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Speculation, Jane Austen's Favorite Card Game

Friends of the Library of Seawanee: The University of the South and the Department of English invite you to attend an event featuring Dr. Robin R. Bates, Professor Emeritus of English from St. Mary's College of Maryland. Dr. Bates will discuss the importance of card playing in Jane Austen's novels and will instruct attendees in how to play Speculation, one of the card games played in "Mansfield Park." This event will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Convocation Hall.

Dr. Bates has a PhD in 18th century British literature from Emory University and spent his career teaching British literature at St. Mary's College of Maryland. In 2018 he retired to Seawanee, where he grew up and where he has served as an occasional Visiting Professor of English.

Although the protagonist of "Mansfield Park" is no card player, Austen informs us that "it was impossible for Fanny not to feel herself mistress of the rules of the game in three minutes." In other words, it is a very simple game, with Austen reporting in a letter, "I introduced Speculation, and it was so much approved that we hardly knew how to leave off." Attendees who would rather watch than play, however, can do so. An English high tea will be served during the card game and Jane Austen-themed prizes will be awarded to the winners. We request that you RSVP via email to <pcowan@seawanee.edu> for the event by Friday, Jan. 30, to determine the number of card tables needed.

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

Hospitality Shop News

The Seawanee Hospitality Shop Auxiliary invites their friends and supporters in the Seawanee community to a coffee/cocoa and cookies gathering in Kennerly Hall 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23, to discuss the movement of the Shop from 1096 University Ave., in Seawanee to 574 Georgia Ave., in Seawanee. The purpose of the gathering is to answer any questions the community has about the move and to encourage volunteers to sign up for teams to carry out the shift. Our project manager, Anita Colley, is looking for people able to lift and shift boxes, load and drive vehicles between the sites, and to pack and unpack boxes and bins at both ends. We are excited about this huge shift in our Shop space. We know we'll be better able to serve our scholarship recipients, our donors, and our loyal customer base. Donation processes will resume on March 2.

Saving an Island Surrounded by a Park

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
Writer

"Inholdings and edge holdings in the state parks are not at all uncommon," said Friends of the Parks Executive Director Ned Murray. "All of these parks are typically multiple acquisitions over time. Savage Gulf was around 20 acquisitions over 20 years." Murray explained an inholding owner may want to continue to use the land, perhaps to hunt there, or believes the land may have value one day, or does not trust the state; other times multiple names on a deed create complications. Park officials were aware of a small inholding at Grundy Lakes Park in Tracy City, slightly less than an acre within the park's 162 acres. For a number of years, though, no one gave the heretic tract much thought.

That changed when a man who claimed he purchased the property confronted a park ranger as he was locking the gate for the evening at Grundy Lakes. According to George Shinn, manager of Fiery Gizzard State Park which includes Grundy Lakes, the alleged purchaser insisted, "I don't want anybody on my property. I'm gonna need keys. I intend to build a pavilion."

Panic ensued. "That property doesn't need to be in private hands," Shinn said. "This cannot happen. That will ruin our whole experience for visitors and the historic value." Significantly, the small tract includes the site of the former Lone Rock Stockade which from 1883-1896 housed convict laborers leased from the state for the lucrative Tracy City coal mining and coke oven operation. In 2019 University of the South archeologist Camile Westmont undertook excavating the Lone Rock Stockade site, opening the door to a little-known chapter on Tracy City's past.

Grundy Lakes is part of the newly formed Fiery Gizzard State Park officially christened in October of 2025, state park holdings formerly grouped under the name South Cumberland State Park. But Grundy Lakes origin story long proceeds the rebranding. Created in 1978, South Cumberland State Park included Grundy Lakes Park, earlier known as Tracy Lakes. In 1935, the Tennessee Consolidate Coal Company donated 154 acres in Tracy City to the state, the former site of the massive coal mining and coke oven operation. Tasked with reclaiming the land, the Civil

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Monteagle Zoning: a Walkable, Vibrant, Affordable Downtown

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
Writer

"The key to a vibrant downtown is enough houses and enough rooftops," said Monteagle Alderman Nate Wilson introducing the discussion on "rethinking" C-1 commercial zoning ordinances regulating development on Main Street and the neighboring residential area. Monteagle received a Lyndhurst Foundation grant to use zoning as a tool to spur downtown development. For the past six months, a committee composed of city officials and residents met with consultants from Inc Codes, an Atlanta based firm specializing in zoning reform to encourage infill development in small to medium size communities. Distinct from C-2 and C-3 highway commercial zoning, Monteagle's downtown corridor from the Assembly to Monteagle Elementary School is currently zoned C-1. Inc Codes recommendations, if adopted, will be incorporated in the town's ordinance. "What is zoned C-1 is not changing, but what you can do there is," observed Elizabeth Williams, Inc Codes architect and city planner.

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SUD: Commissioner Election, Year-End Finances

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
Writer

With voting closing at the end of the business day, the Seawanee Utility District Board of Commissioners met to tally votes on the evening of Jan. 20, with nearly 70 ballots cast in one of the most highly contested elections in recent history. During regular business SUD manager Ben Beavers reviewed year-end finances for 2025, citing net income 51 percent over budget.

Five candidates vied for two seats on the SUD Board of Commissioners. At the December meeting the board set a slate of three

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Nominations Open for the SCA Board

The Seawanee Civic Association invites nominations for open positions on the 2026-27 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.

Nominations are due by Monday, Feb. 16, 2026. The slate will be presented at the March 2, 2026 membership meeting. Voting will occur at the annual membership meeting on May 4. For more information, email at <seawaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.



Dog owners and dog lovers gathered on a sunny afternoon at the Phil White Dog Park. Photo by Rachel Lynch



We celebrated the induction of new members into the Order of the Gown and Jennifer Cooley's installation as dean of the College during the Jan. 16 Easter Semester Convocation. Photo by the University of the South



Celia Keen of the Monteagle-Seawanee Rotary presented a check for \$20,500 to Theresia Campbell of the Grundy County Food Bank. This is GCFB's share of the proceeds of the Rotary's 2025 Hunger Walk. It is the largest single contribution toward GCFB's budget for the year and greatly enhances GCFB's ability to provide food for 250-300 families each month. We thank all who worked on, participated in, sponsored, or donated to the Hunger Walk.

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University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Associate Dean of Students, College of Arts & Science; Director of Greek and Student Involvement, College of Arts & Sciences; Director, University Health Services, University Health Services; Forest Research and Education Biologist, Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability; Mineral Physics, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Earth and Environmental Systems; University Registrar, Provost's Office.

Non-Exempt Positions: Access Services Coordinator, Library and Information Technology Services; Accounting Administrator, Facilities Management Administration; BAS (Building Automation Systems) HVAC Tech, Finance & Treasurer; Business Office Specialist for Accounts Payable, Finance & Treasurer; Campus Security

Officer, On-Call, Public Safety, Sewanee Police Department; Catering Team Lead, Sewanee Dining; Fire Alarm Technician, Facilities Management; FitWell Group Exercise Instructor, Flourishing Wellness Center; Medical Assistant, University Health Services; On-Call Catering Attendant, Sewanee Dining; On-Call, Stable Assistant, Athletics, Equestrian Center; Police Officer (Full-Time), Sewanee Police Department; Police Officer (Part-Time), Sewanee Police Department; Second Cook, Sewanee Dining, Sewanee Dining, McClurg; Sewanee Dining Associate, Sewanee Dining, McClurg; Sewanee Shuttle Driver, Sewanee Police Department.

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

Aging Needs Assessment

Dr. Amy Patterson and Dr. Deborah McGrath, in collaboration with Dr. Cara Robinson of Tennessee State University's Center on Aging Research, along with Folks at Home, are collaborating on an Aging Needs Assessment to begin in the spring of 2026.

Sewanee students and TSU students, guided by their professors, will be involved initially in conducting five focus groups of five to eight persons at local locations to be announced. Currently, the focus groups will be limited to Sewanee residents age 65 or older.

Currently these focus groups are scheduled as follows:

Friday, March 27, 1–2:30 p.m.; Monday, March 30, 1–2:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 31, 3–4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 1, 1–3:30 p.m.; Friday, April 3, 1–3:30 p.m.

Based on the focus group input, surveys will be made available to the larger community later in the year.

Let your voice be heard by participating with us in one of these focus groups. The goal is to cultivate the most age-friendly community we are able to create.

For more information, contact Folks at Home at <folksathome-sewanee@gmail.com> or (931) 598-0303.



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Local Food Available

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

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



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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

There will be a Beer Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. for a Beer Permit for Misty's Market on Monday, Jan. 26, in the conference room at City Hall. The Monteagle City Council is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, in the conference room at City Hall. The Town of Monteagle is applying for a CDBG grant. The city council would like community input at the city council meeting on Jan. 26, 2026.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, at the Franklin County Courthouse in the Courtroom.

Sewanee Community Council

The following items are on the agenda for the Sewanee Community Council meeting scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2026, in-person at the Sewanee Community Center and online via Zoom.

(1) Approval of the October Minutes; (2) Jackson Law Resolution, Willis; (3) Dog Control Policy, Wilson; (4) Sewanee Village Ventures Apartments Update from David Shipp, Wilson; (5) Election of Agenda Committee Member to Replace Laura Willis (3-Year Term Ending December 2028), Wilson; (6) Announcements and/or Questions.

Join Zoom Meeting
<<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/96146811232>>

Meeting ID: 961 4681 1232

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, with Track and Field coach Mike Curcio, at the McGriff Alumni House. For those unable to attend in person, Coffee with the Coach will be livestreamed every week on <sewanee-tigers.com/watch/>.

FCDP Monthly Meeting

The Franklin County Democratic Party is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Franklin County Annex, Small Meeting Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Luis Mato, TNDP Communication Director, will be our guest and give a presentation about making social media more effective.

Ecce Quam Bonum Club

The Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Club, founded in 1870, is Sewanee's oldest organization in continuous existence. During the Academic Year, the EQB Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch after which a talk (called a "Lead") is given by a variety of talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the Lead will be given by Ken Smith who will talk about his experience teaching in a large Chinese university as well as his research and travels in Western China and the Tibetan Plateau, the world's largest plateau with an average elevation of 14,500 feet. Ken Smith was a Forestry and Environmental Studies professor from 1998-2021, and while at Sewanee, he worked

closely with Domain Management, the Sewanee Utility District, and many other organizations inside and outside of Tennessee. Since 2021, Ken has worked for the Department of Environmental Science at the University of Arizona. In the fall of 2021, he initiated an environmental science dual degree program at China's Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University, where he has served as the micro-campus director and a professor.

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

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will have a private club social on Jan. 29.

Sewanee Emeriti Association Welcomes Elizabeth Wilson

Elizabeth Wilson, Sewanee's new Director of Student Formation, will share her work with students and faculty at the Feb. 5 meeting.

Drawing on a brief, participatory glimpse into a real student appointment, Elizabeth will explore how reflective assessments and core questions give clarity about how students think, what they care about, and where they feel called to contribute. She will also reflect on the ways in which faculty partnerships, Net VUE-supported initiatives, and student-led mapping efforts point to a broader shift in how Sewanee understands and supports formation across the institution.

As elders in a community filled with energetic college students, audience members may gain useful insights at a time when AI may drastically change their world and ours.

Elizabeth came to Sewanee in 2006 with a degree in Anthropology from the University of California Santa Cruz that included study at the University of Nairobi and, except for a trip around the world with her daughters, has worked with students and faculty to develop leadership skills that enhance one's careers and life.

Everyone is welcome to join Sewanee Emeriti Association members as we learn from Elizabeth Wilson at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday,

Feb. 5, at the McGriff Alumni House. For more information or to arrange transportation, please call Trudy Cunningham at (931) 535-4637.

Sewanee Woman's Club

At the Feb. 9 meeting of the Sewanee Woman's Club we will hear the exciting things that are happening and planned for at the Savage Gulf State Park. Park Manager Aaron Reid will be telling us about the recently established state park. He will give an overview of the park and also talk about future plans and new developments. He will also share renderings of the beautiful new facilities.

Bring a friend and come to the Monday, Feb. 9, Sewanee Woman's Club meeting to learn more about another great Tennessee State Park in our area. We will gather at St. Mary's, Sewanee, at 11:30 a.m., for socializing with lunch starting at 11:50 a.m. Mr. Reid will begin his presentation following lunch. The lunch will be a healthy and gourmet affair for just \$20.

For 95 years this club has been a wonderful way to connect with friends and meet new and interesting neighbors. So don't miss out! Reservations are required for lunch, or, if preferred, just to hear the program. Please make reservations by noon on Sunday, Feb. 1 to this email: <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

Sewanee Civic Association

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 2, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. The program will be on "SES Celebrates 100 Years," presented by Kathryn Bruce and Allison Dietz.

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

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

43rd Annual Community Service Award Nominations Accepted

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 43rd annual Community Service Award. The award recognizes the person or organization that has made outstanding contributions to our community. The recipient is one who has helped make Sewanee a better place and has improved the quality of life for everyone in the area. Nominations are due by Friday, March 13.

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

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

Past recipients include Ken and Lynn Taylor; Leslie and Dale Richardson; Georgia Hewitt; Felix Wilson; Sue Scruggs; John Solomon; Kiki Beavers; Mountain Mask Initiative; Amanda Knight; the Sherrill family; Sarah Marhevsky; Kat O'Donohue; Mickey Suarez; GSA Allies; Pixie Dozier; Barbara Schlichting; Helen Bailey; Sewanee Youth Soccer; Dr. Matt Petrilla; Harry and Jean Yeatman; Marshall Hawkins; Karen Keele; Helen Shedd; Tom Watson; Susan Binkley; the Sewanee Senior Center Food Pantry (Lena McBee, Sue Hawkins, Charlie Green); George and Ruth Ramseur; Dr. John Gessell; Dora Turner; the Community Action Committee; Geraldine Hewitt Piccard; Myrtis Keppler; Connie Warner; Ina May Myers; Pete Green; Duval and Boo Cravens; Housing Sewanee; Betty Nick Chitty; Harry and Millie Dodd; the Sisters of St. Mary; Martha Dugan; Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary; David Green; Joe David McBee; Robert Lancaster; Maria Webb; Doug Cameron; Galon Sherrill; Phoebe Bates; Marilyn Powell; and Louise Irwin.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

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

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

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

City Light Church

City Light Church in Monteagle exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle, and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Our children’s ministry offers a safe and exciting environment for children newborn to fifth grade. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

Christ Church

January 25 is kept by most of the Church as the Conversion of St. Paul. Nobody can prove that this was the actual date of his Damascus Road experience. But it must have needed a fixed date in the calendar because the man called “The Apostle to the Gentiles” wrote a lot of what came to be known as The New Testament certainly shaped a lot of the Christian Faith.

Ironically some of the details come to us not from St. Paul, but from St. Luke who wrote The Acts of the Apostles.

If you get snowed or iced in this Sunday, you can read Acts, Chapter 9. You can also treat yourself to seeing Anthony Hopkins play St. Paul. He said it was much easier to

play Hannibal Lecter because he understood darkness and evil more than goodness and light.

We do not plan to cancel the Sunday service (10:45 a.m.) at Christ Church Monteagle. But if the roads are icy please stay home.

Draw Near

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

St. James Episcopal

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

St. Mark and St. Paul

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

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

Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall. On Sunday, Jan. 25, Fr. Rob will be leading a Rector’s Forum.

Our first book of the new year

will be “The Dance of the Dissident Daughter” by Sue Monk Kidd. Beth Wiley will lead the discussion. Get your copy now, and join us Tuesday nights through Feb 10. We will gather in Brooks Hall with finger foods and drinks, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Godly Play continues this Sun-

day at 9:45 a.m. for children (3 years old through fifth grade). Youth Sunday School meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

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

Unitarian Universalist

The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626, or visit the church’s website at <www.tullahomauu.org>.

Winchester First United Methodist Church

Embrace a new beginning with Jesus in a new kind of faith community. Come home to Winchester First United Methodist Church, 100 S. Jefferson St.

Worship services are on Sundays at 10 a.m. On the first Sunday of the month, our service is followed by a free lunch.

For more information, contact senior pastor, Eric Bronkala, at (865) 591-8823, or visit us on Facebook.

Church Calendar

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

Midway Baptist Church

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

Monteagle Church of Christ

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

Monteagle First Baptist Church

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

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

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4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

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

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

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

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Obituary

Kate Murray Brown

Kate Murray Brown, age 81 of Monteagle, died on Jan. 10, 2026 at Alive Hospice, Murfreesboro. She was born on June 8, 1944, in Tampa, Fla., to Ruth Murray Cook Brown and Earl Jennings Brown Jr. She was very proud to be a part of the area’s recovery community. She was a state-licensed alcohol and drug counselor, and owned and operated a DUI school in Grundy County for many years. She authored a recovery manual called “The Double Troubles” and a whimsical children’s book series, “Sassafras Tales,” about life in The United Acres of Sassafras, which she also named her homestead in the Deepwoods area. She was very creative, making beautiful stained glass and handmade jewelry which she sold over the years at craft shows, the Country Music Wax Museum, Rock City, Dollywood, and Mooney’s Market and Emporium. She was preceded in death by her parents; infant son Robert Shelton Corvette Jr.; and brothers, Henry Cook Brown and Earl Jennings Brown III.

She is survived by her children, Ruth Murray Corvette (James) Jordan, Harry Hurlburt (Nicki)Root IV, and Taylor Lynch (Katie Willoughby) Root; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She loved being a grandmother and great-grandmother, naming herself “Grandmurray.”

A memorial will be scheduled at a later time. In lieu of flowers please send donations in her honor to the Sewanee Senior Citizens Center.

Memorial Gathering for Pat Wiser

Friends of Pat Wiser are invited to an informal memorial gathering from 1–3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Sewanee Senior Citizens Center. Light refreshments will be provided, and there will be an opportunity to express reminiscences about Pat. For more information, contact Betsy Grant at (423) 774-6055.



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Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Monteagle (from page 1)

Inc Codes, a name derived from “incremental codes,” stresses the importance of infill. “Right now the lowest residential density is close to Main Street. We’re trying to flip that,” Williams said. Infill would facilitate commercial growth and help remedy Monteagle’s housing shortage. The goal is a vibrant, walkable downtown corridor, a 10-20 minute half-mile walk, accomplished by small lot platting. Each lot with a business means tax revenue, explained Inc Codes Eric Kronberg who calls himself a “zoning whisperer.” Equally important, small lots mean lower purchase and building costs for developers. Inc Codes recommends no minimum lot size, a maximum lot width and depth to encourage smaller lots, a maximum 8,000 square feet building footprint, and a minimum 650 square feet footprint.

The proposed downtown district extends several blocks north and south of Main Street, but Kronberg noted the boundaries could expand. “Zoning should be a living, breathing thing,” he insisted. On Main Street, instead of a required front setback from the property line, Inc Codes proposes a “supplemental zone” for streetscape, with rules about the distance from curbs, sidewalks, and street side parking. Building on the front of lots is encouraged with parking in the rear, and the front of buildings should face the street.

A two-block segment facing the north side of Main Street and three-block segment facing the south side would be designated as “Primary Main Street” and would not allow residences on the ground floor at the front of the lot. Residences at the rear of a lot or on the second floor would be allowed, but Kronberg pointed out second floor residential construction was costly. Zero lot line building would be allowed, but Kronberg again cited the expense as prohibitive. As is the case now, the maximum building height would be three stories or 40 feet. Both new commercial and residential construction would have rules governing fenestration, i.e., how much of the front facade needed to be windows.

Constraints confronting Monteagle include water and sewer availability and Main Street being a state highway. Wilson expects a public meeting in the near future to address Monteagle’s water and sewer needs. Tennessee Department of Transportation rules and plans impact Main Street planning and development. Citing one problem, Kronberg said Main Street was not a good place for bike lanes and was dangerous for cyclists, whereas streetside parking would be far more beneficial. “You need to work on TDO,” Kronberg suggested.

Summing up goals, Williams said, “The purpose and intent is to encourage a walkable, vibrant Main Street serving adjacent neighborhoods. Affordability is really important and cultivating a sense of place, building on existing assets. Affordability is about people being able to build densely and to build small, so we’re allowing smaller lots and smaller units. We want to make it easier and more desirable to develop in the downtown area instead of just on the edges and to have a clear code that is easy to use with a streamlined permitting process.”

**Island** (from page 1)

Conservation Corp created the lakes, planted trees and foliage, and constructed recreational facilities.

In 2011 Tracy City resident Abrey Hale purchased an acre of land within the Grundy Lakes Park from Sam Creighton, a Coalmont store owner. Creighton acquired the property in a delinquent tax sale. After Hale had the property surveyed, he contacted the park service. The park official Hale spoke with encouraged him to get back in touch if he ever decided to sell the property.

Administrative hurdles can make land acquisition a lengthy and burdensome process for the state, observed Ralph Knoll, a land acquisition consultant to the nonprofit Tennessee State Parks Conservancy. Hale was in no hurry to sell the property and Tennessee State Parks had no urgent need to purchase the small one-acre Grundy Lakes inholding until a Washington D.C. realtor contacted Hale wanting to buy the land. “They could have messed things up there, put up rental homes. It’s beautiful property,” Hale said. Anxious about selling the property to the Washington D.C. buyer, conversation ensued between Hale and the park service about a different path forward. Hale confirmed the property had not actually sold yet, but he was selling it.

“They [the park service] were very interested,” Hale said. “I’d rather work with you, I told them.”

The park service reached out to the Friends of the Parks and the Tennessee State Parks Conservancy about acquiring the land and transferring ownership to Tennessee State Parks. For NGOs (non-government organizations) to take the lead in parks acquiring private land is common practice. “The nonprofit world can act quicker

and the process is less complicated,” Knoll said.

The price offered by the Washington D.C. realtor set the purchase price, according to Hale. “The state is limited to not paying more than the appraised value for property,” Murray commented. This prevents sellers from demanding excessively high prices. In the case of the Hale property, though, the price was in keeping with the appraisal. The partnership between the Conservancy and the Friends led to the Dec. 16 purchase of the Hale property, with the two NGOs sharing the cost 50:50. In February, Shinn will give a presentation to the state land’s acquisitions committee to explain why the state needs to own the land and urge them to buy it from the Friends and Conservancy. “The Friends group is awesome,” Shinn said. “They go into these deals knowing they may not recoup any money.”

“The land will be preserved for all time where it needs to be,” Hale stressed. But the question remains, why was there an acre of privately owned land within the tract gifted to the state by the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company?

The likely answer: in 1896 the state of Tennessee ended the practice of convict leasing.

In the wave of rebellions at Tennessee coal mines in the late 1800s protesting convict laborers taking miners’ jobs, six stockades were burned in two years, including the Lone Rock Stockade. The Tracy City miners put the convicts on a train and sent them back to the penitentiary. But at many other mines, the convicts were set free. Historical archaeologist Westmont argues the \$25 bounty offered for escapees proved the system’s downfall. The Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company (TCIR), owner of the Tennessee coal mines, refused to pay the \$25 bounty and

rather than being stuck with the bag, in 1896 the state stopped leasing out convicts, the first state in the nation to do so.

Up until then, two-thirds of the laborers at the Tracy City mines and coke ovens were convicts leased from the state of Tennessee. The cost per day of each convict was less than half the cost per day of each free miner. Without convict laborers, the lucrative mining operation became far less lucrative. TCIR shifted operations from Tennessee to Alabama where they could still use convict labor.

In 1900, with no need of a place to house convicts, TCIR deeded the stockade and stockade property to Gabe Hunter, but surface rights only, not mineral rights. In 1904, TCIR closed its Tracy City office. The newly formed Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company operated the Tracy City mines until 1935 when TCC donated the property to the state. A history of mortgage default and delinquent property taxes followed the acre of privately owned land within the mining company land TCC gave to the state, but that acre of land remained in private hands until the Dec. 16, 2025, purchase from Aubrey Hale.

Hale owns another small tract near the Fiery Gizzard trailhead, with conversation underway about possible acquisition of the land by an NGO which would in turn transfer the property to Tennessee State Parks.

What is the lesson in this story? “We need to be more proactive in conservation,” Murray insisted. “Friends of the Parks is proud to partner with the State Parks Conservancy to protect this critical site in perpetuity. We are grateful to the Hales for their vision and willingness to help us protect it.”

Note: In addition to those mentioned above, special thanks to Gayle VanHooser, Grundy County Register of Deeds, for researching land ownership for the stockade tract. If you have knowledge about how Gabe Hunter used the property, please contact Leslie Lytle at <sllytle@benlomand.net>.

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candidates who had expressed a willingness to serve when the call for candidates went out in October: Ronnie Hoosier, Phil White, and Donnie McBee. McBee sought reelection. Two other would-be candidates submitted petitions signed by at least ten candidates before the Dec. 30 deadline: Amanda Bailey and Isabella Love. Each customer, defined as a residence or business having a tap, had two votes, although several customers only voted for one candidate. Amanda Bailey led the field with 40 votes, followed by Donnie McBee with 28 votes. Commissioners will be sworn in at the February meeting.

Reviewing the highlight of year-end finances, Beavers said about one-third of the over-budget revenue came from tap fees and water and sewer service development charges for new connections. “You never know how many meters you’re going to sell,” Beavers observed. Another revenue perk came from almost \$80,000 in interest income, 32 percent over the budgeted amount. Expenses were right on target, within 0.2 percent of the budgeted amount.

The board will meet next on Feb. 24, the fourth Tuesday, rather than the third Tuesday, the regular meeting date.



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Dr. Shaffer will explore how higher education can cultivate civil discourse and strengthen democratic life amidst polarization, offering both scholarly insights and practical tools for navigating tensions and staying in conversation.

This plenary lecture explores the critical role of dialogic and deliberative engagement in higher education, focusing specifically on how cultivating civil discourse on campus prepares students for lives of democratic participation. The mission of higher education — both public and private institutions — is deeply intertwined with upholding democratic principles and modeling spaces of inquiry across differing perspectives while being spaces of belonging and shared concern for the common good. And yet, the contemporary environment and lacking civic-mindedness can make this work seem all the more fragile.

In a time in which people feel deeply divided and disconnected from their communities and civic institutions, we are proposing to have Dr. Tim Shaffer—an interdisciplinary scholar of civil discourse, deliberative dialogue, civic participation, and democratic engagement at the University of Delaware — visit Sewanee to speak on the catalyzing role higher education must play in cultivating spaces for democracy amidst polarization. In addition to scholarly grounding, Dr. Shaffer’s research expertise provides practical interventions for navigating conflict and staying in conversation.

As an interdisciplinary scholar and practitioner of deliberative democracy, civic education, and group communication, Dr. Timothy J. Shaffer focuses on the advancement of democratic practices by focusing on the role of civic professionals in institutional settings such as higher education, local government, and non-governmental organizations in relationship with diverse communities.

Dr. Shaffer is the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Chair of Civil Discourse and director of the SNF Ithaca Initiative in the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware. He is also director of civic engagement and deliberative democracy with the National Institute for Civil Discourse at the University of Arizona. Shaffer is author or coeditor of seven books including “Deliberative Pedagogy: Teaching and Learning for Democratic Engagement,” “Creating Space for Democracy: A Primer on Dialogue and Deliberation in Higher Education,” and the latest book, “Teaching Public Affairs Students to Serve With the People: Findings and Reflections from Diverse Course Designs” with Thomas Andrew Bryer from Routledge. Shaffer earned his PhD from Cornell University.

Wright Thompson Book Offer

Wright Thompson, author of the acclaimed new work about the 1955 murder of Emmett Till, will read from his book during a visit to Sewanee on March 23 and March 24.

Till’s violent death at the hands of a group of white Mississippi men, the sham trial that resulted in the acquittal of two of the murderers’ (they later confessed to the crime), and the protest led by Mamie Till-Mobley, the boy’s mother, that reverberated around the world were epochal events in the history of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

In “The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi” (Penguin Books), Thompson grounds his understanding of the lynching of the 14-year-old Black boy from Chicago in the deep historic soil of the Mississippi Delta, zeroing in on the long story of the barn where the torture and murder took place and that still stands today.

The Washington Post called “The Barn” “extraordinary ... an intimate history of the tragedy, but also a deep meditation on Mississippi and America.” Time magazine selected it as one of the 100 “Must Read” books of the year, “a sensitive, deeply reported book that will make you reconsider everything you thought you knew about Till’s lynching and its place in American history.”

The writer Kiese Laymon called “The Barn,” “the most brutal, layered and absolutely beautiful book about Mississippi, and really how the world conspired with the best and worst parts of Mississippi, I will ever read ... Reporting and reckoning can get no better, or more important, than this.” Thompson’s appearance in Sewanee is sponsored by the University’s Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation, in partnership with the Sewanee School of Letters and The Sewanee Review. The precise times of the programming events in March are TBA.

In connection with Thompson’s visit, the Roberson Project is offering a complementary copy to anyone in the greater Sewanee area who requests it. Book clubs are especially welcome and may request multiple copies. If you would like your own copy of “The Barn,” please write to us at <robersonproject@sewanee.edu>. But hurry, because our supply is limited.

Thompson’s appearance is made possible by an extraordinary gift from friends of the Roberson Project.

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Dr. Robbie Pinter, St. Mary’s Sewanee Board Member, retired Belmont English professor, Spiritual Director, and three-time graduate of Shalem Institute, will be leading a weekend retreat Feb. 6-8, In Image and Word: Listen to Your Life – a journaling retreat.

Next, Becca Impello and Kim Drye, bring experience in physical therapy and yoga instruction for a unique collaboration in Training for Your Next Decade: Mindful Longevity Planning, Feb. 13-15. Treat yourself or a loved one for Valentine’s Day!

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

Monday, Jan. 26: Chicken strips, baked potato, salad, rolls.

Tuesday, Jan. 27: Philly steak sandwich, chips.

Wednesday, Jan. 28: Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwich.

Thursday, Jan. 29: Pinto beans and ham, creamed corn, fried okra, cornbread.

Friday, Jan. 30: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls.

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

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

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SAS Announces Local Students On Honor Roll for Quarter 2

The following St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students from Franklin, Grundy, Marion, and Coffee counties earned academic honors in the second quarter of the 2025-26 school year. Overall, 80 students – 13 boarding and 67 day – achieved academic distinction for the second quarter. High Honors students earned an average of 93 or above with no grade below 83. Honors students average between 83 and 92 and earned no grade below 80. Satisfactory completion of PEAK, SAS's co-curricular program, is required for students to be eligible for the Honor Roll. Congratulations to all students.

High Honors

Bryce Archambault, Sewanee
Catherine Barnett, Sewanee
Savannah Blosser, Whitwell
Martin Brodsky, Sewanee
Kat Carpenter, Sewanee
Claire Christopher, Sewanee
Christopher Clifton, Sewanee
Meridian Cloniger, Sewanee
Logan Close, Sewanee
Miren Colbert, Sewanee
Lilly Crigger, Sewanee
Kira Dombrowski, Sewanee
Elwen Fain, Sewanee
Arthur Glacet, Sewanee
Eliza Griffey, Sewanee
Keely Kendrick, Decherd
Konrad Knoll, Sewanee
Nadya Kuriachaia, Sewanee
Sarah Russell Leonard, Sewanee
Kiran Malde, Sewanee
Jackson Mayo, Sewanee
Maggie Mayo, Sewanee
Briley Meador, Decherd
Theo Michaels, Sewanee
Arabella Mitchell, Estill Springs
Micah Moody, Sewanee
Drake Nayeem, Sewanee
Caroline Neubauer, Belvidere
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William Schrader, Sewanee
Annanoel Sparacio, Sewanee
Eliot Sparacio, Sewanee
Mason Sparacio, Sewanee
Trinity Sparacio, Sewanee
Annika Stefanut, Sewanee
Timi Stefanut, Sewanee
Ally Syler, Monteagle
Cabell Thompson, Sewanee
Harper Thompson, Sewanee
Rosa Thompson, Sewanee
Levana Val, Tracy City
Maddie Van de Ven, Sewanee
Vie Virkhaus, Sewanee

Honors

Ayden Allen, Sewanee
Aubrey Blosser, Whitwell
Dylan Bruscato, Sewanee
Grayson Clark, Sewanee
Max Goodpaster, Sewanee
Sam Goodpaster, Sewanee
Porsche Haney, Sewanee
Lennon Kilgore, Jasper
Ben Lu, Sewanee
Seanna Mainord, Gruetli-Laager
Leah Moody, Sewanee
Will Roberts, Sewanee
Shelby Rogers, Jasper
Jack Sherrill, Manchester
Benjamin Sowell, Sewanee
Eliot Sparacio, Sewanee
Harper Thompson, Sewanee
Griff Wilson, Sewanee



Our Sewanee Elementary Boys' Basketball team has officially closed out the 2025-2026 season, and we couldn't be more proud of this group of athletes! A special shout-out to our coaches, Ben Austin and Courtney Ramirez, for their dedication and for mentoring these young men throughout the season.



Sewanee Elementary School Is Turning 100!

Sewanee Elementary School opened its doors to students in the fall of 1926. Construction of the stone school began in the fall of 1924, with many local community members lending a hand to build the original four-room schoolhouse. During the 2025-26 school year, the current Sewanee Elementary students are learning the history of the school. A celebration is slated for Friday, May 8, 2025. Students are also collecting stories of students, teachers, and families who attended Sewanee Elementary over the years. Do you have a story or photo to share? Email us at <1926ses@gmail.com>, or via this google form: <<https://forms.gle/Z9LdYzgeUZUAbDN66>>.

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Tuesday, Jan. 27: Sausage slider, juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 28: French toast stick, juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 29: Steak biscuit, juice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Jan. 30: Donut pull-apart, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

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

Monday, Jan. 26: Barbecue sandwich, French fries, baked beans, pickles, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 27: Popcorn chicken, potato smiles, cheesy broccoli, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 28: Asian chicken, buttered baby potatoes, roasted veggies, rice, egg roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 29: Oven-roasted chicken, creamed potatoes, mac and cheese, pinto beans, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

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Community Art Show at Artisan Depot

The Franklin County Arts Guild announces the theme for the first Community Art Show of 2026 at the Artisan Depot located at 204 Cumberland Street in Cowan. Participation is free and open to all residents of Franklin County and surrounding area regardless of age skill level, or media used to prepare art piece. Contributing artists should use the theme of the show for inspiration.

With Valentine day coming up The theme of this upcoming show is "Is Love Free?" Let us know what you think. You can submit your work from noon to 5 p.m. at the Artisan Depot between Jan. 29–Feb. 1, 2026. The show will be up from Feb. 5 to March 29. Submitting artists and their families and friends are invited to an opening reception on Feb. 20 from 5–7 p.m. at the Artisan Depot.

If you have questions or want to know about other community shows scheduled later this year, please check out our website at <www.franklincoarts.org> or call (931) 313-5686.

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Three Door Studies by Kate Teale

'Falls the Shadow' at the UAG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teale will present her work at 5 p.m., Feb. 12, in Guerry Auditorium. Reception to follow.

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

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Square Dance at the Littell-Partin Center

Please join us for another lively square dance at the Littell-Partin Center in Tracy City on Friday, Feb. 6. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the dancing is from 5–7 p.m. There will be live music from local fiddler Bob Townsend and his band, The Cumberland Mountain Music Makers. The dances will be led by caller Earle Eames.

From 4:30–5 p.m. we are inviting the public to bring an instrument for an informal old time jam. All instruments and musicians of every level are welcome.

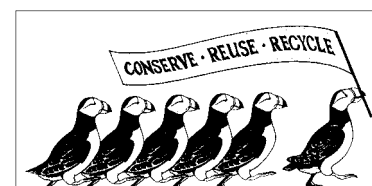
There will be light snacks sponsored by the Junior Appalachian Musicians.

There will be a suggested donation at the door. Your support makes these dances possible.

Cumberland Community Dance is a part of, and receives support from, the Grundy Area Arts Council. We have a great slate of Spring dances planned, so if you'd like to keep up to date please sign up for our newsletter here <https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance> and follow us on instagram by searching Cumberland Community Dance.

Ben Ayers & Folk Concert

On Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Cowan Center for the Arts, Ben Ayers Accompanied by national fiddle champion Jim Wood, Ryan Brown, and Angela Wood will be playing original folk songs with roots in old time and bluegrass and flares of world music and shoegaze. The cost is \$10 a ticket. The show starts at 6:30 p.m., and doors open at 6 p.m.



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Turnovers Prove Costly As Tigers Fall at Berry

Hannah Cleveland scored 10 points, and Eliza Everett added nine points and seven rebounds, but costly turnovers sent Berry past Sewanee's women's basketball team in Southern Athletic Association action Jan. 18, at the Cage Center, 71-39.

Olivia Falvey contributed eight points, seven rebounds, three assists, and two steals for the Tigers.

Sewanee opened the game with a strong defensive effort, holding the Vikings scoreless for the first five-and-a-half minutes of play. The Tigers built an early 10-point lead in the opening two-and-a-half minutes behind seven points from Cleveland and three from Micha Lovelace. Berry scored its first points of the contest on back-to-back traditional three-point plays to trim the deficit to four.

Lovelace later converted a three-point play of her own, while a late foul sent Berry to the free-throw line for the final points of the opening quarter.

Brianna Keating-Rendon opened the second quarter with a three-pointer, but Berry responded, and after a four-minute scoring drought from both teams, the Vikings closed the half on a 16-3 run to take a seven-point lead into halftime.

Berry continued its offensive momentum in the third quarter, while Sewanee struggled from the floor, shooting 12.5 percent and going 0-for-4 from behind the arc. The Vikings shot 60.0 percent in the period and capitalized on turnovers, holding the Tigers to seven points, with most of Sewanee's scoring coming at the free-throw line.

Berry maintained control in the final quarter, adding 20 points and limiting Sewanee to 13. Falvey and Cleveland each connected from beyond the arc in the fourth, but the Tigers shot 37.5 percent from the floor and committed eight additional turnovers.

Berry finished with 41 points off 33 Sewanee turnovers, while the Tigers scored 11 points off 18 Viking turnovers. Berry also held advantages in fast-break points (19) and points in the paint (34).

Bigham's 40 Points Fuels Tigers at Berry

Fletcher Bigham poured in a career-high 40 points to lead the Tigers past Berry, 82-72, in men's basketball action Jan. 18, at the Cage Center.

Bigham finished with 40 points on seven three-pointers, surpassing the 1,000-career-point mark. The junior was 13-of-20 from the floor, 7-of-11 from behind the arc, and a perfect 7-of-7 at the free-throw line. He also added 14 rebounds, three blocks, one assist, and one steal. Nikolas Avaliani contributed 15 points, four rebounds, two assists, and two steals, while Aidan Treacy chipped in 12 points and three rebounds.

Both teams traded baskets early in the first half. A Bigham three-pointer tied the game at 12 with 12:13 remaining, before a brief scoring lull was followed by back-to-back Tiger layups.

A Berry foul sent Treacy to the free-throw line to spark a 14-0 run over four-and-a-half minutes for Sewanee. The spurt was fueled by eight points from Bigham, four from Treacy, and two from Philip Ryan, giving the Tigers a 32-16 advantage. Berry snapped its drought with a layup and a three-pointer with under two minutes to play, but Bigham answered with a layup of his own, and Avaliani went 2-for-2 at the line to close the half with Sewanee holding a 15-point lead.

The teams opened the second half with back-to-back layups, and another Bigham three extended the Tigers' lead to 16. Berry trimmed the margin with an 11-4 run, highlighted by two three-pointers and six points from Cameron Pope.

Bigham halted the Vikings' momentum, scoring 16 points during a 20-8 Sewanee run over the next five-and-a-half minutes. During the stretch, the junior knocked down three triples as the Tigers built a 21-point lead. Berry responded with three three-pointers of its own over the next two-and-a-half minutes, including two from Ryan Luttrell.

The Vikings made a late push in the final two minutes, outscoring Sewanee 17-9, with all nine Tiger points coming at the free-throw line. However, Sewanee's earlier cushion held, securing the 82-72 victory.

Sewanee shot 42.0 percent from the field, including 41.0 percent from three-point range, and converted 23-of-28 attempts at the free-throw line. Berry finished the game shooting 38.0 percent from the floor, 28.0 percent from behind the arc, and 11-of-17 (64.7 percent) from the stripe.

SAS MS Boys Defeat Covenant Christian Academy

St. Andrew's-Sewanee's middle school boys' basketball team defeated Covenant Christian Academy on the road Jan. 19, 44-20. The Mountain Lions were led by Patch Wilson's 16 points; Isaiah Shelby 10; Ian Tucker seven; Ryan Kanya three; Fletcher Keener two; Torrey Anderson two, Ben Richaud two, Dagen Latham two. Head Coach Rob Zeitler said, "This was a nice team win, with several players scoring their first points of the season."

SAS Varsity Basketball Comes Up Short Despite Stand-Out Performances

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's varsity boys' basketball took on three opponents last week, playing Silverdale at home and South Pittsburg and Lookout Valley on the road. The team didn't pick up any wins, losing to Lookout Valley by only two points, but several players had stand-out games.

Senior Sam Goodpaster racked up a total of 41 points and five steals in the three games. Junior Harper Thompson earned 25 points, 45 rebounds, and nine blocks. Junior Mark Rogers scored four points and 12 rebounds against Lookout Valley.

"These losses are tough, but I'm proud of how our guys play as a team and stay in the game till the end," said Mountain Lion Head Coach Larson Heitzenrater.

Men's Swim and Dive Split Saturday Dual Meet

The Sewanee men's swimming and diving team split their double dual meet against Asbury and Montevallo at the Fowler Natatorium on Jan. 17.

The Tigers opened the meet with a 1 and 3 finish in the 200-medley relay, led by Sewanee's 'A' relay of Tyler Foster, Naem Mangum, Eric Jurkovic, and Josh Kim, in 1:39.90, and the 'B' relay of Jackson Pillow, Winston McKenzie, Connor Young, and Aidan Ocasio in 1:47.49.

Henry Lindeman III and Ryder Griffin collected second and third-place finishes in the 200 freestyle, touching in 1:49.70 and 1:52.44, respectively.

Sewanee went 1-4 in the 50 free, led by Nabors (22.23), Kim (22.54), Jurkovic (22.90), and Mangum (23.54). The Tigers swept the podium again in the 200 IM, led by Jon Brettschneider, Mason Horner, and Connor Young, in 2:06.11, 2:10.88, and 2:13.84, respectively. In the 100 free, Griffin and Jurkovic took home first and second, swimming a 50.37 and 51.26.

Olsen collected a first place finish in the 100 back, swimming a 53.06. Foster finished with another first place finish in the 500 free, with a 5:01.51. The Tigers swept the 100 breast, led by Mangum, Horner, Brettschneider, and McKenzie, in 1:00.92, 1:05.32, 1:06.60, and 1:09.19, respectively.

Sewanee closed out the meet with another first place finish in the 200-free relay, with Kim, Lindeman III, Nabors, and Olsen swimming a 1:27.08.

Jonah Kearns swept both diving events, winning the 3-meter dive with 301.95 points and the one-meter dive with 283.28 points, while Korbin Smith placed second in both events.

Women's Swim and Dive Sweep Double Dual Meet

Sewanee's swim and dive team collected two wins on Jan. 17, against Asbury and Montevallo in a double dual meet at the Fowler Natatorium.

The Tigers opened the meet with a runner-up finish in the 200-yard medley relay, as the Sewanee "A" squad of Adelina Willett, Eleanor Bishop, Audrey Francell, and McKenna Reed in 1:57.43.

Sarah Beth Roady then took home an individual win in the 200 free with a time of 59.79, followed by Grace Hearhart in third with a 1:02.86, Jules Vidal in fourth (1:02.86), and Mary Sigman in fifth (1:40.33).

Sewanee continued its dominance, with a 1-4 sweep in the 50 free, led by Ada Digby (25.30), Audrey Francell (25.39), McKenna Reed (26.23), and Samantha Denman (26.55). The Tigers went 1 and 3 again in the 200 IM, led by Eleanor Bishop in 1:47.40, and Johnston in 1:53.01. Roady collected another podium finish in the 100 fly, swimming a 1:05.61, good for third. Digby also collected a second place finish in the 100 free, swimming a 27.82.

In the 100 back, the Tigers went 2-4, led by Johnston (1:06.48), Leah Jackson (1:07.33), and Natalia Evans in fourth (1:07.57).

In the 500 free, Sewanee again swept the podium, again led by Deitch in 5:32.73, Willett in second with a 5:44.52, and Francell in third with a 5:49.61. Eleanor Bishop and Deitch went 1 and 2 in the 100 breast, swimming 34.22 and 34.49, respectively.

The Tigers closed the meet out with another runner-up finish in the 200-free relay, with Johnston, Reed, Roady, and Digby, in 1:43.74, just .04 second behind the winners.

On the boards, Sewanee swept the top three spots as Zoe Napier led the way, winning the one-meter dive and the 3-meter dive, while Anne Claud and Lily Stooksbury rounded out the podium in both events.

HOME GAMES

4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23, SAS MS Boys' Basketball vs. Covenant Christian Academy
6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Riverside Christian Academy
7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Riverside Christian Academy
1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, University Swim and Dive vs. Rhodes
6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30, Women's Basketball vs. Trinity
8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30, Men's Basketball vs. Trinity
5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Notre Dame High School
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Winchester Christian Academy



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State Park Offerings

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B.A.R.K. Ranger — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, Jan. 24, 12:30–1:30 p.m. \$10 per dog. Register for event. Meet at Fiery Gizzard State Park Visitor Center, 11745 US-Hwy. 41 Monteagle. Join Rangers Jessie and Hannah to have your dog become a TN State Parks B.A.R.K. Ranger. We will be going on the easy, 1-mile Storybook Trail at the Fiery Gizzard State Park Visitor Center. Each dog and their owner will need to complete a short checklist of tasks out on the trail and 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. Registration is required for this program.

It's Knot Time — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, Jan. 24, 1–2 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Meet at 11745 US Hwy. 41, Monteagle. Join Ranger Josh for a free hands-on knot tying program focused on practical outdoor skills. We will meet and the park visitor center and depending on weather will be outside at the pavilion or stay warm and dry inside. During this interactive program, participants will learn several essential knots commonly used for camping, securing gear, setting up shelters, and outdoor safety. Each knot will be demonstrated step-by-step, followed by time to practice with guidance from the ranger. We'll also discuss when and why each knot is used, and how these skills apply to real situations you may encounter while enjoying the park. This program is beginner-friendly and designed for anyone. No prior experience is required. All materials will be provided. Whether you're new to outdoor skills or just want to sharpen your knot knowledge, this program offers a fun and practical way to build confidence on the trail and in camp. Registration is required, and space and supplies are limited.

Coffee with a Ranger — Head of the Crow State Park, Monday, Jan. 26, 9–11 a.m. Meet at Park Office/Visitor Center, 17 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee. Join Ranger Allen at Head of the Crow's Visitor Center to talk and ask questions about the park over coffee and treats.

Explore the Stone Door — Savage Gulf State Park, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. \$10. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Rd., Savage Gulf North. Come along with Ranger Todd to hike and explore the Stone Door. This hike will be roughly a 2.5-mile moderate guided hike, surrounded by beautiful views of Savage Gulf and a unique perspective of the Stone Door. Guests should bring ample water, wear hiking appropriate shoes, and be comfortable moving over rocks and roots. Off-Trail hiking is only allowed with park staff and should never be done alone.

Winter Tree Identification Hike — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, Jan. 31, 1–4 p.m. \$3 to \$15. Register for event. Meet at Pack Hollow Trailhead, 2036 Old CCC Rd., Sewanee. Looking to improve your tree identification? Winter is the hardest time of year to ID trees because of the lack of leaves, so it is a great time to challenge yourself. If you can ID trees in the winter, you can ID them year-round. Join Ranger Allen for a 2.9-mile hike around our Sherwood Day Loop, where you will learn how to identify various tree species by their bark, buds, and twigs. Bring appropriate winter hiking clothing and footwear, water and any desired snacks. Binoculars (optional).

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Waterfowl

In the past week, there have been reports on Franklin County eBird of large numbers of birds on Woods Reservoir: 100 American White Pelicans, 640 Horned Grebes, 43 Common Loons. This report is much more modest, on the birds observed on the sheet of water at the foot of the mountain on the way to Cowan. One of the regulars, for whom we check each time we drive past, is the Great Blue Heron. They are a beautiful blue-gray color, standing almost four feet tall when slowly wading or waiting in stillness for their prey, which they stab with lightning swiftness with their large, spear-like bills. They are year-round residents in our region. Usually solitary, they nest in colonies of up to several hundred birds during the breeding season. These herons are easy to identify in flight, with their slow regular wingbeats, coiled neck with head pulled in, and long trailing legs. Another favorite, occasionally observed on the overhead utility wires by the pond, in the Belted Kingfisher. They can hover over the water like a tern, looking for prey, then dive vertically to catch a fish, with their large, straight, strong bills. The call is a loud rattle. The male is a year-round resident in our area, but the female migrates south in the winter as far as Panama and the West Indies. Lately there have been some diving ducks on the pond. My guess, from blurry photos, is that they are Ruddy Ducks migrating through. Large numbers of Ruddy Ducks have been reported recently at Woods Reservoir. If anyone has a definite ID, I would be delighted to know. While trying to photo the ducks, I disturbed a pair of Canada Geese. These geese have nested there in the past. And last Sunday, driving to church, I saw a Bald Eagle in full adult plumage fly over the pond!



Iris



Jill

Sewanee Herbarium Winter Calendar of Events

Art Exhibit, Stirling's Coffeehouse, January through mid-February — This year, the herbarium-sponsored nature journaling group's annual "All Things Bright and Beautiful" show at Stirling's Coffee House will feature works done in pigments derived from fruits and flowers, including but not limited to pokeberry, dahlia, goldenrod, and avocado. Besides the nature journalers, other groups represented are the college Green House students, seminary students in the "Ethics for Christians and Other Aliens" class, and possibly chemistry students at St. Andrew's-Sewanee. Look for news of a workshop on using natural pigments, sponsored by the Green House, which will be held in conjunction with the show.

Winter Green — an Introduction to Mosses and Lichens, Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, 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, lichens, and maybe some ferns 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 next to 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.

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

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DAY	DATE	HI	LO	DAY	DATE	HI	LO
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Wed	Dec 31	44	29	Wed	Jan 07	63	47
Thu	Jan 01	57	47	Thu	Jan 08	67	46
Fri	Jan 02	54	42	Fri	Jan 09	66	56
Sat	Jan 03	52	30	Sat	Jan 10	61	51
Sun	Jan 04	51	36	Sun	Jan 11	58	32
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Avg max temp =		51		Avg max temp =		62	
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Reported by Sandy Gilliam, Domain Ranger

MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet Iris and Jill

Iris still has a lot of puppy energy and she wiggles so cute. She is white and tan, probably a Catahoula Dog mix, is around two years old and weighs about 45 pounds. Iris is playful with people and can be bossy with other dogs. She will want time to adjust and good direction from her person. Iris is really happy and food motivated. She knows "sit" and "lie down." Her personal trainer is willing to continue working with her in her foster or forever home. Learn more about how you can give Iris a better life than she has at the cold pound. Iris is so ready to have people who love her.

Meet Jill: The Gentle Explorer. If you're looking for a sweet companion who balances affection with independence, meet Jill! This beautiful little black Domestic Shorthair kitty, approximately six months old, is ready to trade her foster life for a forever home. Jill is a quiet observer who loves her environment—especially finding the perfect sunbeam for a post-meal nap! She is loving, independent, and dreams of a safe, indoor home where she can offer her gentle affection to a family of her very own. Can you be the one to grant Jill's quiet wish for a permanent, loving home?

If you would like to learn more about Iris and Jill, please fill out an Adoption Application found on our MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives. MARC has a trainer available to work with dog adopters and dog fosters as needed.

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EMPLOYMENT

HIRING: Hey Tigers! Are you looking for a job that fits your life on the Mountain? The Blue Chair Tavern is looking for energetic, reliable individuals to join our crew. Whether you're a University of the South student looking for a flexible shift between classes or a staff member seeking a fun secondary environment, we want to meet you! We are at the heart of the Village, and we're hiring for all positions to help us provide the best experience for our Sewanee community.

NOW HIRING FOR ALL POSITIONS

Why it's great for you
Barenders: Fast-paced, social, and great for those who know the community.

Server-Guides: Perfect for high-energy people who love interacting with locals and students.

Line & Prep Cooks: Great for those who want to work in a focused, high-output kitchen.

Host/Hostess: The perfect entry-level role to get to know everyone on the Mountain.

Barbacks & Dish Support: Essential roles for those who like to stay busy and work behind the scenes.

WHY WORK AT "THE CHAIR"?

We know life in the Domain is unique, so we offer *Student-Friendly Scheduling:* We'll work around your class schedule, finals week, and Sewanee breaks.

Prime Location: Located right in the Village — easy to walk or bike to from your dorm or office.

The Best Vibe: Work where the community gathers. It's more than a job; it's being part of a Sewanee tradition.

Competitive Pay: Great hourly rates plus excellent tip potential in a high-traffic spot.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

The Sewanee Spirit: Friendly, helpful, and community-minded.

Reliability: We need folks who show up ready to work, especially during busy Village events.

Team Players: Willingness to jump in where needed to keep the tavern running smoothly.

HOW TO APPLY

Ready to join the Blue Chair family?

Stop By: Come see us at the Tavern in the Village. Ask for Chef Rick and bring a copy of your resume (or just your class schedule!).

Email Us: Send your info and which position you're interested in to <chefaugogo@gmail.com>.

EMPLOYMENT

FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER: The Sewanee Children's Center seeks a caring, joyful full-time teacher for ages 1–5. Join our mission-driven, play-based program that values curiosity, kindness, and lifelong learning. Must be 18+ with HS diploma; childcare experience preferred. Contact us at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928.

PART-TIME SUPPORT / AFTER-SCHOOL TEACHER:

Sewanee Children's Center seeks a part-time Support/After-School teacher to work with preschool classrooms and our After-School program (K–3). Ideal for someone who loves children and wants hands-on experience in a nurturing, play-based setting. Must be 18+ with HS diploma. Early childhood experience is desired. Please contact us at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928.

SUBSTITUTE PRESCHOOL TEACHER (PART-TIME):

The Sewanee Children's Center seeks caring, enthusiastic substitute teachers to support our preschool classrooms as needed. Join a warm, collaborative, child-centered program that values curiosity, kindness, and learning through play. Must be 18+, with HS diploma, and childcare experience. Please contact us at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928.

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Issues with streetlights?
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Winter Cold

O'er town and cottage, vale and height,
Down came the Winter, fierce and white,
And shuddering wildly, as distraught
At horrors his own hand had wrought.

His child, the young Year, newly born,
Cheerless, cowering, and affrighted,
Wailed with a shivering voice forlorn,
As on a frozen heath benighted.
In vain the hearths were set aglow,
In vain the evening lamps were lighted,
To cheer the dreary realm of snow:
Old Winter's brow would not be smoothed,
Nor the young Year's wailing soothed....

But wilder, fiercer, sadder still
Freezing the tear it caused to start,
Was the inevitable chill
Which pierced a nation's agued heart,—
A nation with its naked breast
Against the frozen barriers pressed,
Heaving its tedious way and slow
Through shifting gulfs and drifts of woe,
Where every blast that whistled by
Was bitter with its children's cry....

Such was the winter that prevailed
Within the crowded, frozen gorge;
Such were the horrors that assailed
The patriot band at Valley Forge.

It was a midnight storm of woes
To clear the sky for Freedom's morn;
And such must ever be the throes
The hour when Liberty is born....

--Thomas Buchanan Read, Valley Forge

Community Calendar

Friday, Jan. 23

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
- 4 p.m. Hospitality Shop Community Gathering to discuss move to 574 Georgia Ave., Kennerly Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul's, until 5:30 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 25

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Jan. 26

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Monteagle Beer Board, conference room, City Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Candidate Reading, Samyak Shertok, Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council, conference room, City Hall
- 6 p.m. Franklin County Commission, Courthouse, Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Community Council, Sewanee Community Center, online via Zoom

Tuesday, Jan. 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. Coffee w/Coach Mike Curcio, Track & Field, McGriff Alumni House; livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. FCDP monthly meeting, small meeting room, FC Annex, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester

Wednesday, Jan. 28

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch @ noon; lead @ 12:30 p.m.: Ken Smith, teaching/research/forestry; St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Jan. 29

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <Mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4:45 p.m. Candidate Reading, Stephanie Choi, Naylor Auditorium, Gailor Hall
- 7 p.m. Lecture, "Creating Spaces for Democracy: Civil Discourse for Civic Life Begins on Campus," Dr. Tim Shaffer, Convocation Hall

Friday, Jan. 30 • RSVP due for FoL event

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

Sunday

6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Monday

5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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

7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Wednesday

10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont

6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle

7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee

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



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