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Why Climate Wayfinding Is About You

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Upwards of 89 percent of people say they want to see more action from governments on climate issues," said Katherine Wilkinson in talking about her new book "Climate Wayfinding." "But a very small percentage of people have actually stepped up to take action." Wilkinson made it her mission to change that. If cringing at the thought of another book with a save-the-planet "to-do-list," shutter those expectations. This is not a book with a list of solutions. Beautifully and provocatively written, "Climate Wayfinding: Healing Ourselves and the Planet We Call Home" is a book about the missing ingredient.

At 16, on an outing in the Pisgah Forest, N.C., Wilkinson wrote in her journal, "I want to help the world. Be connected with the earth." When she started college at Seawanee, instead of majoring in environmental studies as might be expected, Wilkinson's focus of study was Religion. "You got to ask the big questions about how slippery dynamics like values, belief, and the stories we tell have an enormous impact on our life," she said reminiscing about her younger self. Post college Wilkinson worked for the Natural Resources Defense Council on a project focusing on native forests in the Cumberland Plateau. She also became involved with a newly formed nonprofit, the Evangelical Climate Initiative, firing her personal interest in public engagement in climate concerns and the role of political will. The big questions drove her to pursue a Ph.D. at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. "My Ph.D. research was a mash up of public discourse, American religion, politics and culture," Wilkinson confessed. Her first book "God and Green" followed, pushing her to the brink of an epiphany as a "climate person" — "I didn't want to sit on the sidelines in an ivory tower and analyze other people shaping public narrative about climate and creating conditions for change. I wanted to be doing it."

In 2016 Wilkinson joined project Drawdown, a nonprofit doing ground-breaking research on climate solutions, what she describes as "possibility grounded in real data." She served as a lead writer for the subsequent book, "Drawdown." But Wilkinson increasingly became aware something was wrong. "The existence of clear climate solutions was not the core problem," she insists. "There was a leadership crisis at the heart of the climate crisis." That awareness launched Wilkinson on a new path.

Frustrated by the role gender dynamics played in the climate dialogue and women's leadership not being amplified enough, Wilkinson brought those voices to the table with the critically acclaimed "All We Can Save," a collection of narratives by women climate leaders. The energy generated by the book gave birth to the All We

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MSSA: Celebrating Independence, History, and Seawanee Scholars

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 p.m., (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>.

As the Assembly marks its annual Fourth of July festivities on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Vanderbilt University political science professor Eli Merritt will speak Thursday evening on "The Enduring Principles of the Declaration of Independence." Merritt is an award-winning historian and one of America's foremost experts on the Declaration. Among his books is "Disunion Among Ourselves," which won the 2024 American Revolution Institute Prize and illustrates how the founders held the fragile nation together during a time of extreme division. On Friday night, the eve of Independence Day, David Hudgins will lead a special reading of the Declaration of Independence at Sunset Rock, accompanied by violinist Davis Arnold. Hudgins worked as a staff assistant to then-Senator Al Gore and later pursued a career as a trial attorney. Following the death of his sister in 2001, Hudgins quit his job and pursued screenwriting full-time. He has since worked in a variety of television production roles, including screenwriter, showrunner and executive producer.

In the fall semester of 2025, Seawanee professor Melody Lehn got in touch with the chair of the MSSA Archives Committee, Morgan Merrill, to discuss a project idea for her rhetoric class. That led to a successful collaboration between Lehn's students and MSSA that produced a series of essays on the women who had lectured at the Assembly over the years. Those essays are being printed in the Mountain Voices, the MSSA newsletter, throughout the 2026 season. On Tuesday morning, Lehn will lecture on what her class learned: "Voices from the Sanctuary: Women's Rhetorical Contributions to the MSSA." Lehn joined the Seawanee faculty in 2017. Her work emphasizes the role of women in public speaking and argumentation.

Another well-known Seawanee figure, David Haskell, will lecture on his recent book, "How Flowers Made our World: The Story of Nature's Revolutionaries." Published by Penguin Random House in March 2026, the book argues that without flowers, human beings would not exist. Haskell's research and writing are grounded in his scholarship as a biologist. David Haskell taught at the University of the South for 29 years, where he is now Emeritus Professor. He lives in Atlanta and teaches environmental sciences at Emory University as an adjunct professor. He is also a Guggenheim Fellow.

Additional events in the week ahead include the following:

Wednesday, July 1, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel—Kate Flatley lectures on "Building Safer, Stronger Communities for Women and Girls in Guatemala."

Wednesday, July 1, 3:30 p.m., Warren Chapel—W. Robert Hudgins, M.D., lectures on "A Navy Neurosurgeon on a Hospital Ship in Vietnam."

Thursday, July 2, 2:30 p.m., North Gate Field—David Peacock and Clark Tate lead a talk and walk on the MSSA trails in the "Dedication of the MSSA Trails Portal."

Friday, July 3, 10:45 a.m., Warren Chapel—Dr. Clay Stauffer lectures on "Morality, Civility, and Character in an Age of Chaos."

Saturday, July 4, MSSA Grounds—Annual Fourth of July festivities.

Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday

Tennessee's traditional sales tax holiday on clothing, school supplies and computers begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026. During this time clothing, school supplies and computers may be purchased tax-free. Certain restrictions apply. Items sold online are also eligible. Items must be purchased for personal use, not for business or trade.

Clothing — Exempt: General apparel that costs \$100 or less per item, such as shirts, pants, socks, shoes, dresses, etc. Not exempt: Apparel items priced at more than \$100; Items sold together, such as shoes, cannot be split up to stay beneath the \$100 maximum; Items such as jewelry, handbags, or sports and recreational equipment.

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Go to <<https://www.tn.gov/revenue/taxes/sales-and-use-tax/sales-tax-holiday/sth-traditional.html>>.

G.O.A.T. Show, Seawanee Fourth of July

This year, our celebration carries a proud G.O.A.T. Show theme that honors greatness in our nation's story and in the community traditions that bring us together. We mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the 40th anniversary of the Seawanee Fourth of July celebration, and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Seawanee Elementary School, and we are grateful to celebrate these milestones together as one hometown with a legacy worth honoring.

The G.O.A.T. Show begins Friday evening, July 3, 2026, with the Street Dance featuring food vendors, family fun, and the band Pink Houses taking the stage at Angel Park. The celebration continues through Saturday, July 4, 2026, culminating with fireworks on Saturday night. Join neighbors and friends for the Flag Raising, Almost World Famous Mutt Show, Arts & Crafts Fair, Cake Contest, and (of course) the Parade as we celebrate with pride, purpose, and tradition. Our grand marshals want to see you! See pages 7-9 for more information or go to the website <seawanee4thofjuly.org>.



Red poppies and rocket larkspur on The Course, with an enthusiastic abundance of Seawanee purple.

Wildflowers at The Course? Why?

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"It's astonishing how well this has been received," said John Bloecher, Superintendent at The Course commenting on the community enthusiasm about the wildflower displays that unexpectedly appeared this spring at the Seawanee golf course and along the approach to The Course on Green's View Road. The "why" is a perfect storm of serendipity and intentionality. It all began in May of 2025 when Seawanee resident Michael Payne tossed out a few handfuls of zinnia and other native seeds at the edge of The Course next to deadfall trees.

Payne fell in love with wildflowers in 10th grade working in a state park greenhouse. After retiring in Seawanee he took the lead in reimagining the neglected community garden on Old Farm Road, creating two planting areas: Hayseed Farms for vegetables and Old Farm Road Wildflowers. The wildflower patch was the seed source for the golf course planting. With minimal soil preparation, some rake scratching and clearing, the wildflowers thrived.

Inspired, Payne and fellow Monteagle-Seawanee Rotarian Johnny Walters reached out to Bloecher about designating areas for intentional plantings. "John was all for it," Payne said. Out for an afternoon of golf that August, Seawanee resident Todd Mayo was awed by the stunning wildflower display born of Payne's haphazard trial planting. "Where did that come from?" he asked Bloecher. "How can we do more of this?" Bloecher advised him wildflower seed was expensive, but the Rotary had taken on the project of wildflower plantings at The Course. Enthusiastic, Mayo signed on as a donor.

Bloecher explained some of the wildflowers observed by Mayo came up on their own because he did not spray weed control chemicals. A naturalist at heart and by habit, Bloecher said, "There are no weeds on this golf course. Everything has a purpose."

Bloecher has embraced countering narratives about high rates of

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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:

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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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CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, on July 5. All are welcome to contribute. All donations can be dropped off on the porch outside the CAC office or inside the church doors at St. Mark & St. Paul, both at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. There is an Amazon Wish List <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>> for those who want to shop online.

The typical bag of groceries includes beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruit, and soup. This month the CAC is in need of skillet dinners, Spam, sugar, granola bars, laundry detergent, and dish soap.

The CAC is an outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest, other organizations and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 50 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance, and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. The CAC is open 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

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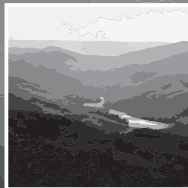
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Three Seasons Market will be open the first Friday of each month, through October, 3-6 p.m., at the Old Roundhouse Park, 366 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. We offer fresh homegrown seasonal produce, plants, crafts, small livestock, food trucks, music, kid activities, and much more.

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 afternoon until Oct. 1, 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 Rhonda at (931) 273-0606 if you are interested in becoming a vendor.

Monteagle Fourth of July

Come and enjoy Monteagle's Fourth of July Parade at 10 a.m., along the Flea Market to City Hall. Then enjoy Fireworks at dark at the ballpark.

Come and enjoy Monteagle's Fourth of July Celebration including live music from Jason Lee; Wilson & James County Band from 6-9 p.m., at Hannah Pickett Park, Monteagle.

Summary of the May 2026 Lease Committee Meeting

The following items were approved: April minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 1014, located at 140 John Allin Drive to Amanda and Christopher Fischer; request to transfer Lease No. 169, located at 103 Willie Six Road, to Ryan and Danielle Hutcherson and Kevin and Courtney O'Neil; request to build a rear deck at Lease No. 111, located at 289 University Avenue; request to build a rear addition to Lease No. 606, located at 261 Bob Stewman Road; request to build a shed at Lease No. 615, located at 95 Bob Stewman Road.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling the lease office at (931) 598-1998.

Please be sure and contact the Franklin County Planning and Zoning for any needed permits as well as the local utility companies to ensure there are no issues before beginning your project.

Planning and Zoning office, (931) 967-0981; Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, (931) 598-5228; Sewanee Utility District, water and sewer, (931) 598-5611; Elk River Public Utility District, natural gas, (931) 967-2110.

Agenda items are due by the fifth of each month for Lease Committee meetings. If the fifth falls on a weekend, then items are due the following Monday. Lease Committee meetings are normally the third Tuesday of the month.

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.

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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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 full schedule. Registration for Arts and Crafts Fair closes on Wednesday, July 1.

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Meeting ID: 882 0560 4176. Passcode: 873719. Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, July 2, at St. Mary's Sewanee, for a club assembly.

Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. The Hospitality shop will be closed Saturday, July 4. We will not be accepting any donations July 3 through July 5. A reminder: we do not accept any children's items, and ask that you check with us during open hours before donating furniture.

Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The donation bins are on the side of the new Shop. We ask that all donations are in good resale condition and come bagged or boxed when placed in the bins.

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All Saints' Chapel

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

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

St. Mark and St. Paul

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.

Fourth of July at St. Mark & St. Paul — On July 4, please plan to visit our youth hot dog stand in front of Elliot Hall near the corner of Tennessee and University Avenues 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., (or when they run out of product!). All proceeds from the sale will go to support the upcoming youth mission trip to Appalachia. Those who want to donate directly to the trip without buying anything may do so there, or here at church. I invite you to join me in supporting this transformative experience for so many youth.

We are again hosting the Sewanee Woman's Club Cake Contest in Kennerly Hall.

Wyatt Poe will play a free organ concert of patriotic works in the church 12:30-1 p.m.

We welcome and encourage people to watch the parade from the shade of our leasehold. The Evangelism Committee will be distributing free water and popsicles.

On July 5 we will celebrate both 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. services as

similarly as practical to what would have taken place in churches in the early days of independence.

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.

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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

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

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

Celebration of Life

William Bradford Ballow

William Bradford Ballow, age 37, died on May 26, 2026, in Greenville, S.C. 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.

Obituary

The Rev. John Fletcher Comer Jr.

The Reverend John Fletcher Comer Jr, age 79, died on Jan. 12, 2026, in Daphne, Ala. He was born in 1946, to John Fletcher Comer Sr. and Bettie Blair Comer, and raised in Birmingham. He graduated from Shades Valley high school in 1964, and matriculated at the University of the South, where he was a member of the Order of the Gownsmen, on the debate team, and played varsity golf and tennis. Two years later, he transferred to Auburn University, graduating with a BS and later an MBA. He served in the U.S. Army, a second lieutenant, in South Korea on the DMZ, later serving as a chaplain in the Alabama and Tennessee National Guards and Army Reserve. He attended seminary at The University of the South and received a Masters degree in Divinity.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, The Rev. Judith Walton Comer; three sons, Fletcher (Melissa), Patrick (Christina), and Walton (Hana); daughter, Sun Mee Comer; brothers, Dr. Hugh Comer (Sandi) and Kim Comer (Ulrike); sisters, Blair Strain and Helen Brooks (Bill); sister-in-law, Carol Walton; brother-in-law, Steve Meyer; seven grandchildren, and 25 nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services were on Jan. 17, 2026 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Daphne, Ala., and on April 18, 2026, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mountain Brook, Ala. A Graveside Service will be at 2 p.m., on July 5, 2026, at the Community of St. Mary's Cemetery, Sewanee.

For complete obituary go to <<https://hughesfuneralhome.org/tribute/the-rev-john-fletcher-comer-jr/>>.



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Something to Crow About Party

Come celebrate, support, and learn more about our new park, Head of the Crow, on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18. Friends of the Parks is hosting Something To Crow About, a Friday night info-dance party to raise awareness and support for the park. Ticket holders will have an opportunity to sign up for curated hikes and adventures in Head of the Crow on Saturday, July 18.

We have found that most everyone is aware of the new park, but few know much about it or the plans for its future, so we decided to do something about it! This is a great opportunity to learn and experience more about the incredible place where you live, work, and play, while meeting new Friends.

Join us at 7 p.m., in Cravens Hall for drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres as you mingle among a series of info-panels and chat with park rangers and key volunteers to learn about the park, future plans, and the work of Friends. Around 8 p.m., the band Upper Level will play while you dance the night away. Childcare is available for ages 5 and up.

For more information and tickets, go to <<https://friendsofscra.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events?path=%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F46376%3Fsource%3Demail>>. Get a 20 percent discount by entering the code EARLYBIRD.

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Wildflowers (continued from page 1)

Parkinson's disease for those who live near golf courses and golf course managers being "the bad guy when it comes to chemicals." Challenging that opinion, Bloecher said, "Most golf course superintendents are pretty good stewards of the environment. Chemicals cost money. Golf courses are great habitats. Anything we can do to promote pollinators and butterflies and show they can live in cohabitation with the golf course helps make the public aware we are stewards of the environment, not users of the land."

Payne stressed the importance of cold stratification, planting after a frost to promote germination of native perennials — which all the wildflowers seeded on The Course are. Last fall Payne and Walters oversaw tilling up six areas for plantings, as well as two roadside plantings along Green's View. "The two beds along the road are for community members to see and to promote The Course as a natural habitat. Our plans to expand include more planting areas and beehives."

"My last course in Kentucky we had beehives," Bloecher said, "and we sold the honey in the pro shop." So far as a location for the hives, Bloecher suggested the No. 5 hole on the bluff, which would avoid casual encounter and offered the plus of a shallow pond to attract monarch butterflies. The Course also features a dozen bluebird houses. Bloecher plans to pursue certification as an Audubon Sanctuary, a lapsed distinction The Course held in the past.

Bloecher's mantra is about doing research "to promote what we want" and to discourage "what's taking over." He advocates burning to discourage invasive weeds and grasses, which don't like the low acidity resulting from ash, and to provide cover to promote germination with the ash acting as a natural fertilizer.

In addition to adding color to low maintenance areas populated by tall grasses, Bloecher emphasized the role of the wildflower plantings as "a learning laboratory. It fits the vision of the Domain as a natural environment promoting the biological and environmental sciences." To that end, Bloecher plans to offer a First Green class geared to third graders, a STEM type program designed to encourage young people to pursue a career in turf management. "It's more than just mowing the grass," Bloecher joked countering another misleading assumption.

"We're trying to enhance a natural habitat," Payne observed, tackling the existential question of "why" wildflowers at the golf course matter. "It's a simple thing we can do that's enjoyable." "It's a gift that gives to everybody for the simple beauty, and that's needed more now than ever," Mayo added. Bloecher's advice on understanding the existential why, "take a moment out of your busy life to stop what you're doing and look at a flower."

A final note: Please don't pick the flowers. Enjoy them, but leave the nectar and pollen for the bees.

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Climate (continued from page 1)

Can Save Project, a nonprofit climate wayfinding program grounded in experiential learning. The 100 facilitators trained to guide the learning process "barely scratches the surface" of the need, Wilkinson said. The book "Climate Wayfinding," brings access to the program onto the page for the solo reader.

Wilkinson is quick to point out the shortcomings of the "to-do list" approach to climate solutions, such as buying an electric car and eating more veggies. "The key to climate wayfinding is navigation as much as action," she stressed. What is missing from following a to-do list is what Wilkinson calls "deep courageous climate engagement." "What that means is different for different people and what you do in life," she observed. Wilkinson's best hope is that "people step up and bring their best self to the work, their gifts and talents." Citing the book "The Artists Way" which guides her climate wayfinding strategy, Wilkinson drives home the point, "Everyone has a creative life that's worth tending and things to offer." What Wilkinson wants is for each of us to be a "node of possibility" and bring our creative self to the table.

Wilkinson argues the world needs a different narrative. "The new story is really the old story," she said. "We're not separate from the rest of life. We're impacted by, interwoven with, and connected to all of life." She attributes "disconnection" to the narrative of "hierarchy running roughshod over life and controlling outcomes."

"Just about everything we care about connects to climate accelerators in some way," Wilkinson stressed. "The primary drivers of violence in the world are related to who controls the resources. The myths of disconnectedness and hierarchy and race propose some life matters and some does not."

For Wilkinson, climate wayfinding is about "honoring the self as a node of possibility by nature connected to all the other nodes of possibility," a return to the narrative about "the sacredness of life and role of the human species as generous and generative."

Bringing climate wayfinding down to the grassroots level, Wilkinson suggested for a server at Waffle House creative climate wayfinding might be pointing out to her boss customers had been asking for menu choices with plant-based protein. What Wilkinson wants that server to know is, "You are needed. You have a place in the conversation by being human."

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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. 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.

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.

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.

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 featur-

ing 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.

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.

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.

During this ceremony, the outgoing AEDC commander will transfer leadership of the Complex to a new commander.

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 attendees 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, knives/bladed tools, mace/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.

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 29: Greek grilled chicken salad.

Tuesday, June 30: Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green pea salad.

Wednesday, July 1: Philly steak sandwich, chips.

Thursday, July 2: Tenderloin scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll.

Friday, July 3: Chicken pot pie.

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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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. 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 remembering 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 6:30 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 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, walking or simply coming out to support the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department. Check-in and registration is open at 6 a.m. at the old ticket booth by the football field. Registration fee is \$30 for the 5K and \$15 for the walk. All proceeds go to the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department.

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.

This year's July Fourth Flag Raising in Abbo's Alley is dedicated to the memory of Peter Smith, a long time Sewanee professor, in recognition of his 43 years as host of Sewanee's Flag Raising Ceremony. Through Pete's vision, enthusiasm, and steadfast commitment, a small neighborhood flag raising evolved into a treasured Sewanee tradition. Pete and his wife, Karen, attended all but one ceremony over those 43 years, leaving a legacy of community spirit and patriotism that will long be remembered.

Monteagle-Sewanee Run/Walk

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

Arts & Crafts Fair

Join us in Shoup Park starting at 9 a.m., July 4, 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.

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 a \$25 gift card from the Piggly Wiggly, the Lemon Fair and the 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. The baker of the best all-around cake rides in a car in the parade wearing the famous winner's hat. The second runner up of the Best All-Around Adult category will receive a one night standard stay courtesy of the Sewanee Inn.

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.

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.

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, starting at 5 p.m.

Memories at the Sewanee Ball Park

Join us from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., July 4, for Memories at Sewanee Ball Park!

All coaches, players, parents, officials, workers, and scorekeepers are invited to bring your stories, pictures, uniforms, and any other memorabilia to place on display for everyone to enjoy. Share your memories, bring your gear, and come celebrate the moments that made Sewanee Ball Park special.

Stop by, have a hot dog, enjoy snacks and refreshments, and visit with old friends and fellow ballpark families.

Come reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the history, friendships, and memories created at Sewanee Ball Park!

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. Volunteers needed!

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.

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.

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.

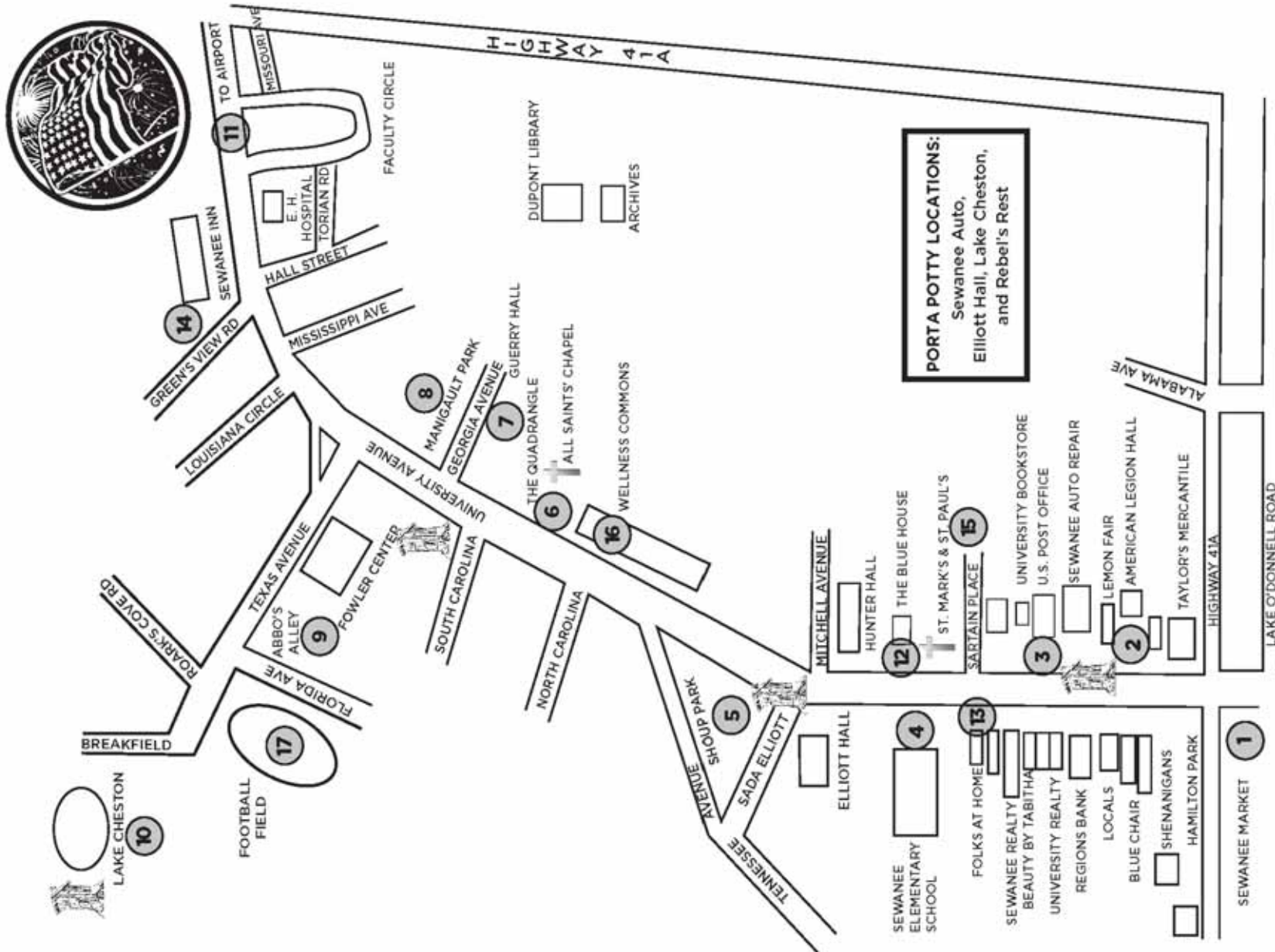
Fireworks & Food Truck Alley

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>



TIME	DATE AND LIST OF EVENTS 2026	LOCATION
5:00-7:00 p.m.	FRIDAY, JULY 3 KIDS GAMES, WATER SLIDE, FOOD, FAMILY FUN	Angel Park #2 & University Ave.
7:00-10 p.m.	STREET DANCE & FAMILY FUN Live Music: Pink Houses	Angel Park #2 & University Ave.
6:45 a.m.	SATURDAY, JULY 4 SUNRISE YOGA – (Rain Location: Community Center)	Manigault Park #8
6:45 a.m.	DOUG'S DASH – Runners will begin at the Football Field and walkers will begin at Puett Field on Tennessee Avenue	
8 a.m.	FLAG RAISING WITH SSMF BRASS <small>Breakfast will be across the street at the Centennial House</small>	Abbo's Alley #9
8 a.m.	MONTEAGLE ASSEMBLY 47th ANNUAL PUB RUN	Monteagle Assembly
9 a.m. til-	ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR	Shoup Park #5
10 a.m. til-	SEWANEE'S ALL-AMERICAN FOOD	University Avenue
10 a.m. - noon	MUTT SHOW (Rain Location: Equestrian Center)	Manigault Park #8
10:45 a.m. - 1:45p.m.	MEMORIES AT THE SEWANEE BALL FIELD	Ball Park Road
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	CHILDREN'S GAMES	Quad #7
noon	CAKE DECORATING CONTEST VIEWING & TASTING <small>Cake drop-off is from 9:00 to 9:45 am.</small>	Kennerly Hall #15
noon	BRESLIN TOWER BELLS – The Sewanee Guild of Change-ringers	Breslin Tower #7
1 p.m.	CARILLON CONCERT	All Saints' Chapel #6
7 p.m.	PARADE ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE NOTE: The parade will begin on Lake O'Donnell Rd, sirens will end at the EQB Monument at Texas Ave.	University Avenue to Hwy 41A
7:00 p.m.	SSMF CELEBRATION (Free) – Cumberland Orchestra Concert (Patriotic)	Guerry Auditorium #7
Dark	FIREWORKS BLOWOUT (\$1 donation) & FOOD TRUCK ALLEY Parking at the Lake will be limited to handicapped and special needs only. Non-handicap attendees, please plan to walk or bike to this event as in the past.	Lake Cheston #10



PORTA POTTY LOCATIONS:
Sewanee Auto,
Elliott Hall, Lake Cheston,
and Rebel's Rest

Contributors:
Sewanee 4th of July Committee, Sewanee Community Chest,
and The University of the South



Bike Brigade, from the July 17, 2007 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.

You can see them on their bikes July 4.

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 “Nor 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.



From the July 12, 2019 issue of the Messenger. Mutt Show version of “Hamilton?” Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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.

“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.

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Voter Registration Deadline: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Early Voting: Friday, July 17 - Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Monday, July 27, 2026

All voters must present a federal or Tennessee state ID containing the voter's name and photograph when voting at the polls, whether voting early or on Election Day unless an exemption listed below applies.

Any of the following IDs may be used, even if expired:

Tennessee driver license with your photo.

United States Passport.

Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

Photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government.

United States Military photo ID.

Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo.

The following individuals are exempt:

Voters who vote absentee by mail (view requirements here <<https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/guide-to-absentee-voting>>)

Voters who are residents of a licensed nursing home or assisted living center and who vote at the facility.

Voters who are hospitalized.

Voters with a religious objection to being photographed.

Voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee.

For information on the Tennessee Congressional redistricting, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/announcements/2026-congressional-redistricting>>

For more information on voting, go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn>>.

For more information on sample ballots, and polling locations, go to Franklin County Election Commission <https://www.franklincotn.us/election_commission.html>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<https://www.grundycountyttn.net/officials/index.html#election>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <<https://marionvotes.com>>, phone (423) 942-2108.

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Celebrate and Support Tennessee State Parks with Beer

Nashville-based Tennessee Brew Works, creator of the iconic State Park Blonde Ale, is expanding its partnership with Tennessee State Parks to celebrate and support our great parks system. Just in time for the 250-year anniversary of the U.S.A., the brewery is releasing a new iteration of the State Park Variety Pack, a mixed 12-pack of Tennessee State Parks themed 12oz can craft beers. Like the State Park Blonde Ale, a portion of proceeds from the State Park Variety Pack case sales will benefit the parks.

The State Park Variety Pack will showcase four different beers, Fiery Gizzard Red Ale, Head of the Crow German-Style Bock Lager, Savage Gulf IPA and, of course, the State Park Blonde Ale. It will be available at most of the state parks that offer concessions including Paris Landing State Park, Montgomery Bell State Park, Fall Creek Falls State Park, and many others, as well as state park golf courses across Tennessee. These beers will all also be available at both Tennessee Brew Works' taprooms, located at 809 Ewing Ave, Nashville, and 200 East Depot Street, Lenoir City, starting June 26, 2026.

The Tennessee State Parks Conservancy is the statewide nonprofit fundraising partner of Tennessee State Parks, bringing together donors, community partners, and the state to enhance park experiences for all. Through philanthropic support, the Conservancy funds projects and programs that preserve Tennessee's natural landscapes and contribute to the long-term health

of both Tennessee lands and communities. To learn more, please visit <<https://tnstateparksconservancy.org/>>. Supporters can also donate directly to the Tennessee State Parks Conservancy on the Tennessee Brew Works website, <tnbrew.com/charity>.

Tennessee Brew Works is an avid supporter of the Tennessee State Parks and Tennessee State Parks Conservancy. In 2017, the two partnered to create a new Tennessee Craft Beer, "State Park Blonde Ale," with a portion of sales benefiting the mission of Tennessee State Parks. To date, the partnership has raised nearly \$70,000 to support programs like school field trip scholarships and park accessibility enhancements.

"As we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, Tennessee State Parks continue to show why they're some of the most inspiring places in our state," said Deputy Commissioner Brian Clifford. "We're thrilled to partner with Tennessee Brew Works on this special release. Their creativity and commitment help us enhance these incredible parks so Tennesseans and visitors alike can enjoy them for generations to come."

"Like so many Tennesseans, the Tennessee State Parks hold a special place in our hearts," said Christian Spears, founder and president of Tennessee Brew Works. "Through these unique offerings, we will continue to strive for greater awareness and critical support for the Tennessee State Parks Conservancy, helping ensure that our treasured parks

will be preserved and enjoyed."

Tennessee Brew Works encourages folks to consume beer responsibly.

Tennessee Brew Works is an award winning independently owned and operated craft brewery that opened in 2013 with a mission to create high quality craft beer that pays homage to the land, traditions, and culture of Tennessee. It has locations in Nashville, BNA International Airport (Terminals A & B Rotunda) and coming soon to Lenoir City, Tennessee.

The brewery proudly introduced the state's first commercially produced all-Tennessee grain beers in 2018 with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Many will recognize the popular Hippies & Cowboys, Tennessee's favorite IPA. Also, their State Park Blonde Ale is the official beer of the Tenn State Parks, brewed with Tennessee-farm sourced ingredients and benefits the Tenn State Parks Conservancy for the preservation of the state parks.

Tennessee Brew Works brews beer with integrity, using only quality natural ingredients and sources them from local farms whenever possible; catering to those that appreciate the difference. They are owned and operated by folks in Tennessee. Their motto: "We work hard to create high quality craft beer that makes Tennessee proud. Our culture places importance on family, friends, and community, and we hope you'll be a part of it."

To learn more, visit Tennessee Brew Works at <tnbrew.com>.

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Town of Monteagle Water Quality Report 2025

Is my drinking water safe?

Yes, our water meets all of EPA's health standards. We have conducted numerous tests for over 80 contaminants that may be in drinking water. As you'll see in the chart on the back, we only detected 11 of these contaminants. We found all 11 of these contaminants at safe levels.

What is the source of my water?

Your water, which is surface water, comes from Laurel Lake. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of our water source to potential contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the untreated water sources serving this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of untreated water sources to potential contamination. To ensure safe drinking water, all public water systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible, moderately susceptible or slightly susceptible based on geologic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. The Town of Monteagle's sources rated as slightly susceptible to potential contamination. An explanation of Tennessee's Source Water Assessment Program, the Source Water Assessment summaries, susceptibility scorings and the overall TDEC report to EPA can be viewed online at <https://www.tn.gov/e11viron11ent/program-1reaslwr-water-resources/water-quality/source-water-assessment.html> or you may contact the Water System to obtain copies of specific assessments.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

How can I get involved?

The Monteagle City Council usually meets at 6:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month, in the conference room at city hall, 16 Dixie Lee Avenue.. Please feel free to participate in these meetings. Decisions by the Board of Commissioners on customer complaints brought before the Board of Commissioners under the District's customer complaint policy may be reviewed by the Utility Management Review Board of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation pursuant to Section 7-82-702(7) of Tennessee Code Annotated.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The State and EPA require us to test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all of these requirements. Results of unregulated contaminant analysis are available upon request. We want you to know that we pay attention to all the rules.

Other Information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Town of Monteagle's water treatment processes are designed to reduce any such substances to levels well below any health concern. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Do I Need To Take Special Precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have under-gone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about not only their drinking water, but food preparation, personal hygiene, and precautions in handling infants and pets from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead in Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Monteagle is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epagov/safewater/lead>

Lead Service Line Inventory

A Lead Service Line Inventory has been completed for our system and is accessible by contacting our office during regular business hours.

Water System Security

Following the events of September 2001, we realize that our customers are concerned about the security of their drinking water. We urge the public to report any suspicious activities at any utility facilities, including treatment plants, pumping stations, tanks, fire hydrants, etc. to 931-924-2265.

Think before you flush!

Flushing unused or expired medicines can be harmful to your drinking water. Properly disposing of unused or expired medication helps protect you and the environment. Keep medications out of Tennessee's waterways by disposing in one of our permanent pharmaceutical take back bins. There are nearly 100 take back bins located across the state, to find a convenient location please visit: <https://tkc.conline.tn.gov/rxtak.:back/>

For more information about your drinking water, please call the Monteagle Water Plant at 924-2708. Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Water Quality Data

What does this chart mean?

- MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
- MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG - Maximum residual disinfectant level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of these disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- AL - Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - explained as a relation to time and money as one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - explained as a relation to time and money as one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- RTCR - Revised Total Coliform Rule. This rule went into effect on April 1, 2016 and replaces the MCL for total coliform with a Treatment Technique Trigger for a system assessment.
- TT - Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (RTCR)	NO	0		2025		0	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity ¹	NO	0.103 AVG.	0.03 - 0.29	2025	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Fluoride	NO	0.56 AVG.	0.24 - 0.90	2025	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Copper	NO	90% = 0.124 ppm	0.00138 - 0.627	2025	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead ²	NO	90% = <2.00 mcb	<2.0 - 2.35	2025	ppb	0	AL=J5	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) ³	NO	.184		3-10-25	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	NO	15.6		5-27-25	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment.
THM ⁴ [Total trihalomethanes]	NO	29.38 AVG.	11.6 - 46.7	2025	ppb	80	80 ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Halooxetic Acids (HAA5)	NO	22.78 AVG.	13.5 - 30.0	2025	ppb	60	60 ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine	NO	1.37 AVG.	0.24 - 2.90	2025	ppm	MRDLG = 4 ppm	MRDL=4 ppm	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Organic Carbon ⁵	NO	1.56 AVG.	0.987 - 2.15	2025	ppm	TT	TT	Naturally present in the environment.

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⁵Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

⁶While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for trihalomethanes, it does contain low levels. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

⁸We have met all treatment technique requirements for Total Organic Carbon removal.

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.

Sewanee Herbarium Summer Calendar of Events

Trees of the Sewanee Campus, Saturday, June 27, 9:30–11:30 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' 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, 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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Supper in the Park & Jammin Until Dark

Supper in the Park & Jammin Until Dark is on Fridays, at Cumberland Street just a few steps from the Grundy County Courthouse, in Altamont. Beginning at 5 p.m., getting a yummy meal from New Life Fellowship and decadent sweets from Sweet September Ice Cream is the perfect way to end the busy work week.

At 6 p.m., local musicians of all ages convene at the gazebo inside the Veteran's Memorial Park, also known as the Old Courthouse Square, for 2 hours of acoustic jam.

Bring the whole family and lawn chairs. Kids can enjoy the Rickey Sons Jungle Gym Park while parents relax visiting with friends and listening to music. Be sure and visit the newly dedicated Veteran's Memorial Prayer Chapel and if you are a veteran or have veterans in your family write the names on the wall. The restrooms and gazebo area are handicap accessible and there is ample parking.

Supper in the Park & Jammin Until Dark will not take place on Friday, July 3. In case of rain the event is moved to 1433 Main Street to the Florence Scruggs Auditorium.

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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 works.

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.

Sewanee Young Writers' Conference

From June 28 to July 11, the Sewanee Young Writers' Conference will gather on the Domain for their annual program. The conference welcomes a group of talented high schoolers for two weeks of writing, reading, and experiencing the wonders of a Sewanee summer. Each day, students attend workshops and readings in fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and songwriting led by Sewanee faculty members as well as published guest instructors. To find out more about the conference or to learn which readings are open to the public, please email <sywc@sewanee.edu>.

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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 26, 7:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed

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
"Symphonie Fantastique," Berlioz
Aria Showcase, Tuesday, June 30, 4 p.m., St. Luke's Chapel
Aria Showcase, Thursday, July 2, 4 p.m., St. Luke's Chapel
Jacqueline Avent Concerto Showcase, Thursday, July 2, 7:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed, Jherrard Hardeman, conductor. Concerto Competition Finalists, program TBA. Reception tickets are \$25 and available at this link <https://www.showpass.com/ssmf-concerto-showcase-reception/>.

Faculty Artist Series, Friday, July 3, 7:30 p.m., Guerry Stage, livestreamed.

"4 Sketches," Plog
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
Turtles all the Way Down for Marimba and Cello
Cumberland Orchestra, Saturday, July 4, 7 p.m., Guerry, livestreamed.

Mario Torres, conductor
"Liberty Fanfare," John Williams
"Victory at Sea," Richard Rodgers, arr. Bennett
"The Stars and Stripes Forever," John Philip Sousa
"Armed Forces Salute," Arr. Bob Lowden
"1812 Overture, Op. 49," Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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Frame Gallery Events

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"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.

Electric Arcadia Birthday Peace Drone

Join us in welcoming visiting artists Elisa Faires and Meg Mulhearn to Electric Arcadia for our first ever public drone on Friday, July 3. Separately and together as Spectral Habitat, Elisa and Meg will join Belly Full of Stars and Infanta Silhouette/Linda Heck for an evening of live music featuring voices, strings, synths, electronics, field recordings, fireflies and cicadas.

Doors open for gathering at 5 p.m., and music starts at 6 p.m., with individual and duo sets, followed by an improvised group drone. We will be outdoors in our carport venue at the edge of the woods. Admission is free, donations of all sizes are welcome!

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Lightning Bugs

Growing up in Pennsylvania, we always called them lightning bugs. Here I find myself calling them fireflies. The firefly or lightning bug is one of the official insects of Tennessee, along with the ladybug, the honeybee, and the zebra swallowtail butterfly. Fireflies are actually a kind of beetle, not a fly or a bug, and belong to a family with about 2,000 species throughout the world — 30 here in Tennessee and more than 170 in the U.S. Most fireflies in our area are able to produce light through a chemical reaction, called bioluminescence, in special organs in their abdomens, that is especially remarkable in that it produces almost entirely light and little to no heat. They are unique among luminescent insects in that they can flash this light off and on. With some close observation, differences in color, timing, and length of these flashes can be noticed. One species, *Photuris frontalis* or the snappy sync, is the one usually responsible for synchronous flashing, when there are enough males present. Their flash is yellow-green and quick, every 0.65 seconds at 72 degrees. Other species may have a double flash, or one that lasts longer, or a swooping “J” pattern, or a different color. Species flash at different times of the night and of the year. The males of different species use distinct patterns of flashing to signal to mates, females that are generally flightless and respond from the ground with their own flashing pattern. In some species, the females “fake” the pattern of another species to attract and then consume the male! If you want to observe one more closely, catch it gently and put it in a clear box or jar with a moist paper towel, then let it loose where it was caught. The firefly may emit a smelly defense chemical or even try to bite, though I have never experienced that. In the western part of the U.S. this type of firefly bioluminescence does not occur, so enjoy the show we are privileged to watch in our own backyards.

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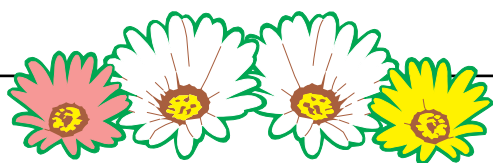
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Fiery Gizzard State Park

B.A.R.K Ranger, Sunday, June 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$10-\$40. Registration Closes: June 27, <https://tspg.itinio.com/register/barkrangerfgsp>. Bring your dog to Fiery Gizzard State Park to have them become an official TN State Park B.A.R.K Ranger!

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.

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

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.

Waterfalls at Greeter Falls, Saturday, June 27, 9:30–11 a.m. Donations accepted. Registration Closes: June 27, <https://tspg.itinio.com/register/water-falls-at-greeter-falls2366532>. Join Interpretive Ranger Haley for a 1.5 mile guided hike to see the waterfalls around the Savage Gulf West Entrance to Savage Gulf State Park. This hike is moderate in difficulty due to several steep sections and rocky terrain. Visitors will be taken to 3 waterfalls and scenic spaces such as Upper Greeter, Lower Greeter, and Boardtree Falls.

Visitors will need to bring sturdy boots/shoes, water, some snacks, and weather appropriate clothing. Please gather at the Savage West Parking lot 10 minutes before the start of the program. In the event of inclement weather this program will be cancelled.

Nature Journaling Continues

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

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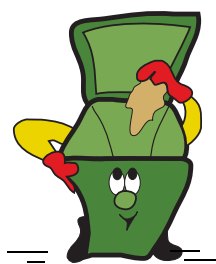
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

The World Cup

Near the goal, head sunk into his shoulders
as he sprints, Chinaglia takes the ball
spat at his feet,

dribbles it around a thatch of yellow shirts
and, sliding between the legs
of two defenders, belts it hard

into that caged, invisible something
beyond the green reason of the field
into the netted calm no one enters.

The home crowd's ear-splitting rant
grows seismic. Screams blur
to wind howl and cymbals.

A jig-step. Chinaglia raises his fists
as laurels. In a walking faint,
he gallops round the pitch,

leaping, as if lovesick,
into Marinho's arms, leaping
to the hypnotic boom of the crowd.

—Diane Ackerman, *Soccer at the Meadowlands*

Community Calendar

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.
- 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

Saturday, June 27

- 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.
- 2 p.m. SSMF Student Chamber Concerts, Guerry, St. Luke's Chapel, Art Gallery
- 5 p.m. SSMF OperaFest Concert, Angel Parl
- 5 p.m. Closing Reception, "Stories in Fiber & Cloth," Sounding Stone Gallery, 74 W. College St., Monteagle, until 8 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Cumberland Orchestra, Guerry

Sunday, June 28

- 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

Monday, June 29

- 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.
- 4:45 p.m. Monteagle City Council Public Hearing conference room, City Hall
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council regular meeting, conference room, City Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center

Tuesday, June 30

- 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.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture, "Voices From The Sanctuary," Dr. Melody Lehn, Warren Chapel
- 11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Stirling's Coffee-house, 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 p.m. "The Come Apart" conversation and short reading followed by a light reception at the Univeristy Bookstore
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 7:45 p.m. SSMF Faculty Artist Concert, MSSA

Wednesday, July 1

- 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, 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 Lecture: "Building Safer Communities for Women and Girls in Guatemala," Kate Flatley, 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, July 2

- 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
- 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: "How Flowers Made Our World," David Haskell, Warren Chapel
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 12:30 p.m. Mahjong, 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
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Jacqueline Avent Concerto Showcase, Guerry. Reception tickets at <https://www.showpass.com/ssmf-concerto-showcase-reception/>
- 7:45 p.m. MSSA Lecture: "The Enduring Principles of the Declaration of Independence," Eli Merritt, Warren Chapel

Friday, July 3 • Independence Day (observed)

- 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.
- 10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture: "Morality, Civility and Character in an Age of Chaos," Dr. Clay Stauffer, Warren Chapel
- 5 p.m. Electric Arcadia Birthday Peace Drone, Lake O'Donnell Road
- 5 p.m. Street Dance, Angel Park, fun/food vendors; music, Pink Houses, at 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SSMF Faculty Artist Concert, 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, 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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