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New 2.8-mile loop trail near Tracy City is now open, featuring waterfall, landscape vistas, and free community access

Appalachian Conservation Institute Opens Brand New Community-Funded Trail to the Public

The Appalachian Conservation Institute (ACI), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit protecting nearly 11,000 acres in Tennessee's Little Sequatchie Cove, today announced the opening of the Mountain Laurel Trail, a brand new hiking trail that runs through one of the region's most biodiverse landscapes and features waterfall views. Access to the Mountain Laurel Trail as well as the rest of ACI's nearly 11,000 acres is free through their online permitting system at <aci.recaccess.com>.

"With the Mountain Laurel Trail, we want to give people a chance to get out on the land and walk it, feel it, experience it," said Rick Huffines, Executive Director of the Appalachian Conservation Institute. "The 11,000 acres we protect belong to the whole community, not just a few."

Founded in 2023 by Michael and Karmin Pace, ACI was started with the mission of providing a new model for conservation philanthropy. The Paces privately acquired most of the land that ACI now protects, and they have been donating it to ACI over time to protect it into perpetuity. From day one, free community access has been central to ACI's conservation efforts.

"Land protection, conservation, and research has always been a mission we support, and one that we were able to help actualize through the establishment of ACI," said Michael Pace, ACI founder and Board member. "We bought this land to protect it from development and ultimately, to give it back to the community. We envision this to be a place of discovery and learning, and an important part of that is making sure it's accessible to the public."

The Mountain Laurel Trail is ACI's first-ever dedicated hiking trail, an approximately 3-mile moderate loop through the South Cumberland Mountains in Marion County, Tennessee. The loop runs between Avery Point and a nearly 60-ft waterfall that swells to a roar after big rains. A picnic shelter situated at the top of the waterfall gives hikers a scenic place to eat lunch while enjoying the views. Mountain laurel blooms in the late spring along the path, giving the trail its name.

The trail was entirely community-funded. A grassroots giving campaign in December 2025 raised \$7,730 from 68 individual donors, reaching 154 percent of its original \$5,000 goal. That funding paid for the trail, the picnic shelter, and the waterfall overlook platform. The entire build was completed in just three weeks by ACI's facilities crew. The trail opened to the public in late May 2026, following a private ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by more than 40 of the donors who made it possible.

"Sixty-eight people funded this trail because they wanted to be part of something bigger than themselves," said Huffines. "At ACI, we are companions to this land, and we invite the community to join us in our efforts. It takes all of us."

The Mountain Laurel Trail is the first in the planned build-out of ACI's public trail network. To find the trail, navigate to 1900 Pryor Ridge Road, Tracy City, and follow the signs to the trailhead.

Alongside its public access mission, ACI conducts scientific research across its property, as well as large-scale land restoration projects. Little Sequatchie Cove has rare cave systems, unique geological formations, and ecologically significant habitat that several threatened and endangered species depend on. The land ACI protects is some of the most scientifically and ecologically significant in the southeastern United States.

Visitors can access the Mountain Laurel Trail and all of ACI's property by obtaining a free permit at <aci.recaccess.com>. Permits are available online, free of charge, and are required for all visitors. ACI property is open for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, hunting, and climbing.

Founded in 2023 by Michael and Karmin Pace, the Appalachian Conservation Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization protecting nearly 11,000 acres in Tennessee's Little Sequatchie Cove, just outside Tracy City. ACI's mission is to serve as a leading example of conservation philanthropy through proactive land protection, restoration, and scientific education. For more information, visit <appalachianconservation.org> or follow @appalachianconservationinst on Instagram and Facebook.



Left to right: Susan Askew, John Clark, Melisa Derseweh, Ty Wilkinson, Debbie Byrd, Mary Beth Tate, Rich Wycoff, Celia Keen, and Mike Keen. Not pictured, David Manning

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church Announces New Home for Expanded Food Mission

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church is announcing plans to create a dedicated home for its long-standing food mission through a new space known as The Well.

Located on church-owned property immediately behind the church campus on Main Street in Monteagle, The Well will provide a permanent space designed specifically to support and expand the mission's work of serving neighbors facing food insecurity. The project represents an important investment in a mission that has become one of Morton Memorial's most visible and impactful community outreach efforts.

For years, the church's food ministry has faithfully operated from the Fellowship Hall, providing food and support to hundreds of individuals and families. While that arrangement has served the ministry well, church leaders recognized an opportunity to make better use of existing church property while creating a space specifically designed for food ministry operations.

To make this vision a reality, Morton Memorial has launched the Filling the Well Campaign, a \$1 million effort to fund the renovation and preparation of the property as the new home for The Well while also establishing an endowment to help sustain the mission's operations well into the future. The campaign will ensure that both the facility and the mission it houses remain strong and vibrant for generations to come.

The new facility will allow the mission to operate more efficiently, provide additional storage, improve traffic flow and safety, and create a more welcoming environment for guests. It will also free the Fellowship Hall for church and community gatherings, allowing both ministries to flourish without competing for space.

"One of the exciting things about this project is that we already have the property," said Melisa Derseweh, pastor at Morton. "The land is there. The mission is thriving. This project simply brings the two together in a way that allows us to serve our community more effectively while preparing for future growth."

In addition to providing a dedicated facility, The Well will allow the mission to continue evolving toward a more personalized shopping experience that gives guests greater choice and dignity while fostering relationships between volunteers and those they serve.

The name The Well carries both historical and spiritual significance. The property that will become the mission's new home once contained wells that provided water and sustenance for the surrounding community. Just as those wells served as a source of life and provision in an earlier time, Morton Memorial envisions The Well as a place that will continue that legacy of caring for neighbors and meeting essential needs.

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SUD Approves Two Residential-Project Service Requests

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the June 16 meeting, the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners approved service requests for two residential projects, one for water and sewer service to homes the University proposes to build and the other from Sewanee Mountain Partners for water service for a residential development across from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. The Sewanee Mountain Partners project calls for an onsite sewage disposal facility. In keeping with government regulations, SUD would need to approve another sewage facility operating in its district. The board did not issue a decision on the sewage dispersal question.

The University applied for water and sewer service for 20 residences, 15 on Lake O'Donnell Road and five on Hat Rock Road. The two-inch sewer force main line on Lake O'Donnell Road was at capacity, SUD manager Ben Beavers said. "I told them they will need to upgrade to a four-inch line." Beavers suggested to the University one grinder pump could serve two homes, instead of just one. "We have plenty of water," Beavers observed when recommending approval of the project.

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Julia Bates, member of the Hospitality Shop Auxiliary Board presented Valeria Gomez, Franklin County High School senior with a \$1,000 scholarship for her first year of study to become a radiologist. Two other recipients, Sidnie Dykes and Madison Childers from Grundy County High School will also receive \$1,000 scholarships for college work in health care. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. The scholarships are funded from Shop sales in Sewanee.

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South Cumberland Summer Meal Program

The University of the South is participating in the Summer Food Service Program through July 31. 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). There will be no service on July 4 or July 5. Meals will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at the sites and times as follows:

Palmer Library, 2115 Main St., Palmer. Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US-41, Tracy City. Mondays, 3–6 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave., NW, Winchester. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pelham United Methodist Church, 2440 SR 50, Pelham. Wednesdays, 3–6 p.m.

Coalmont Elementary (UT Extension), 7862 TN-56, Coalmont. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, 19592 TN-56, Beersheba Springs. Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.

Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Altamont Public Library, 1433 Main St., Altamont. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Morton Memorial UMC Food Distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle. Saturday, July 11, 8–10 a.m.

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

CORRECTION

In the Obituaries listed on page 4 of the Friday, June 12, 2026, the wrong date was published for William Bradford Ballow's celebration of life. A celebration of life will be at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery on Thursday, July 2 at 4 p.m. We regret the error.



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Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will have a workshop meeting at 5 p.m., June 22, in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a Public Hearing on June 29, 2026 at 4:45 p.m., to have public input on the Budget of 2026-2027 and for the Personnel Policy. The regular city meeting will follow at 5 p.m.

Franklin County Commissioners

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, June 22, at the Franklin County Courthouse, Winchester.

FCDP Monthly Meeting

The Franklin county Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 23, at the Franklin County Annex, Small Meeting Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, June 25, at St. Mary's Sewanee. US Marshal Chuck Stines will present the program.

Cowan Commercial and Community Club Meeting.

Cowan Commercial and Community Club will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25, at The Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St. We will discuss several community action items and discuss updates from area businesses. Membership is open to all.

Sewanee Fourth of July

The last planning meeting is at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, via Zoom. Volunteers are needed for the children's games. If community members don't volunteer, we can't offer this event. To volunteer please email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>.

Visit <sewanee4thofjuly.org> for event registration, and the upcoming full schedule. Registration for Arts and Crafts Fair closes on Wednesday, July 1.

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DREMC 'Stuff the Bucket' School Supply Drive

Duck River Electric is encouraging community members to help local students start the 2026-2027 school year with the tools they need to succeed. The cooperative has launched a "Stuff the Bucket" school supply drive, a community focused effort rooted in the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors.

Inspired by the buckets mounted on DREMC's line trucks, the initiative brings together employees, members, and residents to collect new, unused school supplies for local students in our community.

From June 22 through July 2, collection boxes will be available at your local DREMC office.

Donations of essential school items are needed, including backpacks, notebooks, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, highlighters, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, folders, binders, rulers, calculators, index cards, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and tissues.

Community members are invited to drop off their contributions Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at any DREMC office location.

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Church News

All Saints' Chapel

There will still be two services on Sunday, at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., through Sunday, July 19.

Christ Church

About 40 years ago British Airways seeme to have taken a phrase out of The First Letter General of St. Peter, Chapter 5.

"We care for you" was placed on Billboards in Great Britain and in The United States. People joked about another phrase in the same Epistle, "Be sober, be vigilant."

It might seem that the traditional Epistle Reading and The Gospel Reading have little in common. But the twin parables about something or someone being lost and then found from St. Luke, Chapter 15 are at the heart of Jesus' message that God's love goes beyond just accepting us when we repent, but seeks us out when we have wandered away. Some people have tried to set the Parable of the Prodigal Son against these twin parables, but if we remember that the waiting father ran toward the lost son and did not hold back his own joy in having him home.

Our Sunday service will include a baptism as well as Holy Communion this week. We begin at 10:45 a.m. We serve lunch at noon. On Wednesdays our service is at noon. It is a brief service, although people often stay to share more prayers or special needs.

Draw Near

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

Monteagle SDA

Weekly prayer meeting is at 9 a.m., Wednesday, and Sabbath school is at 10 a.m., Saturday, followed by worship service at 11 a.m. A vegetarian potluck takes place each week after the worship service. Please join us. Monteagle SDA Church is located at 497 College St., Monteagle.

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church in Cowan will gather for a special time of worship at 11 a.m., Sunday, June 28. This will be our last Sunday with The Rev'd Jurinez Shadrach before he returns to his home ministry in the Church of Ceylon, Sri Lanka. Following the service we will host a Happy Trails Luncheon in the parish hall. St. Agnes' is located at 105 England St. E in Cowan. For more information log on to <www.saintagnesecowan.org>.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednes-

day of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men's Breakfast Group meets the first Saturday of the month. We gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

Sunday, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: During June

and July nursery services will only be available at the 10 a.m. service. Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather on the playground or downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Morning and Evening prayer services are at 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday in the sanctuary.

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

Lectionary Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday.

June Book Study: "Canticle for

Liebowitz" by Walter M. Miller Jr. Tuesday nights, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. All are welcome even if you have not had a chance to read the book yet. There will be light refreshments.

Godly Play 1 & 2 are on summer hiatus. The fourth & fifth grade class is also on summer hiatus. Youth Sunday School is on summer hiatus. Sunday Forum: will resume on the last Sunday of August.

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

Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

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, also available

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10 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall,

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

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Obituaries

William Bradford Ballow

William Bradford Ballow, age 37, died on May 26, 2026, in Greenville, S.C. He was born on Sept. 28, 1989, in Nashville, to Kent and Brent Ballow. He attended Harding Academy, University School of Nashville, Appalachian State, and Georgia State University. He became a geologist. He was a kind soul who always made time for everyone. Each summer, he worked with the children in Monteagle Sunday School Assembly where he held many jobs over the years including Hummingbirds teacher, snack shop manager, and head youth director.

He is survived by his parents; his wife, Julia Ballow; daughter, Annie; brothers, Robert and Andrew; aunts, Ann Ewing (Scott Winchester), Christie Rolon, and Tina (Leighton) Aiken; and uncle, Andrew Ewing.

A celebration of life will be at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery at 4 p.m., Thursday, July 2. A reception will follow. Memorials may be made to The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, designated for the Youth Fund or The Ewing/Keeble Fund.

James Wilson "Bill" Cowan

James Wilson "Bill" Cowan, age 81 of Winchester, died on June 8, 2026, at St. Thomas Hospital West, Nashville. He was born on March 7, 1945, in the Williams Cove Community, to John Thomas Chauncey and Nettie Aline Money Cowan. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard. He was employed for 30 years at Bellsouth. After retirement, he went back to work for Cumberland Springs Land Company before retiring again as the executive director of the Winchester Downtown Organization. He had been a member of the Franklin County Jaycees in his younger years. He was a member of Winchester First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings Norma Sloan, Jonell Farris, and Tom Cowan.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sharon Sears Cowan; sons, Wade Cowan and Jason (Marlene) Cowan; sister Sandra Syler; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were on June 12, 2026, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Heather Radabaugh Lawley

Heather Radabaugh Lawley, age 53 of Roys City, Texas, died on May 31, 2026, at her home. She was born in 1972, in Middletown, Ohio, to Richard Radabaugh and the late Travis Radabaugh. She graduated from the University of North Texas with a BA and was working on her MBA. She was Sales Director for Home2 Suites Rowlett, very active in the Rowlett and Rockwall Chambers of Commerce and a member of the Rockwall Art League. She was always very spiritual and recommitted herself to the Lord last October. She was preceded in death by her mother.

She is survived by her father; husband of 33 years, Steven; sons, Jonathan and Christopher; Patrick, who she took in as a son; brother, Nathan (Rocio); three nieces, one nephew, one grand-nephew, and two dogs.

A Celebration of Life will be at on June 27, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Rest Haven Funeral Home, 2500 TX-66, Rockwall, TX 75087. Interment of her ashes will be on July 26, 2026, at the Swiss Colony Cemetery in Gruetli-Laager. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Pancreatic Cancer Network (PanCAN) in her memory <<https://pancan.org>>.

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The Sewanee Mountain Partners project calls for 36 single family residences and 10 townhomes, two groups of five each. The developers will increase the water service line to the property from two-inches to six-inches. For sewage disposal, each home and each group of townhouses will have a septic tank with the effluent pumped to an onsite drip field for dispersal.

"Water is not an issue. Forty units is not a huge impact, and we get a water line," Beavers said. "The issue is the sewer." Tennessee Association of Utility District attorney Don Scholes advised Beavers on the legal ramifications of the proposed onsite sewage disposal facility. Because SUD has a USDA loan for sewer rehabilitation, SUD has the sole right to provide water and sewer service within the boundaries of the district. SUD is also protected by a private act designating the utility as the water and sewer service provider within the district boundaries. In addition to SUD's approval, the project would also need to be approved by the county mayor, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, and the USDA Rural Development loan providers.

"I don't think it's totally a bad idea not to do the sewer for this," Beavers said. He cited two options for the development: the developers could pay for infrastructure upgrades to pump the sewage to SUD or the developers could construct the onsite facility and turn ownership and operation over to SUD. "The problem," Beavers said, "is it won't cost us anything up front, but it will cost us \$40,000 a year to fund the depreciation." To offset the additional \$40,000 expense per year, the cost divided among 40 residences would mean charging each residence \$1,000 per year for 30-50 years. Beavers noted another plus to not owning the on-site sewage dispersal facility was that SUD would not be liable for any Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation violations. Commissioner Donnie McBee pointed out the proposed drip field location was on high ground with the possibility of downhill leaching of dispersed effluent.

Beavers said he would advise the Sewanee Mountain Partners developers granting approval for water service "did not convey approval" of the proposed onsite sewage dispersal facility. "It's a separate issue that will need to be taken up at a different time," he stressed. He recommended a meeting with the project engineer before reaching a decision on the sewage dispersal proposal.

In other business, the board also approved increasing the number of paid holidays per year from 10 to 12. Suggesting the increase, Beavers said the average number of holidays was 12 for utility district and municipal government employees in the area. The additional holidays will be designated as "floating holidays" assigned annually. "Every year is different so there are days that might work better than others," said SUD Board President Charlie Smith, citing the example of holidays falling on a Saturday. Beavers thanked the board for increasing the number of holidays. "The employees will appreciate it, and I do as well."



MSSA: Notable Locals And Locations

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly in Monteagle continues its 144th consecutive summer season of enrichment through Sunday, Aug. 2, 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. (Warren Chapel) and evening lectures at 7:45 pm (Auditorium). Anyone interested in a full schedule of the Monteagle Assembly's 2026 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 MonteagleSundaySchoolAssembly.org.

Several notable local figures and locations dot the Week 3 schedule, with lectures and workshops that take advantage of the wealth of knowledge and resources available in this community.

The Sewanee Summer Music Festival presents the first of their performances at MSSA on Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. in the Auditorium. We are grateful for the continued strong relationship between SSMF and MSSA.

Wednesday morning's lecture comes from Lynne Tolley, who will be speaking about "A Taste of Lynchburg." Tolley is a prominent figure in Lynchburg, Tenn., known for her deep connections to the Jack Daniel's Distillery and her role as a culinary ambassador. She is the great grandniece of Jack Daniel. For more than 30 years, she was the proprietress of Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House, a historic restaurant in Lynchburg, where she was known for her Southern cooking, particularly her Lynchburg Candied Apples. That afternoon at 3 p.m. in Harton Hall, longtime Assembly member and chef Emily Frith will present a cooking demonstration on Cooking with Bourbon.

A Sewanee Mountain favorite Mary Patten Priestley will lecture and offer a workshop on Thursday. Her morning lecture, "Under the Sun at Sewanee, Then and Now," will include a book sale and signing. Priestly will then welcome 12 lucky

participants to an afternoon Nature Journaling workshop. Priestley is a Sewanee Herbarium Associate and the editor and illustrator of the Friends of the Herbarium newsletter, The Sewanee Plant Press. She is a member of the Tennessee Native Plant Society; she also teaches classes for the Tennessee Naturalist Program and the Tennessee Valley chapter of Wild Ones Certificate in Native Plants.

Thursday evening, several well-known Assembly members will participate in a panel discussion about growing up and working in the 1980s and 1990s on the Mountain. The panel will feature the voices and memories of Mary Wallace Patrick Broome, Bill Elder, Laurie Hudgins Peacock, and Will Reynolds, with Rick Boeth moderating. Boeth is a photographer who retired in 2022 as Vice President of Photography at CBS Entertainment. Among his retirement pursuits is shooting and producing the annual Goat Calendar for Sewanee.

Additional events in the week ahead include the following:

Tuesday, June 23, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel — Robert Ray Morgan lectures on "Edgar Allan Poe: Visions of a Natural Paradise."

Tuesday, June 23, 2:30 p.m., Shady Dell — Colby Henderson-Black leads a make-and-take workshop to create a Keepsake Birthday Plate. Advance registration required as space is limited; gate ticket required; \$20 workshop fee.

Tuesday, June 23, 3 p.m., Writers' Grove (Warren Chapel if rain) — Lori Davis reads from "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans, one of the Woman's Association summer book club selections.

Friday, June 26, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel — Somers Randolph lectures on "A Life Carved in Stone."

Friday, June 26, 2:30 p.m., Warren Chapel — Philip J. Tamplin, Jr. leads a workshop on Bluebirds and their Conservation, with a bluebird house construction workshop to follow at Shady Dell. Advance registration required as space is limited; gate ticket required; no fee.

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"Long before this project was imagined, this property has a history of serving the community through the wells located there," said Mike Keen, Chair, Church Leadership Board. "We love the idea that it will once again become a source of provision and care for our neighbors. The mission is different, but the purpose remains remarkably similar."

The response from the congregation and community has been encouraging. To date, 46 percent of the campaign's goal has already been committed through gifts and pledges, reflecting broad support for the project and confidence in its mission.

"Morton Memorial invites individuals, families, businesses, and community partners who share this vision to consider joining the effort. Every gift, regardless of size, helps create a place where neighbors can find nourishment, dignity, connection, and hope," said Alyse Getty, Food Mission director.

For more information about The Well, the Filling the Well Campaign, or opportunities to support the project, contact Susan Askew, campaign chair at saskew@sewanee.edu or visit www.mortonmemorialumc.org/thewell.

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Sewanee Fourth of July

Join us on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the 40th anniversary of the Sewanee Fourth of July celebration, and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sewanee Elementary School. We are grateful to celebrate these milestones together as one hometown with a legacy worth honoring. Visit <sewanee4thofjuly.org> for event registration, and the upcoming the full schedule. 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 p.m., Friday, July 3, in Angel Park, with food vendors and all-around family fun. The Street Dance will start at 7 p.m., featuring live music by Pink Houses. 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.

Doug's Dash, Special 5K Race

The Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department invites the community to join in honoring Chief Doug Cameron for more than 50 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Sewanee and the surrounding area.

To celebrate Chief Cameron's remarkable commitment and leadership, a special 5K race, Doug's Dash, will be on Friday, July 4. The race will begin at 6:45 a.m. and will conclude approximately 30 minutes before the annual 8 a.m. flag raising ceremony in Abbo's Alley.

For over five decades, Chief Cameron has answered the call to serve, helping protect lives and property while strengthening the spirit of community that makes Sewanee special. This event is an

opportunity for friends, family, neighbors, and visitors to come together and recognize his lasting impact.

Participants of all ages are encouraged to attend, whether running the full 5K or simply coming out to support Chief Cameron and the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department.

Join us this Independence Day as we celebrate a true community servant and honor a legacy of dedication, leadership, and service.

For additional information, please contact Lieutenant Forrest McBee at (931) 691-9447.

Flag Raising

Rise and shine on July 4 with local Scout Troops 14 and 141 at the 53rd annual Flag Raising. The Flag Raising will be at 8 a.m., at the Juhan Bridge in Abbo's Alley as in years past. Immediately following, a potluck breakfast will be at the shady front lawn of the Centennial House. Located at 49 Roarks Cove Road, the Centennial House is a University-owned property that is rentable for events. Ample parking is available at the house and nearby football field. Please use the Texas Avenue entrance and the Ticket Booth Garden to enter and exit the Alley.

Coffee and juice will be provided by the Friends of Abbo's Alley (donations are 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. This event is open to the community.

Monteagle-Sewanee Run/Walk

The 47th annual Monteagle-Sewanee Run/Walk is at 8 a.m., Friday, July 3. 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. No advance registration required.

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 Piggly Wiggly, Lemon Fair and Frame Gallery.

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, the baker of the best all-around cake rides in a car in the parade wearing the famous winner's hat. Taylor's Mercantile donates the fabulous blue ribbon! Youth (under 13) winners will receive \$10 from The Sewanee Mountain Messenger and a \$10 gift certificate for a baked good at LUNCH.

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 Saturday, July 4. If you have questions, please email <cheryllankhaar@gmail.com>.

Almost World Famous Mutt Show

Enter your favorite pooch in the 2026 Almost World Famous Mutt Show! All dogs are welcome to compete — no talent necessary. Please check the list of categories below.

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.

The show begins at 10 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 Almost World Famous 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 Laura Beth Merrell at <lemerrel@sewanee.edu>.

Food Vendors

Vendors along University Avenue will begin selling food and drinks at 10 a.m., on Saturday, July 4, and at the fireworks. There will be food vendors during the July 3 Street Dance.

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.

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. Volun-

teers needed!

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 <sewanee4thofjuly.org>.

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.

Breslin Tower Bells

At noon, July 4, the Sewanee Guild of Change-Ringers will perform at Breslin Tower.

Carillon Concert

There will be a Carillon Recital at 1 p.m., July 4. Bring a chair to All Saints' Chapel to enjoy the music.

Patriotic Celebration

The Sewanee Summer Music Festival is offering a free concert featuring the Cumberland Orchestra. The concert is at 7 p.m., Saturday, 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.

The Sewanee Fourth of July is sponsored by the University of the South and the Sewanee Community Chest, with leadership from the Sewanee Fourth of July Committee.

To volunteer or for more information, email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>, or go to <<sewanee4thofjuly.org>

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Arnold AFB 75th Anniversary Open House

Arnold Engineering Development Complex is celebrating a major milestone, and the community is invited to join in the festivities.

A 75th anniversary open house will be at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., headquarters of AEDC, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27. The event is free and open to the public.

"The men and women who currently work at, or have ever been part of the AEDC team, are excited to exhibit this nation's premier scientific infrastructure to our supportive community partners," said AEDC Commander Col. Grant Mizell.

AEDC Test Support Division Deputy Director Chad Morris added the open house is a "once-in-a-generation" opportunity for members of the public to get a look behind the gates of Arnold AFB and see where history is made.

"Bring your family, your friends and your curiosity," he said. "This free open house is our way of saying a massive 'thank you' for 75 years of unwavering community support."

On June 25, 1951, then-President Harry S. Truman dedicated AEDC in honor of the late Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, often credited as the "father of the Air Force" and whose vision helped bring AEDC to fruition. That dedication in 1951 occurred on what would have been Gen. Arnold's 65th birthday.

"This celebration marks 75 years of pushing the boundaries of aerospace," Morris said. "Our theme is 'The Future is Faster Than You Think: 75 Years of Innovation.' From the early days of the Space Race to testing the advanced systems of today, this celebration honors our incredible legacy of aerospace innovation and the foundational role AEDC has played in

national security for three quarters of a century."

Members of the public will be able to access Arnold AFB via the Main Gate along Wattendorf Memorial Highway beginning at 8 a.m. The open house event will commence at 9 a.m., and attendees can begin taking part in activities that will take place throughout the day. These include guided bus tours of the AEDC mission facilities, hands-on STEM activities, the "Walk through AEDC History" tents, unit and mission displays, food trucks, and live music featuring Darin Jones & The Last Man Standing and Sara Jones & The Hightones.

The official open house kickoff will occur at 10 a.m. with a welcome from the AEDC commander.

"Arnold Air Force Base has been the cornerstone of testing every major air and space advancement since 1951," Mizell said. "This base is not only a critical part of aviation history but will continue to drive America's aerospace dominance for the next 75 years."

A 75th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony and the sealing of a time capsule honoring former AEDC commanders will take place at noon. This time capsule will not be opened until AEDC's 100th anniversary in 2051.

"During this event, we will follow in President Truman's footsteps, where he stood in 1951 to dedicate this base the first time, and we will rededicate this amazing wonder of the world to continue leading America's national defense for another 75 years," Mizell said.

Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to observe AEDC history in the making, as a Change of Command ceremony will take place at 3 p.m.

"This is a unique opportunity for our community to witness a cornerstone of military tradition," Morris said. "Seeing a Change of Command allows the public to share in a deeply historic moment as a new commander takes the helm of this vital complex, a transition that usually happens behind closed gates."

During this ceremony, the outgoing AEDC commander will transfer leadership of the Complex

to a new commander.

"Here is an opportunity for the public to see what happens behind the gates of America's most high-tech development site and witness the military tradition of AEDC's Change of Command ceremony, where I will hand off command of this Complex to our incoming teammate, Col. Wayne Dirkes," Mizell said.

Open house events will take place in front of and near the Arnold AFB Administration & Engineering Building, where attendees will be directed after entering the Main Gate. Guests are asked to adhere to all base security protocols and instructions from security personnel upon entry.

Attendees are also asked to follow the directions of the parking attendants who will guide traffic to the designated parking areas. Guests must remain in the designated event and tour areas and follow the directions of AEDC personnel and law enforcement.

For the safety of all guests, items such as firearms, ammunition, pepper spray, tasers, coolers, glass containers, large bags/backpacks, illegal drugs, alcohol, fireworks, laser pointers, spray paint, wheeled recreational devices, drones, pets excluding service animals are prohibited. This list is not all-inclusive, and additional items may be prohibited at the discretion of AEDC Security during the event.

All guests and vehicles are subject to search upon entry.

"We hope the public walks away with a deep sense of pride in what happens right here in their own backyard," Morris said. "Whether it's seeing the massive facilities on our bus tours or watching kids get inspired by an amazing array of STEM activities in our STEM Zone, we want everyone to feel connected to our mission and excited about the future."

There is still time for local businesses to get involved in the open house, as organizers are actively accepting event sponsors and vendors. To sponsor, contact (931) 454-3128. Those interested in becoming a vendor may contact (931) 454-7425.

Survey of Older Residents in Sewanee and Surrounding Communities

This summer, Sewanee professors Deborah McGrath (Biology), Amy Patterson (Politics and Office of Civic Engagement), and Chris Silver (Psychology) are partnering with Folks at Home to survey older residents across our region. The study, launching in mid-June, examines the roles, experiences, and needs of community members aged 55 and older in Sewanee, Monteagle, Sherwood, Jump Off, Deep Woods, and Midway. The survey builds on research that Amy Patterson launched last spring through interviews and focus groups with older residents, assisted by students in her Global Health Governance class. Results will help improve the work of Folks at Home and inform other social service agencies, as well as highlight the contributions that older residents make to our communities. Participation in this survey is open to anyone 55 or older and those who complete the survey may choose to be entered into a drawing for gift certificates from local businesses including the Blue Chair, Mountain Goat Market, Piggly Wiggly, Sewanee Dining, and Shenanigans. Responses collected in this study are strictly confidential.

The survey can be completed online at <<http://sewaneesurvey.com>> or in person with AmeriCorps and Sewanee student volunteers at upcoming community events, including:

Summer meal distribution sites
St. James Parish, Midway, June 21 at 10 a.m. (after service)
St. Mark and St. Paul Parish, Sewanee, June 28 and July 12 at 11 a.m. (after service)

July 4 festivities (outside of Folks at Home)
Various other community venues and events throughout the summer
Fliers posted around the community will include a QR code for online access. For questions or a paper copy of the survey, contact Deborah McGrath at <dmcgrath@sewanee.edu>. Our goal is broad, inclusive representation of the needs and roles of older residents across our region.

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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 22: Fish, white beans, brussel sprouts, hush puppies.

Tuesday, June 23: Baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, June 24: Chicken salad cold plate.

Thursday, June 25: Chef salad.

Friday, June 26: Barbecue pork chops, mashed potatoes, bean salad.

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

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30-11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Game day is 12:30-3 p.m., every Thursday, at the Senior Center. Contact Susan Roberson by text at (516) 987-8440 for more information on chair exercise and Mahjong.

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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New Indie Rock Novel Finds Joy in the Darkness

The University Bookstore will host a conversation between Leigh Anne Couch and novelist Susannah Felts about her new book "The Come Apart." Writer, editor, and cofounder of the Porch, a nonprofit literary arts center in Nashville, Felts is also the author of the novel "This Will Go Down on Your Permanent Record," and her writing has appeared in The Best American Science and Nature Writing, StorySouth, Literary Hub, and elsewhere. Of her newest novel, NPR's music critic, Ann Powers, says "'The Come Apart' gets the indie rock lifestyle right, from the grimy energy of a midwestern rock-and-roll bar to the smell of a touring van to the hungover headaches that the van's denizens face the morning after a long night in front of a sweaty crowd." And Sewanee's own Kevin Wilson ("Run for the Hills") says "Susannah Felts's amazing 'The Come Apart' finds unique new twists on one of my favorite themes — the joy and uncertainty of making art — by looking at not just the act of creation, but also the disaster that can come after. With the sharpest dialogue and a truly keen sense of humor, Felts confidently leads the reader through what might be the greatest creative act, putting yourself back together again."

Couch is the cofounder and editor of SWING, a literary magazine published by The Porch, and the co-editor of the LSU Press series, Sewanee Poetry. Her books of poetry include "Every Lash" (2020 Vassar Miller Prize) and "Houses Fly Away" (Zone 3 Press).

Join Susannah and Leigh Anne Couch for a conversation and short reading followed by a light reception at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, at the University Bookstore.

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Sewanee Herbarium Summer Calendar of Events

"Under the Sun at Sewanee," Then and Now, Thursday, June 25, 10:45 a.m., Monteagle Assembly. Mary Priestley will give a talk about this guide to things to do in and around Sewanee and how to find them, which was first written by Waring McCrady in 1967 and updated in 1978 by Doug Cameron. The latest edition, edited by Priestley and published by the Sewanee Outing Program, debuted in 2020. The talk will be followed by a book sale and signing.

Trees of the Sewanee Campus, Saturday, July 27, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Sandy Baird. Come walk among the trees! Join Sewanee alumna and forestry graduate Sandy Baird for a leisurely tour of some of the campus's most remarkable trees, including Abbo's Alley. Learn to recognize common species, hear a few memorable stories, and enjoy a summer morning outdoors. Children and well-behaved dogs are welcome. Meet in the parking lot behind Fulford Hall.

Summer Flora of the Res, Saturday, July 11, 9:30 a.m., Mary Priestley. Join us for a leisurely walk around the St. Andrews-Sewanee Reservoir, known familiarly as "the Res." This one-mile trail traverses four distinct plant habitats and encounters a population of at least one rare plant, the spring-blooming elf orpine. Park in the lot on Firetower Road behind SAS's Simmonds academic building. Meet there, not at the trailhead kiosk.

All times are Central Time. Wear appropriate shoes on these walks. Risks involved in hiking include physical exertion, rough terrain, forces of nature, and other hazards not present in everyday life. Picking flowers and digging plants are prohibited in the above-mentioned natural areas.

The herbarium-sponsored nature journaling group meets Thursdays, 9-11 a.m. All are welcome. Email Mary Priestley at <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for more information.

School of Letters Summer Reading Series

Every summer the School of Letters invites our acclaimed faculty and other prominent, nationally recognized writers and scholars to read their work and speak about the writing life. The 2026 session will be through July 17.

Readings are in Naylor Auditorium at 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, with a reception following in Gailor Atrium.

Wednesday, June 24, 4:30 p.m., Faculty & Friends Reading with Meera Subramanian, Travis Eisenbise, and Eric Smith.

Wednesday, July 1, 4:30 p.m., Faculty Reading with Justin Taylor & Emily Adrian.

The Sewanee School of Letters is proud to welcome our 2026 John Grammer Fellow: Joy Priest! The award, made possible by a gift from the Blake & Bailey Family Fund, brings a noted writer or scholar to Sewanee 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 Series.

Joy Priest will read in the Naylor Auditorium of Gailor Hall on Wednesday, July 8, at 4:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the Atrium. All are invited.

Priest is the author of "Horsepower" (2020), selected by Natasha Trethewey as the winner of the Donald Hall Prize for Poetry, and the editor of "Once a City Said: A Louisville Poets Anthology" (2023). Her sophomore poetry collection, "The Black Outside," is forthcoming from Duke University Press in 2027. Priest's honors include a 2021 National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, a 2019-2020 Fine Arts Work Center fellowship, and the Stanley Kunitz Memorial Prize from the American Poetry Review. Priest's poems and essays have appeared widely in publications such as The Atlantic, Boston Review, the Los Angeles Review of Books, The New Republic, and The Sewanee Review; in anthologies such as "The Breakbeat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip Hop," "That's a Pretty Thing to Call It: Prose and Poetry by Artists Teaching in Carceral Institutions," and "What Things Cost: An Anthology for the People"; and in commissions for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). She is currently on faculty at Randolph College and the University of Pittsburgh's MFA in Creative Writing. Priest is a member of the Affrilachian Poets and the Curator of Community Programs (CCPP) & Practice at the Center for African American Poetry & Poetics (CAAPP).

Wednesday, July 15, 4:30 p.m. Faculty Reading with Daniel Hornsby & Tiana Clark.

Friday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. MFA Candidate Reading in Biehl Commons.

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All concert tickets for the 2026 season are free for everyone. We will thankfully take any donations in the lobby if you wish to make one. The only event ticket requiring a purchase will be for the Reception after the Concerto Showcase Concert on July 2. All livestream tickets are also free for the 2026 Season. Links to those concerts will be sent out on our social media platforms the day of the concerts.

Faculty Artist Series, Friday, June 19, 7:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed

“Quintet in D Major,” JC Bach
“Serenata in vano,” Nielson
“Cafe Music,” Schoenfeld
“Piano Trio op 11,” Fanny Mendelssohn

Cumberland Orchestra, Saturday, June 20, 7:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed, Jherrard Hardeman, conductor.

“4th Symphony,” Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Sewanee Symphny Orchestra, Sunday, June 21, 3:30 p.m., Guerry Auditorium, livestreamed. Sameer Patel, conductor.

“Symphony No. 5,” Prokofiev
Operafest Aria Showcase, Tuesday, June 23, 4 p.m., St. Luke’s Chapel. Operafest Aria Concert program TBD

Social Fabric to Offer Kids’ Sewing

Social Fabric, a group of people who gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesdays, to do handwork together, has added fun sewing projects for kids for the summer. Each week, participants are invited to try that week’s project if they don’t already have something they’re working on. Projects may include but are not limited to: a felt softie, pencil case, finger puppet, sock doll, book jacket, embroidered flowers, pocket mouse, and doll clothes. Social Fabric, which is sponsored by CAC, has moved from the Hospitality Shop to Stirling’s Coffeehouse for the summer. Anyone is invited to join. Children should be accompanied by a parent. For more information, contact Sister Felicity Parks at <maelpa11@gmail.com> or Mary Priestley at <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

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Student Chamber Runout Concert, Tuesday, June 23, 7 p.m., Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery St., Cowan

Operafest Aria Showcase, Thursday, June 25, 4 p.m., St. Luke’s Chapel, OperaFest Aria Concert program TBD

Faculty Artist Series, Friday, June 26, 7:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed

Vocal comp winner No. 1 – TBD

Amy Beach 2 Songs for Soprano, violin, cello & piano, op. 100

Brahms 2 songs for Mezzo, viola & piano, op. 91

Corigliano Three songs for tenor and flute

Ravel Chansons madecasse for baritone, flute, cello and piano

“Memento Mori,” Emily Koh

“Soldier’s Tale,” Stravinsky

“String Quartet op 127,” Beethoven

Student Chamber Concerts, Saturday, June 27, 2 p.m., Guerry Stage, St. Luke’s Chapel, Art Gallery

OperaFest Concert, Saturday, June 27, 5 p.m., Angel Park, Sewanee

Cumberland Orchestra Concert, Saturday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed, Jherrard Hardeman, conductor

“The Poet and The Peasant Overture,” Franz von Suppe

“The Magic Flute Overture,” W.A. Mozart

“The Montgomery Variations,” Margaret Bonds

Sewanee Symphony Concert, Sunday, June 28, 3:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed, Tamara Dworetz, Conductor

World Premiere Piece, Jorge Variego

Concerto winner 3 (TBD)

“Symphonie Fantastique,” Berlioz

Summer Square Dances and Old Time Jam

Cumberland Community Dance has a great line up of musicians and callers this summer. Open to all ages and experience levels, the evening will include traditional square dance along with live old-time music. Whether you’re a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, everyone is encouraged to join. No partner is required. A live caller will guide dancers through every step.

The dances are every third Friday of the month from 5:30–8 p.m., at the Monteagle Library Pavilion, with the next one on June 19 featuring the band The Cumberland Mountain Music Makers and caller Wendy Graham. The dancing is from 6–8 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., there will be an old time music jam open to the public before the dancing begins, so bring your instrument! Suggested donation for community members \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 3-10 years old with a \$30 max per family.

LUNCH will provide some light snacks and goodies and there will be water and other child-friendly beverages.

Cumberland Community Dance is made possible with support from Grundy Area Arts Council and the South Cumberland Community Fund. If you’d like to support our mission or learn more about our organization you can sign up for our newsletter or visit <<https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance>>. Please come out this summer and help Cumberland Community Dance in their mission to keep the ever-evolving, living tradition of Southern Appalachian music and dance alive.

Frame Gallery Events

Register for the events at <<https://framegals.com/events>>.

“To Sit with a Flower: Watercolors by Lendon Noe” opening reception, 5–6:30 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2026. Frame Gallery Gifts and Art welcomes Jackson, Tenn., artist Lendon Noe back for a second solo exhibition. Inspired by Sewanee professor David Haskell’s book “Flowers Made Our World,” Noe’s watercolors explore the practice of giving full, meditative attention to a single flower — and the unexpected beauty that emerges from that stillness.

To Sit With a Flower: Watercolor Workshop with Lendon Noe. Join Lendon Noe for an intimate watercolor workshop at the Frame Gallery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 27, with a lunch break noon–1 p.m. Limited to eight participants, the workshop pairs with Noe’s solo exhibition “To Sit with a Flower: Watercolors by Lendon Noe,” exploring the same meditative practice of giving full attention to a single flower. Participants will sit together with a flower in community, then work in a fluid, spontaneous, and expressive watercolor style — no prior experience required. Participants may bring their own lunch or walk to downtown Sewanee restaurants during the break.

Closing Reception for ‘To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber and Cloth’

Sounding Stone Gallery is celebrating the close of its spring exhibition on Saturday, June 27. “To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber and Cloth” features artists whose use of textiles tell (and re-tell) stories — stories about memory, repair, and connection. The collection centers around the artists’ processes: Through quilting, weaving, stitching, and mixed-media textile work, these artists use traditional crafts to explore urgent questions of contemporary life.

The exhibition includes work by seven regional artists whose practices engage fiber and textile traditions in distinct ways: Margo Cloniger, Rima Day, Zak Foster, Lauren Gregory, Meagan Hall, Jessica Wohl, and Rena Wood.

Curated by Monteagle artists Christi Teasley and Stephen Hutchins, themes of memory, grief, joy, and renewal, as well as the use of discarded materials, spontaneously emerged in this body of work.

The closing reception will be from 5–8 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at Sounding Stone Gallery, 74 West College St. Monteagle.

Stay tuned for SSG’s summer exhibition: “Of Wood & Light: A Joint Exhibition” featuring the Nashville Painters Salon and Cumberland Furniture Guild.

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NATURE NOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Toads and Planets

Setting out on the Sherwood Day Loop this week we encountered the trail literally hopping with tiny black toads, which at first looked like some kind of insect. They must have just emerged from a nearby vernal pool. Toad and other amphibians use these pools for breeding, since they dry up by summer and therefore do not harbor fish, which might eat the eggs or tadpoles. There was also a horde of mosquitoes, which must have also been using the pool for the sake purpose. These were the toads which we heard trilling so musically earlier in the spring. Their small black tadpoles which can be extremely numerous are possibly those of the Fowler's Toad and metamorphosis occurs somewhat more quickly, in 30-40 days, which is about how long it has been since we heard them trilling. When they leave the water, you may see the banks of the pond covered with tiny toads, as we did.

In the night sky, look for Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury in the west to northwest in the early twilight. Venus is the brightest one, followed by Jupiter. Mercury will be fading and disappearing by the end of the month. The wins of Gemini, Castor and Pollux, are also in the vicinity of these planets.

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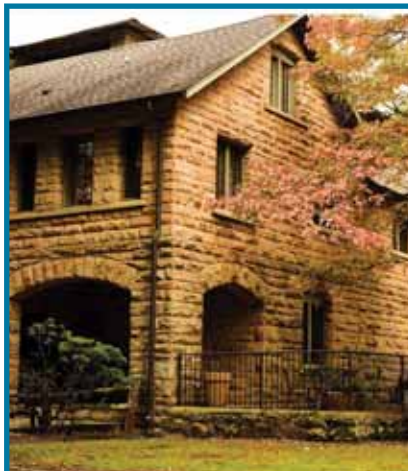
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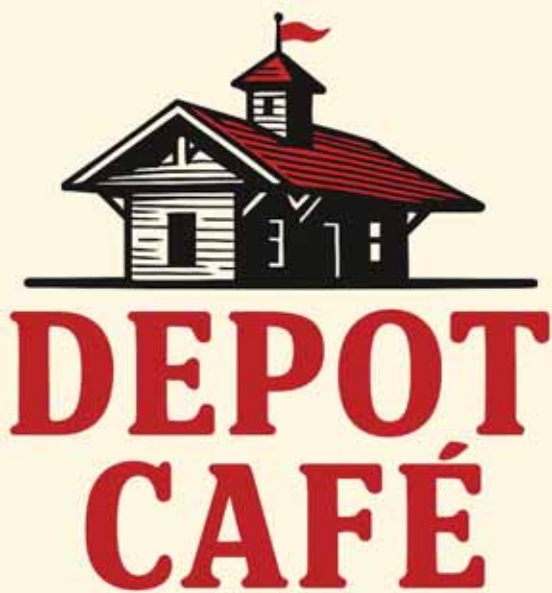


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Fiery Gizzard State Park

Summer Solstice Sunset Saunter, Sunday, June 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration Closes: June 20: <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/Summer-Solstice-Hike-FGSP-2026>>. Donations accepted. There is no better way to spend Father's Day than in the great outdoors! Join Ranger Ben for spectacular summer sunset scenery at our special overlook! Meet Ranger Ben at the Denny Cove parking lot, 5949 US-41, Sequatchie, TN 37374 for this one-hour sunset hike. We will hike roughly 1 mile over a level natural surface. Bring your cameras and please dress appropriately for the weather! Please bring a non-phone flashlight or a headlamp!

Head of the Crow State Park

Build, Start, Boil: Fire Craft Challenge, Friday, June 26, 10 a.m.-noon. Register for event: <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/build-start-boil--fire-craft-challenge-626>>. Come join our Seasonal Interpretive Ranger, Caleb, at the Sherwood Day Loop parking lot for a quick walk down to Briar Tucks Outdoor Classroom to learn and test their skills in the art of fire craft. This program will last approximately two hours, where patrons will learn and test common fire building skills. Please bring water. The Head of the Crow staff will provide all other necessary supplies for this program.

The Tom Pack Cave Adventure Saturday, June 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Registration Closes: June 25 <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/the-tom-pack-cave-adventure-62726>>. Price: \$30. Feeling adventurous? Join us for this intense experience of one of Head of the Crow's wild caves! Meet at the Buggytop Trailhead.

Buggytop Cave Trip, Sunday, June 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration Closes: June 27: <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/buggytop-cave-trip-6-28>>. Price: \$15. This guided cave tour will last about 6 hours, covering just about 5.5 to 6 miles. During the cave tour, even though marketed as a beginner level cave, there will still be some crawling, mud, and water. There is a chance that during our tour we may get wet, up to our knees, since Crow Creek flows through Buggytop Cave. Participants must be able to walk across rocky, slick, uneven surfaces. Participants will also need the ability to climb up and down some rock ledges. So be prepared when arriving at the trailhead with proper footwear to be able to hike 2 miles to the cave, scramble over rocks in the cave, and for the 2-mile hike back to the trailhead. Please also bring plenty of water. Head of the Crow staff will provide headlamps and helmets. We also recommend packing knee pads for your convenience, though these are not required.

Savage Gulf State Park

Suter Falls Hike, Sunday, June 21, 9-11 a.m. Registration closes June 21: <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/suter-falls-hike>> Join Interpretive Ranger Haley for a 2.0 mile guided hike to see the beautiful waterfall at the Savage Gulf South Entrance to Savage Gulf State Park. This hike is moderate to hard in difficulty due to several steep sections and rocky terrain. Visitors will be taken to one waterfall, a swinging bridge, and see plenty of beautiful scenic spaces on the trail. Visitors will need to bring sturdy boots/shoes, water, some snacks, and weather appropriate clothing. Please gather at the Savage Gulf South Parking lot 10 minutes before the start of the program. In the event of inclement weather this program will be cancelled.

Pop-Up Trivia, Sunday, June 21, 1:30-3 p.m. Stop by and see SIR Haley outside the Greeter Falls trail head to come and test your knowledge with some Trivia about plants, animals, and Savage Gulf!

Savage Day Loop Hike, Monday, June 22, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Registration closes June 21: <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/savage-day-loop-hike12321>>. Price \$5. Join Ranger Jamie on an approximate 5-mile guided hike on the Savage Day Loop Trail. We will meet at the Savage Gulf East Trailhead (3157 SR 399, Palmer, TN) at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. This hike will be approximately 5 miles in total and is considered moderate, however the trail can be strenuous in certain areas- please be prepared for a challenging hike. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are capable of completing the entire hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. We will observe a beautiful overlook and we will chat about the park and/or what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required.

Floral Hike, Friday, June 26, 2-3 p.m.. Register for event <<https://tspg.itinio.com/register/Floral-hike890>>. Join Interpretive Ranger Haley to learn about the different plants that inhabit our beautiful State Park. While we learn how to identify some of the plant life, we will also get to see a beautiful waterfall! We will be going around the Laurel Falls loop, which is about 0.3 miles. It is moderate to hard strictly due to the fact that we have to go downstairs and a bit of rocky terrain. Be sure to bring water, suitable hiking clothes, and sturdy shoes. You will also need to bring your own journal to write in, but we will have some pencils provided.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week's Stats:	
Mon	June 08	71	68	Avg max temp =	81
Tue	June 09	77	67	Avg min temp =	67
Wed	June 10	82	66	Avg temp =	74
Thu	June 11	84	67	Precipitation =	1.18"
Fri	June 12	86	68		
Sat	June 13	80	65		
Sun	June 14	84	69		

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Zucca

MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet May & Zucca

May is a beautiful two-year-old black Labrador Retriever mix with a zest for life and a heart full of love. She gets the joyful zoomies and would thrive with an active family who enjoys adventures, outdoor activities, and including their canine companion in everyday life. May forms strong bonds with the people she trusts and loves spending time by their side. Whether its going for a hike, playing in the yard, or simply hanging out with her family, shes happiest when she's part of the action. She would like help learning more obedience skills because she has learned what she knows on her own. May is smart and will be at the top of class in no time. May can be a little wary of strangers and appreciates being given time to get to know new people. Once she feels comfortable, her sweet and devoted personality shines through. If you are looking for a faithful companion who will keep up with your active lifestyle and reward you with endless love and loyalty, she may be the perfect addition to your family.

Zucca is a handsome orange-and-white gentleman with stunning orange eyes that perfectly match the beautiful markings in his coat. He is around one year old and weighs in at about 10 pounds. This affectionate boy is ready to find a family to call his own. Zucca has a loving personality and enjoys spending time with his people, whether that means soaking up attention, sharing quiet moments, or simply being nearby. He is litter trained, well-mannered, and gets along wonderfully with other cats, making him a great addition to a multi-cat household. With his sweet nature, striking looks, and friendly disposition, Zucca has all the qualities of a wonderful companion. Now all he needs is a forever home. Could Zucca be the perfect match for your family?

If you would like to learn more about May or Zucca, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, (423) 619-3845.

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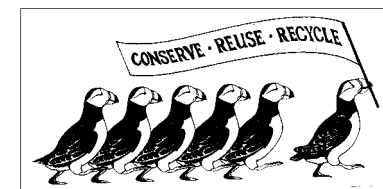
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WED	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
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SAT	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00
SUN	CLOSED	CLOSED

FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Juneteenth

hey music and
me
only white,
hair a flutter of
fall leaves
circling my perfect
line of a nose,
no lips,
no behind, hey
white me
and i'm wearing
white history
but there's no future
in those clothes
so i take them off and
wake up
dancing.

--Lucille Clifton, my dream about being white

Community Calendar

Friday, June 19 • Juneteenth

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
- 11 a.m. Juneteenth Celebration, Old Cowan Road Oak, Winchester, until 6 p.m.
- 4:15 p.m. Shakerag Studio Hop, SAS, until 5:15 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Supper in the Park & Jammin' Until Dark, Cumberland St., Altamont
- 5:30 p.m. Old-fashion Jam, Monteagle Library Pavilion, until 6 p.m.
- 6 p.m. Cumberland Community Square Dance, music by Cumberland Mountain Music Makers, caller Wendy Graham, Monteagle Library Pavilion, until 8 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Faculty Artist Series, Guerry

Saturday, June 20

- 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Altamont Library, 1433 Main St., Altamont, until 1 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Cumberland Orchestra, Guerry

Sunday, June 21 • Father's Day • Summer Solstice

- 11 a.m. Sewanee Choral Institute, Eucharist, All Saints' Chapel
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. SSMF Sewanee Symphony, Guerry
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Faculty Artist Concert, Guerry

Monday, June 22

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Palmer Library, 2115 Main St., Palmer, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14339 US 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council workshop, conference room, City Hall
- 6 p.m. Franklin County Commissioners, Courthouse, Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center

Tuesday, June 23

- 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.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Story Time, Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., until 11:30 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture, "Edgar Allen Poe, Visions of a Natural Paradise," Robert Ray Morgan, Warren Chapel
- 11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Stirling's Coffeehouse, until 1 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. SSMF Operafest Aria Showcase, St. Luke's Chapel
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. Franklin County Democratic Party, FC Annex, small meeting room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester
- 7 p.m. SSMF Student Chamber Runout Concert, Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery St.
- 7:45 p.m. SSMF Faculty Artist Concert, MSSA

Wednesday, June 24

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Trinity Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave. NW, Win-

- chester, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture: "A Taste of Lynchburg," Lynne Tolley, Warren Chapel
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Pelham UMC, 2440 SR 50, Pelham, until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. School of Letters Faculty & Friends reading, Naylor Auditorium
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, June 25

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, U.S. Marshal Chuck Stines, 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
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Coalmont Elementary (UT Ext.), 7862 TN-56, Coalmont, until 1 p.m.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture: "Under the Sun at Sewanee," Mary Priestley, Warren Chapel
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 12:30 p.m. Mahjong, Susan, Senior Center, Susan, until 3 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, 19592 TN-56, Beersheba Springs, until 6 p.m.
- 4 p.m. SSMF Operafest Aria Showcase, St. Luke's Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Cowan Commercial and Community Club, Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St.
- 7:45 p.m. MSSA Lecture: Mountain Voices: "Growing Up and Working in the 80s and 90s on the Mountain," Bill Elder, Will Reynolds, Laurie Hudgins Peacock, Mary Wallace Broome, Warren Chapel

Friday, June 26

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
- 4:15 p.m. Shakerag Studio Hop, SAS, until 5:15 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Opening Reception, "To Sit with a Flower: Watercolors by Lendon Noe," Frame Gallery, 12569 Sollace M. Freeman Hwy., until 6:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Supper in the Park & Jammin' Until Dark, Cumberland St., Altamont
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Faculty Artist Concert, Guerry
- 7:45 p.m. MSSA Lecture, "A Life Carved in Stone," Somers Randolph, Warren Chapel

Local 12-Step Meetings

- Friday**
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Saturday**
7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- Sunday**
6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church
- Monday**
5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link
- 7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**
11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
- 7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester
- 7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church
- Wednesday**
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 6 p.m., NA, community room at 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle
- 7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist
- Thursday**
6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont
- 7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

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