receive the award again. Send the name of your nominee, along with a brief paragraph of why you are nominating the person or group, to <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. Nominations can also be mailed to the Sewanee Civic Association, P.O. Box 222, Sewanee, TN 37375.

Both the 37th and 38th service awards will be presented at the SCA annual membership meeting that is planned for the end of April (time and date TBD). Please join us to celebrate our community's very best.

Past recipients include Amanda Knight; the Sherrill family; Sarah Marhevsky; Kat O'Donohue; Mickey Suarez; GSA Allies; Pixie Dozier; Barbara Schlichting; Helen Bailey; Sewanee Youth Soccer; Dr. Matt Petrilla; Harry and Jean Yeatman; Marshall Hawkins; Karen Keel; Tom Watson; Susan Binkley and the Blue Monarch; the Sewanee Senior Center Food Pantry (Lena McBee, Sue Hawkins, Charlsie Green); George and Ruth Ramseur; Dr. John Gessel; Dora Turner; the Community Action Committee; Geraldine Hewitt Piccard; Myrtis Keppeler; Connie Warner; Ina May Myers; Pete Green; Duval and Boo Cravens; Housing Sewanee; Arthur Ben and Betty Nick Chitty; Harry and Millie Dodd; the Sisters of St. Mary's; Martha Dugan; Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary; David Green; Joe David McBee; Robert Lancaster; Maria Webb; Doug Cameron; Phoebe Bates; Marilyn Powell; and Louise Irwin.

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All Saints' Chapel streams its 11 a.m. service each week at <https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/all-saints-chapel-services/online-services/>.

In addition, All Saints' can accommodate up to 75 in-person worshippers each Sunday for the 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and the 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II services.

Sunday worship is limited to the immediate campus community—defined as current students; faculty and staff, and their families; and residents of the domain. Visitors must wear a mask, have their temperature checked, be free of COVID related symptoms, and sit 6 feet apart from those outside their immediate family. Communion is distributed in one-kind only, and no congregational singing takes place during worship. At the 11 a.m. service, soloists and small vocal ensembles sing masked and with a minimum of 12 feet of distance between each other and between them and the congregation.

Otey Memorial Parish

Sunday Morning Prayer is online only at 8:30 a.m. and afterward on our Facebook page, and at 11 a.m. afterward on our YouTube channel.

Godly Play Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

The Sunday Forum meets at 9:30–10:30 a.m. via Zoom. "Otey and the University" will be presented by John McCardell, past Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Fire on the Mountain Youth Sunday School meets 4-6 p.m. in St. Mark's Hall (with appropriate social distance) for games, snacks, a story, and a time of reflection. All youth in grades six-12 are invited;

please wear a mask. For more information contact Jeannie at formation@oteyparish.org.

CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways. Director David Goodpaster is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

Parish staff members are combining in-person and remote work as best fits their duties. To meet with a staff member, please contact the staff member directly, call the office phone number (931) 598-5926, or send an email to admin@oteyparish.org.

St. Mary's Sewanee

St. Mary's Sewanee hosts two Zoom-based Centering Prayer support groups. The Tuesday group gathers at 3:30 p.m. (Central Time) each week. The Wednesday group meets at 4 p.m. (Central Time) each week. For log-in information and other details, please email admin@stmaryssewanee.org.

Turn to the Good – Cultivating Positive States of Mind & Heart is offered online via Zoom, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20 and Sunday, Feb. 21. This is a four-part Series (two on each day with a break in between) utilizing gentle yoga, meditation, art making and journaling. The cost is \$80.

Presenter Catherine Harris has worked as a board certified art therapist, a master's level mental health professional engaging clients in their own art making, creativity, and discussion to help individuals find ease among life's many challenges.

Gospel Contemplations for Lent will be offered via Zoom. There will be an introductory session 6–8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21. Then it will meet every Wednesday, Feb. 24–

March 1, from 6–8 p.m. The cost is \$100. This program is for those who want to explore a new way of engaging with scripture and prayer. We will use "Promptings from Paradise" by J. Philip Newell over a six-week period. Purchase of the book in advance is required. With six passages from the gospel of Luke we will allow our imagination to weave our stories and our lives into Jesus' story. The aim is to let the Spirit of God work in our hearts in developing a more intimate walk with Jesus. The focus of the group is neither Bible study nor book review but entering into a way of prayer

introduced by Ignatius of Loyola several centuries ago.

Presenter Cynthia S.W. Crysedale is professor of Christian Ethics and Theology at the School of Theology at the University of the South. She has authored "Embracing Travail: Retrieving the Cross Today" (Continuum, 1999), "Transformed Lives: Making Sense of Atonement Today" (Church Publishing, 2016) and co-authored "Creator God Evolving World" (Fortress, 2013) with Neil Ormerod. Her most recent work involves training in Ignatian spirituality and spiritual direction.

For more information on ongoing opportunities for prayer and meditation, and upcoming retreats, go to <https://www.stmaryssewanee.org/>.

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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 I, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday, online

<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/all-saints-chapel-services/online-services/>

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, 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, Alto (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, until 2 p.m., Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday

If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at tec213@bellsouth.net

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sunday

noon Service, Wednesday

Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, until 2 p.m., Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday

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Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday, until 2 p.m.

4:30 p.m. Book Study, Wednesday, until 5:30 p.m.

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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

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway (FB Live service below)

8 a.m. Radio Show, Sunday (WSGM 104.7 FM)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (FB Live)

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

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

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle (service available online after noon Sunday, link is at MortonMemorialumc.com)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (outdoors)

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

(online worship services via Zoom. Info: call (931) 924-5339 or go online, www.WildfireOnTheMountain.com)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday

New Beginnings Church, Pelham

9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

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

Otey Memorial Parish Church

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sunday, available on Otey's Facebook page and afterward on Otey's YouTube channel

9:30 a.m. Godly Play, via Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum, via Zoom

11 a.m. Sunday Service online only; available on Otey's Facebook page and afterward on the YouTube channel

4 p.m. Fire on the Mountain, Brooks Hall

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 Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in-person and via Zoom, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

(meeting at Good Shepherd, Decherd)

St. Mary's Sewanee

3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, via Zoom, Tuesday

4 p.m. Centering Prayer, via Zoom, Wednesday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

Sisters to Offer Virtual Lenten Quiet Morning

The Sisters of St. Mary invite you to join them for a Lenten Quiet Morning, the next event in their ongoing Virtual Program Series. Sister Madeleine Mary, Prioress will lead the event titled "Turning, Turning, Till We Come Round Right" via Zoom.

On a psychological and spiritual level, Moses is not so unlike us. His life journey can, in fact, help us to understand our own. By examining more closely his journey with God and his people, we will explore our own path with God and our neighbor. This journey will take us through moments of wilderness, healing and repentance, conversion and growth.

Sr. Madeleine Mary holds a M.Div. from The School of Theology as well as a certificate in Spiritual Direction from The General Seminary. She has been a Religious for 50 years, has served as a spiritual director for 31 years in New York, Virginia, New Haven, and Sewanee. She has also done retreat work and programs widely

throughout the United States as well as in Europe. While living in New York, she ministered in numerous capacities, including serving as the Rev. Mother of the Community of the Holy Spirit, Program Director for the CHS Earth Ministry, Ecumenical Officer for the Episcopal Religious Orders. Since she transferred to the Community of St. Mary, she has served as Prioress and has used her preaching, reflections, photography and video skills to help people explore the connections between faith, care for creation, and Benedictine spirituality.

The virtual event will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. The schedule will include addresses by Sister Madeleine Mary, time for reflection, a question and answer session, and will end with noonday prayer.

The cost of the session is \$25, and participants can register at www.communityofstmarysouth.org.



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Tennessee to Begin COVID-19 Vaccination of Adults Age 65 and Older, Teachers

Launch of New Online Scheduling Improves Ease of Use

Tennessee will begin registering Tennesseans aged 65 and older and those in Phase 1b of the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan on Feb. 22. Phase 1b includes staff members of kindergarten through 12th grade schools and child care facilities.

"Tennessee has administered more than one million doses of COVID-19 vaccine so far, and we've made substantial progress in protecting our senior citizens who are over age 70 through vaccination," said Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP. "While we remain focused on our seniors, who are the highest-risk population, we're able to expand vaccine eligibility to these additional groups as our supply continues to grow each week."

Online Scheduling for COVID-19 Vaccination

TDH has launched a new online scheduling tool that allows users to book their appointment for COVID-19 vaccination at participating health department sites when they are eligible to do so. Tennesseans can access the system at <https://covid19.tn.gov> and select their county to schedule an appointment. Users will enter their demographic information and will then be able to choose a date and time for their vaccination appointment. Tennesseans who have already registered for a COVID-19 vaccination do not need to re-enter their information in the new system. The direct link is <https://vaccinate.tn.gov> or call 866-442-5301.

Updates to Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

TDH has updated the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan by adding pregnant women to Phase 1c. Although pregnant women were not included in the COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials, they are at increased risk for hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Pregnant women may choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1c, along with others with high-risk health conditions. Pregnant women are encouraged to talk with their health care providers to help them make informed decisions



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Rodgers (from page 1)

first step towards his ultimate goal of becoming a doctor. He will continue a similar school year/summer training regimen through college through the ROTC. Tyler signed an 8-year contract that consists of six years of active duty with the National Guard and an additional two years in the National Guard reserves. Tyler will be 25 when his obligation is fulfilled. He will then attend medical school.

Committing to a plan for the next 8 years is something that few of us ever do. Making that decision at 17 is particularly extraordinary, and Tyler did not make the decision lightly. "I couldn't explain to you how nervous I was the night before I signed the commitment," said Tyler. His National Guard recruiter, Sgt. Brian Staggs, said that Tyler handled the stress well.

Like many high school juniors, Tyler is also considering his college application. "I don't want to have the same experiences as everyone else," said Tyler. "The National Guard is helping me to set myself apart from other kids my age, and I know that won't hurt in my college applications." Of course, it also won't hurt that Tyler is a high honors student and MVP of the golf team. Vanderbilt University or the University of the South, two of his leading contenders for college, would be lucky to get him. As National Guard member, Tyler will receive the equivalent of in-state tuition in financial support through the Tennessee String Act at whatever institution he chooses to attend – public or private.

"I think it's important for other students to know that this is a path you can take," said Tyler. "It's a time commitment, but in exchange for your time you're getting skills and experience you can use for a lifetime." Tyler's SAS classmates are proud of his commitment. "My friends have been very supportive and encouraging. This has been a hard year for all of us and having this plan for the future has helped me keep pushing through. One friend told me, 'I could never do what you're doing, but I have the utmost respect for you.' That means a lot to me."

St. Mark's (from page 1)

superior medical care. Both were born in Emerald Hodgson Hospital. Typically blacks off the mountain were born at home.

"Blacks were treated differently in Sewanee," Staten said. "But," he stressed, "it still had its Jim Crow rules."

Staten could order at the ice cream parlor, but he couldn't sit down. At the movie theater, he sat in the balcony. And there was some overt racism from whites residing on "the other side of the tracks" behind the Sewanee Market. At Tubby's in Monteagle where people socialized, the white community wanted to join the black community at their section in the back, but the owner would not allow it, Staten said.

As for school, Davis and Staten both attended the segregate Kennerly School, one room for all eight grades and one teacher. Davis recalls Miss Sophia Miller as strict. The eighth-grade students helped teach "the before students," Staten said. Eventually a second room and second teacher were added.

"My mother and Sarah Staten were very active in getting the blacks into the white school," Davis said. "I don't know where we would be without them."

Staten describes integration as "difficult." "We were forced into integration...into their school and their culture, and we had to take their name." For Staten, in high school then, that meant changing from being the Townsend Tigers to being the Franklin County Rebels. Asked if he ever thought about attending the University, Staten said, "The University was closed to blacks of my generation... there were only one or two."

Register pointed out the situation was reversed now, with far more University students of color and few black residents. Staten cited the lack of jobs and educational opportunities as the reason African-Americans left.

Davis said she doubted Otey Memorial Parish changing its name would draw the black community back to the church—"I'll stay with my own church and pastor. I've been there so long, I won't change."

"It will always be Otey to those who grew up with Otey," Staten said. Many African-Americans raised in Sewanee now lived in the valley and were elderly, Staten observed. "It's a long drive."

Register hopes African-American students coming to a town with so few people of color will "see themselves as part of...a continuous history" through the Roberson Project's work. Student coordinated efforts to locate African-American historical markers in Sewanee will rely on input from local African-Americans to determine whom and what should be memorialized.

Sewer (from page 1)

provide a preliminary analysis at the March 29 council meeting. capacity was not there...or that the capacity is there?" Rodman asked.

"You could present to us that, without repairs or replacements, the "Correct," Wilson said.



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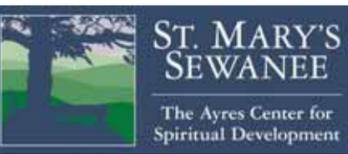
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Change to Quarantine Guidelines

by Mary Heath, MD MPH and Mariel Gingrich, MPH, Public Health Officers - University of the South

As the pandemic continues to evolve and spread, and as vaccine protection is becoming more widespread, public health guidelines are also evolving. On Feb. 10, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced that individuals who have been fully vaccinated are no longer required to quarantine for 14 days if they are exposed to a positive individual, as long as the following guidelines are met. First, "fully vaccinated" means two weeks have passed following your second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or more than two weeks have passed following a single-dose vaccine. Second, you must be within three months of receiving the final dose of vaccine in the series. Third, you must remain asymptomatic following the COVID-19 exposure.

After you have been vaccinated, one of the most important things to keep track of is your official CDC COVID-19 vaccination card. The state vaccine registry or TennIIS will also have a record of when you were vaccinated, but not all health care providers have access to this database. If you are identified as a close contact of a positive individual after receiving your vaccination, the date of your final vaccine dose will be important for determining whether you need to quarantine or not.

Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine protects against developing severe disease, but further research is required to understand how effective the COVID vaccines will be against the new SARS-CoV-2 variants. Therefore, vaccinated individuals should continue to mask, socially distance, avoid poorly ventilated areas, cover coughs and sneezes, and to wash hands often during the day. It is encouraging to see that the seven-day average of new cases in Tennessee has dramatically dropped from 11,410 new cases on Dec. 16, to 1,624 new cases on Feb. 11, yet exponential spread of SARS-CoV-2 due to the two new variants is still a possibility. You should still be tested if you have COVID-like symptoms (fever, cough, headache, fatigue, abdominal pain, vomiting, or loss of taste or smell/taste) even if you have been vaccinated. PCR testing (rather than rapid antigen testing) will identify if one of the new SARS-CoV-2 variants is present. Remember, receiving a COVID-19 vaccination has no effect on the accuracy of COVID testing results.

Vaccination is still being offered primarily through local health departments or hospitals, but soon pharmacy locations will be administering COVID-19 vaccines as well. In our immediate area Bennett's Pharmacy (1201 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester), Rock Creek Pharmacy (9971 SR 56, Coalmont), Jasper Drugs (17 Courthouse Square, Jasper), and The Drug Store at South Pittsburg (335 South Cedar Ave., South Pittsburg) will be offering the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to community members as they become eligible based on age or risk. There is still a large portion of the community over 70 years of age that needs to be vaccinated, and K-12 teachers and childcare workers will soon be eligible to be vaccinated. Visit <www.covid19.tn.gov> for more information about vaccine phases and eligibility in Tennessee.

Currently, only 10 percent of the Tennessee state population over 16 years of age has been vaccinated, so there is still a lot of work to be done. Please do your part to get a COVID-19 vaccination when you become eligible. Vaccination is one of the best public health tools that we have to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plateau Welcomes AmeriCorps VISTAs

Please join the South Cumberland Plateau VISTA Project in welcoming VISTA service members Sarah Edmonds, Dominic Gialdini, and Sarah Baumgardner. Following a week of VISTA orientation, newly on-boarded VISTA service members are now serving at their respective sites in Grundy and Franklin Counties.

Sarah Edmonds serves as the Hunger Relief VISTA at the University of the South. Serving with the Office of Civic Engagement, Sarah is building the capacity of food distributions systems across the plateau. Sarah will be a major contributor to the planning and realization of the 2021 South Cumberland Summer Meal Program, which serves free meals to plateau children throughout the summer months. Per the pandemic, the 2020 Summer Meal Program increased its volume by eightfold over previous years, serving nearly 50,000 free meals to children in Grundy, Marion and Franklin Counties. Sarah will support this greatly increased volume of meal service throughout the summer of 2021 and develop other year-round hunger-relief programs for the plateau.

Born and raised in Portsmouth, Va., Sarah is a recent graduate from Christopher Newport University. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology and minors in Leadership and Environmental Studies. As an undergraduate Sarah worked for the on-campus residence life, sustainability, and community engagement offices. She additionally volunteered with community partners in the area, including Habitat for Humanity and The Mariners' Museum and Park. Sarah's experience has influenced her passion to promote sustainability for the environment and local communities.

Dominic Gialdini serves as the Sustainable Economic Development VISTA at the Grundy County Mayor's Office. During his service Dominic will expand upon the tourism communication infrastructure developed by

predecessor, VISTA member Kara Kramer. Dominic's service will additionally strengthen capacity of the Grundy County Mayor & economic development partners across the plateau in order to build a thriving and collaborative business community—increasing economic opportunity for low-income residents.

A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Dominic graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Administration with an emphasis in Sustainable Tourism Management and a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies. In August 2020, Dominic returned to the U.S. after a two-year stint in Europe, where he completed the Erasmus Mundus European Master in Tourism Management Program. While in abroad, Dominic additionally served as an intern for the Alliance of Innovators and Researchers in Tourism and Hospitality (AIRTH). Dominic enjoys traveling and learning about community-based sustainable tourism, especially in the context of trekking and pilgrimage routes, and looks forward to applying his experience and academic training to developing tourism in Grundy County.

Sarah Baumgardner serves as the Opioid & Substance Misuse Recovery VISTA at Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor (GRACE), where she will create programming that encompasses outreach, education, training, referrals, medical services, counseling, coaching, and opioid/drug interventions for adults in recovery. Sarah will additionally position GRACE as a model for Building Communities of Recovery by determining need in the community, service gaps and applying best practices and industry standards.

Hailing from Blount County, Tennessee, Sarah is a graduate of University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Sarah holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and VolsTeach-Math Education and earned a master's degree in Education. Between

her undergraduate and graduate studies, Sarah worked overseas in China and England as an educator, community outreach liaison, and educator ambassador. Prior to joining AmeriCorps VISTA, Sarah worked as an educator and virtual banker in Knoxville, Tennessee. Sarah looks forward to applying her education and experience to expand the services and reach of GRACE.

The South Cumberland Plateau (SCP) AmeriCorps VISTA Project is a partnership between the University of the South and South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF). Through their efforts, the SCP VISTAs expand the scale, reach, efficiency, and effectiveness of programs and organizations that work to alleviate poverty on the plateau. VISTA capacity building activities expand services, enhance delivery of services, and generate additional resources for these programs and organizations. These activities achieve lasting positive outcomes for those served by these program organizations.

For information about becoming a VISTA member or enlisting a VISTA to join your organization, please visit <<https://tinyurl.com/scvista>> or contact Vicki Borchers at <vmborche@sewanee.edu>.

Lantern Festival Concert with Wu Fei, Feb. 26

The entire Sewanee community is invited to join Nashville-based artist Wu Fei for an evening of music and conversation in conjunction with Lunar New Year celebrations. Wu Fei is a genre-bending composer, guzheng virtuoso, and vocalist originally from Beijing. She is a renowned master of the guzheng, the 21-string Chinese zither, and has performed at venues as diverse as Beijing's Forbidden City, Shanghai's Expo 2010, New York's MoMA, Vossa Jazz in Norway, and the Europalia Festival in Belgium.

She often collaborates with musicians across genres, and last year released an album with the Grammy Award-winning banjoist Abigail Washburn that is a testament to the connective power of music across seemingly disparate cultures.

The concert and conversation will be held via Zoom at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26; the Zoom ID is 817 160 1654. A live Q and A will follow the concert.

All students, parents, employees, alumni, and community members are invited to attend the event, which is sponsored by the Performing Arts Series, Department of Asian Studies, Campus Activities Office, and the Asian House. We look forward to connecting with members of the Sewanee community around the globe through Wu Fei's illuminating music.

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Bear Ct., .58 ac, #20	2130058	\$29,000
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Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation

The following is from the February 22, 1911 issue of the Sewanee Purple.

FIRE DESTROYS HODGSON INFIRMARY

DEFECTIVE FLUE WAS PROBABLE CAUSE

On Friday the tenth the Hodgson Memorial Infirmary was burned to the ground. The fire started in the old part of the building, presumably from a defective flue, and a south wind blew the flames to the larger building. The operating room which was only connected to the main building by a covered passage about twenty feet long was saved. The part destroyed was valued at thirty thousand dollars, the insurance amounted to about three fourths of the value. It is fortunate that at the time of the fire no serious cases were being treated.

It was a little after three in the afternoon that the fire was discovered. One of the nurses noticed the smoke coming down the roof. At first it was only thought to be blown from the chimney. Upon investigation, however, the attic was found to be ablaze. The alarm was turned in, and the fire bell brought every student on the run. By the time they reached the scene, the roof of the southern wing was in flames. With the limited equipment on hand it was at once seen that it would be impossible to put it out. All the energies were concentrated on getting out the furniture and in trying to prevent the fire from spreading to the other two wings.

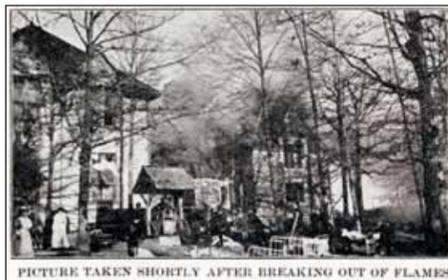
Everything movable in the house, except in the rooms of the nurse over which the fire originated was saved. Even the greater part of the radiators were taken out. But in the nurses rooms practically nothing was gotten. Clothes and jewels all went.

Every effort was made to save the northern part of the Hospital. Fire extinguishers were played incessantly on the walls and roof. Bucket lines were formed and the water was rushed up from the well and the stream near the grounds. Some of the students got up on the roof and spread wet blankets. But the heat from the other building was so intense that nothing seemed to have any effects. The flames were soon in possession of it, also.

The crowd met with success, however, in saving the operating room. But it was only accomplished by the herculean work of some of the students. In the face of terrific heat they tore away a great part of the passage way, and thus saving the building from the flames. The operating room was valued at eight thousand dollars.

The fire was probably the worst that has ever visited the University. It lasted from three until seven, and when it was at its height it was a magnificent display. The dense black smoke poured out in numerous volumes, and occasionally when a roof or floor fell in with a great crash the flames would leap to a great height and innumerable sparks would be thrown off. For a time the crackling of the roar of the flames was incessant.

The Hospital was one of the oldest stone buildings of the University. It was built in 1875 by Dr. and Mrs. Hodgson, and given to the University for a library as a memorial to their daughter. In 1899



PICTURE TAKEN SHORTLY AFTER BREAKING OUT OF FLAMES



THE RUINS AFTER THE FIRE

on account of the distance of the building from the main group, the library was moved to Convocation Hall, and after extensive improvements, and a large addition, the old Library was used for a Hospital. In 1908 the operating room was built.

The hero of the afternoon was the young theologian who dashed up in a hack just about six o'clock and rushed up to the building bearing two packages of "books that leak." He was bringing the fire fighters a reward for their work. It was indeed a strange sight to behold them in the full glare from the flames passing around a bottle.

A new hospital was built on the site, and opened under the name of Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in July 1912. The building survived a fire in the 1920s, and served as a hospital until 1976.

Images courtesy of the William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections, The University of the South.

Federal Pharmacy Partnership Expands Access to COVID-19 Vaccinations

Tennessee will see expanding access to COVID-19 vaccination with the launch of a new federal retail pharmacy program. The first phase of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination launched in Tennessee Feb. 12, with select pharmacies offering vaccinations in accordance with the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. These vaccinations will be provided at no cost to patients and will be available by appointment only.

In addition to the almost 400 vaccination sites currently offered by county health departments, hospitals, federally-qualified and faith-based health centers and community pharmacies, Tennesseans eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination per Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan will have access to vaccinations at additional pharmacies across the state through this new program. The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination is a public-private partnership with national pharmacy partners and networks of independent pharmacies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention worked with states to select initial pharmacy partners based on several factors including their ability to reach some of the populations most at risk for severe illness from COVID-19. A total of one million total doses of Moderna vaccine are being provided for the first week of the program nationwide, and additional doses will be allocated to the program weekly, based on the available supply of COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccine allocations provided for this program are in addition to the weekly allocation going to states and may initially be limited in quantity. More information is available at <www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/index.html>.

Tennesseans can learn what phase of the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan they're in at <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/eligibility/>>.

SES MENUS

Monday-Friday,
Feb. 22-29
LUNCH

Monday, Feb. 22: Chicken Parmesan breaded ravioli roasted broccoli, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Chicken nuggets, pork chop, buttered corn, potato smiles, breaded okra, dinner roll, fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: Vegetable beef soup, pulled pork barbecue, bun, lattice fries, carrot dippers, twisted breadstick, fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 25: Grilled chicken sandwich, breaded mozzarella sticks, battered potato bites, baked beans, marinara sauce, fruit.

Friday, Feb. 26: Pizza, chili, French fries, carrot dippers, crackers, cinnamon roll, fruit.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

Monday, Feb. 22: Banana bread slice, juice, fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: Egg omelet, toast, juice, fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 25: Breakfast pizza, juice, fruit.

Friday, Feb. 26: Cheese stick, cereal, juice, fruit.

Options available every breakfast: assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties. Menus subject to change.

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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 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, Feb. 22: Chicken strips, baked potato, salad, roll.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Potato soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: Open-face roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, slaw.

Thursday, Feb. 25: White beans, ham, turnip greens, fried potatoes, cornbread.

Friday, Feb. 26: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at 598-0771.

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.

'Love' at In-Town Gallery

It's February, the middle of winter, the beginning of the end of the pandemic, but most importantly, the month of love. In honor of Valentine's Day, many of the artists of In-Town Gallery have focused on the theme of "Love," including: Laurie Graham, ceramics; Judith Jones, gilded botanicals; Mindy June Kelly, mixed media; Mary Beth McClure, warm glass; Charlie Yowell, sculpture; and Jan Lamoreaux, jewelry. These exceptional artists have beautifully applied their skills to the creation of art that will help perpetuate feelings of love throughout the year.

In-Town Gallery is located on the North Shore at 26A Frazier Ave., Chattanooga. Winter hours for the Gallery are from Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The Gallery offers a wide range of reasonably priced art and fine craft from local artists, including paintings in various media, hand painted silk wearables, sculpture, pottery, works in glass and metal, exquisite jewelry and fine art photography.



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Virtual Book Launch of 'A Window to Heaven'

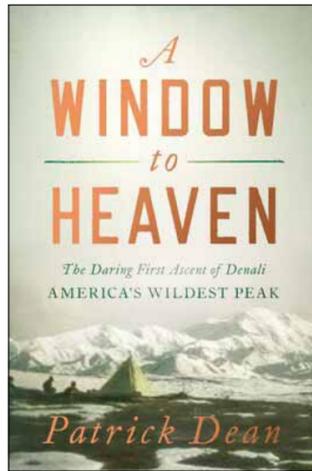
The School of Letters and School of Theology are hosting a virtual book launch of "A Window to Heaven: The Daring First Ascent of Denali," written by Patrick Dean, T'06. The event is scheduled for noon (CST), Thursday, March 4.

"A Window to Heaven" is the captivating and heroic story of Hudson Stuck—an Episcopal priest and 1892 graduate of the School of Theology—and his team's history-making summit of Denali.

Dean brings to life this heart-pounding and spellbinding feat of this first ascent and paints a rich portrait of the frontier at the turn of the 20th century. The story of Stuck and his team will lead us through the Texas frontier and Tennessee mountains to an encounter with Jack London at the peak of the Yukon Goldrush. We experience Stuck's awe at the rich Inuit and Athabaskan indigenous traditions—and his efforts to help preserve these ways of life.

During the webinar, Dean, who is affiliated with both programs, will read excerpts from the book and answer your questions. It will be an interesting and lively discussion. To watch the stunning video trailer produced by Stephen Garrett, C'01, go to <<https://vimeo.com/473576078>>. For more information about the book, please visit the publisher's site <<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/A-Window-to-Heaven/Patrick-Dean/9781643136424>>.

To register go to <<https://urforms.wufoo.com/forms/zoniob-0fv9iox/>>. To join this Zoom webinar go to <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/84146665045>>.



'House of Leaves' at the University Art Gallery

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present Jered Sprecher's "House of Leaves," an exhibition of paintings and drawings that play with technologies of representation and the mediation of experience. Visual information fleetingly encountered is caught, mulled over, and reworked. Images of birds, plants, flowers, and natural light, glimpsed through phones and on tablet screens or in banal stock photographs, is translated into intensely vibrant, gorgeous paintings that hover "in the sliver of space between abstraction and representation" and demand attention and contemplation. "House of Leaves" will be on view in the UAG from through March 28.

To protect the health of those on and off our campus, in-person visits to the exhibition are reserved for students, faculty, and staff of the University already on campus. For those not on campus, "House of Leaves" will be shared remotely by means of a video tour and slideshow. Please visit the UAG site <<https://new.sewanee.edu/university-art-gallery/>> to access those tours.

Jered Sprecher received his M.F.A. from The University of Iowa and his B.A. from Concordia University in Nebraska. He resides in Knoxville, Tenn., where he is a Professor of Art at The University of Tennessee.

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Grimes Retires as Board of Trustees President of St. Mary's Sewanee

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development announced today that Dale Grimes of Nashville, is retiring after 19 years as President of its Board of Trustees. He will be succeeded by Adam Hill, also of Nashville, who has served nine years on the Board.

Under Grimes' leadership, St. Mary's Sewanee has seen tremendous growth in the number of guests that come to St. Mary's Sewanee, as well as the impact of the organization's programming and retreats. Early in his term he led discussions about the future of St. Mary's Sewanee, which resulted in its mission statement, a Master Campus Plan, and a Master Landscape Plan. That plan included the 20-room guest building, the Anna House completed in 2013, which increased the number of guests St. Mary's Sewanee could host for events and added the McRae Meeting Room. New hospitality facilities are the next goal. In support of these plans, St. Mary's Sewanee has raised more than \$5 million in capital funds made possible by many of its friends and supporters.

During his tenure, St. Mary's Sewanee also began an Annual Fund that raises significant support, and the annual operating budget has more than doubled from 2003 to 2019. Most recently, and partly in response to the limitations for in-person gatherings due to COVID-19, St. Mary's Sewanee instituted on-line programming. Highly encouraged by Grimes, this outreach has enabled people from all over the country to discover St. Mary's Sewanee and the opportunities it has for people of all faiths and spiritual practices.

Reflecting on his years of service, Grimes stated that "serving St. Mary's Sewanee has been a great honor as well as a significant part of my own spiritual journey. Like many, I feel St. Mary's Sewanee exists on holy ground. I am grateful for my fellow trustees who have worked as a devoted team, and have, with the support of our wonderful staff, guests, donors, and supporters, worked hard to achieve many of our goals. I feel especially blessed to have been able to work closely with our founder Bob Ayres, who served as a great



Dale Grimes



Adam Hill

mentor, friend, and inspiration. St. Mary's Sewanee is fortunate to have a strong board and a fine team to continue leadership of the organization. I feel confident leaving St. Mary's Sewanee in their capable hands, especially incoming President Adam Hill."

Grimes has served on the Board for 26 years, and will serve out the remaining year of his board term, "hoping to remain useful."

Adam Hill comes to St. Mary's Sewanee with energy and ideas that will build upon the work overseen by Grimes and will help steer St. Mary's Sewanee in the challenging times ahead.

Looking forward to undertaking this leadership role, Hill stated, "Dale's service has been beyond exemplary over the course of the past 20 years, and stepping into his shoes is no easy task. My time with Dale has shown me the depth of his love and devotion to St. Mary's, and that motivates me to ensure that St. Mary's Sewanee thrives in the future. With the help of our strong board, talented staff and supportive partners, I know we will continue into our next chapter with grace and ease."

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State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/southcumberland/#?park=south-cumberland>> or call (931) 924-2980.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Coffee with a Ranger (\$3)—Meet Park Ranger Ryan Harris at 8 a.m. CST at the South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center, 11745 U.S. Hwy. 41, Monteagle, for a cup of joe to find out what a Ranger's job consists of and stay up-to-date with what's happening at South Cumberland State Park. Coffee will be provided. You can register by calling the Visitors Center at (931) 924-2980, or pay at the visitors center that morning.

Evening Hike to Rattlesnake Point (\$10) (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please preregister).—Meet Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at 2:45 p.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station – 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 4-mile (round trip, approximate) hike from the Savage Gulf Ranger Station to Rattlesnake Point Overlook. With any luck, we can see the sunset over Savage Gulf. There are no guarantees of this, due to the many variables of a guided hike. Be sure to bring along flashlights, water, and food (in case you get hungry on the trail). Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. Weather permitting. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. A flashlight is a must, as it will likely be well after dark before our return. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund.

Stone Door Geology Hike (\$5)—Join Ranger Spencer Baxter at noon CST at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd. Beersheba Springs, for a scenic 2-mile round trip hike to The Great Stone Door to explore the geology of South Cumberland State park. This hike will take visitors to the grand stone staircase and the breath-taking overlooks of Savage Gulf, also be about the how the park was formed and some of the incredible geology inside the park and in the state of Tennessee. Visitors are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, bring water, a camera, and weather appropriate clothing.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Hiking: How to Use Avenza Maps in Tennessee State Parks (\$10/person; \$15 donation not attending)—Meet Park Ranger Kristin Willis 9:45 a.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a moderate hike to Savage Falls and learn how to navigate Avenza Maps. During this hike, you will learn many of its free and useful features. This is an excellent tool for experienced and inexperienced hikers, backpackers, and waterfall chasers. It is also wonderful for solo and senior hikers! It would be best if the free version of Avenza maps and South Cumberland State Park Savage Gulf map was downloaded before arriving at the park. We have public Wi-Fi at the Station, but it could take awhile if several people need to download things at one time.

Thursday, Feb. 25

Weekday Waterfall Hike (\$5)—Meet Park Ranger Jessie DeRight at 12:45 p.m. at Grundy Forest Natural Area, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a 2-mile, rated moderate-to-strenuous (trail is rocky and has exposed roots) hike in Grundy Forest to see some beautiful waterfalls, while avoiding weekend crowds. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. In event of bad weather, Ranger Jessie will cancel and issue refunds. If you cancel you must do so no later than Tuesday, Feb. 23, by 4 p.m. to receive a refund. Social distancing will be observed on this hike.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Storybook Hike: Brother Eagle, Sister Sky (\$10/child; adults free)—Meet Park Ranger Jessie DeRight at 1 p.m. at the picnic area of the SCSF Visitors' Center, 11745 U.S. 41, Monteagle, for this 0.75-mile adventure as we read the story Brother Eagle, Sister Sky together. Each story book panel also have little activities that help with reading comprehension. Each child who is registered will receive a copy of this story to take home to read as often as she or he likes! Good walking shoes are suggested and all children must be accompanied by an adult. The trail starts in the picnic area at the Visitor's Center in Monteagle. The cost to attend this program is \$10 per child and free for adults.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information call (931) 924-2980.

Arrive Outdoors to Deliver Affordable Gear Rentals

In response to a surge of visitors to Tennessee State Parks last year, the parks today announced a new partnership with Arrive Outdoors to make gear more affordable for park visitors. The plan is to offer gear that visitors can rent as opposed to buying expensive gear outright.

Arrive Outdoors provides equipment for hiking, backpacking, camping, winter recreation and other outdoor activities. The company offers high-quality, sturdy equipment for rent — either individual items or complete sets.

When a park visitor rents gear from Arrive Outdoors by linking from Tennessee State Parks' gear rental web page <<https://tnstateparks.com/vendors/arrive-outdoors>>, a portion of the revenue goes to support Tennessee State Parks.

Arrive Outdoors supports individual, group and large group rentals. The gear is shipped directly to the renter's destination for free when the order is more than \$49. Other items for rent include cots, hammocks, packs, camp stoves, apparel, footwear, trekking poles, binoculars, and bear safety gear.

Arrive Outdoors ships gear via FedEx to any viable address and FedEx locations, participating Walgreens, hotels and vacation rentals. The company does not ship directly to state parks. To return equipment, people simply use the packaging the gear arrives in, adhere the free return label and tape provided, and drop off at any FedEx or Walgreens location.

For more information about Arrive Outdoors go to <<https://arriveoutdoors.com/>>.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Feb 08	43	32
Tue	Feb 09	53	45
Wed	Feb 10	56	52
Thu	Feb 11	56	42
Fri	Feb 12	61	42
Sat	Feb 13	49	19
Sun	Feb 14	34	20

Week's Stats:
 Avg max temp = 50
 Avg min temp = 36
 Avg temp = 43
 Precipitation = 5.15"

Reported by Sandy Gilliam
 Domain Ranger

NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Rime ice on spider webs on a rhododendron leaf.
 Photo by Leonard King

Rime Ice and Freezing Rain

We certainly have been seeing just about every form of frozen water this last week or so. Perhaps the most interesting is the rime ice last Friday. I used to call this hoarfrost, but learned that it is somewhat different. The ice crystals are all on one side of a surface such as a branch or stem, growing out like a little wall. This occurs when supercooled liquid water droplets in the air contact a cold surface and freeze to it. A gentle wind will cause this to occur on the windward side of the stem surface and subsequent droplets will freeze to the first ones, growing into the wind and causing the formation of this little "comb" of ice crystals, rime ice, with the opposite side of the stem bare of ice. Hoar frost occurs when water vapor in the air goes directly from a gaseous state to a frozen, solid state and does not have this directional quality to it. It forms basically like dew, but instead of condensing from vapor to liquid it goes from vapor to solid ice crystals.

Last Friday's rime ice was especially amazing in that it formed even on spider webs and other very thin filaments, as in Leonard King's photo of spider webs on a rhododendron leaf. Then there was a freezing rain the next day that also coated spider webs as well as filaments on yucca, thorns on catbrier, and even the sporophytes of moss—so delicately!

Ruth Wendling reports seeing the following birds during the Great Backyard Bird Count: tufted titmouse, Carolina chickadee, Northern cardinal, various sparrows including a fox sparrow, dark-eyed junco, Eastern towhee, Carolina wren, purple finch, goldfinch, white-breasted nuthatch, red-bellied woodpecker, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, and brown thrasher.



Freezing rain on spider web. Photo by Kim Butters

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LEGAL NOTICE: IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MARION COUNTY, TENNESSEE: MARTHA BRYANT and CECIL D. BRYANT, Plaintiffs, (Case No. 8093) vs. GORDON HEARST ROSSER, III, Defendant: ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN LIEU OF PERSONAL SERVICE: Plaintiffs MARTHA BRYANT and CECIL D. BRYANT have filed a Motion for an Order allowing service of process upon Defendant GORDON HEARST ROSSER, III by publication in lieu of personal service. Plaintiffs have demonstrated by affidavit that: Based upon personal knowledge after diligent inquiry, the Defendant is a nonresident of this state and the residence of the Defendant is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry. It is therefore, ORDERED, that the Clerk of this Court shall:

1. Forthwith cause a copy of this order to be published, in both The Progress in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania and The Sewanee Mountain Messenger in Sewanee, Tennessee requiring Defendant to answer in the time allowed at law.
2. The copy of this order that is to be published, shall include the names of the parties to this action, the name of this Court, and the location at which this Court is held.
3. The copy of this Order that is published shall further notify the Defendant that he must answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in this action within 30 days of the fourth weekly publication of this order, and if he does not answer or otherwise respond, a default judgment may be entered against him. ENTERED this 29th day of January, 2021. Mellissa Thomas Blevins-Willis, Chancellor.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing upon: Mr. Gordon Hearst Rosser, III, 442 Fairview Road, Osceola Mills, PA 16666-1707, by placing a true and exact copy of same in the United States mail, properly addressed and first-class postage prepaid for same to reach its destination. This the 29th day of January, 2021.
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NOTICE: The Monteagle City Council will meet for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at 6 p.m. by Zoom.

NOTICE: The Monteagle Regional Planning Commission will meet for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6 p.m. by Zoom.

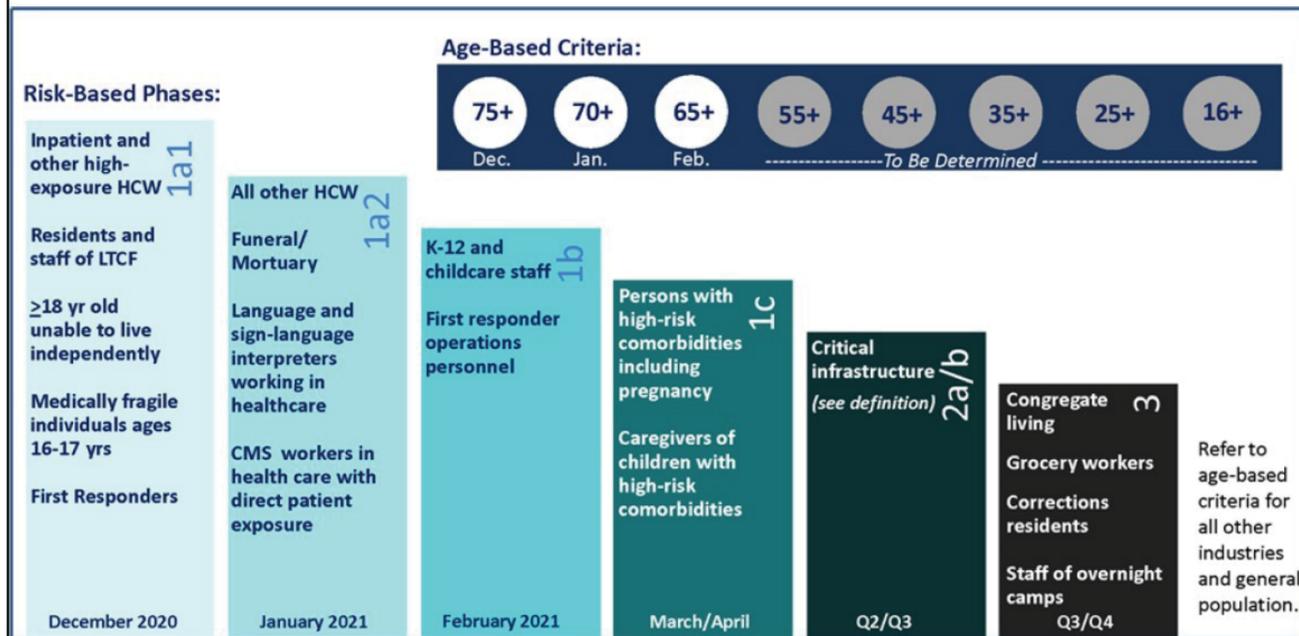
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Tennessee to Begin COVID-19 Vaccination of Adults Age 65 and Older, Teachers

Tennessee will begin registering Tennesseans aged 65 and older and those in Phase 1b of the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan COVID-19 for vaccinations on Feb. 22. Phase 1b includes staff members of kindergarten through 12th grade schools and child care facilities.

TDH has launched a new online scheduling tool that allows users to book their appointment for COVID-19 vaccination at participating health department sites when they are eligible to do so. Tennesseans can access the system at <https://covid19.tn.gov> and select their county to schedule an appointment.

Go to <https://vaccinate.tn.gov> or call 866-442-5301





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by Phoebe Bates

Ice Storms

When I see birches bend to left and right
 Across the lines of straighter darker trees,
 I like to think some boy's been swing them.
 But swinging doesn't bend them down to stay
 As ice storms do. Often you must have seen them
 Loaded with ice a sunny winter morning
 After a rain. They click upon themselves
 As the breeze rises, and turn many-colored
 As the stir cracks and crazes their enamel.
 Soon the sun's warmth makes them shed crystal shells
 Shattering and avalanching on the snow crust—
 Such heaps of broken glass to sweep away
 You'd think the inner dome of heaven had fallen.
 They are dragged to the withered bracken by the load,
 And they seem not to break; though once they are bowed
 So long for long, they never right themselves:
 You may see their trunks arching in the woods
 Years afterwards, trailing their leaves on the ground
 Like girls on hands and knees that throw their hair
 Before them over their heads to dry in the sun.

--Robert Frost, from *Birches*

Community Calendar

Friday, Feb. 19

For all COVID-19 information in Tennessee, including testing, eligibility and vaccination schedule, go to <<https://covid19.tn.gov>> or call 866-442-5301

- 8:30 a.m. COVID testing, Franklin Co. Health Dept., 266 Joyce Lane, Winchester (931) 967-3826, until 10:30 a.m.; Grundy Co. Health Dept., 1372 Main St., Altamont, (931) 692-3641, until 10:30 a.m.; call ahead for appointment; COVID testing, Marion County Health Dept., 24 East 7th St., Jasper, (423) 942-2238; call ahead for appointment. Traditional testing on Tuesday and Thursday; self testing M-W-F.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom; email <elizabethsweeting@gmail.com> for link
- noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 3 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Sale, in front of Regions Bank, Sewanee, until 5 p.m., weather permitting

Saturday, Feb. 20

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, 1096 University Ave., until 2 p.m., weather permitting

Monday, Feb. 22

- 8 a.m. Coffee with Coach, V-C Brigety (note earlier start time); livestream <<https://www.facebook.com/SewaneeTigers/>>; also on website <www.sewaneetigers.com> and U of S YouTube channel, by midday
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 6 p.m. Town of Monteagle meeting, via Zoom

Tuesday, Feb. 23

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 4:30 p.m. South Cumberland Farmers' Market, curbside pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility Office, Sherwood Road
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Wednesday, Feb. 24

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, via Zoom; for link email <woodybike@mac.com>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, via Zoom, <pippabrowne64@gmail.com>
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 4:30 p.m. Lecture, "The New American Slavery: Updates on Research into Convict Leasing in Southern Middle Tennessee, 1871-1896," via Zoom. Register at <www.newsewanee.edu/southernstudies>
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 6 p.m. Virtual Celebration for Eric Benjamin, via Zoom, go to <<https://newsewanee.edu/alumni/55-years-of-black-alumni/>>

Friday, Feb. 26

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom; email <elizabethsweeting@gmail.com> for link
- noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 3 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Sale, in front of Regions Bank in Sewanee, until 5 p.m., weather permitting
- 7 p.m. Performing Arts Concert/Conversation, Wu Fei, via Zoom, Live Q & A follows concert; Zoom ID: 817 160 1654

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, Morton Memorial, Wesley House porch, Monteagle

Monday

- 5 p.m. Women's Recovery, Otey Parish on Zoom, call (606) 275-9562 for link
- 7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 10 a.m. AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7 p.m. NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 p.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday

- 7 p.m. Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

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