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Reparations for Enslaved African-Americans' Descendants: Why, How

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

"Those who benefitted from slavery and Jim Crow live on that wealth now. They don't want to acknowledge the benefits they accrued," said Jumoke Ifetayo at a March 4 webinar sponsored by the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation. Seawanee alumnus Ifetayo, C'87, currently serves as the southeast representative of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA). He joined with alumnus David Johnson, C'19, to tackle the reparations question. "There is no reconciliation without reparations," said Johnson, Harrison Fellow and public policy scholar at the University of Chicago. To understand the two men's insistence on the necessity of reparations requires unpacking where the reparations movement came from, where it needs to go, and why.

Providing background, Ifetayo talked about an unsuccessful former-slave pension movement in the aftermath of the Civil War and a 1980s movement resulting in legislation providing \$20,000 payments to Japanese internment camp survivors. The successful internment camp activism spawned N'COBRA and the H.R. 40 - Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act bill. The proposed legislation calls for a reparations study and developing a reparations plan. With 167 co-sponsors, the bill is expected to come to the House floor for a vote this legislative session.

"Reparations shouldn't be limited just to slavery but continue through Jim Crow up to the conversations we're having now..."

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Spring Ahead on March 14

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m., Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13.



Woody's Bicycles on 90 Reed's Ln., in Seawanee.

Woody's Keeps on Pedaling

by Bailey Basham, Messenger Staff Writer

A little over 25 years ago, one of Seawanee's most beloved fixtures opened its doors and began rolling out rides to University students and community members alike.

What began in October 1995 as a satellite of Tullahoma's then J&M Bicycles, Woody Deutsch opened Woody's Bicycles and got to work. The timing was right, and Deutsch, who has always been an avid cyclist, said he had some ideas of his own about how to run the kind of bike shop he wished he could frequent himself.

That shop was in Winchester, right on 2nd Avenue, where the shop stayed until 2008. Deutsch said when he first started, he had one goal — to pull things off.

"At the time, there was no notion of me being the sole owner of a retail business. I had no experience in retail sales, but I wanted it to work. I was the mechanic and the salesperson, and J&M Bicycles provided all the goods — the bicycles, clothing, accessories and parts, and they did the bookkeeping. This was the perfect way to start to learn the business," he said.

Deutsch said it was about a year into his running the Winchester store that the owners of J&M decided to sell. Deutsch decided to go all in and become, as he put it, the "owner, chief cook and bottle washer" of Woody's Bicycles.

Deutsch operated the Winchester store for 13 years, moving locations three different times, though never far from the original location. In 2008, Deutsch made the move to Seawanee and has not moved once in those 13 years on the Mountain. He has, however, collected plenty of lessons in entrepreneurship over the years.

"I was told that it takes five years for a new business to start making money, and I found this to be pretty darn accurate. I refer to the first five years as paying tuition for business school," he said. "Over the years, I've learned the importance of knowing my customers and treating everyone the same. Just because something is hot in California does not mean the people of Franklin County, Tennessee, will care for it. Closely related, just

because I love something, it does not mean the people of Franklin County, Tennessee will. About 80 percent of my customers just want to have fun on a not too expensive, but strong, relatively light, good-handling bicycle."

Deutsch said he's also learned the importance of having a great business partner.

"Woody's Bicycles owes a lot to the innovation, imagination, and the pure magician-like talents of Brian Schaefer. Brian, the other guy at the shop who has been with me for 21 years, has been running the show from the outset of the pandemic, and he is truly capable of making something out of nothing, fixing the unfixable."

Deutsch said those are just a few of the lessons that he's taking with him into his 26th year in business. Though there is still no way to know what this year holds, he plans on doing what he does best and letting his love of cycling speak for itself.

"Initially last March when the pandemic took hold, I had no idea how Woody's Bicycles would survive. The months that followed has, ironically, turned out to be the busiest time in the shop's history," he said.

"It's really one day at a time. We do plan to keep a close eye on increasing our bike rental business, which will come with the influx of visitors coming to the Mountain Goat Trail, the Caverns, and ample space for outdoor recreation Seawanee has to offer. One thing that I do know is that our future will be to continue to help our customers in the best way possible. When we show up at the shop, we bring our best selves. It's our job to be helpful and make the customer's experience a good one. They are paying me, and I want them to be happy with what they receive. I want them to trust me enough to come back."

Woody's Bicycles is located at 90 Reed's Ln., in Seawanee. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get in touch with Woody and Brian by calling (931) 598-9793, or go to <www.woodysbicycles.com>.

Franklin County Schools: Bus Contractor Bonuses, Diversity Goals

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the March 8 meeting, the Franklin County School Board voted to award bus contractors bonuses and to adopt a Personnel Goals policy calling for "educator diversity that takes into consideration the diversity of the student population." The board also considered a change to bereavement policy and allocating \$824,862 to increase certified employees' salaries in 2021-22.

In February, the board grappled with how to distribute \$215,000 from the state earmarked for certified employee bonuses. Assistant Superintendent Linda Foster calculated the \$215,000 divided among certified employees would come to \$435.41 per employee after payroll deductions. The board voted in February to supplement the state award with money from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds and to provide \$435.41 bonuses to classified employees, as well. The board deferred deciding about bonuses for bus contractors.

Revisiting the discussion, County Finance Director Andrea Smith said a bonus to the contractors would require a contract addendum. Board Vice Chair Lance Williams noted the bonuses would go to the bus owners. "It would be up to them to pass it on to the drivers," Williams said. Director of Schools

Stanley Bean confirmed ESSER funds were available to cover the approximate \$20,000 expense.

Appealing to the board to adopt the Personnel Goals policy recommended by the Tennessee School Board Association, Foster said there was a 3 percent gap between black students and teachers and a 6 percent gap between Hispanic students and teachers. Bringing teacher demographics in line with student demographics would require hiring 14 black educators and 24 Hispanic educators. "There is great inequity between the ethnic composition of our students and staff...It's our responsibility to narrow the gap," Foster said. "Our students need to see a role model they can identify with and talk to." Williams pointed out coming up with a plan to implement the policy's diversity goals was not the responsibility of the board, but of Assistant Superintendent Foster and Director of Schools Bean.

Taking up the Bereavement section of the Sick Leave policy, the board recommended two revisions: three days of paid bereavement leave for the death of any immediate family member and modifying the stipulation the leave must be taken within a week of the death. Foster will incorporate the changes for the board to review.

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Seawanee Elementary students enjoyed having guest readers each day during their celebration of Read Across America. The students are especially thankful to Everafter Productions, First Lady Maria Lee, Vice-Chancellor Reuben Brigety, Director of Schools Stanley Bean, and Kathy Solomon for sharing their time and stories. Each day students wore clothes to reflect the day's theme. This fun week of reading culminated in students dressing as book characters. Students also earned miles each day for reading 20 minutes and traveled (virtually) up and down the east coast, from the Chattanooga Aquarium to Dollywood, to the beach, to Disney World, to Washington, D.C. The grades with the most reading miles were the fourth grade, second grade, and fifth grade. Students enjoyed reading across America!

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Letters

OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HEROES

To the Editor:

Community service can largely go unnoticed in a town unless you take time to reflect. It takes all kinds of volunteers to make today's society function fluidly. Sewanee is no different; there are countless volunteers, both visible and behind the scenes, who make this town such a great place to live for all walks of life. Each year the Sewanee Civic Association honors select exemplary civic servants that are nominated by their community peers. Not to detract to from those beloved honorees, but there are so many volunteers that make a difference in our everyday lives.

I believe as a community that we should take time to reflect on those individuals, and make an effort to express gratitude for what they do. If you don't currently volunteer within this community (or another) please reach out to one of the local nonprofits and see what you can do to make a difference.

My hope is to one day soon gather and honor this civic minded group, and hopefully inspire others

to step out and give a most precious resource, time, back to the community.

The Community Service nominations are due on Wednesday, March 17 via email to <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

Both the 37th and 38th service awards will be presented at the SCA annual membership meeting that is planned for the end of April (time and date TBD).

Sincerely,

Brandon Barry, Board President, Sewanee Civic Association

VACCINE CLINIC

To the Editor:

Sewanee Pediatrics will have a COVID vaccine clinic, scheduled for Saturday, March 13, from 8 a.m.–noon. Please see the vaccine phases on the Tennessee Department of Health website to determine your eligibility <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>>.

On March 13, we will be administering the Moderna vaccine to people age 65+, medically fragile young adults age 18+, teachers and K-12/daycare staff, first responders, healthcare workers, and now people

> age 18 with high risk health conditions (Phase 1c.) We hope that we will soon be able to administer the vaccine to people ages 55+. Please call to schedule an appointment so we know to expect you: (931) 598-9761.

Amy Evans, MD, Sewanee Pediatrics

PRIVATE PROPERTY

To the Editor:

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In Franklin County, street signs for private roads are white with green letters, while public roads have green signs with white letters. Purple paint on a tree is equivalent to a No Trespassing sign.

Bill Kershner, Sewanee

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Assistant Dean, Community Standards, Student Life; Assistant Farm Manager, University Farm; Director of Contextual Education, School of Theology; Lay Chaplain, All Saints' Chapel.

Non-Exempt Positions: Assistant Manager, Sewanee Dining; Barn/Stable Worker, Equestrian Center; Equestrian & Farm Hand (on-call), University Farm; First Cook, Sewanee Dining; Food Service Worker (multiple locations), Sewanee Dining; Police Officer (Part-time), Sewanee Police Department; Second Cook, Sewanee Dining.

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



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COVID-19 Testing Sites

The Tennessee Department of Health has COVID-19 assessment sites available across the southeast region. A full list of sites can be accessed <<https://covid19.tn.gov/testing-sites/>>. This information is subject to change.

There is free drive-thru testing available at the health departments in Franklin and Grundy counties. Residents in Marion County may also call their local health department during regular business hours for assistance in getting tested. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, traditional testing is not available and only self testing is available to adults.

Franklin County Health Department, 266 Joyce Lane, Winchester (931) 967-3826, 8:30–10:30 a.m. Call ahead.

Grundy County Health Department, 1372 Main St., Altamont, (931) 692-3641, 8:30–10:30 a.m. Call ahead.

Marion County Health Department, 24 East 7th St., Jasper, (423) 942-2238. Call ahead.

For all COVID-19 information in Tennessee, including testing, eligibility and vaccination schedule, go to <<https://covid19.tn.gov>> or call 866-442-5301.

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



Final Week for the SCC Spring Fern Sale

If you haven't ordered your porch's ferns for this season, you have one more week to do so. Choices include the Kimberly fern (upright, in a standing pot, a true sun-lover) and the Boston fern (in a hanging pot, a true shade-lover). Each pot sells for \$15. All proceeds benefit the teachers and children of the Sewanee Children's Center (SCC).

Orders may be placed via mail at P.O. Box 268, Sewanee, TN 37375, with check included, on VENMO at SewaneeChildrensCenter, (please note the three capital letters and no apostrophe in our VENMO address), or by calling (931) 598-5928. Kindly include your name, email address, and cell phone number with your order.

Payment must be made by next Friday, March 19, in order for your order to be processed. Ferns will be available for pick-up at the SCC on March 25 and 26. SCC requires masks to be worn at pick-up and asks that social distancing be practiced.

TDH Updates COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

The Tennessee Department of Health has updated Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan as the state continues to prioritize Tennesseans most at risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Tennesseans in Phase 1c of the state's plan are now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination.

Tennesseans may find vaccination providers in their area by visiting <<https://vaccinefinder.org/search/>>. Book an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination through your county health department at <www.COVID19.tn.gov>. There are nearly 480,000 appointments available in the system for COVID-19 vaccination across the state.

Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting dashboard is available online at <www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-vaccine-information.html>. This dashboard is updated Monday through Friday. Find answers to frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination at <<https://covid19.tn.gov/data/faqs/>>.

Upcoming Meetings

Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, March 18, via Zoom. Nick Roberts, professor of Middle East studies at University of the South, will present the program. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <woodybike@mac.com>.

Town of Monteagle

The Town of Monteagle will have a special called meeting on Monday, March 15, from 5–7 p.m., to discuss the Petro TA. This will be an open meeting at City Hall in the conference room.

In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held on March 29, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the Monteagle Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to the Town of Monteagle Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Monteagle Town Hall. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m., Monday, March 15, at the Franklin County Annex building, Winchester.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. Your board members are Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, March 22, with Nick DiBernardo (Men's Lacrosse). Coffee with the Coach will not meet on Monday, March 15. The livestream will be available at <<https://www.facebook.com/SewaneeTigers/>>. Opportunities will be available on Sunday to submit questions in advance or during the live show on the social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @SewaneeTigers. For those unable to view the meeting live, the content will be accessible on-demand on the Facebook page. It will also be available on the website <www.sewaneetigers.com> and on the University of the South's YouTube Channel by midday on Mondays.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7 p.m. Items for the agenda should have been submitted to the Provost's office by noon on March 10.

Franklin County Republican Party

On Wednesday, March 24, at 10 a.m., the Franklin County Republican Party ladies will have a Dutch treat morning at the Sunrise Restaurant. There will be the selection of a new ladies' chairman and the plans for upcoming Party elections will be discussed. All Republican ladies are invited and will be welcomed. The restaurant is located at 42 E. Heikens Dr., Decherd.

MARC Yard Sale in April

The Marion Animal Resource Council (MARC) will have a yard sale on Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3, at the old MARC building, 175 Industrial Blvd., Jasper.

MARC is accepting donations of items to be included in the sale, proceeds of which will go toward the care and preparation for adoption of the many dogs and cats, which are lucky enough to be taken in and adopted.

For more information contact Susan Kean, (423) 667-4513. Thank you for supporting MARC.

Food Distribution and Medical Unit at MMUMC

On Saturday, March 13, the Morton Memorial Church's monthly curbside food distribution will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until 10 a.m. The St. Thomas Mobile Health Unit will open for patients at 9 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m.

In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist.

The St. Thomas Mobile Health Unit does not require an appointment, and it is open to all members of the community. Only one patient at a time will be allowed in the van, and patients are asked to wear masks. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. The services offered are limited medications when needed, acute illness treatment (COVID testing is not available), well-child exams (no immunization at this time), and annual physicals. No opioids are available at the van.

All patient costs for services provided are covered by a grant from the South Cumberland Community Fund. If patients are insured, the service will file insurance. Copays, deductibles, etc., will be covered by the South Cumberland Community Fund. All are welcome.

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 322 West Main St., Monteagle.

McGrath to Speak at TEDx on March 16

TEDxUniversityoftheSouth continues on March 16 with Deborah McGrath. The series continues every Tuesday through March 30, and concludes Wednesday, April 7. All events will be at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Tuesday, March 16, Deborah McGrath, professor of biology and assistant dean of the environment at the University of the South, will present "Carbon is the Cash Crop." Sequestering carbon in trees and soil is an effective tool in the global fight against climate change, yet farmers face obstacles to entering the carbon market. Based on nearly a decade of work in Haiti, McGrath will discuss how colleges like Sewanee can participate in a winning strategy for climate justice by investing in small farmers to reduce our carbon footprints.

McGrath's research focuses on managing biogeochemical cycles in wetland and forested ecosystems to address environmental challenges in human-dominated landscapes. Since her days as a Peace Corps volunteer, McGrath has worked with farmers in the global South to integrate trees into farming strategies that maximize the triple bottom line: people, planet, and profit.

Upcoming speakers and performers include Bea Troxel (March 23), Karen Yu (March 30), and Mandy Moe Pwint Tu (April 7).

For Zoom links and more information, visit the TEDx website: <https://www.tedxuniversityofthesouth.com/>.

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Obituaries

Judith S. Crossland

Judith S. Crossland, age 77 of Manchester, died on March 7, 2021 at Unity Medical Center. A native of Franklin County, she was born on Feb. 28, 1944. Judy graduated from Franklin County High School in 1961. She attended Vanderbilt University and received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from MTSU. She later received her Master's Degree in Counseling. Judy was employed by the Franklin County Board of Education for decades until her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herman Shettters; mother and step-father, Edith (Smith) and Lawrence McBee; husband, James Crossland; daughter, Carol Kay Payne; sister, Janice McBee; and aunt Blanche and uncle Raymond L. "Pop" Cottrell. She is survived by her children, Kendra Payne (Eric) Belland, and Kelly Payne.

A private service and burial will be held at Cowan Montgomery Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or an animal rescue of your choice. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

William Larry Goodman

William Larry Goodman, age 74 of Winchester, died on Feb. 24, 2021, at his home. He was born on Sept. 3, 1946, in Sewanee, to Ward and Frances Goodman. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mark Andrew "Andy" Goodman, infant sister Linda Lee Goodman, in-laws Luther and Margaret Davis, brothers-in-law Johnny Davis, Mitchell Quick, and Joe Bean; and sister-in-law Tammy Davis.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda; daughter, Katie (Rodney) Hill; sisters Barbara Jo Quick, Frieda (Jackie) Sherrill; brother, Ronnie Goodman; daughter-in-law, Tonya Goodman; many nieces, nephews, brothers- and sisters-in-law, cousins and friends, and the lights of his life, Fischer Goodman and Hunter Harrison.

He began his education at Sewanee Elementary through the 8th grade, then attended the Sewanee Military Academy and University of the South, leaving the University to enlist in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn., and Naval Guided Missiles School in Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Va. He completed tours on the USS Thomas A. Edison (SSBN 610) (Gold). He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He continued his work in electrical engineering throughout his career. He also previously served as a Franklin County Commissioner for District 6 Seat B.

Funeral services were on Feb. 28, 2021, from the Chapel of Watson-North Funeral Home. Interment with Military Honors was in Eastern Star Cemetery, Sewanee with Pastor John Burge officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Winchester Christian Academy in Honor of Fischer and Hunter Hill or Multi-County Cancer Support Network, <mccsn501@att.net>. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonnorth.com>

Scotty Ray Hoosier

Scotty Ray Hoosier, age 47 of Altamont, died on Feb. 7, 2021, in Austin, Ind. He was born on Oct. 4, 1973, in Altamont, to Billy Ray Hoosier and Connie Louise

Seagroves Hoosier. He was a 1992 graduate of Grundy County High School, attended Chattanooga State Community College, and served in several capacities at area Sheriff and Police Departments for many years. He was President of the Grundy County Fair Association. He was a 27-year volunteer fireman at Altamont, Tracy City, Coalmont, Monteagle and Pelham Volunteer Fire Departments. He was preceded in death by his mother; maternal grandfather, Andrew Seagroves; paternal grandparents, Jones and Nell Hoosier; uncles Red Cobb and James Fults; and aunt Minnie Hargis.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Billy Ray and Wanda Hoosier; grandmother, Susie Bell Seagroves; sister, Andrea (Lee) West; uncles J.R. Seagroves, William Fults, and Jacky (Rita) Hoosier; aunt Betty Fults; half-brothers, Casey Layne and Miguel Cruz, two cousins, three nephews, and best canine friends, Apollo and Beauty.

Funeral Services were on March 4, 2021, at Altamont Baptist Church with Bro. Willie Childers officiating. Interment followed in Altamont Cemetery with Firefighter Honors. For complete obituary go to <www.grantfuneralservices.net>.

James "Bud" Everette McDonald

James "Bud" Everette McDonald, age 84 of Cowan, died on March 1, 2021, at St. Thomas West, Nashville. He was born on Dec. 13, 1936, in Sherwood, to Horace Harp and Mary Lee Lynch McDonald. He was employed for many years at the Marquet Cement plant, later retiring from Regions Bank. He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter Lauren Johnson; brother, Harold "Skinny" (Mary Lee) McDonald; and niece Brenda Legg.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Emma McDonald; children, Betty (Brent) Brown, Melissa (Mark) Blackburn, Jeannie Sexton, Barry (Tonji) Johnson, and Connie (Tommy) Blevins; sister, Betty Ann Denton; 10 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

Graveside services were on March 3, 2021 in Cowan Montgomery Cemetery with The Rev. L.Z. Johnson officiating. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Dwight Vernon Totherow

Dwight Vernon Totherow, age 73 of Altamont, died on March 2, 2021, at his home. He was born on Jan. 20, 1948, in Palmer, to Hugh Totherow and Georgia Johnson. He had been a volunteer firefighter for a number of years, among many other things. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Vernon Totherow, George Johnson and Alex Totherow; and sister Linda Johnson.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dianne; sons, Steve (Jewell) Totherow, Dwight "Speedy" Totherow Jr., Tony Totherow, Don (Carrie) Totherow and John (Liz) Totherow; daughter, Laura Totherow; brothers Anthony (Lola) Johnson and Marty Totherow; sisters Tammy Singleton, Cathy Totherow, Rose (Bailey) Campbell, Sue Totherow and Letricia Totherow; 16 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

No funeral services are scheduled at this time, however the family plans to hold a memorial service to be announced at a later date. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Church News

All Saints' Chapel

All Saints' Chapel streams its 11 a.m. service each week at <https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/all-saints-chapel-services/online-services/>.

In addition, All Saints' can accommodate up to 75 in-person worshippers each Sunday for the 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and the 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II services.

Otey Memorial Parish

In-person Holy Eucharist is outdoors at 11 a.m. each Sunday if the weather permits. Like this past fall, please bring your own lawn chair(s), blanket for yourself or your kids, etc. Anyone free of COVID symptoms may attend; masking and social distancing will be maintained. If the service must be canceled on account of weather, an email will be sent out to the parish by 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Forum, 9:30-10:30

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday, online <https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/all-saints-chapel-services/online-services/>

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, 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, Alto (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, until 2 p.m., Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday

If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sunday

noon Holy Eucharist, Wednesday

Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, until 2 p.m., Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday

If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday, until 2 p.m.

4:30 p.m. Book Study, Wednesday, until 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

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

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway (FB Live service below)

8 a.m. Radio Show, Sunday (WSGM 104.7 FM)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (FB Live)

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

a.m. via Zoom: "Demographic Patterns: American Christianity & The Episcopal Church" presented by Meghan Mazur.

Wednesday Night Lenten Learning Series on the book "Reading While Black" by Esau McCaulley is via Zoom at 7 p.m. through March 24. Contact Jean-nie Babb at <formation@oteyparish.org>.

Parish staff members are combining in-person and remote work. Contact the staff member directly, call the office (931-598-5926), or send an email <admin@oteyparish.org>.

Church Calendar

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening 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

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

(service available online after noon Sunday, link is at <Mortonmemorialumc.com>)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (outdoors)

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

(online worship services, Zoom. Info: call (931) 924-5339 or go online, <www.WildfireOnTheMountain.com>)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday

New Beginnings Church, Pelham

9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

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

Otey Memorial Parish Church

9:30 a.m. Godly Play, Zoom, Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum, Zoom

11 a.m. Sunday Service, outdoors

4 p.m. Fire on the Mountain, Brooks Hall, Sunday

7 p.m. Lenten Learning Series, Zoom, through March 24, Wednesdays, until 8 p.m.

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 Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in-person and Zoom, Sunday

7 p.m. Book Study, Zoom, through March 24, Wednesdays, until 8 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

(meeting at Good Shepherd, Decherd)

St. Mary's Sewanee

3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom, Tuesday

4 p.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom, Wednesday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday, until 2 p.m.

4:30 p.m. Book Study, Wednesday, until 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

Reparations (from page 1)

until we get reparations,” Ifetayo insisted. Johnson pointed to the long history of excluding African-Americans from public benefit programs such as the GI Bill and the failure of legislation to usher in effective change. “The only thing left to look at is reparations,” Johnson said. “Just because a debt was not paid back then, doesn’t absolve the government from paying it now.”

Translated into action, what would reparations look like?

Removing statues of generals and Confederate icons “doesn’t really do much in terms of repair,” Johnson noted.

Program host Nicky Hamilton, assistant vice president for Government and Strategic Partnerships, cited the Georgetown University fund for descendants of enslaved persons sold by the institution. Divided among 12,000 descendants, the approximate \$400,000 fund would yield just \$37 each.

“Universities have a role to educate citizens,” Ifetayo said. He praised the work of the Roberson Project to recover black culture and the plans for historical markers on campus, but Ifetayo stressed “more significant things need to be done.” He suggested trust funds for descendants of enslaved African-Americans earmarked for education and establishing businesses.

Emphasizing the need to educate the public, Johnson said in Germany students spent a semester studying the holocaust and visiting concentration camps. He would like to see an effort to locate the descendants of people enslaved by the University of the South and see the University advocate for H.R.40, and support students and alumni who champion reparations.

Ifetayo highlighted the importance of creating a “reparations culture, a reparations climate” to build momentum for reparations support on a federal level. Ifetayo gave the examples of marijuana legalization and \$15-minimum-wage laws on the city and state level moving the debate to the national foreground.

On the individual level, both men called for restorative justice, the practice of perpetrator and victim engaging in dialogue and forming a relationship prerequisite to the perpetrator asking for forgiveness. “We need to figure out how to bring together people who have benefitted from white supremacy and those who have been [its] victims in a way that is respectful, has dignity, and has tangible outcomes,” Ifetayo said.

For the victim “to give forgiveness, it must be asked for,” Hamilton noted. “There is no forgiveness without accountability,” Johnson said. Reparations “can’t be just a single payment without acknowledgement.”

Johnson traveled internationally, studying transformative justice. He said of the nations plagued by a history of human rights violations, the United States “is one of the only countries to deny it.”



St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students investigate an archaeological site on the school's campus. In the fall, the school is launching the Cumberland Scholars graduation with distinction for students who systematically pursue coursework and co-curricular activities in place-based and outdoor education.

SAS Launches Cumberland Scholars Program

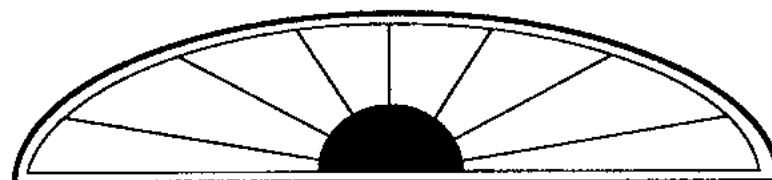
St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, an Episcopal day and boarding school in Sewanee, is now offering the Cumberland Scholars program, an opportunity for SAS students who pursue learning experiences in place-based and outdoor education to graduate with distinction.

All SAS students participate in experiences that capitalize on SAS's unique geographic assets, including a 550-acre campus that includes an ongoing wetlands research site, an archaeological site, and 13 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails. Beginning in 2021-2022, ninth and 10th grade students may choose to pursue intentional and consistent work to satisfy place-based and outdoor education requisites towards the Cumberland Scholar distinction. The road to distinction will include academic study, experiential learning, technical skill demonstrations, service requirements, and leadership opportunities. The crowning achievement will be a public presentation of a senior capstone research project focused on place-based or outdoor education. Students in the Class of

2024 will be the first to have the opportunity to achieve Cumberland Scholars distinction.

Current SAS courses that help to satisfy the academic expectations for distinction include Environmental Literature, Environmental History, Environmental Science, Archaeology, Field Geology, Place-Based American Studies, Photography Community Connections, Landscape Painting, Farming, and Outdoor Adventure.

“The Cumberland Scholars graduation distinction represents the essence of our independent curriculum which provides meaningful and engaging learning experiences in alignment with the strategic priorities of our school, the interests of our students, and the strength of our faculty,” said Academic Dean and Associate Head of School Kelley Black. “With the development of this pathway to distinction recognizing intentional course work in place-based learning and outdoor education, SAS truly capitalizes on its unique geographic location atop the Cumberland Plateau.”



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17th Trails and Trilliums Registration Open

The Friends of South Cumberland State Park's 17th Trails and Trilliums fundraiser has been set for April 9-11. Early bird registration is now open.

This year's event will feature socially distant, outdoor activities, including family-friendly hikes, a native plant sale and demonstrations. To register or learn more, visit <<https://www.trailsandtrilliums.org>>.

The festival, sponsored by Lodge Cast Iron, will again be held on the grounds of the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, using their large outdoor pavilion. Overhill Gardens of Knoxville, one of the foremost native plant nurseries in the state, will bring an array of native plants, just in time for gardens. Pre-registration, which will open in early March, will be required for all events in order to facilitate social distancing. Visit <www.trailsandtrilliums.org> for more festival details and to register.

As a safer alternative to guided hikes, the Friends will also offer a varied slate of hike choices with a trail host at each trailhead to welcome and orient hikers. More than 30 hikes on 15 different trails are scheduled during the three-day festival, with offerings in each of the park's three sectors: Lost Cove, Fiery Gizzard and Savage Gulf. Detailed descriptions and level of difficulty for each hike will be posted on the Trails and Trilliums website.

The line-up of programs includes tree identification by State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath, gardening with native plants by June Mays, and a panel on the legacy of the late Mack Prichard, Tennessee's first State Naturalist. Other presentations will focus on bats, honey bees, fungus, edible plants and wildflowers. A demonstration will teach the art of making wreaths using found items from nature. Editor and author Mary Priestley of Sewanee will give a “sneak peek” of the third edition of “Under the Sun at Sewanee,” to be published this spring.

The annual Cumberland Wild Forum topic will be “The Three Faces of South Cumberland: What the Park Faces in the Future.” South Cumberland Park Manager George Shinn and Friends President John Hille will discuss key challenges facing the park— including increased visitation and added acreage— plus plans for the future.

The first Family Adventure Hike along the Meadow Trail at the park's welcome center in Monteagle has also been planned. As families hike the 1.5-mile loop trail, they will be searching for hidden fairy houses and gnome homes, watching pioneer re-enactors in action, exploring a fort tunnel, completing a scavenger hunt, and more. This family event is free, but registration is required.

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School Board (from page 1)

The proposed certified employee pay scale Foster presented called for a 2.5 percent increase for all certified employees and an additional 2 percent for certified employees with over 20 years of service. Foster acknowledged, "I have no idea if we will be in compliance and what the state will say [about mandatory wage increases]." Foster plans to propose the same wage increase for classified employees. The figures will be plugged into the 2021-22 budget the board will consider at the April 5 workshop.

Board member Chris Guess asked if the school system planned to continue to offer virtual instruction. "We're going to have to do something virtual next year," Bean said. The school system receives no money for the 800 homeschooled students in the county. Bean stressed homeschooling had been a trend for years. He proposed suggesting to homeschoolers' parents they could use the county schools' virtual program and earn a degree from Franklin County High School or Huntland High School. Bean said there were currently 700 virtual students and if the county schools lost them to homeschooling, the 1,500 total homeschoolers would amount to almost 25 percent of student enrollment.

In other business, the board voted to enter into a contract for hay cutting in the vacant field behind North Lake Elementary School. The school system will be compensated on a per bale basis and save money on mowing.

The board also authorized a no-cost, no-obligation energy upgrade evaluation by Trane Technologies. Bean noted many schools were using ESSER funds for ventilation upgrades.

Hospitality Shop Accepting Donations

The Hospitality Shop is taking donations of clothing, household goods, jewelry and knickknacks. Please leave clean and well-maintained items in the bin at the rear of the building. The Hospitality Shop cannot take large pieces of furniture, mattresses or electronics.

The Shop is open for business on Saturdays only until further notice. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Masks are required, and a limited number of people will be allowed in the building at one time.

UPP Donates to May Justus Memorial Library

The May Justus Memorial Library in Monteagle was recently presented with a gift of \$1,200 from Friends of United to Protect the Plateau (UPP). This donation will support the children's Summer Reading Program at the library.

The UPP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) environmental organization. The nonprofit board is made up of local community members with a passion for protecting and preserving the character and beauty of the Plateau.

The UPP members are all volunteers. The 10 board members and more than 200 supporters of the organization share a love for this community and a passion to protect and preserve its beauty. Members range from fifth generation Monteagle family members to those who have retired to the mountain. UPP was formed as a nonprofit in the fall of 2020 over the concerns of a proposed truck stop development in a residential area.

The mission of UPP is to preserve the natural landscape and beauty of the South Cumberland Plateau, and protect the quality of life of its citizens, businesses, and visitors by advocating for smart, healthy economic growth. Currently, the focus of this nonprofit organization is an alternative commercial development on the 20-acre RBT Enterprises building site. These efforts include educating the public of the potential health and environmental hazards of this type of project, as well as dangerous traffic close to homes, sidewalks, bike trails, and ballpark.

In addition, the UPP also supports local projects such as the baseball program and library summer reading. Future projects include continuing to advocate for better, sustainable, and advantageous economic development in the area.

Anyone can support this nonprofit by visiting the website at <www.unitedplateau.org>. All of the donations go to support the nonprofit and its efforts to continue advocating for healthy economic growth for all. Donations are tax-deductible.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$4, regardless of your age. Please call 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, March 15: Fried chicken, creamed corn, pinto beans, cornbread.

Tuesday, March 16: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, March 17: Reuben sandwich, chips.

Thursday, March 18: Tenderloin, mashed potatoes, peas, roll.

Friday, March 19: Tomato soup, turkey/Swiss sandwich.

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

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SCC Pre-K Spaces Available

The Sewanee Children's Center has openings in its Pre-K classes and ample funding for need-based tuition assistance. The Pre-K class is for fun-loving, curious, bright-eyed children ages three to five. SCC teachers are committed, creative, and welcoming to new families who like the small class sizes, as well as excellent outdoor and indoor play spaces.

Since 1949, SCC has been serving Sewanee and the surrounding counties with a curriculum that "respects childhood as a time to explore, create, and be joyful."

SCC has always been committed to building a healthy community around cooperative ideals—more important now than ever before in response to the coronavirus pandemic. SCC has developed policies and practices founded on CDC guidelines to create a safe and healthy environment for children, families, and the SCC staff. These new practices ensure a relaxed, nurturing environment for children where they can thrive.

Call now to reserve your child's place in the 8-week summer program (May 31 to July 24) and/or this fall's Pre-K session, beginning Monday, Aug. 9.

For more information on the Sewanee Children's Center, its curriculum, its health and safety guidelines, and what it means to be a co-op, contact the director, Sandy Glacet, at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com>. Find the SCC online at <http://sewaneechildrenscenter.org/>.

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by Margaret Stephens

Keeping Calm and Coping On

Let's cut right to the chase.

In this past year of you-know-what, I haven't lost my job, my home, my life or the life of anyone close to me.

In the scheme of things, I have nothing to complain about, and I suspect, if you're reading this, you may not, either.

I write from a position of relative privilege, and I'm aware of that.

Nevertheless, I've reached the bottom of the barrel, to throw in another cliché, and why not, since my brain months ago lost the ability to create independently. I am worn down, wrung dry, scraped as thin as the butter on an anorexic's toast. Everything in me that was already anxious is more so; obsessive, more so; depressed, much more so.

Even reading, my safe space from eons back, has at times been difficult, and only my daughter's reassurance that many, many people are having trouble staying focused and motivated gives me comfort that I'm not slipping into early senility.

I always took pride in being someone with deep inner resources, but now, I find that those, too, seem to have their limits.

Luckily, my bookshelves remain full.

I've been keeping a journal of books read, and flipping through, have to admit that the bulk have been comfort reading. Old favorites, re-reads of classics, children's and YA novels.—. But I hear that this, too is a response typical of a lot of readers these days: enough challenges already. Am I ashamed of not using this time to educate myself in all things political and philosophical? Well, yes. But I also don't really care, another sign of the times.

And I'm still garnering a lot.

From Elizabeth Jane Howard's absorbing "Cazalet Chronicles," the five-volume saga of a large British family before, during, and after the war years, I'm reminded that even after the Blitz was survived and peace achieved, everything that made life brighter and more colorful was still either severely rationed or just plain unavailable. New clothes. Fruit. Sugar. Butter. Building materials. People once again tightened their belts, metaphorically and physically, and plodded on.

That helps to hear, doesn't it?

From Susan Cooper's classic "Dark is Rising" series, I'm reminded of the courage it takes to struggle against darkness in whatever way it presents itself. Whether an outright evil presence or a mind battling the weight of despair. That also helps.

From Davida Hurwin's YA about the pressures on a teenage friendship when one's BFFs is diagnosed with terminal cancer, I find questions that many of us, especially lately, may have but not be brave enough to articulate. On death: "What would I feel? What would I think? Would I know what was happening to me, or would I just stop being aware and not even realize it, like when you get anesthesia before an operation? ...Was there nothing? Would it hurt? Would I know what to do and how to do it?"

From Helen Boylston's "Sue Barton" books (I warned you these were old friends), drawn from her own experience as a nurse including in World War I, I'm reminded that life can hurt but still hold joy. And humor.

Anyway, that's a bit about how I cope. Maybe by next column all will be jolly, and I'll be back browsing library shelves. Though I suspect, as with those post-war Brits, we'll still be in coping mode.

How are you coping? I'd love to hear. Email as always, <mgt-step@gmail.com>.

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BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

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Wednesday, March 17: Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

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Emma Smith won No. 1 singles in the morning match and No. 2 singles in the afternoon, both times against Cumberland College. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Women's Tennis Sweeps Cumberland in Saturday Doubleheader

The No. 32 University of the South women's tennis team won two matches on Saturday over No. 17 Cumberland (Tenn.) by identical 7-2 scores, Saturday from the Bruton-Guerry Tennis Center. Cumberland is ranked 17th in the latest NAIA poll.

With the two wins on Saturday, Sewanee's all-time winningest coach Conchie Shackelford sits at 597 career wins, three away from 600. Currently the active and all-time winningest coach in all of NCAA Division III, she would become the first in the Division to 600 wins and would be the seventh in all three NCAA Divisions to accomplish this feat.

In Match No. 1, despite Cumberland taking doubles action, Sewanee swept singles play to secure the match. No. 9 Ainhoa Garrido/Jessica Hernandez defeated Emma Smith/Catherine Owen, 8-6.

Smith, however, took down No. 6 Garrido in singles at the No. 1 point in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Natalia Nassar also went three sets with a ranked singles opponent, downing No. 21 Jessica Hernan-

dez, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Nicole Nowak posted a 6-3, 7-6 win over Joana Bou at the No. 6 point en route to a 3-0 day on the courts.

In March No. 2, Sewanee rallied to win two of three doubles matches and won five of six singles to secure the doubleheader sweep.

Catherine Owen knocked out No. 6 Ainhoa Garrido, 6-1, 6-2 at the No. 1, while Emma Smith secured her second straight win over a ranked opponent, downing No. 21 Jessica Hernandez, 6-1, 6-2.

Caroline Adams finished 4-0 on the day after earning wins at the No. 3 singles and doubles point, respectively.

Jordan Besh wrapped up a perfect 3-0 with her win with Emma Smith at the No. 2 point, 8-1.

Softball Battles No. 10 Berry in Twinbill

The University of the South softball team went toe-to-toe with 10th-ranked Berry College on March 6, from the Tiger Softball Field. Sewanee made it interesting in game one, tying the game at five runs apiece before the visitors tacked on the go-ahead run in the seventh to win, 6-5. In the second game, Berry claimed a 15-0 win over Sewanee.

In Game 1, the Vikings posted a four-run second inning to lead, 5-0, after an inning and a half.

The Tigers' bats came to life in the bottom half of the fifth, posting five straight singles to start the frame. Kendell Goodrum brought Hannah Clarke home with a base knock. Next, Maggie Willis scored Michaela Walker to make the deficit, 5-2.

After a Zoe Crockett fielder's choice, Alice Charboneau reached on an error that scored Willis.

Sewanee would tie the contest at five runs each on the next play. As Sarah Wright grounded into a fielder's choice, the Tigers scored two runs on the play to even the score. Crockett and Sam Dean both scored on the play.

The Tigers had the bases loaded in the sixth with two outs, but they could not score and the contest remained even.

Berry cashed in a lead off single in the top of the seventh, as Camryn Brown scored the go-ahead run thanks to an RBI groundout by Riley Jackson.

Despite a one-out single by Wright in the bottom half, Sewanee stranded the tying run at first base to end the game.

In Game 2, Berry posted a 4-0 lead after a half-inning, capped by a three-run homer by Meghan Hunt.

The Vikings would eventually put the game out of reach with a four-run fourth inning.



ThompsonSchollaert (on right) and teammates celebrate his winning goal on Saturday. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Second Half Rally Lifts Men's Soccer to Victory

The University of the South men's soccer program used two second half goals to rally past Bryan College, 2-1, March 6, from Puett Field.

A chippy game throughout the contest on the pitch, Bryan netted the first goal of the match with about 90 seconds left in the half off a throw-in. Cesar Castro opened the scoring.

The Tigers were held to seven shots in the first half, but they came out striking at the net in the second half. In the 72nd minute, David Edge found Andrew Turk for the goal to even the score at 1-1.

In the 87th minute, after a Bryan yellow card that gave Sewanee an opportunity, Thompson Schollaert gave the Purple and White the lead with 3:45 to go and sealed the match.

Evan Pool, Thompson Schollaert and Andrew Turk had four shots each. Schollaert had four shots on target, and Turk posted three.

JP Furman (1-0) stopped four shots in full time.

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Saturday, March 13

Laurel Gorge Hike (\$8)—Meet Park Ranger Ryan Harris at 8:45 a.m. CST at Foster Falls parking lot, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie for an out-and-back, difficult hike down into and out of Laurel Gorge, one of the most scenic gorges in South Cumberland State Park. The 100 plus feet hemlocks tower in the gorge, with scenic overlooks on the hike out. Come prepared by bringing plenty of water, sturdy hiking shoes/boots, trail snacks, and a canine friend if on a leash.

Saturday, March 20

Day Loop Hike (\$10) (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please preregister.)—Join Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at 8:30 a.m. CDT at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 S.R. 399, Palmer, for a 4.3-mile (round trip, approximate) guided hike of the Savage Gulf Day Loop. Bring along water and food (in case you get hungry on the trail). Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike! Weather permitting. This is a basic, introductory hike to the east side of Savage Gulf. The challenge lies mostly in the overall distance. We sometimes discuss what we see, sometimes just chat, and sometimes just enjoy what we see around us. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund.

First Day of Spring Work Day (\$0–\$20/person; \$0 if working, \$5–20 donation, not attending)—Join Park Ranger Dan Wescoat at 8 a.m. CDT at Grundy Forest Pavilion, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, to celebrate the first day of Spring by getting your hands dirty and making a difference to South Cumberland State Park. Ranger Wescoat will be hosting a volunteer work day making very important trail improvements to the heavily used Grundy Forest Day Loop. Work will include, but is not limited to, grading trail tread, cutting roots, moving and crushing rock, and having a good time will doing it all! Make sure to bring a good pair of work gloves, sturdy closed toe shoes, and eye protection. Also bring along plenty of water and snacks to keep you energized throughout the day. If you cannot make it out to help, you can always make a donation to the park to help future efforts!

Monday, March 22

Foster Falls Trail Restoration Day (\$1/I somewhat care about the trail; \$2/I kind of care about the trail; \$3/I like keeping the trail in shape; \$4 / I love keeping the trail in tip top shape; \$5 / I am a TRAIL STEWARD!)—Meet Park Ranger Ryan Harris at 8:45 a.m. CDT at Foster Falls parking lot, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie, for some trail restoration. We will be cutting the trail tread back down to an almost level surface and putting in a few rocks steps. Come prepared by wearing sturdy work boots, bringing plenty of water, snacks, and work gloves. Gloves can be provided if needed.

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

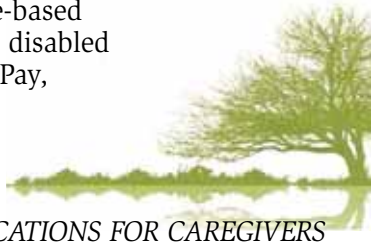
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Materials that can be burned include leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, and other woody vegetation and yard trimmings gathered on site.

Debris Burn Permits for leaf and brush piles of any size are available online at no charge. For broadcast burning, such as forestry, agricultural, and land clearing, call your local Division of Forestry burn permit phone number Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The online system for permits and phone numbers can be found at <www.BurnSafeTN.org>.

Permits are issued only when conditions are conducive to safe burning. If you live inside city limits, there may be additional restrictions. Check with your municipality before you burn.

A list of materials that may not be burned can be found in the open burning guidelines from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation at <www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/apc/air-pollution-control-home/apc/open-burning.html>.

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| Mon | Mar 01 | 51 | 32 |
| Tue | Mar 02 | 53 | 32 |
| Wed | Mar 03 | 54 | 43 |
| Thu | Mar 04 | 64 | 34 |
| Fri | Mar 05 | 54 | 33 |
| Sat | Mar 06 | 53 | 32 |
| Sun | Mar 07 | 56 | 32 |

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 55
Avg min temp = 34
Avg temp = 44.5
Precipitation = 0.6"

*Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger*

NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Early hepatica in Shakerag Hollow. Photo by Robin Gottfried

Shakerag Hollow

We took our first walk through Shakerag this season last Friday, and found the spring wildflowers just getting underway. The "flower of the hour" was pepper-and-salt (or harbinger-of-spring). This tiny umbel-family flower is easily overlooked where it is nestled in the leaf litter, but there was a lot of it in bloom. Hepatica, that iconic first flower of spring, was also out in numbers, but there will be much more. Other species were showing promise by being in bud—Carolina spring beauties, toothwort, and spicebush. There were a few buds open of giant chickweed. The toadshade trillium, Little Sweet Betsy, was unfurling its leaves in a few spots, some plants with flower buds. That fungal member of the spring flora, scarlet cup, was spotted on down dead wood in a couple of places, glowing bright red and orange.

Sunday, March 14, is Pi Day, chosen as such because the date resembles the first three digits of the value of pi, 3.14. Pi, of course, is the ratio between the circumference and the diameter of a circle. Pi has been calculated to 50,000,000,000,000 digits by Timothy Mullican in Huntsville, Ala., in January 2020. He used a computer program that took 8 months to do so. How fascinating that there is apparently no end to the value of this constant.

Deral Walker of Alto called the Messenger office to report that the largest group of Cedar Waxwings she had ever seen, between 50–75 birds, visited her yard on March 4, systematically eating every berry on her large holly, working from top to bottom and even picking up the berries on the ground underneath. "It was amazing how organized they were!" she said.



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by Phoebe Bates

Hope

O sweet To-morrow! –
After to-day
There will away
This sense of sorrow.
Then let us borrow
Hope, for a gleaming
Soon will be streaming,
Dimmed by no gray –
No gray!
While the winds wing us
Sighs from The Gone,
Nearer to dawn
Minute-beats bring us;
When there will sing us
Larks of a glory
Waiting our story
Further anon –
Anon!

—Thomas Hardy, *Song of Hope*

Support local businesses! Shop and dine locally.

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, Morton Memorial, Wesley House porch, Monteagle
- Monday**
5 p.m. Women's Recovery, Otey Parish on Zoom, call (606) 275-9562 for link
7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**
7 p.m. AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- Wednesday**
10 a.m. AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
7 p.m. NA, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 p.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Thursday**
7 p.m. Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

Community Calendar

Friday, March 12

FC Schools No Classes

For all COVID-19 information in Tennessee, including testing, eligibility and vaccination schedule, go to <<https://covid19.tn.gov>> or call 866-442-5301

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom; email <elizabethlsweeting@gmail.com> for link
noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Saturday, March 13 • Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 8 a.m. Food Distribution, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
8 a.m. Sewanee Pediatrics Vaccine Clinic, you must call to schedule an appointment, until noon
9 a.m. St. Thomas Mobile Health Unit, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 1 p.m.
9 a.m. The Process of Forgiveness-Centering Prayer, Ward, Zoom, \$50, until noon, <stmaryssewanee.org> to register
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, 1096 University Ave., until 2 p.m., weather permitting

Sunday, March 14 • Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2 a.m.

Monday, March 15

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m. Sewanee Woman's Club, Book Club, St. James Parish Hall
5 p.m. Town of Monteagle Special Called Meeting, Conference Room, City Hall, until 7 p.m.
7 p.m. Franklin County Commissioners, FC Annex Bldg., Winchester

Tuesday, March 16

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
4:30 p.m. South Cumberland Farmers' Market, curbside pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.
5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility office, Sherwood Rd.
5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
6 p.m. Moving Mountains: TEDx Talk, <<https://www.tedxuniversityofthesouth.com>> for Zoom link

Wednesday, March 17 • St. Patrick's Day

Deadline for Sewanee Civic Association Community Service Award nominations, <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.

Thursday, March 18

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Zoom; for link email <woodybike@mac.com>
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Zoom, <pippabrowne64@gmail.com>
noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Friday, March 19

Deadline to order SCC Spring Ferns, (931) 598-5928

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom; email <elizabethlsweeting@gmail.com> for link
noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

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