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Edible Books Festival

Jessie Ball duPont Library will celebrate the International Edible Books Festival with a contest scheduled for Monday, March 30, in the main lobby of the duPont Library. The entries for the contest will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Public Viewing and People's Choice Award Voting will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m., with a reception to follow. This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Library, Sewanee Dining, and Library and Information Technology Services. Find out all the details about the event and register your entry at <<https://library.sewanee.edu/ediblebooks>>. Entries are open to community members, as well as Sewanee students, staff, and faculty! Each entry should be edible — cakes, vegetables, fruits, bread, etc. — and represent a book or something about a book. Past entries have included "Grapes of Wrath," "A Farewell to Arms," and "The Hungry Caterpillar," among other literary greats. We have six categories that will have prizes awarded: Punniest, Literary Theme, Showstopper, People's Choice (popular vote), Best Team Entry, and Best Entry by a Child (under 12).

Birth Certificate Requirement for Public School Children

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Legislation moving through the committee process in the Tennessee General Assembly (HB 1711/SB 2108) proposes "law enforcement agencies and local governmental entities" report "persons not lawfully present in the United States," as well as "the annual cost incurred by this state for public schools ... to provide benefits and services to persons not lawfully present in the United States." Companion bills (HB 793/SB 836) propose public schools "refuse to enroll students who are unlawfully present in the United States." In a March 2 virtual press conference, the Immigration Research Institute (IRI) drove home what these bills would mean translated into action: public schools would be required to verify students' status by asking students to provide birth certificates or other documentation to prove their citizenship and/or immigration status. Said David Dyssegaard Kallick, Director of the IRI, "I don't want to make this seem like its mostly a cost question, but for anyone who thinks that [these bills] would be without significant expense to the [public school] districts, that's just not the case."

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Clearing of the Mountain Goat Trail at the bottom of the mountain near Cowan.

Cowan Receives Downtown Planning Grant

The City of Cowan has received a \$25,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Action Grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The grant will be used to host public meetings and to create plans for improving Cowan's downtown, including possible routes for the Mountain Goat Trail.

"With this grant, Cowan will have public meetings to learn what our citizens want to see happen in the downtown. We'll have expert help coming up with a plan for the town's future, including how the Mountain Goat Trail will come into town," said Cowan mayor Richard Hunt.

The town will select a consulting firm to carry out the grant. Public meetings are scheduled to take place this spring.

Franklin County Schools: Threats, Changes

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Better safe than sorry," said Safety Director Chris Hawkersmith commenting on the 23 threats investigated last quarter at the March 9 Franklin County School Board meeting. But when asked if 23 threats was extreme, Hawkersmith was quick to point out, "That's pretty average. And most threats don't amount to much." Hawkersmith's Threat Assessment Report was featured in the Spotlight segment of the meeting. In regular business, the board approved several changes diverging from past practices: kindergarten starting age, the 2027-2028 school year calendar; and the director of schools contract.

Of the 23 threats reported from Oct. 31 to the present, 22 were students threatening students and one was a student threatening a teacher. Hawkersmith said each school had a threat assessment team that in the event of a threat conducted an inquiry, filled out extensive paperwork, and contacted the parents. Possible consequences, when deemed appropriate, range from suspension, to alternative school,

to checking in with a counselor, to backpack checks. Hawkersmith acknowledged some of the threats were ridiculous. A first grader threatened to kill his teacher who refused to let him go outside after lunch, explaining it was not time for recess. "You wouldn't believe some of these things," Hawkersmith said, "but you've got to be careful." He also emphasized the importance of not exaggerating the significance of the data. "Considering there are 11 schools, 23 threats is not a lot. It averages out to just two per school."

Taking up policy, the board approved a change offering a possible route for kindergarten age children turning five after Aug. 15 to begin school that fall. Previously, the Compulsory Attendance Ages policy required a child to turn age five by Aug. 15 to be enrolled. The change applies to children who turn five between Aug. 16 and Sept. 30 who in some case may be allowed to start school. A special request must be made by the child's parent or guardian, and the director

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Registration Open for Trails and Trilliums

Trails & Trilliums is a weekend-long naturalist rally presented by the Friends of South Cumberland State Parks. Hosted at the historic Beersheba Springs Assembly in Beersheba Springs, the festival brings together nature enthusiasts, hikers, and lifelong learners for a rich celebration of the Cumberland Plateau. Over the weekend of April 10-12, enjoy a full slate of guided hikes and walks, expert-led presentations, hands-on workshops, exhibits, and the always-popular native plant sale. Go to <<https://www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org/trails-and-trilliums>> for complete information and to register.

We are thrilled to welcome biologist and two-time Pulitzer Prize-nominated author David Haskell as our keynote speaker. This year's theme, "Join The Revolution," is inspired by Haskell's forthcoming book "How Flowers Made Our World: The Story of Nature's Revolutionaries." Join us for a buffet lunch at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday in Smith Hall and hear his talk.

Due to strong interest, we are increasing the number of guided hikes into the old-growth forest in Savage Gulf, offering this challenging hike several times throughout the weekend. Note: This is a strenuous hike suitable only for experienced hikers.

To make sure nobody misses a meal, we've included all meals in the ticket prices: breakfast on Saturday & Sunday, lunch on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, and dinner at the Hootenanny on Friday & Wine & Wildflowers on Saturday. The ticket prices you'll see when you register reflect last year's program prices plus the cost of meals provided by BSA. If you've got a name tag, you've got a meal! (Exception: Student Program Only Pass).

Friday night gets even livelier this year with Cumberland Community Dance providing live Appalachian music and calling for square and contra dancing after the Hootenanny dinner.

Friends of South Cumberland Parks (FSC) has secured a grant through the Open Space Institute's Appalachian Landscapes Project Catalyst Grant program. The work will involve developing a climate-informed conservation plan for identifying priorities for land protection on the South Cumberland Plateau, an area that includes the state parks that FSC supports. Two related panel sessions on Saturday set the stage for the work to come. For more information about the grant and about the Saturday panels, visit Saturday Panels <<https://www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org/tt/saturday-panels>>.

On Saturday evening, gather at the Big Red Barn for Wine & Wildflowers, featuring happy hour, dinner, music, and a festive reception.

Savage Gulf: Change Committed to Staying Wild

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"I've reiterated over and over to our designer, we want to remain a wilderness park. We don't want to be like some of those other parks where you can reach out and touch your neighbor," insisted Savage Gulf State Park Manager Aaron Reid responding to a question about distance between camp sites at a car camping area proposed for the \$105 million capital project changes coming to Savage Gulf. At a March 5 public hearing, Reid talked about a grant to fund a connector trail from the Stone Door area to the proposed new development with 55-acre Laurel Creek Lake as the center attraction. Designated as a state Natural Area in 1973, the legendary Stone Door staircase between massive boulders leads into the heart of Savage Gulf, the largest state park in Tennessee encompassing nearly 20,000 acres. Currently, four trailheads serve

Savage Gulf. The first phase of the capital project will create a fifth trailhead just off Hwy. 56 near the Beersheba Springs Post Office. "We're not allowed to build roads in the park," Reid stressed. Annually, 160,000 visitors experience the park's wild beauty, hiking or mountain biking on the 56 miles of trails. A gravel connector trail, just under a mile long, will join the Stone Door visitor center to the three-miles gravel trail that will circle Laurel Creek Lake.

Among the goals of the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is to "balance use with resource protection," Reid observed. "The Great Stone Door is the park's most iconic attraction. Visitors will be able to get there [from the lake] without driving," Reid proposed the connector trail as part of the capital project, but it

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Local Food Available

The South Cumberland Farmers' Market has breads, fruits, vegetables, eggs, coffee, meats and more available. Ordering is online from Friday at 9 p.m. to Monday at noon. Pickup is on Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m., at the Sewanee Community Center. To order go to <https://openfoodnetwork.net/south-cumberland-farmer-s-market/shop>.

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

Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

The donation bins are on the side of the new Shop. We ask that all donations are in good resale condition and come bagged or boxed when placed in the bins.

Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales, April 11

The Sewanee Community Center is coordinating the annual community-wide yard sales, from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 11. You can participate by either having a sale at your home (feel free to combine your efforts with friends) or by reserving a space at the Community Center (limited availability.) A registration form and \$25 fee is required to participate. The fee will be used to print maps highlighting the sale locations, provide an official yard sign for your location, and to post advertisements in local papers and businesses. The deadline to submit your registration form and payment is March 30. See page 15 in this issue for the registration form.



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



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EQB Club

The Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Club, founded in 1870, is Sewanee's oldest organization in continuous existence. During the Academic Year, the EQB Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch after which a talk (called a "Lead") is given by a variety of very talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, March 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:30 p.m., the Lead will be given by Isabelle Puckette Love, recently appointed as Chief Financial Officer and Vice-President for Administration at Sewanee. "Taking the Long View: Planning for Perpetuity" will offer thoughts about financial sustainability in higher education and visions for the future of Sewanee.

Prior to joining Sewanee, Isabelle spent a decade working on budgeting and strategic planning at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. She began her career at Princeton University Investment Company. She is a graduate of Princeton University and of the Sewanee School of Letters.

Members are asked to contact Susan Horton, C'73, Membership Coordinator, at <sshorton22151@aol.com> for a luncheon reservation (\$20/lunch). Non-members or prospective members are always welcome to come at 12:25 p.m. to hear the presentation.

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 14, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, with Men's Lacrosse coach, Nick DiBernardo at the McGriff Alumni House. Coffee with the Coach will be livestreamed every week on <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, March 19, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Mayor of Monteagle, Greg Maloof, will present the program.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, March 23, at 7 p.m. Items for the agenda should have been submitted by March 11.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Commission will meet at the Franklin County Courthouse in the Courtroom at 6 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2026.

Sewanee Emeriti Association Welcomes Ned Murray

Ned Murray, the Executive Director of Friends of the Parks, will share his passion for the outdoors and the progress of and plans for nearby state parks at the March 26 meeting of the Sewanee Emeriti Association.

A graduate of The Baylor School, Ned earned his bachelor's degree in English at Sewanee and masters in Supervision and Administration at UTC before completing his D. Min. at Virginia Theological Seminary. Ned taught in Idaho and at St. Andrew's-Sewanee and then served as Team Leader and Headmaster of Rocky Mountain Academy. In 1997 Ned returned to Baylor to serve 6 years as Associate Headmaster before moving to the Episcopal Day School in Augusta, Ga., for 19 years as Head of School.

In 2003 Ned was named Executive Director of Friends of the Parks, where his wide experience in strategic planning, friend and fund raising, and forming partnerships is put to good use even as he continues his work as a consultant to independent schools.

Everyone is welcome to join Sewanee Emeriti Association members as we learn from Ned Murray at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 26, at the McGriff Alumni House. For more information or to arrange transportation, please call Trudy Cunningham at (931) 535-4637.

Town of Monteagle

There will be a Beer Board meeting of the Monteagle City Council on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 4:15 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a beer permit for the New Dollar General.

There will be a Public Hearing for Ordinance 01-26 to amend the Monteagle zoning by additional exceptions to section 1002(A) and for Ordinance 02-26 to rezone parcels from R-2 to R-3 Dean Lay property. This Public Hearing will be at 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2026, in the conference room at City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Monteagle City Council will be

at 5 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2026, in the conference room at City Hall.

March Lunch and Learn

UT Extension Grundy County will be hosting March Lunch and Learn for extension month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., every Wednesday in March, at the UT Education Center, 7852 TN 56, in Coalmont. Topics include: integrated pest management in the home garden; fruit varieties - harvest and storage; home vegetable trials; fruit pruning and maintenance; plus a bonus field day on April 1 - fruit variety selection and planting. The cost is \$15 per class or \$50 for all the classes. Lunch is provided. Call (931) 592-3972 to register.

Home Fire Prevention and Safety

Please join us at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 26, in Kennerly Hall at St. Mark and St. Paul to hear Sewanee Fire Chief Terry Smith share his expertise on Home Fire Prevention and Safety. Chief Smith has been a long-serving career firefighter and educator and currently heads up the Sewanee Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department. The Department is composed of highly dedicated students and community volunteers. I have personally learned much from Terry and I have made modifications in my own home (and recommendations in our member's homes) based on this better understanding of the often underappreciated risks of home fires and the mitigation and safety measures you can implement in your own home.

You'll also gain a better understanding and appreciation of this incredibly valuable Public Safety Organization that is watching over you and your home - 24 hours a day, seven days (and nights) a week, 365 days a year.

This programming is brought to you through Brendie Mitchell of AgeWell, LiveWell on the Mountain, and Folks at Home.

Seating is limited, so please register in advance through Folks at Home: <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com> or (931) 598-0303.



Bluebell Island Ramble

The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) invites everyone interested in spring wildflowers to our annual Bluebell Island Ramble from 10 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, March 28.

Bluebell Island was a SCRLT conservation initiative in the 1990s that purchased and protected Bluebell Island in the Elk River, home to trilliums, bluebells, and many other species of wildflower endemic to our area.

Accessing Bluebell Island requires a stream crossing over a temporary bridge and a 1 mile round trip walk on a flat - but unimproved - trail along the Elk River. Please don't let concerns about access deter you. We'll have many volunteers on hand to assist, we'll do everything we can to help you get across the bridge, and there are many of the same flowers along the riverbank to enjoy even if the stream crossing is not possible.

Meet and park alongside the driveway at 13811 David Crockett Pkwy E, Decherd, TN 37324 adjacent to the Elk River. This location is about 1 mile southwest on Hwy 64 from the Interstate 24 Pelham exit. Please note that the "E" in the 13811 David Crockett Pkwy E address is very important with GPS navigation devices.

Weather does sometimes impact this event in terms of the water level of the river. If the island is inaccessible that morning due to high water, the event will go on and SCRLT will post notices on Sewanee Classifieds along with our Instagram (@southcumberlandlandtrust) and Facebook pages.

You can contact SCRLT anytime at <hello@scrlt.org>.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, March 14, from 8-10 a.m. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

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Monday-Friday, St. Augustine's Chapel, 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 4 p.m., Evening Prayer. All Saints' Chapel, noon, Quiet Hour.

Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation. All Saints' Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Christ Episcopal Church

Christ Episcopal Church of Tracy City is beginning a study of the Lectionary readings for each Sunday before the service. The study is at 10 a.m., Sundays, in the Parish House which is next door to the Church. The study will be hosted by the Rev. Marion Rectenwald. Marion is a retired priest who served for many years on a Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota. Our regular service hour is 11 a.m. each Sunday with Eucharist and organ music.

City Light Church

City Light Church in Monteagle exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle, and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Our children's ministry offers a safe and exciting environment for children newborn to fifth grade. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

Draw Near

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

Obituaries

Harold Dean Garner

Harold Dean Garner, age 86 of Decherd, died on March 1, 2026, at his home. He was born on Jan. 20, 1940, in Sherwood, to Buford Lee and Ona Mae Barnes Garner. He was a truck driver, initially taking long hauls and then driving locally until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Donald Garner, Raymond Garner, Gene Garner, and Mary Cussins; and sons Keith Garner and James Eugene Garner.

He is survived by his children Amanda Garner, Tina Garner, Mitch Garner, and Michael Garner; siblings Deloris Campbell, Wanda Sanders, Sandra Steele, Kenneth Garner, and Bill Garner; special friend, Saranne Reedy; one grandson, and many nieces and nephews.

No formal services are planned. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Connie Gibson

Connie Entrikin Gibson, age 94 of Sewanee, died on March 2, 2026, in Murfreesboro, Tenn. A memorial is planned for May 16 at All Saints' Chapel. A full obituary with details to follow at a later date.

Katherine Jacobs Ownby

Katherine Jacobs Ownby, age 75 of Sewanee, died on March 7, 2026. She was born on Dec. 14, 1950, in Sewanee, to Columbus and Sally Ethel Jacobs Green. She was a member of Monteagle Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Herman and James Green; and sisters Martha Gilliam Barbara Byers, Mary Green and Sarah McGregor.

She is survived by her brothers Joe Green and John Thomas Green; sister Susie Kilgore; and special friends and loved ones Ann Sherrill, Carey Kelly, Jonathon Talbert, and Cheyenne Kelly.

Funeral Services were on March 9, 2026 from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home with Brother Keith Hamilton and Zachery Sherrill officiating. Interment followed in Harrison Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Memorial Gathering for Kate Murray Brown

A memorial gathering for Kate Murray Brown will be on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 1–3 p.m., at the Sewanee Senior Citizens Center, located at 39 Ball Park Rd., Sewanee. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Sewanee Senior Citizens Center in memory of Murray.

Monteagle SDA

The Grief Recovery Method (R) program is coming soon to both Monteagle SDA and Cumberland Heights SDA churches. At Monteagle Church sessions will take place on Thursdays, 7–8:30 p.m., for 8 weeks starting March 26, 2026. Visit <<https://www.griefrecoverymethod.com/grms/darryl-blahovich>> to reserve your spot. Monteagle SDA Church is located at 497 College St, Monteagle.

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

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men's Breakfast Group meets the first Saturday of the month. We gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated 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.

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

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

During Lent, Holy Eucharist

will be celebrated every Thursday at 12:15 p.m., in the church.

Sunday Forum: The speaker at Sunday Forum this week is John Gatta. Few novels have had more of an impact on history than Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and John Gatta will examine Stowe's "Clarion Call for Justice" in Sunday's Forum. The talk takes place Sunday, from 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall.

John Gatta is an Emeritus Professor of English, both at Sewanee and at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. The author of multiple books, including "Green Gospel: Foundations of Ecotheology" and "Making Nature Sacred: Literature, Religion, and Environment in America from the Puritans to

the Present." Gatta has articles on Stowe in Sewanee Review, The Living Church, and The Sewanee Theological Review.

Lenten Soup Series: Living Faithfully with Technology will be on Wednesdays, through March 25. At 5:30 p.m., Simple Lenten meal in Kennerly Hall followed by the presentation and discussion 6–7 p.m. Join us on Wednesday, as we gather to confront and transform the impact of digital technology on our lives. March 18, Parenting in a digital age; March 25, Digital resources for spirituality.

A Film Screening: "A Piece of Ground: Seeing Space, Memory, and Justice Through South African Eyes." Join us for an evening

with South African filmmaker Sesihle Manzini, founder of Anno Domini. Watch her debut film, "A Piece of Ground," and explore the theological framework that inspired her work. The film screening will be at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, in Kennerly Hall at St. Mark & St. Paul.

Through intimate storytelling and critical reflection, the film introduces us to the praxis cycle - a framework inspired by Paulo Freire that teaches us that faithful action must flow from reflection, and reflection from action. By exploring one "piece of ground" in Cape Town through different perspectives, we learn

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Online worship services. Call (931) 924-5339 or go to <<http://www.tdworldministries.org>>

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available livestream Facebook

St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday-Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday-Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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to see our spaces differently, too, to ask who has been excluded, and to recognize that restitution isn't only about economics. It's about memory, physical space, and reclaiming our agency to understand our immersions in the world.

2026 Easter Lily donations: If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in memory or in thanksgiving of loved ones, please contact Cheryl Lankhaar, no later than noon on Palm Sunday (March 29). The cost is \$50 and the names of your loved ones will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Please contact Cheryl by email at <cheryllankhaar@gmail.com>.

You may pay for your Easter donation by dropping a check in the collection basket with "Easter" or "lily" in the memo line. Payments can be mailed to St. Mark & St. Paul, PO Box 267, Sewanee, TN 37375. Online giving is also an option. On our St. Mark and St. Paul website, you can choose credit, debit or bank account payments. If you already have a login for our Realm software, you can either Give Now or text "Otey\$50" (or any appropriate amount) to 73256. If you pay online you will still need to email Cheryl with the names for your dedication(s).

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

Lectionary Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall.

Adult Choir: Adult choir practice is Sundays 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Children's choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at: <music@stmarkstpaul.org>.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for children (3 years old through fifth grade). Youth Sunday School meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

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

Sisters of St. Mary

The convent and chapel will be closed with no public services until March 14; the Sisters are in their annual Silent Retreat.

Unitarian Universalist

The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626, or visit the church's website at <www.tullahomauu.org>.

Winchester First United Methodist Church

Embrace a new beginning with Jesus in a new kind of faith community. Come home to Winchester First United Methodist Church, 100 S. Jefferson St.

Worship services are on Sundays at 10 a.m. On the first Sunday of the month, our service is followed by a free lunch.

For more information, contact senior pastor, Eric Bronkala, at (865) 591-8823, or visit us on Facebook.

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of schools must conduct an "evaluation and examination" to determine if the child is sufficiently mature "emotionally and academically." The policy change weighs a child's readiness to start school against the high demands of testing in today's educational environment.

The 2027-2028 school year calendar approved by the board provides for a smoother transition back into the school year. Offered a choice in school calendars for 2027-2028, 64 percent of the certified staff voted for a calendar in which the first day of school, an abbreviated day, was followed by a full week of classes. The alternative calendar proposed was typical of other school year calendars for beginning the school year by staggering abbreviated days and no school days, with an abbreviated first day followed by a no-school day or an abbreviated first day followed by a weekend. Guided by the certified staff vote, the board chose the calendar beginning with an abbreviated day followed by a full week of classes. The calendar can be viewed at: <fcstn.community.highbond.com/document/53d92b9c-6ca0-4620-a310-22e93b91078d/>.

The board also approved the contract for rising director of schools Roger Alsup. The contract is for four years, rather than three as was previously the case. The longer term gives Alsup more time to demonstrate his effectiveness and acknowledges a director's first year is a learning process, so not a good measure of performance. If the board decides to extend or renew the contract, the board must give notice of their intention by January 1 of Alsup's last year by the contract provisions. The previous April renewal deadline left the board very little time to find a replacement by July, if nonrenewal was the decision.

Board member Sarah Marehevsy alerted the board to new proposed legislation that would require schools to verify children's immigration status and report it to the state, but would not authorize the schools to refuse to enroll them, as is the case with another bill being considered. Commenting on the new bill, touted by some as less egregious, board member Sarah Marhevsky said, "Families aren't going to feel safe if they think their kids are being tracked. Not to mention, it's not just students who don't have legal status in the country who can't provide documentation. It could be a foster kid who doesn't have a copy of their birth certificate. Everyone should feel safe at school."

Grief Recovery Group

Are you experiencing grief from the death of a loved one or loss of another kind? Then you may want to join the Grief Recovery Group starting at 9 a.m., Saturdays through May 2, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church in Monteagle. You don't have to attend every meeting because each meeting is independent. The workbook and video teaching materials are provided.

Meetings will be in the Wesley House at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle. It is the house between the CVS and the main Church building.

To find out more and to sign up, contact: Tracey Weibert at (423) 309-0818, email at <tweibertlaw@gmail.com> or Rev. Melisa Derseweh (615) 418-0559, email at <melisa.derseweh@twkumc.org>.

An Invitation to Sacred Silence: Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat at St. Mary's Sewanee

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development is inviting the community to step away from the noise of daily life and enter into sacred silence at their upcoming Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat, April 17-19, 2026.

This weekend retreat offers participants the opportunity to practice Centering Prayer — a receptive method of Christian silent prayer that deepens one's relationship with God. As contemplative teacher Thomas Keating wrote, "Silence is God's first language. Everything else is a poor translation."

Throughout the weekend, guests will be guided in the practice of Centering Prayer, explore the teachings of Thomas Keating, spend time in sacred silence, and enjoy the natural surroundings of this peaceful mountain setting. The retreat begins Friday, April 17 at 3 p.m., and concludes Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m.

Thanks to generous grant funding, St. Mary's Sewanee is pleased to offer this retreat at a reduced cost, making it accessible to all who feel called to come. Lodging packages begin at \$350 and include accommodations, meals, program fees, and materials. Additional discounts are available for clergy and seminarians, and scholarships are offered for those in need of further financial assistance.

This retreat is perfect for those who may be new to contemplative prayer as we will offer an introductory workshop led by Tom Ward. For more seasoned practitioners,

this retreat offers a welcoming space to refresh your practice through rest, reflection, and reconnection with the Divine.

For more information or to register, visit <stmaryssewanee.org> or contact the Reservations Office at <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org> or (931) 598-5342.

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To evaluate the citizenship or immigration status of all 963,000 students in the Tennessee school system would entail hiring, training and equipping 934 school personnel, estimated cost \$55 million. Verifying only 5-year-olds coming to school for the first time or new enrollees would cost roughly \$4 million, and this would not be a one-time expense. The implementation costs would recur every school year.

Franklin County School Board representative Sarah Marhevsky mined the depth of the consequences at the base level: the impact on children. "Presenting a birth certificate might not be a big deal for most people," Marhevsky said, "but for students who are homeless or students in foster care or students adopted from international locations that might be an impossible task."

"We don't choose our parents," Marhevsky observed. "Children are not responsible for the choices of their parents. How could any educator look at a child and say, 'No, you can't go to school.' I've taught children of all different backgrounds at three different schools. Those are things I would never say. I don't know any teacher who would."

Commenting on the current climate of fear in the public schools, Jack Masterson, a freshman in the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, said, "All of my friends belong at school. Not some of them, all of them, no matter their immigration status. I've seen teammates miss games, practices, and even tournaments. My friends are living in fear."

Footnoting the financial factor in the birth certificate equation, Marhevsky stressed, "In Tennessee we have no state income tax. We do, however, have a high sales tax rate. The families of every school age child in Tennessee pay taxes that support our schools." Decrying the proposed legislation as contrary to state policy and creed, she cited the Tennessee Department of Education website, "We are committed to the belief children from all backgrounds can succeed when given the opportunity they deserve. Tennessee K through 12 education operates with a common goal: to provide the best for all students." Marhevsky insisted, "When we say all, we must mean all."

For more information go to <https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default?BillNumber=HB1711>. For more information go to <https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default?BillNumber=HB0793>.

43rd Annual Community Service Award Nominations Accepted

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 43rd 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 13.

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, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. Nominations can also be mailed to the Sewanee Civic Association, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information go to <https://sewaneeccivic.org>.

The service award will be presented at the SCA annual membership meeting that is planned for Monday, May 4. Please join us to celebrate those who serve the community.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$5, regardless of your age. Please call (931) 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, March 16: Chicken and dumplings, slaw, cornbread.

Tuesday, March 17: Reuben and swiss on rye, chips.

Wednesday, March 18: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Thursday, March 19: Loaded potato soup, ham and cheese sandwich.

Friday, March 20: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, peas, roll. Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Contact Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members.

The Sewanee Senior Citizens are looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to the homebound on Wednesdays and Fridays. Approximately 1 hr time commitment, training provided. Volunteers can drive 1 day a month, 2, 3 or whatever fits their schedule. Call (931) 598-0771 for more information.

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was not included in the budget. A federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant will fund the connector trail, estimated cost \$180,000. The grant also includes funding to hire a landscape architect to engineer rehabilitation of the Stone Door trail built in the late 1980s. Reid anticipates funding the rehabilitation construction with another grant or money from the state.

The RTP grant rules will allow money spent on the capital project to count as the 20 percent matching funds requirement of the grant. Phase 2 of the capital project includes a visitor center with 100 parking spaces, 60 RV camping sites, 16 car camping sites, 16 yurt sites, three pavilions, a boat dock and boat rental.

Reid predicts the capital project's Phase 1, constructing the road from Hwy. 56 to the lake area, will begin this summer, with phase 2 beginning next summer. For the connector trail project, full authorization and environmental review will likely take until early 2027. The timeline projects two years for implementation, but Reid said, "I don't think it will take that long."

Asked about new hiking trails, Reid doesn't anticipate any in the Stone Door staircase area but pointed to possibilities on the south side of the park, perhaps a mountain bike trail, a trail to a waterfall, and a backpacking loop trail past Hobbs Cabin.

The Stone Door connector trail will pass one of the park's nine backcountry campgrounds. "I foresee both day hikers and overnight campers using this trail. It will make the area more appealing and more user friendly to our visitors by allowing better access to our most popular attraction, which in this part of the park is the Great Stone Door."

The park service welcomes public comments on the connector trail project through March 20. Mail comments to P.O. Box 561 Beersheba Springs, TN 37305 or submit comments to Reid via email at <aaron.reid@tn.gov>.

The Babson Center Welcomes Mark Balte, C'85, Campus Lecture on March 19

The Babson Center for Global Commerce welcomes Mark Balte, C'85, the Humphreys Entrepreneur in Residence and Vice President of Product at ketteQ, on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., in the duPont Torian Room. Please join us for a discussion on "Planning the Unplannable: AI and Supply Chain Strategy." This event is presented in collaboration with the Department of Math, Computer Science, and Data Science.

KetteQ is an AI-powered platform designed to help companies move beyond traditional supply chain management to smarter, more adaptable operations, enabling clearer trade-offs and successful execution amid changing market dynamics. Balte is the supply chain executive and product strategist. He focuses on developing supply chain software solutions to optimize operations across industries, including Consumer Goods, Retail, Service Parts, and Food and Beverage. Balte held two positions early in his career before joining ketteQ. First, he served as a business consultant at American Software Inc., working to provide AI-powered supply chains. Then, he spent over eight years at Logility, where he advanced from Director to Executive Vice President, leading Supply Chain Research & Development and Innovation while driving product innovation, business strategy, and supply chain transformation initiatives.

While studying at Sewanee, Balte's love of math continued to grow, and he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. Later, Balte earned his Master of Science in Operations Research from Georgia Tech. He was equally as passionate about soccer as he was about math. At Sewanee, he participated in varsity soccer and coached a youth soccer team. Additionally, he was a dorm proctor and a member of the SAE fraternity. Balte says that his experiences at Sewanee taught him leadership, resilience, curiosity, and problem-solving skills that have served him well over the course of his career. Throughout his career, Balte has embodied the core values of a Sewanee liberal arts education: curiosity and a commitment to the pursuit of continual discovery.

Please join Mark Balte for an insightful discussion on leadership, decision-making, and how a liberal arts foundation can play a role in driving innovation and success in business. The Humphreys Entrepreneur in Residence program is made possible by a gift from Debra and David Humphreys, C'79, and brings outstanding and innovative business leaders and entrepreneurs to the University to provide experiential perspectives to undergraduates.

Duck River Electric Hosts Free Home Energy Workshops in April

Spring into energy savings! Join Duck River Electric for one of their free Home Energy Workshops and learn how to: boost your home's energy efficiency; lower your energy bills; create a more comfortable home; learn about rebates for efficiency upgrades offered through TVA's EnergyRight program

The workshop includes a light supper, plus each participating household will receive a free home energy starter kit.

Home Energy Workshops will be held in five communities served by DREMC. The Decherd workshop is set for 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at DREMC's office, 1738 Decherd Boulevard.

Seating is limited at each workshop location, so reserve your seat soon. For more information and to register online, visit <dremc.com/workshop> or call (931) 680-5880.

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Monday–Friday
March 16-20
BREAKFAST

All reimbursable breakfast meals must include a minimum of three items with at least one being fruit or fruit juice. A variety of fruit, fruit juice & milk offered daily. All entrees = 2 items. Every effort will be made to follow the published menu; however, last minute changes may be necessary.

Monday, March 16: Pop tart, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday, March 17: Breakfast chicken bites, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, March 18: French toast sticks, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, March 19: Sausage bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, March 20: Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

All reimbursable meals must include a fruit or vegetable on the tray. Students may decline 2 of the 5 meal components – meat/meat alternative; grain; fruit; vegetable; milk. Daily offerings may include Yogurt Fun Packs and/or PB&J Power Packs.

Monday, March 16: Barbecue sandwich, French fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 17: Popcorn chicken, potato smiles, cheesy broccoli, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 18: Asian chicken, green beans, tiny whole potatoes, rice, egg roll, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 19: Loaded chicken nachos, lettuce/tomato cup, corn, pinto beans, tortilla chips, salsa, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 20: Pizza, potato wedges, fresh carrots, fruit, milk, fruit sorbet.

For meal pricing, go to <<https://franklincountytn.schoolsites.com/menus-meal-pricing>>.

tnAchieves Prepares Students for Career Readiness through Workforce Mentorship Program

In its continued efforts to Build Tennessee's Future Workforce, tnAchieves is now in its first year of expansion to its statewide volunteer mentoring program. For the first time, second-year college students are now working with mentors across the state to focus on workforce readiness.

tnAchieves serves more than 30,000 college students annually. Workforce Mentorship plays an important role in building the workforce of tomorrow and ensuring that all students have access to personal support on their path to college and career.

Workforce Mentorship is career-focused and industry-driven. Workforce Mentors have been paired with students based on their interests as they prepare to transfer to a four-year university or launch their careers. 76 percent are working with a mentor who has direct ties to their industry of choice in the student's region, while 99 percent of students have a mentor from their intended industry overall. This mentorship is designed to provide students with a real-world perspective on their career of interest and the skills needed to succeed in the workforce.

To best serve students and encourage them to think critically about their path to success following graduation, Workforce Mentors are working in a nearly 1:1 ratio with students. In its inaugural year, 1,088 people volunteered to become Workforce Mentors and 1,356 students opted-in to work with one of these mentors.

"tnAchieves has always relied on support from the community to open doors for students in their own hometowns," said tnAchieves Vice President of Workforce Tyler Ford. "We are thrilled to leverage the career experience of our mentors across Tennessee. They are business leaders across their sectors and in their communities. We are deeply grateful they are willing to use this expertise to strengthen the pipeline from college to meaningful careers for students across the state."

Throughout their time together, these mentors will provide students with resources and strategies for building resumes and strengthening interview skills, as well as career exposure and access to their own networks. Data shows this career exposure is critical for students. tnAchieves students who complete job shadowing of any kind are 24 percent more likely to graduate in three years. These graduates will go on to become the healthcare professionals, educators, business owners and other essential contributors to our state's economy.



Sewanee Elementary Students of the month: kindergarten, Dean Stone; first grade, Margot Moore; second grade, Sam McBee; third grade, Liesel Keeton; fourth grade, Mia Casey; fifth grade, Sam Ramirez.



Left to right: Dr. Lu, SAS sophomore Drake Nayeem, Betsy Riley, medical assistant; and Julie Gifford, medical social worker.

SAS Sophomore Creates Health Sciences Career Club

Several SAS students attended the first Pre-Health Sciences Society meeting on March 2, featuring a panel discussion organized by club president Drake Nayeem (C'28). Panel members were Dr. Lu, Internal Medicine; Betsy Riley, medical assistant; and Julie Gifford (medical social worker). The next Pre-Health Sciences career panel discussion is scheduled for March 19.



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through March 15, SAS, College Spring Break, School of Theology Spring Break

March 26, Abbreviated Day, Grundy County

March 30–April 3, Franklin, Grundy and Marion County Spring Break

April 24, Last Day of Classes, School of Theology

April 27–May 1, Final examinations, School of Theology

April 29, Last Day of Classes, College

May 1–7, Final examinations, College

May 5, Staff Development Franklin County

May 8, Commencement, School of Theology

May 9, Baccalaureate, University of the South

May 10, Commencement, College

May 15–17, SAS Commencement Weekend

May 22, Administrative Day, Franklin County, Last Day of School, Marion County

TWRA'S Tennessee Wildlife Magazine 2026-27 Photo Contest Now Underway

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is now accepting entries for its 2026-27 photo contest for publication in the Tennessee Wildlife magazine annual calendar and license cards. All interested photographers are invited to submit up to 10 of their best photos of wildlife species native to the Volunteer State. Hunting, fishing, and boating photos may also be considered.

The selected winning entries will appear in the 2026-27 calendar, which begins in August and runs through July. Photo submissions must be received by Friday, March 20, 2026.

Photos must be horizontal (landscape) in JPEG format, sized to print no smaller than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, and have a resolution of at least 300 pixels/inch. Visit <tnwildlife.org> and click the calendar contest button to submit an entry. If a photo is selected for the calendar edition, the photographer will receive a cash stipend of \$60. Photos will also be considered for use in other TWRA publications, on the TWRA website, and on social media.

Tennessee Wildlife is the official magazine for TWRA. Subscription rates are \$10 for one year, \$17 for two years, and \$25 for three years. Subscriptions may be purchased on the TWRA website.

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Tennessee State Forests Meet High Bar for Sustainable Management

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry's (TDF) state forest system has successfully completed its latest Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) audit, passing with no corrective action requests or observations.

The independent audit confirms that TDF's management approach and practices meet SFI's rigorous standards for sustainable forest management, ensuring Tennessee's state forests continue to deliver clean water, wildlife habitat, timber production and public access for generations to come.

"We are proud of this achievement," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "It reflects TDF's commitment to ensuring future generations have the same access to forests and their benefits that we enjoy today. Our team manages Tennessee's state forests using rigorous, science-based principles, and regular SFI audits hold us accountable and strengthen our stewardship."

SFI is one of the forest industry's leading authorities on sustainable forestry. Certification requires compliance with comprehensive management standards covering social, economic, and environmental impacts and is subject to periodic third-party audits to ensure continued compliance.

TDF maintains current documentation and forest management plans for each state forest, using long-term resource analysis, forest inventories and growth modeling. Activities such as prescribed burns, regenerative harvests, invasive species treatments and thinning on small-compartment tracts are selected to support the forest's long-term health, sustainability, resilience and diversity.

Tennessee's 16 state forests stretch from mountain coves in East Tennessee to bottomlands along the Mississippi River. Managed primarily for natural resources — including high-quality timber, wildlife habitat and biodiversity — many of these lands were eroded or unsustainably harvested before state acquisition. Decades of restoration and careful management have transformed them into productive, healthy forests that provide a vast supply of high-quality timber and other forest products and offer the public an opportunity to connect with nature.

Timber from state forests contributes to the state's forest industry, which comprises 3.2 percent of the state's economy, supports 94,000 jobs and generates \$29.4 billion in economic output. State forests also serve as demonstration sites, showing how forestry best management practices protect and enhance water quality and accommodate multiple goals and objectives across the landscape.

TDF protects Tennessee's forests by fighting wildland fires, coordinating hazard emergency response, providing prescribed fire guidance, services, and wildland fire training. Additionally, the division promotes the responsible use of forest resources by assisting landowners, providing quality seedlings, monitoring insects and diseases, improving urban forests, managing state forests, protecting water quality and collecting forest inventory data. TDF also promotes forest industries to stimulate the state's economy. Visit the Tennessee Division of Forestry webpage for more information.

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New Moon Sunrise Sadhana

On Wednesday, March 18, community members Pippa Browne, Nathalia Penton, and Danielle Miranda will be hosting a New Moon Sunrise Sadhana with a Sound Meditation from 5-7:30 a.m., at the Sewanee Community Center. This event is free and open to all community members. Yoga mats and blankets are provided by the center but limited. Warm and comfortable clothing to move and meditate in is recommended.

Sadhana is a Sanskrit term used in Yoga to refer to a daily spiritual practice. Usually practiced alone, it involves a dedicated routine of yoga, meditation, breathwork, and chanting or prayer to build self-awareness, clear the mind, and cultivate inner peace. When practiced together as a group or in community, it is a powerful way to amplify the energy and create a harmonizing effect that deepens the focus and collective spiritual experience. Celestial events such as new moons and full moons offer ideal energetic backdrops for collective spiritual upliftment.

The Sadhana will begin at 5 a.m., and consist of three parts: A recitation of the morning prayer Japji or "Song of the Soul," a Kundalini Yoga practice, and a chanting sequence of the seven Aquarian mantras. Sound immersion will be facilitated throughout the Sadhana by Danielle Miranda. Amrit Vela ("Time of Immortality/Nectar") is a Punjabi term used to refer to the early morning period of the day, usually between 3-6 a.m. Spiritually, the early morning is considered an auspicious and peaceful time for connecting with the Divine across various traditions. Scientifically, this is a time when the Earth's atmosphere is in a unique state where there are lower levels of electromagnetic interference. The lower density in the Earth's ionosphere (or ether) allows for radio waves to travel farther. This parallels spiritual traditions beliefs around the veil between the spiritual and material worlds being thinner during the dark hours of dawn and dusk.

All faiths and seekers are welcome. Whether you are seeking to deepen or begin a yogic practice or just want practical tools for managing stress, connecting with your body and energy, and regulating your nervous system, this practice will give you a powerful spiritual experience of yourself.

Pippa Browne and Nathalia Penton are Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, and Meditation teachers based in Sewanee who regularly teach yoga, breathwork, and meditation classes at the Sewanee Community Center. Danielle Miranda offers sound immersions with gongs and himalayan bowls, creating grounding and supportive spaces for rest and relaxation. Check out the Sewanee Community Center calendar for more about classes.



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'Falls the Shadow' at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present "Falls the Shadow" by artist Kate Teale, on view in the University Art Gallery through March 30, 2026.

Teale's graphite and charcoal drawings — however simple their means, and however stripped down their subject matter — are laden with meaning.

These drawings do not render objects, but voids, doorways filled with tactile shadow. They are controlled and careful, and perfectly quiet. They wait.

Representing doorways, tunnels, and windows, Teale manipulates architectural space, making walls disappear. She distills meaning in the representation and experience of thresholds, points of transition between shelter and destruction, between confinement and escape. Doorways "make visual the transition from darkness into light — or the reverse." A doorway divides two worlds, and requires a choice.

More than metaphor or representation, these drawings require embodied understanding. Drawing, for Teale, "[should] be something we experience in our bodies and process in our sub-conscious."

The drawings included in "Falls the Shadow" are the result of the artist's 2023 residency at Christ Church College, Oxford, U.K. Their gothic forms echo, and are echoed by, the architecture of the University of the South's campus, deliberately designed to recall that of its English predecessors.

New York-based artist Kate Teale received her M.A. from Oxford University, England, her Art Diploma from City and Guilds of London Art School and her M.F.A. from Hunter College, C.U.N.Y. She teaches at the Parsons School of Design, New York, NY.

The UAG will be closed for the University of the South's Spring Break, through March 15, 2026.

'Flesh Without Blood' at the Carlos Gallery

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present "Flesh Without Blood," an exhibition by Audrey Hoffman, C'26. The exhibit will be on display March 17–22. A drop-in reception will be from 5–6:30 p.m., Friday, March 20.

In "Flesh Without Blood," Hoffman examines and complicates the false dichotomies of life and death, natural and artificial, and empathy and disgust through animal portraiture and fictionalized representations of the body. In her animal portraiture, she focuses on the casualties of the natural world and the strong emotional reactions they inspire. In this work, the light, fluffy textures of a bird's feathers or a rabbit's fur create an inviting, tactile experience; hard, rough concrete and bones push back, and damp earth sinks under footsteps. Canvases cradle the subjects, protecting them from harm. In her other work, she uses wax and textiles to reimagine the internal tissues of the body. Samples of flesh feel alternately warm and alive, or cold, dead, and disposable. The textures of skin and internal organs are softened and remade as art objects, but retain their visceral quality. In conversation with each other, these bodies of work explore what exactly makes a subject, object, or surface "feel" alive.

Audrey Hoffman is a native of Antioch, Tenn., who explores emotional and embodied experiences of life, death, and something in between through painting, wax sculpture, and textiles. She is studying at Sewanee: The University of the South, where she received the Fellowship in the Arts Scholarship for four years, and works at the University Art Gallery as Team Leader and Gallery Attendant. She will graduate in 2026 with a BA in Art and minor in Women's and Gender Studies. Her work has been exhibited in the Frist Art Museum, and she is trained in wax figure maintenance at Madame Tussauds Nashville.

The Carlos Gallery Visual Art Building is located at 105 Kennerly Rd., Sewanee. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

April Fool Fest & Crawfish Boil

The fourth annual April Fool Fest & Crawfish Boil will be on Saturday, April 4, at Shenanigans in downtown Sewanee. There will be live music on multiple stages, amazing food and drink, games, and April Fool's shenanigans! Saturday lineup includes Grace Bowers on the main stage. Slim Wednesday makes their long-awaited return. Annie Sellick's Funk Fam heats it all up. And Aces Brass Band brings that second line to the mountain. More music TBA! Don't miss our ever growing pre-NOLA Jazz Fest Party!

Tickets available on Eventbrite: <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-fool-fest-crawfish-boil-2026-tickets-1982719050052?aff=ebdssb&destsearch>>. Full Fest Day Pass With Crawfish Boil: \$66.14 Includes all shows plus a full plate of boiled crawfish or shrimp (roughly 1.5 lbs), corn on the cob, andouille sausage and red potatoes. Music Only Fest Full Day Pass: \$48.64, all shows on all stages. Student Discount All Music: Must present valid university student ID. Good for upstairs shows starting at 6 p.m. Entry allowed starting at 5:45 p.m.

'King James' at TWC Studio Theatre

Presented by the TCHT Center and Perspectives in Performance, "King James" by Rajiv Joseph will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19 through Saturday, March 21, at the Tennessee Williams Center: Studio Theatre. Jumping through time, "King James" follows two young men in Cleveland, Ohio over the course of 14 years, using key moments in the career of NBA superstar LeBron James as the backdrop for the ebbs and flow of their friendship. What does it take to tell the people you love that you love them? Do you even know how? In this examination of male friendship, race, and the frameworks necessary for people to make meaningful connections, this play investigates the systems that challenge our ability to live in community, connect and challenge one another, and to simply say "I care about you." Written by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph, this emotionally-driven play is for theatre fans, sports fans, and fans of friendship. Reserve your tickets by visiting: <kingjamessewanee.eventbrite.com>.

This production is the second installment in the Perspectives in Performance Series. It is directed by the TCHT Center and Roberson Project's own Chris McCreary, with dramaturgy and assistant direction by Dr. Sylvia Gray. Stay tuned for educational program opportunities and events with Dr. Gray connected to this production.

These programs are made possible by the Truth, Community Healing, and Transformation Center at Sewanee, The Roberson Project, Perspectives in Performance, The Department of Theatre & Dance, The Office of Global Citizenship, the Walter E. Dakin Memorial Fund, University Lectures Committee, and the History Department.

Square Dance and Jam, March 20

Join us for a dance in Sewanee with band The Stones River Reelers and caller T-Claw. The dance will be in Convocation Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Students attend free of charge. Suggested donation for community members \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 3-10 years old. There will be an open jam session from 5:30-6 p.m., so bring an instrument!

Open to all ages and experience levels, the evening will include traditional dancing such as square and contra dance styles along with live old-time music. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, everyone is encouraged to join in the fun. No partner is required. A live caller will guide dancers through every step.

Sponsored by Sewanee Student Organizations and The Green House. Please come out and help Cumberland Community Dance in their mission to keep the ever-evolving, living tradition of Southern Appalachian music and dance alive.

For more information, and to sign up for the newsletter, visit the Grundy Area Arts Council webpage: <<https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance>>.

'A Palace in the Wild' Journeys in British Art Song

Join guest artists Edward Vogel, baritone, and Jenny Parker, piano, for an evening of exquisite poetry and music in the British tradition! "A Palace in the Wild" Journeys in British Art Song will be performed at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 26, in Guerry Auditorium.

The 20th century saw distinct national styles emerge in western classical music. In Britain, this took the form of music inspired by gently rolling hills, impossibly green pastures, whitecaps crashing against chalky cliffs, and the distinctive harmonies of the island nations' folk music. Exploring universal themes of love, loss, and life's journey, this program broadens the horizons of art song lovers, while introducing the genre in an approachable way to those new to it.

With a voice described as "velvet-toned" (BBC Music Magazine), and praised for his "appealing, midweight baritone" (The New York Times), "forthright agility and bold declamation" (Musical America), baritone Edward Vogel <<https://edwardvogelmusic.com/>> is recognized as a sensitive, versatile performer. Recent highlights include his solo debut with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in "Handel's Israel in Egypt," solo debuts with the American Classical Orchestra and Boise Philharmonic, and solo appearances with GRAMMY®-winning Apollo's Fire under the direction of Jeannette Sorrell. Other recent solo appearances include Bach's "Mass in B minor," Handel's "Messiah," Monteverdi's "Vespers" with Apollo's Fire; and Ralph Vaughan Williams's "Dona Nobis Pacem" and Haydn's "The Creation" with GRAMMY®-nominated True Concord. In 2024, he received a GRAMMY® nomination for his work as a soloist on Apollo's Fire's recording of "Handel's Israel in Egypt."

With a career spanning over 30 years, pianist Jenny Parker is a highly regarded collaborator in the southern United States. Currently the head of collaborative piano at Covenant College, she also serves as the pianist for the renowned Chattanooga Boys Choir under the direction of Vincent Oakes. Parker has appeared onstage at Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium accompanying the National Concerts National Youth Choir; as collaborative pianist for competitions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS); and in recital with singers, instrumental soloists, and chamber music ensembles across the Southeast.



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'How Flowers Made Our World' Reading

David Haskell will give a reading from his new book, "How Flowers Made Our World," followed by a book signing. The event is 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, in Convocation Hall. The book celebrates the creativity of flowering plants. Elizabeth Kolbert, Pulitzer-winning author and journalist, called the book "mind-blowing."

Haskell is a Professor Emeritus at the University of the South, and a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. The reading is sponsored by the Departments of Environmental Arts and Humanities, English and Creative Writing, Biology, and the Dakin Fund.

A Reading by Brock Colyar

The reading by journalist Brock Colyar will be at 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at the McGriff Alumni House. Brock Colyar is a features writer at New York Magazine. They will read from their forthcoming book "Gender Bender," a portrait of the messy contradictions that constitute queerness today, from pronouns to nightlife to TERFs to chasers, examining what's been lost and what's been gained in the quest for acceptance. Coffee and light fare will be provided.

School of Theology Hosts Smithsonian Exhibition

The traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History will be in Sewanee through May 15, 2026. The School of Theology is hosting the traveling exhibition "Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?" The exhibit can be found in room 126 of Hamilton Hall, 335 Tennessee Ave., in Sewanee. The exhibition is self-guided, free, and open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information or to schedule group tours, contact the director of the School of Theology Library, Dr. Romulus Stefanut, at (931) 598-1267 or <rdstefan@sewanee.edu>.

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Frame Gallery Gifts and Art is proud to host an art workshop with accomplished artist Carole Forêt in downtown Sewanee, March 20-21, 2026.

Discover how to transform your everyday landscape or cityscape photos into vibrant, expressive paintings in a workshop "Creating Compelling Paintings from the Everyday Photo" led by Forêt. The workshop will be from 2-6 p.m., on Friday, March 20, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, March 21, at the Frame Gallery Studio.

Whether a beginner eager to learn the fundamentals or an intermediate artist ready to gain new skills, this immersive two-day acrylic painting workshop will elevate each participant's art practice. Through live demos, individual guidance, and a thoughtfully paced structure, Forêt will teach students about composition, value, color, and perspective. Limited to seven participants, the class fee is \$195 (no supplies included) or \$225 (all materials included). Students can register and pay to secure their spot on Frame Gallery's website <<https://framegals.com/events/creating-compelling-paintings-from-the-everyday-photo>>.

'To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber and Cloth' at Sounding Stone Gallery

Sounding Stone Gallery's spring exhibition, "To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber and Cloth," will be on view March 21-May 16, 2026 at 74 West College St., Monteagle. The exhibition opens with a reception from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Hutchins Sculpture Studio will also be open beginning at 10 a.m. on March 21.

"To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber and Cloth," features artists whose use of textiles tell (and re-tell) stories — stories about memory, repair, and connection. Storytelling is one of humanity's oldest traditions. In this exhibition, artists continue that legacy through cloth, yarn, and thread — materials imbued with their own histories and labor.

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

The collection centers around the artists' processes. Through quilting, weaving, stitching, and mixed-media textile work, these artists use traditional crafts to explore urgent questions of contemporary life.

Curated by Monteagle, artists Christi Teasley and Stephen Hutchins, themes of memory, grief, joy, and renewal, as well as the use of discarded materials, spontaneously emerged in this body of works. The show suggests that transformation of stories through textile materials can be envoys of healing within ourselves and community.

Fine craft and traditional art take center stage at Sounding Stone Gallery, which shares space with stone sculpture Stephen Hutchins. Work created with intention, skill, and respect for materials shines through local artists and craftsmen from across the Southeast.

Applications Open for SACA Spring Crafts Fair

We invite the artists and crafters in our community to apply to the Spring 2026 SACA Crafts Fair, which will be outdoors on May 9, 2026 at Shoup Park in Sewanee. This event takes place during graduation weekend for The University of the South.

Please note that items and goods need to be made by the artist/crafter. The application fee is \$40, and is due by April 1.

For more information, please email us at <infosaca10@gmail.com>. The digital application is available at <<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYtA2T6ztDth0d88r55-zYZVCG9HUqqStuf11VeN4X-EsmPtw/viewform?pli=1>>.

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'Exploring the Space Between Story and Song'

On March 28, Sewanee becomes the meeting ground for rhythm and remembrance, melody and memory, as legendary storyteller Minton Sparks hosts an unforgettable evening titled "Exploring the Space Between Story and Song." The concert will be upstairs at Shenanigans, 12595 Sollace M. Freeman Hwy., Sewanee. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7 p.m.

Minton Sparks has graced the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, performed at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and is a frequent featured teller at the International Storytelling Center. Known for her masterful fusion of spoken word and music, Sparks brings an electric authenticity to every stage she steps onto.

Joining Sparks is soul music legend Charles Wigg Walker, whose storied career includes touring with icons such as James Brown, Sam Cooke, and Etta James. Walker's voice carries the lived-in depth of classic American soul — powerful, tender, and timeless.

Also featured is acclaimed singer-songwriter Liza Hill, whose luminous vocals and emotionally precise songwriting offer a contemporary counterpoint to the evening's legacy sound.

Accompanying artists include Charles Treadway, keys; Pat Bergeson, guitar; John Jackson, guitar/vocals.

Together, this ensemble creates a rich musical landscape where storytelling flows into song and song dissolves back into story. The performance promises spontaneity, collaboration, and moments that can only happen in a room this intimate.

Limited tickets are available online at Eventbrite. Seating is limited. Early arrival is encouraged.

Understanding Human Fallibility: Cognitive Biases in Nonhuman Primate Judgment

This talk with Dr. Brielle James, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Agnes Scott College, will explore whether well-documented memory distortions in humans are shared with non-human primates, using a comparative research approach. Studies examining boundary extension and the misinformation effect are presented using species-fair paradigms and human adults, monkeys, and a chimpanzee. Together, this work illustrates how comparative research can be used to investigate the reconstructive nature of memory across species, shedding light on the evolutionary origins of cognitive biases and the mechanisms that shape remembering in both laboratory and real-world contexts. The talk will be at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19, in Woods Labs: Blackman Auditorium.

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Bean, Herrington Score Three Goals Each in Tigers' 19-9 Victory

Sofia Bean and Sally Herrington each scored three goals and Marlin Price added two goals and a team-best four assists, helping Sewanee score 13 times in the first half en route to a 19-9 victory over Lake Forest College in women's lacrosse action on March 10, at Puett Field.

The Tigers (6-0) outshot Lake Forest, 31-20, including 22-12 on goal, and caused 22 turnovers by the visitors. Sewanee also picked up 17 ground balls and scored on 4-of-5 free position shots.

The Tigers started quickly, with Sally Whitehead finding the back of the net just over a minute into the match on an assist from Ellen Lewis and Bean netted her first goal just over a minute later, this one from Erika Bolcar.

Whitehead posted her second goal on an assist from Price five minutes into the contest and Price scored unassisted at the eight-minute mark. Elizabeth Muller's free position goal at the seven-minute mark and another Price score, also from a free position, with five minutes to go, gave the Tigers a 6-0 advantage.

Avery Srnka and Emma Sharp collected scores for the Foresters, but Sewanee answered with goals from Ellen Lewis (assist to Price) and Bolcar on an assist from Lewis in the last two minutes of the period for an 8-2 lead after 15 minutes.

The Tigers found the back of the net five more times in the second quarter for a 13-2 advantage at the half.

Alex Kelly scored twice in the first three minutes on assists from Muller and Katherine Clark, and Bean converted a free position shot at the 10-minute mark. Herrington recorded her first goal with eight minutes left in the period, this one also from Clark, and Muller netted a free position shot in the final two minutes.

Herrington collected her other two goals in the third period, one unassisted and a man-up and the other from Price. Bean registered her third goal to start the fourth quarter, assisted by Kelly.

Emma Steffensen made six saves and allowed two goals in the first half to pick up the win in net for the Tigers.

Women's Tennis Wins 4th Straight Against Chapman

Sewanee's women's tennis team defeated Chapman, 7-0, on March 10, in California.

Lucy Lee and Harper High secured a quick 6-1 win at No. 3 doubles, and Mariella Congeni and Ivy Wilson clinched the doubles point with a 6-2 victory at No. 1. Lee and Natalie Pumpelly completed the doubles sweep with a 7-5 win at No. 2.

In singles, Congeni dropped just one game in a dominant 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 1. High followed with a 6-1, 6-3 victory at No. 2, and Hanna Davis clinched the match for the Tigers with a 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 6.

Lee added a three-set victory at No. 5, 6-7, 7-5, 1-0 (7), and Wilson secured the sweep with another three-set win at No. 3, 6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (7).

Baseball Completes Sweep with 8-1 Win Over Asbury

Austin Graber tossed seven strong innings on the mound, Will Jennewein drove in three runs and Tyler Pinson and John Bagwell added two RBIs apiece, helping Sewanee complete a sweep of Asbury University with an 8-1 victory in baseball action March 8, at Montgomery Field.

Graber (1-1) allowed one run on three hits with three strikeouts in seven innings of work, inducing three groundball doubleplays and keeping the Eagles (5-11) off the scoreboard over his final six innings. He retired the side in order in the third and fourth innings and worked around two walks in the fifth and an error in the sixth.

Asbury grounded into doubleplays to end the first, fifth and seventh innings and was unable to take advantage of three walks and a hit batter issued by Graber.

Jennewein put the Tigers (9-4-1) ahead for good with a two-run single in the bottom of the first and Bagwell added a two-run double in the fifth before a two-run single from Pinson in the sixth. Jennewein's sacrifice fly in the eighth plated the final run for Sewanee.

Spencer Yu collected three hits and scored two runs, Jennewein finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs and Pinson was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. The Tigers stranded 12 runners in the contest, including the bases loaded in the seventh and two runners in the first and third innings. Sewanee posted 13 hits along with three walks and three hit batters in the game.

Asbury scored the first run of the game just three batters into the contest after a leadoff walk to Edison Burke, who moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Andrew Billington. Hayden Fisher followed with an RBI single and the Eagles led, 1-0, but any further damage was erased when Josh McNulty grounded into a 5-4-3 twin-killing.

In the bottom of the inning, Yu singled with one out and Charlie Teel walked. With two outs Zach Fortman was hit and Jennewein delivered a two-run single to center for a 2-1 edge.

Owen Andress led off the Sewanee fourth with a single and Sebastian Leinberger was hit. Andress moved to third on a fly ball from Aidan Petrocco and scored on an errant pickoff throw to first for a 3-1 advantage.

Pinson was hit to start the fifth, his fifth hit by pitch in the series, and Fortman reached on an error. Jennewein's groundout pushed the runners to second and third before Bagwell's double to rightcenter increased the lead to 5-1.

Petrocco led off the sixth with a walk, Yu singled and Teel moved the runners with a sac bunt. Pinson then singled up the middle, plating both runners for a 7-1 advantage.

In the eighth Pinson singled and Max Kilburn doubled before a sac fly from Jennewein scored the final run.

Wrigley Clinches 5-2 Match Against No. 25 Haverford

Lucas Wrigley clinched the match for Sewanee's men's tennis team as the Tigers defeated No. 25-ranked Haverford on Tuesday afternoon in California, 5-2.

Wrigley and Max Verellen got Sewanee started with a 6-3 win at No. 3 doubles, before Andre-Remi Jakobi and Samuel Schroerlucke secured the doubles point with a 6-4 victory at No. 1. Ben Lammert and Drew Rukavina completed the doubles sweep with a 7-5 win at No. 2.

Schroerlucke carried that momentum into singles, earning a 6-3, 6-1 win at No. 3. Jakobi then pushed Sewanee's lead to 3-0 with a 6-4, 6-1 victory at No. 1.

Haverford got on the board with a three-set win at No. 5 and pulled within 3-2 after another three-set victory at No. 2.

Wrigley clinched the match for Sewanee with a 7-5, 6-3 win at No. 6 in just under two hours against Aarush Kumar. Lammert added the final point for the Tigers at No. 4, dropping the first set 6-1 before battling back for 6-4 wins in the second and third sets.

Stilz, Waters Post Two-Over 74 in Final Round at Savannah Invite

Senior Jane Stilz and freshman Rachel Waters both shot two-over par 75 and freshman Natalie Catapano posted a four-over 77 for Sewanee women's golf March 10, in the final round of the Savannah Spring Invitational at The Club at Savannah Harbor in Savannah, Ga.

The Tigers improved by 13 shots from the opening round, moving up three spots in the team standings in the team's first event of the spring.

Stilz started her day with a bogey at No. 12 before recording five consecutive pars and a birdie on the par-4 18th. The Lexington, Ky., native added four more pars and a birdie on the par-3 third hole, but she recorded a stretch of three bogeys in four holes from 6-9. She finished the round with two pars for two-over 75 (par 73) for a two-round score of 155, tied for 49th.

Waters began her round at No. 13 with a roller coaster of scores, collecting a bogey and a double bogey before birdies on holes 15 and 16 and then another bogey. The Nashville, Tenn., native registered pars on seven of the next eight holes with a birdie at No. 2 as well. She bogeyed Nos. 8-9 but made two pars and birdied her final hole, No. 12, for two-over 75 and a 36-hole total of 157, tied for 55th.

Catapano opened the day at No. 11, making birdies on holes 11, 12 and 14. She recorded three pars on the back nine along with bogeys on 16 and 17. The Pacific Palisades, Calif., native started the front nine with two bogeys and added a double at No. 4. She alternated birdies and bogeys on holes 6-9 before another bogey at No. 10 to finish the round at four-over 77 for a two-round score of 150, tied for 40th.

Freshman Elizabeth Bowman played her first seven holes at one-over with four pars, two bogeys and a birdie at No. 17. The College Grove, Tenn., native registered seven more pars on the front nine with one bogey and one double and bogeyed her last hole of the round, No. 11, shooting five-over 78 for a 36-hole total of 158, tied for 59th.

Freshman Anna Claire Gibson started the round with five pars in her first six holes and added six more pars and one bogey on the front nine. The Knoxville, Tenn., native collected her only birdie of the day on the par-5 11th hole, carding a final-round 81 for a two-round score of 163, tied for 79th.

Sewanee plays again March 20-22 at the Jekyll Island Women's Intercollegiate at the Great Dunes Course in Georgia.



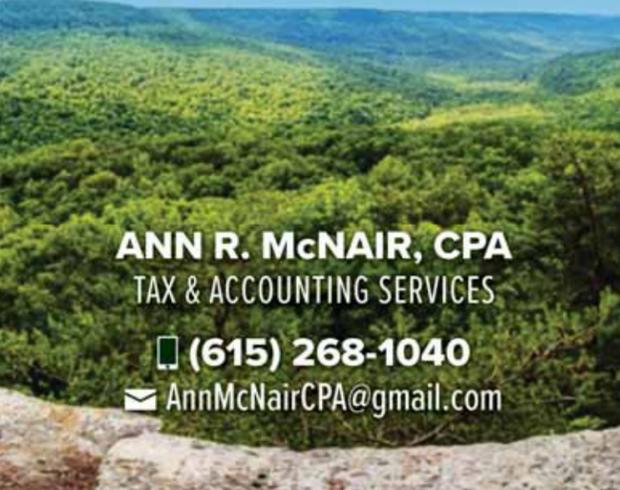
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The City of Winchester Parks & Rec. – Aquatics Department would like to announce the Winchester Swimplex will be offering Lifeguard Training this spring.

To be eligible for registration, you must meet the following requirements:

Must be a minimum of 15 years of age at time of class.

Be able to swim 300 yards either forward crawl or breaststroke.

Be able to tread water for 2 minutes.

Be able to pass a timed retrieval swim.

Classes will be March 30 through April 3, 2026.

You can register online, over the phone, or in-person at the Winchester Swimplex.

For more information or questions contact Winchester Swimplex (931) 962-4204.

2026 Spring Swim Lessons Begin April 6

Welcome to the Sewanee Aquatics Swim Club, where we provide a fun and supportive environment for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

All children Must be at least 4 years old.

Session 1 (April 6–22): Monday/Wednesdays from 5–5:30 p.m.

Session 2 (April 7–23): Tuesday/Thursday from 5–5:30 p.m.

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Lessons are taught at the Fowler Center Natatorium on the campus of Sewanee: The University of the South

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For more information and to register go to <<https://sewaneeaquatics.com/lesson-program>>.

SAS Honors Varsity Winter Athletes' Accomplishments: Swimming, Wrestling, and Basketball

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School celebrated the winter varsity athletic season in an all-school assembly on March 3.

After recognizing the seniors on each team, varsity athletic coaches bestowed awards for Most Valuable Player, Coaches' Award and Most Improved Player. The MVP and MIP awards are voted on by the team. Receiving recognition were:

Most Improved: Reuben Cloniger (senior, swimming), Arabella Mitchell (junior, wrestling), Melissa Haworth (senior, swimming), Brendan Ellison (freshman, wrestling), Keziah Ingeli (senior, basketball), and Emmanuel Wimbish (junior, basketball).

Most Valuable: Leonora Pate (sophomore, wrestling), Annabelle Close (junior, basketball), Sarah Russell Leonard (senior, swimming), Harper Thompson (junior, basketball), Archer Ladd (freshman, swimming), and Mason Sparacio (sophomore, wrestling).

Coaches Award: Annika Stefanut (senior, wrestling), Lilly Crigger (senior, basketball), Reuben Cloniger (senior, swimming), Guille Ruiz de la Herran Sanjuan (sophomore, wrestling), and Triumph Maina (junior, basketball).



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Becker Shoots Final-Round 69, Ties for Sixth at Tiger Invite

Senior Elias Becker shot three-under 69 while sophomore Turner Chiles and freshman Aidan Tudor each posted a two-under 70, helping Sewanee men's golf to a third-place team finish March 10, in the Tiger Invitational at Forest Creek Golf Club-North in Pinehurst, N.C.

The Tigers moved up five spots in the team standings in the final round, shooting two-under 286, tying for third with Emory University. Methodist University won the event ahead of Huntingdon College.

Becker started his round at No. 5 with five straight pars and shot three-under on the back nine with birdies on holes 10, 14 and 17 along with six pars. The Mexico City, Mexico, native ended the round with four more pars for three-under 69 and a 54-hole score of 213, tied for sixth, moving up 12 spots in the final round.

Chiles bogeyed his second hole of the day, No. 7, but registered nine pars over the next 11 holes with birdies on the other two, Nos. 10 and 16. The Houston, Texas, native also birdied No. 1 and posted four more pars to end the round at two-under 70 and a three-round total of 216, tied for 12th.

Tudor started slowly with bogeys on holes seven and nine but followed his teammates with excellent play on the back nine. The New Market, Md., native shot three-under with birdies on holes 12, 14 and 15 and six pars. He added birdies on Nos. 3 and 4 before a bogey on his last hole, No. 6, carding a two-under 70 for a 54-hole score of 219, tied for 30th.

Senior Will Brookby collected five consecutive pars to begin his round before bogeys at Nos. 13 and 14. The Houston, Texas, native netted three more pars before a birdie at No. 18. He added one more bogey at No. 2 but bogeyed five of the last six holes, shooting five-over 77 for a three-round total of 229, tied for 69th.

Senior Colin Edwards made nine pars in his round along with birdies on holes three and 13. The Brookhaven, Ga., native registered four bogeys and two doubles, finishing with a 78 and a 54-hole score of 222, tied for 45th.

Register for the MGTA 2026 Race

Join us on Saturday, April 4 as we celebrate 20 years of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance at the Mountain Goat Trail Race, sponsored by Mountain Outfitters. There's a 2-mile walk, 5-mile run, and half-marathon, all on the trail, followed by food, fun, and the famous gear raffle!

The half-marathon begins in Mountain Outfitters in Monteagle at 8 a.m., and will run on the Mountain Goat Trail to Sewanee, with a section on smooth gravel railbed, before returning to the finish at Mountain Outfitters. The two-mile walk begins at 10:15 a.m. at La Bella Pearl's Restaurant in Sewanee, and the five-mile run begins at 9:30 a.m., in downtown Sewanee, both finishing at Mountain Outfitters.

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4 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, SAS Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Franklin Christian Academy

5:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, SAS MS Girls' Volley ball vs. Pelham

6 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, Women's Lacrosse vs. Rowan University

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs. Westwood JV

4 p.m., Friday, March 20, SAS Varsity Boys' Soccer vs. Tullahoma High School

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Honey Bunches got her name because she is so sweet and because of her color. She is likely a Mountain Cur mixed with maybe with some Rhodesian Ridgeback. She is around a year and a half old and weighs about 45 pounds. Honey likes belly rubs, car rides, to be brushed, and to lie beside her people. Sometimes she can be goofy and other times acts like a princess prancing when she walks. Honey is house trained, crate trained and knows some commands. She is a great family companion getting along well with several small dogs in her foster home and with her humans. She even is good with goats and pigs. Honey is really looking forward to having her very own forever family. Are you looking for your best companion?

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Nature Journaling Continues

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

State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to Fiery Gizzard State Park <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/fiery-gizzard>, (931) 924-2980; Head of the Crow State Park <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/head-of-the-crow>, (615) 762-5917; Savage Gulf State Park <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>, 931-692-3887. All times are central.

Spring Hike on the Gizzard — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, March 21, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. \$0-\$20. Register for event. Meet at Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City. Meet Ranger Hannah for a scenic hike through the one of Tennessee's most iconic landscapes - The Fiery Gizzard. We will begin the hike along the Grundy Forest Day Loop and then cross the silver bridge and venture to Sycamore Falls. This hike will highlight three waterfalls, Black Canyon, the Chimney Rock formations, and all the Spring beauty in-between! This will be a 3-mile round trip, moderate hike, featuring rocky and uneven terrain with elevation gains and losses. Hikers will need to wear sturdy footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, bring water, and a snack. Hikers should read the attached program EEC (Essential Eligible Criteria) prior to signing up < https://reserve.tnstateparks.com/gallery/tsp_masterg/451/items/4A6C89B4-9313-4659-83E2D9ED34051A2D.pdf>. Registration is required for this program as space is limited. Participants will be emailed 24hrs prior to the hike should it need to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Backcountry Buggytop — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. \$0-\$20. Register for event. Meet at Buggytop Trailhead. Say hello to Spring with an off-trail exploration of the wilderness surrounding Buggytop Cave. The most distinct and well known feature of Carter State Natural Area is the cave, however the land that surrounds it, which include the head of Crow Creek, are exceptional in beauty, remoteness, and ruggedness. This 6-mile dayhike is completely off trail so participants should be prepared to traverse steep slopes and rocky terrain, negotiate thick underbrush and briars, and cross streams and creeks. Experience the side of the Natural Area that few people get to see.

Spring Hike Stone Door Stroll — Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. \$0-\$20. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Rd., Savage Gulf North. Enjoy a 2 mile Spring Hike to Stone Door and back. Guests should bring any desired food and water, as these are not provided, and wear hiking shoes with weather appropriate clothing. Meet at the Savage Gulf North Pavilion. This hike is weather dependent and will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund.

Wildflower Wanderlust Hike — Head of the Crow State Park, Sunday, March 22, noon–4 p.m. \$5-\$20. Register for event. Meet at Buggytop Trailhead. This will be a fun but challenging wildflower hike that includes traversing the strenuous 4-mile Buggytop Trail and roughly 1 mile of rugged off-trail hiking along Crow Creek, where we will enjoy and discuss various wildflowers in bloom. You will get to experience the beauty of Crow Creek and the various wildflowers that call the valley their home. Close-toed shoes are required. Tall hiking boots with good ankle support and slip-resistant soles are preferred. Hiking poles are suggested for stability and creek crossings. Please bring water plus any desired snacks and electrolyte beverages. Before registering, please be aware that this will be a difficult hike on difficult terrain. Feel free to contact the Program Lead for more information.

Grundy Forest Silent Hike — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, March 28, 9–11 a.m. \$0-\$20. Register for event. Meet at 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City. Step away from the noise of everyday life and reconnect with nature on this silent hike. Join Ranger Josh for a peaceful walk along the approximately 2-mile Grundy Forest Day Loop. At the trailhead, we will briefly touch on the natural and cultural history of the area before beginning our silent journey. This hike is designed to slow our pace, heighten awareness, and allow us to fully experience the forest using our senses. We will move quietly through the landscape, focusing on the sounds of flowing water, birdsong, wind through the trees, and the rhythm of our footsteps on the trail. Space is limited and registration is required. Things to bring: weather-appropriate clothing, water, comfortable footwear. Things to leave behind: distractions, stress.

NATURE NOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Spring-beauties

On sunny days, we have been enjoying the masses of spring-beauties in bloom in the lawns of campus and town. If you are lucky and hit the day and weather just right, you may also see masses of them in Shakerag Hollow. These are two different species. In Shakerag you are seeing the Carolina spring-beauty, a more northern species (ironically) reaching here the southern end of its range in the higher elevations. The leaf is more oval and has a distinct stalk. The Virginia spring-beauty is more widespread and has a narrower, almost grass-like leaf. They are in the family Portulacaceae and, like the portulacas in your garden, are only open when conditions are warm (to conserve heat) and are good for visits from pollinators, so nectar and pollen won't be wastefully washed away during a rainstorm, for example. The pink lines on the white petals guide bees to the nectar at the flower's center. There is even a specific bee, the spring beauty mining bee, that exclusively gathers the pollen to feed its young. It is tiny, only a little larger than a sweat bee, and solitary. Take a close look to see these bees gathering the pink (!) pollen. They make a tunnel in the ground, deposit a lump of pollen moistened with nectar, and lay a single egg. Another insect, the ant, helps disperse this flower's seeds. These seeds, like those of trillium, bloodroot, and some of our other early spring wildflowers, have a fatty appendage that is attractive to ants. They carry the seeds to the nest, feed the fatty part to their larvae, and discard the actual seed in their trash piles, giving it protection from predators and nutrients for growth. These flowers are among the true spring ephemerals, blooming and setting seed early while the sun still reaches the forest floor and storing energy in their underground corms, then dying back, ready for the big show next spring. Those underground corms have been used as food, giving the plant names like fairy-spuds and wild potatoes. It would take so many of them to make a meal that they are better appreciated for the flowers they bear.

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Tue	Mar 03	63	49
Wed	Mar 04	63	53
Thu	Mar 05	73	57
Fri	Mar 06	76	56
Sat	Mar 07	78	61
Sun	Mar 08	74	55

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NOTICE: There will be a Beer Board meeting of the Monteagle City Council on March 30, 2026 at 4:15 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a beer permit for the New Dollar General.

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Electronics
Computers and Monitors
Televisions
All Other Electronics
Ink Cartridges
Rechargeable Batteries
Books, hard back and paper back

Special Waste:
Waste Oil and Waste Antifreeze: Used oil (oil must be oil only and not contain any gas, water or antifreeze) and antifreeze is collected for recycling at Franklin County Solid Waste Management located on Joyce Lane in Winchester and at the following Convenience Centers: Alto, Capitol Hill, Center Grove, Cowan, Estill Springs, Lexie Crossroads, Old Salem, Sewanee and Winchester Springs.

Don't clog up your pipes and sewer lines; take your used cooking oil to 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester.

Commercial waste must be disposed of at the Republic Transfer Station, 9577 Tullahoma Hwy., Estill Springs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
<<https://www.franklincotn.us/solidwaste.html>>

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or Taylor's Mercantile, 10 University Ave., Sewanee
before noon, Thursday and Friday
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2026 Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales – Registration Form

Saturday, April 11th – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

You can participate by either having a sale at your home (feel free to combine your efforts with a friend!) or join up with others at the Community Center. All participants will be listed on the official map that will be distributed that day. Advertising will be in local papers in the surrounding areas.



Maybe you don't have many items for sale, live further from town, or would rather be in a larger group. You can reserve space inside the Center too.

Yes! I want to participate in the Sewanee community-wide yard sales. Entries due 3/30/2026

- I will have a sale at my home and want to be included on the official map.
- I want to have booth space at the Sewanee Community Center (limited tables available)

Contact Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____
Location of Sale, if different than mailing address: _____
Fee included: \$25 (for advertising, map printing, official yard sign)

Check all items that will be available – these will be highlighted on the map listings.

- art
- antiques
- appliances
- baby/children clothes
- teen clothes
- adult clothes
- baby furniture
- bicycles, toys
- books
- computer/electronics
- exercise equipment
- furniture
- garden supplies
- housewares
- musical instruments
- tools
- other: _____
- other: _____

Mail form and \$25 to:
Sewanee Community Center
39 Ball Park Road
Sewanee, TN 37375

Contact Sewanee Community Center Board for more information
– sewaneecc@gmail.com

The Sewanee Community Center is generously supported by the Sewanee Community Chest.

FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

St. Patrick's Day (March 17)

On Raglan Road on an autumn day I met her first and knew
That her dark hair would weave a snare that I might one day rue;
I saw the danger, yet I walked along the enchanted way,
And I said, let grief be a fallen leaf at the dawning of the day.

On Grafton Street in November we tripped lightly along the ledge
Of the deep ravine where can be seen the worth of passion's pledge,
The Queen of Hearts still making tarts and I not making hay—
O I loved too much and by such and such is happiness thrown away.

I gave her gifts of the mind I gave her the secret sign that's known
To the artists who have known the true gods of sound and stone
And word and tint. I did not stint for I gave her poems to say.
With her own name there and her own dark hair like clouds over
fields of May.

On a quiet street where old ghosts meet I see her walking now
Away from me so hurriedly my reason must allow
That I had wooed not as I should a creature made of clay—
When the angel woos the clay he'd lose his wings at the dawn of day.

--Patrick Kavanagh, On Raglan Road

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Community Calendar

Friday, March 13

- Nominations for 43rd annual Community Service Award due* <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

- 8 a.m. Morton Memorial UMC monthly food distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
9 a.m. American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall
9 a.m. Grief Recovery Group, Wesley House, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, 574 Georgia Ave., until 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, March 16

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Sewanee Woman's Club; lunch at 11:50 a.m.; program, Matthew Sias, "Active with Strength," St. Mary's Sewanee

Tuesday, March 17 • St. Patrick's Day

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
9 a.m. Coffee w/Coach Men's LaCrosse Coach Nick DiBernardo, McGriff Alumni House; livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
1 p.m. F@H Caregivers Support Group, Brooks Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul until 2 p.m. Register at <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>
4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility office, Sherwood Rd.
5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, March 18

- 5 a.m. New Moon Sunrise Sadhana Sound Meditation, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:30 a.m.
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch at noon; lead, Isabelle Puckette Love, "...Planning for Perpetuity," at 12:30 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee
11:30 a.m. Lunch & Learn, (\$15/class or \$50/all 4 classes) UT Extension Grundy County, 7852 TN 56, Coalmont, until 1:30 p.m.
5 p.m. Reading, journalist Brock Colyar, McGriff Alumni House
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, March 19

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, program, Monteagle Mayor Greg Maloof, St. Mary's Sewanee
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room,

- Monteagle City Hall
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
4:30 p.m. Babson Center discussion, Mark Balte, C'85, Torian Room, duPont
7:30 p.m. Performance, "King James," TWC Studio Theatre

Friday, March 20 • Eid al-Fitr

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9:46 a.m. Spring Equinox
2 p.m. Art Workshop, "Creating Compelling Paintings from the Everyday Photo," Carole Fôret, Frame Gallery Studio, until 6 p.m. (and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday)
5 p.m. Art Reception, "Flesh Without Blood," Audrey Hoffman, C'26, Carlos Gallery, 105 Kennerly Rd., until 6:30 p.m.
5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Performance, "King James," TWC Studio Theatre

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

Sunday

6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Monday

5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

11 a.m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont

7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church

Wednesday

10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493

6 p.m., NA, community room at 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont

6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle

7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee

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

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