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SUD: Depreciation Policy, Deepwoods Water Request

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
Writer

At the March 18 meeting, the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners voted to raise the capital depreciation threshold in response to a recommendation from the auditors. The board also took up a request from Deepwoods area residents for water service.

Before amended, the capital depreciation policy called for SUD to depreciate capital expenses costing in excess of \$2,000. SUD's auditors, the MG Group, suggested raising the trigger threshold to at least \$5,000. Explaining, SUD manager Ben Beavers said, "\$2,000 doesn't buy as much as it used to."

"We need to fund the depreciation," SUD Board President Charlie Smith said in support of raising the threshold. "Anything we could save on that would probably be a good idea." Raising the threshold means SUD has to set aside less money to replace capital assets.

"Most everything we buy is \$3,500 and less for general operation things. Then there's a gap and it picks up from \$12,000 to \$15,000," Beavers observed.

Commissioner Donnie McBee brought the Deepwoods' residents request to the board. "There are 14 or 15 people at the end of Deepwoods Road who want to know what it would take for them to get water," McBee said. "They all went kind of dry last year."

"There's no good news for them," Smith acknowledged. The residents

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Julia Ayala Harris to Preach in All Saints' Chapel

On Sunday, March 23, the University of the South will welcome president of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church Julia Ayala Harris to All Saints' Chapel where she will deliver the sermon at two services. These will take place at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

President Julia Ayala Harris serves as the 34th president of the House of Deputies, where she leads alongside the presiding bishop to guide the Episcopal Church in its governance and mission. Together, they balance the spiritual and organizational needs of the church, inspiring Episcopalians to embody Christ's love in their communities. Re-elected at the 81st General Convention in 2024, she is the first Latina and woman of color to serve in this position.

President Ayala Harris's leadership is marked by a deep commitment to truth-telling, reconciliation, and fostering a church that boldly reflects the love and justice of Jesus Christ.



The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge event was held during the month of February. Through fun activities, Sewanee Elementary students discovered ways to take care of their hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude and learning to ways to de-stress. Participating students who accepted the Coach's Challenge got to tape Coach Camp to the wall! The total donations for the American Heart Association's fundraising event were \$4,932.47.



Annie and Lucy Beaumont, fourth graders at Sewanee Elementary, represented the Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs Society, based in Chattanooga, of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) at the Tennessee State C.A.R. Conference. The conference was from March 14-16 at the General Morgan Inn in Greeneville, Tenn. Both young ladies served as pages during the conference's formal events on March 15. Lucy Beaumont led the attendees in reciting the American's Creed and Annie Beaumont led the C.A.R. Creed. They also spent time participating in a Bowling With Veterans competition, where seven teams, each led by a different veteran, competed for the day's top score. The highlight of the weekend was Saturday night's awards banquet and dance. The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution "trains good citizens, develops leaders, and promotes love of the United States of America among young people."

Choir of St. John's College to Perform, April 8

On Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m., the world famous Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge, will give a concert in All Saints' Chapel on the Sewanee campus. Known for their tours across Europe, Asia, and North America, the Choir draws large audiences wherever they perform. It has been nine years since the Choir's last USA tour, making this tour especially popular.

The St. John's Choir is part of a centuries-old tradition with a vibrant modern presence. It consists of around 20 boy and girl treble Choristers from St John's College School, alongside 18 mixed Choral Scholars and Choral Graduates singing the alto, tenor, and bass parts, and two Organ Scholars. Under the guidance of Director of Music Christopher Gray, the Choir continues to develop its world-renowned "St John's Sound," performing seven weekly chapel services during the University of Cambridge's Full Term.

Beyond enriching the liturgical life of St John's College, the Choir reaches a global audience of millions through performances, digital platforms, recordings, and radio broadcasts that consistently receive widespread recognition. The Choir also continues a tradition of radio and digital broadcasts, with regular appearances on BBC Radio 3 — most famously the annual Advent Carol Service.

With generous support from the Mr. Kenneth H. and Mrs. Frances S. Kerr Organ Endowment Recital Fund, the concert is presented by the University Choir, the Sewanee Performing Arts Series, and the School of Theology. Tickets are \$25, general admission, and available at <eventbrite.com>. Sewanee students, staff, and faculty receive one free ticket with Sewanee ID, available in the office of All Saints' Chapel during office hours.

'Black in the Box': Running Toward, Not Away

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Marlon Burnley calls himself a "theater maker," resisting the limiting labels "actor, director, writer." March 30, Sewanee will have the opportunity to witness award winning "theater maker" Burnley embrace all three roles in his one-man show "Black in the Box." Through music, dance, and mask work, "Black in the Box" confronts the history of Black America seen through the eyes of those who lived it. Burnley created the four masks used in the performance from a 3-D print of his own face, building on that with clay to fashion the characters his imagination envisioned. For Burnley on a personal level, "Black in the Box" epitomizes the creative process of "running toward, not away" from what he long avoided, "dark and traumatic" Black history.

Burnley first visited the University two years ago as a director and to lead a Social Justice Theater workshop with students. "Marlon's work was excellent," said Theater and Dance Department Chair Jim Crawford. "I've been looking for an opportunity to bring him back to campus ever since."

Asked how much being Black informed his creative process, Burnley acknowledged, "It's everything. I wouldn't have been able to say that when I started work on 'Black in the Box.'" For

him, theater making became a way to "get a better understanding of and to communicate the Black experience. I can show you better than I can talk about experiences and moments in history."

The idea for "Black in the Box" grew out of a graduate school assignment to portray a work of literature or music using masks. Burnley created a character from the song "Mr. Bojangles." "I got really interested in masked performance and how we can say a lot with our bodies," Burnley said. Significantly, he has a background in both theater and dance and holds degrees from Indiana University and the University of Georgia. Three other character performances embodying movement, music, and masks followed upon "Mr. Bojangles," with the four masked performances coming together in "Black in the Box." The play epitomizes Burnley's inner drive "to approach a difficult subject in a beautiful and artistic way."

Burnley recently directed a production of "Macbeth" in what was once known as Seneca Village, an 1800s free Black community where Central Park now resides displaced by gentrification. Burnley reframed the story of "MacBeth" using costuming and set design borrowing on the

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Letter

ATTEND THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage any and all community members who have been attacked, or their children have been attacked, or their pets have been attacked by dogs to attend the Community Council Meeting on Monday, March 24, at 7 p.m. Also, if you have felt in danger or terror that you can be attacked by dogs, please come to this meeting and share your experience. The University can only understand the breadth and depth of this problem if they hear from you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Phelps, Community Council 4th District Representative

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Project HELP provides emergency electric bill assistance year-round to help qualifying DREMC members keep their electric power on during difficult financial times.

Project HELP is supported by donations from DREMC members and employees, and their generosity has made this assistance program a valuable resource for those who live in Franklin County.

To apply for Project HELP assistance, contact the Franklin County Good Samaritan Association located at 1725 Decherd Blvd., Decherd, or by phone (931) 967-9336.

Round Up for Project Help

The Sewanee Utility District's billing software has the ability to round up your bill to the nearest dollar with the difference going to the Project Help fund. Project Help collects donations from SUD customers and passes them on to the Community Action Committee, where it is used to pay folks' water and sewer bill when they need a bit of help.

Please consider rounding up your bill for this worthy cause – it really makes a difference in our community. Call the office at (931) 598-5611 to enroll or if you have any questions.

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Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community's conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines. We strive to print all letters we receive, but publication is not guaranteed. Letters should be factually accurate. Letters that are deemed unsuitable for publication shall not be printed elsewhere in the newspaper, including as a paid advertisement.

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The Franklin County Sheriff's Office will conduct a multi-agency Sobriety Checkpoint on Saturday, March 29, 2025. The Checkpoint or Checkpoints will be conducted between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. Location or locations can be Hwy 41A at the Hwy. 156 intersection, Hwy. 127 at Monroe Floyd Rd., and Old Tullahoma Rd., (Hwy. 130) in the area of North Lake Elementary.

Hospitality Shop News

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.

As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed. Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

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


Local Food Available

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




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Caving Presentation at SWC Meeting

A fascinating program on Tennessee caves will be presented at the Sewanee Woman's Club on Monday, April 14. Joey Favaloro, who has been caving for more than 60 years, will tell us about the wonderful world of Tennessee caves.

There are more than 10,000 caves in Tennessee with new caves being discovered every year and Joey has discovered many of them. He notes that within a 30-mile radius of where Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia meet there are more caves than anywhere else in the world. We will see some amazing slides of his caving adventures. Joey began caving as a boy when he visited Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. He and his friends began by seeking horizontal caves and later graduated to vertical caves which require more sophisticated rigging for climbing and rappelling.

All are welcome to attend Sewanee Woman's Club meetings especially the ladies in the Plateau area. You don't have to be a member to enjoy the informative programs and connect with other very intelligent ladies of the mountain! Members, guests and interested women will gather at St. Mary's Sewanee at 11:30 a.m. for social time. Lunch is served at 11:50 a.m. with the program following. Please make reservations by 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, by emailing Hilary Goodman at <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

Join the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department

The Sewanee Fire Department serves the community by protecting lives and property over an 84-square-mile territory and by providing mutual aid assistance to neighboring communities for their fire and rescue needs. In 2024, the Fire Department responded to 265 calls, including structure and wildland fires, vehicle extractions, rope rescue operations, and mutual aid to Marion and Grundy County.

During the academic year, the department consists of volunteers by community members, university students, and faculty and staff. Outside the academic year, the department has 30 volunteers.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a firefighter, please contact Nathan Stewart at <ncstewart@sewanee.edu>. The Fire Department trains at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays at Sewanee Station (111 Alabama Avenue), and potential new members are invited to attend before making a commitment to join.

The Sewanee Fire Department is now looking for volunteers for the future first responder program. These volunteers do not have to be firefighters to participate. If you have an interest in the first responder program, to provide basic medical care to the community, please reach out to Nathan Stewart <ncstewart@sewanee.edu>. Please be on the lookout for information regarding the first responder program in the future.

Community Chest Needs You

The 2024-25 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$123,456 will help 19 local organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve the entire community. Currently, 90 percent of the goal has been met. The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

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Upcoming Meetings

Special Presentation of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance

Cowan Commercial Club will host a special presentation at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 24, in the Firefly Gallery at The Franklin House Boutique Hotel.

Representatives of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance will provide updates on the project to turn the old branch line railroad into one of Tennessee's longest walking trails. All are invited to attend.

The Franklin House is located at 108 E. Cumberland St., Cowan. Parking is available behind the hotel and behind the Old Texaco welcome center. For more information leave a message at (931) 967-3078.

Sewanee Community Council

The following items are on the agenda for the Sewanee Community Council meeting scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2025, in-person at the Sewanee Community Center and online via Zoom.

Approval of the January Minutes; Update on 41-A Apartments, Tarhan; Upkeep of the Sewanee Market, Gohn; Dog Control, Willis and Phelps; Proposed Community Council Dates for 2025-26; Wilson; Announcements and/or Questions.

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Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, with Nick DiBenardo, Men's Lacrosse. The livestream will be available at <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

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

11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch and a talk (called a "Lead") which is given by a variety of talented speakers.

On Wednesday, March 26, get your scuba gear ready and listen to a Lead given by the multi-talented Theater Professor Dan Backlund, who also just happens to be the diver in charge of feeding the fish at the Chattanooga Aquarium.

Come dive in with Dan and learn all about this most unusual retirement occupation! Dan Backlund gives marvelous talks, and all community members are invited to arrive at 12:25 p.m. to learn from this Lead.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, March 27, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Wall Wofford, Executive Director of Folks at Home, will present the program.

Sewanee Business Alliance

The Sewanee Business Alliance will have its monthly meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 27, at Locals Gallery located between Regions Bank and the Blue Chair Tavern. The featured speaker will be Tom Sanders from South Cumberland Community Fund. The meeting may also be attended via Zoom code 862 3210 1574.

Town of Monteagle


The Monteagle City Council will have its regular meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2025, in the conference room at City Hall.

Eastern Star Cemetery

Eastern Star Cemetery annual meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at St. James Church in Midway.

Housing Hub

The Housing Hub, a nonprofit addressing affordable home ownership for working families on the plateau, will have a board meeting Wednesday, April 2 at 8 a.m., at their office at the Littell-Partin Center, Suite 230, in Tracy City. Interested community members are welcome to attend. More information is available at their website, <housinghubtn.org>.



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All Saints' Chapel

Sundays during the Academic Year, services at All Saints' Chapel will be at 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

The Lenten Daily Eucharist. A Eucharist will be celebrated Monday through Friday, beginning at 12:25 p.m. in St. Augustine's Chapel, which is located in the rear hallway of All Saints'. The service is designed to last about 20–25 minutes, so that you can take part and still make it to a 1 p.m. class or appointment.

Christ Church

While churches which teach about Lent may differ in the Scriptures read on the Sundays, the theme of "cleaning up your life and reflecting" is part of the Season. One of the Gospel lessons has the warning that just cleaning up your life without furnishing it with better attitudes and liv-

ing may just mean that your old demons take note and head back with their friends. This Sunday at Christ Church we will try to take a deep look at the words of Jesus in Chapter 12 of The Gospel according to St. Luke.

We are delighted that some people took advantage of our invitation to pick daffodils. There are still thousands left. Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch follows.

Cowan First Church of the Nazarene

Cowan First Church of the Nazarene will host a Singspiration on Sunday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

Singspirations represent a joyful tradition rooted in Appalachian culture. We will sing a variety of hymns and gospel favorites. Bring your singing voice and invite a friend!

Cowan Nazarene is located at 221 W. Cumberland St. If you would like to lead a special song,

please email Pastor John <pastor-john2000@yahoo.com> by March 23 to be added to the program.

Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

The Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at 1262 Williams Cove Road, Winchester will have the annual Bean Supper from 5–7 p.m., Saturday, March 29. All proceeds benefit the maintenance of the cemetery. All are invited.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

"Bad Theology and A Tree" is the sermon title for Sunday, March 23, as we consider the passage from Luke 13:1-9 in which the Lord pushes people to reconsider their thinking about God, and, in the parable of the fig tree, we will look

at a call to consider what it means to live into what could be — that is, what could be if only we are willing to imagine something new.

Children are welcome at Morton! They are invited to interact with our pastor during worship. During All God's Children time, we will include the exploration of Lent as a journey toward Easter through a quick "construction project." Following that, children will have activities together in our Fellowship Center.

Holy Communion is being offered at 10:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary on March 23 and 30, during 11 a.m. worship on April 6, and in the Maundy Thursday service April 17, at 6 p.m. As always, it's a time of sharing in the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and is offered to all persons regardless of age or church affiliation. All

are invited, even if it's the first time a person has visited Morton. It's an open table, meaning a person of any age doesn't have to be a baptized believer or a member of any church.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. Morton is located at 322 West Main Street in Monteagle and our service begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, you can look forward to inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship at Morton, the service will be live streamed at Morton's Facebook and YouTube pages and is available there in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

St. James celebrates Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 9 a.m. We

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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 I, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 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

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

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

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall (Sewanee Children's Center), 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, 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

Obituaries

Frances Elizabeth "Gammy" Engdahl

Frances "Gammy" (Sobczak) Engdahl, age 92 of Monteagle, died on March 9, 2025. She was born on Nov. 6, 1932, near Kettle River, Minn., to Steven and Elizabeth Sobczak. She was a devoted Christian. With a wealth of experience in the hospitality industry, she worked in various roles, most notably at her daughter's business, the Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 66 years, Eugene; two sisters; two brothers and two grandsons.

She is survived by son, Rick (Vicky) Engdahl; daughters, Cindy (Gary) Day and DeAnn (Kraig) Hittinger; five sisters; one brother, eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City. Visitation with the family will be from 2–3 p.m. In lieu of cut flowers, the family invites guests to bring a plant to be part of a memorial garden in her honor. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Anne Farquhar Griffin

Anne Farquhar Griffin, age 94, died on Dec. 9 2024. She was born on April 17, 1930, in New York City, to Roger Vereker Farquhar and Mary Katherine Blagden Farquhar. She attended The Nightingale-Bamford School and graduated from The Westover School and Briarcliff College. She worked for Spadea, Inc., a fashion reporting newspaper syndicate and advertising firm for three years before marrying The Rev. Julian Rumsey Ellis in 1952. After Julian's death in 1956, she returned to New York City and worked in the Strang Cancer Prevention Center at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center until 1963, when she married The Rev. William Augustin Griffin, Professor of Old Testament at the School of Theology in Sewanee.

Funeral Services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025, in All Saints' Chapel, followed by committal in the University Cemetery and a reception.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's William S. Wade Fund for Financial Aid, the William A. Griffin Scholarship for Study in the Holy Land at the University of the South, The Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul (formerly Otey), Animal Harbor, or to a charity meaningful to you.

Posy Orr

Posy Orr, age 87 of Monteagle, died on March 11, 2025, at VIVA Senior Living, Winchester. She was born on Jan. 23, 1938, in Miami, Fla., to Leah Kathryn Reese and William LeGrand Hunter. She met Alexander "Lex" Orr IV, in junior high school and they married in 1957. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, Ida Mae Morgan Hunter, Richard Ernest Hunter, Essie Vira Alter Reese and Columbus Boykin Reese.

She is survived by her husband, Alexander Orr IV; daughters, Hilary Hunter Randall and Leah Havens (Joel) McAlister; son, Alexander (Hila) Orr V; sister, Ida Kathryn Quackenbush (Hugh) Kerr; brother, William Legrand Hunter III, seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and several nephews.

She will be interred in the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery at a date to be determined. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Clara Dean Parsons

Clara Dean Parsons, age 86 of Tracy City, died on March 16, 2025. She was born on March 15, 1939, to Archie Lee and Nora White Copeland. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy "Tood" Parsons; children Mary Jo (C.L.) Anderson and Jeffrey Dean Parsons; brothers, Jim, Bill, J.T., and Don Copeland; and sister, Claudene King.

She is survived by her sons Charles "Tootsie" (Jane) Parsons and Donnie Joe "Buddy" Parsons; seven grandchildren, many great- and great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on March 19, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City with Bro. Franklin Hill officiating. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

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gather after the service for conversation and coffee.

Our Lenten study continues on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and go through the next Wednesdays minus Holy Week (April 16). The book we will study is "Why Church?: Christianity as It Was Meant to Be" by Scott Cowdell, Ph.D. The book explores the marginalization of the church, seen more as providing support rather than being indispensable to the Christian life and argues for the centrality of the Eucharistic church in an increasingly tribal world. St. James is located at 898 Midway Road. All are welcome.

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.

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

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for children (3 years old through 5th grade).

Youth Sunday School: Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to gather with friends upstairs in Brooks Hall for games, prayer, and Bible study.

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

Wednesday evenings in Lent, through April 9, the parish is offering a soup and learning series called "Lord Let Me Know My End: Facing Mortality with Wisdom and Grace." A simple healthy meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the discussion 6-7 p.m.

Former Sewanee Professor of Geology Bran Potter will discuss "Songs of the Natural World" as part of the Sunday Forum series at St. Mark and St. Paul on March 23 at 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall. The Forum's theme this year is "This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home," and Dr. Potter will be looking at the intersections among music, the natural world, and memory.

The presentation will represent a personal journey of singing about the natural world in a variety of settings. These include church venues, family gatherings, field trips and concerts. Attendees will be encouraged to join in on familiar songs.

Dr. Potter was raised in Clinton, New York in a singing family. Educated at Williams College, where he majored in history, Dr. Potter went on to get his Ph.D. in Geology at the University of Massachusetts. He began teaching eighth graders in 1970 and then moved on to Sewanee, where he taught for 40 years. He and his wife Cindy raised their three children here, and he reports that music played an important role in their lives.

CAC will host its monthly Community Meal at noon, Friday, March 28, in Kennerly Hall. Please join us for a delicious meal of baked spaghetti and more.

Sisters of St. Mary

Fridays during Lent, the Sisters of St. Mary will have a Stations of the Cross service at noon. Please meet inside the convent.

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would need to pay for the service line then turn the infrastructure over to SUD. Beavers estimated the cost of the line at nearly \$1 million, based on a mile and a half of line at \$120 per foot. Each customer would also have to pay for a meter, cost \$4,100.

"There's not enough density to make it worth our while to pay for the line," Beavers said. "Putting in the Jump Off waterline almost bankrupt SUD." There are no USDA or EPA grants available to fund the project, according to Beavers, although SUD would qualify for a loan.

Reviewing SUD's American Rescue Plan Act grant funded projects, Beavers said he expected several to come in under budget. He received permission to reallocate unused funds from the Wastewater Rehabilitation project to clean any lines attached to manholes. He hopes to reallocate unused funds from the Asset Management project and Service Line Inventory project, as well.

'Black' (from page 1)

Seneca Village theme. Rather than a story about evil, under Burnley's direction "MacBeth" became a story about self-preservation. "In 'MacBeth' we often get caught up in the murder," Burnley said, "but it's really a story about the psyche and humanity."

While in Sewanee Burnley will lead a Devised Theater student workshop using Shakespeare's sonnets as the springboard to improvisation. "The sonnets are reflective," Burnley said. "They look back on something. Whatever that inspires, we'll turn into a performance." In the Social Justice Theater workshop Burnley led two years ago, the students used current news stories as a jump off point to create theater.

Following the 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. performances of "Black in the Box" at the Tennessee Williams Center, Burnley will lead a conversation with the audience about Black history and how it's been reflected in American performance traditions. Currently a professor at Kennesaw State University, Burnley offers this advice to young Black artists: "Continue the conversation even if it's tough and no one is listening. When I started working on 'Black in the Box' in 2016, I never imagined I'd be driving up the mountain to Sewanee to perform the play. It's taken on a life of its own." Burnley's one-man show received the Critics' Choice Award for Best Male Performance at the International Orlando Fringe Festival and the Outstanding Male Performance at the Indianapolis Fringe Festival. "Black in the Box" is a must-see panoramic journey through generations of Black oppression, fear, resilience, and joy brought to life through Burnley's transcendent performance.

Reserve your free tickets on eventbrite <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-in-the-box-tickets-1271729470079?aff=oddtcreator>>.

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Mike Partin

Tennessee Co-op CEO Mike Partin Elected NRECA Board of Directors President

Mike Partin, president and CEO of Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC), began his two-year term as president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) board of directors. Tony Anderson, NRECA's outgoing board president and former CEO of Cherryland Electric Cooperative in Michigan, passed the gavel to Partin during PowerXchange, NRECA's annual meeting on March 12, 2025.

Partin was elected NRECA president by the association's board of directors. He is the immediate past vice president and previously served as secretary-treasurer. Ingrid Kessler, director at Lane Electric Cooperative in Oregon, was elected vice president.

"I want to express my appreciation to NRECA's board for this tremendous opportunity," said Partin, who has served on the association's board for five years. "This is an exciting time for electric cooperatives as we seek innovative ways to meet surging electricity demand and deliver reliable and affordable power to our communities. Our success is crucial to the families and businesses we serve across the nation."

"One of NRECA's greatest strengths is our dedicated and talented roster of leaders that help electric co-ops tackle our biggest challenges and make the most of every new opportunity," said NRECA CEO Jim Matheson. "I look forward to Mike's leadership of our board of directors."

Since 2015, Partin has served as CEO and President of SVEC, which provides electric service across parts of nine southeastern Tennessee counties, including four in their entirety. He joined the NRECA board in 2020 and also serves on the boards of the Cooperative Finance Corporation and Seven States Power. Additionally, he is the chairman of the Southeast Industrial Development Association.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the national trade association representing nearly 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape. As local businesses built by the consumers they serve, electric cooperatives have meaningful ties to rural America and invest \$15 billion annually in their communities.

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

Monday, March 24: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, egg roll.

Tuesday, March 25: Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll.

Wednesday, March 26: Ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, roll.

Thursday, March 27: Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwich.

Friday, March 28: Chicken pot pie.

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

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

The Center is in need of kitchen volunteers, and regular and substitute drivers.

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.

Nonfood Supply Drive to Benefit the CAC

The Sewanee Civic Association is inviting individuals, local groups and businesses to help collect donations of nonfood items for the Community Action Committee (CAC). This collection will augment the services provided by the CAC food pantry. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits cannot be used to purchase any nonfood items, which includes pet food, cleaning supplies, paper products, household supplies, detergent, menstrual products, diapers, or other personal care items.

This is where you can help. Collect nonfood items March 23–28, and deliver them to the CAC at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. Individuals may also take their nonfood donations to Taylor's Mercantile in Sewanee.

There is an Amazon wish list from the Sewanee Community Chest for those who want to order nonfood items. These will be delivered to the CAC. The Amazon link is <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>>.

The CAC will oversee the distribution of the donations to those in need. The CAC is an outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest, other organizations and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 50 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance, and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community.

The event is sponsored by the Community Action Committee, the Sewanee Civic Association, and the Sewanee Community Chest.

Mahjong Players Wanted

Are you a Mahjong Player or do you want to learn how to play? Mahjong Madness happens the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 1 p.m. We meet at St. James Church located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee.

Mountain Goat Trail Race Set for April 19

The Mountain Goat Trail Race, sponsored by Mountain Outfitters, returns for the 10th time on Saturday, April 19.

The day features a 5-mile run, a 2-mile walk, and a half marathon, all ending at Mountain Outfitters. All proceeds will go to the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA) to support Mountain Goat Trail construction.

"We're thrilled that it's time to work once more with our longstanding sponsor, Mountain Outfitters, on the annual race. Entrants can expect the fun and the great drawings for gear that we've had pretty much every year it's been run," said Patrick Dean, executive director of the MGTA.

The 5-mile run will begin at 9:30 a.m. in downtown Sewanee; the 2-mile walk will begin at 10:15 a.m. at La Bella Pearl's. Both will finish at Mountain Outfitters in Monteagle. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest men's and women's 5-mile finishers. Drawings for outdoor gear from Mountain Outfitters and presentation of awards are planned after the finish of the run & walk.

The half-marathon (13.1 miles) will begin at 8 a.m. at Mountain Outfitters and follow the Mountain Goat Trail to Sewanee, looping on side roads before returning to the finish at Mountain Outfitters. Drawings for outdoor gear from Mountain Outfitters and presentation of awards are planned after the finish.

To learn more or to register, go to <www.mountaingoattrail.org/race/>.

SCRLT Annual Bluebell Island Ramble

Are you interested in the unique wildflowers and botanical variety of the South Cumberland Plateau bioregion? The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) invites you to our annual Bluebell Island Ramble at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 22, and running until about noon. Bluebell Island was SCRLT's first conservation initiative in the late 1990s and protects the unique habitat on 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 about 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 several 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, adjacent to the Elk River. This location is about 1 mile southwest on Hwy 64 from the Interstate 24 Pelham exit. The "E" in the 13811 David Crockett Pkwy. E address is very important with GPS devices. Weather does sometimes impact this event in terms of the water level of the river. Should the island be 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 at <hello@scrlt.org>.

Brunch in the Bloom at The Franklin House

Join us for an unforgettable Brunch in Bloom, our very first pop-up dining event, set in the elegant Franklin House/Firefly Gala Room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 22.

The Oak Bowl Catering Company proudly presents a curated menu of culinary delights, crafted to tantalize your taste buds and elevate your Saturday. Join us for an unforgettable day of fine dining and elegant ambiance.

Indulge in a beautifully arranged grazing table showcasing an array of fresh fruits, artisanal cheeses, pastries, yogurt, and granola. Savor a selection of gourmet dishes, including Irish Eggs Benedict, Japanese Pancakes, Khachapuri Georgian Cheese Bread, Dutch Baby Pancakes, French Toast, and Cajun Shrimp & Grits—each crafted to offer a unique culinary delight.

This is a ticketed event, and space is limited. To reserve your spot, contact us at <oakbowlcatering@gmail.com>. The Franklin House is located at 108 Cumberland St. E. in Cowan.

SHOP LOCAL

Register for the 21st Annual Trails & Trilliums

Spend a weekend (or just a day) with experts who will help you see and appreciate the wonders of the natural world hiding in plain sight. There are still many slots open for Trails & Trilliums, April 4–6, 2025, at the historic Beersheba Springs Assembly in Beersheba Springs, Tenn. Event details and registration are at <trailsandtrilliums.org>. Registration closes on March 30.

Although 22 hikes and walks are already sold out, there are over 50 sessions still open, including such gems as a Collins Gulf wildflower hike, a geology presentation by Dr. Bran Potter, a panel discussion about the Lone Rock Stockade, a cool salamander hike around Suter Falls, a tale-filled walk through time around Beersheba Springs with Sanford McGee, forest bathing, the annual Mack Prichard hike to Stone Door, and so much more!

Highlights of this year's events include:

77 Hikes, Walks, Workshops, Presentations, and Hands-On Nature experiences to choose from.

Workshops on nature journaling, nature photography, nature writing, wilderness first aid, forest bathing, birding, landscape sketching and painting.

Hikes, walks, and presentations focusing on salamanders, wildflowers, birds, native plants, mushrooms, local history, trees, geology, mammals, snakes, naturalist tools and skills, and many more topics.

Hands-On Nature experiences that allow you to touch and explore opossums, snakes, turtles, toads, pelts, skulls, and more!

Native Plant Sale from Overhill Gardens on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Keynote by Jon Evans, professor of biology at the University of the South, who tells how iNaturalist and other crowdsourcing tools led to a groundbreaking discovery right in our parks on the South Cumberland Plateau.

Hootenanny and cookout on Friday night with music and good food on the Quad, followed by a Star Program, a Biofluorescence Program, and a Night Hike to Stone Door.

Wine & Wildflowers on Saturday night at the Big Red Barn in Beersheba Springs, with a social hour, dinner, and music – followed by a Campfire Program and Star Program.

Beersheba Springs Assembly (BSA) is an ideal location for a weekend getaway, just minutes from Stone Door and Savage Gulf. You can sign up for lodging and meals when you complete your online registration at <trailsandtrilliums.org>.

Volunteers also are needed from Thursday, April 3, through Sunday, April 6. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help make Trails & Trilliums 2025 a success. Most shifts are 3 hours or less, leaving you plenty of time to enjoy the festival.

Volunteer questions? Contact Leslie Watts, <lesliewatts.littletomater@gmail.com>. Registration questions? Contact Andrea Sanders, <sandandrea@gmail.com>.



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Franklin County Kindergarten Registration

You must register your child at the school that your child is zoned to attend during the 2025-2026 school year, between 1-5 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2025.

A child must reach the age of 5 years by Aug. 15, 2025, to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year.

Items to bring: child's certified birth certificate; child's immunization record and current physician's physical report (on TN Dept. of Health form); proof of residency.

For more information contact Patti Limbaugh at (931) 967-0626.

Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales, April 12

The Sewanee Community Center is coordinating the community-wide yard sales, from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 12.

You can participate by either having a sale at your home (feel free to combine your efforts with a friend) 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 place advertisements in local papers.

The deadline to submit your registration form and payment is March 31. See page 15 in this issue for the registration form.

Color Run for Literacy

Early Literacy Ambassadors (ELA) invites you to participate in their second annual color run fundraiser. This family-friendly event will take place at Cove Creek Farm on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Run, walk, roller skate, etc., along the Mountain Goat Trail from the farm to Mooney's and back. There will be color splash stations along the 3-mile loop. Come for the run and stay for a hayride or a picture with the Easter Bunny! Registration is free for ages 0-12 and \$15 for ages 13 and up. T-shirts are included with registration while supplies last. Pre-registration is recommended. Check-in starts at 9:30 a.m. Visit <<https://forms.gle/EmdzasnSRSD1EAd6>> for registration and information.

Founded in 2021, ELA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides free, evidence-based reading interventions to children in Franklin and Grundy counties in order to break the cycle of poverty through literacy. During the 2023-2024 school year, ELA provided 140 hours of instruction to 144 students with the help of 7 college student Ambassadors. 120 books were read to Story Time students, and 100 percent of Reading Group students met or exceeded their reading goal. ELA is currently supported by private donors and the following organizations: United Way of Franklin County, South Cumberland Community Fund, Sewanee Community Chest, Community Foundation of Middle TN, Lodge Cast Iron, Louie M. and Betty M. Phillips Foundation, and Sewanee's Office of Civic Engagement.

The color run is ELA's primary fundraiser for the year. Their goal is to raise \$25,000, which will ensure the continuation of this vital service. Please join the following event sponsors: Theta Kappa, TKP alumni, Megan Hart, Mildred Wakefield, Katie Ward, Parrin Patterson, Sarah Wallace, Cornelia, Caroline, Anne-Marie, Margaret, Wren, Julia, Leigh Ann, and Romy. Become a sponsor here: <<https://givebutter.com/ELA-colorrun>>. ELA is thankful for all the community support and hopes to see you at the Color Run

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Annual Fern Sale

The Sewanee Children's Center's annual spring fern sale fundraiser has started. We are offering two choices of ferns — the Kimberly Queen that likes sun and comes in a standing pot & the Boston that likes shade and comes in a hanging basket. The ferns are \$20 each.

To order, fill out the form found on page 15 of this issue, and return it to SCC with payment. You can also order through the website by going to <<https://www.sewaneechildrenscenter.org/school-calendar-details/annual-ferns-sales-2025>>. Or you can order through Venmo (@Sewanee-ChildrensCenter) by paying and including in the message section your name, email, cell number, and your fern choices with quantities. Orders are due by March 28, and we will notify you during the beginning of April when to pick up the ferns.

SCC Diamonds and Dedication

Save the date! Please join the Sewanee Children's Center from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, April 27, in Kennerly Hall (adjacent to St. Mark and St. Paul) as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Center and recognize beloved teacher Carrie Mauzy's 38 years of dedicated service. All community members are welcome to attend.



Spring Classes at Cumberland Folk School

Announcing new classes at the Cumberland Folk School for this Spring. The Cumberland Folk School, located at Sequatchie Cove Farm, is a place to celebrate and commune around traditional crafts and skills, offering weekend workshops taught by skilled craftspeople. Our classes are built upon the inherent connection between traditional skills, sustainable land management, and farming to teach self-reliance and the use of natural materials to create beautiful utilitarian objects.

Check us out at <www.cumberlandfolkschool.com> for more information, detailed class listings, and to sign up for upcoming classes.

Challah and Yeasted Breads, April 7; Learn to make Challah and the techniques used in making yeasted, enriched bread that you can apply to other loaves like brioche, bilt buns or cinnamon rolls with Mallory Grimm Tubbs of LUNCH.

Shaker Box, April 12; Learn Basic woodworking skills and build a Shaker Box.

Plant ID and Spring Wildflower Walk, April 13; Learn to identify our native spring wildflowers and other plants growing in our region with Sewanee Herbarium's Mary Priestley.

Birding by Ear Bird Walk-April 27; Learn basic bird ID with a special emphasis on identification by bird song with Richard Candler, Author of "Birding Sewanee."

Mushroom Foraging, May 3; Learn essential mushroom biology and romp through the woods in search of choice edibles with Midway Mushrooms.

Wool Yarn Spinning, May 10; Learn to spin yarn from local wool using a drop spindle.

Franklin County Preschool Application Process

Register your child at the school you wish your child to attend during the 2025-2026 school year if accepted. Applications are accepted 1-5 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2025.

Child must be 4 years old by Aug. 15, 2025 to apply for Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year.

Documents required: certified birth certificate; immunization record & current physical report (on TN Dept. of Health form); proof of residence (utility bill, rent receipt, etc.); proof of income required for eligibility, (2024 W-2's or tax return preferred, or last three consecutive pay stubs showing gross income, or Letter of Food Stamp Proof, SNAP, or Families First Proof).

For more information contact Patti Limbaugh at (931) 967-0626.

March Lunch and Learn at UT Extension Center

The UT Extension Grundy County is hosting March Lunch and Learn, at 7852 Hwy. 56, Coalmont. Times are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and lunch is included. The cost is \$15 each. On Tuesday, March 25, the class will be on Summer Vegetable Varieties. A bonus class on Tuesday, April 1, will be on Invasive Insects. Call (931) 592-3971 to reserve a seat.

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Roger McCoy, State Director of Conservation Programs with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Roger McCoy Conservation Talk

The Sewanee Herbarium will be hosting a series of public events in March and April as part of a celebration of plant diversity on the Cumberland Plateau and specifically the 40th anniversary of the Tennessee Rare Plant Protection and Conservation Act and our discovery of the Sewanee Purple Phacelia (*Phacelia sewaneensis*) in Shakerag Hollow! The events are sponsored by the Department of Biology and the Office of Civic Engagement.

Join us for an insightful, series-launching presentation by Roger McCoy, State Director of Conservation Programs with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), on Thursday, March 27, from 4:45–5:45 p.m., in Naylor Auditorium (ground floor of Gailor Hall) on the Sewanee Campus. McCoy will discuss “The Role of TDEC in Conserving Plant Biodiversity on the Cumberland Plateau,” highlighting critical efforts to protect the unique and valuable plant communities in our region. Roger McCoy also holds the honorary position of Tennessee State Naturalist.

For many years McCoy served as director of TDEC’s Division of Natural Areas, where he managed and designated state natural areas and led rare plant recovery initiatives. McCoy holds a B.A. in Biology and an M.S. in Plant Biology from Southern Illinois University.

Based on analyses of six floras in the region, the Sewanee Herbarium has concluded that 33 percent of plant species are considered to be of conservation concern on the Southern Cumberland Plateau. This highlights the need for focused efforts to ensure future protections for these species. TDEC has been a leader in these conservation efforts in our region and has produced significant achievements, including the delisting of the Cumberland Sandwort (*Geocarpon cumberlandense*) from the federal list of endangered species.

Roger McCoy’s talk offers a valuable opportunity to learn about ongoing conservation initiatives and the vital role TDEC plays in preserving the natural heritage of the Cumberland Plateau. A reception will immediately follow the presentation. This event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend.

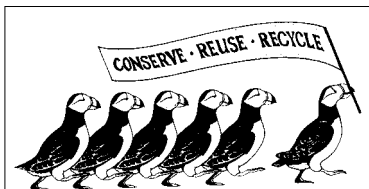
31st Haines Lecture

This year, our Haines Lecturer will be Black Studies, Feminist, and English literary critic Hortense Spillers. She will deliver the 31st Haines Lecture, titled, “Tales Told Out of School: Race, History, and Public Relations,” on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in Convocation Hall.

Hortense Spillers is one of the giants of literary criticism, Black Feminism, and Black Studies. Currently the Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor (Emerita), and Distinguished Research Professor at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Spillers’s most famous essay, “Mama’s Baby, Papa’s Maybe: An American Grammar Book” (1987) permanently changed Black Studies, and continues to be a touchstone in multiple fields. It is part of a collection of similarly powerful and influential essays, *Black, White, and in Color: Essays on American Literature and Culture* (2003). Her work continues to speak to wide audiences, inside and outside the academy.

Behind the quiet mien of Stacy Haines lived a great enthusiasm for language, ideas, and of the mind — an enthusiasm he joyfully shared with his wife Peggy.

Having discovered Sewanee through their son, who was graduated in 1966 with a major in English, Stacy and Peggy moved here when he retired from a career with Sears, Roebuck & Company in Chicago. From the time of their arrival in this community, their home became a place of hospitality for aspiring and accomplished readers and writers. This series of lectures and readings, funded permanently by gifts in Stacy’s memory from his family and friends, and administered by the College Department of English, stands as a natural and proper extension of the man and his interests.



Food Distribution Confirmed for Altamont Free Health Fair

Healthy Tennessee, a nonprofit health-focused organization founded by Vanderbilt orthopedic trauma surgeon Dr. Manny Sethi and his wife Maya, is hosting a free health fair on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Altamont Baptist Church located at 1440 Main St, Altamont. The health fair will provide a free food distribution by the Grundy County Food Bank in conjunction with the Chattanooga Food Bank.

Several free health screenings will be provided to attendees as well as over twenty local health-focused organizations that will provide information at their vendor booths.

“The community participation from the South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, Altamont Baptist Church and TCAT Shelbyville is amazing! We are very excited to continue promoting wellness and healthy living across Tennessee communities. For more than 10 years, we’ve hosted dozens of health fairs, summits, seminars, and symposiums throughout the state, all dedicated to delivering accessible healthcare solutions that meet people where they are,” shared Dr. Manny Sethi, President of Healthy Tennessee.

A range of healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses, along with wellness companies, will offer free health screenings, educational resources, and healthy living products to empower attendees with tools for a healthier lifestyle.

A few vendor booths are still available for free to local, health-focused companies and organizations. Please contact us at <info@myhealthytennessee.com> for more information on securing booth space.

Some of the featured offerings include: healthcare providers on-site; health focused exhibitors; mammograms (participants must schedule their mammogram at (423)494-4040); blood pressure screening; height / weight screening; well child checks; bone / soft tissue injuries; basic dental exams.

Some of the confirmed vendors include: Altamont Fire Department; Michael Brady, Grundy County Mayor; Jana Barrett, Altamont City Mayor; Recovery Soldiers Ministries; Isaiah 117 House; Grundy County Health Department; Franklin County Gideons; Fogarty & Robinson Orthodontist; Grundy County Cancer Research; Ben Lomand Telephone; Grundy County Sheriff Office; Tennessee Highway Patrol; Tiffany Hobbs, LMT; Southern TN Regional Health Services; Grundy County EMS; CHI Memorial Hospital/Mary Ellen Locher Mammogram Coach; South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce

For more information, please email <info@myhealthytennessee.com> or visit <myhealthytennessee.com>

2025 Edible Books Festival

Please join the Sewanee Community as we celebrate the International Edible Books Festival with a contest on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the Main Lobby of Jessie Ball duPont Library. Entries for the contest will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., and a reception will take place from 3–4:30 p.m. The Library’s address is 178 Georgia Avenue, Sewanee.

The Edible Books Festival is about creating an edible work of art inspired by a book or author. Draw inspiration from a book, literary figure, book character, literary pun, or plot. Think of it as representing the book or author through food — have fun with puns, make something in the shape of a book, or recreate a dessert or meal from the book. Past entries have included “The Wizard of Oz,” “Toothless Wonder,” “The Princess and the Pea,” “The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt,” “A Farewell to Arms,” and “The Hungry Caterpillar,” among other literary greats. Take a look at duPont Library’s website <https://library.sewanee.edu/c.php?g=920709&p=6772873> with some of these previous years’ entries.

Need more ideas? Take a look at the International Edible Books Festival website <http://www.books2eat.beatricecoron.com/photos.html>. If you are a Pinterest user, go to <https://www.pinterest.com/penelk/edible-book-ideas/> for an Edible Books Ideas board which also includes some of our entries from previous years.

To find out all the details about the event and to register your entry, please go to <library.sewanee.edu/ediblebooks>. We have five categories and will be awarding prizes for each. Among the prizes will be \$25 gift cards for Shenanigans and library-themed gift bags. The categories are Literary Theme; Punnyest; Best Entry by a Child (under 12); People’s Choice (this is the popular vote); and Best Team Entry (maximum of four team members).

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Sewanee Dining, and Library and Information Technology Services. For more information about the 2025 Edible Books Festival, please contact Stephanie Borne at <sborne@sewanee.edu>.

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CaveFest at The Caverns

On Oct. 11-12, The Caverns presents the fourth annual CaveFest, featuring a curated lineup of music with headliners Sam Bush, Leftover Salmon, Dan Tyminski Band, and Tim O'Brien, plus artists-in-residence Lindsay Lou and Kyle Tuttle, along with an impressive roster of additional performers. Festivalgoers can enjoy on-site camping, glamping packages, open underground jam sessions, cave tours, delicious food trucks, local craft vendors, workshops, kids' activities, surprise performances, and more. Two-day CaveFest tickets are just \$99 and include camping. Early arrivals can kick things off with a separately ticketed CaveFest Kick-Off Party on Friday, Oct. 10, featuring Airshow, The Cowpokes, and Lost Bayou Ramblers.

"It's our fourth year, and we are grateful for our loyal CaveFest family while also looking forward to opening the (cave) door — and the fest — to new fans," says The Caverns owner Todd Mayo. "With incredible bands, a dedicated community of fans, a stunning setting above and below ground, and Tennessee's autumn beauty, CaveFest has the recipe for a magical weekend. And with a \$99 2-day ticket that includes camping, we feel like it's a great value for what it is — a helluva good time!"

Drawing guests from across the country and beyond, CaveFest fully utilizes the unique spaces at The Caverns, both above and below ground. The Caverns Amphitheater, with ample room for chairs and dancing, will host headliners while offering stunning views of the Cumberland Plateau. Underground, The Caverns' world-famous concert hall will feature a second stage for additional performances, late-night shows hosted by Airshow with special guests, daily open jam sessions, workshops, a sound bath, and cave yoga. Select underground performances will also be filmed for The Caverns Sessions on PBS, capturing the magic of CaveFest for audiences nationwide. Beyond the stage, the campground will come alive with a vibrant 'Shakedown Street' of vendors and the Camp Caverns Kids Village for younger guests.

Full CaveFest 2025 Line-Up: Sam Bush, Leftover Salmon, Dan Tyminski, Tim O'Brien, Jim Lauderdale & The Game Changers, Shadowgrass, Lindsay Lou, Lillie Mae, Arlo McKinley, Scott Miller, Sam Lewis, Kyle Tuttle Band, Bronwyn Keith-Hynes, Slay & Stinson, The Tree of Forgiveness Band - John Prine Tribute, New Dangerfield, HuDost, The Porch Jackers, plus a special All-Star Jam hosted by Lindsay Lou along with nightly late-night shows hosted by Airshow. Artists-in-Residence: Lindsay Lou and Kyle Tuttle. Larry Nager returns as emcee.

Lindsay Lou, known as the "Queen of CaveFest," returns for her fourth year as an artist-in-residence. She'll be joined by fellow artist-in-residence, Kyle Tuttle. Throughout the weekend, both will perform full sets and collaborate with other artists, creating surprise sit-ins and memorable moments at CaveFest.

CaveFest offers a one-of-a-kind experience, combining live music with the natural wonders of The Caverns. Throughout the weekend, guests can explore The Caverns' vast underground world with a variety of guided cave tours. The popular Big Room Cave Tour takes visitors on a walking journey through the cave's fascinating geology and lore, suitable for guests of all skill levels. Last year, some tour groups were even treated to surprise

performances from CaveFest artists along the way.

For those craving a deeper adventure, two guided caving experiences are available with all gear provided. The Tombstone Pass Adventure Tour leads adventurers beyond the namesake Tombstone Pass, revealing soda straw formations, an underground river, and more. New for 2025, the CaveFest Adventure Tour offers a thrilling introduction to caving — without the tight squeezes of Tombstone Pass — perfect for those ready to get muddy while climbing and crawling through underground passages.

The general on sale begins Friday, March 21 at 10 a.m. CDT at <CaveFest.com>. For those who want to come early on Friday, Oct. 10, an add-on ticket for just \$49 includes the CaveFest Kick-Off Party concert and early entry to the campground that day. Kids 12 and under are free for the festival and kick-off party.

CaveFest offers a variety of VIP packages for every budget, starting at \$875, with benefits such as a prime campsite location, access to exclusive viewing areas — including the VIP Lounge Tent, which offers great sightlines to the stage, heaters for comfort, and all-day complimentary refreshments and snacks. VIP packages also include delicious local catering for brunch and dinner. New for 2025, a VIP Shuttle will provide convenient transportation between the campground and music venues. For an even more luxurious experience, the VIP Yurt Package includes a climate-controlled yurt for two, complete with its own bathroom, shower, and kitchenette, along with all the aforementioned VIP perks. Additionally, luxury canvas bell tents with a queen bed are available as another premium glamping option.

One dollar from every CaveFest ticket will go to the nonprofit Sewanee Mountain Grotto to support cave conservation efforts.

Free Income Tax Prep Available

The IRS-certified BetterFi and Sewanee Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is processing and filing qualifying residents' income taxes for its 11th year in a row. This year the students and volunteers are working with the University of the South, financial nonprofit BetterFi, and the South Cumberland Community Fund-sponsored South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps Program.

Grundy residents will be able to sign up online to schedule appointments on Thursdays at BetterFi in Coalmont (9933 State Route 56) at <www.betterfi.co/vita>.

Other tax sessions will be offered at partner sites — filers should contact the site to sign up for an appointment time slot. The current schedule is as follows: Coffee-Lannom Library (931) 455-2460, Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Franklin County Senior Center (931) 967-9853, Monday, March 24, 9 a.m. to noon.

Any resident who makes less than \$67,000 a year, is disabled, or is elderly qualifies for a free tax return.

Please note the volunteers will be unable to assist with 1099-Bs.

Each resident interested in filing must bring proof of identification (a photo ID), social security cards (if filing jointly with another person then bring both social security cards and both individuals must be present), wage and earning statements (W-2, 1099, etc.), dividend and interest statements (if this applies to the resident filing), birth dates of the resident(s) and dependent(s), and banking account and routing numbers for direct deposit (found on a blank check).

If a resident filing does not have a social security card, then he/she must bring an IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter.

Spring Vocal Showcase

Join the Sewanee Voice Studios for our Spring Vocal Showcase, at 7 p.m., Friday, April 4, in Guerry Auditorium. From musical theatre and art song to pop, rock, soul, and jazz, there is something for everyone in this popular semi-annual concert. With Vicki Collinsworth, piano. Free admission.

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Megan Gogerty to Visit Sewanee

Comedian and playwright, Megan Gogerty will be in Sewanee for three events.

Comedy Writing Workshop, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, in the Tennessee Williams Center/Studio Theatre. Learn the secrets of writing comedy.

Lecture: "Can Political Comedy Change Minds?" at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 27, McGriff Alumni Hall. In today's political climate of inflammatory rhetoric and fake news, citizens increasingly turn to an unlikely voice of reason: the comedian. The 21st century has seen the exponential growth of late-night satirists, infotainers, and pundits, and it sometimes can be difficult to tell the jokesters from the journalists. Do comedians really speak truth to power? If they do, does power listen? Should citizens? Professor and comedy studies scholar Megan Gogerty discusses the rhetorical advantages and disadvantages comedians have when doubling as public intellectuals.

Play Reading, "Fair State," at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 27, in the Tennessee Williams Center/Studio Theatre. When comedian Megan Gogerty loses her charming, unreliable, alcoholic father, she uncovers evidence of her family's ancestral ties to the founding of the state of Iowa: are they hearty immigrants making a new life in a new state, or a collection of self-satisfied boot-strappers complicit in the destruction and erasure of Iowa's indigenous tribes? (Why choose?) As she examines Iowa's unsavory past, she lays bare her own immediate history and the secrets of abuse and neglect that haunt her and her sisters. What do we do with our problematic relatives? We tell the truth.

These events are made possible by the Dakin Fund, The University Lectures Committee, the Department of English & Creative Writing, the Department of Theatre & Dance, and the Department of Political Science.

Broadview Firemen's Fish Fry

The Broadview Fire Department's annual Fish Fry is noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 19, at the Broadview Volunteer Fire Department, 5253 Lynchburg Rd., Winchester

Tickets are \$15, adults; \$5, children 4-12. The menu is fish, chicken, hush puppies, fries, beans, cole slaw, drinks and desserts. There will be a raffle with a chance to win one of five \$100 Walmart gift cards. Tickets are \$1. For information on the fish fry, call Brooke Boswell at (615) 218-9051.

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'Nature, Red in Bird and Bough' Exhibit Opens at Frame Gallery

Frame Gallery is proud to present the fifth annual art exhibit by the Nature Journaling Group, sponsored by the Sewanee Herbarium. The exhibit, titled "Nature, Red in Bird and Bough," will open with a reception on Friday, March 28, from 5–6:30 p.m. at the gallery. The show will run through Saturday, April 25. The public is invited to attend.

Mary Priestley, leader of the Nature Journaling Group, explains the inspiration behind the exhibit's title:

"In contrast to Tennyson's line 'Nature, red in tooth and claw,' which refers to the sometimes violent natural world, 'Nature, Red in Bird and Bough,' calls the viewer's attention to some of the more delightful occurrences of this beautiful color in the natural world. From red-headed woodpeckers to colorful autumn leaves and diminutive Amanita mushrooms, red surrounds us. It glows in the pale pink morning sky and vibrant sunsets. It serves as protection from bright sunshine or as a warning of inedibility. It also may attract pollinators, seed dispersers, or even mates. This show explores all of these features of the color red in nature and more."

A total of 13 artists from the Nature Journaling Group will display their art in the exhibit: Laura Blackman (oil), Lin Cameron (acrylic), Yolande Gottfried (ink, color pen) and Mary Davis, Margie Gallagher, Martha Lee McCarthy, Deb Partee, Mary Priestley, Andrea Sanders, Carol Stoney, Tisha Tiller, Deb Tucker, Marlene Wilkinson (watercolor).

Sewanee's Nature Journaling Group was formed nearly 25 years ago when former Sewanee resident Jill Carpenter wrote an article about the journaling practice for the Sewanee Herbarium's newsletter.

The Plant Press and several of her friends asked Carpenter to head up a nature journaling group. Calling themselves the Dead Plants Society, the friends met weekly at Jill's home to work in their journals and talk about nature-related occurrences. Some drew or painted; some wrote; and all gained an appreciation for nature and for documenting and reflecting on their observations.

After several years of crowding around Carpenter's kitchen table and drinking her coffee, the group came under the sponsorship of the Sewanee Herbarium, with Mary Priestley as the coordinator. People came and went, and presently, there are around 20 members. They meet on Thursdays from 9–11 a.m., usually somewhere on the University campus. In nice weather, if they're not on a field trip, the group enjoys gathering on the porch at Stirling's Coffee House.

Besides meeting and working in their journals, the group hosts workshops on various topics, including drawing, journaling, natural dyes, and making altered books. They exhibit their work twice a year: a show at Stirling's Coffee House in January and a second at Frame Gallery Gifts and Art in April, which is timed to coincide with Earth Day and the arrival of spring.

The group welcomes all newcomers. All it takes is pencil, paper, and an appetite for paying attention to and documenting happenings in the natural world that surrounds us. As member Yolande Gottfried has commented, "You never know what the treasure of a particular place is."

'Here Lies Jimmie's Arm' Book Signing

A book signing for Jodi McCullah's book, "Here Lies Jimmie's Arm" will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 5, at 301 Kirby Smith Rd., Sewanee.

Discover the inspiration behind these stories and meet the author. Join us for refreshments and a reading from Jodi's first book, "Here Lies Jimmie's Arm," a collection of essays based on her experience as United Methodist minister at her first church in 1996. Books will be available for purchase.

'Spell, Time, Practice, American, Body' at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present "Spell, Time, Practice, American, Body" by acclaimed interdisciplinary artist and filmmaker RaMell Ross, on view in both the University Art Gallery and the Museum Gallery of William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections through March 30, 2025.

In the University Art Gallery, visitors will encounter a selection of Ross' large scale photographs from Hale County, Alabama, and a selection of sculpture from his "Earth, Dirt, Soil, Land and Propinquity" series.

Ross' conceptual installation "Return to Origin" occupies the Museum Gallery of William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections, inviting visceral, imaginative, and empathetic engagement with history and its artifacts.

RaMell Ross is an acclaimed interdisciplinary artist, associate professor of visual art, and Oscar-nominated filmmaker, recently awarded the New York Film Critics Circle Award for Best Director for his feature film "Nickel Boys." His other awards include an Aaron Siskind Foundation Individual Photographer's Fellowship, a Howard Foundation Fellowship, a USA Artist Fellowship, and a 2022 Solomon Fellowship at Harvard University. Ross' documentary "Hale County This Morning, This Evening" won a Special Jury Award for Creative Vision at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival and 2020 Peabody Award.

Ross' work is represented in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Va.; the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Ga.; and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, La., among others.

Ross holds BA degrees in English and Sociology from Georgetown University, and an MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design. He teaches at Brown University in Rhode Island.

The University Art Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The Museum Gallery is open from 1–5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment <archives@sewanee.edu>.

'Tigers and Dragons' — Oh No!

Artwork by Sewanee Elementary School second graders is now on exhibit at Stirling's Coffee House. Titled "Tigers and Dragons — Oh No!" the show features, you guessed it, imaginative tigers and dragons that the children have rendered in oil pastels and tempera paints.

These pieces focus on the dynamic interplay of warm and cool colors, encouraging students to understand how color can convey emotion and story. This semester, art teacher Jaimie Olsen is able to see each student once a week for 45 minutes, a brief but impactful time where they can immerse themselves in the world of creative exploration.

The show will be on display until March 22. Drop by and see this beautiful and colorful work.

National Cornbread Festival Set for April 26-27

The National Cornbread Festival Committee is excited to announce that the National Cornbread Festival will return for its 28th year this April 26 and 27, in South Pittsburg. More than 25,000 festival-goers from throughout the southeast are expected to gather here to enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the 28th National Cornbread Festival (NCF). Located 30 miles west of Chattanooga, this quaint southern town hosts a celebration of cornbread, often considered the cornerstone of southern cuisine.

Admission is \$10 (preschool & under free), with the option to purchase a 2-day pass for \$15. Tickets will be sold in advance at the National Cornbread Festival Office, online <https://www.nationalcornbread.com>, or at the festival gates.

The National Cornbread Festival is a haven for food enthusiasts and fun-seekers alike. Attendees can enjoy a variety of events including the much-anticipated cornbread cook-off, where talented chefs showcase their culinary prowess. The festival also features live music performances, providing a lively soundtrack as you explore the bustling vendor booths filled with unique crafts and delicious food. For those looking for a bit of adventure, there are carnival rides and scavenger hunts that promise excitement for all ages. Additionally, visitors can partake in cornbread sampling, cooking demonstrations, and historical tours, making the festival a perfect blend of tradition, entertainment, and community spirit.

Legends & Ghosts Walking Tour

Sewanee Secrets Touring is shaking off the winter chill and bringing back the Legends & Ghosts Walking Tour.

Our Valentine's tour was a huge success, and now we're ready for two nights of spine-tingling storytelling this March. Join us as we wander Sewanee's historic streets, uncovering tales of restless spirits, eerie exorcisms, and legendary hauntings. Hear forgotten stories of Sewanee's earliest days, the hauntings that linger in its oldest residence halls, and mysteries hidden in plain sight.

Sierra and Tanya — both proud members of the community — created Sewanee Secrets out of their love for storytelling and the paranormal. And trust us, Sewanee is brimming with ghostly tales just waiting to be told.

The tour will be at 6 p.m., Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29. Limited spots available! Visit <sewaneesecretstouring.com> to book. (Tour content rated 13+; check our FAQs for details.)



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Big Innings Propel Top-Ranked Whitewater Past Tigers

Tyler Pinson posted two hits and Matt Munn worked into the seventh after a rough two innings in Sewanee's 10-2 loss to top-ranked Wisconsin-Whitewater in baseball action March 13, in Pensacola, Fla.

Playing their third game in less than 24 hours, the Tigers (11-7) trailed 5-1 into the seventh after the Warhawks plated five runs in the first two innings. Sewanee played one run in the sixth before UWW added five more runs in the seventh to break open the contest.

Munn (2-1) gave up six runs on eight hits in six-plus innings with two walks and four strikeouts. The righthander settled down after the rough start, getting into the seventh before the exiting after an infield single and a hit by pitch.

Cade Hansen (2-0) tossed six innings for the win, giving up one run on four hits. He walked two and struck out eight, retiring the side in three of the six innings of work. Sewanee managed only three baserunners in the first five innings before breaking through for a run in the sixth.

The Warhawks started quickly with a pair of runs in the first after a two-out ground-rule double to left by Eli Frank. Danny Hopper walked and Adam Cootway followed with an RBI single through the right side. Hopper scored from first when the throw got away.

In the second inning Sam Paden and Darryl Jackson doubled home a run. Dominik McVay beat out a bunt single, putting runners on the corners, and Jackson scored on a bad pickoff throw to first. Aaron Holland's sacrifice bunt moved the runner to third and Frank's two-out single to rightcenter gave the Warhawks a 5-0 advantage.

The Tigers had just three baserunners through the first five innings before Zach Fortman singled to leadoff the single and Aidan Petrocco followed with a single. Fortman went to third on a wild pitch and Pinson's single to center plated a run.

Wisconsin-Whitewater broke the game open in the seventh, starting with an infield single by Jackson and Cade Honkamp was hit, ending the day for Munn. Jackson was thrown out trying to steal third but Holland walked and Matt Scolan followed with a two-run triple to right.

Scolan came across on a balk before Hopper singled and Cootway belted a two-run homer to leftcenter, extending the lead to 10-1.

In the ninth Landis Fluck walked and Jude Wascom singled through the left side. With one out Oliver Snell singled up the middle, driving home Fluck, but Harrison Fitzgibbon grounded into a doubleplay to end the game.

Men's Lacrosse Pushes Past Calvin, 15-12

Griffin Peterson tallied a career-high three assists as Sewanee defeated Calvin on March 14, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Manoli Loupassi led Sewanee with five goals and an assist while Will Kennedy matched him five goals. Charles Moran contributed a goal and three assists, adding two ground balls, and Peterson added two ground balls to his afternoon. Brady Cole secured a career-high seven ground balls.

James Bogusky anchored the defense with three caused turnovers and three ground balls, while Carter Cole added two caused turnovers. Sewanee's defense stood strong, allowing just 15 shots through the first three quarters.

At the faceoff X, Max Bensing was perfect, going 4-for-4 with two ground balls, and Asa Nischwitz was 12-of-24, collecting six ground balls.

Calvin opened the scoring with two quick goals, but Loupassi put Sewanee on the board with 5:39 left in the first. The Knights responded with a third goal off a Sewanee turnover, regaining a two-goal lead. Loupassi struck again with 16 seconds left in the quarter, closing the gap after a key save from Flynn Bowman.

In the second quarter, Sewanee's defense shut out Calvin, allowing just three shots while the offense added three goals. Robert Freeman tied the game off a Peterson assist, Loupassi connected with Kennedy to take the lead, and Peterson found Kennedy again to make it 5-3.

The Tigers surged in the third quarter, scoring five unanswered goals in just over six minutes. Gus Albright connected with Loupassi to start the run, followed by rapid goals from Kennedy and Moran after consecutive faceoff wins by Nischwitz and Bensing. Carlton Ward then assisted Hudson Jones for Sewanee's 10th goal. Calvin managed two goals, one on a man-up opportunity, but Sewanee closed the quarter with two more goals — Loupassi's fourth and another Moran-to-Kennedy connection.

Loupassi extended the lead to 13-5 early in the fourth, but Calvin mounted a late comeback with five straight goals. Devon Root halted the run with a man-up goal, and after a crucial save by Jaser Amer, Sage Cookerly sealed the win with a late score. Calvin added a last-second goal, but the Tigers held on for the victory.

Tigers Wrap Up Undefeated Spring Break Trip at Puget Sound

Sewanee women's lacrosse closed out their spring break trip by extending their unbeaten streak to 8-0 taking down Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., 17-1.

Sewanee's offense exploded early, netting seven goals in the first quarter alone. Brooke Sigmon opened the scoring, assisted by Marlin Price, who contributed three assists throughout the match. Sally Whitehead, Alex Kelly, Finley Connors, Morgan Boylan, Elizabeth Muller, Sigmon, and Price each scored twice, adding to the team's offensive depth. While Molly Starkey, Ella Townsend, and Pearse Connell each added a goal. Marlin Price added two goals and three assists, leading the team with five points.

Defensively, Sewanee allowed only four total shots and conceded just one goal, off an unassisted goal from Michaela Chen in the first quarter. Claire Dillard led Sewanee with three caused turnovers and two ground balls followed by two caused turnovers each from Izzo Palmer, Winnie Pajcic, and Molly Starkey.

Sewanee successfully cleared the ball every possession and controlled the draw circle, winning 13 draw controls to Puget Sound's nine. Kelly led the Tigers in draw-control wins with a game-high five, while Whitehead, Dillard, and Sophia Bean added two a piece.

Sewanee heads home to face Mount Union on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Puett Field.

Three-Run Ninth Gives Sewanee 5-4 Win Over Letourneau

Aidan Petrocco and Blake Pou each collected three hits and Sewanee scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth, the last two after a dropped fly ball, in a 5-4 victory over LeTourneau University in baseball action March 14, in Pensacola, Fla.

The Yellowjackets plated two runs in the first and another in the third before the Tigers got on the board with an RBI single from Pou in the fifth inning. Petrocco's RBI single in the seventh cut the deficit to 3-2 but LeTourneau picked up an insurance run in the top of the ninth without the aid of a hit.

Will Jennewein singled to lead-off the bottom of the ninth for Sewanee and Owen Andress walked before Pou singled to left, scoring Jennewein. Both runners moved up when the ball was misplayed in leftfield and Petrocco was intentionally walked with one out, loading the bases.

Teel's fly ball to left was dropped, allowing pinch-runner James Lard and Pou to come across on the play, giving the Tigers a 5-4 win.

Jennewein finished with two hits and two runs scored while Teel added two hits. Sewanee starter Taj Donald worked five innings, allowing three runs on five hits. He walked three and struck out three.

Jack Merrill and Childers Winn combined for three scoreless innings of relief and Austin Graber picked up the win, getting the final two outs in the ninth after LeTourneau scored a run and had the bases loaded.

Austin Wiederhold walked and Dane Jones singled through the right side to start the game for LeTourneau. Luke Land singled home a run and Jack Kale's sacrifice fly gave the Yellowjackets a 2-0 lead after a half inning.

The Tigers tried to respond with singles by Petrocco and Teel but Tyler Pinson lined into a doubleplay to end the threat.

Wiederhold singled to leadoff the third and Land was hit with two outs. Kale then singled to center, plating the runner for a 3-0 LeTourneau edge.

Sewanee got a run back in the fifth after a one-out single by Jennewein and a walk to Andress. Pou then singled to center, plating a run, but Zach Fortman grounded into an inning-ending doubleplay.

Jennewein struck out to leadoff the seventh but reached on a passed ball. With one out Pou singled to right and Petrocco singled with two outs, plating Andress, cutting the deficit to 3-2. Teel grounded out to end the inning, though, leaving the Tigers down a run.

The Yellowjackets picked up an insurance run in the ninth without a hit after Zach Baker drew a lead-off walk and moved to second and third on wild pitches before scoring on a passed ball. Jones walked and Xander Nabors reached on an error before Land walked, but Graber came on to get a strikeout and a groundout to end the inning without any more damage.

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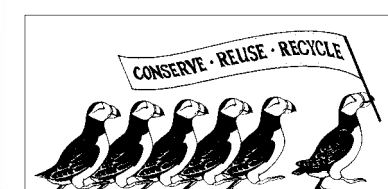
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To be eligible for registration, you must meet the following pre-test requirements:

Must be a minimum of 15 years old 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.

Call (931) 962-4204 to set up a time for pretest. After completion of pretest, you may register for class.

Classes will be from March 24-27, 2025.

You can register in person at the Winchester Swimplex.

You will need a valid current email address in order to take the online portion of class.

Class registration closes March 21, 2025.

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

Community Bike Ride

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

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Softball Falls Twice in Hawaii Finale

Hannah Wilson recorded two hits in both games, Christian Cain drove in two runs in the opener and Kaylie Smith collected two hits and drove in a run in the second contest for Sewanee in 10-6 and 5-3 losses on March 14, in the Ulili Softball Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Tigers trailed 6-0 and 8-1 against SUNY Oneonta before scoring five times in the final two innings. Abbie Buckner and Wilson registered two hits apiece and Cain tripled home a pair of runs while Sydney Tackett and Ansley Giffin each scored twice.

Hanna Hollis suffered the loss, giving up five runs on seven hits in 1.2 innings. Buckner tossed the final 4.1 innings, allowing five runs on five hits with two strikeouts.

In the second game Grace Black plated a run with a bunt single in the first inning and Smith plated a run with a single and Cain scored later in the second inning, giving Sewanee a 3-1 edge versus the University of Puget Sound. It stayed that way until the Loggers plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Reagan Huskey gave up five runs on eight hits with eight walks and one strikeout in six innings for the Tigers, taking the loss.

Buckner singled to leadoff the contest against Puget Sound and went to third when the ball was booted in the outfield. Black's bunt single put Sewanee in front, 1-0, after a half inning.

The Loggers tied the game in the bottom of the inning after a one-out doubles by Claire Besancon and Alyssa Figueroa.

In the second inning Giffin singled with one out and Madilyn Parker walked, with both runners moving up on a passed ball. With two outs Smith singled to center, pushing across a run, and Cain came around after an errant throw, giving the Tigers a 3-1 advantage.

Huskey worked around a single and two walks in the second inning, with Besancon lining into a doubleplay to end the threat. Shew retired the side in the third, gave up a walk in the fourth and a walk and a single in the fifth.

Sewanee stranded a pair of runners in the fifth inning as well after a walk to Black and a single by Wilson.

Puget Sound posted four runs on four hits in the sixth, starting with a one-out single by Jazzy Allen and a walk to Elyssa Garcia. Mikayla Johnson's single loaded the bases and two runs came in on a single to center by Dail.

Besancon's single loaded the bases again and Figueroa walked, forcing in a run. Liberty Shake also drew a free pass with two outs, plating the final run.

Sewanee loaded the bases in the first inning in the opener versus SUNY Oneonta thanks to a singles from Buckner and Wilson and a hit by pitch by Tackett, but Giffin flied out to end the inning.

Julia Serena singled to leadoff for the Red Dragons in the bottom of the inning and went to second on Jaime Cardello. With two outs Emily Brown and Sophia Mangone posted back-to-back RBI doubles for a 2-0 SUNY edge.

In the second inning Abigail Silliman and Kayla Kean both singled and moved to second and third on a sac bunt by Maya Nelsen. Cailin Hall singled home a run and Serena's sacrifice fly plated another before an RBI single from Cardello made it 5-0.

Mangone struck out but reached on a passed ball with one out and Silliman reached on an error. Two wild pitches allowed Mangone to score, extending the Red Dragons lead to 6-0.

Tackett drew a leadoff walk in the fourth and Giffin reached on an error, with both runners moving up on a wild pitch. Huskey's grounded to second plated a run for the Tigers.

Sophia Camacho reached on an error to start the bottom of the inning for SUNY and Cardello singled with one out and stole second. Emily Brown's RBI single scored Camacho and another run came across on the second error of the inning for an 8-1 Red Dragons advantage.

Tackett reached on an error to leadoff the Sewanee sixth and Giffin followed with an RBI triple. She came across on Sophie Nolen's ground-out, cutting the deficit to 8-3.

Ava Thys singled and Brown doubled in the SUNY bottom of the sixth. Thys scored on the double and Brown went to third on a throwing error and scored on Riley McDonnell's groundout.

Wilson led off the seventh with a single and Maggie Barker drove her in with a double. With two outs Giffin walked and Cain's triple plated two runs before Nolen popped out to end the game.

Haley Overstreet Named Field Hockey Head Coach

Director of Athletics John Shackelford announced the hiring of Haley Overstreet as the head coach for field hockey at Sewanee, effective this week.

Overstreet joined the Sewanee staff before the 2024 campaign, helping the Tigers to 9-12 overall record and a win in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament before falling in the semifinals in overtime. It marked the best record for the program since 2018 and the first victory in the league tourney since 2017.

"We're extremely excited to welcome Haley Overstreet as the new Head Coach of our Field Hockey program," said Shackelford. "In just one short year in an assistant role at Sewanee, she's already made a positive impact as a recruiter, a game day strategist, and in the daily planning of our training and practice plans. Haley has played under some terrific coaches that helped prepare her for this exciting new chapter in Sewanee Athletics. The young women in our program are very excited for this new step and have welcomed Haley as we continue to grow and develop our team to its fullest potential."

Overstreet spent the 2023 season at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. She also served as an assistant at Ferrum College for three-plus years and worked one year as the Director of Championships for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference between her stints at DePauw and Ferrum.

"I would like to thank Director of Athletics, John Shackelford, and Associate Director of Athletics, Carrie Austin, for entrusting and elevating me to become the next head coach at Sewanee. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to continue serving this program, our student-athletes and the university in this capacity," Overstreet said. "The tremendous support from our leadership and athletic department is an ideal environment where a first-time head coach like myself can make an immediate impact. In the last year, our team accomplished a great deal with our four seniors and youthful roster."

"Sewanee is a special place to continue in this next step of my coaching career and I'm filled with the utmost gratitude and appreciation to work under the guidance of my former college coach, Carrie Austin. It is certainly a privilege to take on this role as this program has a rich history with a commitment to excellence both on and off the field. I am eager to continue building upon our successes from this past season and excited for the impact that our returning players will have on this program for the seasons to come."

Overstreet enters her seventh year in collegiate athletics, having served in various roles in athletics throughout her career, including Director of Compliance, Director of Championships, recruiting coordinator and assistant coach. She also serves as a coach with USA Field Hockey's Nexus program in Regions 9 and 10 and holds a USAFH Level 1 certification.

She earned a bachelor's in Health and Human Performance, Exercise and Sports Studies from Ferrum in 2016 and her master's in Sports Management and Interscholastic Athletic Administration from West Virginia University in 2021. Overstreet was a three-sport athlete at Ferrum, competing in soccer, lacrosse and field hockey for the Panthers.

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Rue Anemone. Photo by Lin Cameron



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Surprise!

Spring wildflowers are not exactly a surprise—we know they are coming—but somehow they do seem like a surprise when they appear. Lin Cameron writes, “They have risen!” as she reported several blooming on the Perimeter Trail below Proctor’s Hall just a week ago—Bloodroot, Rue Anemone, Hepatica, Trailing Arbutus, Bluet, and Halberd-leaved Violet. These are usually the earliest ones here, along with Harbinger-of-Spring.

Another surprise happened when I went outside to view the lunar eclipse last week (clear night, starry skies) and heard the coyotes singing full-throatedly. Were they reacting to the eclipse, I wonder? Any thoughts, dear readers?

Finally, we were sitting at our table watching through the window as the squirrels were devastating the suet block right outside the window when a Gray Fox dashed up right next to the house below the window after the squirrels! The squirrels escaped, alas, but the fox circled back around checking things out before trotting briskly toward the neighbor’s house. We had never seen a fox so close before — a magnificent animal, quite red, but definitely a Gray Fox because it had no white tip to the tail. They are usually nocturnal or crepuscular, but this one was perhaps out hunting during the day to feed a new litter, according to Leonard King.

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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

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Spring Foster Falls Hike—South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, March 22, 8:45 a.m. CDT. Cost, \$0-10. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssouthcumberland>. Meet Ranger Josh at the Foster Falls parking lot, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie, for a 2.5-mile roundtrip moderate hike around the Foster Falls Climbing Loop, past the plunge pool, rugged bluff lines, and some of the Park’s most popular climbing routes. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring plenty of water. Weather permitting. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall still exists, and extreme care is needed. **Spring Hike Big Creek Rim Loop—Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, March 22, 10:15 a.m. CDT. Cost, \$0-\$20.** <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>. Meet Ranger Todd at Savage Gulf North Pavilion, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for an 8-mile roundtrip hike on the Big Creek Rim, including the Stone Door, Big Creek Rim, and Laurel trails. Bring ample water, pack a lunch, and wear hiking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.

Hike to Ranger Falls—Savage Gulf State Park, Thursday, March 27, 8:15 a.m. CDT. Cost, \$8. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>. Meet Ranger Jamie at Savage Gulf North Pavilion, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a challenging, yet rewarding hike to Ranger Falls. Discover stunning flora and fauna, an incredible waterfall, and breathtaking views along the way. This will be an approximate 7-mile round trip hike that will navigate over steep and uneven terrain down into the gulf to reach Ranger Falls. We will begin by hiking 0.9 miles to Stone Door, approximately 2 miles down into the gulf on the Big Creek Gulf Trail, then an additional approximate 0.5 mile on the Ranger Falls Spur Trail. We will then hike back out the way we came and return to the Stone Door Trailhead. Hiking into the gulf to Ranger Falls involves navigating an approximate 800-foot descent and ascent elevation change. This is a very strenuous hike that also involves portions of narrow trail with varied surfaces that could include water crossings, boulders, and other obstacles. Make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and anything else you may need during the hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike.

Gas Lantern Night Hike at Stone Door—Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, March 28, 6:45 p.m. CDT. Cost, \$25. <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>. *This hike is limited to the first 10 people to register. Please pre-register.* Join Ranger Spencer at Savage Gulf North Pavilion, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs for a 2-mile roundtrip gas lantern night hike to the Stone Door and several other overlooks that is sure to amaze. Experience the night sky and the unseen wonders of night in beautiful Savage Gulf State Park with the warm glow of a gas lantern lighting the path. Bring sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing for the weather, and the spirit of adventure. In the case of inclement weather (rain, high wind, snow, etc.) this program will be cancelled and a refund issued.

Spring Forward with Energy Savings

Spring is right around the corner, bringing longer days, warmer weather, and a great opportunity to improve your home’s energy efficiency before the summer heat sets in. Here are five simple steps to help you save energy and stay comfortable this season:

Schedule an HVAC Check-Up – A well-maintained heating and cooling system runs more efficiently and lasts longer. Hire a qualified technician to inspect, clean, and service your system. A little preventive maintenance now can help you avoid costly repairs during the peak summer months. Find a local quality contractor at energyright.com/residential/quality-contractor-network/

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clockwise in warmer months to create a cooling breeze. Using fans can help you feel cooler and reduce the need for constant air conditioning, which lowers energy costs.

Upgrade Your Lighting – Spring is the perfect time to replace outdated bulbs with energy-efficient LED options. LEDs use up to 75 percent less energy and last much longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. Plus, taking advantage of natural daylight by keeping blinds and curtains open during the day can further reduce lighting costs.

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MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization. It is not a shelter and relies on foster homes to save animals.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week’s Stats:
Mon	Mar 10	65	48	Avg max temp = 69
Tue	Mar 11	71	48	Avg min temp = 48
Wed	Mar 12	75	50	Avg temp = 59
Thu	Mar 13	75	51	Precipitation = 3.28"
Fri	Mar 14	76	55	
Sat	Mar 15	66	53	
Sun	Mar 16	58	30	

Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger

Messenger Classifieds

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MOVING SALE

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WHERE DO I RECYCLE THIS?

Construction and Demolition and Large Items:

Construction and Demolition Waste must be disposed of at the BFI transfer station on Hwy. 41A in Estill Springs.

Bulky Items such as furniture, TVs, mattress, etc., can be disposed of at Franklin County Solid Waste Management on Joyce Lane in Winchester or at the BFI transfer station on Hwy. 41A in Estill Springs.

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PLANNING ON BURNING DEBRIS?

Between now and May 15, you need a burn permit. Burn permits are free and can be obtained at <www.BurnSafeTN.org>.



Spring Fern Sale

To support the Sewanee Children's Center (SCC), we are selling beautiful spring ferns for \$20 each. Please fill out this form and return it with cash or a check made payable to the Sewanee Children's Center (P.O. Box 268, Sewanee, TN. 37375) by March 28 at 3 pm. Payments can also be made through VENMO (@SewaneeChildrensCenter). In the message section, please provide the exact same info required below.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Fern Choices:

_____ Total # of Kimberly Queens (sun, standing pot)

_____ Total # of Bostons (shade, hanging basket)

_____ Grand total

Pick up instructions will be emailed during the beginning of April. Thank you for your continued support of Sewanee Children's Center.

THE SEWANEE CHILDREN'S CENTER IS SUPPORTED BY THE SEWANEE COMMUNITY CHEST.

2025 Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales – Registration Form

Saturday, April 12th – 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 3/31/2025

- 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

Spring

Green, blue, yellow and red –
 God is down in the swamps and marshes
 Sensational as April and almost incred-
 ible the flowering of our catharsis.
 A humble scene in a backward place
 Where no one important ever looked
 The raving flowers looked up in the face
 Of the One and the Endless, the Mind that has balked
 The profoundest of mortals. A primrose, a violet,
 A violent wild iris – but mostly anonymous performers
 Yet an important occasion as the Muse at her toilet
 Prepared to inform the local farmers
 That beautiful, beautiful, beautiful God
 Was breathing His love by a cut-away bog.
 --Patrick Kavanagh, *The One*

Community Calendar

Friday, March 21

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
- 5 p.m. Art Reception, "Creatives," Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., Cowan, until 7 p.m.

- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, March 26

- 9 a.m. Qi Gong, High Vibes, Country Mart, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Intermed Pilates, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club; Lead: Dan Backlund, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5 p.m. Mobility, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 7:30 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Comedy Writing Workshop, Gogerty, TN Williams Center

Saturday, March 22

- 9 a.m. Brunch in Bloom, (\$35), Firefly Gala Room, Franklin House, 108 Cumberland St. East, Cowan, until 3 p.m., reservation <oakbowlcatering@gmail.com>
- 9:30 a.m. SCRLT Annual Bluebell Island Ramble, park at 13811 David Crockett Hwy., Dechard
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Yoga Flex, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 23

- Nonfood Supply Drive to benefit CAC, through 3/28; deliver items to 216 University Ave., or Taylor's*
- 1 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
 - 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
 - 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, March 24

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Cowan Commercial Club Mountain Goat Trail special presentation, Firefly Gallery, Franklin House, 108 E. Cumberland St.
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Community Council, via Zoom, in-person Sewanee Community Center

Tuesday, March 25

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee with the Coach, Nick DiBenardo, Men's Lacrosse, livestream <sewanee-tigers.com/watch>, in-person Blue Chair
- 9 a.m. Mixed Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 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, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Thursday, March 27

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Wall Wofford, Folks@Home, 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, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. Movement to Music, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 5 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Lecture, Gogerty, "Can Political Comedy Change Minds?", McGriff Alumni Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Lecture, McCoy, "The Role of TDEC in Conserving Plant Biodiversity on the Cumberland Plateau," Naylor Auditorium
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Business Alliance, Tom Sanders, So. Cumberland Community Fund, Locals Gallery, Locals Gallery
- 5:30 p.m. Vinyasa Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Play Reading, "Fair State," TN Williams Center

Friday, March 28

- Last day for Sewanee Children's Center Spring Fern Sale*
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
 - 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
 - 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
 - noon CAC Community Meal, Kennerly Hall
 - 5 p.m. Nature Journaling Group Opening Reception, "Nature, Red in Bird and Bough," Frame Gallery, 12569 Sollace M. Freeway Hwy, until 6:30 p.m.

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 May 10th

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