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SUD: Smith Reelected, Asset Management Contract Approved

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
Writer

The first order of business at the Jan. 30 Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting was counting the commissioner election votes. In regular business the board turned to review and approval of the Asset Management contract with KCI Technologies needed to satisfy a requirement of SUD's American Rescue Plan Act grant.

Sixty-nine SUD customers cast votes in the election. Current commissioner and board president Charlie Smith bested candidates Randall Henley and Tracy McBee. All three candidates formerly served as Sewanee Fire Department volunteers.

The ARPA grant requires SUD to develop an Asset Management Plan to inventory, record the value of, geographically locate, and track the longevity and depreciation of assets. In support of KCI's qualification for crafting a plan for SUD,

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Monteagle: Urgent Water Rate and Wage Increases

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"We're trying to head off the state setting the rates," said Mayor Greg Maloof at the Jan. 29 Monteagle City Council meeting, explaining the need for the water rate increases approved by the council. "If the [Utility Department] shows a loss two years in a row, the state may step in. We're on course for that." The council also voted to increase wages for the police and several other departments to make earnings competitive with neighboring towns.

A 2 percent water usage-rate increase and \$5 per customer monthly service fee will go into effect March 1. The service fee will generate \$90,000 annual revenue. Alderman Nate Wilson said he initially objected to the service fee because the fee "disproportionately" impacted low-usage customers, but Wilson acknowledged the fee helped shift the revenue-need burden to second-home owners with typically low bills. Maloof does not anticipate additional rate increases for 2024-2025. "This [rate increase] should get us over the hump with the state," Maloof said.

The "bulk" of money allocated for wage increases will go to the police, Wilson said. Monteagle

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Sewanee Elementary's Student of the Month for December, (l to r): fifth grade Lily Wakefield; fourth grade Kennedy Hale; third grade Amelie Watson; second grade Ellie Green; first grade Madeleine Blanchard; kindergarten Calvin Watson.

Lecture on Leading with Purpose and Drive

Simba Chakanyuka, C'18, vice president at BlackRock, will be the Babson Center's Bryan Viewpoints Speaker for the 2024 Easter semester. He will discuss his journey from Zimbabwe to Sewanee and the skills he acquired that launched him into a fascinating career at BlackRock. During his presentation, Simba will reveal current trends in the asset management industry and highlight strategic initiatives that he has led as a manager in the Financial Institutions Group (FIG).

While on campus, Simba will engage with students at several events including a campus lecture, "The Opportunity to Lead with Purpose and Drive: Reflections on the Journey (so far) in Financial Services," at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Torian Room at duPont Library. All are welcome to attend.

BlackRock is a global investment management company and is the world's largest asset manager with over \$9 trillion in assets. Committed to sustainability, BlackRock views "climate risk as investment risk," and its portfolio managers integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors across their investment platform. Mr. Chakanyuka is a relationship manager in FIG, which provides expertise, advice, and risk analytics to insurance companies who are BlackRock's clients, and his role is to retain and expand those relationships.

Currently, four Sewanee alumni work at the BlackRock office in New York City. Simba feels that their critical thinking skills learned in a liberal arts education and the ability to communicate their thoughts effectively has helped them to stand out and succeed.

Komal Kunwar, C'19, an analyst in the Sustainable Investing Group at BlackRock, said, "Simba was a year ahead of me in Sewanee and also an international student and Carey Fellow so he's been a close friend over the years. Being a diaspora in the US is challenging (as many of us know) but to have seen him navigate Sewanee and, later, BlackRock in New York and London, was incredibly inspiring to me. I admire his resiliency which is reflected in his work, relationships, and friendships."

Remembering his time at Sewanee, Simba acknowledged the challenges of going to college so far from home and expressed his gratitude to Sewanee: "Thankfully, I landed in a great community, where I was able to learn from various friends and mentors and create a foundation for my career in the U.S."

Simba received his B.A. in economics from the University of the South and recently completed his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) certification. While attending Sewanee, he was a Carey Fellow business honors student and completed a summer analyst position at BlackRock. Following graduation, he accepted an offer as an analyst in FIG for BlackRock in London and moved to New York City in 2021 as an associate.

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

Fat Tuesday at St. Mark and St. Paul

Come one come all and let the good times roll for a New Orleans themed celebration in Kennerly Hall of Claiborne Parish house. On Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m., you won't want to miss the Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by the St. Mark & St. Paul Parish Life Crewe! Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors!

The menu will delight your taste buds with Cajun red beans and rice. Vegetarian options will be provided. And a special dessert – King Cake for all. And of course, sausage and pancakes. Coffee and tea will be provided. Entertainment will include jazz and Mardi Gras favorites (dancing and beads are encouraged). Live entertainment provided by Sewanee Conglomerate and Rob Lamborn. No charge, but donations are greatly appreciated. Costumes of all kinds are strongly encouraged but not required. Please join us for an evening you are sure to never forget.

Human Rights Lawyer Sosu to Lecture

The Honorable Francis-Xavier Sosu will speak on the topic "Championing a Free, Fair, Just and Equitable Society through Human Rights Advocacy: Chronicles of a Lawyer, Activist, and Legislator in Ghana" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, in Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall.



Honorable Francis-Xavier Sosu

Hon. Sosu is a member of the national parliament, a human rights lawyer, and an activist in Ghana. In 2021, he was the recipient of the Timothy Bowles African Human Rights Leadership Award. The lecture will focus on Hon. Sosu's work as a legislator during the last three years, when he championed 17 private member bills dealing with social issues such as support for victims of sexual violence, mental health, climate change, abolition of the death penalty, prohibition of witchcraft accusation, employment of people with disabilities, and community service for those convicted of minor offenses.

Hon. Francis-Xavier Sosu has over 13 years of experience as a human rights lawyer and activist. He is a member of the Ghana Bar Association, Africa Bar Association, International Association of Peoples Lawyers, Lawyers Without Borders, Criminal Justice Reforms Association, and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association.

He has Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Sociology and Archaeology, a Bachelor of Laws (Hons), a Master of Laws in Oil and Gas Law, a Master of Arts in Economic Policy Management, and a MPhil in Human Rights, Peace and Conflict Studies. He is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Ghana Law School with research interests in Regional Integration Laws.

Hon. Sosu's time in Sewanee will include meetings with students, classroom lectures, and meetings with faculty. His visit is sponsored by the Mellon Grant for Study Abroad in Ghana, the Office of Global Citizenship, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the Office of Civic Engagement, and the Department of Politics.

'Faith, Race & the Lost Cause: Confessions of the Confederate Church' Lecture

Join Chris Graham, Curator of Exhibitions at the American Civil War Museum, for a presentation at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, in Convocation Hall. Graham is also a member of famed St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Va., which was once known as the Cathedral of the Confederacy.

In the 1890s, St. Paul's members installed led memorial stained-glass windows to Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee, and cultivated the connection between the church and the Confederate experience. In 2015, St. Paul's initiated a racial self-study and reflected on its lingering reputation as the Confederate church. In his lecture, Graham will share some of the expected and unexpected findings about the way memorials and ideologies carry different meanings over time, turn into actions that people take, and perhaps even fade into the background for new generations.

"Chris Graham brings uncommon experience to a critical conversation about memory and memorialization. Graham's lecture will help his listeners engage with the complex question of the influence of the past – real or remembered – on the present and future," said the Very Rev. James F. Turrell, dean of the School of Theology.

For more information visit: <theology.sewanee.edu/graham>.



Chris Graham

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Voter Registration and Voting Information

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary; Voter Registration Deadline: Monday, Feb. 5, 2024. Early voting in Franklin County begins Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Voting continues Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, through Tuesday, Feb. 27. The Franklin County Election Commission is located at 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester.

Early Voting in Marion County is Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. Closed Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of President's Day. Hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST, Fridays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST, Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon CST. Early voting location is the Marion County Election Commission, 109 Academy Avenue, Jasper.

Grundy County Early Voting Site(s): Scruggs Municipal Building (City Hall), Room 3, at 433 Main Street, Altamont. Hours are Feb. 14 through Feb. 27, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Monday, Feb. 19 for Presidents' Day.

Plainview Community Center at 1235 SR 56 Highway, Tracy City. Hours are Feb. 14 through Feb. 27, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Closed Monday, Feb. 19 for Presidents' Day.


For more information, go to Franklin County <<http://franklincotn.us>>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<http://grundycountyttn.net>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <www.marionvotes.com>, phone (423) 942-2108.

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

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

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

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Marion County Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

Marion County EMA is updating the Marion County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Your feedback on this survey <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MarionEMA24>> will help ensure our plan revision reflects the citizens' needs. The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify hazards that could affect our county and develop plans and strategies to protect our citizens during these emergencies.

Thank you for taking time to complete our short survey. The Marion County Emergency Management Agency will be hosting public meetings in February 2024 to review and update our plan. If you would like information regarding the dates of public meetings, please go to the Marion County EMA website at <www.tnmcema.org>. If you have further questions or would like more information, please contact Steve Lamb, Marion County EMA, <slamb@marioncountyttn.net>, phone (423) 605-1288.

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Upcoming Meetings

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will live stream the meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 5, with Michele Dombrowski, Assistant Athletic Director, Woman's Lacrosse. The livestream will be available at <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

Eastern Star Cemetery Association

The Sewanee Eastern Star Cemetery Association will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, at St. James Episcopal Church in Midway. Anyone interested in the Cemetery's business is encouraged to attend.

Monteagle Planning Commission

There will be a Special Called Workshop of the Monteagle Planning Commission at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Monteagle Town Hall. The purpose of this special called workshop is to go over the agenda for the subsequent Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m.

EQB Club

Members of the EQB Club will gather at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Lunch will be served at 11:50 a.m. At about 12:25 p.m., we will have the pleasure of the Lead on "Abbo's Alley: Past, Present and Future" by Louis W. Rice III. Interested non-members are welcome to arrive at 12:25 p.m. and sit in on the presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, at St. Mary's Sewanee. The presentation will be given by Greg Cathell, women's soccer coach at the University of the South

American Legion Post 51

The American Legion Post 51 will meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board will meet at 6 p.m., Feb. 15, at 215 South College St., Winchester.

SWC to Meet Feb. 12

After a long break the Sewanee Woman's Club will gather at St. Mary's Sewanee on Monday, Feb. 12, to catch up on family news, Christmas experiences, and holiday trips. The social hour after such a long break will be joyful.

Julie Cobb, manager of the Franklin County Country Club, will bring us a fascinating program titled "Women in the Spirit Industry." The spirit industry has long been an integral part of the economy of Tennessee with the growing number of distilleries in our area. Women are taking an increasingly important role in all aspects of spirit production. Cobb may bring samples of our famous

Tennessee spirits.

Members will gather at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's for social time followed by lunch at 11:50 a.m. The cost of the lunch is \$20, and the cost of membership is a bargain at just \$10. Sewanee Woman's Club is open to all ladies to come socialize and pick up new ideas from the mountain and the surrounding area.

Please make reservations by noon, Sunday, Feb. 4, to Michele Freeman at: <mfree4691@icloud.com> or by phone (931) 636-1904.

Welcome Back to the Easter Semester in Sewanee

The Hospitality Shop will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. If you screen your donations first, sorting becomes much easier for us. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed.

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The children's clothing section is now closed. Children's clothing can be taken to Good Samaritan in Winchester or to Goodwill in Kimble. We do accept children's books and puzzles. The Shop is still looking for reliable volunteers as clerks and cashiers, especially people who could work on Fridays between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Even one Friday a month would be helpful! If you are interested please contact Mary Ann, the Shop manager at <maystrob@gmail.com>. We can use people to sort donations any afternoon, except Sundays. Regular volunteers get a 20 percent discount on their total purchase cost. Come join a great group of volunteers and be a vital part of making Sewanee a sustainable community.

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Black History Month Presentation

To observe Black History Month, the Feb. 6 program at the South Pittsburg Historic Preservation Society meeting will be on William Augustus "Gus" Hyatt (1900-1988). David Head will talk about the South Pittsburg man who at age 14 went to work and became a master molder and pattern maker at Lodge Cast Iron. The Society meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6 CST, in the Community Room of the Sequatchie Valley Electric Cooperative, Cedar Ave and 6th Street, South Pittsburg. All are invited. Free admission.

Women's Book Study

The Sewanee Women's 12-Step Study Group will be conducting a book study based on the book, "Breathing Under Water" by Richard Rohr. This book connects the gospel and the 12 steps of recovery to bring transformation from our addictive and destructive patterns in daily life, thus bringing healing to ourselves and our world. Father Rohr is an internationally respected spiritual author and lecturer. The on-going group will be meeting via Zoom on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. For questions and Zoom access please call (931) 327-5551. There is no charge other than purchase of the book. All women in the community are invited to attend.

MMUMC Curbside Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church will have its monthly community food distribution from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10. Please arrive at the back of the church and parking lot attendants will direct you. All are welcome. We shall load your car for you so please be aware of volunteers in the parking area. Morton Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 322 West Main St., Monteagle.

Call for SCA Board Nominations

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 2024-25 Board of Directors. Experience working in fundraising and for nonprofits is a plus, but any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is welcome. The secretary and treasurer positions are open.

The Sewanee Civic Association manages the Sewanee Community Chest and the Sewanee Classifieds, and sponsors projects deemed by the membership to be beneficial to the community.

Nominations are due by Monday, Feb. 12. The slate will be presented at the March 4 membership meeting. Voting will occur at the annual membership meeting on May 6. For more information, email at <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.




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Do wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Bring a yoga mat, camping mat, or large towel if you plan to try floor exercises.

This program is free, although a small donation to the May Justus Library will be appreciated.

Questions? Contact Judy Magavero, <msjmagoo@gmail.com>.

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Memorial Service

Winfield James Sinclair

Winfield James Sinclair died on Dec. 20, 2023. A Memorial Service will be 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at All Saints’ Chapel. A reception immediately follows the service in the upstairs Parlor at the Sewanee Inn. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his name to the University Choir or to the animal rescue of your choice.

Obituaries

Floyd Ray Anderson

Floyd Ray Anderson, age 71, died on Dec. 18, 2023. He was born on Jan. 20, 1952, to Elisha and Dorothy Collins Anderson. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons David Ray and Floyd Ray Anderson Jr.; daughter, Inez Anderson; and brothers Charles Edward, John Wesley, Robert, Tony, C.L., Douglas, Gene, and Herbert Anderson.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Anderson; sons Jeffrey (Beverly) Griggs, John Anderson, Jimmy Anderson, and Billy (Jessica) Anderson; brother David (Jozell) Anderson; sisters, Mae Anderson, Gussie Anderson, and Betty (Ernest) Parson, six grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Dec. 20, 2023, from the Foster and Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Bea Blalock

Bea Blalock, age 86 of Monteagle, died on Jan. 24, 2024. She was born Sept. 22, 1937, to the late Aaron and Agnes (Crosby) Griffin. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, J C Blalock; and several brothers.

She is survived by her children, Debra (Larry) Roberts, Dianne (Reggie) Jacobs, Joey (Teresa) Blalock, Jerome (Virginia) Blalock, and Jay (Teresa) Blalock; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brothers Clint, Kenneth, and Jerry Griffin; and sister, Janice Evans.

Funeral Service was on Jan. 31, 2024, at Cumberland Funeral Home - Foster and Lay Chapel in Tracy City with Bro. James Stophel officiating. Burial followed at Summerfield Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Esther C. Butner

Esther C. Butner, age 88 of Monteagle, died on Jan. 29, 2024 at Elk River Nursing Home, Winchester. She was born on March 5, 1935, to Tom Albert and Minnie Mae Thomas Campbell. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Billy Frank Butner; brother William Campbell, sister Rachel Haynes and son-in-law Johnny Hamby. She loved her family and the Lord.

She is survived by her children, Carl Hamby, Patricia (Alvin) Powell and Johnny (Joy) Butner; sister Doris (Ralph) Patrick; brother Jim (June) Campbell; sister-in-law, Nell (Kenny) Bland, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on January 31, 2024 from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Tyler McCullough officiating. Interment followed in Summerfield Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Suzan Beth Carlile

Suzan Beth Carlile, age 63 of Sanibel Island Fla., died on Jan. 10, 2024. A graduate of Hutchison School, ’78 in Memphis and The

University of the South, C’82, she had a 31-year career with Federal Express which she balanced with sports, photography, and her church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Nancy Carlile.

She is survived by her sister, Breeze Carlile of Oakland Calif.; brothers, Thad Carlile of Memphis, Jeff Carlile of Ogunquit, Maine, and Scoop (Jane) Carlile of Houston Texas; sister-in-law, Carolyn Carlile of Memphis, three nephews, and one niece.

A Celebration of Life will be at 2 p.m. on May 15, 2024, at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the Boys and Girls Clubs; The University of the South; or Idlewild Church. For complete obituary go to <https://www.lanefh.com>

Frederick Hailey Croom

Frederick Hailey Croom, age 83 of Sewanee, died on Jan. 29, 2024, at his home. He was born on Aug. 6, 1941, to Robert DeVane Croom Jr. M.D., and Rosa Currie Croom. He was raised in Maxton, N.C. Fred earned his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught mathematics at the University of the South from 1971 to 2016. He held the Gaston Swindell Bruton Professor of Mathematics endowed chair. In 2015, Fred received the Distinguished Professor Award jointly with Professor John Reishman He also served in various positions in the University administration, including Director of Summer School, Associate Dean of Academics, Trustee, and Provost. He also served on the boards of directors at Regions Bank and St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School, and chaired many community organizations over the years including Sewanee Elementary School PTA, the Sewanee Community Chest, and the EQB Club.

He was preceded in death by his son Augustus Brennecke Croom; brother Robert DeVane Croom III; and sister-in-law, Patricia Stroud Croom.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Mishoe Brennecke; sons Frederick Hailey Croom Jr., M.D. and Alexander McMillan Croom; daughter, Elizabeth Bonner (Dave Zachman) Croom, J.D.; brother John McLean (Larissa Boudnikova) Croom; and first wife, Henrietta Brown Croom, Ph.D.; two nieces, and two nephews.

A Funeral Service will be on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at 2 p.m. in All Saints’ Chapel with committal immediately following in the University Cemetery. After the burial, there will be a reception for family and friends in Convocation Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests considering a gift to The University of the South or St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Tabitha Jean Frame

Tabitha Jean Frame, age 42 of Cowan, died on Jan 17, 2024, at St. Thomas Rutherford Medical Center, Murfreesboro. She was born on January 1, 1982, in Franklin County, to Ricky and Darlene

Frame. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Doris Frame, Jean Stephens, Francis Stephens, and Charlie Frame; and furbabies, Layla and Stewie

She is survived by her parents, Ricky and Darlene Frame; children, Adrienna Partin, Avery Frame, Allison Bishop; siblings, Cynthia Dalton, Brandy Frame, and Christopher Stephens; nieces and nephews, Austin Bishop, Asaiah Bishop, Abigail Bishop, Aleigha Bishop; and furbabies, Baby, Max, Lucy, and Luna.

Funeral Services were on Jan. 20, 2024 from the Chapel of Watson Funeral Home with Bro. Howard Riddle officiating. Interment followed in Watson Memorial Park. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfh.com>.

Anita Joy “Dudda” Henley

Anita Joy “Dudda” Henley, age 89 of Decherd, died on Jan. 28, 2024. She was born in the Roarks Cove Community of Decherd on Aug. 17, 1934, to the late Walter

and Vivian (Long) Gipson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Nema Ruth Hill, and Glenna Sue Woodall. Dudda is survived by her husband of 71 years, Johnny Henley; son, Teddy (Cathy) Henley; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service was on Feb. 1, 2024, in the Roy B. Watson Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfh.com>.

Kathryn Susette Jackson

Kathryn Susette Jackson, age 69 of Monteagle, died on Jan. 27, 2024. She was born on May 12, 1954 to the late Lawrence and Fannie (Morris) Graves.

She is survived by her son, Jason Jackson; grandchild, Jaycee Jackson; brother, Ronald Dean Graves; sister, Sandy Pickett; and nieces, Wendy Graves and Loren Pickett.

No services are scheduled at this time. For complete obituary go to

<www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Judith Anderson Meeks

Judith Anderson Meeks, age 71 of Tracy City, died on Jan. 15, 2024, at Southern Tennessee Region Health System, Sewanee. She was born on March 31,1952, to Francis Lee and Virgie Lee Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Phillip Douglas Meeks; sisters Elsie Anderson, Shirley Anderson Gilliam; and brothers Wayne, Roger and Keith Anderson. She was a Christian, a Methodist.

She is survived by her children Joan (John) Chapman, Melisa “Sissy”(Michael) Caldwell, Phyllis (Kerry) Moore, and David Douglas Meeks; brother Marvin Anderson of Tracy City; sister Priscilla Slagle-Horin, Crossville, Tenn., six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on Jan.

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

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

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play, Sunday

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

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, livestream

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St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

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

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Noonday Prayer and Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday, <tec213@bellsouth.net>

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

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26, 2024, from the Foster and Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home in Tracy City with Pastor Mack Hampton officiating. Interment followed in Clouse Hill Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Church News

All Saints' Chapel

On Sunday, All Saints' Chapel will gather for worship during the academic year at 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 and at 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2. The 6:30 p.m. service is Growing in Grace, an informal, student-led service.

Christ Church

Americans think of Feb. 2 as Groundhog Day. Bill Murray not only had a child who graduated from Sewanee, but also enjoyed The Dixie Lee Diner in Monteagle more than once. But the real story of Feb. 2 is about the infancy narrative of Jesus. Christ Church will include this story on Sunday. We hope other churches do too, because it is a wondrous reading filled with light and love.

Morton Memorial UMC

On Sunday, Feb. 4, Morton Memorial UMC will emphasize the joy we have in God's good creation. The sermon is titled "Good Business," in which we will be curious about how the life of the Lord Jesus and our lives interact.

Our children will be invited to explore a bit of nature as we learn from their curiosity.

There are several readings suggested by the Common Lectionary for this week. In Isaiah 40:21-31, we are comforted to know that God gives strength to those who feel powerless. Another is Mark 1:29-39. In it, we learn that Simon, newly a disciple, brought Jesus to his mother-in-law's home to heal her, and secured his wife's permission to travel for the next 20 years.

This Sunday our worship service will also include the gift of Holy Communion. It's a time of sharing in the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and is offered to all persons regardless of age or church affiliation. All are invited, even if it's the first time visiting Morton Memorial. It's an open table, meaning you do not have to be a baptized believer or a member of any church to receive.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Tracey Weibert will begin leading sessions of GriefShare, a weekly seminar and support group that will meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley House located between CVS in Monteagle and the Church. It's an opportunity to rebuild one's life when struggling with the loss of a loved one. At a GriefShare group, there's understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenge of grief.

Come for the music, the prayers and the celebration of worship of God this and every Sunday. Morton welcomes all, regardless of where they may be in their faith journeys.

St. James Episcopal

St. James, located at 898 Midway Rd., is a thriving, growing, and warmly welcoming church. Our weekly service is on Sundays at 9 a.m. followed by a time for fellowship. These services are also live streamed on our Facebook page. There will be a Potluck Supper at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7. All are welcome.

St. Mark and St. Paul

The 8:30 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist is in the church. The 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed

on our Facebook page and remains available there afterward.

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

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.: Godly Play is a Montessori based approach to Christian formation for children, age 3 through entering fourth grade. Godly Play meets in classrooms in the parish hall and on the playground. Youth Sunday School (grades 5-12) meets in Brooks Hall.

Leslie E. Todd, Assistant Professor of Art History at Sewanee, will talk about Mesoamerican feathered art works in St. Mark and St. Paul's Sunday Forum on Feb. 4 at 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall.

Todd explains that feathered artworks were created in Mesoamerica before and after the Spanish Conquest in 1521. This talk will introduce the audience to the style and technique of this art form and address the spiritual meaning that 16th century missionaries and Europeans found in their luminescence.

Todd is Assistant Professor of Art History at Sewanee. She received her PhD in Art History from the University of Florida. She works on early modern art history with a specialization in the art of colonial Latin America. She investigates how early modern visual practice enacted and upheld the dynamic relationship between metropole and colony that defined Spanish colonialism in the Americas.

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

BetterFi is working with partner sites to host on-site filing by appointment only. The planned schedule is below, but there is still availability for additional partners to schedule on-site tax preparation on Feb. 7, Feb. 10, Feb. 28, March 21, or March 27. Any potential partner who would like to inquire about hosting tax filing at their location on one of these days should contact our AmeriCorps service member <Georgia at georgia@betterfi.co>.

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

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

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

There is no walk-in filing — anyone interested in having their taxes prepared should contact the

partner site below to sign up for one of their available time slots. Additional sites and availability will be announced on BetterFi's website <www.betterfi.co/vita> and on the BetterFi Facebook page <www.fb.com/betterfi>.

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

The current schedule is as follows — please watch BetterFi's Facebook page <www.fb.com/betterfi> for announcements of delays or closures in the event of weather. Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library — Thursday, Feb. 15, with time slots available from 4-6:30 p.m. Call (931) 684-7323 to sign up for an appointment.

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

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

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

A Spirituality of Hope: Listening to Four Quartets

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

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

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



St. Andrew's-Sewanee Presents

Beauty and the Beast at 2pm at McCrory Hall on Sunday, February 4th

Admission meet and greet before the show at 1PM at Langford Hall
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Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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manager Ben Beavers said the firm served on the state committee that devised the template for the plan — “They [KCI] know what’s supposed to be in there.” Another bidder for the project quoted a \$90,000 fee. “Their contract was very unspecific,” Beavers said. By the ARPA grant provisions, SUD must pay 15 percent, \$10,729, of KCI’s \$71,530 fee. Beavers acknowledged without government funding the cost would be prohibitive for small water utilities such as SUD but cited the Asset Management Plan’s utility in applying for future grants and capital improvement planning.

Beavers hopes once KCI has migrated and mapped all the required asset data to the plan, there will be contract money left for migrating additional asset data into the system. He gave the example of the water plant. All depreciable assets must be listed on the plan, which for SUD means assets costing over \$10,000. At the water plant, that would require listing only the building and skids. Beavers would like to add other water plant equipment to the tracking inventory, such as pumps and chemical feed. A detailed plan will give SUD an easily accessed record of “how long things last,” including non-depreciable assets not currently tracked in an all-inclusive data base.

The KCI fee includes training SUD employees to keep the plan updated when the contract period ends. A side benefit will be the ArcGIS geographic mapping software subscription SUD will be required to purchase, cost \$1,200 monthly. The mapping software will integrate with SUD’s accounting software and enable quick and accurate determination of which customers are impacted by line breaks or other issues, enabling SUD to notify the customers by email. ARPA grant money will cover all but 15 percent of the subscription cost during the grant period.

Updating the board on the impact of the recent severe winter weather, Beavers said SUD had no service line breaks, but lost 140,000-150,000 gallons of water per day from customer line breaks over a three-to-four-day period. Beavers praised SUD employees, some of whom worked extra shifts. “They all did a great job last week.”

Beavers also reported changing insurance providers. With the new provider, costing \$4,500 less, SUD has triple the umbrella coverage and the policy includes cyber insurance at no additional cost. Cyber insurance was typically billed as an add-on, Beavers said.

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used Municipal Technical Advisory Service data from the University of Tennessee to compare Monteagle’s wages with towns of similar size and neighboring towns competing for Monteagle’s workers. In addition to the police, fire department, street department, and codes enforcement officers will also receive wage increases drawn from the town’s “General Fund” budget. The financially strapped Utility Department has a separate budget, the “Enterprise Fund,” Maloof said, expressing “regret” only General Fund employees were considered for raises.

After long debate, the council approved on first reading the planning commission’s recommendation to increase the minimum-residence size for free-standing single-family homes from 600 square feet to 800 square feet. At present, R-1 residential has an 800 square feet minimum and R-2 and R-3 have a 600 square feet minimum. The planning commission “wrestled” with the recommendation, Maloof said, and decided the ruling should apply only to free-standing homes, not apartments and condominiums. Wilson argued Monteagle did not need to be concerned about tiny homes, 400 square feet or less, since only R-4 zoning allowed tiny homes and Monteagle had no R-4. Wilson said the ruling allowed residents to live in 600 square foot apartments, but “pushed people out of home ownership ... The price cliff between building 600 square

feet and 800 square feet is huge.” He pointed out Monteagle only had about a half dozen 600 square foot homes, but many homes in the 700-900 square foot range that began as smaller homes and were added onto. “It’s a ticklish situation,” Alderman Dan Sargent conceded. Alderwoman Dorraine Parmley insisted she wanted more discussion before deciding. Maloof said if the ordinance failed to pass on the first reading, discussion would end, whereas if the first reading passed, a second reading and public hearing would follow. The council approved the ordinance on first reading, with Wilson voting “no.” The first-reading approval would enable “the council to get more input” before deciding on final approval or denial, Maloof observed.

Commenting on the “unprecedented challenge” of the recent snow, ice, and freezing temperatures, Maloof said, “I’m not sure we’re done with winter.” If extreme winter weather occurred again, Maloof advised “if it’s not absolutely urgent you be out there, please stay home.” He cited several incidents, a car skidding underneath an 18-wheeler and an 18-wheeler truck blocking I-24 traffic towards Nashville. Maloof praised “the above and beyond call of duty” response of city employees. Police officers worked double shifts; the fire department helped remove downed trees and pulled cars out of ditches; and the utility department worked around the clock monitoring pumps and gauges and shutting off meters at residences with leaks due to frozen pipes. Although no main service lines burst, the town lost 800,000 gallons of water from residential leaks.

Steve Lamb with the Marion

County Emergency Management Agency appealed to residents to respond to a four-question survey to collect data to aid the EMA in the required five-year update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Lamb stressed “revenue streams” availability hinged on the county having an updated plan in place, and resident data was key. The link for the survey is <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MarionEMA24>>. It can be found on the Monteagle website <<https://www.townofmonteagle-tn.gov>>.

A second survey, also available on the Monteagle website Mayor’s Memo, seeks input on what sorts of recreational opportunities residents would like to see in Monteagle. Ty Burnett, heading up the effort, said a public meeting would follow at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, in the city hall conference room to review the survey responses.

Go Red for Women Breakfast

Join STRHS for a Go Red for Women breakfast on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Winchester Livery, 122 N. Jefferson St., Winchester, to learn about prevention and treatment of heart disease from providers and department leaders at STRHS-Winchester/Sewanee. A free breakfast will be provided as well as a fasting glucose and lipid panel. Please arrive at 7 a.m. for the lab panel. The program will begin at 8 a.m.

Please use the link to register. Seating is limited: <southerntrwinchester.com/event/122>.

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MLS 2595082 - 776 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. \$389,500



MLS 2539919 - 684 Jump Off Mtn. Rd., Sewanee. 19+ac. \$540,000



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



322 Chase Circle, Fox Run Phase II, Winchester. \$290,000



MLS 252194 - 244 Rattlesnake Springs Rd., Sewanee. \$435,000



MLS 2487987 - 18546 S. Pittsburg Mountain Rd., Sewanee. 150 ac. \$1,800,000



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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Feb. 5: Chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls.

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, baked beans.

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Salmon, white beans, turnip greens, corn-bread.

Thursday, Feb. 8: Tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, 3-bean salad, rolls.

Friday, Feb. 9: Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, creamed spinach, rolls.

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

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

Game days are from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

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

SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday,
Feb. 5–9**

BREAKFAST

Monday, Feb. 5: Pancake wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Pizza bagel, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 8: Breakfast crescent, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday, Feb. 9: Bacon, egg & cheese biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, Feb. 5: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Pulled pork barbecue, crinkle-cut fries, tossed salad, Great Northern or baked beans, HB bun, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Chicken fillet, fresh veggie cup, buttered corn, waffles, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 8: Walking taco, tossed salad, pinto beans, salsa, fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 9: Quesadilla, emoticons or French fries, marinara sauce, fresh broccoli cup, fruit, milk.

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

Spring Classes at Cumberland Folk School

The Cumberland Folk School, located at Sequatchie Cove Farm, is a place to celebrate and commune around traditional crafts and skills, offering weekend workshops taught by skilled craftspeople. Our classes are built upon the inherent connection between traditional skills, sustainable land management, and farming to teach self, reliance and the use of natural materials to create beautiful utilitarian objects. Go to <www.cumberlandfolkschool.com> for more information, detailed class listings, and to sign up for upcoming classes.

The Apothecary Garden, Feb. 10, Growing, gathering and herbal medicine making in your own back yard with Leah Larabell of High Garden Tea.

Baking with Einkorn, March 30, Introduction to milling and baking with Einkorn with Erik Zilen of Chattanooga's beloved Niedlov's Bakery.

Birding by Ear, April 27, Join local birder Richard Candler, author of Birding Sewanee, on a morning bird walk around Sequatchie Cove Farm. A class for both beginners, who will learn some ID basics, and also advanced birders to gather with others and bird Sequatchie Cove Farm's Property.

Indigo Dyeing and Katazome printing, May 5, In love with indigo? In this class, Katazome and Indigo dyeing, you will explore the centuries-old Japanese technique of using stencils and a rice paste resist to make patterns on fabric then dipped into an indigo vat.

Strategic Planning at the University

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

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

Mind: A Renewed Curriculum for the 21st Century

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

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

As part of the information gathering process, the strategic planning committee is inviting all members of the Sewanee community to participate in open town hall meetings. The open town hall sessions will be at the following dates and times: at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, and at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, both in Convocation Hall.

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

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul for collection or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee.

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

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

Local Food Available

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

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'We Love New Artists!' at In-Town Gallery

This February, In-Town Gallery opens its heart to emerging artists from Hart Gallery! "We Love New Artists" will showcase Anna Mansour, Erica Birch, and Sara Coolidge. Their work is fresh, spirited, and compelling. As they stand on the threshold of their careers as gallery artists, ITG is excited to present them to a wider audience. The reception is Wednesday, Feb. 7, 5-8 p.m., and on display through Feb. 29.

Artists come from many backgrounds, and each one arrives at his or her personal expression by a different path. Hart Gallery fulfills an important role in the Chattanooga arts and social community by offering a creative home to artists from challenging backgrounds and circumstances. ITG is proud to join with Hart Gallery in a celebration of the work of three of its artists.

Nineteen year old Anna Mansour was born in California, raised in New York, and now proudly calls Chattanooga home. Anna sold her first pieces of art when she was only eight years old. She is interested in anime, and collects Manga comics and graphic novels whose style influences her lively 3-D figures.

Erica Birch's paintings are electric with vibrant colors and bold shapes. Her technique is well suited to the fantastic celebratory images she creates. "I have," she says, "gained the courage to create a new soul journey. I choose to create not just art, but happiness, wholeness, and health."

A gentle whimsy pervades the art of Sara Coolidge. Using her technique that is both linear and colorful, her birds, flowers, and figures come from a world of magic and delight. Sara has a degree in Early Childhood Education and is both an artist and author. She co-teaches art on occasion at Mountain Arts Community Center on Signal Mountain.

And this February there's even more going on at ITG!

On Saturday, Feb. 17, you'll want to meet talented pastelist, Linda Coulter, and see her demonstration, "Painting with Pastels." Linda first discovered pastels in a portrait class, and knew she had found her medium. Describing her style as impressionistic realism, she seeks to engage the viewer's emotional imagination, while providing a sense of realism that taps into personal experience. "Pastel is an amazing medium," Coulter says, "that uses the same pigments found in oil or watercolors, but uses them in a more pure form, which allows pastel to have intense color." An associate member of the Pastel Society of America, Linda teaches plein air workshops in Cozumel, Taos, Italy, and Chattanooga.

Showcasing the creativity of local artists for 50 years, In-Town Gallery is located 'Between the Bridges' on Chattanooga's North Shore at 26A Frazier Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., on Sunday. Visit us at <www.intowngallery.com>, Facebook and Instagram.

'The Ambient Pause' at the Carlos Gallery

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

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

Foard was born in Panama City, Fla. She has a BFA in Painting and Printmaking at the University of Cincinnati. From 1990-2003 she was a project manager in the budding online learning industry in the D.C. area. In 2003 she moved to Jacksonville, Fla., and until 2014 was a Museum Educator at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens. She directed the Arts in Medicine program at UF Medical Center in Jacksonville from 2008-2015. In 2014 she moved to Athens, Ga., and got her MFA from the University of Georgia, and for several years served as a part-time faculty member. Foard is currently a full time studio artist, co-owner of a small communications company, a Clarke/Oconee County CASA advocate in support of foster children, and is the proud mom of three grown children, and two grown step-sons.

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

'Studying the Landscape' at the UAG

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

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

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

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

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

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

Halting the decline of these once widespread systems and their diverse plant and animal species depends on continuing and renewed stewardship. For Juras, "in these 'natural' landscapes, humans are very much a part of nature, rather than apart from it."

Please note that the UAG is closed for the University of the South's Spring Break from March 6 through 16.

SAS Players Present 'Beauty and the Beast'

The SAS Players present the winter musical "Beauty and the Beast" from Feb. 2-4. Show times are Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.

While physical tickets will not be issued, it is highly suggested to make reservations and pay in advance. Check-in will begin in the McCrory Lobby at 6:45 p.m., and doors will open at 7:15 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 1:15 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. for Sunday's performance.

For ticket information go to <<https://www.sasweb.org/fs/form-manager/view/1f9168f7-5f04-45f3-a54b-445ff224e362>>.

'One with the Whale' Screening

Environmental Arts & Humanities, Sewanee's Indigenous Engagement Initiative, and the Jessie Ball duPont library present a special public screening of a 2023 documentary centering on indigenous whaling and the conflicting view of environmental engagement that surround it. The screening of the documentary "One with the Whale" will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, in Naylor Auditorium.

This 2023 film, to be featured on PBS's Independent Lens later this year, is directed by Jim Wickens, Peter Chelkowski, and Yaari Walker and centers on the controversial issue of native subsistence whaling in North America. The film documents a Siberian Yupik whale hunt and its aftermath in Sivuaq/Gambel, Alaska on St. Lawrence Island.

The film will appeal to faculty, students, and community members engaged with environmental issues, justice, policy, & activism in the age of climate change as well as those interested in Indigenous lifeways and culture: including but not limited to religion and food studies.

For more information go to <<https://www.onewiththewhale.com/>>.



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Tigers Persevere on the Road Against Hendrix

Cydney Wright posted a career-high 25 points as the Tigers came away with a thrilling win over Hendrix 78-76, on Jan. 28, in Conway, Ark., in women's basketball action.

A tie game with 41 seconds on the clock, a foul sent Cydney Wright to the line where she converted one of two shots. The Tigers drew an offensive foul at the other end of the court with 28.7 left to send Faith Humphrey where she sank both to give the Tigers a three-point lead.

Ava Knoedl was fouled by Humphrey taking a three to send the Warriors to the line, where she connected on all three from the charity stripe for a tie game. Immediately after, a reverse foul from Knoedl on Humphrey sent the Tigers to the line for the last time. Humphrey connected on both to put the Tigers ahead by two with five seconds left.

A back-and-forth game with 14 lead changes and 11 ties of score came down to the last second as the Tigers finished on top.

Humphrey played 39 minutes, without a sub as she collected 11 points, six assists, five rebounds, and two steals. Wright added four rebounds, two assists, and a steal. She was 6-of-7 from the field, 3-for-3 from behind the arc, and 10-14 from the charity stripe for a dominant performance.

The Tigers hit 13 threes as they were 45 percent shooting behind the arc for the game. Olivia Falvey connected on five threes as she tallied 17 points, adding four rebounds, and three assists. Lilly Phillips also tallied four threes and collected 14 points. Sewanee was also 45 percent from the field.

SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball Wins

St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity boys' basketball team defeated Lookout Valley on Jan. 26, 50-36, behind strong defense from Petre Gotsiridze and Alejandro Miranda. Hatch McNabb led SAS with 15 points; Ethan Allen 10; Raulston Barnett nine; Harper Thompson five; Sam Goodpaster four; Elijah Stark two; Ben Gueikian two.

HOME GAMES

4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Notre Dame

6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, Women's Basketball vs. Millsaps

8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, Men's Basketball vs. Millsaps

1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4, Women's Basketball vs. Birmingham-Southern

3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4, Men's Basketball vs. Birmingham-Southern

3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, Women's Tennis vs. Tennessee Wesleyan

2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, Baseball vs. Toccoa Falls College



SAS middle school swim team at MTHSSA championships.

SAS MS Boys' Swim Team Finishes Fourth at MTHSSA Middle School Championships

Thirteen St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school swimmers traveled to Nashville to compete in the MTHSSA Middle School Championship Meet at the Centennial Sportsplex. The boys' team finished fourth overall out of 40 teams with a total score of 163 points. All swimmers on both the boys' team and the girls' team dropped time in one or more individual events.

Eighth graders Martin Brodsky, Sam Frazier, and Konrad Knoll combined with seventh grader Asher Kavur for a thrilling come from behind first place finish and new school record in the 200 yd Medley Relay with a time of 1:53.53, an 8.95 second time improvement over their previous season best time. The same four boys teamed up on the 200 yd Freestyle Relay for an incredibly close second place finish against Brentwood Middle School with a time of 1:40.81, another school record and season best time by 7.81 seconds.

Individual swims at Finals were equally exciting. Frazier took third overall in the 100 butterfly with a new school record and personal best time of 55.76 and seventh overall in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:04.08. Teammate Knoll added to the points earned with a second place finish and personal best time of 25.92 in the 50 freestyle and a 14th place finish and new personal best in the 100 backstroke (1:08.73). Kavur did his part with two personal bests and seventh place finishes in both the 100 freestyle (58.27) and 100 breaststroke (1:15.28), while Brodsky rounded out the points earned and the personal best swims with a ninth place finish in the 200 freestyle (2:06.86) and a 10th place finish in the 100 butterfly (1:08.68).

During the Preliminary Session in the morning, seventh grader Archer Ladd earned the biggest time improvements on the team overall for the entire meet, dropping 18.63 seconds in the 200 IM for a time of 2:52.63 and 4.74 seconds in the 100 breaststroke for a time of 1:29.22. The girls' team also dropped time in several events. Eighth grader Lily Camp dropped 1.05 seconds in the 50 freestyle for a new PB of 34.92, Kyla Kilgore dropped 2.29 seconds in the 100 breaststroke for a new PB of 1:33.54, and Leah Moody dropped 0.89 seconds in the 50 freestyle for a new PB of 32.81. Kilgore and Moody combined with eighth grader Ella Matthews and sixth grader Elena Brodsky for a new season best in the 200 freestyle Relay with a time of 2:22.39.

This meet wrapped up the end of an impressive swim season for the undefeated SAS middle school swim team.



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Members of the SAS varsity swim team at MTHSSA Region.

New State Qualifications at the MTHSSA Region Swim Meet

On Jan. 26, members of the SAS varsity swim team competed in the MTHSSA Region Swim Meet held in Nashville at the Centennial Sportsplex. Junior Lara Stahl earned new TISCA State Swim Meet qualifying times in the 200 Individual Medley with a 6.69 sec time improvement and a final time of 2:28.12 and the 500 yd freestyle with a 9.38 sec time improvement and a final time of 5:51.72. Sophomore Sarah Russell Leonard set new personal bests in the 200 yd freestyle with a time of 2:04.43 and the 100 yd freestyle with a time of 58.07. Leonard had already qualified for State in the 200 yd freestyle and earned another State cut in the 100 yd freestyle as well as a 10th place finish at Regions. Senior Reese Michaels had an exceptional meet with new personal bests in the 200 yd Individual Medley with a time of 1:53.28, the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:09.24, and the 50 yd freestyle as the lead-off leg of the 200 yd freestyle Relay with a time of 28.18, while junior Toby Van de Ven also set new personal bests in the 50 yd freestyle with a time of 25.30 and 100 yd backstroke with a time of 1:02.34. Stahl, Leonard, and Michaels combined with teammate Louie Frazier for new season best times in the 200 Medley Relay (2:06.29) and 200 freestyle Relay (1:53.28) as well to round out the fast swims. The boys' relay team of Jack Frazier, Van de Ven, Will Reel, and Aidan Gruman swam a new season best in the 200 yd freestyle Relay with a time of 1:49.47.

Stahl, Leonard, and teammate Jack Frazier will travel to Nashville again Feb. 9-10, for the TISCA State Championship Swim Meet.

Late Run Sends Warriors Past Tigers

Luka Avaliani led Sewanee with 10 points four rebounds, and three steals, but cold shooting from the Tigers and a late run from Hendrix sent the Warriors past Sewanee in men's basketball action, 70-57, on Jan. 28, in Conway, Ark.

The Tigers shot just 5-for-24 behind the arc and were 19-of-55 overall. The Tigers led by two going into half-time thanks to a three from Tre Corrigan with five seconds left in the half for their first lead of the game.

Hendrix had an early eight-point lead but the Tigers went on a 17-to-9 run to tie the game at 21. Fletcher Bigham led the Tigers with six and Graham Smith and Cody Baerlocker with four apiece.

Both teams stayed within one possession of each other throughout the beginning of the second half, but with just under six minutes left, the Warriors pulled ahead by a 17-to-7 run. Hendrix ended the game with the biggest lead of the day.

Bigham led the Tigers in rebounds, with seven, He also posted eight points, two blocks, an assist, and a steal. Rashaun Williams followed Avaliani with nine points, four rebounds, three assists, and three steals. Corrigan tallied eight points, four rebounds, and three assists.

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Traditions

This date of Feb. 2 has many associations, related to the first signs of spring and the increasing light of the lengthening days in the northern hemisphere. Indeed, we have been hearing spring peepers on the warmer days this past week and the first snowdrops are opening in the garden. In Celtic times, this was the feast of Imbolc, a mid-season festival, celebrating lambing and spring. There was a goddess, Brigid, associated with the feast, celebrated on Feb. 1. As with many pre-Christian feasts, this one came to be associated with a Christian Saint Brigid, who established a monastery in Kildare and is credited with many miraculous deeds. This year celebrates 1,500 years since her death and there are great doings in Ireland. Here it is more familiar as Groundhog Day. Settlers from Germany were accustomed to watch for a badger to predict whether spring was around the corner (doesn't see its shadow) or winter was going to last six more weeks (does see its shadow). However, there were no badgers in the eastern United States where they settled, so the groundhog became a substitute. It is also celebrated as Candlemas, commemorating the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, where Simeon calls him "a light to the nations". There is a long custom of bringing candles to church to be blessed on this day, another association with light. This little ditty combines the tradition of Candlemas with that of Groundhog Day: "If Candlemas be fair and bright/Come winter have another flight/If Candlemas bring cloud and rain/Go winter and come not again." In Spanish-speaking countries, the one who found the figure of the baby Jesus in the Rosca de Reyes (King Cake) has to bring food for a party on Candlemas. Also, Christmas decorations are left up until then, a tradition we in fact follow in our home.

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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**Ranger Falls Loop Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, Feb. 10, 8:15 a.m. CST. Cost, \$10.** <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>>. (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please pre-register.) Looking for a challenging all-day hike with rewarding views and waterfalls? Meet Park Ranger Todd Childress at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for this moderately intense 11-mile hike from the Stone Door and travel the Big Creek Rim Trail, then down into the Gulf at Alum Gap and back up through the Stone Door. While on the Big Creek Gulf Trail, we will stop for lunch at the stunning Ranger Falls. Guests will need to be able to hike long distances, transition across boulder fields and water crossing and be comfortable making steep elevation gains and descents, wear weather appropriate clothing with hiking shoes, bring snacks with lunch, and have ample amounts of water. Weather permitting. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

**Day Loop Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Monday, Feb. 12, 8:15 a.m. CST. Cost, \$5/12+under, \$10. Adults** <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>>. (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please pre-register.) Join Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at Savage Gulf East Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 5-mile (round trip, approximate) guided hike of the Savage Gulf Day Loop. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. Weather permitting. This is a basic, introductory hike to the east side of Savage Gulf. The challenge lies mostly in the overall distance. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. This hike will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the same time.

## Sewanee Herbarium Event, Feb. 3

Winter Green—an Introduction to Mosses and Ferns, Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.–noon, with Yolande Gottfried. Whether the groundhog told us that winter is here to stay or that spring is just around the corner, winter is a great time to take a look at mosses, some ferns, lichens, and other non-flowering plants. Herbarium Associate Yolande Gottfried will introduce interested participants to some of the "lower plants." Do mosses freeze? What is an Irish valentine? Are lichens really plants? Come with your questions and specimens, if you like! We will meet indoors with specimens provided to examine and, weather permitting, take a short walk outdoors to see them in the field. Meet in the Sewanee Herbarium on the first floor of Spencer Hall, Room 173, on the campus of the University of the South. The main entrance is across from duPont Library and there is parking behind the library. Bring a hand lens or a magnifying glass if you have one.

## WEATHER

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|-----|--------|----|----|
| Mon | Jan 01 | 42 | 27 |
| Tue | Jan 02 | 38 | 29 |
| Wed | Jan 03 | 40 | 30 |
| Thu | Jan 04 | 48 | 41 |
| Fri | Jan 05 | 43 | 33 |
| Sat | Jan 06 | 45 | 30 |
| Sun | Jan 07 | 47 | 44 |

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 43  
Avg min temp = 33  
Avg temp = 38  
Precipitation = 0.47"

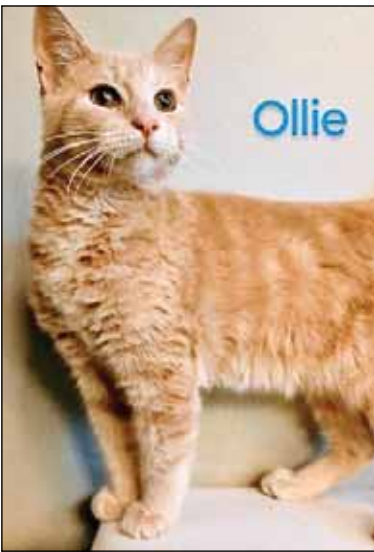
| DAY | DATE   | HI | LO |
|-----|--------|----|----|
| Mon | Jan 08 | 47 | 30 |
| Tue | Jan 09 | 47 | 35 |
| Wed | Jan 10 | 46 | 42 |
| Thu | Jan 11 | 49 | 23 |
| Fri | Jan 12 | 39 | 27 |
| Sat | Jan 13 | 34 | 20 |
| Sun | Jan 14 | 22 | 05 |

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 41  
Avg min temp = 26  
Avg temp = 33  
Precipitation = 2.19"

| DAY | DATE   | HI | LO  |
|-----|--------|----|-----|
| Mon | Jan 15 | 15 | -02 |
| Tue | Jan 16 | 22 | 14  |
| Wed | Jan 17 | 35 | 24  |
| Thu | Jan 18 | 27 | 03  |
| Fri | Jan 19 | 19 | 07  |
| Sat | Jan 20 | 35 | 23  |
| Sun | Jan 21 | 45 | 40  |

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 28  
Avg min temp = 15.5  
Avg temp = 22  
Precipitation = 0.30"

Reported by Sandy Gilliam,  
Domain Ranger



Ollie



Hannah

## MARC's Mountain Adoptables Meet Ollie & Hannah

Ollie is very friendly and a snuggler. He loves to explore and to play with the other kitties in his foster home. Ollie is an Orange Tabby cat with short length hair. He is probably around one year old and weighs about seven to eight pounds. Ollie will make a great addition to your family. Don't miss out.

Hannah is a very nice German Shepherd girl, looking for her forever inside home. She is around three and a half years old and weighs about 75 pounds. She is very loving and wants very much to be near her people. Hannah was an inside dog but got moved around to different families at no fault of her own, and now is an outside dog but cannot be there long. She is good on a leash and knows several commands. Hannah also needs a foster home ASAP. Maybe you would like to let Hannah stay with you while you decide if she is a good fit for your family. Meet her and see if she might be your girl.

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

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

## Tennessee Wildlife Calendar Photo Contest Open

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is now accepting entries for its 2024-25 photo contest for publication in Tennessee Wildlife's annual calendar and license cards. All interested photographers are invited to submit up to 10 of their best photos on fishing, hunting, boating, and wildlife species native to Tennessee.

This year's contest returns to a TWRA traditional August-July format by popular demand. The selected winning entries will appear in the 2024-25 calendar which begins in August 2024. Photographers must submit their photo entries by March 29, 2024.

Photos must be horizontal (landscape), in JPEG format, sized to print no smaller than 8-1/2" by 11", and resolution should be at least 300 pixels/inch. Visit <[tnwildlife.org](http://tnwildlife.org)> and click the calendar contest button to submit an entry. If a photo is selected for the calendar edition, the photographer will receive a cash stipend of \$60.

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**NOTICE:** The Monteagle Regional Planning Commission will meet for a workshop on Feb. 6, 2024 at 4 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall. Following the workshop they will have the regular monthly meeting at 5 p.m.

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

## Did You Know?

The Sewanee Community Chest is raising money for basic needs in the community such as books, food, recreational spaces, elder care, children's programs and more. Visit [sewaneecivic.org](http://sewaneecivic.org) and click on the PayPal Donate button.

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

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|-----|------------------------------|----------------------------|
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| TUE | 3:00 - 6:00                  | 2:00 - 5:00                |
| WED | 3:00 - 6:00                  | 2:00 - 5:00                |
| THU | 3:00 - 6:00                  | 2:00 - 5:00                |
| FRI | 3:00 - 6:00                  | 2:00 - 5:00                |
| SAT | 8:00 - 4:00                  | 8:00 - 4:00                |
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## FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

### The Groundhog Sees Its Shadow (and has an existential crisis)

What are the roots that clutch, what branches grow  
Out of this stony rubbish? Son of man,  
You cannot say, or guess, for you know only  
A heap of broken images, where the sun beats,  
And the dead tree gives no shelter, the cricket no relief,  
And the dry stone no sound of water. Only  
There is shadow under this red rock,  
(Come in under the shadow of this red rock),  
And I will show you something different from either  
Your shadow at morning striding behind you  
Or your shadow at evening rising to meet you;  
I will show you fear in a handful of dust.

--T.S. Eliot, from *The Waste Land*

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# Community Calendar

## Feb. 2 • Groundhog Day

- 7 a.m. STRHS Go Red for Women Breakfast, Winchester Livery, 122 N. Jefferson St., Winchester; labs at 7 a.m.; free breakfast and speakers at 8 a.m.; to register, <[southernntnwinchester.com/event/122](http://southernntnwinchester.com/event/122)>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center; and at noon;
- 5 p.m. LUNCH Anniversary Celebration, 24 University Ave., until 8 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SAS Players, “Beauty and the Beast,” SAS McCrory Hall; ticket info, <<https://www.sasweb.org/fs/form-manager/view/1f9168f7-5f04-45f3-a54b-445ff224e362>>

## Saturday, Feb. 3

- 9:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:45 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Herbarium Event, “Winter Green-Introduction to Mosses & Ferns,” Yolande Gottfried, Spencer Hall, Room 173
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Community Bike Ride, Sewanee Mountain Goat Trailhead, contact <[bethprideford@gmail.com](mailto:bethprideford@gmail.com)>
- 7:30 p.m. SAS Players, “Beauty and the Beast,” SAS McCrory Hall; ticket info, <<https://www.sasweb.org/fs/form-manager/view/1f9168f7-5f04-45f3-a54b-445ff224e362>>

## Sunday, Feb. 4 • CAC Pantry Sunday

- noon SWC Luncheon reservation deadline, email <[smfree4691@icloud.com](mailto:smfree4691@icloud.com)> or call (931) 636-1904
- 1 p.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center; Introductory class at 2:30 p.m.; sign up required
- 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Sewanee GoGirls MTB ride, Lake Cheston lot, contact <[bethprideford@gmail.com](mailto:bethprideford@gmail.com)>
- 2 p.m. SAS Players, “Beauty and the Beast,” SAS McCrory Hall; ticket info, <<https://www.sasweb.org/fs/form-manager/view/1f9168f7-5f04-45f3-a54b-445ff224e362>>
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

## Monday, Feb. 5

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee with the Coach, in person and live-stream, Blue Chair
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shao-nian, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Community Center, until 11:45 a.m.
- 4 p.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 5:15 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Eastern Star Cemetery Association, St. James Episcopal Church, Midway
- 7 p.m. Friends of the Library talk/demo, “Rape of the Lock,” Bates, Convocation Hall

## Tuesday, Feb. 6

- 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. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission Special Called Workshop, Monteagle Town Hall, meeting at 5 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 5:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd., until 6:30 p.m.
- 6 p.m. Black History Month Presentation, free, South Pittsburg Historic Preservation Society, SVEC Community Room, Cedar Ave. & 6th St., South Pittsburg

## Wednesday, Feb. 7

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shao-nian, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Writers' Group, 212 Sherwood Rd., more info: (931) 598-0915
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Community Center, until 11:45 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee; lunch at 11:50 a.m.; Lead: “Abbo's Alley: Past, Present and Future,” Rice, at 12:25 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Mobility & Flexibility (\$15), Camp, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga/Meditation, Pippa, (\$15) High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 7 p.m. Human Rights Lecture, Sosu, free, Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall

## Thursday, Feb. 8

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Herbarium Nature Journaling, more info email <[mpriestley0150@gmail.com](mailto:mpriestley0150@gmail.com)>
- 9 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.; more info <[msjmagoo@gmail.com](mailto:msjmagoo@gmail.com)>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4:30 p.m. Lecture, Chakanyuka, Torian Room, duPont Library
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates Mat Class, Bruce Manuel, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 7 p.m. Lecture, Graham, free, Convocation Hall; more info: <[theology.sewanee.edu/graham](http://theology.sewanee.edu/graham)>

## Friday, Feb. 9

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center; and at noon; sign up required

## 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., the Wesley House, MMUMC

### Monday

4 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group, Brooks Hall, (931) 327-5551, not on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1, resumes at 5 p.m., Jan. 8  
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

### Tuesday

7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont  
7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

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