



# — THE SEWANEE MOUNTAIN — MESSENGER

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## John Kilkenny Named Executive Director of the New York Youth Symphony

The New York Youth Symphony (NYYS) has named John Kilkenny as executive director, effective in late March. John has served as the director of the Seawanee Summer Music Festival (SSMF) since 2018, after several years on the SSMF faculty. He first came to Seawanee as an SSMF student in 1993. John will continue in his current role as director of SSMF through the 2024 season.

As director, John increased the SSMF endowment, expanded artistic offerings to include composition and opera, launched an online Winterfest during the COVID-19 pandemic, and created a life coaching program — the first of its kind at any summer music festival in the country. He also expanded partnerships with many musical pathways programs, making the SSMF one of the most diverse and inclusive summer festivals in the country. His responsibilities also included the leadership of the University's performing arts series.

The 67th season of the Seawanee Summer Music Festival takes place June 16–July 14, with more than 215 students presenting 35 concerts on and around the Domain. Guest conductors include returning favorites JoAnn Falletta, H'21, and Dr. Christopher Cicconi, and newcomers Chelsea Gallo and Jonathan Rush.

For more information about the SSMF, please visit <ssmf.seawanee.edu>.

## Black History Program

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

## SCA Membership Meeting, March 4

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

Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, March 1, via email <seawaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. The SCA is celebrating 115 years of social and service opportunities for the community. The SCA is the sponsoring organization for the Seawanee Classifieds, and the Seawanee Community Chest. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member.

## South Cumberland Community Fund Announces Spring Grant Round

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, March 1, noon, also at Morton Memorial

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. at Grundy EMS, 90 Phipps St., Coalmont

Orientation will go over how to apply using a new online application, as well as the Fund's goals for building hope and prosperity on the South Cumberland Plateau.

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

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

## Franklin County Schools: Financial Business Tops Agenda

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The Franklin County School Board devoted a good portion of the Feb. 15 meeting to financial business, Huntland School's request for a credit card among the decisions weighed. The English as a Second Language and Special Education directors provided an overview of the programs during the "Department Spotlight" portion of the meeting.

"I recommend both Huntland and Franklin County High School having credit card accounts," said Deputy Director of Finances Jenny Phillips. "They have school groups that take students to conferences. The issue we ran into with Huntland this past year is hotels are not accepting checks anymore." The board approved the request. The district already has a credit card policy, and Phillips will work with Huntland to draft a "restricted use" policy for the school. Director of Schools Cary Holman stressed the cards would be "for travel only."

Alerting the board to another Huntland School issue, Phillips said the budget included \$667,000 for a new roof at the school, with the

estimated cost \$1.1 million, leaving a shortfall of \$435,000. "We can do two parts of it with what we have budgeted," Phillips said. "If we bid it out both individually and as a whole, we can decide if we just want to do part of it now, and move the rest into next year, or if we can get a better deal doing it all at one time." The board approved bidding out the project to facilitate a decision on how to proceed.

Phillips also alerted the board to a dramatic increase in insurance costs. "Workman's comp insurance, vehicle insurance, and building insurance have all skyrocketed," Phillips said. "We have a shortfall of about \$145,000." Phillips will present a budget amendment next month to address the cost increase.

Updating the board on revenue, Phillips said, sales tax revenue was down \$20,000-\$30,000 due to the sales tax holiday and to sales tax revenue from Lowes going to Decherd when it should have gone to Winchester and the county schools. [See Messenger, Dec. 15,

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## SUD Approves ARPA Contract, Investigates Dripline Dispersal

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Feb. 20 meeting, the Seawanee Utility District Board of Commissioners approved contracts for three American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant projects. The board also charged manager Ben Beavers with identifying engineers qualified to advise SUD if the utility decided to switch from spray-field to dripline application of effluent at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

St. John Engineering, from Manchester, Tenn., will provide engineering services for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project to reduce Inflow and Infiltration of groundwater into the sewer system. St. John will survey and evaluate the sewer lines and manholes, provide SUD with technical specification of rehabilitation work needed, and prepare documents defining the contractual agreement with the firm SUD engages to perform the sewer repair. The total cost of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project is \$1.5 million. St. John's fee, \$79,500, was below the standard 8 percent typical for engineering services for this type of project, according to Beavers.

Rye Engineering, from Erin, Tenn., will design and implement a Water-Lines Leak Reduction Project. Rye will develop a plan for zone monitoring, install zone meters, and design a monitoring and reporting system using zone-meter data. In a second project, Rye will also conduct a survey to identify any lead and copper fittings in SUD water lines, a federal requirement SUD must comply with by October. Rye will review construction and work order documents to determine line materials and prepare a service-line inventory report. "They [Rye] can do in a week what would take me three months," said Beavers. The total cost for Rye's services, \$316,920.83, was in line with what SUD anticipated spending on the projects.

Board President Charlie Smith called on the board to revisit a previous discussion about switching to dripline application as a trial in a section of the WWTP spray fields where emitters were damaged by a

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A scene from "A Streetcar Named Desire." Pictured, left to right: Ben Davis, Victoria Ryan, Amelia Barakat, Matt Acosta; Photo by Buck Butler

## 'A Streetcar Named Desire' Opens Feb. 28

by Beth Riner, Messenger Staff Writer

In a year celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Tennessee Williams Center, it's only fitting to return to one of his most celebrated plays, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Feb. 28 through March 3.

This anniversary season, Professor Jim Crawford, theatre department chair at the University of the South, will direct — it's the first major production of a Tennessee Williams play in the seven years Crawford has been with the department.

"He's one of the greatest American playwrights who ever lived," Crawford said. "Because this University has such a special relationship with Tennessee Williams and this is our 25th anniversary season, it felt like

the right time to put him in the spotlight."

Although Crawford has acted in four productions of Tennessee Williams, this is his first time in the director's chair.

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# Letters

## THANKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

### To the Editor:

Mountain Pickleball is so pleased to be fully supported by the University in every respect (not financially) and we are quite grateful. We are equipped by a continual flow of new paddles, balls and now first class nets (on wheels) that we can move around to open spaces at Fowler.

Mountain Pickle Ball started one year ago when 4 of us decided to put some organization around a pick-up, now and again play environment. Today, there are 55 on our roster and more requests each week to join in. We have an app that displays scheduled time of play, who is coming and other PB news and photos. We had a Holiday Party and more to come. It is truly a community event with informal, no cutthroat competition. Game scores are quickly forgotten (for the most part).

We have now had three tutorials led by a certified instructor. One of our teams advanced in the campus-wide tournament late last fall which had 52 teams signed up. Our now dormant outdoor court at St. Mark's will reopen March 1st for the season as well as our court at the South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center. Furthermore, I am on a small committee in Monteagle to build 6 new courts behind the softball field with land granted to us (generously) by the City of Monteagle. We plan to apply for recreational grants to build the courts.

Come play with us!

*Stephen Burnett, Sewanee, Pickle Ball Commissioner (self-appointed)*

## JOIN US TO PROTECT OUR PLATEAU

### To the Editor:

The South Cumberland Plateau is a natural treasure, rich with forests, waterfalls, wildlife, streams, caves, and scenic bluffs, and with biodiversity that rivals any location in the world. But in Marion, Franklin, and Grundy counties, it is under attack from corporations, including invasive mining operations that are taking advantage of rural, unincorporated areas with no zoning in order to do extractive mining with little or no local interference.

Limestone and sand quarries work by blasting the stone or sand out of the mountain. They disrupt aquifers carrying water underground to supply water wells and eventually down to rivers. They blast minerals into the air, destroying neighbors' lungs with microscopic silica particles. They destroy the foundations of homes with blast vibrations and the peace of neighbors with percussive explosions.

In November 2023, the Marion County Commission declined to adopt the County Powers Act, which would have protected the community from the environmental damages of a proposed sand quarry. But Stop Jumpoff Quarry is not quitting. We are joining with Knoxville-based SOCM, Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment, and with citizen groups from other parts of the South Cumberland plateau to defend our homes, our community, our health, and our way of life. Scientific consultation and research, as well as legal advice and representation, are now necessary.

To join our group or for more information, please go to <http://stopjumpoffquarry.org>.

Sincerely,

*Em Turner Chitty, Paige Schneider, Paula Yeatman, J. Katherine Zammit, Stop Jumpoff Quarry members, Sewanee*

## DECISION ON BIODIGESTER CONTROVERSY IN PELHAM

### To the Editor:

On Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6 p.m. in Altamont at the Grundy County Courthouse, the decision on locating the controversial biodigester will be made by the Grundy County Industrial Board.

Those who are interested in preventing Johnson Energy Solutions' manure processing plant from locating in the center of Pelham are asked to attend this meeting to support the Citizens Against Pelham Chicken Manure Plant group.

For more information about this group follow Citizens Against Pelham Chicken Manure Plant on Facebook.

*Jan Wilson, Pelham*

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

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The IRS-certified BetterFi Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is 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.

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.

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

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

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

## 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. 26, with the athletic training staff. The livestream will be available at <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

### Town of Monteagle

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

### Marion County Commission

The Marion County Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, at 300 Ridley Dr., Jasper.

### FCDP Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Party will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Las Margaritas, 1603 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester.

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

### Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will have a club outing to the Hunter Museum in Chattanooga on Thursday, Feb. 29. There will be no regular club meeting on that date.

### Annual Meeting of Cowan Railroad Museum

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

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

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

### Grundy County Industrial Board

The Grundy County Industrial Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29, at the Grundy County Courthouse, 68 Cumberland St., Altamont

### Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace will be having its annual meeting and potluck on at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at the Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery St., as well as on Zoom. Email <cumberlandjusticeandpeace@gmail.com> for the Zoom link or to request childcare.

### EQB Club

Members of the EQB Club will gather at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 6, 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 "Mozart's Requiem," by Dr. Geoffrey Ward. Interested non-members are welcome to arrive at 12:25 p.m. and sit in on the presentation.

## Sewanee Woman's Club to Meet March 11

The members of the Sewanee Woman's Club are celebrating the beginning of spring by putting their artistic talents to work creating a beautiful array of decorated tables. The tablescapes at the Monday, March 11 meeting will be marvelous to behold. All women are invited to come socialize and enjoy tablescapes at St. Mary's Sewanee.

All ladies of the area are welcome to gather at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's for a friendly social time followed by a delicious lunch at 11:50 a.m. The cost of the lunch is \$20. For a fun time come, meet, and mingle with the members and enjoy our educational and creative programs. Cost of membership is an economical \$10.

Please make reservations with by noon, Sunday, March 3 with Michele Freeman at <mfree4691@icloud.com> or by phone (931) 636-1904.

## Voting Information

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 is the Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary. On March 5, you vote at your local polling place.

Early voting continues through Feb. 27. For more information about times and voting locations, 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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# Church News

## Marble Plains Baptist Church

Rev. Tom Castor, veteran missionary and pastor, will be the guest speaker at Marble Plains Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 25 and Wednesday, Feb. 28. Rev. Castor is the Founder and Director of Clear and Simple Media, writing and providing Christian materials, used worldwide in a simple English format, to help people better understand the Bible. Presently the ministry provides Christian materials in more than 40 languages and countries. Rev. Castor and his wife Lee, have lived and ministered in remote First Nations villages in Canada as well as in Vietnam. He will be preaching at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday and at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. The church is located just inside Tims Ford State Park at 525 Marble Plains Rd., Winchester.

## Morton Memorial UMC

The season of Lent continues with a tree in the Sanctuary indicating life and growth as the children (of all ages) watch a cocoon grow week by week. The sermon will focus on the preventient grace of God, that grace that comes to us when we are not even aware at the time that God is carrying us and waiting for us to notice. This sermon is the first of a three-part series on the grace of God, with an emphasis on a Wesleyan understanding of grace and with stories of experiencing grace. The congregation is invited to remember and share their own grace stories through writing and voice in this Lenten season.

Children are welcome at Morton! They are invited to interact with our pastor during worship. This week's All God's Children message will encourage them and us to look for the "hidden" ways to see love and God in our world. As always, there's an opportunity to leave for activities with Ms. Margaret while the regular service continues.

Morton has many active ministries. Every other week, our volunteers help Beta Club members from Monteagle Elementary School prepare backpack meals for MES students to ensure they have nutrition over the weekends. This is another way to find joy by serving

your community.

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. To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship at Morton, the service is live streamed on Morton's Facebook page and available there in the week following the service.

## St. James Episcopal

St. James, located at 898 Midway Rd., is a thriving, growing, and warmly welcoming church. Our weekly service, Holy Eucharist Rite II is at 9 a.m., on Sunday, followed by a time for fellowship. These services are also live streamed on our Facebook page. Ash Wednesday Simple supper and Lenten book study will be 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 28, March 13 and March 20. The book will be "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Men's breakfast Saturday, March 2, at 9 a.m. Potluck Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m.

## St. Mark and St. Paul

Holy Eucharists are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 am. The 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there afterward.

Godly Play for Children: Two Montessori-based classes meet 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Godly Play rooms.

Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in Brooks Hall, or on the porch for nice days. We are using Gospel Based Discipleship, a simple but powerful method of reading Scripture together

Dr. Lauryl Tucker of Sewanee's English Department will talk about the relationship between play and grace in this week's Sunday Forum at St. Mark and St. Paul. The talk will be Feb. 25, 9-45-10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall.

In her presentation, Dr. Tucker will be offering thoughts about how making space for laughter can allow us to feel God's presence and love. She then says that the session "will test these ideas out for ourselves."

Dr. Tucker received her B.A. from Sewanee and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Vir-

ginia. She has published articles about the work of Virginia Woolf, T.S. Eliot, C.S. Lewis, and Stevie Smith, and her scholarship focuses on the intersection between gender and humor. Recently she published a book about queer parody with Clemson University Press titled "Unexpected Pleasures: Parody, Queerness, and Genre in 20th Century British Fiction."

Nursery services: Infants and toddlers through three year olds are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

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

On Friday, Feb. 23, at noon,

please join us for the CAC Community meal. Good food, good fellowship, and a chance to make new friends, all are invited.

## 'The Disappearing Night Sky' Prayer Service

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

## 'Revive the Spirit of the Humble' Lenten Quiet Morning

On Saturday, Feb. 24, the Sisters of St. Mary will host a Lenten Quiet Morning led by the Rev. Casey Perkins titled: "Revive the Spirit of the Humble." The event

will explore the path of humility from the Rule of St. Benedict as the blueprint for a life of freedom and peace. A series of meditations on the text will be interspersed with periods for personal spiritual practice and reflection.

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

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

# Church Calendar

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

## Midway Baptist Church

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

## Midway Church of Christ

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

## Monteagle Church of Christ

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

## Monteagle First Baptist Church

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

## Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

## Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

service available online after noon Sunday, link is at <https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com> on FB  
10 a.m. Sunday School, until 10:45 a.m.

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

## New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

## New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

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

## Pelham United Methodist Church

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

## St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

## St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

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

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

## St. Mark & St. Paul

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play, Sunday

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

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, livestream

Facebook

## St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center

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

## Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday-Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

## Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

## Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

## Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

## Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

# Obituaries

## Arthur Benjamin "Ben" Chitty III

Arthur Benjamin "Ben" Chitty III, age 77, died on Feb. 12, 2024, at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, N.Y. He was born on Aug. 28, 1947, to Arthur Ben and Betty Nick Chitty. He attended Sewanee Public School and Indian Springs School before serving in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam aboard the Richard K. Turner. After his service, he graduated first from Swarthmore College, then earned a B.A. (then M.A.) from Keble College of Oxford University, followed by an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a librarian at Queens College, CUNY, and a leader in the antiwar movement with Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He tirelessly organized and advocated for fellow workers with the Professional Staff Congress, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, and other affiliated unions at Queens College. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother John Abercrombie Merritt Chitty.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Priscilla Murolo; stepsons Max and Tony Schultz; and sister, Em Turner Chitty; and brother Nathan Chitty. His ashes will be interred later this year in the University Cemetery alongside those of his brother and parents. Memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

## Wanda McDaniel White

Wanda McDaniel White, age 74 of Tracy City, died on Feb. 12, 2024, at her home. She was born on March 27, 1949, in Sewanee, to Bill and Tressie Adams McDaniel. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Crandol White.

She is survived by two sons, Kerry White of Hixson, Tenn., and Jeffrey White of Tracy City; a sister, Norma Rollins of Monteagle, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle. Visitation with the family will be from 9-10 a.m. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>

## 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

**School** (from page 1)

2023] “We’re still within a few percentage points of where we need to be,” Phillips reassured the board. Repayment on the Decherd error is underway.

In her overview of the ESL program, Director Jenny Crabtree said, “The ESL population is constantly growing.” At present 211 students were enrolled in ESL, an increase of 34 students since October. When English is not the language spoken at home, new students are assessed to determine if ESL instruction is needed. Twelve different language backgrounds are represented in the ESL group. Instruction focuses on “English immersion,” Crabtree said. With just five instructors and a recommended 35:1 teacher-student ratio, a sixth instructor will need to be hired for next year.

“With a smaller group, you can impact a student’s progress at a higher rate,” said Toby Guinn in her overview of the district’s SPED program. For pre-school and intervention, the student-teacher ratio is 1:10. SPED serves students beginning at age three up to age 21, if the student has not graduated from high school. The goal is to give students “the skills to have a full-time job or go to college or a TCAT,” Guinn said. A grant program helps students get a driver’s license, crucial for employment. At the end of the 2023 school year, SPED served over 900 students. This year, 123 new students qualified for the program.

The board reviewed results from the recent board self-evaluation. Most responses fell in the “acceptable” to “excellent” range, with only three of nine categories having “need for improvement” responses. Board chair Cleijo Walker proposed quarterly workshops to focus on issues commented on in those categories.

The board honored the Franklin County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Team for its first-place win at the Jan. 19 national competition in San Antonio, Texas. Consumer Decision Making (CDM) is a competitive 4-H event where participants demonstrate financial management and consumer decision-making skills. Team members Lily Boswell, Madelyn Harrell, Amelia Maxon, and Samantha Pfister competed against 48 other states. “This is the first championship Franklin County has ever had since the beginning of 4-H in 1902,” said Franklin County 4-H Extension Agent Hunter Isbell.

Walker announced the retirement of Human Resources Supervisor Linda Foster. “It’s been a hard decision,” Foster said. “But it’s time.” Foster has served in the district office for almost 50 years. [See “Fifty-Year Career with Franklin County Schools”].

**Streetcar** (continued from page 1)

“A Streetcar Named Desire” is about two young women who grew up on a plantation in Mississippi that has fallen apart,” he said. “One of them has married a working-class man who served in the military, and the other one has fallen on hard times and comes to live with them. She has very old-fashioned expectations about the way people behave, and her sister is living in a very different kind of neighborhood.”

“The sister who’s visiting and the sister’s husband don’t get along at all. They are a very, very different kind of people. She is an old-fashioned Southern belle, and he is a very contemporary, frank sort of representation of this new American male, and he is quite confrontational. A lot of it is about the different values between them, and the sister who is trapped between them.”

Sexuality is a key theme in the play.

Tennessee Williams was gay himself at a time when that was difficult to deal with, and his sister, who he was very close to, was lobotomized because she was sexually expressive, so Tennessee Williams has enormous sympathy for people who are not allowed to express their sexuality,” Crawford noted. “It’s definitely a play with some adult themes. The play is very much about power and sexuality and gender.”

“I have been asked what it’s like to direct this play during the MeToo movement time, and my response is that Tennessee Williams understood all of these things seventy years ago. He was very in tune with the relationship between power and gender and violence.”

“In the rehearsing of plays like this, you have to tread very carefully,” he added. “We are being very careful in staging those scenes. We have a guest fight choreographer; we also have Sarah Hamilton, one of our directors, working as the intimacy coordinator. Several years ago, that was something that hardly existed, and now you find it everywhere.”

The play is set in the New Orleans of 1947.

“The expectations for how men and women are supposed to behave feels very related to when the play was written,” Crawford said. “I will say with the set design we’re going a little less realistic than the play is sometimes seen. It’s basically a realistic play, but there are times when you go inside Blanche’s head—it’s more expressionistic with what she’s going through psychologically, and we’re leaning into that a little bit more.”

Production intern Alena Kochinski, a University of

the South Class of ’18 theatre graduate, worked closely with Crawford to design the set.

“Coming into this design, I was initially worried about taking a more abstract approach to a spectacularly specific play, and one so ingrained in the American theatrical tradition,” Kochinski said. “I hope we have achieved a world that is original to Tennessee Williams while also providing a sense of familiarity to the audience and a play so beloved.”

Taking lead roles are Amelia Barakat as Blanche; Ben Davis as Stanley; Victoria Ryan as Stella; and Matt Acosta as Mitch.

Barakat, a junior from Jacksonville, Fla., is majoring in English and theatre.

“I love Blanche’s character,” she said, “because throughout the whole play, until the very end, she is a fighter. She endures terrible traumas, and yet her character is a powerhouse, fighting to stay afloat while the world tries to drown her.”

Davis, a senior from Little Rock, Ark., has a double major in theatre and forestry.

“My favorite times on set have been when I’m using every trick I can think of just to keep up with my scene partner,” he said. “The role of Stanley demands a great deal of trust between actors with our director. Stanley is a snapshot of patriarchy in 1947, yet Tennessee Williams writes in a way that never once tells you what to feel, only shows you what is. The play comes alive through his writing, the performances of our extraordinary cast, and our stellar production team behind the scenes.”

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. daily from Wednesday, Feb. 28, through Saturday, March 2, followed by a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 3, in the Proctor Hill Theater at the Tennessee Williams Center located at 290 Kentucky Ave., Sewanee.

As always, there is no charge for tickets, but patrons are asked to reserve seats online at <<https://eventbrite.com/e/a-streetcar-named-desire-tickets-827464868697?aff=oddtctrea>>. This play contains sexual violence and is not recommended for children under 15 years old.

“Tennessee Williams from Page to Stage” will be at 4 p.m., Friday, March 1 at the Tennessee Williams Center.

All are welcome to a conversation with Professor Virginia Craighill and the creative team from the current production, including James Crawford (Director), Alena Kochinski (Set Design), Jennifer Matthews (Costume Design), and Jordan Vera (Lighting and Sound Design).

**Fifty-Year Career with Franklin County Schools**

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

“It feels like Linda Foster has been here forever and would stay forever,” said Franklin County School Board Chair Cleijo Walker announcing the retirement of Director of Human Resources, Linda Foster. Those who follow school board business are no stranger to Foster’s active role in budgeting, structuring pay scales, advocating for wage increases for teachers and classified employees, and the district’s search for applicants to staff positions. With an official last day of March 8, Foster’s time as an employee of the Franklin County Schools will be just under 50 years.

Foster began her career in Franklin County teaching seventh grade math at South Junior High School, after teaching math for two years in Dalton, Ga. Raised in Gordonsburg, Tenn., Foster graduated from Lewis County High School and earned a bachelor’s degree at Middle Tennessee State University. With teaching positions highly competitive in the early 1970s, Foster was pleased when she found a teaching position closer to home. She earned her masters and DES at MTSU while teaching at South and advanced to the position of assistant principal. Her career in the Central Office began in 1993 as Director of Accountability under Superintendent of Schools Pattie Priest. When Dr. Charles Edmonds was appointed Director of Schools in 2000, he restructured staffing. Foster headed-up Human Resources, a position she has held ever since, except for a short stint as interim director of schools following Edmonds’ resignation.

“I’m blessed to live in this community,” Foster said. She has called the same Cowan address home since she married in 1981. She looks forward to traveling and having more time to spend with family. The opening for a Human Resources Director was posted on the district website Feb. 16. “Dr. Holman has known for two weeks,” Foster said. Helping Holman plan for the coming school year will fall to the new Human Resources Director. “It’s never a good time,” Foster conceded. “But prolonging things can make them more difficult.”

In response to the announcement of Foster’s retirement at the Feb. 15 meeting, the school board rose in a standing ovation. “It’s been a hard decision,” Foster told the board. “But it’s time.”



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**2024 GRANTS PROCESS INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**Thursday, February 29: 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Morton Memorial Methodist,  
322 W. Main Street, Monteagle

**Friday, March 1: 12:00–2:00 p.m.**

Morton Memorial Methodist,  
322 W. Main Street, Monteagle

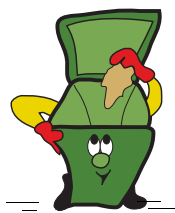
**Saturday, March 2: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Grundy EMS,  
90 Phipps Street, Coalmont

All applicants must attend **one** of the above information meetings before submitting a proposal. For more info please email Katie at [adgofort@sewanee.edu](mailto:adgofort@sewanee.edu) or visit us online at: [southcumberlandcommunityfund.org](http://southcumberlandcommunityfund.org)

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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. 26:** Catfish, baked potato, slaw, hushpuppies.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Chicken salad on croissant, chips.

**Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Pinto beans and ham, fried okra, creamed corn, cornbread.

**Thursday, Feb. 29:** White bean chicken chili, Mexican cornbread.

**Friday, March 1:** Lasagna, salad, garlic bread.

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

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



## SUD (continued from page 1)

lightning strike. Smith pointed out dripline did not require a large buffer zone to avoid overspray, giving SUD more surface area. Beavers concurred, although noting the soil loading allowance would be the same. Because dripline was installed on top of the ground, the initial cost would be less, Beavers added. A possible downside would be maintenance and a robust filtration system to keep the emitters from clogging.

Beavers said the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) advisor he

hoped to consult with had retired. Beavers will contact TDEC for a list of qualified engineers knowledgeable about dripline systems. In the previous discussion about switching to dripline, the board also considered a timber harvest in the spray field. Beavers will look for a forester to advise SUD on a harvest. The last harvest, done 10 years ago, was done in stages based on size and species. Following the harvest, replanting with cypress was most successful. "The green ash and willow didn't last a year," Beavers said. "The deer loved it."

## Trails & Trilliums Registration Open

The Friends' 20th Trails & Trilliums and Earth Day Celebration is set for April 19–21 at the historic Beersheba Springs Conference Center in Beersheba Springs. Event details and registration are at <www.trailsandtrilliums.org>.

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

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

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

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

## Out of Darkness Walk

A life is lost to suicide every 12.8 minutes in the United States. However, most people remain unaware that suicide is a national health problem. Many people believe that only licensed mental health professionals should talk about suicide, but this is one of many harmful myths about suicide. Having open conversations about suicide reduces anxiety, shame, and stigma, and is a key part of preventing suicide. On Saturday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m., the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) will host the Out of the Darkness Community Walk on campus at Sewanee. A major goal of this event is to show support for the families and friends of the more than 41,000 Americans who die by suicide, and the 20 million people who suffer from depression, each year. Support of the community walks also helps to raise funds for suicide prevention research and educational programs, erase the stigma surrounding suicide and its causes, and encourage those who are suffering from mental illness to seek treatment.

On-line registration is now available at <www.afsp.org/sewanee>. You may register individually or as part of a team. We hope you will consider walking with us as we walk to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention. Please consider inviting your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to walk with you or to support your walk. If you are not able to join us, perhaps you would consider sponsoring a walker or making a donation to this walk. Thank you for your support in bringing suicide Out of the Darkness.

## SCRLT Bluebell Island Ramble March 23

The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) will be hosting the annual Bluebell Island Ramble starting at 10 a.m., on Saturday, March 23.

Meet on the Elk River side of the driveway to Tyson Foods (13811 David Crockett Highway/US Hwy 64 just south of I-24 exit 127) and we'll walk approximately 1/4 mile along the river and explore the spring wildflowers and new growth on Bluebell Island. All ages are welcome.

Please note that the crossing to the island usually involves a temporary bridge arranged on a log with rope handholds, but please don't let concerns about your or others' ability to cross the bridge deter you from coming. We'll do everything we can to assist and there is a lot to enjoy even if you can't get across to the island.

Founded in 1993, SCRLT's mission is to conserve and protect ecologically unique land in the South Cumberland region. Bluebell Island was acquired in 1996 and was SCRLT's first land conservation initiative off the Plateau protecting the delicate wildflower habitat on the island.

Updates and other information can be found at SCRLT's Facebook and Instagram pages, at <www.scr.lt.org> or you can contact us any time via email at <hello@scr.lt.org>.

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## SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday,  
Feb. 26–March 1  
BREAKFAST**

**Monday, Feb. 26:** Pancake wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Pizza bagel, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Thursday, Feb. 29:** Cinnamon roll, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Friday, March 1:** Bacon, egg and cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

### LUNCH

**Monday, Feb. 26:** Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Pulled pork barbecue, bun, crinkle-cut fries, tossed salad, Great Northern beans, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Chicken fillet, fresh vegetable cup, buttered corn, waffles, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, Feb. 29:** Walking taco, tossed salad, pinto beans, salsa, fruit, milk.

**Friday, March 1:** Pizza, 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>>.*

## THEC Announces Delay in Release of FAFSA Records

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

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

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

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

Last month, THEC announced

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

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

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

May 15, 2024: FAFSA Deadline for Tennessee Promise Scholarship Sept. 1, 2024: FAFSA Deadline for Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

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

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

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

## Sewanee Children's Center Open House

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

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


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

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

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

## 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.



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## Grocery Store Flower Botanicals Workshop

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

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

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## Voice Recital: Eliza Warnock And Ruthie Rhodes

Eliza Warnock and Ruthie Rhodes will present a voice recital at 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at St. Luke's Chapel. This program features a rich variety of styles and languages, ranging from Bach to "The Music Man" to Taylor Swift, showcasing the depth and breadth of the performers' range. Enjoy pieces exploring the beauty and hardships of love and life, with Vicki Collinsworth, piano.

## Sewanee Symphony Orchestra Concert, March 3

Prepare to be immersed in a captivating sonic journey as the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra unveils its upcoming concert, a harmonious tapestry woven with the timeless compositions of Igor Stravinsky, Camille Saint-Saëns, and José Pablo Moncayo. The concert will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 3, in Guerry Auditorium. The evening promises to be a celebration of musical diversity, showcasing the orchestra's versatility. Adding a touch of contemporary brilliance to the program is a newly orchestrated work by the esteemed Professor Prakash C. Wright, a gem crafted exclusively for the SSO. As the notes of Stravinsky's avant-garde masterpieces, the lush melodies of Saint-Saëns, the rhythmic vibrancy of Moncayo, and the innovative sounds of Professor Wright's creation converge, the concert becomes an enchanting symphony of past and present, inspired by the rich tapestry of musical expression.

## Documentary Screening of 'The Philadelphia Eleven'

Exclusion of women from ordination and other church leadership roles made headlines earlier this summer when the Southern Baptist Convention banned women from the most senior leadership roles. Women in many parts of the Christian church continue a struggle for full inclusion in the sacraments and leadership of the church, a struggle that some women started 50 years ago.

In 1974, there was a dramatic breakthrough of the so-called stained glass ceiling that gave hope to Christian women everywhere. At a church in Philadelphia, a group of 11 women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in violation of the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church – which at the time stated that only men were eligible for ordination. This story is told in a compelling new documentary The Philadelphia Eleven.

The feature documentary film will screen at 6 p.m., Monday, March 4, in All Saints' Chapel.

This film tells a story that continues to resonate today as women seeking ordination continue to face resistance, disrespect and exclusion from roles reserved by men for men. The documentary explores the lives of these remarkable women who succeeded in transforming

an age-old institution despite the threats to their personal safety and the risk of rejection by the church they loved. These women became and remain an inspiration for generations of women in the ministry, and a clarion call for the entire Christian Church.

The Rev. Nancy H. Wittig is one of the Philadelphia Eleven featured in the movie. "It's amazing that women are still fighting for rights in the church, and continuing to feel blowback, similar to what we experienced 49 years ago," she reflected, and then went on to comment, "we are proud of the changes we have accomplished through our priesthood and the ordinations in Philadelphia."

The film's director, Margo Guernsey, is not Episcopalian. She reminds others, "this is a story for all of us. It is about how to break down barriers with grace and be true to oneself in the process. This story reveals ways in which voices that are inconvenient, are often buried. It also provides a vision for what a just and inclusive community looks like in practice."

The Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHIP) honors women's ministries in the Episcopal Church by listening, recording, and continuing to tell their stories.

## VOCES8 Concert

Hear VOCES8, a 2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble, in a concert celebrating the first 20 years of VOCES8. The program will feature their favorite and most often requested music from across the centuries, including Allegri's Miserere, Elgar's Lux Aeterna, and Kate Rusby's "Underneath the Stars." They look back at the music they have grown up with and pieces by contemporary composers they are proud to call friends.

The concert will be at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, in All Saints' Chapel. Tickets: \$25 general admission. Purchase online: <[showpass.com/voces8sewanee](https://showpass.com/voces8sewanee)>. Purchase in person: Guerry 129 Faculty, staff, students receive one free ticket with Sewanee ID.

## Viola Opry Saturday, Feb. 24

The Viola Opry returns Feb. 24, 2024 for its monthly fundraising concert series. Music will be by Chico and B-man with The Buzz! Band, The Don Mealer Band, and The Sometimers. Admission is free. Doors open at 5 p.m. Home-cooked food is available for purchase. Music is from 6–8:30 p.m. The Viola Community Center is located at 9586 Viola Rd., Morrison, Tenn. Donations will be gladly accepted to benefit The Viola Community Center.

## 'Living in the Moment' at the Artisan Depot

The Franklin County Art Guild is proud to announce the opening of a new show, "Living in the Moment," presenting pieces by Musa Suber of Suber Styles Studio at the Artisan Depot in Cowan. Suber is a self-taught artist who enjoys painting in abstract realism. Musa loves using a wide variety of painting styles with acrylic paint, Watercolors and oil paints. He describes his expressionism technique as coming from an inner child. After the passing of his father in 2021, the artist Musa Suber continues to grow in new ways.

The Franklin County and surrounding community is invited to come and view his work which will be on display from Feb. 29 through April 28. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week. In addition, a meet the artist reception will be on the March 16, from 4-7pm, at the Artisan Depot in Cowan located in the heart of Cowan at 204 Cumberland Street.

## 'La Forza del Destino'-MET LIVE in HD

"La Forza del Destino" will be presented from 11:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m., Saturday, March 16, in the William Ralston Music Listening Library. Tickets available here: <<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sewaneeummermusicfestival/992830>>.

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# NCEA Wins Against Bridgewater at Home, 6-2

Jenna McAmis and Emma Sameth swept Most Outstanding Performance for the Tigers as they picked up a home win against Bridgewater on Feb. 17, in National Collegiate Equestrian Association action, 6-2.

In the fences, McAmis scored an 84 on James, earning her MOP and a point for the Tigers. Campbell Flanagan and Mary Grace Samp also collected points for Sewanee in fences with scores of 83 on Carlson, and 78 on Marvin, respectively. Magdalena Broderick collected the Eagles' lone point in the fences on Chip.

Emma Sameth scored an 80 on Winston as she picked up MOP honors in the flat division. Clara Juckett and Flanagan earned the Tigers two more points in flat. Juckett recorded a 73 on Carlson and Flanagan collected a 75 on Huntley. McAmis was just one point behind her opponent, Kelsey Quinn on Frankie for Bridgewater's second point of the meet.

Sewanee collected 629 points to Bridgewater's 528 as they collected the win.

The Tigers meet scheduled against Berry tomorrow has been canceled as the NCEA team will compete in the ODAC Championships on March 21-24 in Lynchburg, Va.

# Community Bike Ride

For families, new riders, and anyone interested in biking a short distance, there is a monthly Community Bike Ride on the paved Mountain Goat Trail (MGT) every first Saturday of the month starting at 3 p.m. from 17 Lake O'Donnell, Sewanee. This is a great ride for younger children and families. Riders who prefer biking on dirt trails also have the option of riding a short MGT section before exiting and riding to Lake Dimmick and back. For more information contact Beth Pride Ford at <bethprideford@gmail.com>.

# SAS Swimmers Highly Successful at TISCA State Championships

SAS swimmers Jackson Frazier, Sienna Barry, Loulie Frazier, Sarah Russell Leonard, Reese Michaels, and Lara Stahl traveled to Nashville Feb. 12 and 13, for the TISCA State Championships. The swimmers had an exceptional meet, swimming 100 percent new best times for the second year in a row.

Jack Frazier made B finals in the 100 breaststroke with a new best time and new team record of 57.47 seconds, an improvement of 0.3 seconds over his previous best time swum at the State Meet finals last year. Frazier also swam a new best time in the 200 Individual Medley. Leonard dropped 1.22 seconds in the 200 freestyle and 2.74 seconds in the 500 freestyle, breaking her own team records in both events. Stahl dropped 1.37 seconds in the 200 Individual Medley and 2.42 seconds in the 500 freestyle. Leonard and Stahl combined with Loulie Frazier and Reese Michaels for a new best time and new team record of 2:05.18 in the girls' 200 yd Medley Relay. Leonard, Stahl, and Michaels combined with teammate Sienna Barry for a new best time and new team record of 1:50.05 in the girls' 200 yd Freestyle Relay. Congratulations to all SAS swimmers on the conclusion of a fantastic swim season, and a huge congratulations to seniors Jackson Frazier and Reese Michaels who have wrapped up 7 years of swimming at SAS.

# Sewanee Crew at the Tennessee Indoor Rowing Championship

On Feb. 17, six members of the Sewanee Crew participated in the Tennessee Indoor Rowing Championships hosted by the Lookout Rowing Club at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. Unlike flooding the Colosseum in Rome for fake naval battles, indoor regattas are held on rowing machines like the ones in Fowler. Up to 20 machines are linked together, and the race is displayed on a movie screen. Sewanee competed in the Men's College, Women's Frosh/Novice College (each 2,000 meters long, 2,000 meters is approximately 1.25 miles.), and the 4,000 Meter Relay events.

In the men's race, Sewanee rowers Ben Pollock and Zach Smith exchanged the lead in the early going. Pollock eventually took control of the race winning, (time 6:38.6) with Smith coming across the line in third (7:08.9) a personal record.

Anne Jefferson rowed a very strategic race in the women's event. While the Berry Crew's Mary Hardesty went out hard, Jefferson stuck to her race plan and steadily moved down the course. With about 500 meters to go, she picked up her pace and rowed down Hardesty to win by 6 seconds (8:15.5). Julia Becker finished third (8:41.4), Lilly Hawkins placed fourth (8:42.3), and Liz Jefferson finished fifth (8:52.1). Anne Jefferson, Julia Becker and Liz Jefferson all posted personal bests.

Sewanee's final event of the day was the Open 4,000 Meter Relay. Relay teams are comprised of four men and four women. Sewanee's Anne Jefferson, Julia Becker, Lilly Hawkins, Ben Pollock and Zach Smith were joined by Chattanooga rowers Abraham Coons and Liam Gifford. Each rower pulls a 500-meter leg of the race and then jumps off the machine while the next rower climbs on for their piece. Like a track relay race where runners pass a baton, the transitions are critical. The lead changed hands several times during the race between Sewanee and a local Chattanooga group that came together to only race the relay. In the end, Chattanooga's fresh legs held on to win with Sewanee finishing second. Berry College placed third.

With the conclusion of the indoor training season, Sewanee Crew will move back to Lake Dimmick to start water practices. The first race of the season will be against Berry College on March 30 at Berry.

# Softball Splits Saturday Games at MUW Classic

Maggie Barker collected three hits and three RBIs and Abbie Buckner and Madilyn Parker each recorded two hits and two runs scored, helping Sewanee to an 11-4 victory over Covenant College and a split of two games Feb. 17, in the MUW Classic in Columbus, Miss.

Christian Cain added three RBIs and Hannan Wilson posted two hits as well. Sewanee scored three times in the second inning and added five insurance runs in the seventh after MUW cut the lead to 6-4.

Kaylie Smith tossed four-plus innings for the win, giving up two runs on five hits with three walks and two strikeouts. Hanna Hollis did not allow an earned run after entering in the fifth inning but retired the side in order in the sixth and gave up a single and a walk in the seventh.

The Scots struck first in the contest, with Mary Elaine drawing a leadoff walk and moving to second on a sacrifice bunt by Helena Nagy. Elaine scored on a pair of wild pitches and Covenant loaded the bases later in the inning with two singles and a walk before Smith got out of the jam with a lineout and a flyout.

Wilson singled and stole second to start the second inning for the Tigers and Buckner reached on an infield single, putting runners on the corners. Barker followed with a two-run double and she later scored on a two-out single by Zoe Crockett for a 3-1 Sewanee edge.

Barker doubled to leadoff the fourth inning and pinch-runner Frances Hunt moved to third on a sac bunt from Sarah Storesteen. Cain's grounder to first was booted and the runner scored on the play, extending the lead to 4-1.

Parker started the Tiger fifth inning with a double and went to third on a wild pitch before Sydney Tackett reached on a fielder's choice and stole second. Wilson plated a run with a sacrifice fly and Buckner's groundout scored another for a 6-1 advantage.

Hannah Blevins tripled to leadoff the Covenant fifth, prompting a pitching change for the Tigers, Olivia Stefl greeted Hollis with an RBI single. Isabella Duran singled with one out and Myla Still reached on an error, loading the bases. Lexi Tincknell plated two runs on an error by Parker in rightfield, cutting the lead to 6-4.

Sewanee exploded for big insurance runs in the seventh, with a one-out single by Parker and a walk to Tackett starting the rally. Wilson moved the runners with a sac bunt and an infield single by Buckner loaded the bases for Barker, who singled in a run.

Storesteen reached on an error, scoring a run, and Cain followed with a bases-clearing double for an 11-4 lead.

MUW scored seven runs in the second inning and four more in the third in a 13-2 victory over the Tigers in five innings in the second contest. Parker, Tackett and Wilson each posted two hits in that game as well.

Sewanee opens a 12-game homestand next weekend with doubleheaders against LaGrange College on Saturday and Agnes Scott on Sunday.



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2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24,  
Women's Tennis vs. Emory  
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1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25,  
Softball vs. Agnes Scott, DH

9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27,  
Softball vs. Austin College,  
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6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb.  
28, Women's Lacrosse vs.  
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4 p.m., Thursday, Feb.  
29, SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs.  
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## NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



### Mink and Anole

Chris Waldrup reported on Feb. 18: "I led a hike at Fiery Gizzard on Saturday for my Huntsville Outdoor Adventures Meetup Group. We went to Ravens Point and back. At Black Canyon we saw a mink! A member of my group named Thy took the video... He ran so fast!" The photo in this column is a still from that video. American Minks are in the same family as weasels, otters, and even the wolverine. This family has anal scent glands and usually a musky odor. Skunks have been classified in this family by some and in their own family by others. The mink is a foot or more long with a tail six inches or more and a chocolate brown color. It is a good swimmer and feeds on small to medium mammals, crayfish, frogs, snakes and birds. Cute but fierce!

Not as exciting but still of interest, we recently saw a Green Anole of a sunny rock wall last Monday. They have a range mainly south of us but do get up this far. They are in a separate family from other lizards and look different from the Fence Lizard, which has striped markings and is heftier looking. The Green Anole can also be brown, which this one was, or a combination of the two colors. It is sometimes incorrectly called a chameleon due to its color-changing ability.

Correction: The photo last week was mislabeled - obviously not Sweet-breath-of-spring.

## 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> 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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## State Park Offerings

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

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

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

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

## Rabies Clinic

March is rabies clinic month in Franklin County. Franklin County Animal Control, in conjunction with local veterinarians, Dr. Traci Helton and staff from Midtown Veterinary Services and Hospital as well as Drs. George and Ashley Bowers and staff from Animal Care Center will be conducting remote community clinics on the first two Saturdays in the month of March. We recognize that the attendance to these community clinics have been declining simply because more pets are coming into the clinics for routine veterinary care. We understand that many rural pets still benefit from these clinics so we have shortened the times at each location so we can cover more remote areas. In addition to these scheduled community clinics, each of the four local veterinary offices (including Town & Country and Lakeside Veterinary Clinic) will be offering Walk-In rabies vaccinations to any healthy dog or cat during their regular office hours at the discounted price. No appointment is necessary, but a call may speed up the process.

The Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law states that dogs and cats may be vaccinated as early as three months of age and must be vaccinated by 6 months of age to be compliant with the law, so please come take advantage of the discount.

For the first two Saturdays in the month of March, rabies clinics will be set up at community centers, churches, and parks across the county. We have made efforts in recent years, to offer clinics on the outskirts of the county in an effort to be more accessible to those residents and their pets.

The cost of each rabies vaccination is only \$15 per dog or cat. The goal of these clinics is to vaccinate as many dogs and cats as possible.

The following are the dates, times, and place of each rabies clinic:

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
8:30–9 a.m., Salem House—Old Salem

9:15–9:45 a.m., City Hall—Huntland  
10–10:30 a.m., Community Center—Belvidere  
10:45–11:15 a.m., Community Center—Keith Springs  
11:30 a.m.–noon, Community Center—Liberty  
1:30–2:15 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ—Winchester Springs (Old School)  
2:30–3:30 p.m., Community Center—Center Grove  
Saturday, March 9, 2024  
8:30–8:50 a.m., Hank Weddington Park—Decherd  
9–9:20 a.m., City Park—Estill Springs  
9:30–9:50 a.m., Community Center—Capital Hill  
10–10:20 a.m., Community Center—Oak Grove  
11–11:15 a.m., Community Center (Old School)—Sherwood  
11:40 a.m.–noon, St. James Episcopal Church—Midway  
1:30–1:50 p.m., Cowan Fellowship Church—Cowan  
2:15–2:45 p.m., Bethel Methodist Church—Broadview  
3–3:30 p.m., Lexie Church—Lexie Crossroads

Anyone with questions about the Franklin County Rabies Clinics can call (931) 967-5389 or one of the county veterinary offices.

## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Feb 12	56	30
Tue	Feb 13	49	37
Wed	Feb 14	61	45
Thu	Feb 15	63	43
Fri	Feb 16	61	24
Sat	Feb 17	32	18
Sun	Feb 18	45	24

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 52  
Avg min temp = 32  
Avg temp = 42  
Precipitation = 1.37"

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Domain Ranger



Tillie



Bellamy

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# FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

## ‘Streetcar Named Desire’

Performances Feb. 28-March 3,  
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They told me to take a streetcar named Desire, and then transfer to one called Cemeteries and ride six blocks and get off at—Elysian Fields!

...  
I don’t want realism. I want magic! Yes, yes, magic! I try to give that to people. I misrepresent things to them. I don’t tell the truth, I tell what ought to be the truth. And if that’s sinful, then let me be damned for it!

...

Having great wealth sometimes makes people lonely! A cultivated woman, a woman of intelligence and breeding, can enrich a man’s life—immeasurably! I have those things to offer, and this doesn’t take them away. Physical beauty is passing. A transitory possession. But beauty of the mind and richness of the spirit and tenderness of the heart—and I have all of those things—aren’t taken away, but grow! Increase with the years! How strange that I should be called a destitute woman! When I have all of these treasures locked in my heart.

...

But some things are not forgivable. Deliberate cruelty is not forgivable. It is the one unforgivable thing in my opinion, and it is the one thing of which I have never, never been guilty.

...

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# Community Calendar

## Friday, Feb. 23

- 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.

## Saturday, Feb. 24

- 9 a.m. Herbarium Workshop, “Grocery Store Flower Botanicals,” Priestley, Spencer Hall Room 171, until 11:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:45 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Voice Recital, St. Luke’s Chapel
- 5 p.m. Annual Black History Month program, theme “Celebrating Black Excellence,” speaker Dr. Cary Holman, “Being the First Black Superintendent...” Townsend Cultural Center, 913 S. Shepherd St., Winchester, until 7 p.m.

## Sunday, Feb. 25

- 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.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 4 p.m. VOCES8 Concert, All Saints’ Chapel, \$25 ticket

## Monday, Feb. 26

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee with the Coach, Athletic Training Staff, 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.
- 4:45 p.m. Monteagle City Council Public Hearing, 3 Ordinances; regular meeting at 5 p.m., Conference Room, City Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates Mat class, all levels, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. Marion County Commission, Lawson Bldg., 300 Ridley Dr., Jasper

## Tuesday, Feb. 27

- 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.
- 4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 5:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. GriefShare support group/weekly seminar, MMUMC Wesley House
- 5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd., until 6:30 p.m.
- 6 p.m. FCDP monthly meeting, FC Annex, 39 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester

## Wednesday, Feb. 28

- 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.
- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Performance, “Streetcar Named Desire,” Proctor Hill Theater, TN Williams Center, 290 Kentucky Ave.

## Thursday, Feb. 29 • Leap Day

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Free Income Tax Prep, Franklin County Senior Citizens’ Center, Winchester; time slots available 9 a.m.-noon; call (931) 967-9853 to sign up for appointment
- 9 a.m. Herbarium Nature Journaling, more info email <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 exercise class, Judy, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.; more info <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.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates Mat Class, Bruce Manuel, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 5:30 p.m. SCCF Grant Orientation session, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 6 p.m. Cowan Railroad Museum annual meeting, Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery St., Cowan
- 7:30 p.m. Performance, “Streetcar Named Desire,” Proctor Hill Theater, TN Williams Center, 290 Kentucky Ave.

## Friday, March 1

RSVP deadline for Sewanee Civic Association membership meeting March 4

- 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
- noon SCCF Grant Orientation session, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 7:30 p.m. Performance, “Streetcar Named Desire,” Proctor Hill Theater, TN Williams Center, 290 Kentucky Ave.

## 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

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