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'The Moors': A Dark Comedy With A Message

by Blythe Ford, Messenger Staff Writer

Next week, a new production begins at the University of the South's Proctor Hill Theatre in the Tennessee Williams Center. "The Moors" by Jen Silverman, directed by Ivy Francis Moore, C'26, will run from Wednesday, Feb. 25 through Sunday, March 1. The play is a dark comedy inspired by Victorian novels such as the work of the Brontë sisters, and follows the events that ensue when the isolated lives of two sisters and their dog are interrupted by the introduction of a governess and a moorhen.

"The Moors" is, on the surface, a humorous play about quirky and strange characters, but with a dark undertone. The humor comes from the unexpected interruption to a frankly miserable existence: two sisters living alone with their downtrodden dog in a manor in a remote and barren setting, one sister cowed by the other, and neither truly able to function as the people they know themselves to be. The arrival of first a governess given a mysterious invitation by the sisters' absentee brother, and then a stranded moorhen with a broken wing, introduces situations that neither of the two sisters nor even the dog knows how to handle. It is those situations that bring forth unexpected outbursts and emotional conflict, exposing the effects of isolation and oppression on each of the characters. In the words of the director, Ivy Francis Moore: "The bursts of passion that occur in the show are fleeting moments of vulnerability and lead to disaster due to the characters' limited worldviews." As amusing as that disaster may sometimes be, the play also lays bare the real life consequences of long term violence and loneliness. As Moore pointed out, "it asks the audience to listen to the changing world around them and break out of their self-centered bubbles."

Moore presented "The Moors" as an option for his senior project and honors thesis; the play was ultimately selected due to "its intimate setting, literary basis, and female-focused story," which Moore felt was particularly fitting for Sewanee. Moore has spent his four years at the University directing smaller productions, including last year's "Twelfth Night" in Angel Park. When asked if there is anything he would like to point out to the audience about the stylistic choices of "The Moors," he explained that the set and costuming choices balance "realism and 'historical accuracy' and more creative, strange, and expressionistic choices," citing the extreme desolation of the moors and the costumes of the animal characters as examples. Combined with the play's premise and plot, these choices create a separation from reality even as they expose truths about it.

Join any audience next week to enjoy a laugh and a thought-provoking experience; "The Moors" will be performed on Wednesday, Feb. 25 through Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 1 at 2:30 p.m. All performances will be in the Proctor Hill Theatre in the Tennessee Williams Center in Sewanee. Free tickets at <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-moors-tickets-1981449908014>>.



January Students of the Month: K, Ellie Bornemann; first grade, Flint Candler; second grade, Hope Cathell; third grade, Emilie Asiedu-Acquah; fourth grade, John Austin; fifth grade, Lucy Beaumont

How Desegregation Buried Public Swimming Pools

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Eager for her two young sons to take swimming lessons, Hannah Palmer was told the former public swimming pool in her East Point, Ga., neighborhood closed in the 1960s, because it fell into "disrepair," a simple enough answer. A too simple answer that avoided confronting "things too sad to talk about," Palmer observed. Feb. 16 in Convocation Hall, writer, researcher, and installation artist Palmer shared insight into the "why" beneath the burial of the East Point pool. Her newest book "The Pool Is Closed: Segregation, Summertime, and the Search for a Place to Swim" tells that story, a story that is far from an isolated incident peculiar to the East Point community neighboring Atlanta. Not coincidentally, the burial of public swimming pools throughout the United States in the 1960s coincided with the 1964 Civil Rights Act ending desegregation.

During the 1940s, the Work Progress Administration (WPA) funded constructing swimming pools in small communities throughout the country. "How you make anything happen in a community is people put in the elbow grease. It's not just tax dollars," Palmer insisted. The original spring-fed WPA pool in East Point was replaced, but the new Spring Avenue pool, like WPA pools elsewhere, thrived because it was a community project. "A lot of the maintenance was done by volunteers," Palmer stressed.

The same spirit of volunteerism sustained the Randall Street pool constructed for the black East Point community in 1954. Although one-fourth the size of the Spring Avenue pool in a location Palmer described as "across the tracks," the same spirit of enthusiasm prevailed. At both pools, photographs depict vibrant, energetic crowds. Today, though, a parking lot sits on top of the Randall Street pool and a history museum on the site of the Spring Avenue pool, a museum that did not acknowledge the pool even existed until Palmer began researching the pool's history.

Following the passage of the Civil Rights Act, a bomb threat closed the Spring Avenue pool for the rest of the summer. The following summer regulations stipulated people could only swim in the pool in the neighborhood where they lived, in effect segregating the black and white East Point pools. Curious about if the East Point pools were ever desegregated, Palmer asked the current police chief, an African American. His answer: his mother forbid him to swim in the Spring Avenue pool. "For the black community, there was a sense you weren't welcome or safe at the white pools," Palmer speculated.

And soon, in East Point and
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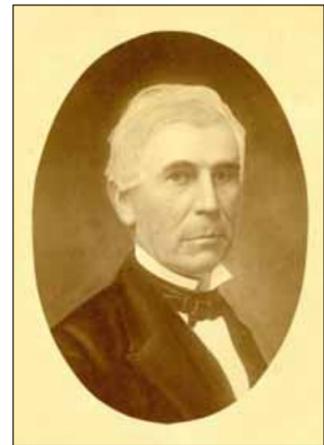
SES: Of, By and for the People

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The history of Sewanee Elementary School is a story about "of, by, and for the people." The opening of school this coming fall marks SES's 100th birthday, a birth that may have never happened without the assistance and fundraising efforts of the Sewanee Civitan Club (SCC), the forerunner of the Sewanee Civic Association. But the story actually begins 50 years earlier with the like-minded generosity of a man from, of all places, New Jersey.

In 1867, Jabez Wheeler Hayes leased a 100-acre plot that would become the site of St. Mary's convent. Hayes built a large steam sawmill and a schoolhouse near the railroad station. In 1872, the school had 75 students, and 100 students by 1875. Women from University families often served as teachers of children whose parents could not read and write.

Recognizing the need for a community place of worship, the parish church consecrated in 1875 served both white and African American parishioners who held services at different times, with



Jabez Wheeler Hayes. Black-and-white print. University Archives Photograph Collection. Sewanee: The University of the South, JS-TOR, <<https://jstor.org/stable/community.24670983>>.

the parish church also becoming the schoolhouse for both black and white children. In 1891, the

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Book Ban Invades Tennessee Public Libraries

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Library boards and school boards are pulling books and hoping nobody makes a stink about it," said Christina Soontornvat, children's book author and Coordinator for the Tennessee chapter of Authors Against Book Bans. "We need to engage with them and tell them why we think they should not do this." At the Feb. 10 Spoken Word gathering, Soontornvat talked about how a book ban directive to the public schools had extended its reach to include all public libraries in the state.

A year and a half ago, Tennessee

amended The Age Appropriate Materials Act. "Public schools cannot have books in their libraries that have in whole or in part nudity, sexual excitement, excess violence and sadomasochism," Soontornvat said citing the law. "There are so many problems with the language 'in whole or in part.' A book about art history with a picture of a nude statue by Michelangelo could get pulled off the shelves, which is exactly what's been happening. And what qualifies as excess violence? 'The Illiad' could be excess violence.

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Free Income Tax Prep Available

The IRS-certified BetterFi and Sewanee Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program process and file qualifying residents' income taxes for its 12th year in a row. This year the students and local community volunteers are working with the University of the South's Office of Civic Engagement and financial nonprofit BetterFi.

Additionally, United Way of South Central Tennessee has expanded to assist filers in Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Lincoln, and Warren counties. The Urban League of Chattanooga is also hosting tax filing sites in Marion County.

Grundy residents will be able to sign up online to schedule appointments Mondays and Thursdays during February at BetterFi in Coalmont (9933 State Route 56) at <www.betterfi.co/vita>. Appointment availability in March and April will be forthcoming.

Other BetterFi tax sessions will be at partner sites – filers should contact the site to sign up for an appointment time slot. The current schedule is as follows: Coffee-Lannom Library (931) 455-2460 Saturday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with another date to be determined; Manchester Library (931) 723-5143 Saturday, March 21 and Friday, March 27, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Sewanee Senior Center will host a site Friday, Feb. 27, 12:30–3:30 p.m., but sign-ups must be done in person. Two sessions for Sewanee staff and faculty will be on Tuesday, Feb. 24 and Thursday, Feb. 26, noon to 3 p.m., at the Social Lodge on campus – sign-ups available at the McClurg front desk.

Appointments in Fayetteville, McMinnville, Shelbyville, Tullahoma, Woodbury counties can be arranged with the United Way of South Central Tennessee at <www.yourlocaluw.org/vita>.

Appointments in Marion County can be arranged with the Orena Humphreys Public Library by phone at (423) 320-0484.

Any household that makes less than \$70,000 a year, is disabled, or is elderly qualifies for a free tax return.

Please note that unfortunately the BetterFi volunteers will be unable to assist with 1099-Bs.

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.

If your organization would like to host a tax session or if a filer cannot make any of the tax sessions, please email BetterFi at <hello@betterfi.co> and BetterFi will try to accommodate.

Donations Needed for Sewanee Fourth of July

In preparation for the 40th Sewanee Fourth of July Celebration, the committee is starting to rebuild the children's games. The Sewanee Fourth of July Committee seeks donations of lumber, such as 2x4s, plywood, wooden dowel pegs, or any scrap lumber. Please contact Savannah McClure at <savpaigeg728@gmail.com>.

Volunteers are also needed to help plan the celebration. Planning meetings will start in mid-March. If you would like to be involved with planning for the parade, children's games, Almost World Famous Mutt Show and more, please email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>.

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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Town Council is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Town of Monteagle will have a public hearing at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, at Monteagle Town Hall located at 16 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle. The purpose of the hearing is to present and discuss the accomplishments of the 2023 Monteagle CDBG Fire Equipment Project. Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodation to participate in the meeting are encouraged to contact the town at (931) 924-2265 in advance. Monteagle is an equal opportunity provider and employer and does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, national origin, or physical disability.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, at the courthouse in Winchester.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, with baseball coach, Nate Burns, at the McGriff Alumni House. Coffee with the Coach will be livestreamed every week on <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>.

FCDP Monthly Meeting

The Franklin County Democratic Party is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Franklin County Annex, Small Meeting Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Meet our new 1st Vice Chair, Victor Gonzalez and help chart our course going into the midterms.

EQB Club

The Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Club, founded in 1870, is Sewanee's oldest organization in

continuous existence. During the Academic Year, the EQB Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch after which a talk (called a "Lead") is given by a variety of very talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the Lead will be "Behind the Scenes with VP/Dean of Students Nicky Campbell." Nicky will give an inside look at a day in the life of the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, especially as it relates to two South African concepts, Ubuntu and Sawubona, that define her approach to the Dean of Students role.

Nicky Campbell was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, and came to the U.S. as a Desmond Tutu Scholar. She received a B.A. in psychology from Sewanee and a Master of Public Service degree from the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas. She has spent more than two decades working in higher education and local and international community development, and currently serves as the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at Sewanee. She previously held numerous positions at Sewanee including assistant director of admission, director of residential life, director of community development in a joint role of the Office of Civic Engagement and the South Cumberland Community Fund, assistant vice president of government and strategic partnerships, and most recently as chief of staff for Sewanee's vice-chancellor and president.

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

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Oliver Jarvis, Historian and Director of Exhibits at the Grundy County Historical Society, will present the program.

Sewanee Civic Association

The Sewanee Civic Association

will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 2, 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. The program will be on "SES Celebrates 100 Years," presented by Kathryn Bruce and Allison Dietz.

Items for the business meeting include the proposed SCA budget, call for community service nominations, and the slate of officers announced. Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, Feb. 27, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

This year, the SCA is celebrating 117 years of social and service opportunities for the community. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member. For more information go to <https://sewaneecivic.org>.

March Lunch and Learn

UT Extension Grundy County will be hosting March Lunch and Learn for extension month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., every Wednesday in March, at the UT Education Center, 7852 TN 56, in Coalmont. Topics include: integrated pest management in the home garden; fruit varieties - harvest and storage; home vegetable trials; fruit pruning and maintenance; plus a bonus field day on April 1 - fruit variety selection and planting. The cost is \$15 per class or \$50 for all the classes. Lunch is provided. Call (931) 592-3972 to register.

Local Food Available

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



43rd Annual Community Service Award Nominations Accepted

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 43rd 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 Friday, March 13.

Past recipients are not eligible to receive the award again. Send the name of your nominee, along with a paragraph of why you are nominating the person or group, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. Nominations can also be mailed to the Sewanee Civic Association, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information go to <https://sewaneecivic.org>.

The service awards will be presented at the SCA annual membership meeting that is planned for Monday, May 4. Please join us to celebrate those who serve the community.

Join the Sewanee Fire Department

The Sewanee Fire Department serves the community by protecting lives and property over an 84-square-mile territory and by providing mutual aid assistance to neighboring communities for their fire and rescue needs. In 2024, the Fire Department responded to 265 calls, including structure and wildland fires, vehicle extrications, rope rescue operations, and mutual aid to Marion and Grundy County.

During the academic year, the department consists of volunteers by community members, university students, and faculty and staff. Outside the academic year, the department has 30 volunteers.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a firefighter, please contact Nathan Stewart at <ncstewar@sewaneec.edu>. The Fire Department trains at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesdays at Sewanee Station 1 (111 Alabama Avenue), and potential new members are invited to attend before making a commitment to join.

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All Saints' Chapel

Services during the Academic Year: Sunday, All Saints' Chapel, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2; and 6:30 p.m., Growing in Grace.

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

Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation. All Saints' Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, we welcome St. George's Episcopal Church Choir for a joint choral evensong with the University Choir. We hope you will join us at 4 p.m., in All Saints' Chapel for a beautiful and inspiring service.

Christ Church Monteagle

While Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the Invitation to Lent is read on The First Sunday as well. The Litany is also read. In Great Britain, and especially in The Church of England, the clergy and choir go outside, even if not to the parish boundaries. In all churches which keep Lent the Gospel reading is the account of Jesus going into the desert where Satan tempts him in three ways. Please don't worry that the order is different in the Gospels which tell the story. The point is the same. Also note that "the wilderness" is the desert. Our American ancestors used that about deep woods or other places of danger. Jesus had just been baptized by his cousin John. After the beauty and affirmation Jesus seems to have wanted some time alone. However, the Deceiver was waiting in the desert. One of the great hymns has "Victor in the wilderness, grant we may faint nor fail." It is beautiful, but we do, in fact, both tend to faint and even fail. Lent is a call to a deeper and more faithful obedience. Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Each Wednesday we have a noon service.

Christ Episcopal Church

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

City Light Church

City Light Church in Monteagle exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle, and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Our children's ministry offers a safe and exciting environ-

ment for children newborn to fifth grade. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

Draw Near

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. Rev. Melisa Derseweh will share a message titled "The good news is so good it catches us by surprise!" It is based on John 2:1-11, in which Jesus plays a key role in a wedding in Cana; and Matthew 13:31-32, where Jesus teaches the parable of the mustard seed. Children are welcome at Morton! This Sunday, they will have time during worship with Rev. Derseweh. Following that, children will have time in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children's Church. Morton has many active ministries. A special Mission Moment will be heard during worship about plans for improving our mission to serve those who come to us as part of our monthly food delivery.

To learn more about life in our community of faith, accept this invitation to worship. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Our service begins at 11 a.m., following coffee and refreshments in our Fellowship Center. If you are unable to attend but want to sample worship at Morton, the service is live streamed at Morton's Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

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

St. Mark and St. Paul

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

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

Sunday Forum meets 9:45-10:45 a.m., each week in Kennerly Hall at the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul. Our speaker on Feb. 22,

is Hannah Matis on Social Justice in the Anglican Tradition.

During Lent, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated every Thursday at 12:15 p.m., in the church.

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

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

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

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

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

stairs in Brooks Hall.

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

Grief Recovery Group

Are you experiencing grief from the death of a loved one or loss of another kind? Then you may want to join the Grief Recovery Group starting at 9 a.m., Saturdays through May 2, at Morton Memo-

rial United Methodist Church in Monteagle. You don't have to attend every meeting because each meeting is independent. The workbook and video teaching materials are provided.

Meetings will be in the Wesley House at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle. It is the house between the CVS and the main Church building.

To find out more and to sign up, contact: Tracey Weibert at (423) 309-0818, email at <tweibertlaw@gmail.com> or Rev. Melisa Derseweh (615) 418-0559, email at <melisa.derseweh@twkumc.org>.

Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday

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

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

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

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

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

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday
10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

Monteagle Church of Christ

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

Monteagle First Baptist Church

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

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

Online worship services. Call (931) 924-5339 or go to <<https://www.tdworldministries.org>>
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

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

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall, Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

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

St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

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

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday-Friday
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday-Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

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

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday



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Register and Momon to Speak at Heritage Center on Black Heritage on Plateau

Dr. Woody Register and Dr. Tiffany Momon, both professors of history at The University of the South, will deliver a joint presentation on the black heritage on the plateau at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026 at the Heritage Center located at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. The public is welcome. Admission is free.

Woody Register, PhD, is the Francis S. Houghteling Professor of American History and founding Director of the Roberson Project on Slavery and Reconstruction at The University of the South. Under his direction, the Roberson Project has become a leader in the contemporary movement to investigate the influence of slavery and its legacies on American higher education. He is the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Council of Independent Colleges, the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, the Associated Colleges of the South, the Appalachian Colleges Association, the Syracuse University Library, and other agencies. He is the author of books and articles on late 19th Century and early 20th Century U.S. history. He received his B.A. from The University of the South and PhD from Brown University.

Tiffany Momon, PhD, is Associate Professor of History at the University of the South. She is Assistant Director of the Roberson Project and Director of the Truth, Community Healing and Transformation Center at Sewanee. She received her B.S., in Political Science from Tennessee State University, a B.A. in African and African American Studies from The University of Memphis, and M.A. and PhD in Public History from Middle Tennessee State University. Momon is the founder and co-director of the Black Craftspeople Digital Archive, a digital humanities project dedicated to honoring Black craftspeople and their contributions to the making and building of the Americas. Momon's latest exhibition, Fighting for Freedom: Black Craftspeople and the Pursuit of Independence was recently on display at the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Washington, D.C.

The Heritage Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are no admission charges; donations are welcome.



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small towns all across the United States the WPA pools and their successors were buried. "A generation lost their pools and never got them back," Palmer said. The white community withdrew their support for the pools. The money went into private pools or country clubs, circumstances exacerbated by white flight.

The story of Sewanee's swimming pools follows a similar path, noted Woody Register, Director of the Sewanee Roberson Project for Race and Reconciliation, sponsor for Palmer's visit. The Fowler Center, constructed in 1994, sits on the site of the Juhann Gymnasium pool celebrated as being "open to the entire community" at the 1957 dedication — for the entire "white" community that is, following the directive of benefactor Jesse Bell duPont who paid for the "whites only" pool. The same year, Sewanee built a separate pool for the black population. In 1959, the first African Americans enrolled in the seminary, the Reverend Joseph Green and the Reverend Bill O'Neal. Although instructed to use the black community pool, Green and O'Neal went to swim at the pool in the gym. The other swimmers got out of the water, Register recounted, and the next day a sign appeared on the door, "closed for the summer."

To bring attention to the story of the country's buried swimming pools, Palmer constructed installations at the site of the two East Point pools, as well as at the site of a buried WPA pool in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "Maintaining a swimming pool is not a small project," Palmer said in closing. "How we hold onto water is similar to how we hold onto history. Someone needs to be tending it and maintaining it constantly as a labor of love. Without that it slips away."

Soulful Studio at St. Mary's Sewanee

Carole Forêt, a local artist and teacher who has led retreats and taught classes in Italy, Europe and across the Southeastern US, will be leading a 4-week course at St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development this March.

Soulful Studio: Stillness-Inspired Painting will be a transformative painting workshop for beginners to intermediate artists. This immersive class is designed to elevate your art practice as participants work in oil and learn essential composition skills in value, color and techniques. Those attending will also learn how to still the mind for creativity through short meditative practices.

Classes begin Tuesday, March 10, from 4-5 p.m., and will continue each Tuesday through March 31. Limited space is available.

To register, visit the website <www.stmaryssewanee.org> or call (931) 598-5342

Black History Month Celebration

Please join the Mt. Sinai M.B. Church for a Black History Month celebration. "The State of Black Children: A Call to Arms" will be from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at the church, 134 Walnut St., Cowan.

The speaker is Dr. Tallulah Crawley-Shinault. She is an educator, scholar, and community leader with a long-standing commitment to improving educational outcomes and fostering greater equity in communities. She earned her Phd in Educational Administration and Foundations from Illinois State University.

Contact Sandra Brown at (931) 636-4854 if you have any questions.

Social Fabric

A new, weekly, crafting circle will be at 2 p.m., Saturdays, in Brooks Hall. Knitting/crochet/sewing/mending, etc. No experience or supplies necessary! Come ready to craft, learn or teach. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Sarah at <cac@stmarkstpaul.org>

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'Romeo and Juliet,' you wouldn't be able to read that in school anymore. Some teachers have gotten rid of their whole classroom libraries. Teachers and librarians are afraid and confused."

Franklin County Schools removed 58 books from their libraries. "It's been bad enough for school libraries," Soontornvat insisted, "but this past fall Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett sent out a letter to all the public libraries. A very threatening letter intimidating them, saying 'you need to make sure your libraries are age appropriate.'"

Now public libraries are pulling books as well. Rutherford County has scheduled a meeting for next month to decide whether to comply.

In addition to demanding public libraries "undertake an immediate age-appropriateness review," Hargett's letter also stipulates public libraries must comply with President Trump's Executive Order "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," arguing Trump's order prohibits use of federal funds "to promote gender ideology."

Soontornvat called the bluff on the threat. "An executive order is not a law," she insisted. "It doesn't apply to state libraries and county and city public libraries."

"The freedom to think and read is so important," she stressed. For those who want to learn more, Soontornvat recommended the film *The Librarians*, a documentary recounting how librarians are stewards of the freedom to read. She also suggested visiting the Authors Against Book Bans website to sign up for updates and calls to action.

Tennessee ranks number three in the nation for censorship of the written word, outpaced only by Florida and Texas.

'Silent Reading and the Invention of Intimacy' Lecture

Please mark your calendars for a lecture by Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Mary Favret, of the Johns Hopkins University, titled "Silent Reading and the Invention of Intimacy," to take place at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, in Convocation Hall. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

In the history of reading, silent reading was a late development, but its consequences were profound. Not only did reading become increasingly isolated and personalized, but it fostered a new sense of interiority and intimacy. Beginning in the late eighteenth century, children were taught to read by interior vocalization, the sound of words shifting to the eye and mind rather than the mouth and ear. As silent reading became the norm, it fostered the conception that the written word granted greater immediacy to our thoughts and feelings and those of others. The written word replaced the spoken as the vehicle of truth and knowledge. In other words, you would know more about other people if you read about them than if you spoke with them. Using examples from novels and poetry of the early nineteenth century, this lecture tracks how writers themselves absorbed this change and used their work to both amplify and question it.

This event is sponsored by the Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholars Program, the Department of English and Creative Writing, the University Lectures Committee, the Dean of Students, and the Vice-Chancellor.

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St. Paul's on the Mountain school and St. Paul's on the Mountain church were wooden structures, which stood on the site of the present playground and the 1999 addition to Sewanee Elementary School. In 1891, Otey Parish, the present stone Episcopal church, was built and St. Paul's became the school and church for the black community St. Paul's Church. Black-and-white print, 1872. University Archives Photograph Collection. Sewanee: The University of the South, JSTOR, <<https://jstor.org/stable/community.24630043>>.



Starting in 1936, St. Mark's also served as the one-room schoolhouse for Sewanee's Black children through the eighth grade. In 1949–1950, the Sewanee Civic Association, an organization of the town's leading white men, renovated and enlarged the building, and formal instruction moved to a dedicated building nearby, the Kennerly School. <<https://blacksewanee.org/heritage-trailsschool/>>

white parishioners relocated to the newly constructed Otey Memorial Church and schooling for white children shifted to the Billy Goat Hill School while the black children continued to attend school at the parish church.

Located on Billy Goat Hill near the Mountain Goat Railroad, a portbellied stove heated the two rooms and hall at the Billy Goat Hill School, with well water for drinking carried in buckets from the depot, a privilege assigned to the best students. Studies included Latin, plane geometry and algebra. By 1899, the two instructors teaching nine grades had 150 students. By 1916, the charges assigned to the then three teachers had doubled to 300. In the early 1920s with the school overcrowded and in disrepair, the newly formed Sewanee Civitan Club made building a new school its mission.

The proposal called for locating the school on land leased from the University at the site of the St.

Mark's Church which had continued to be the place of worship and schooling for the African American community. Since the University owned the land, the county refused to fund the construction. The University committed to contributing stone and pledged \$1,000 toward the \$10,000 fundraising goal. A play given by the French club raised \$43. Bridge parties, a play presented by village children, and a fancy dress ball netted another \$75. By the summer of 1924 the church had been torn down and reconstructed as a school for the black community at Happy Hollow, and the cornerstone was laid for the Sewanee Public School (SPS), a structure today called Sewanee Elementary School.

Community members donated labor after leaving their day jobs. In the fall of 1926, SPS opened the doors to students, with four classrooms, an auditorium, and five teachers charged with teaching eight grades and two years of high



Sewanee Public School. Unknown. Sewanee Public School Building. cardstock. JSTOR, <<https://jstor.org/stable/community.16983520>>.



In 1933 the Roosevelt Addition was built with the aid of the CWA (Civil Works Authority) and the assistance of a number of the town's people. This addition included the two classrooms on either side of the old stage and two classrooms below.

school. The county paid the teachers salaries and the SCC paid for the building's upkeep, insurance, and occasionally subsidized teachers' wages, as well. Eventually, the county began paying rent for the building to offset expenses, but during the depression years the rent was waived. By 1929 the school had 180 pupils and 245 by 1932. In 1933 townspeople and local charities funded the construction of four more classrooms. In 1943, the SCC funded extending the school year from eight months, the county's practice, to nine months for both white and black students, enriching the opportunities for learning and extracurricular activities.

The Woman's Club provided hot lunch for five cents a day at SPS. Sewanee resident Waring McCrady, who started first grade there in 1944, remembers classmates unable to pay bringing canned green beans and other vegetables from home to contribute to the school lunches rather than paying in cash. Robin Bates, who started first grade in 1957, recalls classmates paying for their lunches by sweeping the auditorium and setting up the tables for lunch.

Another memory that stands out for Waring is children coming to school barefoot or only coming on the days when they were the child selected to wear the one pair of shoes children in the family shared, families living in homes with mud floors and newspaper pasted to the walls to keep out the wind.

A "good reader," the first-grade teacher sat McCrady in a circle with other "good readers," instructing the children to "read to the period," then pass the book to the next person. "One girl read 'Mr.' and passed the book," McCrady said, laughing. For John Patton, who

started first grade in 1963, the beginning of integration at SPS, being read to by volunteers left a lifelong impression. "When they read to us, I could see the story in my mind. It later influenced my ministry in both my teaching and preaching," Patton said.

Unlike the integration experience of African Americans at the other county schools, Patton insists, "There was no trauma for us." Karen Vaughan, then Karen Kirby, started SPS in the third grade when her father came to seminary at Sewanee in 1959. She remembers integration as "no big deal. We all played together anyway."

"There are things I can't talk about with other black people," John Patton conceded. When he mentioned Girl Scout cookie sales to a black acquaintance in the val-

ley, they replied with disbelief. "You had girl scouts?" John's younger sister Evelyn was in both Brownies and Girl Scouts. "People from Winchester tell Blacks from Sewanee, 'You act like you're white. You act like you're special,'" Evelyn Patton said. "We grew up in the Sewanee bubble."

John Patton said the early instances of racism he experienced were "subtle. We were young. It didn't scar us," he observed. His first experience of racism was when accompanying his father to do yard work. As he'd been taught, he naturally addressed the couple living there as "Mr. and Mrs." It shocked him to hear the couple's daughter call his father by his first name "John."

Evelyn Patton first experienced racism attending ballgames in Tracy City and other off the domain schools to watch her brother play sports.

Robin Bates repeated a school yard rhyme containing the "N word" one afternoon when visiting a classmate's home. "I learned the rhyme at school. I didn't know what the N word meant," Bates said. His playmate's father came out of the house and suggested a substitute word, "tiger."

In 1950, the Sewanee Civic Association (SCA) (having assumed the role of the SCC) solicited funds to construct a new school for the African American community, named the Kennerly School honoring African American educator John "Fess" Kennerly who had devoted much of his life to teaching the local black children.

By 1955, the financial demands of maintenance and improvements at SPC had become more than the SCA could manage, especially with winter on the way and a new furnace needed. The SCA turned maintenance and renovation of Sewanee Public School over to the county in exchange for the promise of a new furnace and cafeteria.

The first brick addition came in 1960, with two more classrooms to meet enrollment demands, and the SCA petitioned the county to begin integrating the school one grade at a time, beginning with first grade. This never happened.

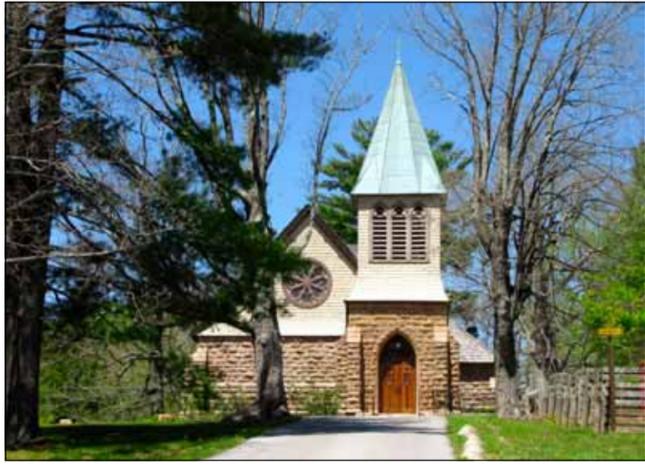
In 1963 eight families with school age children, four black families and four white families, the majority from Sewanee, filed a lawsuit against the county to end segregation. The final decision in June of 1964 stipulated children, regardless of their race, would attend the school in their zone. But the Sewanee community had already taken action on its own. Determining the African American Kennerly School with only two rooms and two teachers for eight grades was inadequate and



"Colored school children at Sewanee line up to receive their daily half pint of milk contributed by students of the University of the South. In the backgrounds is their new school under construction. Principal (left) is Gertrude Kennerly, widow of John Kennerly, after whom the school will be named." ca. 1948 (transcribed from the note on the back of the photo). Photo from Sewanee archives. <<https://blacksewanee.org/heritage-trailsschool/>>.

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Otey Memorial Parish, now the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, served as the location for the voluntary tutoring program during integration.



Community members speak fondly of Opbelia Miller, who taught children at the Kennerly School in the 1950s and then at the integrated Sewanee Elementary School after 1964. Mrs. Miller was a part of the group of community leaders that led the desegregation of the Kennerly school. Mrs. Miller was also chairman of the Colored Community Center Committee in the 1950s, so she was in charge of running the monthly committee meetings, handling the budget for the majority of the events for the community, and reporting about committee activity to the Sewanee Civic Association. <<https://blacksewanee.org/heritage-trail/school/>>.

geographic rezoning could not be used to solve the segregation problem. SPS started phasing in black children in the fall of 1963. In the summer of 1964, a voluntary tutoring program eased the transition for children from black families, with full integration underway when classes started in the fall of 1964.

The shift of all the African American children to SPS required four more classrooms. The SCA raised \$50,000 to fund the construction. Community members made loans with no guarantee of repayment, according to Bates. Others sold their life insurance policies. Otey Parish Hall offered space for use as classrooms, as well. John Patton recounted having three black teachers during those first years of integration at SPS.

In the 1980s, when Vaughan taught at SES, a drumbeating Klansman and his robed colleagues appeared in the school yard. Vaughan said Principal Ruth Ramseur confronted him, demanding, "Get off my campus. Leave now." "Ruth was a small woman," Vaughan observed, but the men heeded her demand and left.

For SPS students, though, lack of awareness of racial differences did not translate into lack of awareness about class.

McCrary recalls a group of children on the lawn waiting for the bus chiding a black child who walked past and shouting racial slurs. McCrary later asked his mother what the "N" word meant, and she scolded him, threatening to wash his mouth out with soap if he ever used the word again. Who were the harassers and why was their behavior so different from children who lived on the domain? McCrary attributed the animosity to generational bitterness tracing back to mining families losing their jobs to African American convicts leased from the state by the mining company, men often unjustly imprisoned to supply the post-civil-war labor vacuum.

"There were fights almost every day," John Patton said. "We'd all be playing ball together and someone would say something, and it would start." For John and Evelyn Patton, the animosity came from the "across the tracks people." "They believed the University treated the Blacks better than them," Evelyn Patton explained. The Blacks held positions she described as the "dirty jobs," cooks, groundskeepers, janitors. As John Patton pointed out, though, receiving "a paycheck" was preferable to eeking out a living by subsistence farming or sharecropping.



From the Jan. 24, 2014 issue of the Sewanee Mountain Messenger. People admire the new historical marker in front of Sewanee Elementary School. Photo by University of the South



From the Jan. 27, 2023 issue of the Sewanee Mountain Messenger. Sewanee Elementary fifth graders are studying the Civil Rights Movement in both their ELA and Social Studies class. On Jan. 18, students enjoyed an historical and very informational presentation about the integration lawsuit that took place in Franklin County to progress the desegregation of schools in our local district many years ago. The guest speakers also discussed how their families were involved in the lawsuit and were a part of making this change. Speakers included Robin Bates, Doug Cameron, Charliis Burnett, and Juliette Taylor. They are pictured in front of the Desegregation of Franklin County Schools historical marker at Sewanee Elementary School.

Bates cited yet further awareness of class division in the groups he identified as skilled laborers, such as carpenters, and professional people, such as physicians. "As kids, we just knew who was in what group."

But Vaughan insisted, "It didn't matter if you spent the summer in France or laying bricks with your daddy, when you walked through the doors at SES, everyone was an individual."

John Patton's favorite teacher was his third-grade teacher Elizabeth Majors. "She failed me," John said. "She was hard. She was hard on everybody. She cared about you." John went on to excel in a successful 40-year career.

Elizabeth Majors' name came up frequently in speaking with former SPS students. Vaughan's childhood recollection of "Miss Majors" was "tall. She always wore heels." When Vaughan returned to SPS to teach in 1980, she was shocked

to discover Elizabeth Majors was in fact, quite short, not the towering symbol in the childhood memory of Vaughan and many others.

Much has changed over the years. When Bates was in school, unmarried teachers were addressed by their first name and married teachers by their last name. "Miss Mignon" became "Miss Winn" when she married.

State law required children to attend school until the age of 16. A girl in McCrary's fourth grade class turned 16 midyear, left school, and immediately married.

Both McCrary and Bates received paddlings for minor offenses, but the paddling was likewise minor. "I wondered if it was supposed to hurt," McCrary said. Apparently, though, class was not a determining factor. McCrary's brother received a paddling "that made his bottom red."

The recent emphasis on test-

ing dismays Vaughan. "Teaching became a job, not a profession. It's all about the numbers, not the people." Vaughan's favorite class to teach is first grade, the joy "of seeing the lightbulb come on when they learn to read and learn math skills. Helping kids learn makes me happy. Teaching the love of learning makes me happy."

Bates fourth grade class performed "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" in French, with his mother Phoebe Bates volunteering as a French language tutor. With volunteering long a hallmark at SPS, the Friday School program formalized the idea in 1977, with community members sharing their expertise and experience teaching an array of classes ranging from yoga, to sewing, to gymnastics.

When SES opened its first library in 1948, community members donated many of the books. Rightfully, the school's Sewanee Parent Organization (SPO), the driving force behind SES projects and enrichment, is always a top recipient in the Sewanee Community Chest fund drive. This year's budget earmarks \$25,000 for the SPO. To help SES celebrate its 100th birthday by making a donation, visit: <<https://sewanee.org>>.

In addition to those mentioned above, special thanks to Annie Armour, Scott Bates, Arthur Ben Chitty, Elizabeth N. Chitty, Eileen Degen, Patricia Short Makris, Una McBee, Trudy Mignery, Ina May Myers, Gary Phillips, Ruth Ramseur, Ann Watkins, Mignon Winn, and Mike Winn. Other sources include The Sewanee Purple (January 30, 2014) and The Messenger (January 22, 2021). For more information on SES history go to the SCA website <<https://sewanee.org/projects/>>.

Sewanee Elementary School librarian, Kathryn Bruce, will be presenting the program on "SES Celebrates 100 Years" at the SCA membership meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, March 2, in Kennerly Hall.

To share a special memory, photo, or memorabilia of the public school, contact SES at <1926ses@gmail.com> or leave a note in the mailbox in the school's front lawn.

To watch the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Desegregation of the Franklin County School System, go to <<https://vimeo.com/84777567>>.

For more information on the work of Save Sewanee Black History, go to <<https://blacksewanee.org/>>.



Present day Sewanee Elementary School.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Feb. 23: Chicken livers, mashed potatoes, slaw, biscuits.

Tuesday, Feb. 24: Baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: Chicken spinach gnocchi soup, garlic bread.

Thursday, Feb. 26: Tenderloin, hashbrown casserole, green beans, roll.

Friday, Feb. 27: Beef tips, noodles, salad, roll.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Contact Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

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Shakerag Is Back for Lunch — and a New Chapter Begins

Some places don't just feed a town — they belong to it. They witness our conversations, our celebrations, our quiet moments tucked into the middle of a weekday. In Sewanee, Shakerag has long been one of those places.

Shakerag has officially re-introduced the weekday lunch service, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Here's what our new rhythm will look like:

Monday–Friday: breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Saturday and Sunday: brunch, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner

Lunch is back where it belongs — right in the heart of the day, and right here in the heart of Sewanee.

But this announcement is about more than hours and menus. It's about people — and the leadership shaping what comes next.

The newly refreshed menus are the vision of our Executive Culinary Director, Taty Agustina. Many of you have already experienced her work over the past few months. Taty has served as Acting and Taskforce Chef since late October, and as of Feb. 9, 2026, she officially stepped into the role permanently.

Taty brings a global perspective and decades of experience across luxury hospitality, higher education dining, and large-scale culinary operations. She is deeply passionate about farm-to-table cooking, nutrition, sustainability, and the way food connects us to the wider world. Her approach is thoughtful but unfussy — food with integrity, intention, and soul.

Equally important to this next chapter is the leadership guiding our dining rooms.

I'm thrilled to share that we have promoted Nichelle Knight to Food & Beverage Manager. Nichelle is a long-time team member of the Sewanee Inn family, and while she is new to this title, she is not new to this place, this team, or this community.

With Nichelle overseeing front-of-house operations and Taty leading the kitchen, we have a partnership rooted in trust, shared standards, and genuine care for the guest experience. One sets the plate; the other sets the tone. Together, they are already raising the bar — and we're only at the beginning.

Our renewed lunch service reflects that collaboration: menus designed with care, service grounded in warmth, and an atmosphere that invites you to stay awhile — or simply come as you are, mid-day and hungry.

With Taty in the kitchen and Nichelle leading the floor, Shakerag is stepping confidently into its next season — and we can't wait to welcome you back to the table. — *by Kabla Williams, General Manager*

School of Theology Hosts Smithsonian Exhibition and Lecture

The traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History will be in Sewanee through May 15, 2026. The School of Theology is hosting the traveling exhibition "Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?" after the seminary was selected through a national competition offered by the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) and the American Library Association (ALA).

"We are delighted to welcome Exploring Human Origins to the School of Theology at Sewanee," said Hannah Matis, associate dean for academic affairs. "The exhibit asks wonderful questions about who we are, where we've been, and what makes us human. These are questions that scientists, clergy, and laypeople are always attempting to answer, and we expect the exhibit will be a resource for seminarians, college students, and the local community."

In addition to the standing exhibition, scientists and other experts from the NMNH Human Origins Program will visit Sewanee to host public events, including community conversations and a lecture on Tuesday, March 3, at 5 p.m., with paleoanthropologist Dr. Rick Potts who directs the Human Origins Program at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. Through panels, interactive kiosks, hands-on displays, and videos,

"Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?" invites visitors of all ages to explore and learn about the milestones in the evolutionary journey of becoming human. The traveling exhibition encourages a public conversation that focuses on multiple perspectives of what it means to be human — one that embraces the ideas and beliefs of non-scientists and fosters greater appreciation of the complexity of the science of human evolution.

The exhibition is now open and closes on May 15, 2026. The exhibit can be found in room 126 of Hamilton Hall, which is located at 335 Tennessee Ave., in Sewanee. The exhibition is self-guided, free, and open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information or to schedule group tours, contact the director of the School of Theology Library, Dr. Romulus Stefanut, at (931) 598-1267 or <rdstefan@sewanee.edu>. the science of human evolution.

Round Up for Project Help

The Sewanee Utility District's billing software has the ability to round up your bill to the nearest dollar with the difference going to the Project Help fund. Project Help collects donations from SUD customers and passes them on to the Community Action Committee, where it is used to pay folks' water and sewer bill when they need a bit of help.

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Monday, Feb. 23: Banana bread, juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 24: Sausage bagel, juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: French toast, juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 26: Steak biscuit, juice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 27: Package item, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

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

Monday, Feb. 23: BBQ sandwich, French fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 24: Popcorn chicken, potato smiles, cheesy broccoli, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: Asian chicken, steamed carrots, tiny whole potatoes, rice, egg roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 26: Macaroni+cheese, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 27: Pizza (566708), potato wedges, fresh carrots, birthday cupcake, fruit, milk.

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

Celebrating Faculty Publications at Friends of the Library Meeting

Friends of the Library of Sewanee: The University of the South invites you to attend a Faculty Panel discussion at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Torian Room, second floor of duPont Library. Three faculty members will talk briefly about their recent research and publications. We will also host a reception in the main lobby of duPont Library following the panel presentations in recognition of all of our Faculty for their work in research and publication.

Kati Curts, Religious Studies; Alison Miller, Art and Art History; and Thomas Reppert, Psychology and Neuroscience, will share experiences about their research and projects. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Office of the Dean of the College, and Library and Information Technology Services.

Kati Curts is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Sewanee. She is a historian of American religion who teaches and researches on topics related to religion, capitalism, and popular culture. She is author of “Assembling Religion: The Ford Motor Company and the Transformation of Religion in America” (NYU Press, May 2025).

Alison J. Miller, Associate Professor of Art History and Director of Asian Studies at the University of the South (Sewanee), is a specialist of modern and contemporary Japanese art history focusing on two-dimensional media and gender. She is co-editor and contributing author for “The Visual Culture of Meiji Japan: Negotiating the Transition to Modernity” (Routledge, 2021) and “Transposed Memory: Visual Sites of National Recollection in 20th and 21st Century East Asia” (Brill, 2024). Her book, “Envisioning the Empress: The Lives and Images of Japanese Imperial Women, 1868-1952” (Routledge, 2025) analyzes the social impact of the images of the Japanese monarchy.

Thomas Reppert, Assistant Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience, received a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2016. Throughout his graduate studies, he received training in experimental neuroscience, with particular emphasis on analysis of human behavioral and decision-making data. In 2016, he joined the Department of Psychological Sciences at Vanderbilt University as post-doctoral research scholar. At Vanderbilt, he provided expertise in the collection and analysis of eye tracking data while receiving intensive training in experimental neurobiology. His postdoctoral training featured the collection and analysis of single-neuron physiology data recorded in macaque monkeys as they performed basic and complex cognitive tasks.

In 2020, Reppert joined The University of the South as visiting assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and the Neuroscience Program. While on the tenure track in Sewanee, he has worked to create synergy between teaching methodology and scholarly efforts in cognitive neuroscience. In addition to ongoing scholarly collaborations external to the University, he has established a new research laboratory for our students interested in the areas of cognitive neuroscience and cognitive psychology.

You can find a list of faculty publications and projects on duPont Library’s web page <https://library.sewanee.edu/faculty_publications>. The University Bookstore will have several books written by faculty available for sale at the reception. Please check out the most recently published faculty materials in our display case and bookshelves in the main lobby of duPont Library.

More information about the Friends of the Library can be found at their website: <<https://library.sewanee.edu/FOL>>. If you have questions about the lecture or joining the Friends, please contact Penny Cowan <pcowan@sewanee.edu> or (931) 598-1573.

Color Run Fundraiser for Literacy

The community is cordially invited to join Early Literacy Ambassadors for the third annual Color Run Fundraiser at Cove Creek Farm. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at 933 W. Main St., Monteagle. Cost is \$10 for ages 13 and up. Kids 12 and under are free. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1X9mfx7gI_MFL-Ht_NyCVLpr0XDtruiWD1Lbla4QA4VBWg/edit>. Enjoy a 3-mile loop from the farm to Mooney’s and back along the Mountain Goat Trail. Walk, run, bike, skateboard, etc., and make sure to bring the kids. For more information go to <www.earlyliteracyambassadors.com>.

Annual Ebey Lecture

This year, Jack Gray, C’19 will present the Ebey Lecture. While at Sewanee, Jack earned the title of NCAA All-American on the men’s tennis team and the Southern Athletic Association named him Man of the Year. After graduating with a mathematics major at Sewanee, Jack studied applied data analytics at Indiana University. His passion for sports analytics led him to a position with the NFL team Cleveland Browns. He has recently transitioned to an emergency medicine data analyst position at the Cleveland Clinic. He currently lives in Cleveland, Ohio with his wife Katrina, dog Freyja and cat Tabitha, and a baby expected in May of this year.

At 3:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, in the Torian Room (duPont Library), Jack will be joined by Sewanee mathematics professor and sports analyst Doug Drinen in “4th Down and 3: Ask the Sports Analysts.” They will share insights into the exciting field, share their own journeys combining a love of mathematics, statistics and sports into an exciting career and answer audience questions. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The annual Ebey Lecture is made possible by the generosity of Professor Emeritus Sherwood Ebey. This year the lecture is co-sponsored by the Babson Center for Global Commerce.



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March 5–15, SAS, College Spring Break

March 6–15, School of Theology Spring Break

March 10, No school, Franklin County

March 26, Abbreviated Day, Grundy County

March 30–April 3, Franklin, Grundy and Marion County Spring Break

April 24, Last Day of Classes, School of Theology

April 27–May 1, Final examinations, School of Theology

April 29, Last Day of Classes, College

May 1–7, Final examinations, College

May 5, Staff Development Franklin County

May 8, Commencement, School of Theology

May 9, Baccalaureate, University of the South

May 10, Commencement, College

May 15–17, SAS Commencement Weekend

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‘Winter Musings:’ Faculty and Guest Chamber Music Recital at the University of the South

The University of the South Department of Music will present a faculty and guest artist chamber music recital featuring violinist Evie Chen, cellist Kaitlyn Vest, and pianist Bernadette Lo at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, in St. Luke’s Chapel. The program, titled “Winter Musings,” features two works by Reena Esmail and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Esmail’s trio Saans (“Breaths”) showcases her Indian heritage and cross-cultural influences, offering a reflective and atmospheric opening to the evening. By contrast, Tchaikovsky’s “Piano Trio” stands as one of the grandest works in the chamber repertoire — rich in melody, emotional intensity, and sweeping Romantic expression.

Praised for her dynamic and versatile artistry, Evie Chen has appeared with ensembles including the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Houston Symphony Orchestra, and Eastman Philharmonia. A dedicated educator and advocate for innovative programming, Chen is Teaching Assistant Professor of Violin at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she founded the UTK String Project. She has performed and taught at festivals and institutions across the United States and holds degrees from Rice University, the University of Rochester, and the Eastman School of Music.

Kaitlyn Vest, cello, is an accomplished chamber musician and educator whose performances have been praised for their warmth and musical sensitivity. She maintains an active schedule as both a performer and teacher, inspiring students and audiences alike.

Pianist Bernadette Lo, a member of the University of the South faculty, joins Chen and Vest for an evening of chamber music that explores lyricism, depth, and expressive nuance.

Together, these works invite listeners into a space of introspection and expressive richness, embodying the spirit of the recital’s title, “Winter Musings.”

This event is free and open to the public.

‘Shared Styles’ Recital

The Music Department and the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra present: “Shared Styles” bringing together guest artists Dennette McDermott, flute, and Douglas Bakenhus, bassoon, in collaboration with Mark Ardrey-Graves, harpsichord, Assistant Professor at the School of Theology. Performed on period instruments, the program explores the rich exchange of European musical traditions, highlighting how distinct national styles intersect and blend into a shared musical language shaped by travel, dialogue, and individual expression. The recital will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, in Guerry Auditorium. Admission is free.

Community Art Show at Artisan Depot

The Franklin County Arts Guild announces the theme for the first Community Art Show of 2026 at the Artisan Depot located at 204 Cumberland St., Cowan. The theme of this upcoming show is “Is Love Free?” The show will be up through March 29. Submitting artists and their families and friends are invited to an opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, at the Artisan Depot.

Go to <www.franklincoarts.org> or call (931) 313-5686 for more information.

Frame Gallery Celebrates Two South Cumberland Plateau Artists in ‘Seen & Unseen’ Exhibit on Feb. 20

Frame Gallery Gifts and Art hosts its first art exhibition of 2026, “Seen & Unseen: Landscapes of Presence & Memory,” opening on Feb. 20 with a reception for the artists from 5–6:30 p.m. The exhibit features two South Cumberland Plateau resident artists, Carole Forêt and Linda Kerlin, whose work offers distinct, yet complementary ways of interpreting experience through paint and mixed media.

Carole Forêt, who splits her time between Sewanee, Tenn., and Huntsville, Ala., paints the external world she finds beautiful—landscapes, cityscapes, and still life—capturing moments of beauty in various light settings through personal observation.

Based in Monteagle, Linda Kerlin’s abstract works evolve intuitively through layered paint and wax, drawing on memory, emotion, and the unseen traces of time.

Frame Gallery owner Harriet Runkle selected Forêt and Kerlin as the featured artists for this exhibition because “they offer two distinctive bodies of work that complement each other well. Carole’s luminous landscapes and still life works alongside Linda’s richly layered abstract paintings create a thoughtful dialogue between representation and abstraction, inviting viewers to consider the visible surface and the feelings conveyed beneath.”

Open to the public, the reception on Feb. 20 provides an opportunity to meet the local artists and view their works while enjoying light refreshments. “The Seen & Unseen: Landscapes of Presence & Memory” art exhibition will remain open through March 21, 2026. To learn more and read the artists’ statements, visit <www.framegals.com/events/seen-and-unseen-exhibit>.

‘Falls the Shadow’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present “Falls the Shadow” by artist Kate Teale, on view in the University Art Gallery through March 30, 2026.

Teale’s graphite and charcoal drawings — however simple their means, and however stripped down their subject matter — are laden with meaning.

These drawings do not render objects, but voids, doorways filled with tactile shadow. They are controlled and careful, and perfectly quiet. They wait.

Representing doorways, tunnels, and windows, Teale manipulates architectural space, making walls disappear. She distills meaning in the representation and experience of thresholds, points of transition between shelter and destruction, between confinement and escape. Doorways “make visual the transition from darkness into light — or the reverse.” A doorway divides two worlds, and requires a choice.

More than metaphor or representation, these drawings require embodied understanding. Drawing, for Teale, “[should] be something we experience in our bodies and process in our sub-conscious.”

The drawings included in “Falls the Shadow” are the result of the artist’s 2023 residency at Christ Church College, Oxford, U.K. Their gothic forms echo, and are echoed by, the architecture of the University of the South’s campus, deliberately designed to recall that of its English predecessors.

New York-based artist Kate Teale received her M.A. from Oxford University, England, her Art Diploma from City and Guilds of London Art School and her M.F.A. from Hunter College, C.U.N.Y. She teaches at the Parsons School of Design, New York, NY.

The UAG will be closed for the University of the South’s Spring Break, March 5–15, 2026.

Peace Crane Exhibit Opening

If you have been to duPont Library recently you may have noticed a tent adorned with origami cranes in the lobby. This is the library and the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace’s new exhibit. The tent serves as a meditation room. You are all invited to use the tent for some calm moments.

There will be an official opening for the exhibit Friday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m., in the lobby of the library. The date coincides with the World Day of Social Justice. Kate Coffelt, manager of the Hamilton County Community Bail Fund with CAL-EB (Chattanoogaans in Action for Love, Equality, and Benevolence) will be the speaker. Please come celebrate this day with us!

You can help add to this exhibit at any time. You can make cranes and drop them off at the library or come to the library where paper and instructions are available for you to make them on site. Feel free to write messages on your cranes if desired. We might not break the world record for the most cranes in an exhibit (2,331,631), but we would love to break 5,000.

Last Chance to See Sounding Stone Gallery’s Inaugural Art Show

Sounding Stone Gallery, a new art gallery located at the studio of stone sculptor Stephen Hutchins, will host a Closing Reception for its inaugural art show from 5–8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28. Admission is free and open to the public.

Located at 74 West College St., in Monteagle, fine craft and traditional art take center stage at Sounding Stone Gallery. Work created with intention, skill, and respect for materials shines through local artists and craftsmen from across the Southeast.

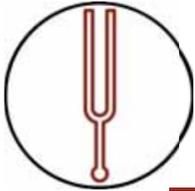
Work on display features a lineup of artists working in diverse mediums:

Sarah Bogdal, printmaking; Brenda Butka, oil painting; Ryan Ghertner, ceramics; Richard Greathouse, oil painting; Stephen Hutchins, stone; Keith Killebrew, oil painting; Amber Lelli, glass, bronze, mixed media; Alan LeQuire, terra cotta, plaster, bronze; Dan Pate, oil painting.

Stephen Hutchins’ sculpture studio will also be open during the day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., giving visitors a glimpse into the process of his current works.

“This is an opportunity to support local artists and experience work that is rooted in tradition and material awareness,” Hutchins said. “We want to create a space where people can look closely, ask questions, and celebrate the remarkable talent on display and the makers behind it.”

For more information about Sounding Stone Gallery or the Closing Reception, visit the gallery in person at 74 West College St., in Monteagle or follow Sounding Stone Gallery on Instagram (@soundingstonegallery) for updates and future exhibitions.



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The half-marathon begins in Mountain Outfitters in Monteagle at 8 a.m. Central, and will run on the Mountain Goat Trail to Sewanee, with a section on smooth gravel railbed, before returning to the finish at Mountain Outfitters. Half-marathon route coming soon!

The two-mile walk begins at 10:15 a.m. Central at La Bella Pearl's Restaurant in Sewanee, and the five-mile run begins at 9:30 a.m. Central in downtown Sewanee, both finishing at Mountain Outfitters.

All entrants will receive a race T and some other goodies as well. Packet pickup on Friday, April 3, from noon to 5 p.m. at Tower Community Bank in Monteagle.

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

Women's Tennis Sweeps Centre 7-0 in Season-opening SAA Match

Sewanee's women's tennis team opened the season with an SAA match-up against Centre College on Feb. 16, as the Tigers swept the Colonels, 7-0.

Sewanee secured the doubles point as Harper High, and Hanna Davis earned a 6-3 win at three doubles, while Ivy Wilson and Mariella Congeni saved three match points at line one to claim a 7-5 victory against Natalie Black and Kennedy Herring.

Congeni and High quickly picked up singles wins at lines one and two, respectively, each dropping just one game, coming in the second set. At three, Wilson took the first set 6-3 and then clinched the match in a second-set tiebreaker, 7-3. Emma Foster added a 6-3, 6-3 win at line four. Lucy Lee followed with a 6-2, 6-2 victory at five, and Davis completed the sweep at six with a 6-2, 7-5 win against Sara Dunn.

Sewanee will face No. 3-ranked Emory University in the Charlotte Guerry Indoor Courts on Sunday, Feb. 22, with a 10 a.m. CT start.

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Baseball Holds Off Anderson for Twinbill Sweep

Charlie Teel belted a three-run homer and Spencer Yu added a two-run shot in the opener and Sewanee scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh to break a tie, including a bases-clearing triple from Teel while Aidan Petrocco collected seven hits, four runs and three RBIs across the two games in a doubleheader sweep of Anderson University Feb. 14, at Montgomery Field.

The Tigers (2-1) walked 15 batters in the opener but stranded 13 Ravens runners. Teel hit a three-run shot in the first inning and Zack Fortman scored on a double steal in the third. Anderson (1-2) plated two runs in the second and fourth innings for a 5-4 edge before Tyler Pinson's two-run blast in the fifth put Sewanee ahead for good.

Yu's two-run shot in the eighth added insurance, with the Ravens scoring twice in the ninth before Childers Winn got out of the jam thanks to a terrific play by Fortman to end the game, fielding a high bouncer behind the mound and throwing just in time to first base to get the runner.

Layton Bilderback (1-0) tossed 3.1 innings of relief to get the win, allowing two runs on four hits with five walks and four strikeouts. Ryan Moll worked two scoreless frames before Winn got the final three outs, though he gave up two runs on two hits with two walks.

Petrocco posted three hits while Teel and Pinson each recorded two. Sewanee led 6-1 after five innings in the second game behind five strong innings on the mound from Austin Graber. He ran into trouble in the sixth and allowed four runs on seven hits.

Petrocco, Yu and Teel each registered RBI doubles in the third inning before a two-run double from Petrocco in the fifth made it 6-1 Tigers. Anderson scored three times in the sixth and twice in the seventh to knot the contest at six.

The Tigers answered with six runs in the bottom of the inning, starting with the bases-clearing triple from Teel. Pinson followed with an RBI double and Fortman's triple to leftcenter plated another. Bill Gantt drove in the final run with a double down the leftfield line.

The Ravens scored twice in the eighth as darkness approached and had two runners on with two runs before Teel got the final out on one pitch, a high chopper to third, to end the game.

Jake Walling (1-0) picked up the victory with 1.1 innings of relief, allowing two runs on five hits.

Petrocco finished with four hits, two runs scored and three RBIs and Teel drove in five runs. Teel and Yu each collected three hits.

Zac Stawski hit a solo homer in the first inning to give the Ravens an early lead in the opener, but the Tigers answered in the bottom of the inning. Petrocco singled and Yu walked before Teel belted a three-run homer to left.

Sewanee starter John Parker Rambo experienced control issues in the second inning, walking the bases loaded and a run in before a sacrifice fly by Griffin Wolf tied the game at three.

In the third inning Fortman walked with two outs and Ethan Williams singled in the six-hole. Fortman took third on the play and Williams and Fortman executed the double steal, with Fortman sliding in just ahead of the tag.

Anderson regained the lead in the fourth thanks to wildness by Bilderback, who issued free passes for Daniel Barreca and Stawski. Wolf then doubled down the rightfield, plating both runners for a 5-4 edge.

Teel led off fifth with a single and Pinson followed with a two-run homer to left, his second in as many games, giving Sewanee a 6-5 advantage.

The Tigers added two big insurance runs in the eighth with a two-out single by Petrocco and a two-run homer from Yu for an 8-5 lead.

Winn got into trouble in the ninth after a leadoff walk to Jon Dorsch and a single by Dylan Hogan. Ben Brown singled to center, scoring a run, and pinch-hitter Donnie Sinkhorn's chopper to second moved the runners to second and third.

Barreca plated a run with a groundout to second and Sewanee elected to intentionally walk Stawski, putting runners on the corners. Wolf hit a high chopper that Fortman charged and got the runner at first in a bang-bang play to end the game.

In the second game Tre Wilson led off the third inning with a single up the middle and Petrocco, Yu and Teel all followed with RBI doubles for a 3-0 lead.

The Ravens got a run back in the fourth after Barreca doubled and scored on a single from Wolf, a ball off the end of the bat that fell in short leftcenter.

The Tigers answered in the bottom of the inning when Wilson was hit to leadoff and Petrocco singled to center. Wilson was thrown out trying to take third on the play, but Petrocco moved up two bases thanks to wild pitches and came across on a bunt by Teel.

In the fifth Owen Andress walked and Gantt was hit, with both runners moving up on a sacrifice bunt by Sebastian Leinberger. With two outs Petrocco doubled to leftcenter, plating both runners for a 6-1 advantage.

Wolf singled in the seventh and Trey Dorton hit a two-run homer to left. The Ravens weren't done, though, with Hogan doubling and chasing Graber from the game. With two outs Russell Weaver singled to left, scoring another and cutting the Sewanee lead to 6-4.

Stawski singled with one out in the seventh and Wolf doubled to rightcenter before a two-run single by Will Loftus tied the game at six.

Wilson was hit with one out in the bottom of the seventh and Petrocco beat out a bunt before a single to right by Yu loaded the bases. Teel then lined a ball into deep rightcenter, past a diving Dorton, all the way to the wall, clearing the bases. Pinson then doubled just inside the third base bag and Fortman tripled off the wall in leftcenter. Two batters later, Gantt doubled down the leftfield line and the Tigers held a 12-6 advantage.

Anderson's rally in the eighth started with two outs, as Barreca and Stawski both singled and Wolf plated a run with a single to right. Loftus then doubled to rightcenter, plating another, but Teel got the final out to preserve the doubleheader sweep.

Sewanee hosts Oberlin College in a three-game series next weekend starting with a single game Friday at 2 p.m.

Sewanee Uses fourth-Quarter Surge to Top Albion, 15-9

Will Kennedy scored four goals, three in the fourth period, and added an assist as Sewanee's men's lacrosse team used a dominant fourth quarter to pull away for a 15-9 victory over Albion College on Feb. 16, at Ensworth High School.

Robert Freeman followed with three goals and an assist, while Griffin Peterson tallied a goal and an assist. Hudson Gregory, Hank Walsh, Sage Cookerly, Asa Nischwitz, Manoli Loupassi, Henry Westfall, and Sam Ramberg each found the back of the net for the Tigers. Charles Moran dished out two assists, and Gregory, Walsh, Charlie Hanson, Freeman, Kennedy, and Peterson all added helpers.

Beau Burnette led the Tigers defensively with three caused turnovers and two ground balls, while Lane Healy added two caused turnovers and two ground balls, and Hudson Jones caused two turnovers and picked up four ground balls. Tyler Clary and Gus Albright added three ground balls each, while Clary added a caused turnover to his day.

Albion opened the scoring three minutes into the first quarter, but a caused turnover from Burnette led to Freeman tying the contest at 1-1 with 6:04 remaining off an assist from Peterson for the only goals of the first quarter.

The Britons struck first again in the second quarter with a man-up goal, but Westfall answered for Sewanee on a feed from Moran to even the score. Albion responded with two straight goals to take a 4-2 lead before Kennedy scored late in the half to cut the deficit to 4-3 at the break.

Albion extended its lead early in the third quarter with two quick goals, but the Tigers answered with a surge of their own. Peterson and Nischwitz scored 12 seconds apart, and Freeman tied the game at 6-6 off another Moran assist. After Albion regained the lead, Cookerly beat the buzzer with 10 seconds left in the third quarter off a feed from Kennedy, sending the game into the final period knotted at 7-7.

Sewanee took control in the fourth quarter, scoring eight of the final 10 goals. Walsh opened the frame, scoring off his back foot, and Kennedy followed with two goals in the span of a minute to give the Tigers a 9-7 cushion. Gregory added another, Loupassi scored off a Freeman assist, and Kennedy struck twice more to push the lead to 13-8. Freeman added his third goal after picking up the ground ball on a blocked shot, and Ramberg capped the scoring with his first career goal at the horn.

In goal, Flynn Bowman earned the win with nine saves in nearly 59 minutes of action, while Jaser Amer stopped one shot in relief.

Sewanee outshot Albion, 59-32, and held a 43-36 edge in ground balls. Nischwitz went 14-of-20 on faceoffs and collected nine ground balls to lead the Tigers, while Clay Upchurch was 3-of-5 with a ground ball.

Sewanee hosts their season opener against Transylvania on Saturday, Feb. 21, before hosting Piedmont on Wednesday, March 4, at 4 p.m.

Deitch Wins 1650 Free, Olsen Claims SAA Title in 100 Free, Tigers Close Out SAA Championships

Ella Deitch and Andrew Olsen both captured conference titles, highlighting a record-breaking final day for Sewanee at the Southern Athletic Association Championships, hosted by Centre College on Feb. 14.

Deitch opened the day with a dominant victory in the women's 1650 freestyle, winning in 17:47.00 to claim Sewanee's first individual championship of the 2026 meet. Her performance also shattered the Sewanee school record, as she touched the wall 4.90 seconds ahead of the runner-up. Ava Mack and Adelina Willett placed 13th and 14th, respectively, while Jules Vidal added a 16th-place finish.

Andrew Olsen capped an outstanding meet with a championship performance in the men's 100 freestyle, winning in 44.80 while breaking both the SAA meet record and Sewanee school record. Olsen finished .39 seconds ahead of the field. Carter Nabors placed second in the B Finals with a 46.80, and Josh Kim finished 13th overall in 47.29.

Distance success continued for the Tigers on the men's side in the 1650 freestyle, as Henry Lindeman III finished fifth with a 14:53.84. Jonathan Brettschneider added an eighth-place finish in 17:06.79, while Bryson Reid placed 13th with an 18:19.86.

In the 200 backstroke, Caroline Johnson finished second in the women's B Finals with a 2:12.62, while Leah Jackson placed 14th in 2:20.32. On the men's side, Tyler Foster finished sixth with a 1:54.01, and Jackson Pillow added a 15th-

place finish in 2:01.02.

The Tigers also picked up solid results in the women's 100 freestyle, as Audrey Francell placed 10th in 53.40, and Ada Digby finished 14th with a 53.98.

In the 200 breaststroke, Eleanor Bishop earned a seventh-place finish for the women with a 2:27.07. On the men's side, Mason Horner also placed seventh, swimming a 2:09.01.

Grace Gearhart represented Sewanee in the women's 200 butterfly, placing seventh with a 2:15.02.

On the boards, Zoe Napier took home seventh for Sewanee in the 3-meter competition with 215.80 points, while Lilly Stooksbury added a place finish with 199.15 points.

Relay events closed the meet on a high note for the Tigers. In the women's 400 freestyle relay, Digby, McKenna Reed, Natalia Evans, and Francell placed fourth in 3:34.99. Bishop, Sarah Beth Roady, Samantha Denman, and Deitch followed with a 12th-place finish in 3:42.03.

Sewanee's A team of Olsen, Nabors, Lindeman III, and Kim took second in the men's 400 freestyle relay with a 3:01.73, breaking both the SAA meet record and Sewanee school record, while finishing just .50 seconds behind the Rhodes relay. The Tigers' B relay of Ryder Griffin, Naeem Mangum, Tyler Foster, and Eric Jurkovic placed 12th in 3:10.59.

The Sewanee women closed out the SAA Championships in fourth place with 443 points, while the men finished fifth with 456 points.

Rukavina Clinches 6-1 Win as No. 22 Sewanee Downs East Texas Baptist

Drew Rukavina clinched the match for Sewanee's men's tennis team as they defeated East Texas Baptist on Feb. 16, 6-1.

Sewanee dropped the doubles point but quickly regrouped in singles play. Henry Hyden collected a 6-4, 6-2 win at line two to even the match score at one, in an hour and four minutes. Just one minute later, Andre-Remi Jakobi put the Tigers ahead with a 6-4, 6-2 win at line one against Sam Black.

At three, Samuel Schroerlucke earned a 6-4, 6-3 victory against Mark Armbruster, before Max Vrellen pushed Sewanee closer to the team win with a 6-3, 6-2 decision at line four. Rukavina then secured the match for the Tigers, dropping just two games in a dominant 6-0, 6-2 win at line six. Lucas Wrigley added the final point and completed the singles sweep with a 6-3, 6-1 win at line five.

No. 22 Sewanee moves to 2-0 on the season and will head on the road to face No. 23 University of Mary Washington and No. 24 Christopher Newport University on Feb. 21 and 22 in Fredericksburg, Va.

Women's Lacrosse Defeats Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 18-8

Marlin Price recorded five goals and two assists to lead Sewanee's women's lacrosse team to an 18-8 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Feb. 15.

Elizabeth Mueller added two goals and an assist, while Kenedy Harcourt, Erica Bolcar, Sofia Bean, and Ellen Lewis each tallied two points. Sally Whitehead anchored the Tigers defensively with three caused turnovers, while Harcourt and Izzo Palmer collected two apiece. Avery Walters and Bean each scooped up two ground balls. Lewis finished with four draw controls, Bean added three, and Whitehead and Harcourt recorded two each.

Wisconsin-Eau Claire struck first just 30 seconds into the contest after controlling the opening draw, but Harcourt caused a turnover that led to a Lewis goal to even the score and spark a six-goal Sewanee run.

Price assisted on a goal by Ella Townsend before scoring herself and then setting up Harcourt for Sewanee's fourth goal. Alex Kelly followed with a tally less than a minute later after a draw control from Bean. With 44 seconds left in the first quarter, Price added her second goal of the game on a free-position attempt.

Mueller opened the second quarter with a goal just over 30 seconds in. After the Blugolds scored off a turnover to trim the deficit, Whitehead responded with a goal off an assist from Harcourt, beginning a three-goal Sewanee surge in just over a minute. Bolcar scored 20 seconds later, and after Harcourt controlled the draw, Bean connected with Mueller to extend the lead.

Bolcar then forced a turnover, leading to a Lewis-to-Price connection. Price later added a man-down goal after a ground ball by Harcourt. Eau Claire tacked on a free-position goal, but Carolyn Ames answered with her first career goal off another caused turnover from Townsend, giving the Tigers a 13-3 advantage at halftime.

Bean controlled the opening draw of the third quarter, and Sewanee struck twice quickly as Mueller found Berg, and Bean scored to push the lead to 12. The Blugolds responded with two goals in under a minute, but Price closed the quarter with another tally.

Bolcar opened the fourth quarter with a man-up goal following a caused turnover by Pearse Connell. Eau Claire later scored three straight, but Molly Starkey netted the final goal of the game with 1:34 remaining to seal the 18-8 win.

Sewanee heads on the road next weekend to face Transylvania University and Life University before hosting Piedmont University on Feb. 28 for its home opener at noon.

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11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, Baseball vs. Oberlin, DH

1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, SAS Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Franklin County High School

1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, Men's Lacrosse vs. Transylvania

10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, Women's Tennis vs. Emory

3:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, SAS Varsity Tennis vs. Middle Tennessee Christian School

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs. Fayetteville Junior High

4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, SAS Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Middle Tennessee Christian School

5:15 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, SAS MS Girls' Volleyball vs. North Elementary (Altamont)

Friday, Feb. 27, Equestrian (NCEA) vs. Sweet Briar College

1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, Softball vs. LaGrange, DH

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Rock tripe painting by Margie Gallagher

Rock Tripe

This week's Nature Note is by Margie Gallagher, as is the accompanying artwork. View it online to appreciate the color involved.

I have always been amazed by lichens. Even in a winter that seems to want to freeze everything and put a layer of ice over it, the lichens remain in all their diversity of structure and habitats. Recently, while searching for plants that could be used for dyes, I came upon a wizard of a lichen that does so many things and even has a job with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park!

I am referring to the foliose (flat leaf-like structure) lichen *Umbilicaria mammulata*, commonly known as smooth rock tripe. Like many lichens it is slow growing, but its leaf structure can grow to two feet. The tripe name comes from the large flat leaf and pale color when growing. It may have helped that this lichen has also been called famine food. It is edible but tannins make it bitter and can cause upset stomach. So, boil and discard water when cooking. It contains mostly carbs and has a texture like cooked spinach. Allegedly soldiers at Valley Forge consumed a lot of rock tripe. I guess they boiled it in melted snow. The *Umbilicaria* part of the name comes from the fact that the large leaves of the lichen are attached at the center of the leaf.

Although the lichen itself is pale while growing and dries to a brown to blackish color, like other lichens it is a great source of colored dyes, in this case many and varied shades of purple from magenta to violet to darker more intense purples. Dried or fresh leaves are fermented in ammonia water (*Ammonia*/water, 1/1) from weeks to months and can be used to dye wool, silk, or cotton with a mordant.

As for the job with the Great Smokies National Park, many lichens can be used to monitor air quality. Rock tripe is a favorite because of its slow-growth and large, light-colored leaves. Poor air quality slows the growth of these conspicuous lichens. In some places, hikers and naturalists are only allowed to gather dead detached leaves.

Sewanee Herbarium Winter Event

Botanical Drawing Workshop — Leaves!, Saturday, Feb. 28, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Spencer Room 173, Mary Priestley. Leaves are some of the most fun, and challenging, botanical structures to draw. For this workshop, we will bring some plants from the greenhouses at the University Farm to draw. We will look closely at leaf function, structure, and arrangement, then move on to drawing leaves, plants, and possibly flowers, depending on what is available. Participants will do a pen and ink illustration with the option of adding color. Bring your cell phone; other materials will be provided. There is no cost, but please reserve so we know how many people to expect. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

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Grundy Lakes Clean Up — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, Feb. 21, noon–2 p.m. Free. Meet at 587 Lakes Rd., Tracy City. Join Rangers Hannah and Jessie for a Grundy Lakes Clean Up Day. We will be cleaning up old debris piles on the Lone Rock Trail as well as trash around the lakes. Please dress accordingly and dress for the weather. If you have work gloves, please bring them. Also make sure you have plenty of snacks and water. We will be meeting at the main Grundy Lakes parking lot where the bathrooms are located.

It's Knot Time — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, Feb. 21, 1–2 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Meet at 11745 US 41 Monteagle. Join Ranger Josh for a free hands-on knot tying program focused on practical outdoor skills. We will meet at the park visitor center and depending on weather will be outside at the pavilion or stay warm and dry inside the building. During this interactive program, participants will learn several essential knots commonly used for camping, securing gear, setting up shelters, and outdoor safety. Each knot will be demonstrated step-by-step, followed by time to practice with guidance from the ranger. We'll also discuss when and why each knot is used, and how these skills apply to real situations you may encounter while enjoying the park. This program is beginner-friendly and designed for anyone. No prior experience is required. All materials will be provided. Whether you're new to outdoor skills or just want to sharpen your knot knowledge, this program offers a fun and practical way to build confidence on the trail and in camp. Registration is required, and space and supplies are limited. Participants must register in advance to attend.

Three Forks Lakeside Hike — Savage Gulf State Park, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m.–noon. \$10. Register for event. Meet at: 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North pavilion. Join Ranger Todd on a 4 mile around the secluded Three Forks Lake. This hike can be your introduction to the new addition of Savage Gulf State Park. Guests should bring: water, walking shoes, and snacks Hiking off trail is only permitted with authorized park staff and should never be done unsupervised.

Denny Cove Waterfall Hike — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Friday, Feb. 27, 9–11 a.m. \$0–\$20. Register for event. Meet at: 5501 US-41 Scenic, Sequatchie. Join Ranger Bovee for a guided hike through scenic Denny Cove to the impressive 35-foot Denny Falls! The Denny Cove Waterfall Trail is a 2.8-mile round-trip hike and is considered moderate in difficulty. Participants should wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring plenty of water. Hiking poles are also helpful. There are no restrooms available at this location.

Coffee With a Ranger — Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, Feb. 27, 8–9:30 a.m. \$8. Register for event. Meet at: 1183 Stone Door Road Beersheba Springs. Curious about the park or interested in learning more about what park rangers do? Enjoy informal conversation over coffee with Ranger Jamie at the Laurel Gulf Overlook. We will meet at the Savage Gulf North Trailhead by the Stone Door Ranger Station at 8:00 a.m. to begin the program. We will begin the program by taking a short walk (approximately a quarter of a mile) along a paved trail to the Laurel Gulf Overlook. The coffee station will be set up at the Laurel Gulf Overlook, where seating is also provided. Coffee, hot cocoa, creamer, and sugar will be available at the station. Complimentary coffee and hot cocoa will be provided for registered participants. We'll have disposable cups available, but feel free to bring your favorite mug. Participants can also purchase a souvenir mug at a discounted price. We invite you to sip coffee, chat with a ranger, and take in the natural beauty of the Laurel Gulf Overlook. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program's scheduled start in order to receive a refund. Warning: Hot beverages. Coffee and hot cocoa will be available for self-service. Please use caution.

Explore the Door — Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, Feb. 28, 2–3 p.m. \$10. Register for event. Meet at: 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North. Come along with Ranger Todd to hike and explore the Stone Door. This hike will be roughly a 2.5 mile moderate guided hike, surrounded by beautiful views of Savage Gulf and a unique perspective of the Stone Door. Guests should bring ample water and wear hiking appropriate shoes. Off trail hiking is only allowed with park staff and should never be done alone.

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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DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Feb 09	54	35
Tue	Feb 10	67	49
Wed	Feb 11	69	49
Thu	Feb 12	55	30
Fri	Feb 13	51	33
Sat	Feb 14	59	38
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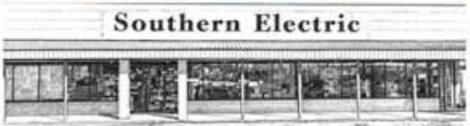
O thrush, is it true?
Your song tells
Of a world born anew,
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Of primroses deep
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Of a Princess asleep
And dear magic to do.
Will the sun wake the princess? O thrush, is it true?
Will Spring come again?

Will Spring come again?
Now at last
With soft shine and rain
Will the violet be sweet where the dead leaves have lain?
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Will white wind-flowers star through
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Community Calendar

Friday, Feb. 20

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 1 p.m. Peace Crane Opening, duPont lobby
- 5 p.m. Opening Reception, "Is Love Free?," Artisan Depot, Cowan, until 7 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Artists' Reception, "Seen & Unseen" Frame Gallery, until 6:30 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21

- 9 a.m. Grief Recovery Group, Wesley House, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 11 a.m. Early Literacy Ambassadors' Third Annual Color Run fundraiser, (\$10 ages 13/ up; kids 12 + under free), Cove Creek Farm, 933 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 1 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Presentation, Black Heritage on the Plateau, Dr. Woody Register/Dr. Tiffany Momon, Heritage Center, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City
- 2 p.m. Social Fabric crafting circle, Brooks Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul
- 5 p.m. Black History Month Celebration, "The State of Black Children: A Call to Arms," Mt. Sinai M.B. Church, 134 Walnut St., Cowan, until 7 p.m.
- 7 p.m. U of S Music Dept. & Sewanee Symphony Orchestra Recital, "Shared Styles," (free), Guerry Auditorium

Sunday, Feb. 22

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, U of S Choir/St. George's Episcopal, Nashville, All Saints'

Monday, Feb. 23

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. Sewanee Garden Club, program "Weed Control," Matthew Dies, Bedford Co. Extension Agent, St. James Episcopal Church, 898 Midway Rd.
- 3:30 p.m. Ebey Lecture, Torian Room, duPont
- 5 p.m. Monteagle Town Council, conference room, City Hall
- 6 p.m. Franklin County Commissioners, Courthouse, Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Baseball Coach Nate Burns, McGriff Alumni House; livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Lecture, "Silent Reading and the Invention of Intimacy," Visiting Phi Beta Kappa Scholar Mary Favret, Convocation Hall; reception follows
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility Office, Sherwood Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. Franklin County Democratic Party, FC Annex, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester

- 7 p.m. "Winter Musings," U of S Faculty/Guest Chamber Music recital, St. Luke's Chapel

Wednesday, Feb. 25

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Town of Monteagle Public Hearing, CDBG Fire Equipment Project, conference room, City Hall
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch @ noon; lead at 12:30 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 7:30 p.m. Sewanee Dept. of Music & Dance performance, "The Moors," TN Williams Center Proctor Hill Theatre

Thursday, Feb. 26

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, program Oliver Jarvis, GC Historical Society, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <Mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 7:30 p.m. Sewanee Department of Theatre and Dance performance, "The Moors," TN Williams Center Proctor Hill Theatre

Friday, Feb. 27

- RSVP for SCA Membership Meeting at <sewaneecomunitycbest@gmail.com>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Sewanee Department of Theatre and Dance performance, "The Moors," TN Williams Center Proctor Hill Theatre

Local 12-Step Meetings

- Friday**
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Saturday**
7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- Sunday**
6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church
- Monday**
5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link
- 7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**
11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
- 7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester
- 7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church
- Wednesday**
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist
- Thursday**
6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont
- 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle
- 7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

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