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The Most Rev. Sean Rowe

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church to Visit Sewanee

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe will visit the University of the South Sunday, Jan. 26 and Monday, Jan. 27. Presiding Bishop Rowe's time on campus includes three events which are open to the public. We invite and encourage all members of the community to join us.

Presiding Bishop Rowe will preach and University Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, will preside at two services in All Saints' Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 26. The services are Rite 1 Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. CST and Rite 2 Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. CST. Following the 11 a.m. Eucharist, the community is invited for a coffee and tea reception in the adjacent Convocation Hall.

A public panel discussion featuring Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, University Chancellor Jacob Owensby, and Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, in Convocation Hall (located at 760 University Ave., in Sewanee). All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Register for the livestream at <<https://engage.theology.sewanee.edu/register/?id=6e0632fe-f0fd-418c-9924-6abf97af9d81>>.

The 11 a.m. Eucharist in All Saints' Chapel and the panel discussion in Convocation Hall will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. To learn more about the livestreamed events visit us online at <www.sewanee.edu/rowevisit> or at <www.theology.sewanee.edu>.

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe was elected presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church in June 2024 and took office on Nov. 1 for a nine-year term. In this role, he serves as the church's chief pastor and CEO. Known for his expertise in organizational learning and adaptive change, Rowe is committed to strengthening support for local ministry and mission.



Sewanee Elementary School proudly announces that Laureen Sparacio will join the SES Family as the new music teacher.

Zoning by Form, Character, and Feel

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"What we hope to get out of this meeting is to understand what you need," said town planning consultant Brian Wright at a Jan. 14, joint meeting of the Monteagle Council and the steering committee for Imagine Monteagle, the recently adopted town plan. Monteagle is considering engaging Wright's firm, Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative (TPUDC), to help Monteagle refine and clarify its zoning definitions and rules.

Monteagle received a \$65,000 grant from the Lyndhurst Foundation to offset the cost of the project. "The Imagine Monteagle plan lays out what we want to do, but at present it's not clear from the zoning map and Zoning ordinances how to get there," said Alderman Nate Wilson who spearheaded the Imagine Monteagle planning effort. "There is not a lot of intent evident in the map and ordinances."

"How do we use zoning and planning to make the Imagine Monteagle vision happen?" asked Recreation Committee Chair Ty Burnett. He pointed out the planning commission was frequently asked to recommend special excep-

tions to zoning rules or to rezone areas to allow uses prohibited there.

"The planning commission wants to approve everything by special exceptions," concurred Alderman Dean Lay. Lay also observed the commission frequently put off granting final approval or found hurdles to approving a project.

"Special exceptions should be used sparingly," cautioned Bill Wright, TPUDC Director of Coding.

"If you put someone off it shows you're not confident in your ordinances," Brian Wright said. "It costs the developer money, and as a result, the project is not as good as it could have been." Wright observed the planning commission members were regular citizens, not planning consultants, and were being asked to make decisions on things they were not qualified to decide on.

Alderman Grant Fletcher cited another difficulty with Monteagle's zoning. "If a someone comes in with a project and it meets all the criterion on the checklist, the planning commission doesn't have any way to say 'no' when it's business

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Jumpoff Quarry Concerns: 'Irreversible Harm'

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"TDEC is about to cause irreversible harm," said Jumpoff resident Ed Routon at the Jan. 16 virtual public hearing for comments on Tinsley Sand and Gravel, LLC's request for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Tennessee Division of Mining and Geological Resources (DMGR). Threats to groundwater and wells, endangered aquatic life, and inadequate monitoring topped the list of concerns expressed by area residents about the proposed quarry on Hwy. 156, in Sewanee. The hearing opened with an information video explaining how the quarry intended to minimize discharge of pollutants into Jumpoff Creek and how DMGR would monitor the discharge. In the Q&A and comment period that followed, area residents took issue with both.

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Sewanee Spoken Word Marks 10 Years

Special to the Messenger

They shredded the poem, put the pieces in a beer, and drank the words — or maybe they ate them — or both.

Memories of the early days of Sewanee Spoken Word, originally known as "Community Poetry Night," are now far enough in the past to be hazy — 10 years in the past. On Jan. 20, 2015, a slate of poets and other writers gave voice to their work at the first Poetry Night. That first night was packed, with people standing shoulder to shoulder, edging into the kitchen at the Blue Chair Café & Tavern.

It was in the first year when a group of people gathered at the bar after a night's reading and literally consumed a poem. That inaugural year was chocked with memories, along with standing-room only crowds — witnesses to wild, soft, and beautiful words — and a discovery: The community needed this.

Sewanee Spoken Word will mark a decade on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Blue Chair Café. As always, anyone interested in performing, or just watching, is welcome to join.

More than partly-inspired by artist Ed Carlos' readings at Iona: Art Sanctuary, journalist Kevin Cummings originally approached Lynn Cimino-Hurt, a poet and teacher, with an idea for a regular poetry reading. Musician and teacher Michael Cimino-Hurt joined with the sound equipment, and Sewanee student and writer Sarah Kachelman became the fourth founding member.

Annemieke Buis, 16-years-old at the time, was one of the early regular performers.

"Community Poetry Night was a safe space where I was able to integrate my authentic self with the chaos of adolescence in spoken word," Buis said on the cusp of her 26th birthday. "I felt seen and heard reading my poetry in the Blue Chair more than anywhere during my high school years — I was able to take my passions, fears, curiosities, and shames and sing them into something we could all behold without judgement and I could feel whole in it."

The original format was eight readers, four from the community and four University students, followed by an open mic.

"I've participated in many creative writing and spoken word groups and open mics then, and none has had the same sense of safety and openness that I felt with Sewanee Spoken Word," Buis added. "It's what got me through

some of the most difficult parts of my life ..."

Multiple people have helped organize the event in the past decade, and longtime investigative journalist Brooks Egerton has helped Spoken Word for much of its existence. He's been an organizer since at least 2017.

"Jimmy Wilson and the entire Blue Chair crew have been amazing — they've made it possible for us to do this with no budget!" Egerton said. "Sewanee Spoken Word has become one of the few places around here where town and gown regularly meet — I love that."

Cummings, who still attends occasionally, praised Egerton's work.

"Brooks is a force for good and he keeps things churning," Cummings said. "Through his connections and passion, he has welcomed a myriad of different types of people to read, sing, act, and just bare their souls in the café. Michael, Lynn, and Sarah were serendipity personified in founding this event — and Brooks was a perfect person to not only carry the torch but keep it burning strong."

Egerton notes that Spoken Word is more than poetry, it's music, prose, dramatic performance, and unscripted storytelling. Attendees recently got a sneak preview of a podcast that's about to launch.

During the Covid pandemic, Spoken Word stayed alive via Zoom, with writers in their digital squares reading from living rooms, offices, and sometimes cars scattered in multiple states.

A number of accomplished authors have performed at Spoken Word, including the author of a novel that inspired a hit movie with Sandra Bullock and Ashley Judd — but the magic is in the locals — neighbors, bartenders, physical therapists, nurses, professors and others who muster the courage to share personal, funny, and intense work over the hum of the café ice machine or the occasional waitress who cuts in the front of the mic.

Egerton notes that many regulars have published books — books they shared at Spoken Word on the way to completing. Adam Ross, Stephanie McCarter, David Landon, and David Baker are among the most recent examples of those who have published work.

Blue Chair co-owner Wilson and bartender/occasional poet Ellis Mayfield have been integral in providing support and space for the readings.

Wilson, in his gregarious good-hearted style, has told the story

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Community Chest Needs You

The 2024-25 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$123,456 will help 19 local organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve the entire community. Currently, 73 percent of the goal has been met. The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

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Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will have a public hearing at 4:45 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, in the Conference Room at City Hall. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss Ordinance 20-24 to adopt the zoning ordinance. The regular City Meeting will follow at 5 p.m.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, in the conference room at City Hall.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. The following items are on the agenda for the Sewanee Community Council meeting, in-person at the Sewanee Community Center and online via Zoom. Masks are optional for in-person attendance.

Approval of the October Minutes; DREMC Streetlights, Payne and Willis; Traffic Committee Update, Payne; Election of New Agenda Committee Member, Wilson; Announcements and/or Questions.

Join Zoom Meeting <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/98062117165>>
Meeting ID: 980 6211 7165

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Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, with the Athletic Training Staff. The livestream will be available at <sewaneeetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Doug Cameron, Johnny Hughes, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Voting for the board of commissioners continues through Jan. 28, at the SUD office, during regular business hours.

FCDP Monthly Meeting

The Franklin County Democratic Party is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the Franklin County Annex, Small Meeting Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester.

EQB Club

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

The Ecce Quam Bonum Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. A social half-hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. Then, at about 12:25 p.m., we will be fortunate to hear a Lead (talk) from Diane Getty, a noted fabric artist, whose Lead is titled "Images in Fabric and Thread." Diane promises to teach us how to take a piece of cloth and some thread, coupled with a lot of enthusiasm and curiosity, and produce riches from rags.

Members are asked to contact Susan Horton, Membership Coordinator, at <sshorton22151@aol.com> for a luncheon reservation (\$19/lunch). New members or prospective members are always welcome. Non-members are welcome to come at 12:25 p.m. to hear the presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 30, at St. Mary's Sewanee, to watch a TEDx Talk by David LaMotte. His TEDx talk, "Why Heroes Don't Change the World" (2024), was selected as a TED Editor's Pick.

David LaMotte is a musician, speaker, and author. He will be at a speaker at the 2025 Rotary International Convention, June 21–25, 2025, in Calgary, Canada.

David LaMotte has performed over 3,500 concerts, in all 50 U.S. states and on five continents. He has released 13 albums and four books. LaMotte has been the keynote speaker at peace conferences in India, Australia, the U.S., and Germany. His 2023 book, "You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It or Not," is used in college courses in the U.S. and Australia. In 2004, he co-founded Senderos, a nonprofit that supports education and arts in Guatemala. LaMotte also served as clerk of the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee. He attended the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia as a Rotary Peace Fellow, and now lives in Black Mountain, N.C.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

SWC February Meeting

The Sewanee Woman's Club is excited to announce our February meeting's entertaining program. Monteagle resident David Baker, a singer, songwriter and poet will entertain the ladies with his songs, stories and poems. David has written music for film and television, some of which has aired on ABC, PBS Kids, TLC and the Disney Channel.

To enjoy this program and other entertaining and interesting programs, become a member for just \$20, but with a discount as the club year is half over.

Ladies will gather at St. Mary's Sewanee on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m., with a gourmet lunch at 11:50 a.m., the price of which is just \$20. Please make reservations at <reservations@swc@gmail.com> by noon Sunday, Feb. 1, and join us for an entertaining interlude to your day.

MMUMC Food Distribution

The Food Distribution scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 11, at Morton Memorial UMC in Monteagle has been cancelled due to the impending bad weather.

The distribution has been rescheduled 8–10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25. Distribution will be curbside and volunteers will be on hand to assist with loading up cars. MMUMC is located at 322 West Main St., Monteagle.

Local Food Available

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

Hospitality Shop News

During the month of January, the Shop will only be open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed. Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

The children's clothing section is closed. Children's clothing can be taken to Good Samaritan in Winchester or to Goodwill in Kimball. We do accept children's books and puzzles.

Call for SCA Board Nominations

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 2024-25 Board of Directors. Experience working in fundraising and for nonprofits is a plus, but any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is welcome. The Sewanee Civic Association manages the Sewanee Community Chest and the Sewanee Classifieds, and sponsors projects deemed by the membership to be beneficial to the community. The Board of Directors includes president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and members at large. Nominations are due by Monday, Feb. 10, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. The slate of officers will be presented at the membership meeting on Monday, March 3. Voting for the officers will be at the membership meeting, Monday, May 5. For more information, email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewanee.org>.

Housing Sewanee is Accepting Resident Applications

Housing Sewanee (HSI) is accepting applications for a resident for the newest Housing Sewanee home at Sherwood Spring on Sherwood Road. HSI selects potential homeowners whose financial situation makes home ownership otherwise difficult or impossible.

Founded in 1993, Housing Sewanee has built more than 20 homes in the Sewanee area, providing affordable housing for qualified community residents. Construction of these homes comes from community volunteers and construction costs are covered by fundraising and community grants including the Sewanee Community Chest and the South Cumberland Community Fund.

Applications can be found and submitted at the Housing Sewanee website at <www.housingsewaneeinc.com>. Applications are reviewed by the application committee and a new client is selected by the HSI board. A client is selected based on the application, displayed needs, and the proven ability to meet home ownership costs.

Applications will be reviewed until a new resident is selected. For more information, please contact Rob Matlock at <rmatlockconstr@gmail.com>.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Sundays during the Academic Year, services at All Saints’ Chapel will be at 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

Christ Church

Late January and early February has long been a time filled with liturgical celebrations. The week between the Confession of St. Peter, “Thou art the Christ, The Son of God,” (Jan. 18) and The Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25) has been designated The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Then on Feb. 2, the Church celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. With the ordination of Steve Higgins Christ Church has another learned

ordained minister who is eager to listen as well to discuss history and Holy Scripture. While we are suspending our Wednesday noon service for a few weeks, we are attempting to make our Sunday service very special. We begin at 10:45 a.m. and we urge people to stay for lunch.

St. James Episcopal

Holy Eucharist is every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. with fellowship following. All are welcome. St. James Episcopal is located at 898 Midway Road.

St. Mark and St. Paul

This Sunday, Jan. 26, the Sunday Forum will follow a slightly earlier schedule 9:30-10:30 a.m. to

Obituaries

Jacqueline Kay Holt “Hootie” Gilliam

Jacqueline Kay Holt “Hootie” Gilliam, age 64 of Sewanee, died on Jan. 7, 2025, at STRHS Winchester. She was born on Sept. 26, 1960, in Sewanee, to Johnny Wagner Holt and Louise Summers Holt Foster. She was a member of the Outreach Ministries Church in Winchester. She was employed at several different restaurants in the area as a cook for more than 30 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Terry Holt, sister, Tracie Holt Clark and significant other, Joe Fulkerson.

She is survived by her sons, Chad (Stacey) Gilliam of Hillsboro, Tenn.; Cory (Eliza) Gilliam of Sewanee; and Charlie Holt of Winchester; brother Chris Foster of Cowan; special niece, Jamie Thompson of Tullahoma; four grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral Services were on Jan. 13, 2025 from the Chapel of Grant Funeral Services with Pastor Dusty Lawrence officiating. Entombment followed in the mausoleum at Franklin Memorial Gardens, Winchester. For complete obituary go to <www.grantfuneralservices.net>.

Margaret Ellen Coppinger Layne

Margaret Ellen Coppinger Layne, age 91 of Tracy City, died on Jan. 9, 2025. She was born on Nov. 16, 1933, to Hugh and Glen-nie Brannon Coppinger. She was a member of Mt. Calvary Apostolic Church where she was a Sunday school teacher. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Dave; son-in-law, Johnny Hargis; daughter-in-law, Freda Layne; great-granddaughter, Addison Kilgore; siblings, Rose Edna Conry, Thelma Sitz, Albert Coppinger, and George W. Coppinger; and infant sister, Greta Louise Coppinger.

She is survived by her children, Nelda Hargis, Wendell (Kathy) Layne, Connie (Kevin) Jackson, and Coy (Vonna) Layne; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren,

three great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Jan. 14, 2025 at Mt. Calvary Apostolic Church with Bro. Franklin Hill. Interment followed in Gregg Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mt. Calvary Apostolic Church or to the Gregg Memorial Association. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Milton Dixon Lockhart Jr.

Milton Dixon Lockhart Jr., age 93 of Tracy City, died on Jan. 11, 2025. He was born on Sept. 2, 1931, in Tracy City, to Milton Dixon Lockhart Sr. and Lilly Nunley Lockhart. He was a member of Gum Springs Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruth Lockhart; son Nelson Ray Lockhart; and 12 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his sons Clayton and Tony Lockhart; four grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on Jan. 16, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City, with Bro. Larry Campbell and Bro. Ernest Lockhart officiating. Interment followed in Orange Hill Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

James “Jim” Allen McBee

James “Jim” Allen McBee, age 86 of Sherwood, died on Jan. 8, 2025, at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, Murfreesboro. He was born on Dec. 14, 1938, in Sherwood, to John Hubert McBee and Etta Glisson McBee. He was employed as a laborer at different sawmills in Franklin County. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Edward, Bennie, John, Geraldine, Robert and Tommy McBee.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. No information about funeral services was available. For complete obituary go to <www.grantfuneralservices.net>.

accommodate a visit from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. Parishioners and guests of all ages are welcome to attend. Children may attend with their parents, and will be dismissed to their Sunday School classes at 9:45 a.m. All classes will close at 10:30 a.m. to give people time to go to All Saints’ Chapel, where the Presiding Bishop will preach.

Schedule for this week only: 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 9:30am-10:30 a.m. Sunday Forum; 9:45am-10:30 a.m. Godly Play and youth classes.

Cumberland Presbyterian

Sewanee Cumberland Presby-

terian Church would like to invite all interested persons to their Wednesday morning Bible study at 10 a.m. Located in the church fellowship hall in the basement. The church is located on Bob Stewman Road.

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

Stone Nest Dojo of Sewanee Zen provides traditional Zen Buddhist practice in the Soto tradition of Kodo Sawaki and Taisen Deshimaru. Led by Richard Collins, a monk who has been abbot of the New Orleans Zen Temple

since 2016, Stone Nest offers zazen (seated meditation) four times a week, as well as quarterly sesshin (retreats) and periodic introductions to Zen practice. For information, go to <www.neworleanszentemple.org>.

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>.

Church Calendar

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, 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

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 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

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Spoken Word *(continued from page 1)*

many times of how he didn't believe Spoken Word would get off the ground.

"They want to do what?" he has often recalled as his first response to the idea.

Michael, a talented gentle spirit and constant Spoken Word presence, was less incredulous in the beginning, but expected the gathering would eventually fade ... "as things like this often do."

"Now, 10 years later, I am happy to see how it has thrived and continued for so long," Michael said. "After all this time, I can count on one hand the number of sessions I have had to miss. Every time we meet, I am amazed to find that I

still come away with something beautiful and enlightening. So many voices, so many emotions, and so much wisdom ..."

There is usually a suggested theme for readings, which performers are free to ignore, and often do, but it's uncanny how many times an unplanned collective theme emerges.

"There is a shared energy that hundreds of writers and performers have carried since the birth of this thing," Cummings said. "I love Spoken Word and how we come together as creative human beings who just want to support one another. Hell, I met my wife there."

Babson Center Welcomes Cameron Tyer, C'93

Cameron Tyer, former global business affairs executive at both Google and The Coca-Cola Company, will be the Babson Center's Graham Executive-in-Residence for the 2025 Easter semester. During her visit, Tyer will discuss how she mastered the art of building strategic partnerships to drive long-term growth at two of the world's most influential companies.

While on campus, Tyer will meet with students and faculty and will deliver a campus presentation titled, "Global Marketing Partnerships: Who You Associate with Matters," at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30, in the Torian Room at duPont Library. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Psychology. All are welcome.

Tyer has 25 years of experience in global business affairs at Coca-Cola followed by several years at Google creating a global business affairs organization. She has spent her career building and empowering teams of professionals to negotiate high-stakes sponsorships and deals and to navigate the complexities of marketing, public relations, legal, and finance operations. Her work spans partnerships with major celebrity talent, music, professional sports, movies, theme parks, and theaters. One of her most rewarding partnerships was collaborating with Coke's Olympic athletes who were genuinely appreciative and constantly striving to excel in their work.

In addition to deal negotiations, her initiatives encompass marketing operations including sponsorship deal strategy, governance, approvals, and benchmarks. Her vast knowledge of the industry combined with strong relationship management skills have led to countless successes shaping global marketing strategies. Reflecting on these accomplishments, Tyer said, "The most valuable skills I gained during my liberal arts education were the ability to assess complex situations, including interpersonal dynamics, and to clearly and concisely articulate the pros and cons of different approaches, including my recommendations."

At Sewanee, Tyer was a member of the tennis team, served on the Honor Council, and was involved in Greek life. Starting as the No. 1 singles player, she learned a lot from her teammates and coaches, Conchie and John Shackelford, about interpersonal dynamics, relationships, and character. Her experiences on and off the court influenced her leadership style, which, Tyer said, "is centered on providing strength and consistency to your team, stepping up for your people when they need it, staying true to yourself, and doing the right thing." Along with other activities on campus, Tyer struck a balance between having fun and maintaining a moral compass, which she carries forward today. After graduating from Sewanee with a B.A. in psychology and English, Tyer earned an MBA from William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

Please join Cameron Tyer for an engaging conversation as she shares insights from her career journey and reveals how strategic partnerships and meaningful decisions about "who you associate with" can shape your success!

The Graham Executive in Residence program was established by Diane and Henry H. Graham Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., to bring distinguished business leaders to the Sewanee campus. For more information about the Babson Center for Global Commerce and our events, please visit: <babsoncgc.sewanee.edu>.

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Monteagle *(from page 1)*

the town doesn't want."

Zoning could be by use or feel or a mixture of the two, stressed Brian Wright. He suggested defining the use or intent of a zoning district might be less important than whether the layout and design specified, the form, matched the character wanted.

Wright maintained that Monteagle's zoning ordinance, written in the 1980s, was based on zoning by use standards developed in the 1920s. Rules that focused on intent, i.e., use, invited "subjective interpretation." He argued Monteagle needed an entirely new zoning ordinance with more focus on character that identified the specifics that would give the desired outcome. Given Monteagle's limited budget, TPUDC's proposal called for analysis, not fixing the ordinances.

Wilson said additional funding would likely be available in the near future. Fletcher speculated asking the town for more money would be "a difficult sell."

TPUDC proposed several possible avenues for moving forward within the budget available. One solution would be for the firm to draft an "overlay" the existing zoning rules could be plugged into. Another solution would be patchwork addressing zoning ordinances, perhaps setting 10 priority areas and beginning there, with a view toward a total overhaul.

TPUDC will submit a revised proposal minimizing analysis and laying out possible "fix" based formulas for moving forward.

Revisiting TPUDC's initial question about what Monteagle needed, Wilson insisted, "We want ordinances that match and create the character of the town."

Jumpoff *(continued from page 1)*

ment and Conservation (TDEC) will establish two monitoring sites off the quarry property, one just past the boundary and the other 0.3 miles downstream.

Responding to a question about the frequency of monitoring at the downstream sites, Program Manager Daniel Lawrence acknowledged the sites were sampled on a five-year cycle, and there was no permanent equipment in place. However, an investigation would follow within 10 days of a complaint. "We'd love downstream flow monitors, but with 18,000 sites, TDEC doesn't have the budget," Lawrence said. "The primary information is from sampling events at the quarry."

"An event [with negative impact on the watershed] can be gone in 24 hours," objected area resident Shari Lydy. "There should be monitors with real time data."

"In heavy rains particulate could flow into the creek and asphyxiate aquatic life immediately," resident Em Chitty pointed out. "The damage would be done."

Others questioned relying on self-reporting by the operator, Tinsley. "You can't expect people to turn themselves in," observed Jumpoff resident Robin Gottfried.

Lydy also called attention to the subterranean flow linked to Jumpoff Creek and the potential impact on groundwater. "Sediment basins have a known track record of failure," Lydy stressed. She argued the hydrological studies done were inadequate and failed to use dye tracing to track the underground flow in the Jumpoff watershed.

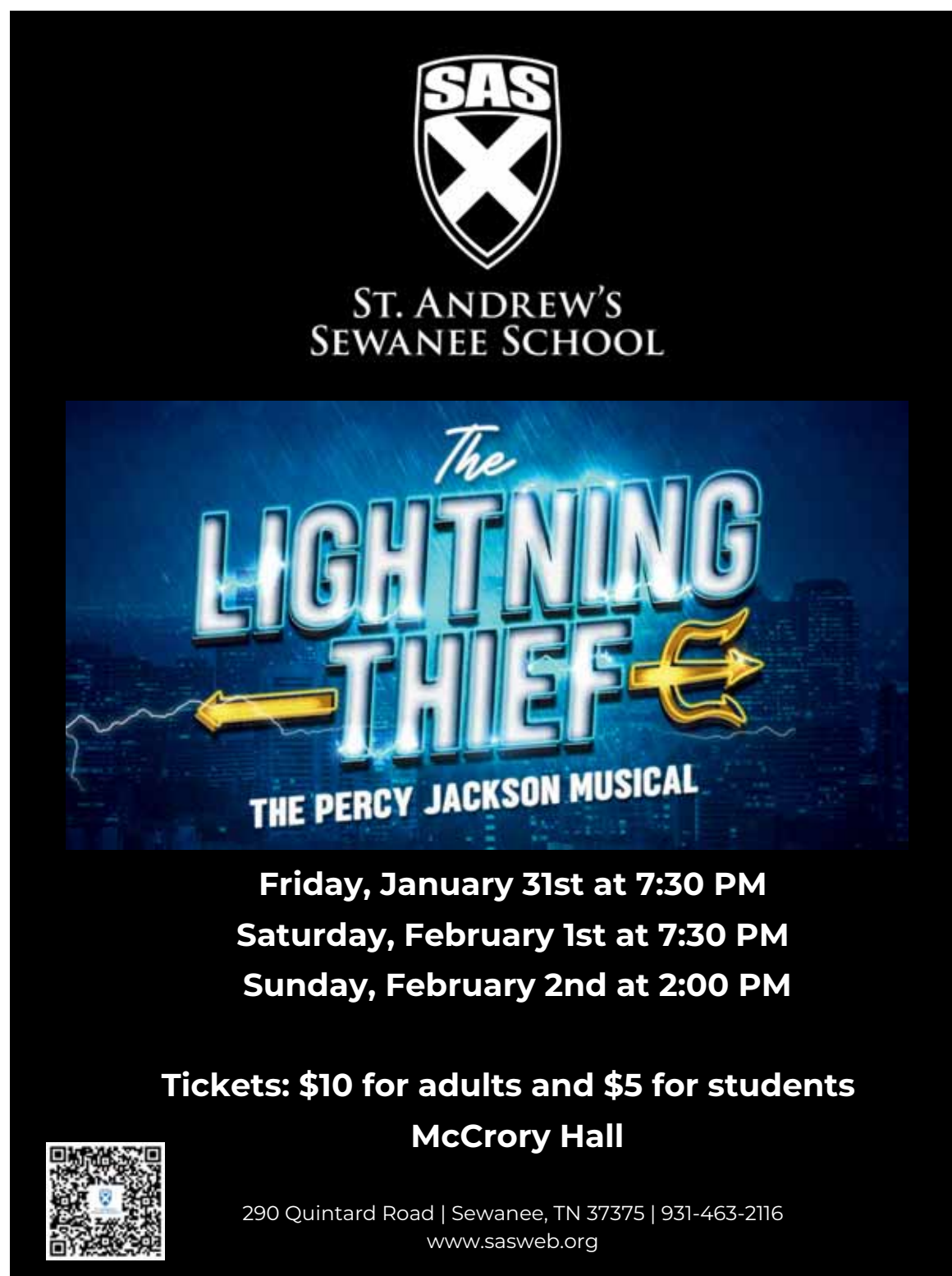
Chitty maintained given the permeability of the karst subsurface features, particulate could infiltrate the subsurface watershed and negatively impact water quality in the drinking water wells relied on by many Jumpoff residents.

Resident Cliff Huffman questioned the feasibility of the quarry relying on rainwater. Even in wet years his pond dropped a foot in the summer, Huffman said. Resident Anne Camp pointed out the local water utility likely lacked sufficient resources to supply the site with water. If there was insufficient rainfall, would the quarry draw water from the creek? Camp asked. Drawing water from the creek would require a separate permit according to Lawrence.

Huffman also expressed concern about the negative environmental impact years in the future after the quarry closed and silicate sediment had collected in the basins. "It's not a well thought out plan," Chitty insisted.

In November, the DMGR held a live hearing at the Princess Theater in South Pittsburg. DMGR will receive comments until Jan. 27 at <DMGR.Publicnotice@tn.gov> or by postal mail at TDEC Mining Section, 3711 Middlebrook Heights, Knoxville, TN 37921. The agency is authorized to approve the permit, deny the permit, modify the permit, or ask for more information.

"Just say, 'no,'" said Jumpoff resident Buren Beavers. "I can't believe you would let them desecrate this place."



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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Jan. 27: Chicken livers, mashed potatoes, slaw, biscuit.
Tuesday, Jan. 28: Taco salad.

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Tenderloin, macaroni and cheese, broccoli salad, roll.

Thursday, Jan. 30: Pinto beans, ham, fried potatoes, corn, cornbread.

Friday, Jan. 31: Cracked chicken, rice, salad, garlic bread.

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 for further information.

The Center is in need of kitchen volunteers, and regular and substitute drivers.

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.

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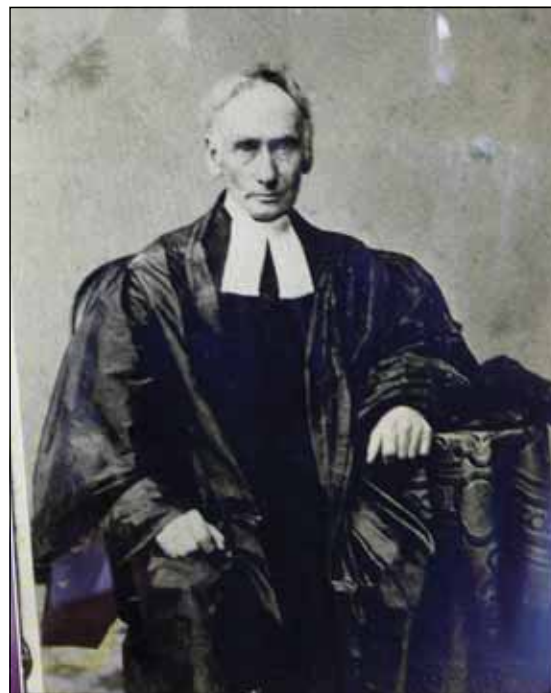


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Alvah Guion. From the archives at Kenyon College.

The 200th Anniversary of the First Episcopal Service Held in Tennessee

January 23, 2025, is the 200th anniversary of the first Episcopal service held in the state of Tennessee. The service was held in Nashville's Methodist church, and a lay reader, commissioned by Bishop William White of Pennsylvania, named Alvah Guion officiated. "I preformed divine service, and read a sermon for the first time, in the Methodist Episcopal Church on the third Sunday after the Epiphany [January 23], to a crowd of attentive hearers; the clergy of the different denominations in this city being present, and as many of their congregations as could get into the Church," Guion wrote from Nashville in February 1825. "Few persons joined in the responses owing to their faint recollection of the service, and want of prayer books."

Guion's efforts would lead to the organizing of Christ Church, Nashville, in December 1825, by a newly arrived in Tennessee deacon named James Hervey Otey. Christ Church was the first Episcopal church organized in Tennessee, and Otey was the first Episcopal clergyman to settle in the state. "I drew up a paper for subscription to the doctrines, canons, worship & government of the P. E. church agreeable to the form required in your diocese," Otey wrote Bishop John Stark Ravenscroft of North Carolina, in February 1826. "This was readily & without a dissentient voice signed. It was then determined that the society should be known by the appellation of 'Christ's Church.' After appointing two wardens & 7 vestry men and preparing a paper for subscription to engage the services of a minister the meeting adjourned."

In 1832 Alvah Guion graduated with a degree in divinity from Kenyon College, in Gambier, Ohio, and was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Ohio, Charles P. McIlvaine. In 1833, Bishop McIlvaine ordained him priest. Guion served churches in Ohio, Michigan, and New York, and died in Brooklyn, New York, in 1872.

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TSP 'Lone Rock Stockade' Exhibit Unveiling

Tennessee State Parks (TSP) would like to invite you to the unveiling of South Cumberland State Park's new exhibit, "Condemned to Labor: Convict Leasing and the Lone Rock Stockade" from 2–4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at the South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center. This exhibit explores a significant and complex chapter in Tennessee's history, examining the convict leasing system and its role in shaping our state's development in the decades following the Civil War. This exhibit results from detailed archaeological research at the site of the Lone Rock stockade and efforts by students and faculty from the nearby Sewanee: The University of The South.

Attendees of the unveiling will hear remarks from Dr. Tiffany Momon, Dr. Camille Westmont and TN State Park representatives, and have the opportunity to participate in two field trip options.

Please RSVP by Jan. 30, 2025 here: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=v75F83ENN0OSgSS5QWFsNoLbCeI0OmNj3b2cps-MSNURFVL-RUcyWjZaMzQxRUtPTk5FSDY5MU5JNS4u&route=shorturl>.

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

Valentine's Day Cookie Walk in Cowan

Cowan Commercial Club is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Cookie Walk and Open House, noon to 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14. In addition to shopping for your sweetheart, the local shops will have refreshments available. There will be live music, arts and crafts, and a poetry night at the Center for the Arts. Children may bring their decorated Valentine's card box to win prizes for creativity.

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All reimbursable breakfast meals must include a minimum of three items with at least one being fruit or fruit juice. A variety of fruit, fruit juice & milk offered daily. All entrees = 2 items. Every effort will be made to follow the published menu; however, last minute changes may be necessary.

Monday, Jan. 27: Cereal cup or donut or donut hole.

Tuesday, Jan. 28: Cereal cup or meat biscuit.

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Cereal cup or breakfast pizza.

Thursday, Jan. 30: Cereal cup or sausage/pancake stick.

Friday, Jan. 31: Cereal cup or egg omelets.

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. 27: Chicken strips, grain choice, green peas, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 28: Spaghetti, grain choice, buttered corn, green beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Barbecue, grain choice, pinto beans, potato choice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 30: Chicken fillet, grain choice, veggie cup, potato choice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Jan. 31: Pizza, marinara sauce, carrot dippers, buttered corn, fruit, milk, cookie.

For meal pricing, go to <<https://franklincountyttn.schoolinsites.com/menus-meal-pricing>>.

Sewanee Elementary Announces Honor Rolls, Award Recipients

Sewanee Elementary School principal Allison Dietz announced honor rolls and award recipients for the most recent nine-week period.

First Honor Roll

Third grade—John Austin, Bella Barnes, Lavender Barry, and Axton Ladd;

Fourth grade—Lucy Beaumont, CeCe Brehm, Suzy Camp, Felix Colbert, Kaisen Dietz, Edie Holmes, Theo Leffler-Mitchell, Will Mahler, and Lilian Mylonas-Garcia;

Fifth grade—Julian Elrod, Jon Fino, Aliza Jackson, Mae Polansky, Lucy Seballos, Elliott Sowell, Gracie Sparacio, Cullen Thompson, and Rainey Woods.

Second Honor Roll

Third grade—Mia Casey, Ren Elrod, Ellie Green, Iris Hopwood-Meyer, Nora Jackson, Zeke Matson, Birch McAnally, Violet Stefanut, and Luke Winkler;

Fourth grade—Annie Beaumont, Hank Borneman, AnnaKay Freeze, Sam Ramirez, Benjamin Ryan, Amelie Watson, and Averett Welch;

Fifth grade—David Allen, Daniel Comoretto, Nick Fino, Esme Hopwood-Meyer, Imogene Latham, McKenzie Loewer, Bea Shealy, Ora Simpson, Fynn Speer, and Kate Summers.

BUG Club

(students who brought up grades without letting any go down)

Third grade—Luke Winkler;

Fifth grade—Sadie Sells and Ora Simpson.

Citizenship Award

(Selected by their teachers)

K—Aiven Ladd; **First grade**—Gus Seballos and Arteen Jilavi; **Second grade**—Owen Loewer and Gus Simpson; **Third grade**—Axton Ladd; **Fourth grade**—Amelie Watson and Nicolas Borchers; **Fifth grade**—Elliott Sowell and Bea Shealy.

Tiger Traits

(Selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait “Diligence”)

K—Emberly Payne; **First grade**—Savannah Walker and Emerson Curts; **Second grade**—Emma Mason and Harlow Hall; **Third grade**—Violet Stefanut; **Fourth grade**—Soren kavur and Benjamin Ryan; **Fifth grade**—Mae Polansky and Gauge Harmon.

(Selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait “Helpfulness”)

K—Owen Jackson; **First grade**—Bryson Barnes and Everly King; **Second grade**—Lella Godfrey and Leah Whitmer; **Third grade**—Nora Jackson; **Fourth grade**—Kaisen Dietz and Lucy Beaumont; **Fifth grade**—Esme Hopwood-Meyer and Aliza Jackson.

Good Shepherd’s Mardi Gras Fundraiser

The Good Shepherd Parish Community is pleased to announce the 35th annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025.

Over the years, this event has gained support, not only from the parish, but the community and surrounding areas, making this one of the premier social events of the year in Franklin County!

Chef Chris McDonald, chef at the Sewanee Inn, will be returning this year to prepare another wonderful meal in true Mardi Gras fashion.

Held at Monterey Station in Cowan, the evening starts as you enter through the doors to a room transformed in true Mardi Gras colors. Start the night with a visit to the cash bar, which offers a wide variety of mixed drinks, beers, and wines. Then wander into the Silent Auction room, bidding on a variety of items donated by local and regional businesses, craftsmen, parish groups and individuals. At 6:30 p.m., the buffet lines will open for you to enjoy a gourmet meal featuring authentic traditional, and non-traditional Cajun cuisine. Top off your dinner as you choose from a variety of decadent desserts provided by Robert and Tina LeBas and The Blackberry Patch.

This year, we welcome the band Stretta from Nashville. Get your dance shoes ready as the music starts at 7 p.m. and last until 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 per person in advance or \$70 after Feb. 12. Tickets may be purchased online with a credit card at <goodshepherdtn.com/tickets>. Tickets may also be purchased at the church office Tuesday through Friday or by calling Janie Casey at (931) 308-7116, Kelly Doyle at (931) 308-0005.

The silent auction room will stop accepting all bids at 9 p.m. Starting at 9:30 p.m., one will be able to pick up his/her winning bid items.

Must be 21 or older to attend.

Proceeds from the Mardi Gras Fundraiser benefit:

Good Samaritan Ministries of Franklin County. Founded in 1983, Good Shepherd Church, along with nearly three dozen area churches, civic organizations, charitable foundations, and individual benefactors, provide emergency food, clothing, utilities, and other services to our neighbors in need.

The Linda Bauman Memorial Scholarship. An active member of Good Shepherd Parish and volunteer on the Mardi Gras committee, Linda tragically lost her life in a plane crash in 2015. Her dedication to serving our community and helping children discover their own strengths lives on through the scholarship that is awarded to graduating senior(s) who reside in Franklin County and are pursuing a career in the medical field. To date, 24 recipients have been honored with this scholarship.

Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee. We are pleased to support this group for a fourth year. Honor Flight is a nationwide program that takes local, eligible WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans on a no cost trip to Washington, DC to visit their war memorials, view the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and end the day with a dinner in their honor.

Good Shepherd Parish and Ministries. Continuing a tradition of service to others, proceeds from the Mardi Gras event help support the church and funds the many programs within the parish.



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‘The Lightning Thief’ at SAS

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Performing Arts Presents: “The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” in the McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts. The show will run Friday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2. Tickets are just \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Go to <<https://www.sasweb.org/fs/form-manager/view/06f2717d-4db3-44da-9b55-d4651dae6ed6>> for tickets.

“The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical” is a raucous pop and rock infused adaptation of the first novel in the popular “Percy Jackson” series written by Rick Riordan. In the book, the young Percy has a troubled youth, getting expelled from six different schools in six years. After a harrowing encounter with a mythical creature on a school field trip, Percy’s mother reveals a life-changing secret: Percy is a young demigod - half god and half mortal.

Whether you are a fan of the series or not, or new to the world of Greek mythology, the humor and heart of this modern musical will win you over with its catchy melodies and over the top performances. Be sure to reserve your seats early and get ready to embark on a “Killer Quest!”

‘Sonorous Journeys’ Recital

Violist Hillary Herndon and pianist Bernadette Lo will present a faculty recital titled “Sonorous Journeys” at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, in St. Luke’s Chapel at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The recital will feature an exciting program of works by celebrated composers George Rochberg, Gabriela Lena Frank, and Dobrinka Tabakova.

Herndon, a longtime faculty member of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, has recently been appointed Music Director of the festival. She will be joined by Lo, a faculty member in the Department of Music at the University of the South. Together, they will take the audience on an evocative musical journey, showcasing the dynamic collaboration between viola and piano in a diverse and engaging repertoire.

The “Sonorous Journeys” program will highlight innovative works that reflect a wide range of cultural and emotional landscapes. Audiences can look forward to experiencing intricate melodies and rich harmonies in pieces that bridge classical traditions with modern exploration.

The recital is free and open to the public, with all are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Bernadette Lo at <belo@sewanee.edu>.

‘Spell, Time, Practice, American, Body’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present “Spell, Time, Practice, American, Body” by acclaimed interdisciplinary artist and filmmaker RaMell Ross, on view in both the University Art Gallery and the Museum Gallery of William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections from Jan. 30 through March 30, 2025.

Ross will speak about his work in Guerry Auditorium at 5 p.m., March 20. The event is free and open to the public.

In the University Art Gallery, visitors will encounter a selection of Ross’ large scale photographs from Hale County, Alabama, and a selection of sculpture from his “Earth, Dirt, Soil, Land and Proximity” series.

Grounded in place and embodied experience, RaMell Ross’ work is at once funny and haunting, everyday and timeless. It is double-edged. It is one thing, and then another. The artist troubles categories and definitions, even as he explores them.

Careful to consider the implications and conventions of his media — in the words he has applied to the camera and the photographic image, both magical and threatening — he reimagines the representation of Black experience in the southern United States.

In his photographs from Hale County, Ala., taken between 2018 and 2022, Ross creates a loving portrait of a place and community. That portrait confounds the viewer’s gaze. Sometimes it looks back. In the sculpture included in the exhibition, Ross combines the relentless facts of materials like wood and red soil with quotations and allusions — to poet Shel Silverstein, to basketball, to fallen soldiers. The everyday becomes magical.

Ross’ conceptual installation “Return to Origin” occupies the Museum Gallery of William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections, inviting visceral, imaginative, and empathetic engagement with history and its artifacts.

In October 2021, Ross shipped himself in a 4’ x 4’ x 8’ crate from Rhode Island to Hale County, Ala., on the back of a flatbed truck. The trip took 59 hours. During the journey, Ross began writing “black” before every entry in a childhood Webster’s dictionary, creating Black Dictionary (aka RaMell’s Dictionary).

The journey reimagined and reversed a historical precedent — Henry Brown’s 1849 escape journey from Virginia to Philadelphia, transported in a box approximately 3’ x 2.5’ x 2’.

“Return to Origin” models the embodied acquisition of knowledge. The objects, video, and sound of the installation invite visitors to accompany Ross in his journey. Unsettling, “Return to Origin” invokes the constraints of language systems, of historical moments, of oppressive economic and political systems, but also the possibilities offered by reappropriation and understanding.

RaMell Ross is an acclaimed interdisciplinary artist, associate professor of visual art, and Oscar-nominated filmmaker, recently awarded the New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Director for his feature film “Nickel Boys.” His other awards include an Aaron Siskind Foundation Individual Photographer’s Fellowship, a Howard Foundation Fellowship, a USA Artist Fellowship, and a 2022 Solomon Fellowship at Harvard University. Ross’ documentary “Hale County This Morning, This Evening” won a Special Jury Award for Creative Vision at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival and 2020 Peabody Award.

Ross’ work is represented in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Va.; the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Ga.; and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, La., among others.

Ross holds BA degrees in English and Sociology from Georgetown University, and an MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design. He teaches at Brown University in Rhode Island.

The University Art Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The Museum Gallery is open from 1–5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment <archives@sewanee.edu>.

Met Opera: Aida

Met Opera: Aida will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, in the Ralston Listening Room in duPont Library. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Soprano Angel Blue makes her long-awaited Met role debut as the Ethiopian princess torn between love and country, one of opera’s defining roles. Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin takes the podium for Michael Mayer’s spectacular new staging, which brings audiences inside the towering pyramids and gilded tombs of ancient Egypt with intricate projections and dazzling animations. Mezzo-soprano Judit Kutasi, following her 2024 debut in Verdi’s La Forza del Destino, is Aida’s Egyptian rival Amneris, and tenor Piotr Beczala is the soldier Radamès—completing opera’s greatest love triangle. The all-star cast also features baritone Quinn Kelsey as Amonasro and bass Dmitry Belosselskiy as Ramfis. This live cinema transmission is part of the Met’s award-winning Live in HD series, bringing opera to movie theaters across the globe.

Ticket sales end at midnight the day before the broadcast. Go to <<https://www.showpass.com/met-opera-aida-2/>> to get tickets.

A \$10 discount for Sewanee students is available. Just enter METLIVE as the promo code at purchase, and show your student ID upon arrival.

‘What the Constitution Means to Me’ Staged Reading

Join us for a reading of “What the Constitution Means to Me,” a hilarious and hopeful play which challenges us to understand how the US Constitution has shaped our lives while imagining how it can serve the next generation of Americans. Heidi Schreck’s timely play was a surprise hit on Broadway, and in the last couple of years has become one of the most frequently produced plays nationwide.

Please be aware that this play addresses adult subject matter, and is not recommended for those under 14. The reading of this 90-minute play will be at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24, in Convocation Hall, and will be followed by a post-show discussion. No reservations are required.

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Sewanee Falls to Rhodes in Swimming and Diving Action

The Sewanee Swim and Dive team kicked off the new year by hosting a conference matchup against Rhodes. Despite several impressive performances, the Tigers fell short in the team scores.

On the women's side, Mary-Louise Lemieux delivered a stand-out performance, securing first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.45. She also contributed to two second-place relay finishes: the 200-yard medley relay alongside Natalia Evans, Eleanor Bishop, and Ada Digby, and the 200-yard freestyle relay with McKenna Reed, Digby, and Evans. Ava Mack earned a solid second-place finish in the 1000-yard freestyle (11:37.79), while Audrey Francell claimed victory in the 100-yard butterfly. Diver Katie Walker excelled as well, finishing second in the 1-meter event and first in the 3-meter event. Lily Stooksbury and Zoe Napier added points in the 3-meter event with third- and fourth-place finishes, respectively.

In the women's 50-yard freestyle, the Tigers saw a trio of strong performances: Digby placed second (25.52), Francell took third (26.06), and Evans finished fourth (26.29).

Ella Deitch also had a solid meet, earning second-place finishes in the 200-yard backstroke, 200-yard individual medley, and 200-yard butterfly.

The women's relay teams put on a strong showing. The 200-yard medley relay team of Evans, Bishop, Lemieux, and Digby clocked a time of 1:54.55, finishing just over a second behind the Rhodes team. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Digby, Evans, Reed, and Lemieux also claimed second place with a time of 1:43.28.

On the men's side, Andrew Olsen led the men's team with two individual wins, taking first place in the 100-yard backstroke (53.85) and the 100-yard freestyle (48.25). He also contributed to a second-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay, alongside Naem Mangum, Josh Kim, and Carter Nabors.

Mangum and Kim added individual podium finishes. Mangum placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke, while Kim earned third in the 50-yard freestyle.



HOME GAMES

5/6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24, SAS Varsity Basketball vs. Lookout Valley

1 p.m., Jan. 25, University Swimming and Diving vs. University of Montevallo

1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, Women's Basketball vs. Millsaps

3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, Men's Basketball vs. Millsaps

5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, Women's Basketball vs. Centre

7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29, Men's Basketball vs. Centre

Men's Hoops Stays Unbeaten in SAA

Russ Marr scored 28 points, Tre Corrigan made eight 3-pointers and posted 26 points and Sewanee toughed out a poor-shooting second half, defeating Hendrix College, 92-83, in men's basketball action on Jan. 19, at Juhan Gymnasium.

The Tigers (12-5, 4-0 SAA) held an 11-point advantage at halftime before Hendrix netted the first 15 of the second half. Sewanee missed its first 10 shots in the period before Russ Marr made a 3-pointer more than seven minutes into the half, giving the Tigers the lead for good, but it was not without a lot of fight from the Warriors (2-15, 0-4).

Sewanee led 69-67 with eight minutes remaining after a David Saltykov putback for the Warriors. Fletcher Bigham, who finished with 13 points and nine rebounds, scored six straight in an 8-0 run for the home team and Corrigan's two foul shots stretched the lead to 77-67.

Tyler Deithloff kept Hendrix close with five straight points before a basket by teammate Carson Bower, but Jimmy Mitchell hit a big 3-pointer for the Tigers with 4:43 remaining. Deithloff then netted seven consecutive points, pulling the Warriors within, 83-81, with 2:55 to play.

Luka Avaliani scored two straight baskets for Sewanee and Corrigan drilled a three with 1:38 remaining, pushing the advantage back to nine and putting the game away. It was the only shot attempt of the second half for Corrigan, with Hendrix chasing him the entire period via a box-and-one defense.

Avaliani collected 13 points as well, nine in the second half, and he and Bigham combined for 20 points in the final 20 minutes.

Deithloff recorded 19 of his 28 points in the second period while Jason Herrera had 14 points and Beau Kronenberger registered 12.

Sewanee fell behind early to start the game before scoring 9-of-11 points for a 9-7 advantage thanks to a 3-pointer by Corrigan, two baskets by Marr and one from Bigham. Corrigan made three straight 3-point attempts around a Marr layup during a 12-4 run, stretching the Tigers lead to 23-14.

Kronenberger answered with a three for the Warriors and Herrera scored underneath before a triple by Sky Tschurr pulled Hendrix within, 26-24, midway through the period. Corrigan came right back with two more 3-pointers, but a 6-0 mini-run by the visitors kept the Tigers edge at two points, with Colton Berry and Carson Bower each posting field goals and Herrera netting two foul shots.

Marr and Reid Carrier each made two free throws late in the half and after a basket by Deithloff, Avaliani and Marr each scored baskets, part of an 8-2 spurt. Corrigan hit another three in the final minute, one of seven in the period, stretching the lead to 51-40 at the break.

Corrigan made 7-of-10 from 3-point range in the first 20 minutes while the rest of the Tigers hit just 1-for-8. He collected 21 points and Marr added 20 on 8-of-13 shooting.

Deithloff led the Warriors with nine points and Herrera posted eight. Hendrix shot 52 percent overall from the field while Sewanee was at 57 percent.

Deithloff scored the first five points and Kronenberger connected on two free throws before a layup and then a 3-pointer to end the 15-0 spurt to open the second half for Hendrix.

Women's Track and Field Update

Sophomore Wrenna Morris finished second in the pole vault while freshman Elizabeth Cook placed sixth in the mile run and sophomore Abigail Armstrong and freshman CeCe Cherry were seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 800-meters for Sewanee women's track and field Jan. 19, at the KMS Invitational in Birmingham, Ala.

Morris placed second in the pole vault, clearing 8-feet, 6.25-inches. Senior Kamilla Haidaienko finished ninth in the shot put with a mark of 31-8.75 and 12th in the weight throw with a distance of 34-9.75.

Cook paced the runners, placing sixth in the mile run in 5:51.90, the sixth fastest time in program history, while freshman Molly Emmett recorded a time of 6:35.91. Armstrong and Cherry were seventh and eighth in the 800, with times of 2:35.51 and 2:38.23, the sixth and ninth-best times, respectively, at Sewanee in that event. Freshman Josie Blanton collected a time of 3:07.93.

Freshman Emory Rhodes finished the 200-meters in 28.96, 10th all-time for the Tigers, and senior Jocelyn Covaney posted a time of 29.40 in the event. Rhodes was 10th in the 60-meter hurdles in 10.27, third fastest in program history, with Covaney coming in 12th in 10.52 and junior Erin Graffeo 14th in 11.91.

Sophomores Page Wells and Josie Willis posted times of 1:52.65 and 2:14.80 in the 600-meters while Elzie Elmore finished the 400-meters in 1:14.80.

The women's 4x400-meter relay of Covaney, Rhodes, Armstrong and Cherry placed sixth in 4:33.97, fourth-best all-time at program history.

Fourth-quarter Run Sends Women Past Hendrix

Olivia Falvey netted 22 points off the bench and Sewanee used a 15-1 run to start the fourth quarter to break open a tight game en route to a 76-64 win over Hendrix College in women's basketball action on Jan. 19, at Juhan Gymnasium.

The Tigers (8-9, 1-3 SAA) led 50-48 at the end of three quarters but broke open the contest after Riley Brady tied the game with two free throws to start the period. Falvey started the spurt with a layup before a 3-pointer by Lilly Phillips and then a triple from Falvey.

Hannah Cleveland scored near the rim on two straight possessions and Falvey's three extended the lead to 65-51 with 4:40 remaining, forcing a timeout by the Warriors (7-10, 0-4), their last of the game. Hendrix missed five shots and committed four of its 26 turnovers in the contest during the Sewanee run.

Brady scored after the timeout to end the stretch and Brooklyn Rowe netted two foul shots for the Warriors, who got as close as nine points on a 3-pointer from Bella Cates with just under two minutes to play.

Falvey made 8-of-17 shots overall with three 3-pointers and grabbed seven rebounds for the Tigers. Cleveland finished with 18 points with a pair of triples and eight boards and Cydney Wright, who played much of the second half in foul trouble, added 16 points.

Brady led the Warriors with 15 points and 27 rebounds, 10 on the offensive glass, but connected on just 5-of-16 shots from the field. Cates was the only other Hendrix player in double figures with 11 points, though Ava Knoedl and Simone Shields collected eight points apiece.

Hendrix took a 6-4 edge in the first four minutes behind a pair of baskets from Brady, but the Tigers netted the next eight points. Cleveland made a 3-pointer before a basket from Falvey and then an old-fashioned 3-point play by Wright for a 12-6 Sewanee advantage.

Rowe answered with a triple for the Warriors and Megan Gray hit another for the visitors, cutting the Tigers lead to 16-14. Knoedl connected on two foul shots for Hendrix but Wright netted two for Sewanee with 4.3 seconds left in the period for a 20-17 Tigers lead after 10 minutes.

The teams traded 3-pointers to start the second period, with one by Cates knotting the game at 20 before Falvey banked in a three for Sewanee. Neither team scored for more than three minutes before a layup and then two free throws from Falvey made it 27-20.

Cates hit another triple for the Warriors but a basket by Wright and a 3-pointer from Brianna Keating-Rendon increased the Sewanee lead to 32-24 with two minutes left in the half. Wright added a driving layup, but Knoedl and Gray each connected on triples in the last 75 seconds of the quarter, cutting the Tigers advantage to 34-30 at the break.

Wright posted 11 points and Falvey collected 10 off the bench while Hendrix made 6-of-12 from 3-point range. Cates led the Warriors with eight points and Gray registered seven off the bench.

Wright and Cleveland each recorded field goals to start the third period before an 8-2 spurt by the Warriors knotted the game at 40. Brady made two foul shots, Natalie Edmonson posted two baskets and Shields scored on a layup for the Warriors.

Cleveland's triple ended the run, but Shelby Heil made a layup and Shields netted two free throws for a one-point edge for Hendrix. Keating-Rendon and Kayla Northrup each recorded 3-pointers for Sewanee before two field goals from Shields made it a two-point game headed to the final quarter.

SAS Picks Up District Win

St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team defeated Grace Baptist Academy Jan. 17, 62-53, picking up an important district win. The Mountain Lions led the entire game, but Grace had cut the lead to four with three minutes remaining in the game. SAS was able to seal the victory with strong free throw shooting from Harper Thompson and Bryce Archambault. Thompson led SAS with 16 points, six assists, and 11 rebounds; Elijah Stark 14 points and 12 rebounds; Hatch McNabb 13 points; Alejandro Miranda 12 points and 10 rebounds; Archambault four; Sam Goodpaster three.

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Birds at Feeders

Many of us have been spending these cold winter days staying inside and watching the birds (and squirrels!) at our feeders. No doubt a hierarchy among those birds has been noted — woodpeckers for one seem to be top birds. Laura Blackman sent a link to an article in the Living Bird magazine of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, the winter 2018 issue, on the dominance hierarchy of birds at feeders, using data from Project Feeder Watch, a citizen science project. The article can be found on the <allaboutbirds.org> website by searching for that article in that issue of the magazine. It has a great graphic of some of the most common birds at feeders and how they interact. The Red-bellied Woodpecker wins against all the other twelve species in the graphic, and that certainly seems to be the case at our feeders. Next in size among the woodpeckers is the Hairy, which only loses to the Red-bellied and the European Starling. The smaller Downy Woodpecker then loses to the Red-bellied and the Hairy, plus the jay and the starling. The big loser is the American Goldfinch, losing against all the other twelve species. We have had the occasional Blue Jay, which only loses to the larger woodpeckers, the Red-bellied and the Hairy — also sometimes to the European Starling, but we haven't had those, thank goodness. The Dark-eyed Juncos mostly just feed on the ground below the feeders, but the graphic shows them only winning against the somewhat smaller Tufted Titmouse, Black-capped Chickadee, House Finch, and American Goldfinch. The Cardinal loses to the woodpeckers, the jay, and the starling. Again, thank goodness we don't have the European Starling in our yard because it dominates all except the Red-bellied Woodpecker and maybe the Blue Jay.

Sewanee Herbarium Calendar of Events

“Invasives!” Show at Stirling’s, the campus coffee house, on display through mid-February. The show spotlights some of the worst invasive plants and animals in our area.

Winter Green — an Introduction to Mosses and Lichens, Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-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, some ferns, lichens, and other non-flowering plants. Herbarium Associate Yolande Gottfried will introduce interested participants to some of the “lower plants”. Do mosses freeze? What is an Irish valentine? Are lichens really plants? Come with your questions and specimens, if you like! We will meet indoors with specimens provided to examine and, weather permitting, take a short walk outdoors to see them in the field. Meet in the Sewanee Herbarium on the first floor of Spencer Hall, Room 173, on the campus of the University of the South. The main entrance is across from duPont Library and there is parking behind the library. Bring a hand lens or a magnifying glass if you have one.

Grocery Store Flower Botanicals Workshop, Saturday Feb. 22, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Spencer room 173, Mary Priestley

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. We will look closely at a sunflower or other member of the Aster Family that is usually included in these mixes. Starting with dissecting a flower head to see how it's constructed, we will then move on to drawing from life or tracing from a photograph. Bring a pencil and your cell phone; other materials will be provided. There is no cost, but please reserve so we know how many people to expect. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

Nature Journaling Continues

The Nature Journaling group, sponsored by the Sewanee Herbarium, meets Thursdays, 9-11 a.m. Grab a pencil and paper and plan to join us. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for more information and meeting location.

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MARC's Mountain Adoptables

Meet Nugget & Slim

Nugget is a two-year-old Pointer/American Bulldog mix. He is white and black and weighs around 50 pounds. He and his brother came to us because they were found on the side of the road roaming where someone had dumped them. We have no idea how long they were out there. A Good Samaritan picked them up, but was not able to keep them very long and then they came to MARC. Nugget has had trust issues with humans. He is doing much better. He is good with some dogs, but he is not good with alpha male dogs because he is more of an alpha himself. Nugget is crate trained and walks on a leash. He really needs to be in a home environment and to learn how to be a normal dog so he can forget what his life was like on the streets. He really needs someone with a firm hand who will love him and be patient. Nugget is a good boy. He just needs the right person to give him a chance and invest in his life. If that is you and you would like to meet Nugget contact MARC about fostering, adopting or a day outing.

Slim is a Pointer/American Bulldog mix. He is Nugget's brother. Slim is two years old, weighs around 50 pounds and is white and brown with brown ticking. Slim is very smart. He is looking for an adopter who is firm, loving and patient. He is working on learning boundaries and manners. Slim is very submissive when disciplined and when being taught new things. He has had a hard road and needs to become a part of a family and to learn how to be a normal dog. Slim is good with most other dogs. Explore adoption or fostering and maybe take Slim out for a day adventure. He would love that.

If you would like to learn more about Nugget and Slim, 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.

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Winter Storm Electrical Safety

While winter weather can be beautiful to behold, fun to play in and fun for kids who get a day off from school, it can lead to the threat of ice and, ultimately, electrical hazards. As you keep an eye on the weather forecast, here are some tips to be mindful of to keep you and your family safe this winter.

Regularly check trees. Heavy snow and ice can bring trees and branches down onto power lines, which could lead to power outages during extremely cold temperatures. Do a regular check of trees around your property and call Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative to come trim branches when needed.

Inspect space heaters. Likely, when you pull the space heater back out of the closet or garage, it will need to be cleaned and checked. Inspect for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If the cord is frayed or damaged, do not use the heater.

Use portable generators safely. Do not operate a portable generator in your home, basement or garage. Generators can quickly produce high levels of carbon monoxide, which can result in death. Fans or open windows won't provide enough fresh air to keep you safe.

Beware of downed power lines. Call Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative immediately. Always assume downed power lines are energized. Stay away from the lines and any nearby objects that might be touching the lines like a fence or tree limb. Do not attempt to move a downed power line.

Stay in your vehicle. If you must get out in a winter storm, use the utmost caution. If you lose control of your vehicle and hit a power pole, stay in your car, unless it is on fire. Getting out of your car puts you at risk for shock. If you must get out, do not touch your vehicle and the ground at the same time. Jump with your feet together and hop away. The Electrical Safety Authority recommends staying back the length of a school bus from the downed power line.

By following these safety tips and staying prepared, you can help protect yourself, your family, and your property during the winter months. Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative is here to support you in staying safe and powered through the challenges of winter weather. If you have any concerns or encounter an emergency, don't hesitate to contact us at (423) 837-8605 — we're just a call away. Together, we can weather the storm safely and confidently.

State Park Offerings

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.

Big Creek Rim Loop Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m. CST. Cost, \$10. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>. Meet Ranger Todd at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for an 8-mile hike around the southern side of the Cumberland Plateau on the Big Creek Rim Trail. This hike will encompass the Stone Door, Big Creek Rim and Laurel Trails. Bring ample water, pack a lunch, wear hiking boots and weather-appropriate clothing. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program's scheduled start in order to receive a refund. Events outside the park's control may necessitate program cancellation (weather, illness, park emergencies, etc.). You will receive a text, email, or call with as much advance notice as possible, depending on the situation. Refunds will be processed for such canceled programs. Allow up to 7 business days for refunds.

Stone Door Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m. CST. Cost, \$5. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>. Meet Ranger Todd at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile roundtrip moderately easy hike to the Stone Door Overlook. Bring water, wear walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. The terrain at the Park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program's scheduled start in order to receive a refund.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jan 13	40	33
Tue	Jan 14	44	20
Wed	Jan 15	42	19
Thu	Jan 16	43	31
Fri	Jan 17	50	27
Sat	Jan 18	54	40
Sun	Jan 19	46	26

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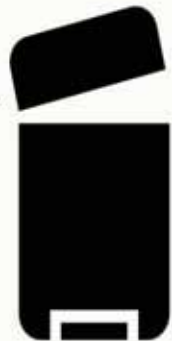


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by Robin Bates

Cold

And now there came both mist and snow,
And it grew wondrous cold:
And ice, mast-high, came floating by,
As green as emerald.

And through the drifts the snowy clifts
Did send a dismal sheen:
Nor shapes of men nor beasts we ken—
The ice was all between.

The ice was here, the ice was there,
The ice was all around:
It cracked and growled, and roared and howled,
Like noises in a swound!

At length did cross an Albatross,
Thorough the fog it came;
As if it had been a Christian soul,
We hailed it in God's name.

It ate the food it ne'er had eat,
And round and round it flew.
The ice did split with a thunder-fit;
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Friday, Jan. 24

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
- 4:30 p.m. Staged Readings, "What the Constitution Means to Me," Convocation Hall

Saturday, Jan. 25

- 8 a.m. MMUMC monthly food distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Yoga & Weights, Brendie, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Met Opera: Aida, Ralston Listening Room in duPont Library, tickets <<https://www.showpass.com/met-opera-aida-2/>>

Sunday, Jan. 26

- 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 1 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at 2:30 p.m.
- 11 a.m. Reception for Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Convocation Hall
- 2 p.m. Public panel discussion, Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Chancellor Dr. Jacob Owensby, and Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen, Convocation Hall, 760 University Ave.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Jan. 27

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Intermed Pilates, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 4:45 p.m. Monteagle City Council public hearing, re adopting Ordinance 20-24 (zoning); conference room, City Hall; regular meeting follows
- 5 p.m. Pilates Mat (all levels), Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Flow, Helen, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Community Council, Community Center, also via Zoom

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- 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 with the Coach, livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. In-person at Blue Chair
- 9 a.m. Mixed Flow, Pippa, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Intermed Pilates, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District Board, Utility office, Sherwood Road
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. FC Democratic Party, small meeting room, FC Annex, 829 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Spoken Word, Blue Chair Café

Wednesday, Jan. 29 • Lunar New Year

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Mixed Flow, Pippa, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee, Lead, Diane Getty
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Intermed Pilates, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Jan. 30

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle

Friday, Jan. 31

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
- 7:30 p.m. "The Lightning Thief," (\$10/adults; \$5/students) SAS McCrory Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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