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The Seawanee Volunteer Fire Department placed the American flag for Flag Day and out along the parade route on University Avenue.

Franklin County Schools: School Supplies; Director Evaluation

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"I encouraged principals to have the cost of school supplies not exceed \$12," said Director of Schools Cary Holman, prior to a vote of approval for the elementary and middle school supply lists presented for review at the June 9 Franklin County School Board meeting. The board also approved program fees for the 2025-2026 school years and after lengthy discussion agreed to voluntarily complete the director of schools' evaluation questionnaire created by the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) in addition to the evaluation questionnaire in use by the district for nearly a decade.

Holman stressed purchasing school supplies was a hardship for some families, especially those with three or four children. Overhearing a conversation in a

store where parents shopping for school supplies complained about the cost prompted Holman to advise school principals to only include "must" have items on the school supply list. He also asked principals not to post "wish lists" on social media like Facebook. "It's inappropriate to constantly be asking parents for all these extra things," Holman stressed.

School board member Linda Jones pointed out in the past churches made donations. Board member Sarah Marhevsky suggested the school purchase items like crayons in bulk and distribute them to students.

"I don't think we need to add burdens to families," observed board member Sara Liechty in support of Holman's directive to

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Summer Meal Program

The University of the South is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, and reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). No service July 4-7. Children ages 2-18 qualify for grab-and-go-meals. Child or guardian can pick up. Meals will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at the sites and times as follows:

Altamont Public Library, 1433 Main St., Altamont, breakfast and lunch, through Aug. 2, on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, 19592 TN-56, Beersheba Springs, breakfast and lunch, through July 28, on Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coalmont Elementary, 7862 TN-56, Coalmont, breakfast and

lunch, through July 31, on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pelham United Methodist Church, 2440 SR 50, Pelham, breakfast and lunch, through July 28, on Mondays, 3-6 p.m.

Crow Creek Valley Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, breakfast and lunch, through Aug. 1, on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US-41, Tracy City, breakfast and lunch, through Aug. 1, on Fridays, 3-6 p.m.

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, breakfast and lunch, June 14 and July 12, on Saturdays, 8-10 a.m.

Palmer Library, 2115 Main St., Palmer, through July 30, breakfast and lunch, on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave., NW, Winchester, breakfast and lunch, through July 30, on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

68th Season of SSMF Begins June 15

by Blythe Ford, Messenger Staff Writer

This year's Seawanee Summer Music Festival season kicks off this Sunday, June 15, with the first of five Faculty Artist performances. The festival, a Seawanee establishment since 1957, brings student musicians from all over the world to learn from renowned faculty in classical techniques. This season is the first under the leadership of new Executive and Artistic Director Hillary Herndon, a long-time instructor of viola at both the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the SSMF. Herndon expressed excitement over all of what the festival offers, but especially five new events on this year's program.

The 2025 program not only features opportunities to hear chamber music, opera, symphonies, and orchestral pieces performed by students and faculty of the Festival as well as local artists, but also a film screening of "A Song for Hope" followed by a Q&A session with the leadership of nonprofit Cancer Blows, and a Seawanee Symphony Concert that includes the World Premiere of a DiLorenzo Trumpet Concerto "Fujisan" written for the late trumpet player Ryan Anthony. These two events are unique to this year's program due to the partnership with CancerBlows, an organization founded by Anthony and his friends and family after his multiple myeloma diagnosis.

CancerBlows raises money for cancer research and patient support through musical performances and screenings of "A Song for Hope," which documents how Anthony's life and career in the Dallas Symphony Orchestra changed after diagnosis, inspiring him to found the charity. The DiLorenzo Concerto was never performed before he

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CAC Stock the Pantry

The Seawanee Civic Association is sponsoring a Stock the Pantry drive for the Community Action Committee during the month of June. The CAC's clientele has doubled this past year. This Stock the Pantry drive will augment the services provided by the CAC.

Any and all donations are accepted. Suggested donations include cereal, bread, protein drinks, canned food, cleaning supplies, paper products, household supplies and personal care items. Deliver your items to the Community Action Committee or Taylor's Mercantile by June 30. There is an Amazon Wish List for those who prefer to shop online <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>>. These items will be delivered directly to the CAC, 216 University Ave., Seawanee.

During the summer months, volunteers are needed to stock the shelves at the CAC, 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday.

MSSA: Hampton Sides, Music Under the Stars, and Bible Week

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly in Monteagle continues its 143rd summer season of enrichment through Sunday, Aug. 3, featuring numerous visiting lecturers who will present morning and evening programs that are open free of charge to the public; unless otherwise noted, morning lectures begin at 10:45 a.m., and evening lectures at 7:45 p.m., all taking place in Warren Chapel. Anyone interested in a full schedule of the Monteagle Assembly's 2025 program is welcome to pick one up at the Assembly Office (tel. 931-924-2286), or to peruse the schedule on the Assembly's website at <www.monteaglesundayschoolassembly.org>.

Author Hampton Sides is best known for his gripping nonfiction adventure stories. His bestselling histories include On Desperate Ground, which he visited Monteagle several summers ago to discuss. He returns Thursday evening to talk about his latest book, "The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact, and the

Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook." Setting off on his third voyage across the globe on July 12, 1776, Captain Cook led two ships on exploratory missions that, in previous expeditions, had mapped huge swaths of the Pacific Ocean, including the east coast of Australia. He was regarded as an explorer who respected indigenous cultures and who treated his crew well. Yet his final voyage ended two and a half years after departure in a fatal conflict with native Hawaiians. Sides tells the story of that voyage in a narrative described as ferociously paced.

Returning for a night of music are artists Bradley Cole Smith and Nelson Nolan, who will perform in the Mall Gazebo Saturday evening at 8 p.m. Smith has been a fixture in the Atlanta music scene since the early 1990s. He has been featured in films and television and, as a musician, has shared the stage with artists including Sheryl Crow, Blues Traveler, Dwight Yoakum, and Edwin McCain. Nolan has been

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Megan Nolan Named 2025 John Grammer Fellow

The Seawanee School of Letters is proud to announce that our 2025 John Grammer Fellow will be Megan Nolan. The award, made possible by a gift from the Blake & Bailey Family Fund, brings a noted writer or scholar to Seawanee for an extended visit each summer during the School of Letters' academic term. The John Grammer Fellow is named in honor of founding School of Letters Director John Grammer. The reading is a part of the School of Letters Summer Reading and Lecture Series.

Megan Nolan will read in the Naylor Auditorium of Gailor Hall at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 18. A reception will follow in the Atrium. All are invited.

Megan Nolan is an Irish writer based in New York. Her debut novel "Acts of Desperation" was published in 2021 and was an international bestseller, translated into fourteen languages. Her second, "Ordinary Human Failings," published in 2023, was shortlisted for the Orwell prize for Political Fiction, the Nero Prize for Fiction, The Gordon Burn Prize, The Royal Society of Literature Encore Award, and longlisted for the Women's Prize.

She is currently at work on her first book of nonfiction.

School of Letters Director Justin Taylor said, "There's so much to admire about Megan Nolan's work as both a novelist and a journalist it's hard to decide where to start. She is, in Karl Ove Knausgaard's words, 'a huge literary talent.' Her first novel, 'Acts of Desperation' is a dark unflinching study of obsession, abjection, and isolation. Her second novel, 'Ordinary Human Failings,' which I had the privilege of reviewing for the Washington Post, breathes fresh life into the crime novel while interrogating many of that genre's biases and blind spots. As I wrote at the time, 'Nolan's prose is clean and exacting, with an almost clinical interest in the power of shame: class shame, sexual shame, national shame, the shame of the addict. It seems to rank high among Nolan's writerly principles that the cure for shame is honesty, however ugly the truth is.' These days, such a principle seems to be rarer than ever, thus I am all the more pleased to be bringing Nolan to Seawanee this summer as our 2025 Grammer Fellow."

Visit <<https://letters.seawanee.edu/>> for more information on the Summer Reading Series.

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July 4 Week Edition of the Messenger

July 4 falls on a Friday, which is the newspaper's day to get circulated across the Plateau. Most of drop off locations will not be open on that holiday, and the Messenger staff will be covering the July 4 activities in Sewanee. There will not be an issue for Friday, July 4. Instead, all of the July 4 information will be in the Friday, June 27 issue. There will be an issue on Friday, July 11.

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The Fourth of July committee is seeking Parade Chairs and Children's Games Chairs. Volunteers are also needed for the Almost World Famous Mutt Show and as road marshals. These events cannot be offered without community help. For more information and to volunteer, contact Dylan McClure at <jdmcclure323@gmail.com> or Tracie Sherrill at <tlsluvsut@gmail.com>.

Registration is now open for Food Vendors, the Parade, and Arts and Crafts Vendors. Go to the website to register for the events <http://www.sewanee4thofjuly.org>.

The next planing meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88205604176?pwd=OVkrZExEK0o5V0N1bVBnSmNXbTZCZz09>. Meeting ID: 882 0560 4176. Passcode: 873719. Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

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Beersheba Springs Hosts Grundy Co. Civil War Presentation

Are you curious about Civil War times in Grundy County? Join the Beersheba Springs Historical Society on Saturday, June 28 at 4 p.m., to hear Mike Oliver speak on this topic. He is the author of the book "The Civil War in Grundy County and Southern Middle Tennessee" as well as a fictional novel that is based on factual information titled, "The Last to Let You Down." Mike earned degrees from Trevecca University and MTSU in history and that background combined with his ongoing travel and study in the area will inform his presentation.

The Beersheba Springs Historical Society <<https://www.BeershebaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org>> offers a series of educational programs each summer that feature expert presenters discussing topics related to Beersheba and the surrounding area. Admission to these programs is free and open to the public.

All are invited to attend this event at 4 p.m., Saturday, June 28, at Grace Chapel, 19221 TN-56.

Allyn Maxfield-Steele to Speak at Heritage Center

Allyn Maxfield-Steele, co-executive director of Highlander Research and Education Center, will address the annual meeting of Grundy County Historical Society at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 2025 in the Assembly Hall of the Heritage Center, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. He will discuss the recent acquisition of part of the former campus of Highlander Folk School in Summerfield. The acquisition included the library that had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the Interior by a former owner. The projects has been named The Summerfield Project.

Raised in Texas, Germany and North Carolina, Maxfield-Steele's work has included solidarity struggles with the Thai people's movement, work as an educator and organizer in Spartanburg, S.C. and Appalachia. He holds a Doctor of Divinity from Vanderbilt University and is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister.

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Upcoming Meetings

Franklin County Commissioners

The Franklin County Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, June 16, at the Franklin County Courthouse, Winchester.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 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 Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Housing Hub

The Housing Hub, a non-profit addressing affordable home ownership for working families on the plateau, will have a board meeting at 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 18, at the Littell-Partin Center, Suite 230, in Tracy City. Interested community members are welcome to attend. More information is available at their website, <housinghubtn.org>.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, June 19, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Guest presenter will be Monteagle Mayor Greg Maloof who will give an update on Monteagle government.

FCDP Meeting

The Franklin County Democratic Party will have a meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, in the community room at the Franklin County Annex, located at 839 Dinah Shore Blvd, Winchester. Kristin Grimm will be a guest speaker. Kristin is a passionate advocate for guaranteed human rights for all. Her inspiration is Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, a political and civil rights advocate after the Great Depression and World War II. Everyone is invited to discuss how we can politically organize to bring equality back to our communities, state, and nation.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Town Council will have a Public Hearing on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 4:45 p.m., in the conference room at Town Hall. The purpose of this public hearing is to have public input on the Budget 2025-2026 and Ordinance 08- 25 Development Review Fees.

The Monteagle Town Council will meet for the regular meeting on June 30, 2025, at 5 p.m., in the conference room at Town Hall.

Sewanee Community Council

The Community Council will not meet in June. The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, at 7 p.m. We have reserved Monday, June 23, 2025, as a possible meeting date and will meet then if there are urgent concerns. Items for the agenda were due on June 11.

Please note we also have a possible meeting date held in late August and will inquire later this summer about the need to meet then.




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The Franklin County Farmers' Market is open 7 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 803 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Locally grown vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, plants and more are available. Follow them on Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyFarmersMarket>>.

Three Seasons Market is open 3-6 p.m., every Friday, through Oct. 2. The Market is located at 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City. The Market offers homemade and home grown products. For updates, follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

The Sewanee Gardeners' Market is open 8-10 a.m., every Saturday until September at Hawkins Lane. Locally produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants and flowers will be available.

The Fresh Mess Farmers' Market takes place every Thursday, from 3-6 p.m., at Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle. Stop in to buy, sell, or barter fresh produce, crafts, clothing, jams, candles, boutique goods, flowers, and other creative products from local artisans. Watch <facebook.com/groups/freshmess> for information on weekly vendors and rainy day calls. Call or text our volunteer coordinators at (931) 313-9551 if you are interested in becoming a vendor.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church regular monthly food distribution takes place the second Saturday of the month. Distribution will be from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, June 14. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St., Monteagle.



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Christ Church

Trinity Sunday and Father’s Day will be celebrated on this Sunday,

June 13.

Father’s Day has never been as popular as Mother’s Day and no one debates that. However, most people agree that our particular country and many other countries are suffering from the shortage of mentally healthy fathers. Trinity Sunday is itself a fairly recent addition to the Liturgical year when compared to the ancient feasts of the early Church. It does

Obituary

Douglas Cameron

Douglas Cameron, age 77 of Sewanee, died on May 22, 2025 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. He passed peacefully with his loving family surrounding him. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ann Templeton Cameron, his siblings Bobby Cameron and Anne Cameron Barklis, his children and their spouses Handly and Leigh Cameron and Jenna and Ben Juday, and by five grandchildren Jewel Cameron, Dillen Cameron, Will Cameron, Kaila Juday, and Jevan Juday. He is also survived by numerous cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews.

Doug was born on Oct. 29, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Dr. Ruth Anders Cameron and Benjamin Cameron, PhD. Doug grew up in Sewanee, graduated from Sewanee Military Academy in 1965 and then Harvard University in 1969.

As friends and colleagues alike have noted, Doug always had a warm smile and made everyone feel seen. He was full of stories and loved to listen to and play music. His “kindness and humanity were unparalleled.”

Throughout his many varied activities, Doug was always a compassionate teacher and scientist. He taught both science and the humanities as a secondary school teacher, including at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School. He believed in supporting the growth and development of young people and taught, coached, and played outdoors with them whenever possible. He was the head of a summer school program there that brought together students from many different cultures. That work was recognized when he was named a “Hero in American Education” by Readers Digest. He coached soccer at both the high school and college levels and coached the canoe team at the University of the South at Sewanee.

Doug spent his summers over more than 40 years teaching girls at Camp Merrie-Woode in North Carolina to paddle canoes and kayaks on whitewater and to sail. Camp Merrie-Woode was Doug’s “happy place” and its work promoting strong, vibrant women leaders was very close to his heart.

Doug was a dedicated outdoorsman and wildland conservationist. He was involved as a racer and organizer with whitewater racing, including a stint as the Chair of the National Slalom and Whitewater Committee. His work with Camp Merrie-Woode and throughout whitewater paddling earned him induction this past March into the Southern Appalachian Whitewater Hall of Fame. In his “retirement,” Doug switched to sailing and joined “Watertribe,” building boats and competing in expedition-style races for hundreds of miles in Florida and North Carolina.

This May Doug had just completed 12 years of service on the Land Trust for Tennessee, an organization responsible for protecting over 137,000 acres of wildlands. In the 1980’s he was the Executive Director of the Governor’s Commission on Tennesseans Outdoors. He participated and supported the creation of hiking trails in Sewanee, including laying out the Perimeter Trail demarcating the University domain, and the creation of The Mountain Goat Trail for bike and foot traffic. In his younger years he had co-written camping guides and a guide to outdoor exploration in middle Tennessee, Under the Sun at Sewanee. He founded the outing programs at St. Andrew’s Sewanee School and at the University of the South at Sewanee.

Doug was a dedicated public servant. He was an EMT (Captain) and taught emergency medicine basic courses as well as outdoor rescue through Wilderness Medical Associates all around the country. Doug was a volunteer firefighter for his hometown department that was dedicated to training as professionals. He served for over 50 years, most of them as Assistant Chief or Chief. He was instrumental in teaching student and community firefighters. Doug served on the Sewanee Community Chest and was active working for Housing Sewanee (a local organization that builds houses for those in need) both building houses and organizing.

Doug served on numerous other Boards and organizations serving local, state and international communities and supporting social welfare. Some of these include Blue Monarch (supporting women and their children recovering from addiction using faith-based programs), Cloud Forest School Foundation for the school in Costa Rica, the Sewanee Utility District (where they designed and implemented innovative sustainable filtration techniques), and Templeton World Charity Foundation.

When he was diagnosed with cancer last year, he shared a Wendell Berry quote which provides insight into how he looked at the world. “We must learn to acknowledge that the creation is full of mystery; we will never clearly understand it. We must abandon arrogance and stand in awe. We must recover the sense of the majesty of creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its presence. For it is only on the condition of humility and reverence before the world that our species will be able to remain in it.” He graced this world with a heart full of love and a commitment to serving wherever a need emerged. Doug will be deeply missed. His legacy runs deep and wide.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Doug at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 28, on the Quad next to All Saints’ Chapel and in Convocation Hall. Rain location is Cravens Hall. If possible, please share photos or stories and RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/DougRSVP>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Doug’s name to Blue Monarch at <https://www.bluemonarch.org/givetoday> or to Housing Sewanee at <https://www.housingsewaneeinc.com>. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecornerter.com>.

have some of the greatest hymns, however, including “Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty,” which was written by an ancestor of the late Reginald Heber Helveston of St. Mary’s Road, Sewanee.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

This Sunday, Rev. Melisa Derseweh will offer a Father’s Day sermon titled “The Spirit of Truth” based on John 16:12-15. We have the spiritual gift from Jesus that will make known to us all the truth known by Him. This will include the truth about things that are to come.

Children are welcome at Morton! Pastor Melisa will have an All God’s Children message during worship that will celebrate fathers with recognition. Following their worship time, children will leave for time together in activities. To learn more, accept this invi-

tation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main Street in Monteagle. Worship begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook and YouTube pages and is available in the week following the service.

Morton has many active ministries. This Saturday, from 8–10 a.m., our Food Mission team will offer substantial food baskets to approximately 250 families. To receive food, drivers should enter the food distribution line, which begins behind the church. Volunteers are also welcome, should arrive before 7:45 a.m., and are asked to park in the CVS lot next door.

St. James Episcopal

St. James celebrates Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 9 a.m. We

gather after the service for conversation and coffee. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome.

St. Mark and St. Paul

Services are at 8:30 a.m., and 10 a.m., in June and July. The 10 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. Nursery services will only run during the second service at 10 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study: Brooks Hall Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

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

Godly Play 1 & 2 are on summer hiatus. The 4th & 5th grade

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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

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. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, livestream Facebook

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

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

9 a.m. Worship, then at 11 a.m., except for first Sunday of the month, which is 10 a.m.

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 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

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

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class is also on summer hiatus.

Youth Sunday School is on summer hiatus.

Sunday Forum will resume on the last Sunday of August, with a new theme for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian

Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian 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>.

Sisters of St. Mary to Host Annual Silent Retreat

The Sisters of St. Mary will host their annual silent retreat June 19-22, at The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development (St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center). This year's retreat will be led by Sister Hannah, CSM and is entitled, "Desert Dwellers: Countercultural Lessons from the Desert Fathers and Mothers."

Come join us as we learn who the desert fathers and mothers were, study their wisdom, and apply these insights to our lives today. Sister Hannah will begin by providing an overview of the history and lifestyles of the desert dwellers and how they came into existence. She will share how their lives were ones of resistance to the power structures in the world and church in their time. The retreat will continue with meditations on three themes from their witness: silence, humility, and interconnectedness. In a world of nonstop noise where prideful egos seem to dominate the news and the ever-increasing division among people is only worsening, these lessons are still relevant for us to discover.

Sister Hannah, CSM has been a member of the Community of St. Mary, Southern Province, for the past ten years. She made her life profession in January 2021 and became Prioress of the Community in January 2023. She helps manage the Community's website, social media, and online gift shop and promotes convent events online. She has been active in preaching at a variety of Episcopal churches and schools both in-person and online, and travels out of state (and out of the country) to preach, give retreats, and teach adult forums at various churches.

This year's retreat will begin at 5 p.m., on Thursday, June 19 and end after Eucharist and breakfast on Sunday morning, June 22. Guest accommodation options are outlined on our website. Learn more and register at <www.communityofstmarysouth.org>.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR Doug Cameron

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer
from the March 6, 2015 issue

The Gulf of Mexico threatened to swallow their sailing canoe as seven- and eight-foot waves tossed the boat. They were 12 miles off the coast of Naples, Fla., the tops of the condos barely visible.

Doug Cameron loves adventure, and the annual Everglades Challenge, a 300-mile boat race from Tampa to Key Largo, is one of the ways he tests his mettle. On March 7, he and a friend will again race in the Everglades Challenge.

Doug, 67, has always been a zealot for the outdoors, be it rock climbing, exploring Antarctica, running marathons or traversing rivers like the French River off Lake Superior in the Canadian wilderness.

"I think I've survived enough that I'm making good decisions now," he says. "More and more I just like cruising, like paddling down the river and camping."

Today, Doug sits with me on the 20-foot cat ketch boat they will use in this year's Everglades Challenge, a boat he just finished building. In 2004, when the Gulf of Mexico almost swallowed them near Naples, he and his friend won the Challenge in their class, finishing in three days and five hours.

A lifelong Sewanee resident, Doug is the oldest son of a father who was a chemistry professor and later director of admissions at Sewanee, and a mother who was one of the first female pediatricians in this area.

"She may have been just five feet tall, but she was just a ball of fire," he says with a big grin.

Doug recalls her shaking her finger in the face of a tall bootlegger who finally brought his child to see her after five days with a temperature of 105 degrees.

Both of his parents were also involved in the Highlander Folk School and the Civil Rights movement, and they passed their sensibility for social justice to their three kids.

"They always told us that people were human beings, and everybody

needed to be treated with respect," he says. "There were always interesting discussions going on at our house, and fascinating people would come over and sit down, like Freedom Riders."

The radio scanner in the back-ground of his garage relays fire and police business as we sit on the boat. Cameron has been a member of the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department for 42 years, and he is currently assistant chief. It's a family he's very proud to be a part of.

"They're not warm and fuzzy kind of people, but if somebody's in trouble, they'll do anything to help them," he says. "At this level being chief or assistant chief, our job is to bring them all home, especially the younger ones, they're fast and they're fit, but they don't have much sense of their own mortality."

Part of our interview takes place in Doug's living room, and he walks around pointing to pictures on the wall of he and his wife, Ann. They first started dating when they were 16 years old after friends played matchmaker at Lake Cheston. You can see the pride and love clearly as he talks about Ann and their two children and five grandchildren.

Just before he gives the tour of their life in pictures, he reminisces about an earlier time in the 1970s when he and his dad and brother visited campgrounds in the eastern U.S. for their project, the "New York Times Guides to Outdoor USA." The market tester book the trio created about campgrounds in Florida sold tens of thousands of copies, but the New York Times Book Company ended the project after the 1973 OPEC oil embargo squashed travel plans for many.

With the advances for the books gone, Doug needed to find a job, so he started as a history teacher at St. Andrew's School in Sewanee. There he started the outdoors program and later became outdoor director for the University of the South.

A Harvard graduate, Doug

earned degrees in clinical psychology and social anthropology.

"I always thought I'd end up as a child psychologist, and almost all of my career has been outdoors and working with young people."

One of the biggest influences in his life is the time he spent at Camp Merrie-Woode in North Carolina, a place where he has worked since 1979.

Doug's outdoors knowledge, especially about navigating rivers, led to Gov. Lamar Alexander appointing him in the 1980s as executive director of the Governor's Commission of Tennesseans Outdoors to look ahead 20 years and determine what Tennesseans would be doing outdoors and what resources they would need.

"That was a lot of fun, working in Nashville with legislators, national parks and forests and state parks people," he says.

He eventually returned to St. Andrew's-Sewanee School to teach biology and found success running a summer school camp that gained national attention and benefited kids from places like the Bronx and Lakota Indian Nation.

After his retirement from teach-

ing in 1996, he ran for state representative and finished in a dead heat with four others, but didn't win the seat.

Since Ann had a good job as a CPA, Doug turned his attention to working with a broad spectrum of nonprofits, including the Community Action Committee in Sewanee, the Land Trust of Tennessee and Housing Sewanee Inc., which he helped found.

Doug still has numerous interests and endeavors, with each suffering a bit because he has so many. "You just don't want to slow down," he says.

UPCLOSE

Doug Cameron

Pet: Moki, a Cairn Terrier
Childhood heroes: Lewis and Clark

Favorite places: Mountains of North Carolina and northern Wisconsin lake country

Future goal: Navigate the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon

Favorite musical instrument: Banjo

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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 (931) 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, June 16: Chicken livers, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, baked potato, broccoli salad, roll.

Tuesday, June 17: Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, roll.

Wednesday, June 18: Ham, hashbrown casserole, Oriental salad, roll.

Thursday, June 19: Chicken salad on croissant, chips. Annual Meeting.

Friday, June 20: Beef pot pie.

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.

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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passed in 2020. It will premiere on June 22, in the hands of SSMF faculty member Peter Bond; it is preceded by the “A Song for Hope” screening and Q&A session on June 19. Herndon explained, “The CancerBlows events allow us to honor our own Peter Bond, share a remarkable story, and help honor Anthony’s legacy by continuing to use music as a tool for societal change; in this instance, specifically to help raise awareness of cancer research and patient support needs.”

Following the Sewanee Symphony Concert featuring the DiLorenzo Concerto and another event, the Jacqueline Avent Concerto Showcase, guests may choose to pay to attend the program’s new VIP receptions. These receptions will offer opportunities to meet and converse with the musicians and SSMF staff. In the words of Herndon: “What makes the VIP receptions truly special is the chance to connect more personally with the artists, faculty, and fellow supporters who bring the festival to life. These aren’t just social gatherings — they’re intimate opportunities to step behind the scenes, engage in meaningful conversations, and celebrate the incredible work happening at Sewanee.” The ticket proceeds will go to support the Festival, including the potential for other new events like the Jacqueline Avent Concerto Showcase, the Chamber Music Intensive Showcase, and the inclusion of two winners of the OperaFest student competition in faculty performances.

Both the OperaFest student competition and the Jacqueline Avent Concerto Showcase will pit SSMF students against each other for a chance to perform, but the Chamber Music Intensive Showcase on July 11 will be far more collaborative. Six groups will work together throughout the summer to prepare an entire chamber work, which will be one of the final performances of the season. The Festival will close with performances by the Cumberland Orchestra and the Sewanee Symphony on July 13.

This season of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival promises to be exciting, with multiple performances a week for the next month. A full schedule of events and more information about the program can be found at <ssmf.sewanee.edu>. To learn more about CancerBlows, visit <www.cancerblows.com>.

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playing with Smith for more than 20 years. He regularly performs in Atlanta with Michelle Malone’s band, Canyonland, and the Sundogs Tom Petty Show.

For our annual Wayne & Virginia Jervis Bible Week, we welcome the Reverend Tom Ward, who has been an Episcopal priest for nearly 50 years in parishes in Mississippi and Tennessee. Ward served as the University Chaplain at Sewanee from 1994-2005. His lectures will have a different focus each day:

Tuesday: What is the Bible?

Wednesday: What is Prayer?

Thursday: Praying the Bible

Friday: Practicing Praying the Bible

Additional events this week include the following:

Tuesday, June 17, 2:30-5 p.m., Pulliam Center — Stacie Meeks offers a workshop on CPR and AED training, advance registration required.

Wednesday, June 18, 3 p.m., Harton Hall — Emily Frith and

Ellen Fort host a cooking demonstration of homemade pasta, no-cook summer sauces, and Spanish gazpacho.

Thursday, June 19, 9–10 a.m., Winfield Porch — A Conversation with the Pastors with Rev. Mary Balfour Dunlap and Rev. Richard Ahlquist.

Thursday, June 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Shady Dell — Make-and-take workshop for around-the-world coasters with Virginia Curry, advance registration required and \$12 materials fee.

Friday, June 20, 2:30 p.m., Meet at Warren Chapel — Richard Candler guides a bird walk and talk. Please bring binoculars.

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational, and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

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school principals, but she added, “We don’t need to take away the excitement of shopping for a box of crayons that has 48 colors. It’s important for children and parents to shop for school supplies together. As a parent it gave me an opportunity to express how important school is.”

Deputy Director of Finances Jenny Phillips pointed out, “the school supply list is considered a fundraiser in the eyes of the state and needs to be approved because we’re asking other people for things.” Board member Sandy Schultz questioned the need for items on some of the lists and asked for an opportunity to review the lists prior to the request for approval next year. Holman concurred with the suggestion.

The list of program fees presented for the board’s approval was largely unchanged from the 2024-2025 school year, according to Vice Chair Lance Williams. Marhevsky asked about the \$125 fee for marching band which included expenses for robots to paint the practice field striping. Williams explained, “That’s something we leased several years ago. It’s quite expensive, but it does a good job. It was taking several people hours upon hours.”

Marhevsky introduced a discussion about the board completing the TSBA director of schools’ evaluation as well as the evaluation used last year. In recommending the board “try out” the TSBA evaluation, Marhevsky said, “It has a rubric for each category to help with scoring ... and it gives more insight and feedback ... prompting us to have conversations we want to be having.” She proposed going forward, the board might want to customize the TSBA evaluation for the district’s use.

“Does this mean we’re changing the evaluation?” asked Jones. Jones took issue with the Student Performance category on the TSBA evaluation. “I’m not sure my conscience would allow me to evaluate, judge our director’s performance based on what’s happening in every individual school.”

Liechty said the evaluation currently used was adopted seven or eight years ago. The evaluation in use previously was more comprehensive. “I think what Sarah [Marhevsky] is saying is in this new world where operating in something more comprehensive would be better.”

“I think it’s having us choose which one we want by doing both,” Jones said.

In response to a question about whether the board should vote on whether or not to fill out both applications, Williams insisted, “It’s voluntary so we don’t need a vote.”

Taking up finances, the board approved a Cooperative Purchasing resolution. “We can pool the number of items we’re going to buy [with other districts] which pulls down the prices,” Phillips said, explaining the reason for the resolution.

Marhevsky reported on education related bills voted on by the Tennessee state legislature. Commenting on a new law requiring school districts to have a policy prohibiting use of wireless communication devices during instructional time, Marhevsky said, “We already have a similar policy, so this may not have much impact.” A bill allowing the state to take over poorly performing schools did not pass. “This one will likely come back,” Marhevsky speculated.

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First Week of SSMF Concerts

The Sewanee Summer Music Festival begins with the Opening Faculty Concert at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, June 15, at Guerry Auditorium. This is a ticketed event.

Repertoire includes “Suite for Oboe, Clarinet, and Bassoon,” Alexandre Tansman (1897-1986), with Nermis Mieses, oboe; Cecilia Kang, clarinet; Maya Stone, bassoon. “Movement for String Trio,” Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson (1932-2004), with Anna Reider, violin; Philippe Chao, viola; Meghan Berindean, cello. “Entracte” for flute and harp, Jacques Ibert (1890-1962), with Donna Shin, flute; Gaye LeBlanc, harp. “Suite,” Jorge Variego (b. 1975), with Jorge Variego, clarinet; Eva Cappelletti Chao & Jane Stewart, violins; Hillary Herndon, viola; Natasha Farny, cello; Tim Pearson, bass. “Duo for Violin & Cello,” Erwin Schulhoff (1894-1942), with Mari-Liis Pakk, violin; Jason Calloway, cello. “Quiet City,” Aaron Copland (1900-1990), with Jessica Smithorn, oboe; Imani Duhe, trumpet; Xavier Suarez, piano. “Five Tangos for Violin and Double Bass,” Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992), with Lin He, violin; Patricia Weitzel, Double Bass. “Nexus,” Anthony DiLorenzo (b. 1967), with Peter Bond & Imani Duhe, trumpets; Caroline Kinsey, horn; Joshua Bynum, trombone; Eric Bubacz, tuba.

At 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 20, the Cumberland Orchestra takes the state at Guerry, with Huifang Chen, conductor. This is a ticketed event.

Repertoire includes “Romeo and Juliet Overture,” Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), and “Huapango,” José Moncayo (1912-1958).

At 8 p.m., Thursday, June 19, there will be a screening of the documentary, “A Song of Hope” at Guerry Auditorium. This is a free event.

A documentary film, directed by Chris Haigh, portrays the incredible story of trumpet virtuoso Ryan Anthony, after being diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma at the age of 42 and given just months to live. For many, this would be a crushing blow, but for Ryan, it motivated him to start a charity called CancerBlows and show the world that music can save lives.

Screening to be followed by a Q&A session with CancerBlows board members. Go to <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/ssmf-cancer-blows/>>.

Student Chamber Concerts will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at the Guerry Stage, Art Gallery, and St. Luke’s Chapel. This is a free event.

Faculty Artist Series 2 will be at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 21, in Guerry Auditorium. This is a ticketed event.

Repertoire includes “Music for 5 Musicians,” Marc Mellits. “Sextet in Bb, Op. 6,” Ludwig Thuille. “Piano Quartet, Op.25,” Dora Pejačević.

On Sunday, June 22, at 3:30 p.m., Guerry Auditorium, the Sewanee Symphony Concert 1 will be offered, with Yaniv Attar, conductor. This is a ticketed event.

Repertoire includes “Hymn for Everyone,” Jessie Montgomery, Trumpet Concerto “Fujisan,” Anthony DiLorenzo, with Peter Bond, trumpet. “Symphonic Dances, Op. 45,” Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Get your tickets here <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/tickets/>>.

Shakerag Welcomes You to Evening Artist Talks and Gallery Reception

Summer is a time to rest, recharge and treat yourself. What better place to do it than Shakerag Workshops, where beginner, aspiring, and professional studio artists from across the country and around the world gather for weeklong classes to explore their creativity and gain artistic skills. Shakerag offers three sessions with workshops in various media each June on the quiet and verdant campus of St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School.

Nightly artists’ talks and a weekly gallery reception are free and open to the public.

Artists’ talks begin at 7:15 p.m., in McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts on the campus of St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School. Wednesday evening talks are followed by a reception for the Shakerag Faculty Exhibition and an opportunity to tour the studios.

Friday, June 20 from 4:15-5:15 p.m., the public is invited to explore work completed and in progress at the weekly Studio Hop in the Simmonds Building and Wade Hall for the Sciences on the St. Andrew’s-Sewanee campus.

SESSION III: JUNE 15-21, Artists’ Talks

Monday, June 16: Rosa Leff (Papercutting), Katrina Perdue (Mending)

Tuesday, June 17: Claudia Lee (Book Arts), Mary Vaughan (Painting)

Wednesday, June 18: Anila Agha (Collage/Mixed Media), Graham Hollick (Rug Hooking) followed by gallery reception

Thursday, June 19: Kristina Batiste (Architectural Pottery)

Friday, June 20: STUDIO HOP (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

For more information, go to <shakerag.org>.

Inaugural Community Dance

Join the Grundy Area Arts Council for their very first Cumberland Community Dance in Monteagle, Tenn., at the Monteagle Pavillion with band the Stones River Reelers and caller T-Claw. There is a \$10 suggested donation for adults, \$5 for children under 10, children under 5 attend free. The Inaugural Community Dance will be from 6–8 p.m., Friday, June 20.

Supper in the Park and Jammin’ Until Dark

Altamont is hosting its third annual “Supper in the Park and Jammin’ Until Dark” series, Fridays, on Cumberland Street at the old courthouse square gazebo. Starting at 5 p.m., people can come to the host food truck for a delicious supper, then at 6 p.m., local (and some maybe not so local) acoustic musicians begin a free concert until dark. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, or whatever you need to be comfortable. If you are a musician or singer you need no special invitation to sit in and play. Just show up and jam. The series runs from Fridays in June through the last Friday in August, with the exception this year of the Fourth of July.

**The supper host for June 6 will be Cow Poke Cafe from Morrison, Tenn. Start your weekend out right with good food and lively music.

Annual Swiss Heritage Celebration

Come to the 51st Swiss Celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 26. There will be music, food, farm tours, historical information, hay rides, flea market & more. The cost is \$10 (12 & Older). The celebration is at the Stoker-Stampfli Farm and Museum, 328 Swiss Cemetery Rd., Gruetli-Laager. For more information go to <<https://www.swisshistoricalsociety.org>>.



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Art of Painting Mountainside Wildflowers Class

Join celebrated Huntsville, Ala., artist Carole Forêt for a relaxed, small-group painting class focused on capturing the beauty of mountainside wildflowers on Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Frame Gallery Gifts & Art in downtown Sewanee.

In this hands-on workshop, participants will explore techniques in paint application, atmospheric color, and using texture to create a focal point in their work.

With only eight spots available, Frame Gallery encourages early registration. The class fee of \$75 per person includes all the necessary paint supplies. To register and pay for the workshop, please visit <<https://framegals.com/events/mountainside-wildflowers-painting-class-with-carole-foret>>.

An Alabama native and Auburn University graduate, Carole Forêt descends from a long line of talented artists and has worked professionally teaching and inspiring students for 35 years. Forêt has been featured frequently in the press throughout her career, with features in Southern Living Magazine (2008), Alabama Public TV’s “Art Seen” (2012), and most recently in Huntsville City Lifestyle Magazine as “Most Stylish” (2024). To learn more and view Forêt’s works, visit <www.caroleforet.com>.

‘Who are you?’ on Display at Stirling’s

Cameron Adams’ exhibition of photographic portraiture, “Who are you?” will be on display at Stirling’s Coffee House, through mid-July. The opening reception will be 3:30–5 p.m., Wednesday, June 18.

Adams said, “Six years ago it was an honor to show some of my early work here in Stirling’s. Made on 35mm film in the ‘80s and ‘90s, those candid photographs taken in public places were the fruit of a search for archetype, irony, and surprise. Members of the cooperative Magnum Photos were my inspiration. Luck was my silent partner, and I honored that good fortune with humility. This went beyond elevating subjects to working stealthfully, and quickly. There is an odd sensation of losing oneself in the moment, which I consider to be reward for this subtle, non-confrontational approach. To be sure: stalking it is; however, as Bob Dylan noted, ‘To live outside the law you must be honest.’

The new millennium arrived with an urgent imperative to express calendar years in four digits. Electronic media replaced film, and the internet changed forever all aspects of journalism. Blogging appealed to me as a new path forward. A fan of Bill Cunningham’s street fashion reportage for The New York Times, and The Sartorialist, Scott Schuman’s urban portraiture of stylish outliers, I started The Chattanooga in 2008. While my interest remained rooted in the streets, this new approach would require inviting people to pose. I went from avoiding being seen by, to engaging with, subjects. Today I can count thousands of such spontaneous encounters, each of which will inform future commissions.

People have said that working with me is a pleasure, and I believe that it shows in the portraits. These collaborations explore personality via curiosity, humour, spontaneity and tact. Often the setting adds its own layer of meaning. My detachment lends a fresh perspective to what may seem familiar. Now that you know me, please allow us to inquire, ‘Who are you?’”



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66th Annual Mountain Market for Arts & Crafts

The 66th annual Mountain Market for Arts & Crafts will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 26 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 27, at 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle. There is free admission and free parking.

This event will feature over 100 artisans and crafters displaying their handmade creations which will include: fine art; stained glass; pottery; fine, primitive and refurbished furniture; bird houses; paintings in a variety of media; quilts; woodcrafts; folk art; toys; jewelry; chain saw carving demonstrations; blacksmith demonstrations and lectures; cigar box art; metal art; soaps and lotions; local honey; embroidered baby items and doll clothing; knitted and hand sewn items; and so much more.

A variety of delicious food will be available from beans & award-winning barbecue to Mediterranean food and roasted corn, Baklava, and everything in between. There will be something for everyone, with both breakfast and lunch being served.

This event will be in Hannah Pickett Park behind City Hall. The park has picnic tables, and nice playground equipment for kids of all ages. City Hall is at 16 Dixie Lee Ave in Monteagle, conveniently located off of I-24, exits 134 and 135. One hour from Chattanooga and Huntsville, and an hour and a half from Nashville.

You may also contact the Chamber at (931) 692-5353, <info@south-cumberlandchamber.com>. Additional information can be found at the South Cumberland Chamber's Facebook page.

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Men's Tennis No. 16 in Final ITA Ranking

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association released the final rankings for the 2024-25 season, as Sewanee's men's tennis team closed out the season ranked No. 16 nationally.

The Tigers were 17-5 on the season, earning their 11th Southern Athletic Association Conference Championship. The Tigers fell in the Round of 16 in the NCAA Championships to Emory, closing out their season with their fourth consecutive NCAA appearance and 21st all-time.

Jordan Theron took home the SAA conference player of the year, and Felix Mann was named Coach of the year as the Tigers placed four different student-athletes for singles and two doubles teams on first or second team All-Conference.

Theron and Quinn Wicklund represented the Tigers at the NCAA individual tournaments, as Theron reached the Round of 16 in singles and in doubles with Wicklund, but fell in the opening round. Theron ended the season ranked 14th, while Theron and Wicklund closed out their career with a final ranking of 26th.

Theron Earns Seventh All-American honor

Jordan Theron earned All-American recognition for the seventh time in his career as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association announced its All-American teams for singles.

In the final ITA ranking of the year, Theron is ranked 14th.

Theron earned his fifth Singles All-American status with a run to the round of 16 in the 2025 Men's Tennis Individual Tennis Championships. He wrapped up a standout singles season with a 21-3 record.

Theron is a five-time singles All-American and a two-time doubles All-American.

Carpenter/Despriet Earn ITA All-American Honors

Ansley Carpenter and Brooke Despriet earned All-American recognition Thursday afternoon as the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) announced its All-American teams for doubles.

Despriet earned her fourth All-American honors and reached a career high 90 doubles wins, tying Lindsey Liles for the second most wins in Sewanee history.

Carpenter closed out her career with her second All-American honors.

Despriet and Carpenter reached the Quarterfinals of the 2025 individual doubles championships, falling to the eventual National Champions, Olivia Soffer and Matia Christiani of Babson. The Tigers closed out their season with a 25-5 record.

Women's Tennis 27th in Final ITA Ranking

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association released the final rankings for the 2024-25 season, as Sewanee's women's tennis team is ranked 27th in the nation.

The Tigers were 14-6 on the season and won their 11th Southern Athletic Association Conference Tournament and remain undefeated in conference. The Tigers also did not drop a match in conference play for the 2024-25 season.

The Tigers fell in the second round of the NCAA tournament to Kenyon, closing out their season with their 12th consecutive NCAA appearance and 31st overall in the NCAA field.

Ansley Carpenter took home the SAA conference player of the year, and Conchie Shackelford was named Coach of the year as the Tigers placed six different student-athletes on first or second team All-Conference for singles and two doubles teams on First-Team All-SAA.

Brooke Despriet and Ansley Carpenter represented the Tigers at the NCAA doubles individual tournament, falling in the quarterfinals to the eventual National Champions, and ended the season with a final doubles ranking of 20.

The Sewanee School of Letters presents a reading with 2025 John Grammer Fellow

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WEEK 1

- June 15: **Faculty Artist Concert**
3:30pm, Guerry Hall**
- June 20: **Cumberland Orchestra**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall**
- June 21: **Faculty Artist Concert**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall**
- June 22: **Sewanee Symphony**
3:30pm, Guerry Hall**

WEEK 2

- June 24: **Faculty Artist Concert**
7:45pm, MSSA
- June 27: **Cumberland Orchestra**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall**
- June 28: **Faculty Artist Concert**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall**
- June 29: **Sewanee Symphony**
3:30pm, Guerry Hall**

WEEK 3

- July 1: **Aria Showcase**
4pm, St. Luke's Chapel
- July 3: **Aria Showcase**
4pm, St. Luke's Chapel
- July 4: **Cumberland Orchestra**
- July 4th Concert -
7pm, Guerry Hall
- July 5: **Faculty Artist Concert**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall**
- July 6: **Sewanee Symphony**
3:30pm, Guerry Hall**

WEEK 4

- July 7: **Aria Showcase**
4pm, St. Luke's Chapel
- July 8: **Aria Showcase**
4pm, St. Luke's Chapel
- July 8: **Chamber Concert**
7:45pm, MSSA
- July 9: **Opera Scenes**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall
- July 10: **Concerto Showcase**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall
- July 11: **Chamber Intensive Showcase**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall
- July 12: **Composer Showcase**
4pm, University Art Gallery
- July 12: **Faculty Artist Series**
7:30pm, Guerry Hall**
- July 12: **Festival Brass**
10:05pm, All Saints' Chapel
- July 13: **Symphonic Sunday**
2:30pm, Guerry Hall**
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Sewanee Fourth of July

Join us on Thursday, July 3, and Friday, July 4, 2025, to celebrate the birth of the United States and the shining stars of our community with feasts, festivities, and fellowship. Visit sewanee4thofjuly.org for event registration, upcoming grand marshal announcements, and the full schedule. Rally your house, honor our all-stars, and let's make this Fourth of July a legendary chapter in Sewanee's story. Volunteers are still needed to help with the parade, road marshals, mutt show, and children's games.

Street Dance

The celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 3, in Angel Park, with food vendors and all-around family fun. The Street Dance will start at 6:30 p.m., featuring live music by Utopia. This event is sponsored by the Sewanee Business Alliance.

Sunrise Yoga

The Sewanee Community Center is hosting a Sunrise Yoga session at 6:45 a.m., Friday, July 4, in Manigault Park. The class is free and for any level of yoga ability. Please bring your own mat. The rain location is in Sewanee Community Center.

Monteagle-Sewanee Run/Walk

The 46th annual Monteagle-Sewanee Run/Walk is at 8 a.m., Friday, July 4. Run 6.4 miles to Shenanigans via the Mountain Goat Trail. Walkers may begin at the trailhead at Dollar General. Celebration and awards at Shenanigans. No registration fee to participate; purchase a commemorative race T-shirt at the Snack Shop in advance in lieu of a free T-shirt + registration fee. No advance registration required.

Flag Raising

Rise and shine on the Fourth of July with local Boy Scout Troop 14 at the 52nd annual Flag Raising ceremony. This year the ceremony kicks off at 8 a.m., at Juhan Bridge in Abbo's Alley with a pot-luck breakfast following in the shared driveway of the Smiths, Gardners, and Beaumont Zuckers. Come join us in this festive celebration and tradition of patriotic song, accompanied by the Sewanee Summer Music Festival Brass Quintet, flag raising, and fellowship. Coffee and juice will be provided by the Friends of Abbo's Alley (donations encouraged). Attendees are asked to bring a pastry or other breakfast dish to share. Individually

wrapped or portioned items are encouraged. For more information, call Margaret Beaumont Zucker at (931) 598-5214.

Cake Contest

Calling all cake bakers! It is time to put your cakes on display. Do you have a favorite cake recipe or a talent for cake decorating? Showcase your skills by entering your cake in the Sewanee Woman's Club Annual Cake Contest. Entering is free of charge.

The categories are Best Tasting, Best Decorated and Best Representation of Theme. Let your creativity shine with this year's theme.

Adult winners of the Best Tasting, Best Decorated, and Best Representation of theme will receive \$25 gift cards from Frame Gallery, Piggly Wiggly and The Sewanee Inn.

Adult winners of the Best Tasting, Best Decorated, and Best Representation of the Theme will be entered in the Best All-Around Category. The winner of Best All-Around category will receive \$100 courtesy of The Sewanee Mountain Messenger and a \$25 gift certificate from The Lemon Fair. And, the baker of the best all-around cake rides in a car in the parade wearing the famous winner's hat.

Youth (under 13) winners will receive \$10 from The Sewanee Mountain Messenger and a gift certificate for a free cookie at the Blue Chair.

Visit sewanee4thofjuly.org under Event Registration to download and print the registration form and bring it with you on July 4. Or you can register when you bring your cake to the Kennerly Hall between 9-9:45 a.m., on Friday, July 4. If you have questions, please email cheryllankhaar@gmail.com.

Almost World Famous Mutt Show

Enter your favorite pooch in the 2025 Fourth of July Mutt Show! All dogs are welcome to compete — no talent necessary.

The Mutt Show will begin in Manigault Park at 10 a.m.

You will need to register at the

table in Manigault Park on the day of the event from 9–9:45 a.m.

Ribbons will be awarded for these canine categories: Best Dressed, Owner/Dog Look-Alike, Best Theme, Best Trick and Judges' Choice. Entrants may register to compete in two categories. The registration fee is \$5 per category, and all proceeds will go to the Fourth of July Fireworks. Audience members may contribute to Animal Harbor and MARC. In case of rain, the Mutt Show will take place in the Equestrian Center.

We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up, registration and doggie line-up. If you are interested, please contact Bentley Cook at bentley.s.cook@gmail.com.

Food Vendors

Vendors along University Avenue will begin selling food and drinks at 10 a.m., on Friday, July 4, and at the fireworks. There will be food vendors during the July 3 Street Dance. Registration is open <http://www.sewanee4thofjuly.org>.

Arts & Crafts Fair

Join us in Shoup Park starting at 9 a.m. to find gifts for your friends and family or a treasure for yourself at the arts & crafts fair. Browse the booths for a wide variety of artisanal artifacts that just might be exactly what you were looking for. Go to sewanee4thofjuly.org under Event Registration for more information and for your entry form.

Children's Games

Bring the kids to Sewanee's Central Quad from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to have some fun before the parade. Please bring money for tickets to play the games.

Tower Bells

At noon, The University of the South Guild of Change-Ringers will perform at Breslin Tower.

Carillon Concert

There will be a Carillon Recital at 1 p.m. Bring a chair outside of

All Saints' Chapel to enjoy the music.

Parade

The parade starts at 2 p.m. Line-up begins at noon on Lake O'Donnell Road, judging begins at 1 p.m. Please enter Lake O'Donnell at the end closest to the airport. Bicycles are to be at Woody's Bicycle Shop at 1:30 p.m., for judging. Registration is open on the website <http://www.sewanee4thofjuly.org>. Report to the Welcome Center beside the Sewanee Market to get your entry number and approximate line-up location.

A float is not required for parade participation. Groups of individuals may walk in the parade if they wish. Registration is open on the website.

Parade Observers

We appreciate your help in making the parade safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Please do not park on University Avenue.

If you will be throwing candy, please be sure to throw it as close to the curb as you can. We want to keep our little ones as safe as possible by keeping them from running out into the road. It's not an easy task, but we can try. If you have a horn or other type of loud noise, please turn it off when your entry reaches the EQB Monument. There are those who do not like to hear the sirens and they will be seated at or near the hospital. Due to insurance precautions, we will once again be asking that you sign a release form. And finally, if you will be riding a motorcycle or 4-wheeler, you will wear your helmet and be very cautious in your driving. Remember, there are children all along the parade route. Your help in this will be greatly appreciated.

Patriotic Celebration

The Sewanee Summer Music Festival is offering a free concert featuring the Cumberland Orchestra. The concert is at 7 p.m., Friday, July 4, at Guerry Auditorium.

Fireworks & Food Truck Alley

There will be plenty of food vendors lined up along Breakfield Road, starting at 5 p.m., to feed your appetite while you wait for the fireworks to start. Visit the Munchie Map tab on sewanee4thofjuly.org to view all the food vendors that will be available. After dark, the Fireworks Show will be at Lake Cheston. There will be a suggested donation of \$1 to contribute to next year's fireworks. As in the past, this is a walking or biking event for most participants. Please plan accordingly to walk or bike to Lake Cheston. Parking at the Lake will be limited to disabled and special needs only. You will need to display your Disabled Driver Decal or Placard to be allowed to park at Lake Cheston.

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The History of the Sewanee Dog Show

by Matt Petrilla, M.D., Special to the Messenger, from the July 3, 2015 issue

On July 1, 1986, Jeanette Hamilton, who was then the crotchety chief of the Sewanee Hospital laboratory, was sitting in the hospital cafeteria, along with other hospital staff, looking out its large glass window.

"We need to have something for these old folks to celebrate the Fourth of July," she declared. (At that time the hospital served as a part-time nursing home facility). "I've got it! Let's have a Kids' Dog Show out here on the grass!" You two new docs — put it together! (Diane Petrilla and I had just arrived on the Mountain three weeks earlier and were "fresh meat," as Jeanette saw us). And the rest is history.

With two days to advertise and prepare, the first Sewanee Mutt Show consisted of a wooden show ring and an entrance banner (still used to this day). The awards were a squeaky toy, box of dog treats and a leather chew bone. Seven dogs were entered, and three kids went home squealing in delight at their achievement. Hamilton's post-show evaluation was ruthless. "Not enough kids!" "Terrible prizes!" "That stunk!"

The second year had 15 hopeful kids and dogs, three official-looking generic ribbons for awards and boxes of doughnuts. (And, of course, those copycats started the cat show next door!) Post-show critique by Hamilton was, again, embarrassing. "Terrible turnout!" "Doughnuts?! Who gives doughnuts as dog show awards?!" she barked.

For the third Sewanee Mutt Show, Sewanee resident jocks were asked to donate their old, dusty trophies stored in attics and basements to be refurbished. Community response was tremendous, and at least 100 trophies dating back to 1930 were converted to dog trophies for the next years, as continues to this day. Twenty dogs entered the third year, and the new prizes were a big hit, as grinning children walked off with trophies taller than they were. Finally, post-show evaluation got a "Not bad" from Hamilton. "But don't slack off next year — or else!" she cautioned.

Over the years, changes were made to be politically correct, per the adults. The "Mutt" Show was changed to the "Dog" Show. The first categories were: Biggest Dog, Smallest, Ugliest, Best Trick, Owner-Dog Look-alike.

But Ugly, Biggest and Smallest were felt to be discriminatory and thrown out.

The venue was moved to the University football field, then to the site in Manigault Park on University Avenue used today. In 2005, cumbersome paper sign-in sheets were replaced with complex computer sign in as we "progressed." Adults got a piece of the action as judges sometimes awarded prizes to the adults' dogs, but they were redirected to the origins of the show as an event for children.

The emcee job was alternated until Lizzie Clark Duncan took the microphone. The crowds love Lizzie so much that she is now snagged to do the announcing as often as possible.



Winner of the Biggest Dog in the July 4, 2006 show.

"Best Dog Joke" was added to the show to fill in time as the judges made their decisions. Benches were added to accommodate the growing crowds of people and the ring made bigger to accommodate the great number of dogs participating.

The highest number of entrants was 70 dogs in 1995, and someone (unofficially) counted 400 onlookers one year. The show was never canceled for rain until the first time in 2013, with organizers facing

severe criticism encountered for "wimping out."

The show began raising money a few years ago, with donations going to Animal Harbor for proper care of homeless dogs.

Thank you to Jeanette Hamilton for the original idea and early "direction," and thank you to the many people over the years that made the Sewanee Dog Show a part of Sewanee's fantastic Fourth of July celebration.



Bike Brigade, from the July 7, 2005 issue.

The Lemon Fairy Tale

by Gay Alvarez, from the July 3, 1997 Messenger

Once upon a time — a long, long time ago in Sewanee, it was the Fourth of July. There were no celebrations. No parade. Boo Cravens was sad. She called the children in town — "Decorate your bicycles. Let's have a parade!"

So they did, little children and big children rode their bicycles with bright streamers down University Avenue. It was a little parade — no trucks, no floats, no horses and no bands. Just Sewanee children led by Boo. This parade continued for a number of years. Then some people got together and thought, "let's have a big celebration for the Fourth."

The Lemon Fairy has watched the fun grow and everybody works together for this special day. Thank you Boo for getting us started more than 30 years ago!

Now we have a street dance, food, games, fireworks and a big parade. Even cats and dogs join in! Boo's little Fourth of July children now have children of their own.

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Yucca moth. Photo by RobinGottfried

Yucca Encore

Yuccas and yucca moths have an amazing interdependent relationship. Each species of yucca has its own species of yucca moth, on which it is dependent for pollination. Our yuccas are Yucca flaccida, the Weak-leaved Yucca, with pubescent inflorescence branches, and its moth is a species of Tageticula, a white yucca moth. In the photo, if you look closely, you can see one moth on a petal and another among the stamens. These adult moths are short-lived and do not feed. After mating, the female moth gathers pollen with tentacles around her mouth and holds it under her “chin.” She then goes forth to find another yucca flower on another plant, thus ensuring cross-pollination. If she detects that another female moth has been there, she will search for another flower. Finding one at the right stage of development, she lays her eggs in the ovary, not too many, or the flower will abort. Then-and this is the amazing part- she takes some of that pollen she gathered and places it on the stigma, ensuring that the flower will produce seeds to feed the moth larvae. After a few weeks, the larvae drop to the ground, burrow, and form a cocoon. Next spring, in perfect timing with the yucca blooming season, the adults will emerge and begin again the whole cycle.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	June 02	83	61
Tue	June 03	82	63
Wed	June 04	84	63
Thu	June 05	81	67
Fri	June 06	83	68
Sat	June 07	79	67
Sun	June 08	80	60

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 82
Avg min temp = 64
Avg temp = 73
Precipitation = 1.21"

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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.

Buggytop Cave Crawl — Saturdays at 9 a.m., CDT. Free. Please join us at the Buggytop trailhead (follow signs for Lost Cove West) for a hike to our Buggytop Cave, where we will explore the cave system underneath the park. We will hike a strenuous two miles in and out. The caving experience is moderate to strenuous, so please be prepared to crawl, wade, and hoist yourself up at times. Please bring a change of clothes, closed-toe shoes, water for the hike in/out, and snacks for a break. The experience should last 3-4 hours. We will provide headlamps and helmets, but you're welcome to bring your own. Sign up is required and limited to 10 participants. Please email Ranger Matthew at <matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov> to register.

Father's Day Axe Throwing and Atlatl Program — Sewanee Welcome Center, Saturday, June 14, 2:30 p.m., CDT. Free. Calling all fathers. Join us at the Sewanee Welcome Center for some axe-throwing fun, then learn what an atlatl is and how the Native Americans used them to hunt. Bring the family.

Early Bird Birding — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, June 14, 8:15 a.m., CDT. Free. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Meet at: South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center Join Interpreter Ranger Ashlyn to listen and view some of the native bird species to South Cumberland. Feel free to bring any binoculars or scopes you have. We will be walking a bit around trails so please where appropriate hiking footwear.

Father's Day Craft — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, June 14, 1:30 p.m., CDT. Free. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Meet Interpreter Ranger Ashlyn inside the South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center to make a special craft for your special father. We will be painting hands, so please dress appropriately.

South Cumberland Snakes — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, June 14, 10:30 a.m., CDT. Free. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Stop by South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center Pavilion to see Seasonal Interpreter Ranger Ashlyn's snake program to learn about some of the snakes found at South Cumberland and meet our resident corn snake, Cayenne.

The 10 Essentials of Hiking — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m., CDT. Donations accepted. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Meet at: Visitor Center Pavilion, 11745 US-41, Monteagle. Hit the trails well prepared this Father's Day. Join Ranger Ben to explore the 10 Essentials you need to bring on outdoor adventures.

Father's Day Hike — South Cumberland State Park, Sunday, June 15, 9 a.m., CDT. Free. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Meet at: Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead. There is no better way to place to spend Father's Day than in the great outdoors. Join Ranger Hannah for a nature hike to Sycamore Falls on the Fiery Gizzard trail.

Fishing 101 — South Cumberland State Park, Sunday, June 15, 9 a.m., CDT. Cost, \$5, if supplies needed. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Want to learn the basics of fishing? Join Interpreter Ranger Ashlyn at Grundy Lakes. Fishing poles will be provided if you do not have one. Registration is required, \$5 fee if you need to use our equipment.

Foster Falls Hike — South Cumberland State Park, Sunday, June 15, 1 p.m., CDT. Free. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Meet at Foster Falls Trail Head. Join Interpreter Ashlyn on a hike by Foster Halls and the Fiery Gizzard's Climbers Loop. This hike is considered easy to moderate and closed toe hiking shoes are required as some parts of the trail are rocky. Please bring 2L of water per person. Sunscreen and hats are recommended. We will discuss an introduction to hiking through this guided hike and is a good opportunity to those interested in preparing to hike the Fiery Gizzard Trail.

Nature Photography Day Sunset Hike — South Cumberland State Park, Sunday, June 15, 6 p.m., CDT. Donations accepted. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>. Meet at: Denny Cove, 5949 US-41, Sequatchie. There is no better way to spend Father's Day than in the great outdoors. Join Ranger Ben for a nature hike at Denny Cove. For this hike, we will be hiking the Denny Cove Access Trail from the parking lot (0.45 miles), then taking the Waterfall Trail (1 mile) to Denny Falls.

We will return out the same way and stop at the overlook for some sunset pictures. This will be a moderate to strenuous 3-mile hike with rocky terrain. Hikers need to make sure that they wear sturdy hiking boots/shoes, bring water, a snack, and a sense of adventure. Please bring a non-phone flashlight or a headlamp.

Weed Wrangle — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Carter Natural Area, Friday, June 20, 9 a.m., CDT. Free. Please join us for the removal of invasive species near the Buggytop area. For this volunteer opportunity, we will meet at the Buggytop trail parking lot, then walk to a nearby area of the park for the removal of kudzu, silk tree, and more. These efforts will help us protect our rare and at-risk populations of native flora. Bring plenty of water and snacks if wanted. Please email Ranger Matthew at <matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov> to register.

Three Forks Lake Canoe Tour — Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, June 21, 8:30 a.m., CDT. Cost, \$15. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>. Meet at: 1183 Stone Door Rd., Savage Gulf North Witness the beauty of Three Forks Lake in a canoe. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets will be provided. Guests should wear weather appropriate clothing with comfortable shoes that may get wet. Sunscreen and hydration are a necessity. This will be an excellent opportunity to see new park addition prior to development. Guests will meet at the Savage Gulf North pavilion ready to walk 0.75 miles out to the lake.

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Milenko

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FROMBARDTOVERSE

by Robin Bates

Flag Day, June 14

What makes a nation’s pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
Go down in battle shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away;
The blood has turned their stones to rust,
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown
Has seemed to nations sweet;
But God has struck its luster down
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor’s sake
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Community Calendar

Friday, June 13

- 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. Summer Meals, Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture, Marc Leepson, “Saving Monticello,” Warren Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. MSSA Writers’ Grove: Caroline Vogel reads from her book, “God Spark,” and Rev. Sara-Scott Wingo reads from her essay, “Made of You, Made of God”
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meals, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US-41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 4:15 p.m. Shakerag STUDIO HOP, more info <www.shakerag.org>
- 5 p.m. Supper in the Park & Jammin’ Until Dark, old courthouse square pavilion, Cumberland St., Altamont; rain location municipal Auditorium, Cumberland St.

Saturday, June 14 • Flag Day

- 8 a.m. Morton Memorial UMC monthly curb-side food distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m., Summer Meals
- 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners’ Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Vinyasa Flow Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:45 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop Open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meals, Altamont Public Library, 1433 Main St., Altamont, until 1 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Grundy County Historical Society Annual Meeting; speaker Allyn Maxfield-Steele, “The Summerfield Project,” 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City
- 7 p.m. Flag day Cermony, Log cabin court House, Cowan

Sunday, June 15 • Father’s Day

- Shakerag Session III, through June 21
- 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 4 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. SSMF Opening Faculty Concert, Guerry
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, June 16

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meals, 19592 TN-56, Beer-sheba Springs, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meals, Pelham UMC, 2440 SR 50, Pelham, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. FC Commissioners, Courthouse, Winchester
- 7:15 p.m. Shakerag Artist Talks, SAS McCrory Hall

Tuesday, June 17

- 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. Mixed Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Bible Lecture (1 of 4),Tom Ward, “What Is the Bible?” Warren Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 2:30 p.m. MSSA Sacred Hike with Rev. Sara-Scott Wingo, meet at North Gate
- 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
- 7:15 p.m. Shakerag Artist Talks, SAS McCrory Hall

Wednesday, June 18

- 8 a.m. Housing Hub Board Meeting, Littell-Partin Center, Suite 230, Tracy City.
- 9 a.m. Qi Gong, High Vibes, Country Mart, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10 a.m. Summer Meals, Palmer Library, 2115 Main St., Palmer, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meals, Trinity Episcopal, 213 1st Ave. NW, Winchester, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Bible Lecture, (2 of 4), Tom Ward, “What is Prayer,” Warren Chapel

- 3:30 p.m. Art reception, photographic portraiture “Who Are You?”Stirling’s, until 5 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. School of Letters John Grammer Fellow Reading, Megan Nolan, Naylor Auditorium, reception follows in Gailor Atrium
- 5 p.m. Mobility, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Fourth of July Planning Meeting, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 7:30 p.m.
- 7:15 p.m. Shakerag Artist Talks, SAS McCrory Hall

Thursday, June 19 • Juneteenth

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meals, Coalmont Elementary (UT Ext.) 7862 TN-56, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Bible Lecture, (3 of 4), “Praying the Bible,” Tom Ward, Warren Chapel
- noon Pilates, intermed., Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Sewanee Senior Center Annual Meeting, 39 Ball Park Rd., Sewanee
- 3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123 S. College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meals, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US 41, Tracy, until 6 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Movement to Music, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 5 p.m.
- 7:15 p.m. Shakerag Artist Talks, SAS McCrory Hall
- 8 p.m. SSMF Documentary Screening, “A Song of Hope,” (free), Guerry

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- 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. Summer Meals, Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Bible Lecture, (4 of 4), Practice Praying the Bible,” Tom Ward, Warren Chapel
- 2:30 p.m. MSSA Bird Walk and Talk, Richard Candler, meet at Warren Chapel
- 3 p.m. Summer Meals, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US-41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 4:15 p.m. Shakerag STUDIO HOP, more info <www.shakerag.org>
- 5 p.m. Supper in the Park & Jammin’ Until Dark, old courthouse square pavilion, Cumberland St., Altamont; rain location municipal Auditorium, Cumberland St.
- 6 p.m. GAAC Inaugural Cumberland Community Dance, (\$10 adults/\$5 children under 10, under 5 free), with Stones River Reelers, caller T-Claw, Monteagle Pavilion, until 8 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Cumberland Orchestra, Guerry

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, 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., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee

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