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Pictured left to right back row: Parker Kovalski, Chuck Morgret, Maggie Rudd, Benjamin Rudd. Front row: Lucy Seballos, Ella Brain, Gus Seballos

## Presidents' Day Spelling Bee Winners Announced

The Franklin County Democratic Party first started hosting its annual Presidents Day Spelling Bee in 2013, and has been at it ever since, despite a few years off during COVID. Families come together to share a meal and engage in friendly competition, and maybe meet a candidate. This year, we met at the Sewanee Community Center and heard from Rupa Blackwell, TNDP Executive Committee Rep for the 16th District, about the importance of voting in every primary and the need to find and support good candidates. Area school kids K-12 participated in two rounds of spelling bees (with kids being quizzed from age-appropriate word lists), which was followed by an American History Contest for the adults. This year, it was quite a family affair with all the winners from brothers and sisters in the same family.

Younger Spellers: first prize, Gus Seballos; second prize, Lucy Seballos; third prize, Ella Brain. Older Spellers: first prize, Maggie Rudd; second prize, Parker Kovalski; third prize, Benjamin Rudd. American History Quiz: Chuck Morgret.

## Sewanee Symphony Orchestra Concert, March 3

Prepare to be immersed in a captivating sonic journey as the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra unveils its upcoming concert, a harmonious tapestry woven with the timeless compositions of Igor Stravinsky, Camille Saint-Saëns, and José Pablo Moncayo. The concert will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 3, in Guerry Auditorium. The evening promises to be a celebration of musical diversity, showcasing the orchestra's versatility. Adding a touch of contemporary brilliance to the program is a newly orchestrated work by the esteemed Professor Prakash C. Wright, a gem crafted exclusively for the SSO. As the notes of Stravinsky's avant-garde masterpieces, the lush melodies of Saint-Saëns, the rhythmic vibrancy of Moncayo, and the innovative sounds of Professor Wright's creation converge, the concert becomes an enchanting symphony of past and present, inspired by the rich tapestry of musical expression.

## Out of the Darkness Walk

A life is lost to suicide every 12.8 minutes in the United States. However, most people remain unaware that suicide is a national health problem. Many people believe that only licensed mental health professionals should talk about suicide, but this is one of many harmful myths about suicide. Having open conversations about suicide reduces anxiety, shame, and stigma, and is a key part of preventing suicide. On Saturday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m., the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) will host the Out of the Darkness Community Walk on campus at Sewanee. A major goal of this event is to show support for the families and friends of the more than 41,000 Americans who die by suicide, and the 20 million people who suffer from depression, each year. Support of the community walks also helps to raise funds for suicide prevention research and educational programs, erase the stigma surrounding suicide and its causes, and encourage those who are suffering from mental illness to seek treatment.

On-line registration is now available at <www.afsp.org/sewanee>. You may register individually or as part of a team. We hope you will consider walking with us as we walk to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention. Please consider inviting your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to walk with you or to support your walk. If you are not able to join us, perhaps you would consider sponsoring a walker or making a donation to this walk. Thank you for your support in bringing suicide Out of the Darkness.

## Documentary Screening of 'The Philadelphia Eleven'

Exclusion of women from ordination and other church leadership roles made headlines earlier this summer when the Southern Baptist Convention banned women from the most senior leadership roles. Women in many parts of the Christian church continue a struggle for full inclusion in the sacraments and leadership of the church, a struggle that some women started 50 years ago.

In 1974, there was a dramatic breakthrough of the so-called stained glass ceiling that gave hope to Christian women everywhere. At a church in Philadelphia, a group of 11 women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in violation of the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church – which at the time stated that only men were eligible for ordination. This story is told in a compelling new documentary The Philadelphia Eleven.

The feature documentary film will screen at 6 p.m., Monday, March 4, in All Saints' Chapel.

This film tells a story that continues to resonate today as women seeking ordination continue to face resistance, disrespect and exclusion from roles reserved by men for men. The documentary explores the lives of these remarkable women who succeeded in transforming an age-

old institution despite the threats to their personal safety and the risk of rejection by the church they loved. These women became and remain an inspiration for generations of women in the ministry, and a clarion call for the entire Christian Church.

The Rev. Nancy H. Wittig is one of the Philadelphia Eleven featured in the movie. "It's amazing that women are still fighting for rights in the church, and continuing to feel blowback, similar to what we experienced 49 years ago," she reflected, and then went on to comment, "we are proud of the changes we have accomplished through our priesthood and the ordinations in Philadelphia."

The film's director, Margo Guernsey, is not Episcopalian. She reminds others, "this is a story for all of us. It is about how to break down barriers with grace and be true to oneself in the process. This story reveals ways in which voices that are inconvenient, are often buried. It also provides a vision for what a just and inclusive community looks like in practice."

The Episcopal Women's History Project (EWHP) honors women's ministries in the Episcopal Church by listening, recording, and continuing to tell their stories.

## Monteagle Water Rate, Home Size Ordinances Unpopular

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff  
Writer

At the Feb. 26 public hearing prior to the Monteagle Council meeting, residents voiced opposition to the water rate increase and minimum residence size increase ordinances scheduled for a second reading vote at the meeting. The water rate ordinance passed with Alderwoman Dorraine Parmley voting, "no." Alderman Dan Sargent's motion to call for a vote on the residence-size ordinance died for lack of a second.

The water-rate ordinance increases the usage rate by 2 percent and adds a \$5 monthly service fee for all meters. Mayor Greg Maloof explained, by law, if the town's water and sewer department showed a loss two years in a row, the state could step in and set the rates. "It's to prevent the state from coming in and saying, 'We'll take over your rate structure.'" If the state intervened, Monteagle would have no say in the rates. A resident objected the \$5 service fee amounted to a 26-28 percent increase for low usage customers, unfairly penalizing that group. "I don't like the service charge," Alderman Nate Wilson said, but he added most of the low-usage customers were second-home owners. Another resident objected to the same \$5 fee for residential meters and master meters which connected to larger service lines. Alderman Wilson insisted the town needed to have a professional long-term rate study done. "The [service fee] may be a short-term stop gap." The rate increase would fund a rate study, Maloof said. Another resident argued Monteagle could have avoided the loss with careful budgeting. City engineer Travis Wilson acknowledged the cost of the capacity studies and mapping done in the past 12-18 months did "cause a problem with the comptroller," with the expense contributing to Monteagle showing a loss, but the studies and mapping were critical prerequisites to the \$2.6 million in grants Monteagle received. Without the studies and mapping, Monteagle would have missed out on \$1 million in American Rescue Plan funding, engineer Wilson stressed. The grants paid for painting the two water towers to address a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation



Dr. Cary Holman with his fourth grade teacher, Charlene Simmons.  
Photo by April Minkler

## A Black History Lesson: Encourage, Empower, Enhance

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"I came here tonight to encourage, empower, and enhance," said Dr. Cary Holman, Franklin County Director of Schools and keynote speaker at the Feb. 24 Mount Sinai Baptist Church Black history program fittingly held at Townsend Cultural Center, Winchester's school for black children in pre-desegregation days. The confluence of the energy in the room from the enchanting medley by saxophonist Ivan Bonner to LaNetra McLemore's account of Franklin County black enlistees in the Union Army to the children's illustrations depicting seven historically black Franklin County schools embodied the "encourage, empower, enhance" message. Remarkable Bonner commenting on

the restrictive implications of Black History Month, "We are history all the time."

Introducing Holman, Franklin County's first Black director of

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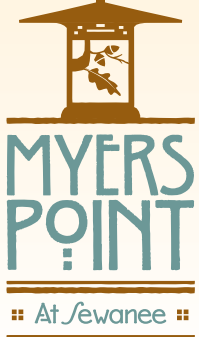
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For more information call (931) 598-1381. Apply at <<https://jobs.sewanee.edu>>.

## MMUMC Curbside Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church will have its monthly community food distribution from 8–10 a.m., Saturday, March 9. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 322 West Main St., Monteagle.



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## Letters

### ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY

#### To the Editor:

I am writing to announce my candidacy for the Tennessee House of Representatives seat for District 39, which encompasses all of Franklin and Marion counties. I will stand for election on Aug. 1, in the Democratic primary, which will be followed by the general election on Nov. 5, 2024.

I am a Sewanee graduate, C '80, as well as a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School with over 30 years law practice experience. I am now retired from law practice and spend my time keeping bees and working on my land near Jumpoff, volunteering in the community, and songwriting. I have always been active and engaged in politics, and am moved to become a candidate for the first time because of my concerns about the state legislature's handling of issues related to healthcare, gun violence, reproductive freedom, education, our environment, and democracy itself. I am grateful for the enthusiastic support that I have already received in our community, and I look forward to meeting and talking to voters as my campaign goes forward. You can follow my campaign at <[www.facebook.com/rmd4tn/](https://www.facebook.com/rmd4tn/)>.

The campaign has scheduled several "drop-by" events to allow registered voters of District 39 to sign my petition for the ballot (required of all candidates) and to give people who have not yet met me a chance to do so in an informal setting. The events are as follows:

- 1) Friday, March 1, 4-6 p.m., at 230 Tennessee Avenue (Holmes/ Maynard home)
- 2) Sunday, March 3, 3-5 p.m., in the Jumpoff area at 414 Tate Rd. (Chitty home)
- 3) Monday, March 4, 4-6 p.m., in Clifftops at 2220 Westlake Ave., (Limbird home)
- 4) Thursday, March 7, 4-6 p.m., in the Sherwood Road area at 39 Rattlesnake Springs Lane (Eaves home).

I look forward to listening to the concerns of the community as I begin this campaign, and I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

*Rose Mary Drake, Sewanee/  
Jumpoff*

#### THANK YOU

#### To the Editor:

I write to thank the many people who participated in the 36 focus group and town hall conversations on strategic planning that were held over the last month. The conversations solicited stakeholders' ideas that the strategic planning committee can consider for inclusion in the forthcoming strategic plan. Dawn Wiese, who was hired as a consultant to facilitate the conversations, recorded each idea that was raised on post-it notes, which were then transcribed into Google Sheets. In

### Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community's conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines.

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, come by our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your email to <[news@sewanee-messenger.com](mailto:news@sewanee-messenger.com)>. — KB



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total, the strategic planning committee received well over 1,000 ideas through this process. All of these recommendations, which are too many to address here, have been shared with the strategic planning committee members, and the strategic planning subcommittees are reading and weighing each recommendation.

If you were unable to participate in one of the prior events or have additional ideas to share about the strategic plan, please use this Google form <[https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyxYHj4uRWUa3IgJkEbbaxCNWjKOk3GdbwRCRlujJmrr77g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link&urp=gmail\\_link&pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyxYHj4uRWUa3IgJkEbbaxCNWjKOk3GdbwRCRlujJmrr77g/viewform?usp=sf_link&urp=gmail_link&pli=1)>.

Although the strategic planning committee is still reading and weighing the various recommendations from the Sewanee community, I can provide an overview of how the various ideas will be evaluated and addressed. The recommendations reflect a wide variety of matters, ranging from concerns about deferred maintenance of facilities to improving snow removal. The recommendations also have different levels of specificity, from making Sewanee a model of sustainability to providing a shuttle service to Monteagle and other nearby towns.

The recommendations that the strategic planning committee received fall into three related processes: University operations, master planning, and strategic planning. University operations refer to the daily and annual work that is done to provide services to the Sewanee community. Many of the recommendations from focus groups, such as those related to purchasing snow plows and revisions to the course registration process, fall into the area of operations. Master planning refers to work on facilities and grounds that help to achieve strategic objectives. Smaller deferred maintenance projects fall into operations, but larger projects such as residence hall renovation

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## Upcoming Meetings

### Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace will be having its annual meeting and potluck at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at the Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery St., as well as on Zoom. Email <cumberlandjusticeandpeace@gmail.com> for the Zoom link or to request childcare.

### Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will live stream the meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, March 4, with Merritt Yackey, softball. The livestream will be available at <sewaneeetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

### EQB Club

Members of the EQB Club will gather at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 6, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Lunch will be served at 11:50 a.m. At about 12:25 p.m., we will have the pleasure of the Lead on "Mozart's Requiem," by Dr. Geoffrey Ward. Interested non-members are welcome to arrive at 12:25 p.m. and sit in on the presentation.

### Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 7, at St. Mary's Sewanee, for a club assembly.

### American Legion Post 51

The American Legion Post 51 will meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 9, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

### Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 11, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

## SCA Membership Meeting, March 4

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 4, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. Presenting the program will be Executive Director of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, Patrick Dean. Dean is also the author of "A Window to Heaven" and "Nature's Messenger."

Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, March 1, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. The SCA is celebrating 115 years of social and service opportunities for the community. The SCA is the sponsoring organization for the Sewanee Classifieds, and the Sewanee Community Chest. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member.

## SWC Meeting, March 11

The members of the Sewanee Woman's Club are celebrating the beginning of spring by putting their artistic talents to work creating a beautiful array of decorated tables. The tablescapes at the Monday, March 11 meeting will be marvelous to behold. All women are invited to come socialize and enjoy tablescapes at St. Mary's Sewanee.

All ladies of the area are welcome to gather at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's for a friendly social time followed by a delicious lunch at 11:50 a.m. The cost of the lunch is \$20. For a fun time come meet, and mingle with the members and enjoy our educational and creative programs. Cost of membership is an economical \$10.

Please make reservations by noon, Sunday, March 3, with Michele Freeman at <mfree4691@icloud.com> or by phone (931) 636-1904.

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## Letters (from page 2)

or construction of new academic facilities belong under master planning processes. Finally, strategic planning is based on initiatives that are broad in scope and that aim to improve the institution and position us for success into the coming decades. Examples of ideas that are likely to be included in the strategic plan are those related to fostering an inclusive community with more affordable housing options, a new first-year experience for all incoming students, and improvements in our sustainability efforts.

During our current strategic planning process, a guiding question is "What initiatives will help to attract future cohorts of students?" That question will help the strategic planning committee determine which initiatives will be included in the strategic plan. While not all of the ideas emerging from focus group conversations will make their way into the final strategic plan, many of them will, and others will be addressed through operations and master planning.

On behalf of the strategic planning committee, I want to thank you for your participation in the strategic planning focus group and town hall conversations and your commitment to Sewanee. In April and May, there will be more opportunities to engage with the strategic planning process as the committee turns its attention to drafting the plan.

Sincerely,  
Scott Wilson, Acting Provost

## Franklin County Democratic Party Announces County Convention

The Franklin County Democratic Party will host its Democratic County Presidential Convention on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Franklin County Annex 839 Dinah Shore Avenue to select representation from the county to attend the Congressional District Convention on April 6.

The doors open for registration at 11 a.m. and the convention is open to all registered voters in the county who are supporters of the Democratic Party, have voted in the March 2024 Presidential Primary, and who agree to support the nominee of the Democratic Party in the

2024 Presidential election. The convention will begin at noon when the doors will close. Come early for a snack. The party welcomes all who wish to participate in selecting Tennessee's delegates to the Democratic Presidential Convention in Chicago the week of August 19, 2024.

Information about becoming a DNC delegate and the rules governing the DNC Delegate Selection Process may be obtained from <tndp.org>, or from the Tennessee Democratic Party, 4900 Centennial Blvd, Ste. 300, Nashville, TN 37209, (615) 327-9779.


## Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop will be open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed.

Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

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


The Shop is looking for reliable volunteers as clerks and cashiers, especially people who could work on Friday, between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann, the Shop manager at <maystrobels@gmail.com>. We can use people to sort donations any afternoon, except Sundays. Regular volunteers get a 20 percent discount on their total purchase cost. Come join a great group of volunteers and be a vital part of making Sewanee a sustainable community.




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## Obituaries

### Henrietta Brown Croom

Henrietta Brown Croom, age 83 of Chapel Hill, N.C., died on Feb. 23, 2024. She was born on Sept. 23, 1940, to Grady Anderson Brown and Emma Mabel Cheek Brown. She was raised in Hillsborough, N.C. and graduated from Hillsborough High School.

She earned her BA in Chemistry and Ph.D in Biochemistry from UNC at Chapel Hill, where she was inducted into several honor societies, including Order of the Old Well, Order of Valkyries, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and Sigma Xi. She also served in UNC's student legislature and the student body president's cabinet. Before transferring to UNC, she attended Meredith College for two years, where she received the Freshman Mathematics Award and Sophomore Kappa Nu Sigma award for scholarship, and served as a Freshman Counselor.

She retired as Professor of Biology emerita from The University of the South in 2008 after 36 years of service. She taught cell biology, biochemistry, and molecular evolution, directed student research, and served as chair of the Biology Department and co-chair of the Biochemistry major. She also chaired the Pre-Medical Advisory Committee, providing support to hundreds of students and shepherding generations of future physicians through the medical school application process. From 2004 to 2012, she was also a research affiliate with the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she conducted molecular phylogenetic analysis of endemic Hawaiian lava tube crickets. She held visiting professorships at Louisiana State University, Vanderbilt University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Hawaii-Manoa and was awarded several National Science Foundation grants. Her publications included scholarly articles on the biochemistry of microtubules, proteins involved with regeneration of flagella in Chlamydomonas (alga), molecular evolution of parasitic angiosperms, and the evolution of tetragnathid spiders and of lava tube crickets in Hawaii. She is recognized in Who's Who in America and actively participated in the Society for the Study of Evolution and American Society for Cell Biology. She volunteered as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, District Commissioner of the U.S. Pony Club, and docent and curator of the Orange County (N.C.) Historical Museum, as well as in various capacities with Otey Parish (Sewanee) and Chapel of the Cross (Chapel Hill, N.C.). She was preceded in death by her brothers Bobby Joe Brown, Roy Ray Brown, and Harry Elton Brown; former husband Frederick Hailey Croom; brother-in-law Robert DeVane (Patricia Stroud) Croom III; and niece Lou Rochelle Brown Webster.

She is survived by her son, Frederick Hailey Croom Jr.; daughter, Elizabeth Bonner Croom (David Zachman); special friend, Harry Edward Miller; brother-in law John McLean Croom (Larissa Boudnikova); four nieces, three nephews, and several grand- and great-grand-nieces and -nephews.

Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at the United Methodist Church, Hillsborough, NC. Interment will follow in Hillsborough Town Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held this summer at The University of the South. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests considering a donation to the Henrietta Brown Croom Science Endowment, c/o Office of University Advancement, 735 University Ave., Sewanee, TN 37383.

### Rhonda Kay "Sis" Fults

Rhonda Kay "Sis" Fults, age 61 of Monteagle, died on Feb. 15, 2024. She was born on July 23, 1962, to Ernest "June" Anderson Jr. and Betty L. Parson Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Danny Ray Fults; daughter Amanda Kay Fults; and brothers Rust and Randy Anderson.

She is survived by her daughters Tonya (Preston) Fults and Jennifer (James) Pack; son, Dalton Fults; brothers Roy Anderson and Greg (Fawn) Parson; sister, Vickie (Steve) Grayson, eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Feb. 28, 2024 from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City, with Bro. Bruce Nunley officiating. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

### Brendan Oscar Marsh

Brendan Oscar Marsh, age 19 of Tracy City, died on Feb. 22, 2024. He was born on Jan. 7, 2005, to Staci Moore Parsons and Oscar Marsh.

He is survived by his mother, Staci (Cody) Parsons; father, Oscar (Shannon) Marsh; brother, Braden Marsh; sisters, Leigha Perrigan and Alexann Cantrell; step-sister, Madison Parrent; grandparents, Melburn (Sandra) Marsh, Doug (Deanna) Moore, Brent (Naomi) Parsons, and Brenda VanHoosier.

Services were on Feb. 26, 2024. with Kevin Butner officiating. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

### Leah Hope Underhill

Leah Hope Underhill, age 57, died on Feb. 24, 2024. She was born on April 27, 1966, to Donald Wallace and Phoebe Young Underhill. She was preceded in death by her parents; infant brother, Donald Wallace Underhill Jr.; paternal grandparents, G.B Underhill and Leah Dorothy Underhill; and maternal grandparents, Joel Lane Young and Oma Ingram Young.

She is survived by her life partner, Scott Gilliam; children, Blaine (B.J.) Gilliam, Landon (Misty) Gilliam, and Eden (Ian) Woodlee; siblings, Ann "Dee" (Jody) Hargis and Carter (Carol) Underhill, three grandchildren, lifelong friend, Weatherly Rushton, and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle Visitation with the family will begin at 10 a.m. until the time of the service. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Church News

### Morton Memorial UMC

"God of Grace: Justification" is the title of the sermon for Sunday, March 3. As United Methodists we understand grace as being active in all our lives, and sometimes we have specific moments where that grace is distinct, where it is obvious. We will explore what it means for the human soul to be justified before the Holy God, as well as how this word helps us to understand our relationships between humans. The Old Testament lesson lists The Ten Commandments; we will explore them as a basis for living in right relationship with one another.

Children are welcome at Morton and are given an opportunity to interact with our pastor during worship. All God's Children will check on the growing cocoon in the tree in the Sanctuary this Lenten season, as well as sing and make a joyful noise with rhythm instruments. Following worship, children

who are five and older will have time together with Ms. Margaret in Children's Church.

This Sunday our worship service will also include the gift of Holy Communion. It's a time of sharing in the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and is offered to all persons regardless of age or church affiliation. All are invited, even if it's the first time a person has visited Morton Memorial. It's an open table, meaning you do not have to be a baptized believer or a member of any church to receive.

Come for the music, the prayers and the celebration of worship of God this and every Sunday. Morton welcomes all, regardless of where they may be in their faith journeys. To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship at Morton, the service is live streamed on Morton's Facebook page and available there

in the week following the service.

### St. James Episcopal

St. James, located at 898 Midway Rd., is a thriving, growing, and warmly welcoming church. Our weekly service, Holy Eucharist Rite II is at 9 a.m., on Sunday, followed by a time for fellowship. These services are also live streamed on our Facebook page. Ash Wednesday Simple supper and Lenten book study will be 5:30-7 p.m., March 13 and March 20. The book will be "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence.

Men's breakfast Saturday, March 2, at 9 a.m. Potluck Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m.

### St. Mark and St. Paul

Holy Eucharists are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there afterward.

Nursery services: Infants and

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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, 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 (STEM)

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

### Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

### City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

### Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

### Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

### Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

### First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

### First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

### Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Grace Fellowship Church

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

### Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

### Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

### Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

### Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

service available online after noon Sunday, link is at

<<https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com>> on FB

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

online worship services. Call (931) 924-5339 or go to

<<https://www.tdworldministries.org>>

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

### New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

### New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

### Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

### St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, (and Facebook

livestream), Sunday

### St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

### St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall

(Sewanee Children's Center), Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Brooks Hall

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, Kennerly Hall

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, livestream

Facebook

### St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center

3:45 p.m. Centering Support Group, Thursday

### Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday-Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

### Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

### Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

### Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

### Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday



## Celebrating Faculty Publications at Friends of the Library Meeting

Friends of the Library of Sewanee: The University of the South invites you to attend a Faculty Panel discussion on Monday, March 4, at 5 pm. in the Torian Room, second floor of duPont Library. Three faculty members will talk briefly about their recent research and publications. We will also host a reception in the main lobby of duPont Library following the panel presentations in recognition of all of our Faculty for their work in research and publication.

Hannah Matis, School of Theology; Emmitt Riley, Politics and African American Studies; and Justin Taylor, School of Letters will share experiences about their research and projects. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Center for Teaching, Dean of the College, School of Theology, School of Letters, and Library and Information Technology Services.

Hannah Matis is a church historian specializing in early medieval biblical interpretation and the church in Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages. Prior to coming to the School of Theology she taught a wide variety of subjects in church history at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va. She teaches courses in the history of spirituality, Anglicanism, the Episcopal Church, and the experience of women in Christianity. Her first book, "The Song of Songs in the Early Middle Ages" (Brill, 2019), examined how the poetry of the Song of Songs shaped clerical identity and ecclesiology in the Carolingian reforms of the ninth century. Her second book, "The History of Women in Christianity to 1600" (Wiley-Blackwell, 2022), is built on her years of teaching and aims to be a resource for both laypeople and seminarians. She is a graduate of the Medieval Institute at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Durham in the U.K.

Emmitt Y. Riley, III, holds a joint appointment as an Associate Professor of Politics and African and African American Studies at Sewanee: The University of the South. He also serves as Director of African and African American Studies. He is also the President of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and coauthor of "Racial Attitudes in America Today: One Nation, Still Divided." Dr. Riley's scholarly inquiries delve into the extent to which political representation of African Americans influences the racial attitudes

and political conduct of marginalized communities within the United States. His research scrutinizes the tangible and symbolic advantages derived from descriptive representation by Black individuals. Dr. Riley's investigations have garnered attention at local, national, and global levels. His scholarly contributions can be found in reputable publications such as the Journal of Race and Policy, Journal of Black Studies, and the National Review of Black Politics. Additionally, he has authored various book chapters, opinion pieces, and co-authored the book "Racial Attitudes in America Today: One Nation, Still Divided."

Justin Taylor is the author of the novel "Reboot" which will be published in April 2024. He is also the author of the novel "The Gospel of Anarchy" the story collections "Flings" and "Everything Here Is the Best Thing Ever," and the memoir "Riding with the Ghost." Taylor's fiction, essays, and criticism have appeared in publications such as The New Yorker, Harper's, Bookforum, The Harvard Review, The New York Times Book Review, The Oxford American, The Sewanee Review, and The Washington Post's Book World, where he is a contributing writer. He has taught writing at the graduate and undergraduate level in programs all over the country, including Columbia University, N.Y.U., the University of Southern Mississippi, and the University of Montana. He has been the Director of the Sewanee School of Letters since 2020.

You can find a list of faculty publications and projects on duPont Library's web page <[https://library.sewanee.edu/faculty\\_publications/2023](https://library.sewanee.edu/faculty_publications/2023)>. The University Bookstore will have several books written by faculty available for sale at the reception. Please check out the most recently published faculty materials in our display case and bookshelves in the main lobby of duPont Library.

More information about the Friends of the Library can be found at <<https://library.sewanee.edu/FOL>>. If you have questions about the lecture or joining the Friends, please contact Stephanie Borne at (931) 598-1265 or <[sborne@sewanee.edu](mailto:sborne@sewanee.edu)>.

## Church (from page 4)

toddlers through three year olds are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Godly Play for Children: Two Montessori-based classes meet 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Godly Play rooms.

Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in Brooks Hall, or on the porch for nice days.

This week's Sunday Forum is about "Faith in Creativity: Visual Arts on and around the Plateau. Harriet Runkle, Christi Teasley and Pippa Browne will talk about the different venues available for artists to show and sell their work; about the art workshops that nourish local talent; and about how art patrons buy local art and support the arts. Runkle will describe commercial art galleries in the area, Teasley will discuss the non-profit organizations in Grundy and Marion counties, and Browne will talk about the Franklin County Artist Guild and its associated gallery, the Artisan Depot. The panel presentation is 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Kennerly Hall.

Since 2018 Runkle has owned Frame Gallery Custom Frames and Art, a full-service custom frame shop and art gallery that showcases work by local and regional artists. Teasley, a native Tennessee artist and educator living and working in Monteagle, directs the Shakerag Workshops at St. Andrew's-Sewanee and specializes in "works of cloth," with both new and traditional processes that include felt making, rug hooking, natural dyeing, printing, mark-making, and stitching. Finally Browne, who has spent most of her life in Zimbabwe, Africa and whose art has been regularly selected for the Zimbabwean National Heritage exhibition at the National Gallery of Zimbabwe, has illustrated five children's books and has had work selected for shows in the UK, Europe, and Memphis.

Lenten Soup Series: "Green Gospel: Foundations of Ecotheology" Wednesdays, through March 20 beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will share a simple meal and talk about Dr. John Gatta's new book "Green Gospel: Foundations of Ecotheology."

## Sisters of St. Mary

All are welcome to join the Sisters of St. Mary at noon on Friday, March 1, for the Stations of the Cross service. Please meet inside the convent.

## History Lesson (continued from page 1)

schools, Patricia Nimox said, "Cary Holman was born and raised in Franklin County, graduated from Franklin County High School, received degrees from several universities, and served as a teacher, principal, and college professor. He walks the walk and talks the talk. Cary Holman made history in Franklin County. He's a brother, husband, father, and child of God." Nimox paused. "He's also my son."

"People forget what you said and what you did, but not how you made them feel," Holman said, crediting his mother and his fourth-grade teacher at Decherd Elementary School, Charlene Simmons, as mentors. But Holman's praise came with a word of caution. "We expect the schools to teach our children everything. It's not their job," he insisted. "It's your responsibility to stay involved in your children's education, to stay in your children's business." Holman observed as an educator he saw parents twice a year, on the first and last day of school. Children of today are "internally traumatized," Holman said, pointing an accusing finger at the cellphone culture. "It's not the schools' job to redirect them. As a community, you've got to do it together." Holman stressed the importance of the historical connection. "Our children need to sit at the feet of the people who walked the halls of this school and hear their stories." Holman advocated for a "giving campaign" to support the Townsend Cultural Center's programming, to purchase a PA system, and to replace the antiquated heating system. He also proposed a Townsend Scholarship. In closing, Holman quoted Henry Ford. "Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." I don't believe in problems. I look at

every problem as an opportunity. I denounced worry a long time ago."

Other highlights of the evening included Sundayell Perkins solo rendition of black spirituals and an update by McClemore on efforts to memorialize the historically Black Asia school and her research on the Decherd contraband camp, detailed in her book "Franklin County, Tennessee, Black and Blue and Black and Gray Civil War History." During the Civil War freed slaves flocked to Union troop encampments for protection. Many freed slaves at these contraband camps enlisted, those in Decherd forming the 12th Regiment which fought in the Battle of Nashville. McClemore's book also looks at Blacks who joined the Confederate Army, some as adjuncts to their masters and some as free men.

Audra Reyes, School of Theology seminarian and master of ceremonies, encouraged attendees to pursue learning about their genealogy through DNA ancestry testing. Echoing Holman's emphasis on instructing youth in black history, program coordinator Sandra Brown said, "If we don't tell them, how are they going to know." Franklin County Mayor Chris Guess honored two too-often uncelebrated black educators, Joe Lujan, teacher and coach, and Floyd Blackwell, Franklin County's first black administrator. Syrenna Patrick's reading of the poem "Anyway," attributed to Mother Teresa, resonated with the message of "the forgotten" — "The good we do will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway."

Prefatory to the final prayer, Mt. Sinai Pastor John Patton said, "Our forefathers struggled to make it easier for us. Let us work together to enhance what we have."

## Voting Information


Tuesday, March 5, 2024 is the Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary. On March 5, you vote at your local polling place. For more information about times and voting locations, go to Franklin County <<http://franklincotn.us>>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<http://grundycountyttn.net>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <[www.marionvotes.com](http://www.marionvotes.com)>, phone (423) 942-2108.

Contact information for election offices, samples ballots and more can also be found at <<https://sos.tn.gov/elections>>.

Tennesseans voting should remember to bring valid state or federal photo identification with them to the polls. For information about what types of ID are acceptable, visit <[GoVoteTN.com](http://GoVoteTN.com)> or call (877) 850-4959.

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## Trails & Trilliums Registration Open

The Friends' 20th Trails & Trilliums and Earth Day Celebration is set for April 19–21 at the historic Beersheba Springs Conference Center in Beersheba Springs. Event details and registration are at <www.trailsandtrilliums.org>.

You will be able to register for more than 40 guided hikes/walks and AV presentations by 50 top naturalists, with a Welcome Address by Deputy Commissioner Greer Tidwell, head of TN state parks. The conference center offers 90 reasonably priced rooms, great food, and an ideal location for a weekend getaway, just minutes from Stone Door and Savage Gulf. Online registration includes the option to sign up for lodging and meals.

The weekend begins with Friday Adventures, including a wildflower hike in Collins Gulf, canoeing, a hunt for green salamanders at Suter Falls, and workshops on nature photography, nature journaling, and plein air painting at Stone Door. A new offering is an overnight backpacking/camping trip Friday night.

Saturday and Sunday will provide two full days of activities, including hikes, talks, workshops, and a native plant sale. You can also register for Family Adventure Days, which includes hands-on wildlife, fort building, a ropes course, campfire cooking, fairy houses, nature hikes, and more. The annual Wine & Wildflowers event is Saturday night at the Big Red Barn in Beersheba Springs, with barbeque and music. For night owls, evening programs include a Star Party, a Moth Program, a Night Hike to Stone Door, and an Earth Day Campfire with Mary Priestley.

For Registration questions, contact Andrea Sanders <sandandrea@gmail.com>.

## CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to St. James Episcopal in Midway, the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul for collection, or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee.

The typical bag of groceries includes beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, vegetables, fruit, and soup.

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. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

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## Monteagle (continued from page 1)

(TDEC) violation and will also pay for rehabilitating sewer lines to prevent Inflow and Infiltration of ground water into the sewer which strains the capacity of Monteagle's sewage treatment plant. Alderman Wilson commented last month 53 percent of the wastewater the sewage plant treated was I&I. Addressing a question about raising tap fees to cover the loss, Alderman Wilson said Monteagle had already raised tap fees and it was illegal to set the fees higher than the cost associated with installing a new tap.

The minimum residence size ordinance would have increased the 600 square-foot minimum in R-2 and R-3 residential zoning to 800 square feet, making 800 square feet the minimum for all new residential construction. (Monteagle allows 400 square-foot residences in R-4 zoning, but Monteagle has no land zoned R-4.) In response to a question about what the ordinance would "fix or make better for Monteagle," Alderman Wilson replied "nothing." "Is the motive to keep poor people from having 600 square foot homes?" a resident asked. "You should ban big homes and save trees," Alderwoman Parmley said, "We have too many rules already, but the planning commission researched and recommended this. I'm conflicted." According to Maloof, the planning commission gave no reason for recommending the ordinance. Maloof said he asked the commission to take up the residence size question at the behest of a resident.

In other business, resident Jim Waller asked if the council would move forward with the storm-water ordinance he helped draft. Maloof said critical issues with TDEC deadlines temporarily diverted attention from the ordinance.

Responding to questions about the Senior Citizens Center, Maloof said a grant, if received, could result in building-entrance changes improving accessibility. The town was addressing sewage blockage rendering the handicap restroom unusable.

Ty Burnett announced a 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, meeting in the city hall conference room to review responses to a survey assessing what recreational opportunities residents favored. The survey is available on the Monteagle website Mayor's Memo page. Updating the community on youth baseball, Burnett said Monteagle was partnering with Tracy City, with games and practice on the Monteagle field.

## Beyond the Five Senses Weekend Retreat

Join us for a weekend retreat of "sensory exploration" at St. Mary's Sewanee, Ayres Center for Spiritual Development, March 15–17. Led by Becca Impello and Kim Drye, owners of HereNowYoga in Birmingham, Ala., this retreat will take you on a journey far beyond the five senses. Participants will explore a deep connection to the physical body through enhanced awareness that turns the sensing capacity inwards. Through gentle yoga, breathwork and mindfulness meditation with visualization, guests will cultivate greater and more distinct awareness of the wonder of the physical being and its intricate connection to energetic, mental and spiritual beings.

To register, <www.stmaryssewanee.org>, <Reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>, or (931) 598-5342.

## Women's Book Study

The Sewanee Women's 12-Step Study Group will be conducting a book study based on the book, "Breathing Under Water" by Richard Rohr. This book connects the gospel and the 12 steps of recovery to bring transformation from our addictive and destructive patterns in daily life, thus bringing healing to ourselves and our world. Father Rohr is an internationally respected spiritual author and lecturer. The on-going group will be meeting via Zoom on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. For questions and Zoom access please call (931) 327-5551. There is no charge other than purchase of the book. All women in the community are invited to attend.



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

**Monday, March 4:** Chili dog, chips, slaw.

**Tuesday, March 5:** Cabbage patch soup, Mexican cornbread.

**Wednesday, March 6:** Sweet & sour chicken, rice, egg rolls.

**Thursday, March 7:** Pork roast, red potatoes carrots, rolls.

**Friday, March 8:** Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls.

Chair exercise with Ruth Wendling is from 10:30–11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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.

## SCRLT Bluebell Island Ramble March 23

The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) will be hosting the annual Bluebell Island Ramble starting at 10 a.m., on Saturday, March 23.

Meet on the Elk River side of the driveway to Tyson Foods (13811 David Crockett Highway/US Hwy. 64 just south of I-24 exit 127) and we'll walk approximately 1/4 mile along the river and explore the spring wildflowers and new growth on Bluebell Island. All ages are welcome.

Please note that the crossing to the island usually involves a temporary bridge arranged on a log with rope handholds, but please don't let concerns about your or others' ability to cross the bridge deter you from coming. We'll do everything we can to assist and there is a lot to enjoy even if you can't get across to the island.

Founded in 1993, SCRLT's mission is to conserve and protect ecologically unique land in the South Cumberland region. Bluebell Island was acquired in 1996 and was SCRLT's first land conservation initiative off the Plateau protecting the delicate wildflower habitat on the island.

Updates and other information can be found at SCRLT's Facebook and Instagram pages, at <www.scr.lt.org> or you can contact us any time via email at <hello@scr.lt.org>.



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## SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday,  
March 4–March 8  
BREAKFAST**

**Monday, March 4:** Breakfast pastry, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Tuesday, March 5:** No School.

**Wednesday, March 6:** Breakfast pancakes, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Thursday, March 7:** Canadian bacon, egg & cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Friday, March 8:** Breakfast waffles, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

### LUNCH

**Monday, March 4:** Cherry Blossom chicken, mixed vegetables, emoticon potatoes, rice, fruit, milk, fortune cookie.

**Tuesday, March 5:** No School.

**Wednesday, March 6:** Breakfast for lunch: meat, eggs, Tennessee tots, biscuit, gravy, salsa, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, March 7:** Corn dog, tossed salad, buttered corn, crinkle-cut fries, fruit, milk.

**Friday, March 8:** Teriyaki bites, seasoned potato wedges, Great Northern or pinto beans, fruit, milk, chocolate chip cookie.

*A variety of fruit, fruit juice and milk is offered daily for breakfast. Daily offerings for lunch may include yogurt bag, sandwich, wrap, Bento box or pizza munchable. Menus subject to change. Go to <<https://www.fcstn.net/menus-mealpricing>>.*

## Spring Classes at Cumberland Folk School

The Cumberland Folk School, located at Sequatchie Cove Farm, is a place to celebrate and commune around traditional crafts and skills, offering weekend workshops taught by skilled craftspeople. Our classes are built upon the inherent connection between traditional skills, sustainable land management, and farming to teach self, reliance and the use of natural materials to create beautiful utilitarian objects. Go to <[www.cumberlandfolkschool.com](http://www.cumberlandfolkschool.com)> for more information, detailed class listings, and to sign up for upcoming classes.

Baking with Einkorn, March 30, Introduction to milling and baking with Einkorn with Erik Zilen of Chattanooga's beloved Niedlov's Bakery.

Birding by Ear, April 27, Join local birder Richard Candler, author of Birding Sewanee, on a morning bird walk around Sequatchie Cove Farm. A class for both beginners, who will learn some ID basics, and also advanced birders to gather with others and bird Sequatchie Cove Farm's Property.

Indigo Dyeing and Katazome printing, May 5, In love with indigo? In this class, Katazome and Indigo dyeing, you will explore the centuries-old Japanese technique of using stencils and a rice paste resist to make patterns on fabric then dipped into an indigo vat.



*Sewanee Elementary School celebrated their designation as a TN Reward School. SES also received an A+ on the state report card. A big thanks to all of the teachers, staff, students, and families for all of your hard work.*

## Local Residents Inducted into Order of the Gown at Sewanee

The following local students were inducted into the Order of the Gown at the University of the South during a ceremony held on Jan. 19, 2024.

Faith Brianna Cassie Daisy of Sewanee, the child of Philbert Daisy, Sr. and Cathy A. Aubrey.

Timothy Nelson of Sewanee, the grandchild of Phebe Carter Hethcock.

Diana Elise Rung of Sewanee, the child of Lisa & Donald C. Rung III.

Luke Oliver Dobson of South Pittsburg, the child of Cristy D. Cookston.

The Order of the Gown is an academic honor society and a unique student government body among U.S. colleges and universities. Since 1875 the Order of the Gown has remained the body responsible for maintaining the spirit, traditions, and ideals of the University of the South. The wearing of the gown is both a sign of academic achievement and a promise to continue the ideals and traditions of the University.

The University of the South is a nationally recognized university comprising a College of Arts and Sciences and a distinguished School of Theology. Located on 13,000 acres in Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau, Sewanee enrolls 1,750 undergraduates and approximately 85 seminarians. For more information about the University, visit <[www.sewanee.edu](http://www.sewanee.edu)>.

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## Community Service Award Nominations Accepted

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 41st annual Community Service Award. The award recognizes the person or organization that has made outstanding contributions to our community. The recipient is one who has helped make Sewanee a better place and has improved the quality of life for everyone in the area. Nominations are due by Friday, March 15.

Past recipients are not eligible to receive the award again. Send the name of your nominee, along with a paragraph of why you are nominating the person or group, to <[sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com](mailto:sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com)>. Nominations can also be mailed to the Sewanee Civic Association, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

The service awards will be presented at the SCA annual membership meeting that is planned for Monday, May 6. Please join us to celebrate those who serve the community.

Past recipients include Georgia Hewitt; Felix Wilson; Sue Scruggs; John Solomon; Kiki Beavers; Mountain Mask Initiative; Amanda Knight; the Sherrill family; Sarah Marhevsky; Kat O'Donohue; Mickey Suarez; GSA Allies; Pixie Dozier; Barbara Schlichting; Helen Bailey; Sewanee Youth Soccer; Dr. Matt Petrilla; Harry and Jean Yeatman; Marshall Hawkins; Karen Keele; Helen Shedd; Tom Watson; Susan Binkley; the Sewanee Senior Center Food Pantry (Lena McBee, Sue Hawkins, Charlsie Green); George and Ruth Ramseur; Dr. John Gessell; Dora Turner; the Community Action Committee; Geraldine Hewitt Piccard; Myrtis Keppler; Connie Warner; Ina May Myers; Pete Green; Duval and Boo Cravens; Housing Sewanee; Arthur Ben and Betty Nick Chitty; Harry and Millie Dodd; the Sisters of St. Mary; Martha Dugan; Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary; David Green; Joe David McBee; Robert Lancaster; Maria Webb; Galon Sherrill; Doug Cameron; Phoebe Bates; Marilyn Powell; and Louise Irwin.

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## 'A Streetcar Named Desire' Is on a Waitlist

All ticket reservations are now fully booked for "A Streetcar Named Desire."

But there are always people who reserve seats, but don't show up. If you'd like to see the show, come to the lobby of the TWC 30 minutes before showtime, and we'll put you on the waitlist.

We can usually get between 10 and 25 additional audience members per performance in.

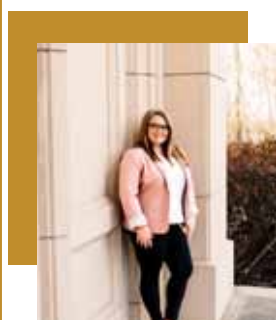
All current ticket holders should be in the lobby by five minutes before showtime, (7:25 p.m. or 1:55 p.m.), or your seat may be given away to someone on the waitlist.

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2, followed by a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 3, in the Proctor Hill Theater at the Tennessee Williams Center, 290 Kentucky Ave., Sewanee.

This plays includes sexual violence, and a gunshot sound effect, and is not recommended for children under 15 years old.

"Tennessee Williams from Page to Stage" will be at 4 p.m., Friday, March 1 at the Tennessee Williams Center. All are welcome to a conversation with Professor Virginia Craighill and the creative team from the current production.

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"Fishes" by Musa Suber

## 'Living in the Moment' at the Artisan Depot

The Franklin County Art Guild is proud to announce the opening of a new show, "Living in the Moment," presenting pieces by Musa Suber of Suber Styles Studio at the Artisan Depot in Cowan. Suber is a self-taught artist who enjoys painting in abstract realism. Musa loves using a wide variety of painting styles with acrylic paint, Watercolors and oil paints. He describes his expressionism technique as coming from an inner child. After the passing of his father in 2021, the artist Musa Suber continues to grow in new ways.

The Franklin County and surrounding community is invited to come and view his work which will be on display through April 28. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In addition, a meet the artist reception will be on the March 16, from 4-7pm, at the Artisan Depot in Cowan located in the heart of Cowan at 204 Cumberland Street.

## 'La Forza del Destino'-MET LIVE in HD

"La Forza del Destino" will be presented from 11:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m., Saturday, March 16, in the William Ralston Music Listening Library.

Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Verdi's grand tale of ill-fated love, deadly vendettas, and family strife, with stellar soprano Lise Daviden as the noble Leonora, one of the repertory's most tormented—and thrilling—heroines. Director Mariusz Trelinski delivers the company's first new Forza in nearly 30 years, setting the scene in a contemporary world and making extensive use of the Met's turntable to represent the unstoppable advance of destiny that drives the opera's chain of calamitous events. The distinguished cast also features tenor Brian Jagde as Leonora's forbidden beloved, Don Alvaro; baritone Igor Golovatenko as her vengeful brother, Don Carlo; mezzo-soprano Judit Kutasi as the fortune teller Preziosilla; bass-baritone Patrick Carfizzi as Fra Melitone; and bass Soloman Howard as both Leonora's father and Padre Guardiano.

Tickets available here: <<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sewanee/summermusicfestival/992830>>.

## 'Studying the Landscape' at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present Philip Juras's "Studying the Landscape: Observation, Conservation, and Restoration," on view in the University Art Gallery through March 31.

Landscape paintings invite and construct a relationship between the viewer and the place depicted.

Philip Juras paints in oil on canvas in a visual language familiar from the American tradition of landscape painting, but turns that visual tradition to close observation of lesser known and forgotten ecosystems, with the purpose of inviting conservation and restoration.

In "Studying the Landscape," Juras portrays fire adapted grasslands, woodlands and savannas in Tennessee, Illinois, and Georgia. Some record the artist's impressions from particular managed natural areas. Some, especially among the larger works, recreate views of sites as they might have appeared before European-American settlement.

When Juras observes and depicts a landscape, he sees things many of us might not — soil type, centuries-long histories of growth and disturbance, native plants and habitats.

His paintings invite viewers to read the landscape differently; to attend to environments that have not historically been the focus of attention, to understand their histories and the disturbances that make them possible, to value the biodiversity they support, as well as to see and enjoy their aesthetic effects.

## 'The Ambient Pause' at the Carlos Gallery

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Arts Building at the University of the South is pleased to present "The Ambient Pause (A Rest from the Noise)" by artist Christina Foard. The exhibit is on display through March. An artist talk and reception will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 5.

Painting interior/exterior scenes and making objects is a necessary personal Christina Foard response to experiences, emotions, and environments. Regardless of shifts in iconography, her work incorporates perceptions about time, memories, and often includes quotidian objects as symbolic placeholders. Foard translates observed scenes and incorporates invented components. Structure and pattern tend to be her preferred starting place, and throughout, she strives to remain in a state of "play," housed in a curiosity and openness. She responds most to marks where there's an intuitive response, a humanness, captured sensitivity, or personification over highly controlled or known outcomes. When Foard gets stuck in the puzzle of formal aesthetic concerns, she finds that altering and experimenting with materials advances and deepens her ideation. The history of the marks and movements within a piece, the history of a specific place, and her own history converge as primary elements in the making of the work.

Carlos Gallery is located at 105 Kennerly Rd., Sewanee. Gallery hours at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 1-5 p.m., Saturday.

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## Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Mountain Goat Trail Race

The Mountain Goat Trail Race will be on Saturday, March 30. The half-marathon begins in Mountain Outfitters in Monteagle at 8 a.m. Central, and will run on the Mountain Goat Trail to Sewanee, looping on side roads before returning to the finish at Mountain Outfitters.!

The two-mile walk begins at 10:15 a.m. Central at LaBella Pearl's Restaurant in Sewanee, and the five-mile run begins at 9:30 a.m. Central in downtown Sewanee, both finishing at Mountain Outfitters.

All entrants will receive a race T-shirt and some other goodies as well. Packet pickup is noon to 5 p.m., Friday, March 29, at Tower Community Bank in Monteagle, or 6:45-7:30 a.m., Saturday, March 30, at Mountain Outfitters.

Registration closes at 6 p.m., Friday, March 29. Go to <<https://www.mountaingoattrail.org/race>> to register. For more information contact <[info@mountaingoattrail.org](mailto:info@mountaingoattrail.org)>.

## HOME GAMES

9 a.m., Friday, March 1, Equestrian (IHSA) vs. Sewanee Spring Show

3:30 p.m., Friday, March 1, SAS Varsity Track and Field, Preseason Meet

9 a.m., Saturday, March 2, Equestrian (IHSA) vs. Sewanee Spring Show

noon, Saturday, March 2, Softball vs. Birmingham-Southern, DH

1 p.m., Saturday, March 2, Men's Lacrosse vs. Piedmont University

Sunday, March 3, Equestrian (IHSA) vs. IHSA Zone 5, Region 1 Championships

noon, Sunday, March 3, Softball vs. Birmingham-Southern

2 p.m., Monday, March 4, Women's Lacrosse vs. DeSales vs. John Carroll

4 p.m., Monday, March 4, SAS Varsity Tennis vs. Chattanooga Christian School

3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, SAS Varsity Track and Field, Preseason Meet

4 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, Women's Lacrosse vs. DeSales University

2 p.m., Thursday, March 7, Baseball vs. Cornell College

4 p.m., Thursday, March 7, Women's Lacrosse vs. John Carroll University



*Coach Matt Sparacio, Mel Val and Verena Pate at the State Wrestling Championship.*

## Val Wins State Wrestling Championship

St. Andrew's-Sewanee senior Mel Val wrestled the tournament of her life against her competitors at the State tournament Feb. 24. After fighting through a migraine in the first round of the tournament, she had two incredible matches, one against a girl that beat her earlier in the tournament to come out on top at finals on Saturday night.

This is Mel's second State Championship, having received her first in 2022 as a freshman. Coach Matt Sparacio reports that this is extra incredible given the rising talent and popularity of girls' wrestling in Tennessee. Over the course of her wrestling career, Mel has won 103 matches, putting her in the Centurion club.

Senior Hadlee Hale, junior Stella Wilson, and sophomore Beckler Durst all wrestled well and, although they came up short of placing, Mel's win is their win. Wrestling has a longer-than-average season, and they have practiced together, supported one another and challenged each other to be the best they can be since late November.

Special thank you goes to Coach Matt Sparacio, and coach and former state champion Verena Pate, '23, for all their hard work, long hours spent traveling to and from competitions, and their guidance both on the mat and out in the world.

## Community Bike Rides

The Sewanee GoGirls MTB rides are regularly scheduled on the first Sunday of every month, starting at 2 p.m. from the Lake Cheston parking lot. Rides are accessible for anyone with basic trail experience, with adjustments for age, duration, and skill level as appropriate. Mountain bikes are recommended for all trail rides.

For families, new riders, and anyone interested in biking a short distance, there is a monthly Community Bike Ride on the paved Mountain Goat Trail (MGT) every first Saturday of the month starting at 3 p.m. from 17 Lake O'Donnell Rd., in Sewanee. This is a great ride for younger children and families. Riders who prefer biking on dirt trails also have the option of riding a short MGT section before exiting and riding to Lake Dimmick and back. For more information contact Beth Pride Ford at <[bethprideford@gmail.com](mailto:bethprideford@gmail.com)>.

## 2024 GRANTS PROCESS INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Thursday, February 29: 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

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**Friday, March 1: 12:00-2:00 p.m.**

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**Saturday, March 2: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

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All applicants must attend **one** of the above information meetings before submitting a proposal. For more info please email Katie at [adgofort@sewanee.edu](mailto:adgofort@sewanee.edu) or visit us online at: [southcumberlandcommunityfund.org](http://southcumberlandcommunityfund.org)

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## SAS MS Volleyball Starts Season

On Feb. 22, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School middle school varsity volleyball team was defeated by Tracy City Elementary, 15-6 in the last set, bringing the team to 0-1 for the season. Outstanding performances included numerous great hits from Maggie Mayo and five kills from Lyrach Spake. SAS Coach Kira Lomeli said, "The girls played a nail-biting five sets against Tracy City. It was a tough loss, but they kept their heads up and continued to play well as a team."

## Men's Tennis Sweeps SAA Athlete of the Week Honors

The men's tennis team had a sweep of the SAA weekly honors coming off of the ITA National Indoor Championships as announced by the conference office on Feb. 28.

Jordan Theron was named Singles Athlete of the Week as he went 3-0 this weekend at the No. 1 spot against two top 10 ranked teams and a top 15 ranked team. Theron won his first two matches in the third set against No. 8 University of Chicago and No. 9 Washington University. Theron picked up a straight sets win over his opponent from No. 14 ranked Trinity on Sunday.

Peyton Erck and Andre-Remi Jacobi played at the No. 2 doubles spot this weekend as they were named Doubles Athlete of the Week. Erck and Jacobi went 2-1 this weekend, they picked up a win on Friday against WashU 7-5, lost to UChicago on Saturday, and clinched the doubles point for Sewanee on Sunday against Trinity with a 6-3 win.

## Despriet and Petty Pick Up Athlete of the Week Honors

Reigning National Champs, Brooke Despriet, and Katherine Petty garnered SAA Athlete of the Week honors for their performance this weekend as announced by the conference office on Feb. 28.

Despriet and Petty's match was a rematch of the fall ITA Regional Doubles Finals against Kantrovitz and Perez. This weekend, Despriet and Petty secured the win 8-5.



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## NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



*Deral Walker of the Alto community reports that she has some Lenten Roses (Hellebore) blooming.*

### Reports: Spring and Birds

By the time this column appears, March will probably have come in like a lion. Let's hope it goes out like a lamb!

Regardless, the progress of spring continues. Look up into the canopy to see red maples in bloom as well as the elms and possibly the ashes. There is bud break on the sarviceberry, so before you know it we will see their white blossoms in the understory, and even the redbuds are starting to bloom at the foot of the mountain – they were doing so at this time last year. Listen as you drive past the airport or Louisiana Circle or the bottom of Kentucky Avenue for the call of the chorus frogs, like someone running a fingernail over the teeth of a comb. The bluebirds are hanging out around the bluebird box and the wrens are considering the clothespin bag as a nesting site. However, on a walk through the Turkey Hollow Trail at St. Mary's Sewanee the only thing we saw in flower – or even up – was a solitary Star or Giant Chickweed. Nature Notes is hoping folks will send in reports of other spring firsts.

John Wendling reports: "Our property is at the head of the cove that is the headwaters of Youngs Creek in Sherwood. Our acres are almost totally woods. Saturday, Feb. 24, approximately 12:30 p.m., we saw out our large East window, birds! Lots of birds! For almost a minute, they flew Northward, a swarm which must be European Starlings. They flew through the trees at just less than canopy height. Could not determine the width of swarm, but it probably was same as Height which was ~15 feet. We cannot begin to guess as to the numbers that passed. Have never seen this in the previous 26 years we have been here. Amazing, stupendous!" These are often mixed flocks of combinations of various blackbirds, grackles, starlings, and cowbirds. Birds will form these flocks for a combination of reasons. One is safety in numbers from predators, as well as predator confusion - it may be harder to pick out one bird from the moving mass. Another reason may be sharing information about food sources. Come spring, these super flocks will disperse as they set up territories for breeding and nesting.

## DREMC to Host Free Home Energy Workshops

Get valuable advice on how to improve the energy efficiency of your home before summer arrives. The Home Energy Workshop will be held in Decherd on Tuesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at the DREMC office located at 1738 Decherd Blvd.

Home Energy Workshops are conducted by DREMC's Residential Energy Advisor who helps attendees better understand how energy is used in the home, what repairs or upgrades will make the biggest impact on your energy bill and more.

Workshop participants will also learn about rebates available through the TVA EnergyRight Residential Services Program for existing homes and new home construction that encourage energy efficiency. The rebates are designed to assist DREMC members in achieving their goals to improve energy efficiency year-round and create a more comfortable home.

The event includes a light supper, plus each participating household will receive a free energy-

saving starter kit.

For more information about DREMC's Home Energy Workshops or to enroll, visit <[www.dremc.com/workshop](http://www.dremc.com/workshop)> or call (931) 680-5880. Due to limited space, please reserve your seat in advance. Other Home Energy Workshops being offered by DREMC are listed on their website.

## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Feb 19	54	36
Tue	Feb 20	60	40
Wed	Feb 21	64	47
Thu	Feb 22	61	45
Fri	Feb 23	60	42
Sat	Feb 24	50	27
Sun	Feb 25	60	48

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	58
Avg min temp =	41
Avg temp =	50
Precipitation =	1.32"

*Reported by Sandy Gilliam  
Domain Ranger*

## Franklin County Rabies Clinic

March is rabies clinic month in Franklin County. Franklin County Animal Control, in conjunction with local veterinarians, Dr. Traci Helton and staff from Midtown Veterinary Services and Hospital as well as Drs. George and Ashley Bowers and staff from Animal Care Center will be conducting remote community clinics on the first two Saturdays in the month of March. We recognize that the attendance to these community clinics have been declining simply because more pets are coming into the clinics for routine veterinary care. We understand that many rural pets still benefit from these clinics so we have shortened the times at each location so we can cover more remote areas. In addition to these scheduled community clinics, each of the four local veterinary offices (including Town & Country and Lakeside Veterinary Clinic) will be offering Walk-In rabies vaccinations to any healthy dog or cat during their regular office hours at the discounted price. No appointment is necessary, but a call may speed up the process.

The Tennessee Anti-Rabies Law states that dogs and cats may be vaccinated as early as three months of age and must be vaccinated by 6 months of age to be compliant with the law, so please come take advantage of the discount.

For the first two Saturdays in the month of March, rabies clinics will be set up at community centers, churches, and parks across the county. We have made efforts in recent years, to offer clinics on the outskirts of the county in an effort to be more accessible to those residents and their pets.

The cost of each rabies vaccination is only \$15 per dog or cat. The goal of these clinics is to vaccinate as many dogs and cats as possible.

The following are the dates, times, and place of each rabies clinic:

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
Old Salem, 8:30–9 a.m., Store 64  
Huntland, 9:15–9:45 a.m., Police Station  
Belvidere, 10–10:30 a.m., Community Center  
Keith Springs, 10:45–11:15 a.m., Community Center  
Liberty, 11:30–noon, Community Center  
Winchester Springs, 1:30–2:15 p.m., Old School/Church of Jesus Christ  
Center Grove, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Community Center  
Saturday, March 9, 2024  
Decherd, 8:30–8:50 a.m., Hank Weddington Park  
Estill Springs, 9:00–9:20 a.m., City Park  
Capitol Hill, 9:30–9:50 a.m., Community Center  
Oak Grove, 10–10:20 a.m., Community Center  
Sherwood, 11–11:15 a.m., Old School/Community Center  
Midway, 11:40–noon, St. James Episcopal Church  
Cowan, 1:30–1:50 p.m., Railroad Park  
Broadview, 2:15–2:45 p.m., Bethel Methodist Church  
Lexie Crossroads, 3–3:30 p.m., Lexie Church  
Anyone with questions about the Franklin County Rabies Clinics can call (931) 967-5389 or one of the county veterinary offices.



Moo



Pete

## MARC's Mountain Adoptables

### Meet Moo & Pete

Moo is an energetic black and white boy looking for his forever home. He is around 10 months old and weighs about 45 pounds. Moo is good with dogs but is a bit too active for most cats.

Moo was hit by a car and almost had to have a leg amputated. But that doesn't slow him down. He is athletic and able to jump over four foot fences. Moo would really like to learn some good manners and obedience skills. He is housetrained and likes to snuggle once he settles down. He is learning about leash walking. If you are looking for a young active companion ready to go on fun adventures, Moo may be your guy.

Pete has a happy-go-lucky personality and gets along with most of his animal friends. He is at a nearby pound and needs a foster or a foster to adopt.

Thankfully a concerned person has been able to take Pete out at times to evaluate his personality. He is black and white, around three years old, and weighs about 60 pounds.

He is housetrained and enjoys human companionship. Pete

adapts easily to his surroundings and loves to play with happy playmates. He likes riding in the car and visiting dog friendly stores. Pete loves to hang out on the couch and to be around his people. If Pete sounds like a good fit for you, check him out.

If you would like to learn more about Moo and Pete, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website <[www.marc4change.org](http://www.marc4change.org)> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. These pets are fostering on the Sewanee-Montetagle Mountain and are easy to meet. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up to date on their vaccines and preventatives.

MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization. It is not a shelter and relies on foster homes to save animals. MARC also provides low cost and free spay/neuter procedures for animals and is available for teaching humane care of animals in schools and to community organizations.

## State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>>, <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>> or call (931) 924-2980.

**Day Loop Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Thursday, March 7, 8:15 a.m. CST. Cost, \$5/12+under, \$10/Adults <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>>. (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please pre-register.)** Join Park Ranger Spencer Baxter at Savage Gulf East Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 5-mile (round trip, approximate) guided hike of the Savage Gulf Day Loop. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. 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. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. This event will also be offered on Monday, March 11.

**Ranger Falls Loop Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Sunday, March 10, 8:15 a.m. CST. Cost, \$10. <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>>. (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please pre-register.)** Looking for a challenging all-day hike with rewarding views and waterfalls? Meet Ranger Todd Childress at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for this moderately intense 11-mile hike which begins at the Stone Door to travel the Big Creek Rim Trail, down into the Gulf at Alum Gap and back up through the Stone Door. While on the Big Creek Gulf Trail, we will stop for lunch at the stunning Ranger Falls. Guests will need to be able to hike long distances, transition across boulder fields and water crossings and be comfortable making steep elevation gains and descents. Guests will also need to wear weather appropriate clothing with hiking shoes, bring snacks with lunch, and have ample amounts of water. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. This hike is weather permitting, Guests will be emailed if cancelation is required.

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Women’s History Month

This stupid indifference so often you blame,  
Is not owing to nature, to fear, or to shame:  
I am not as cold as a virgin in lead,  
Nor is Sunday’s sermon so strong in my head:  
I know but too well how time flies along,  
That we live but few years, and yet fewer are young.

But I hate to be cheated, and never will buy  
Long years of repentance for moments of joy,  
Oh! was there a man (but where shall I find  
Good sense and good nature so equally join’d?)  
Would value his pleasure, contribute to mine;  
Not meanly would boast, nor would lewdly design;  
Not over severe, yet not stupidly vain,  
For I would have the power, tho’ not give the pain....

And that my delight may be solidly fix’d,  
Let the friend and the lover be handsomely mix’d;  
In whose tender bosom my soul may confide,  
Whose kindness can soothe me, whose counsel can guide.  
From such a dear lover as here I describe,  
No danger should fright me, no millions should bribe;  
But till this astonishing creature I know,  
As I long have liv’d chaste, I will keep myself so.

I never will share with the wanton coquette,  
Or be caught by a vain affectation of wit.  
The toasters and songsters may try all their art,  
But never shall enter the pass of my heart.  
I loath the lewd rake, the dress’d fopling despise:  
Before such pursuers the nice virgin flies:  
And as Ovid has sweetly in parable told,  
We harden like trees, and like rivers grow cold.

--Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, from The Lover: A Ballad

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Community Calendar

- Friday, March 1**  
*RSVP deadline for Sewanee Civic Association membership meeting March 4*  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.  
10 a.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center; and at noon; sign up required  
noon SCCF Grant Orientation session, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle  
4 p.m. "Tennessee Williams from Page to Stage," TN Williams Center  
7:30 p.m. "Streetcar Named Desire," Proctor Hill Theater, TN Williams Center, 290 Kentucky Ave.

- Saturday, March 2**  
9 a.m. Sewanee Children's Center Open House, 216 University Ave., until 11 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:45 a.m.  
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.  
10 a.m. SCCF Grant Orientation Session, Grundy EMS, 90 Phipps St., Altamont  
10:30 a.m. Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, U of S Campus; online registration, <www.afsp.org/sewanees>  
11 a.m. Cumberland Center for Justice & Peace annual meeting, potluck, Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery St., Cowan  
3 p.m. Community Bike Ride, meet at 17 Lake O'Donnell Rd.; more info email <bethprideford@gmail.com>.  
7:30 p.m. "Streetcar Named Desire," Proctor Hill Theater, TN Williams Center, 290 Kentucky Ave.

- Sunday, March 3 • CAC Pantry Sundry**  
noon Luncheon reservation deadline for Sewanee Woman's Club, <mfree4691@gmail.com> or (931) 636-1904  
1 p.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center; Introductory class at 2:30 p.m.; sign up required  
2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.  
2 p.m. Sewanee GoGirls MTB ride, meet at Lake Cheston parking lot; more info <bethprideford@gmail.com>.  
2 p.m. "Streetcar Named Desire," Proctor Hill Theater, TN Williams Center, 290 Kentucky Ave.  
3 p.m. Concert, Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, Guerry Auditorium  
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

- Monday, March 4**  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Coffee with the Coach, Merritt Yackey, Softball, in person and live-stream, Blue Chair  
9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shao-nian, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.  
9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.  
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Community Center, until 11:45 a.m.  
4 p.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 5:15 p.m.  
5 p.m. Friends of the U of S Library Faculty Panel Discussion, Torian Room, 2nd floor duPont Library; reception follows  
5:30 p.m. Pilates, Mat Class, all levels, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.  
5:30 p.m. Sewanee Civic Association membership meeting, Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul, program, MGTA Executive Director Patrick Dean, dinner at 6 p.m.  
6 p.m. Documentary screening, "The Philadelphia Eleven," All Saints' Chapel

- Tuesday, March 5**  
*Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary; vote at your local polling place*  
8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.  
10 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.  
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City  
noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.  
4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 5:30 p.m.  
5 p.m. Artist Talk and Reception, "The Ambient Pause," Christina Foard, Carlos Gallery, 105 Kennerly Rd., Sewanee

- 5 p.m. GriefShare support group/weekly seminar, MMUMC Wesley House  
5:30 p.m. Gentle Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd., until 6:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, March 6**  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.  
9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shao-nian, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.  
10 a.m. Writers' Group, 212 Sherwood Rd., more info: (931) 598-0915  
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Community Center, until 11:45 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch at 11:50 a.m.; Lead, Dr. Geoffrey Ward, "Mozart's Requiem," at 12:25 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee  
5 p.m. Mobility & Flexibility (\$15), Camp, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center  
6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga/Meditation, Pippa, (\$15) High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle

- Thursday, March 7**  
8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Club Assembly, St. Mary's Sewanee  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Herbarium Nature Journaling, more info email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>  
9 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.  
9 a.m. Seed Giveaway, May Justus Library, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, until 1 p.m.  
9:30 a.m. Body Recall exercise class, Judy, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.; more info <msjmagoo@gmail.com>  
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.  
10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.  
noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.  
5:30 p.m. Pilates Mat Class, Bruce Manuel, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle

- Friday, March 8**  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.  
10 a.m. You Fit, Betsy, Community Center; and at noon; sign up required  
11 a.m. Seed Giveaway, May Justus Library, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, until 4 p.m.

Local 12-Step Meetings

- Friday**  
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City  
**Saturday**  
7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist  
**Sunday**  
6:30 p.m., the Wesley House, MMUMC  
**Monday**  
5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link  
7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City  
**Tuesday**  
7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont  
7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester  
**Wednesday**  
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493  
7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist  
**Thursday**  
6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont  
7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester