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Freshman Will Toomey (on the right) shows his ladder skills for student firefighters in the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department tryouts over the weekend. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



At the ribbon cutting for the new commercial kitchen for Out of the Blue Granola.

Social Enterprise Receives Gift of New Kitchen

On a chilly morning on March 12, the opening of a new commercial kitchen for Out of the Blue Granola marked another major milestone for Blue Monarch, a local nonprofit, which serves women in recovery and their children. After a ribbon cutting hosted by the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce, the dedication began with the history, as told by Susan Binkley, who founded the business in 2008. Three granola employees shared their journeys, and the benefactors explained why they were inspired to provide the new kitchen. Lydia Fulks, a new baker for Out of the Blue, told the crowd, "I am so proud because this is the first time I have worked a job sober after fifteen years of addiction," which illustrated the significance of the business and its purpose.

Out of the Blue Granola is owned by the nonprofit, which provides on-site employment and job training for the women in the program. Long-time Blue Monarch supporters, Scott and Gail Matthews from Texas, recognized the significant role this social enterprise played in the overall recovery of the women in the program, and they wanted to see the business expand to employ additional workers. Their gift doubles the capacity to produce and places the kitchen closer to the road for better truck access.

The high-quality granola not only provides valuable opportunities for the women of Blue Monarch, but it is also a powerful marketing tool. Inside every bag of granola is a photo of one of the bakers with her powerful story of recovery on the back. "We have found that customers collect these cards, pray over them, and even write notes of encouragement to the woman in the bag," says Binkley.

"In fact, it was a single bag of granola that introduced us to the Matthews," says Susan Binkley. "A friend of theirs purchased a bag at the Piggly Wiggly in Monteagle in 2015, brought it back to his community of friends in Texas, and Scott and Gail were among those folks. The generous couple has supported Blue Monarch ever since and they have now made a major investment in the families we will serve for many years to come."

The three-flavor "granola with a purpose" is sold in multiple locations throughout the region, including specialty shops, natural food markets, hotel chains, and grocery stores. It may also be purchased online at www.outofthebluegranola.com or on Amazon.

Additional information about Blue Monarch may be found at www.blumonarch.org.

Sewanee Council Grapples with Speeding Complaints

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the March 23 Sewanee Community Council meeting, council members John Gilmer and Laura Willis raised red flags about danger to pedestrians from motorists driving at speeds far exceeding the speed limit. School of Theology representative Gilmer called attention to speeding on University Avenue and Tennessee Avenue. At-large representative Willis cited the straight away on Roark's Cove Road between Alston Lane and Kirby Smith Road where no sidewalks and deep ditches increased the danger.

Prior to the meeting, Gilmer put a call out to his constituents asking about concerns. He applauded the efforts of the Sewanee Police to curtail speeding by patrolling. But he recently saw a car travelling an estimated 50 mph on Tennessee Avenue. "It's like they expect they can speed without consequences [when there are no police]," Gilmer observed. Poor

lighting at crosswalks worsened the danger to pedestrians, especially in the Woodlands residential area, Gilmer added. "Motorists can't see people crossing."

Council member Phil White suggested tag cameras as a solution. "Where they're installed they work," White said. The motion activated cameras photograph speeders license plates. Sewanee has two tag cameras, located in the vicinity of the Wellness Commons and the hospital, said Police Chief Jeremy Thomas, but the units were expensive. Council representative Evelyn Patton speculated the fines collected would offset the cost. "That wouldn't help," Thomas explained. "Sewanee doesn't have a speeding ticket with a University fine. It would be a state citation." Thomas encouraged residents to report excessive speeding. The police would respond in kind by increasing patrol.

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Register for the MGTA 2026 Race

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

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

Packet pickup is from noon to 5 p.m., Friday, April 3, at Tower Community Bank in Monteagle.

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.mountaingoattrail.org>.

April Fool Fest & Crawfish Boil

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

Tickets are available on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-fool-fest-crawfish-boil-2026-tickets-1982719050052?aff=ebdsbdestsearch>. For more information go to <https://www.shenanigans1974.com>.

Community-Wide Yard Sales, April 11

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

The deadline to submit your

registration form and payment is March 30. See page 15 in this issue for the registration form.

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University Outsources Golf Course, Green's View Grill

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Claiming the distinction of having more golf properties named among the top 100 than any other golf management company in the United States, KemperSports has assumed management of the Course at Sewanee, the University's nine-hole golf course, as well as its restaurant, the Green's View Grill.

The Course is known for its walkable layout and natural beauty. Golf Digest ranked the Course as one of "The 25 Greatest College Golf Courses in America" and Golf Magazine includes the Course among the "50 Best Nine-Hole Courses in the World." Asked why the change in management practices, the University replied, "the operation is best managed by a professional golf and sports management company whose core competency is providing the best possible experience to students, community residents, and the many visitors we host." All golf course employees were given the opportunity to transition over to be employed by KemperSports.

A golf course employee who spoke anonymously to the Messenger commented, "The change is unfortunate because we lose our University benefits. But, it may be a good business decision for them." The employee hopes to get a non-golf-course University job.

"We are excited to welcome KemperSports to Sewanee," said University Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen. "Their experience in course operations, food and beverage services, and long-term facility planning aligns with our vision for the Course at Sewanee. This partnership, combined with upcoming capital improvements, positions us well for continued success."

KemperSports is undertaking an extensive bunker (sand trap) renovation to improve drainage, sand consistency, and overall playability, while enhancing aesthetics and long-term sustainability. "The Course at Sewanee is a very special golf course," said KemperSports CEO Steve Skinner. "Gil Hanse [the designer] was able to create a beautiful, challenging and fun layout. We are excited to improve the golf experience for students, alumni, and guests while building upon its national reputation to draw players from throughout the country."

Local Food Available

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

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

Hospitality Shop News

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

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Upcoming Meetings

FCDP Events

There will be a No Kings Day rally from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28. Meet at the corner of 2nd Ave S and College Street (across from the Franklin County Board of Education). We are once again hosting a food drive for Good Samaritan Ministries in Winchester. Since SNAP doesn't cover personal grooming items, donations of the following (in addition to nonperishable food) are appreciated: toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, and toilet paper. Look for the collection drop off sign next to the red Kia.

Meet the candidates from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at the Franklin County Annex, Community Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Meet candidates for governor, U.S. Rep. and other offices. All are welcome!

Town of Monteagle

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

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

The regular meeting of the Monteagle City Council will be at 5 p.m., Monday, March 30, 2026, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, in the conference room at City Hall.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, with Women's Tennis, Doug Maynard and Zulay Casteño at the McGriff Alumni House. Coffee with the Coach will be livestreamed on <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, April 9, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Jade Barry will present the program on nutrition.

Sewanee Woman's Club

The Sewanee Woman's Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 13, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Social time begins 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:50 a.m., and then the presentation.

Everyone is welcome to hear Norman Jetmundsen, author of "Unrivaled: Sewanee 1899." Jetmundsen will speak on Sewanee's role in the history of football, how football came to be the game that is played today, 137 years later, and the remarkable story of the Sewanee Tigers' 1899 incredible season.

A graduate of the University of the South, Jetmundsen, C'76, went on to earn his JD from University of Alabama, followed a Masters in Literature from Oxford University.

Lunch is available for \$20.

Make reservations now or by 8 p.m., Sunday, April 5, if you wish to enjoy the lunch or just to hear the presentation. If you wish to cancel your reservation, please cancel by 8

p.m., Sunday, April 5. Reservations are made by emailing: <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

EQB Club

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

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:30 p.m., the Lead, "High Drama on the Colorado River" will be given by William E. Martin. A megadrought has ravaged the American Southwest for 25 years, while the needs for water in this arid region have continued to grow. The main water source is the Colorado River and its tributaries, and the existing water rights exceed what the river can supply — by a lot. The seven states that depend on the River have been unable to reach an agreement on necessary reductions in withdrawals. Now the federal government is threatening to mandate a solution in the coming months that will significantly alter the status quo.

Will Martin is a retired lawyer, government official, businessman and environmental leader. He and his wife Jeanie Nelson live in Nashville and in Sewanee. Will has served as an adjunct faculty member at Vanderbilt Law School for 25 years; he currently teaches Water Law at the law school.

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

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, April 13, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

Sewanee La Leche League

La Leche League meets at 10:30 a.m., on the second Tuesday of the month to support and share information about breastfeeding. All mothers and mother-to-be are warmly welcome. Please contact Pippa (931) 636-5317 to check on the venue and to request a Zoom option if needed.

Duck River Electric Hosts Free Home Energy Workshop in April

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

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

The Decherd workshop is set for 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at DREMC's office, 1738 Decherd Boulevard.

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



It's the law: no texting or handheld phone use in an active school zone.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, April 5. All are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to St. James Episcopal in Midway, the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul for collection, or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. There is an Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/f6TXKX4> for those who want to shop online.

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

This month CAC is in need of: peanut butter, canned beans, individual snacks, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent (pods preferred), and paper towels.

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

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, April 11, from 8-10 a.m. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

Tell them you read it in the Messenger.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat (Reduced Rate)
April 17-19

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Obituaries

Barbara Fittz Carden

Barbara Fittz Carden, age 79 of Sewanee, died on March 17, 2026, at her home. She was born on March 27, 1946, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Thomas Fittz and Grace Jenner Fittz. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, where she was active in the music program. She was also one of the founding members of the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra. She was a member of the Tennessee Foreign Language Association, in which she became an officer. She was eventually named Teacher of the Year in the Tennessee Foreign Language Association. During her career as French teacher, she taught at the Putney school in Putney, Vt., and then at Harpeth Hall in Nashville. Eventually coming to Sewanee, she taught for more than 20 years at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School.

She received a Bachelor of Arts from Oberlin College and subsequently a Master of Arts in French Language from Indiana University. She was an accomplished cellist, a lover of nature, of creatures both great and small, especially dogs and cats. She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Stephen Fittz and Jackie Pace.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Carden.

There will be a celebration of life announced at a later date at St. James Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: MARC (Marion Animal Resource Connection) <<https://marc4change.org/>> or SSMF (Sewanee Summer Music Festival) <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/>>. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

John Earl Hall

John Earl Hall, age 79 of Manchester, died on March 10, 2026, at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital. He was born on Sept. 14, 1946, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Maurice Hall and Mattie Taylor Hall. He was a U.S. Navy veteran from 1966 to 1970. He dedicated his career to the field of water and wastewater management, where he became widely respected for his knowledge and leadership, beginning his career in public utilities in 1972 in Auburn, Ky., where he served as water, sewer, and street superintendent and became certified by the State of Kentucky in water and wastewater treatment. Under his leadership, the Auburn Wastewater System was named the Most Improved System in Kentucky in 1973, and he was honored as Outstanding Operator of the Year. From 1973 until 1975, he worked for the City of Guthrie, Ky., as water superintendent and fire chief. In 1976, he began a long and impactful career with the Sewanee Utility District in Sewanee, where he was manager for many years. While there, he oversaw operations for a system serving over 1,200 water customers and 550 wastewater customers. Under his direction, the district expanded the water system by more than 40 miles, rehabilitated major portions of the sewer system, and implemented innovative wastewater treatment solutions. He was certified by the State of Tennessee in water treatment and distribution, wastewater treatment and distribution. He gave numerous presentations to civic groups and provided training to state operators and regulatory personnel. During his leadership, the Sewanee Utility District received numerous state and national awards for excellence and became the first system in the state to achieve a perfect compliance inspection score. He was also

very involved in civic and professional organizations, serving as President of the Sewanee Rotary Club from 1990-91, Secretary of the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts from 1985 to 1989, and President of the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts from 1989 to 1991. In 1991, the Governor appointed him to serve a four-year term on the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Jimmy Hall.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Glenda Hall; son, Johnathan "J.C." Hall; sister, Janie (Jerry) Futrell, and sister in law, Lois Hall; one niece, one nephew, one great-niece, and many other cousins and extended family members.

Graveside Services were on March 14, 2026, at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens with Brother Adam Cutshaw officiating. For complete obituary go to <<https://www.watsonfhtn.com>>.

Marie Hayworth Hill

Marie Hayworth Hill, age 88 of Pelham, died on March 4, 2026. She was born on May 9, 1938, in Pelham, to George and Addie Bell Willis Hayworth. She graduated at age 16 from Townsend High School, continued her education at Tennessee State University, and upon graduating taught in the Franklin County School System at Townsend High. She was a member of Burning Bush OCOG in Belvidere. She was a GS11 Civilian for the Department of the Army as an Accountant; and was also a member of the Eastern Star and the Veterans of Foreign War Ladies Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tom Hill; and siblings, Ruth Hayworth, Jewel Reasonover, Ann Ester Johnson, Jo Ellen Smith, Clayton Hayworth, Frank Hayworth.

She is survived by her children, Carla Jean Hill, Landford Charles Hill and Michael Clifton Hill; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and many cousins. Her family wants to give Drucilla Hayworth (niece) special thanks for the loving care that she gave during her time of illness. Also thanks to Amedisys (Hospice) and Home Instead.

A private family service will be held. For complete obituary go to <<https://www.watsonfhtn.com>>.

Robbie Maxon (Modena) Jones Patton

Robbie Maxon (Modena) Jones Patton, age 94, passed died on March 19, 2026, at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro, Tenn. She was born on Nov. 4, 1931, to the late John Modena and Ella B. (Hill) Taylor.

She dedicated 20 years of service to Southern Tennessee Regional Hospital in Sewanee and later worked for the University of the South. Throughout her life, Robbie also cared for many families and homes, forming lasting friendships that she cherished deeply.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Isaiah Jones and David Patton, Jr.; her children Beverly Gail Jones, Vickie LaJean Jones Johnson, and Isaiah Jones II; her brother, Willie Edward Modena; her sister Johnnie Dell Hollingsworth; her grandson Ike Jones, Jr.; two great grandchildren Antoinette and Tray-Von Turner; and her other father, Lewis Taylor, who meant the world to her.

She is survived by daughter Robbie Fontaine Carson; sisters Lois (Ahmed) Adams, Jervie (Jesse) Smedley, Vereda Taylor, Renee (Kenneth) Allmon, and Barbara S. Modena; her special daughter-in-law, Gloria Jones; and grandchild-

dren, Alysia Dione Jones, Anthony J.L. Hooper, Talisa Lynette Hooper Turner, and David Isaiah Hooper; 10 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren; a special sister, Drucilla Hayworth; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends, all of whom she shared a close and loving relationship with.

The family extends a special thank you to Woody and Anne Deutsch, Marquite and Cooper Lloyd, and Rev Rebecca Wright and family for their love and support. A heartfelt appreciation is also given to her devoted friend, Mr. Willie T. Floyd, and his family, for their constant love and care.

The family would also like to express their sincere gratitude to

Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro, for the compassionate care provided during her illness.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Watson Funeral Home. Funeral Services will follow at 2 p.m., in the Roy B. Watson Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. Interment will follow at University Cemetery with Anthony Hooper Sr., David Hooper Sr., David Hooper Jr., Cayden Jones, Devereaux Adams, David Adams, and Antwoine Turner all serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be David Turner, Dijon Davis, Anthony Turner Jr., Anthony Hooper Jr., and Kai Adams. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfhtn.com>.

Church News

All Saints' Chapel

Services during the Academic Year: Sunday, All Saints' Chapel, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2; and 6:30 p.m., Growing in Grace.

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

Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation. All Saints' Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

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

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

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

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

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

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

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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

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

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

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St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday-Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday-Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, March 29, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Liturgy.

Good Friday, April 3, noon, Stations of the Cross (begins at St. Mark & St. Paul). 1 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy (All Saints' Chapel).

Holy Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m., Decorate the Chapel; 8 p.m., The Great Vigil of Easter.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

The celebration of Jesus' resurrection continues with two services: Rite 1 with hymns at 8 a.m., Rite 2 with choir, brass and incense at 11 a.m.

Christ Church Monteagle

At Christ Church Monteagle The Liturgy of the Palms will begin at 10:45 a.m., on Sunday, March 29.

As in many churches Palm Sunday really has two services on this day. The opening is glorious as people greet Jesus and cry "Hosanna." The hymn "All glory, laud, and honor ..."

Then the mood changes as the service becomes solemn.

The Passion is read as a dramatic time with three readers reading parts. Hearing the words of the Centurion we proceed to Confess both our penitence and our faith. There are bidding prayers. There is a celebration at the Altar. We receive Holy Communion. We give thanks and we sing "O Saving Victim" before the great Benediction and the closing hymn. We proceed to lunch and a time of fellowship.

There are services on all days in Holy Week. On Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday they are at noon. Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday are also at noon.

Our Good Friday service is Tenebrae. This is the one service of the year when we leave the nave in silence.

On Holy Saturday we have a brief service at noon. We welcome all helpers to prepare Christ Church for Easter Day!

As is in the case of churches everywhere, we expect to welcome visitors! We begin at 10:45 a.m. The Easter banquet begins at noon. Invite your friends and family.

Christ Episcopal Church

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

City Light Church

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

Draw Near

Draw Near is a new church at 301 Montgomery St., Cowan, that is all about becoming disciples of Jesus one person at a time through real relationships.

Come as you are and experience authentic worship at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years through fifth grade.

Good Shepherd Parish

Good Shepherd Parish (Catholic) will celebrate Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday, March 28 & 29. There will be a vigil Mass at 5 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church in Decherd on Saturday, March 28, an 8 a.m. Mass at St. Margaret Mary Mission Church in Alto on Sunday, March 29, and a bilingual Mass at Good Shepherd Church at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Spanish Mass that Sunday. On Holy Thursday, April 2, the Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) will be at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church. On Good Friday, April 3, at Good Shepherd Church, there will be a dramatic presentation of the Last Words of Christ at noon, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m., and the regular Good Friday liturgy of the Passion of the Lord (bilingual) at 7 p.m. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (bilingual) will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 4. There will be no 5 p.m. vigil Mass at St. Margaret Mary that day. On Easter Sunday, April 5, the regular Mass schedule will be followed: 8 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary, 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Church, and the 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at Good Shepherd Church.

Monteagle SDA

Weekly prayer meeting is at 9 a.m., Wednesday, and Sabbath school is at 10 a.m., Saturday, followed by worship service at 11 a.m. A vegetarian potluck takes place each week after the worship service. Please join us. Monteagle SDA Church is located at 497 College St., Monteagle.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

The Palm Sunday message is that "The good news is ... inspiring us to act." We will process into the Sanctuary with palm branches and will prayerfully consider how the cry of "Hosanna!" means "Save us!" How do we respond to those crying out today?

Children are welcome at Morton! Pastor Melissa will have a children's time during worship. Our children will be invited to participate in our palm processional, and our children's message will focus on our Lord's entry into Jerusalem as Holy Week begins. Following this portion of worship, children will leave for time together in activities.

As you prepare for the Holy Week ahead, consider joining us Maundy Thursday for a meal at 5:30 p.m., with tables reflecting a traditional Seder, followed by worship at 6:30 p.m. The week concludes on Easter Sunday with a Sunrise Service at 6:27 a.m. outdoors and Easter Worship at 11 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship with us. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Worship begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, there is always inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship, the service is live streamed at Morton's Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter

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

St. Mark and St. Paul

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

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

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

There will be no Sunday Forum on March 29 or April 5 as we observe Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Episcopal 101—Sundays, 4-5:30 p.m. This class is primarily for those new to the Episcopal Church, but many longtime Episcopalians have enjoyed it as a refresher. It will run through May 17, with a break on Easter Day. Please contact Rob Lamborn at <rector@stmarkstpaul.org>, or just come.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule: Palm Sunday, March 29, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist. Both services begin in front of Brooks Hall (weather permitting).

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week, March 30, 31, April 1, Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, Holy Eucharist, Footwashing, and Stripping of the Altar, 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3, noon, Community Stations of the Cross, beginning at St. Mark and St. Paul in front of Brooks Hall. Solemn Liturgy, 1 p.m., at All Saints' Chapel. Solemn Liturgy, 5:30 p.m., at St. Mark and St. Paul.

Easter Day, April 5, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Festival Holy Eucharist. 10:30 a.m., Easter egg hunt. Celebratory coffee hour following the 11 a.m. service.

Easter Egg Hunt & Community Picnic

Community Picnic from noon-2 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Hannah Pickett Park in Monteagle. Bring a lunch or a dish to share and enjoy live music by the Sewanee Conglomerate. An Egg Hunt will begin at 1 p.m.

Community Council (continued from page 1)

Willis proposed a different solution. "I want speed humps between Alston Lane, where the Woodlands start, and Kirby Smith Road," she said. The sharp curve just past Kirby Smith Road compounded Willis' concerns. "Drivers coming up the mountain can't see pedestrians on the road ahead," Willis insisted.

Provost Scott Wilson offered an overview of past speed hump installation projects. A Student Security Grant financed the speed hump installation in 2024, with the focus of the grant emphasizing student safety determining the location of the speed humps. In 2025 the University matched a \$6,000 Project Funding grant to the council to pay for two sets of speed humps, cost \$5,000 per pair. Residents' complaints about speeding guided the decision on the locations. Wilson speculated if the Project Funding Committee recommended and the council authorized additional money for speed humps, the University would match the amount.

Each year, the Council's Project Funding Committee receives \$10,000 from the University to allocate for projects that enhance the Sewanee community and improve the quality of life of residents. There was uncertainty about who is overseeing the Project Funding program at the present. June Weber who headed up the Project Funding Committee no longer serves on the council. Post meeting Willis reported plans called for resolving the issue of the committee's leadership in the near future.

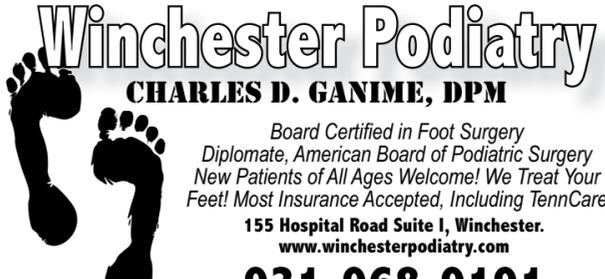
In other business, resident Andrew Cowan expressed concern about the need for rehabilitation at the dog park. A regular dog park visitor, Cowan recommended paving muddy high traffic areas, shade trees, and benches. He plans to submit a formal proposal. Robert Benton, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management, said he would check on the amount of funds available in the dog park account. White cited an additional problem, invasive weeds. A resident suggested goats could help control vegetation.

The Sewanee Community Clean Up is scheduled for May 2, 9-11 a.m. Wilson said participants typically gathered at the Welcome Center and convened afterwards at Angel Park.

Council meeting dates for the 2026-2027 academic year are Aug. 24 (reserve), Sept. 21, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 (reserve), Jan. 25, Feb. 15 (reserve), March 22, April 26 (reserve), May 24, and June 28 (reserve). Reserve dates are optional, depending on business needing addressed.

Edible Books Festival

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



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Tom Camp is a Registered Yoga Teacher, Certified Yoga Therapist, clergyperson, and psychotherapist, with 40+ years experience. Space is limited to eight participants, sign-up at www.bodyworksyouniversity.com or call 423-322-1443 to reserve your space!

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, March 30: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Tuesday, March 31: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, egg roll.

Wednesday, April 1: Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, roll.

Thursday, April 2: BLT soup, pimento cheese sandwich.

Friday, April 3: Chef salad.

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

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

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

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

Bluebell Island Ramble

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

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteers Needed for Sewanee Fourth of July

In preparation for the 40th Sewanee Fourth of July Celebration, and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, volunteers are needed to make this the best celebration possible.

Planning meetings will start in April. If you would like to be involved with planning for the parade, children's games, Almost World Famous Mutt Show and more, email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>.

A Career of Caring: The Business of Healthcare Lessons Learned Navigating Uncertainty

The Babson Center for Global Commerce welcomes Dr. Mike Waldrum, C'84, CEO of ECU Health, at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, in the duPont Torian Room. Please join us for a discussion on "A Career of Caring: The Business of Healthcare, Lessons Learned Navigating Uncertainty." This event is presented in collaboration with the Departments of Biology and Pre-Health.

Waldrum has held a series of major leadership roles spanning academic medicine, clinical care, and health system administration. He was named chief executive officer (CEO) of ECU Health in 2015, where he oversees the clinical operations of a large academic health system serving 29 counties in eastern North Carolina and guides quality and access to care across hospitals and clinics. A practicing physician specializing in critical care medicine and trained in internal medicine, he brings executive leadership expertise. In 2021, he was appointed dean of the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, further expanding his influence in medical education and development. Before his tenure at ECU Health, Waldrum served as president and CEO of The University of Arizona Health Network and held multiple leadership roles within the UAB Health System, including CEO of University of Alabama Hospital at Birmingham, Vice President of the UAB Health System, and both Chief Operating Officer and Chief Information Officer. In addition to these roles, he has held significant national leadership positions, including chair of the Council of Academic Health System Executives (CAHSE) for the AAMC and chair of the AAMC Board of Directors, reflecting his broad impact on academic health systems and medical education.

Waldrum graduated from Sewanee with a BA in English and went on to earn his MD from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, followed by a fellowship there. He later received a Master of Science in Clinical Effectiveness from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, building on his training in epidemiology, and ultimately earned his MBA from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

During his time at Sewanee, Waldrum was a part of the Phi Delta Theta chapter and enjoyed spending his time outside on the domain. He especially cherished his time with the Intramural Ultimate Frisbee team, kayaking, climbing, and spelunking. Through his liberal arts education at Sewanee, Waldrum credits his experience with the gift of effective essay writing and the ability to "communicate [effectively] with others". Waldrum's career reflects the essence of the Sewanee education, marked by intellectual curiosity and an eagerness to understand the world.

Please join Dr. Mike Waldrum for a thought-provoking conversation on the business of healthcare, exploring how strong communication skills and critical thinking (shaped by a liberal arts education in English) can inform effective leadership and decision-making in complex organizations. The Bryan Viewpoints Speaker Series is made possible by a generous gift from Peggy and J.F. Bryan IV, C'65.

Sewanee Community Chest Needs You

The 2025-26 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is \$5,000 away from the \$118,500 goal to support 19 local organizations providing essential services — quality of life programs, community aid, children's initiatives, and more.

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. For more information go to <www.sewanee.org>. Go to <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597> to give through PayPal Giving.

Wildflowers, Hiking, and Naturalists Return to the Cumberland Plateau for Trails & Trilliums

Spring wildflowers will soon blanket the forests of Tennessee's South Cumberland Plateau, and hikers, naturalists, and outdoor enthusiasts will gather April 10–12, 2026 for the annual Trails & Trilliums Naturalist Rally at the historic Beersheba Springs Assembly. The three-day event celebrates the region's remarkable biodiversity through guided hikes, educational workshops, and presentations led by expert naturalists exploring the Plateau during peak wildflower season.

Hosted by Friends of South Cumberland, Trails & Trilliums invites participants to experience one of Tennessee's most scenic outdoor regions through dozens of guided hikes, interpretive walks, and educational programs. The weekend provides opportunities for visitors of all experience levels to learn about native plants, wildlife, and the unique ecology of the Cumberland Plateau.

The South Cumberland Plateau is one of Tennessee's most biologically rich landscapes, where hundreds of native wildflowers emerge each spring across forest floors, sandstone bluffs, and creek valleys. Trails & Trilliums offers a rare opportunity to experience this seasonal bloom alongside expert naturalists while exploring some of the most beautiful hiking areas in the state.

A highlight of the weekend will be a keynote presentation by acclaimed biologist and author David Haskell, whose work explores the connections between plants, ecosystems, and human life. His upcoming book, "How Flowers Made Our World," examines the profound influence flowering plants have had on life on Earth.

Throughout the weekend, attendees can choose from experiences ranging from relaxed wildflower walks to more adventurous hikes. Additional festival activities include educational workshops led by naturalists and a native plant sale featuring species suited to local gardens.

Headquartered at the historic Beersheba Springs Assembly, the event provides a unique setting to celebrate spring on the Cumberland Plateau. Registration is now open, and many hikes fill quickly. For event details and registration, visit <www.trailsandtrilliums.org>.



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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 2026-2027 school year, between 1-5 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 2026.

A child must reach the age of 5 years by Aug. 15, 2026, to enroll in kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.

Items to bring: child's certified birth certificate; child's immunization record and current physicians' physical report; proof of residency (utility bill or rent receipt).

Franklin County Preschool Application Process

Register your child at the school you wish your child to attend during the 2026-2027 school year if accepted. Applications are accepted 1-5 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Child must be 4 years old by Aug. 15, 2026 to apply for Preschool for the 2026-2027 school year.

Documents required: certified birth certificate; immunization record and current physical report; proof of residence (utility bill, rent receipt, etc.); proof of income required for eligibility, (2025 W-2's, tax return, three consecutive pay stubs showing gross income or Food Stamp letter).

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

April 24, Last Day of Classes, School of Theology

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

April 29, Last Day of Classes, College

May 1-7, Final examinations, College

May 5, Staff Development Franklin County

May 8, Commencement, School of Theology

May 9, Baccalaureate, University of the South

May 10, Commencement, College

May 15-17, SAS Commencement Weekend

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



tnAchieves Releases Framework to Strengthen Postsecondary-to-Career Pathways Across the State

tnAchieves is released Tennessee's Future Workforce Framework, a statewide strategy grounded in student data and nearly two decades of experience supporting Tennessee students from high school into postsecondary education and the workforce.

Drawing from survey responses of nearly 6,000 college-enrolled TN Promise students representing 81 of the state's counties and 54 institutions, the report highlights what students need to persist and complete a credential of value before successfully entering the workforce.

The framework outlines five commitments to strengthen the transition from high school to postsecondary education and into high-impact careers and middle-class earnings. To secure tomorrow's workforce, Tennessee should:

- Put a stake in the ground -- and keep score.
- Prioritize credentials of value and higher earning potential.
- Create clear pathways with off-ramps for exploration.
- Invest in high-quality coaching and mentoring.
- Build partnerships across K-12, postsecondary and business/industry with real-time data.

"Tennessee has a powerful opportunity to align education and workforce systems around outcomes that change lives and sustain our state's economy into the future," said tnAchieves President & CEO Krissy DeAlejandro. "A connected infrastructure of supports across K-12, postsecondary institutions and business/industry can open doors to economic mobility for students across Tennessee. These high-impact, high-demand careers will increase opportunity for students and strengthen our state's economy for years to come."

The survey results reinforce what tnAchieves has observed through practice: relationship-based coaching, career exposure and access to business/industry networks are critical drivers of student success. Students who work with a tnAchieves COMPLETE Coach are four times more likely to graduate than their peers. At the same time, two-thirds of surveyed students report financial concerns as a barrier to college success, and two-thirds have not participated in a job shadowing experience. For students to succeed, increased workforce exploration is critical. Students who participate in just one job shadow experience are 24 percent more likely to graduate than their peers. These are gaps tnAchieves and the framework are working to address.

The report also highlights workforce trends shaping the urgency of this work. According to a global survey by McKinsey & Company, 88 percent of organizations report regularly using AI in at least one business function, underscoring the importance of preparing students for rapidly evolving workplace demands.

tnAchieves is encouraging business leaders, policymakers and community partners to engage with the framework by supporting coaching initiatives, expanding job shadowing and mentorship opportunities and investing in innovative career exploration and AI literacy efforts.

The full report, Tennessee's Future Workforce Framework, is available at: <<https://www.tnachieves.org/news/framework>>. A tnAchieves podcast episode delving into the details of the report can also be found at: <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezr4nlOBZs>>.

tnAchieves is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Any interview requests or questions can be directed to Rebecca Franklin at Rebecca@tnAchieves.org or (865) 748-7767.

Franklin County Schools Names New Principals for Franklin County High School and Decherd Elementary

Incoming Director of Schools, Dr. Roger Alsup, has officially named the new leadership for two of the district's campuses. Brittney Butner has been selected as the principal of Franklin County High School, and Shaunna Fortier has been named principal of Decherd Elementary School.

Both administrators have been leading their respective schools as interim principals. These selections highlight a commitment to leadership continuity and proven excellence within the Franklin County Schools system.

"Stability in leadership is vital for the growth of our students and the morale of our faculty," said Dr. Alsup. "Both Mrs. Butner and Ms. Fortier have stepped into their roles with a clear vision. They have already earned the trust of their staff and families, making them the ideal choices to lead these schools forward."

Butner transitions into the permanent principalship at FCHS after serving as the school's Assistant Principal and Curriculum, Instruction, and Data Specialist. A former District Secondary Teacher of the Year (2021-2022), she brings a deep understanding of classroom excellence and instructional technology to her leadership. She holds an Education Specialist degree in Principalship from Arkansas State University.

"Having worked closely with Mrs. Butner, I have seen firsthand her commitment to the Winchester community and her focus on academic excellence," said Dr. Alsup. "As a former District Teacher of the Year, Brittney understands the importance of supporting our educators while maintaining a positive school culture."

"I am humbled and honored to be the next principal of Franklin County High School," said Butner. "I love the faculty, staff, and students in our building, and I am excited for what we can all accomplish together. Thank you to Dr. Holman, Dr. Alsup, and members of the Franklin County Board of Education for trusting me with this opportunity."

Fortier has been a cornerstone of the Decherd Elementary community, previously serving the school as a K-5 Instructional Coach and a 5th-grade teacher. Her experience extends to the district level, where she served as the K-8 District Math Coach, conducting instructional check-ins across ten different schools. She is currently pursuing her Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction.

"I am deeply honored to continue serving the Decherd Elementary community, which holds such a special place in my heart, and to continue building a school where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to shine today and lead tomorrow," said Fortier. "By strengthening relationships, uplifting our teachers, and partnering closely with our families, we will ensure every All-Star reaches their full potential."

"Ms. Fortier has been a vital part of the Decherd team for years," Dr. Alsup noted. "She brings a valuable perspective from her time as a District Math Coach, but more importantly, she has earned the trust of the families and faculty at Decherd. I look forward to her continued focus on student achievement and a stable environment for our youngest learners."

The selections are effective immediately. Franklin County Schools invites the community to congratulate these leaders as they continue their dedicated service to the students and faculty of Franklin County High School and Decherd Elementary.

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Lawn/Garden Chemicals — fungicides, herbicides and pesticides;

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Housing Hub's Pre-Apprenticeship Program: Get Paid to Learn a Trade

by Beth Riner

Housing Hub needs applicants for its first-ever Pre-Apprenticeship Program, a 12-week construction trainee program set to begin in late August 2026.

"We're targeting graduating high school seniors who may decide that college isn't for them," said Cody Jorstad, Housing Hub's Director of Housing Development, who will lead the program.

"One pillar of Housing Hub's mission is to foster workforce development in the building trades on the South Cumberland Plateau, so that young folks can imagine a sustainable career here at home," Jorstad said, noting that 18-24 is the target age for male and female participants.

Interested locals may now apply for the program on Housing Hub's website, www.housinghubtn.org. Applications will remain open until all five spots are filled.

"There will be an interview to see if candidates will be a good fit," Jorstad added.

Those selected will receive \$15 an hour for a 36-hour work week, which blends one day of classroom-style learning, three days of work on Housing Hub construction projects or Mountain T.O.P. remodeling job sites, and a half day of coaching to include topics like budgeting, building resumes, developing interview skills, and job shadowing.

"For instance, if they learn about roofing on Monday in the classroom, then on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, we can go out on a Mountain T.O.P. home repair project replacing someone's roof," Jorstad said. "It's helping further both our organizations' capacity by being a labor source for home repairs and new home construction and getting them much-needed job experience."

Construction skills covered will be rough carpentry and framing; roofing; exterior siding, window, and door installs; interior finishes and trim work; flooring; insulation; drywall; reading construction plans; and handling construction materials, job estimating, and planning.

Participants will need reliable transportation to Mountain T.O.P. at 480 Old Hwy. 56 in Coalmont, where the program will be hosted. Part of the student's stipend will include work boots, necessary work attire, and basic hand tools that they will keep when they graduate.

Successful completion of the program will result in industry-recognized Pre-Apprenticeship credentials and a recommendation letter to future employers.

Jorstad sees the program as a stepping stone to bigger opportunities whether it's enrolling in a Tennessee College of Applied Technology program or hiring on with another local contractor.

"It gives them exposure to a wide variety of things to help them then feel comfortable to pursue what interests them in more depth," he said. "I'm excited about finding a way to combine engaging the next generation in the trades with getting some really meaningful work accomplished in the community."

"Their work on Housing Hub's next affordable home build or Mountain T.O.P.'s repair projects will help those organizations get work done with a dedicated workforce. We're addressing an important need to build up the next generation, but we're doing that by serving local needs that we know exist."

The program will use the highly regarded Home Builders' Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) materials to ensure that training adheres to industry best practices, resulting in recognized credentials for its trainees, Jorstad added.

For more information, email <cody@housinghubtn.org>.

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Register to Vote

Tuesday, May 5, 2026, is the State and County Primary Election. Voter registration deadline is Monday, April 6, 2026.

Early Voting Period is Wednesday, April 15 through Thursday, April 30, 2026. Absentee Ballot Request Deadline Saturday, April 25, 2026.

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

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

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For first time voters who register by mail or using Online Voter Registration <https://ovr.govote.tn.gov>, if the ID is expired, the voter must also present one of the following:

a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.

The following IDs are not acceptable:

College student IDs.

Photo IDs not issued by the federal or Tennessee state government are not acceptable. This includes county or city issued photo IDs, such as library cards, and photo IDs issued by other states.

The following individuals are exempt:

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

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

Voters who are hospitalized.

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Applications Open for SACA Spring Crafts Fair

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

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

For more information, please email us at <infosaca10@gmail.com>. The digital application is available at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYtA2T6ztDth0d88r55-zYZVCG9HUqqStuf1IVeN4X-EsmPtW/viewform?pli=1>.

'Notes from the Field' at Proctor Hill Theatre

Sewanee Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Notes from the Field," written by Anna Deavere Smith, and directed by Dr. Durell Cooper, Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre.

"Notes from the Field" explores America's struggle with systemic inequities in education and justice, drawn from over 250 interviews with students, educators, activists, and community leaders. Actors bring multiple real-life characters to life, embodying empathy and transformation.

Performances will be 7:30 p.m., April 15-18, 2026 and 2:30 p.m., April 19, 2026, at the Proctor Hill Theatre at the Tennessee Williams Center.

School of Theology Hosts Smithsonian Exhibition

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

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'Falls the Shadow' at the UAG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Social Fabric Group Formed to Sew Together

Ready to "unplug" for part of your week and do simple hands-on activities instead? Want to spend some time with others who enjoy old-fashioned granny crafts? Maybe you'd just like to have company while you work through your mending basket. If so, bring your handwork — knitting, sewing, crochet — to Social Fabric, a new group formed for those who share a passion for crafting. Social Fabric meets in the parish hall at St. Mark & St. Paul from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesdays. Feel free to drop in, and bring your lunch. All levels of expertise are welcome. Who knows? You might learn new techniques, gain inspiration from others, or find a new outlet for your creative expression. Social Fabric is sponsored by the Community Action Committee. For more information, email Sister Felicity Parks at <maelpa1@gmail.com> or Mary Priestley at <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

'half return' by Savannah Brister, C'26

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present "half return," an exhibition by Savannah Brister, C'26. The exhibit is on display through March 29. There will be a reception from 5–6:30 p.m., Friday, March 27.

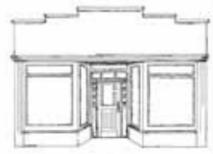
Savannah Brister's "half return" explores memory, absence, and the unknown through grief. She references smartphone and film images to recreate records of the past. Through small works and layered materials, the works engage space and create distance from the viewer, asking viewers to consider what is missing. With media such as paper, pencil, and cyanotype, the works become fragile objects, changing and decaying with time. By using a limited color palette and negative space, she prevents a full rendering or understanding of places and subjects. These still, distant moments reflect the quiet of isolation. The images and formats are repeated, becoming slightly varied copies that question memory. "half return" gives viewers the space to experience the varied emotions of absence.

Savannah Brister (b. 2003, Shreveport, La.) explores identity, family, memory and the unknown through drawing, painting, and photography. She will receive her BA in Art from Sewanee: The University of the South in May 2026. She volunteers as a gallery sitter and art teacher near Sewanee, and works as a studio intern in Chattanooga. She has received a Fellowship in the Arts (2022), the Peter V. Guarisco Merit Scholarship in Art (2025), and the Robert Bowden Shepard Jr. Photography Award (2025) from the University of the South. Her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries, including the St. Augustine Art Association in Florida, and the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum.

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


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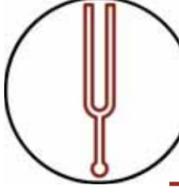
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New Sewanee Wildflower Discovery Inspires 'Sewanee Purple Through the Year' Art Exhibit

Frame Gallery Gifts and Art hosts an opening reception for its Sixth Annual Nature Journaling Group art exhibition, "Sewanee Purple Through the Year," from 5-6:30 p.m., Friday, March 27. Inspiration for the show came from the 2025 discovery of a new plant species, *Phacelia sewaneeensis*, a purple scorpionweed that blooms in Sewanee's Shakerag Hollow each spring.

Director of the Sewanee Herbarium and University of the South Biology Professor, Dr. Jonathan Evans, will give a special presentation about his research team's discovery of *Phacelia sewaneeensis* at 5:15 p.m. Evans says their discovery "underscores the incredible diversity right here at Sewanee on the southern Cumberland Plateau."

Artist and head of the Nature Journaling Group, Mary Priestley says, "the plant had literally been hiding in plain sight for as long as people have visited Shakerag Hollow to admire the spring wildflowers. Many have commented on the scorpionweed's two distinct colors — purple and blue."

Curious about the difference in *Phacelia* flower colors, Dr. Evans and his research team studied the differences in the plants' habitat preferences, blooming times, and — most importantly — distinct genetic profiles to confirm that this purple-flowered scorpionweed variation was, in fact, a new species.

"For years, people thought there was only one species of *Phacelia* in Shakerag Hollow," the blue-colored *Phacelia bipinatifida*, explains Dr. Evans. "But thanks to detailed ecological and genetic research over the last four years, we've confirmed that the purple-flowered variety is actually a separate species."

The common name of *Phacelia sewaneeensis* is Sewanee scorpionweed, because of the plant's location and its early purple flower cluster, tightly coiled like a scorpion's tail. Admirers of the plant should know that, despite its name, it does not sting.

"The Sewanee Purple Through the Years" exhibition features Priestley's original watercolor

drawing of *Phacelia sewaneeensis*, along with works by the Nature Journaling Group that explore the purple hues of spring — larkspur, hepatica, violets, and other blooms—found across the Sewanee Domain. The other artist-members in the exhibit include: Laura Blackman (oil), Lin Cameron (oil and acrylic), Mary Davis (watercolor), Margie Gallagher (watercolor), Joni Gordon (watercolor), Yolanda Gottfried (watercolor), Deb Partee (watercolor), Mary Priestley (watercolor), and Deb Tucker (watercolor).

Frame Gallery owner Harriet Runkle intentionally plans Frame Gallery's annual Nature Journaling Group exhibition, now in its sixth year, to coincide with the Trails & Trilliums Festival in Beersheba Springs on April 10-12 and Earth Day on April 22, 2026. The Sewanee Purple Through the Years art exhibit will remain open to the public through April 25, 2026.

Runkle said, "I am thrilled that this beautiful, newly discovered wildflower on our Plateau inspired the exhibit and that its artistic representation will be on display while Professor Evans gives a presentation of his research team's findings at the reception on March 27."

Prints of Priestley's *Phacelia sewaneeensis* will also be available for purchase, in addition to other artists' original works and prints. To learn more about the exhibit and the Sewanee scorpionweed discovery on the Sewanee Domain, visit: <<https://framegals.com/events/sewanee-purple-through-the-year>>.

'Mosaic' Recital

Senior Sewanee vocalist Victoria Ryan invites you to "Mosaic," a recital and honors Theatre project consisting of all musical theatre repertoire!

"Mosaic" will be performed at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 28 at Guerry Auditorium Stage, 68 Georgia Ave.

Victoria's program navigates how we are inevitably shaped by the different places we encounter and the relationships we create with others. With Vicki Collinsworth, piano, and vocalists Anne Marie Florida and Wayne Medley.

This program contains mature language.

University Choir Events

The University Choir will sing at 11 a.m., March 29, Palm Sunday; 6 p.m., April 2, Maundy Thursday; 8 p.m., April 4, Easter Vigil, and 11 a.m., April 5, Easter Sunday.

All services and concerts are in All Saints' Chapel and open to everyone.

Save the date for Cathedral Masterworks at 7:30 p.m., April 24. The University Choir and Sewanee Symphony Orchestra present a thrilling program of time-honored, sacred anthems and works for choir, orchestra and organ.

Choral Evensong will be at 5:15 p.m., April 28. The University Choir leads this worship service under the direction of Geoffrey Ward, organist and choirmaster, with Stephanie Yoder, assistant organist. Evensong offers a peaceful pause at the end of the day, inviting reflection and spiritual nourishment.

Tickets Available for CaveFest

Now in its fifth year, CaveFest returns to The Caverns on Oct. 10-11, 2026, for a two-day, boutique festival experience rooted in Americana, bluegrass, and roots music. This year's lineup is led by Gillian Welch & David Rawlings, Peter Rowan & Sam Grisman Project, Rising Appalachia, and Keller & The Keels, alongside a wide-ranging group of collaborators, tribute performances, and artist-in-residence Lindsay Lou.

Blending music with a one-of-a-kind natural setting, CaveFest features performances both above ground at The Caverns Amphitheater and underground inside the cave. The weekend includes kids' activities, cave tours, cave yoga, a sound bath, local vendors, open jam sessions, late-night shows, and more. A 2-day ticket costs just \$99 and includes camping, while kids 12 and under are free — making it easy for families to experience it all.

"CaveFest is my favorite weekend of the year. It's such a communal weekend, with the camping and fall weather," says The Caverns owner/founder Todd Mayo. "All the folks come together in celebration of great music—jam-friendly, family-friendly, hippy-friendly, happy-friendly—and there always seems to be such serendipity in the air."

CaveFest 2-day tickets are available for just \$99 and include camping. Kids 12 and under are free. General sale begins Friday, March 27 at noon, at <CaveFest.com>.

The weekend begins early with the CaveFest Kick-Off Party on Friday, Oct. 9 — an add-on event featuring a cave concert with Lindsay Lou and Slap Dragon, that includes early access to the campground. A separate ticket is required.

For more information and to get tickets, go to <<https://www.thecaverns.com/cavefest>>

Wild Fish Fused Glass Class

Wild Fish Fused Glass Class is from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at the Artisan Depot Gallery and Gift Shop, 204 Cumberland St. E., Cowan. This Wild Fish Suncatcher can be hung in any window, on a porch, in an office or even outside from a tree. In this class you'll learn: how to cut glass strips, design/arrangement and how to fuse them together to create this adorable fish.

Class size: limited to 6 students. Age: 12+, Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Tigers Dominate Hendrix 22-4 in SAA Conference Play

John Openshaw recorded a hat trick and an assist as Sewanee rolled past Hendrix, 22-4, in SAA men's lacrosse action on March 22.

Openshaw notched his first career goal and assist while adding a ground ball and a caused turnover to his day. Hank Walsh and Harrison Fuller each scored three goals, while Aidan Feltman finished with two goals and an assist along with two ground balls.

Sewanee dominated at the faceoff X, with Max Bensing going a perfect 11-of-11 and Asa Nischwitz finishing 7-of-7. Bensing collected five ground balls, while Nischwitz added three. Benton Sullivan went 7-of-12 on faceoffs with four ground balls.

Defensively, Sam Ramberg and Hudson Jones each caused two turnovers. Ramberg added a goal and a ground ball, while Jones scooped up three ground balls. Will Mensh contributed on the defensive end with four ground balls and a caused turnover.

The Tigers controlled possession throughout, outshooting the Warriors 69-25, including a 40-10 advantage in shots on goal, while holding a commanding 61-15 edge in ground balls.

Sewanee struck quickly, as Nischwitz won the opening faceoff and Jones secured the ground ball before Will Kennedy found the back of the net on the Tigers' first shot. Kennedy later assisted on Walsh's goal to make it 2-0.

After a Hendrix failed clear, James Bogusky picked up a ground ball and Manoli Loupassi added another goal for Sewanee. The Warriors answered with 7:10 remaining in the first, but the Tigers responded with a flurry.

Following a save from Flynn Bowman, Fuller capitalized after a rebound opportunity to extend the lead. Jake Greene then scored twice in a 36-second span—first off a coast-to-coast play from Tyler Clary, and then on a feed from Griffin Peterson after another faceoff win.

Hendrix added a late goal in the first quarter, but Sewanee took full control in the second, scoring five unanswered. Walsh, Sage Cookerly, Asher Bowman, Colin Bennett, and Henry Westfall each found the back of the net as the Tigers built a commanding halftime lead.

Gus Albright opened the third quarter with a caused turnover and goal, and Sewanee added three more in a two-and-a-half-minute stretch. Walsh scored again, Openshaw connected with Fuller, and JM DuPree assisted Robert Freeman.

Hendrix scored midway through the third, but Openshaw answered late in the period. Feltman added his first career goal early in the fourth after collecting his own rebound.

Sewanee closed the game with five straight goals. Openshaw started the run, Feltman assisted Ramberg before adding another, and Bennett found Openshaw. DuPree capped the scoring with a man-up assist to Fuller with 1:40 remaining.

Sewanee heads on the road for another SAA matchup against Southwestern on Friday night before facing Colorado College in Georgetown, Texas on Sunday at 2 p.m.

SAS MS Track Breaks Two School Records

On March 18, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school track team traveled to Siegel High School to compete in the Siegel 4 MS Meet, where both the boys' and girls' teams turned in strong performances.

The meet was highlighted by standout efforts from Nora Jane Elrod, who broke the middle school mile record for the second time this season, running an impressive 6:16.40 — more than 10 seconds faster than her previous record. Will Moody also set a new middle school boys' discus record with a throw of 91-6.00, surpassing the old mark by nearly 30 feet.

Several athletes achieved personal bests during the meet. On the girls' side, Nora Jane Elrod ran a PR in the 400 m, Maclyn Bloecher set PRs in both the mile and the 100 m, Eva Gheesling recorded a PR in the mile, and Arabella Barry achieved a PR in the long jump.

On the boys' side, Davey Allen, Fletcher Keener, and Oliver Keener each set personal bests in the 400 m, while Oliver Keener and Davey Allen also recorded PRs in the 100 m. Overall, it was a great day of competition and continued progress for the team.

"We are really proud of how the team competed," said Coach Mahler. "Breaking two school records at this point in the season is exciting, and it's great to see so many athletes continuing to improve and set personal bests."

You can catch the Mountain Lions in action at home on Friday, March 27. Meet kicks off at 3:45 p.m.

Ude Wins, Oberlies Takes Third In Steeplechase To Complete Lee Invite

Senior Sam Ude won the steeplechase and sophomore Declan Oberlies finished third in the same event while senior Sam Leonard and sophomore Elliott Allen both placed seventh in their respective events for the Sewanee track and field teams on March 21, at the Lee University Invitational in Cleveland, Tenn.

Ude won the steeplechase in 12:45.34, almost a minute ahead of her closest competitor, while Oberlies placed third in 10:32.12, behind Lee's Stephen Clark and Campbellsville University's Samuel Larson.

Leonard tied for seventh in the high jump, clearing 6-feet, 0.75-inches and Allen placed seventh in the pole vault with a mark of 12-feet, 7.5-inches.

Senior Erin Graffeo finished 10th in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:18.46 and sophomore Arianna Shirak posted a time of 12.72 in 100-meters, second-best in school history.

Sewanee competes again this coming Friday at the Mountainside Stride in Lookout Mountain, Ga.

Tigers Sweep DePauw, 7-0

Samuel Schroerlucke clinched the match for Sewanee men's tennis as they defeated DePauw, 7-0 on March 22, in Danville, Ky.

Lucas Wrigley and Max Verellen got the ball rolling at three doubles, dropping just one game en route to a 6-1 win in 29 minutes. Andre-Remi Jakobi and Samuel Schroerlucke clinched the doubles point at one with a 6-3 win. Drew Rukavina and Ben Lammert secured the double sweep with a 7-5 tiebreaker win at two doubles.

Verellen continued to roll in singles, collecting an 0-0 win at five in 58 minutes. Henry Hyden followed, winning the first set 6-4, before cruising to a 6-0 second set to put Sewanee within one. Schroerlucke clinched the match for the Tigers with a 6-4, 6-2 win at three. At four, Lammert won the first set, 6-4 but dropped the second, 1-6. He settled in to take the third set in a tiebreaker, 10-8.

Jakobi also won in a third-set tiebreaker. He won the first set 6-3, dropped the second in a tiebreaker, 7-4, and took a tight third-set breaker, 11-9. Lucas Wrigley secured the sweep for Sewanee at six after battling back from dropping the first set, 7-5. He took the second set 6-0, and won the third in another 11-9 match tiebreaker.

Sewanee will host No. 36 Southwestern and No. 14 Trinity at home next weekend for a conference double header, with both matches at 9 a.m.

2026 Spring Swim Lessons Begin April 6

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

All children Must be at least 4 years old.

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

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

Classes are limited to 3-5 children/instructor.

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

Cost: \$80/Child

Registration closes April 5. For more information and to register go to <<https://sewaneeaquatics.com/lesson-program>>.

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HOME GAMES

3:30 p.m., Friday, March 27, SAS Varsity Tennis vs. Community School

3:45 p.m., Friday, March 27, SAS Varsity Track and Field, SAS Meet No. 1

9 a.m., Saturday, March 28, Men's Tennis vs. Southwestern

9 a.m., Saturday, March 28, Women's Tennis vs. Southwestern

noon, Saturday, March 28, Women's Lacrosse vs. DePauw

noon, Saturday, March 28, Baseball vs. Rhodes, DH

1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, Softball vs. Southwestern, DH

9 a.m., Sunday, March 29, Men's Tennis vs. Trinity

11 a.m., Sunday, March 29, Women's Tennis vs. Trinity

noon, Sunday, March 29, Women's Lacrosse vs. Southwestern

noon, Sunday, March 29, Softball vs. Southwestern

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs. Westwood

2 p.m., Thursday, April 2, Softball vs. Franklin College, DH

3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, SAS Varsity Tennis vs. Boyd Buchanan

5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs. Liberty

1 p.m., Saturday, April 4, Men's Lacrosse vs. Berry

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Sewanee Pulls Away Late to Defeat George Fox, 14-11

Sally Herrington erupted for three fourth-quarter goals as Sewanee closed on a 7-3 run in the final period to defeat George Fox, 14-11, in women's lacrosse action March 24, at Puett Field.

Marlin Price and Ellen Lewis paced the Tigers offensively with four points each. Price recorded three goals and an assist, while Lewis finished with four goals and three draw controls.

Defensively, Ella Townsend led the way with four caused turnovers and six ground balls, adding a draw control. Quinn Maley contributed three caused turnovers and two ground balls, while Alex Kelly added a goal and an assist to go with two caused turnovers and a ground ball. Izzo Palmer chipped in two caused turnovers and a ground ball.

Sewanee struck first, as Elizabeth Muller netted an unassisted goal before connecting with Lewis less than a minute later to give the Tigers a 2-0 advantage. Following a caused turnover by Mallory Magee and a ground ball from Townsend, Kennedy Harcourt found the back of the cage to extend the lead.

George Fox responded with two late goals in the opening quarter and carried that momentum into the second, scoring three unanswered to take a 5-3 lead with 9:38 remaining in the half. Lewis halted the run with a goal, and Price tied the game at 5-5 after a caused turnover by Maley. Kelly then converted a free-position attempt to give Sewanee the lead, but the Bruins answered in the final minute of the half to send the teams into the break tied.

Lewis opened the second half with a goal off a caused turnover and ground ball by Kelly, but George Fox responded with back-to-back scores to reclaim an 8-7 edge late in the third quarter.

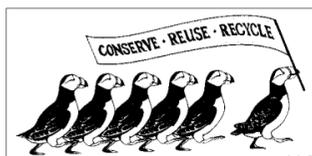
The Tigers took control in the fourth. Price opened the scoring in the period to tie the game before the Bruins briefly regained the lead. Katherine Clark then found Herrington in front of the cage to even the score at 9-9 with 11:14 remaining.

After a key save from Emma Steffensen and a successful clear, Kelly connected with Herrington for back-to-back goals to put Sewanee ahead for good. Price added a free-position goal, Lewis extended the lead with her fourth of the game, and Sophia Bean weaved through traffic for another score to make it 13-9.

George Fox pulled within two with a pair of quick goals, but Lewis secured the ensuing draw control, and Price assisted Herrington for the final goal with 31 seconds remaining to seal the 14-11 victory.

Sewanee outshot George Fox 36-19, including a 17-13 edge in shots on goal, and held a 25-18 advantage in ground balls.

The Tigers will host DePauw on Saturday for Senior Day before returning to conference play against Oglethorpe on Sunday.



Catapano Posts Final-Round 75, Sewanee Women Finish 12th at Jekyll Island

Freshman Natalie Catapano shot a second consecutive round of three-over par 75, moving up 13 spots in the final standings, and Sewanee women's golf finished 12th as a team on March 22, in the final round of the Jekyll Island Women's Intercollegiate in Jekyll Island, Ga.

The Tigers got as high as seventh early in the round Sunday but placed 12th among 24 teams in the club's second spring event, ahead of four other squads from the Southern Athletic Association.

All of the Sewanee players started their rounds at No. 1 on the Great Dunes Course at Jekyll Island Golf Club, with Catapano registering six pars with bogeys on holes two and three and a birdie on the par-5 eighth hole. The Pacific Palisades, Calif., native collected five more pars on the back nine with a birdie at No. 16, but she also bogeyed 13, 14 and 18, finishing with a three-over 75 and a three-day total of 230, tied for 15th and just two strokes from the Top 10.

Freshmen Anna Claire Gibson and Rachel Waters both shot 82 in the final round, though in different ways.

Waters birdied No. 1 before a bad stretch of holes from 2-7 with five bogeys and one double bogey. The Nashville, Tenn., native rebounded with eight pars over the final 11 holes with two bogeys and a double for her 82. She moved up five spots in the final standings into a tie for 75th with a 54-hole score of 246.

Gibson registered five pars on the front nine with two bogeys, but also one double and one triple bogey. The Knoxville, Tenn., native played the back nine in three-over with six pars and three bogeys for her round of 82, tying for 71st with a three-round total of 245.

Senior Jane Stiltz started slowly with two bogeys and a double on the first four holes before reeling off five consecutive pars. The Lexington, Ky., native bogeyed seven of the nine holes on the back nine, though, shooting an 83 for a 54-hole score of 238, tied for 44th.

Junior Olivia Bentley also carded an 83 in the final round with four pars, four bogeys and a double on the front nine. The Nashville, Tenn., native netted three pars and four bogeys on the back as well as a birdie at No. 14. She doubled the last hole for a three-day total of 241, tied for 59th.

All five Sewanee players made at least a bogey on the par-5 fourth hole on Sunday, including two doubles and a triple.

The Tigers play again March 30-31 at the SAA Preview in Dickson, Tenn., and will return to Greystone Golf Club less than four weeks later for the conference championships.

Tiger Men Place Third at Jekyll Island

Sophomore Turner Chiles carded a final-round four-under 68, overcoming a two-shot deficit with four holes to play to claim low medalist honors, while Sewanee men's golf finished third in the team standings on March 22, at the Jekyll Island Collegiate in Jekyll Island, Ga.

The Tigers shot three-under par 285 in the final round but dropped a spot in the team standings thanks to rounds of 10-under from Huntingdon College and eight-under by Washington and Lee, who finished second. Sewanee posted a 25-under team score over the three rounds, three strokes behind Washington and Lee on the Pine Lakes Course at Jekyll Island Golf Club.

All of the Sewanee players started their rounds at No. 1, with Chiles posting seven pars and birdies on holes five and eight. On the back nine the Houston, Texas, native added another birdie at No. 12 but recorded a double bogey on the par-3 14th hole, falling two shots behind Washington and Lee's Jonathan McEwen.

Chiles birdied three of the last four holes while McEwen made three pars and a bogey, giving Chiles a two-shot victory in the individual standings with a 54-hole total of 200, 16-under par.

Freshman Aidan Tudor continued his strong play with a two-under 70 in the final round, making par on his first 10 holes of the day. The New Market, Md., native bogeyed No. 11 but reeled off three birdies in a six-hole stretch from 12-17 along with four pars for a three-day score of 204, tied for third and 12-under par.

Senior Elias Becker netted eight pars with a birdie on the par-5 seventh hole on the front nine. The Mexico City, Mexico, native added five more pars and a birdie at No. 13 but faltered down the stretch with two bogeys in the last three holes for an even-par 72 and a 54-hole total of 210, tied for 15th.

Sophomore Niel Phillips recorded birdies on holes one, five and nine but also three bogeys on the front nine. The New Orleans, La., native collected six pars and three bogeys on the back nine for a final-round 75 and a three-day score of 226, tied for 105th.

Senior Colin Edwards started the round with a double bogey on No. 1 but registered six pars and two bogeys to finish the front nine. The Brookhaven, Ga., native birdied holes 10, 13 and 15 but also made two bogeys and a double on the back, shooting 77 for a 54-hole total of 227, tied for 111th.

Sewanee plays again April 6-7 at the Capitol City Classic at the RTJ-Capitol Hill in Prattville, Ala.

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Graber Tosses Seven Strong Innings, Tigers Take Series at Berry

Tyler Pinson and Charlie Teel each drove in two runs and Spencer Yu collected two hits and scored twice, backing up seven strong innings from Austin Graber in a 7-4 series-clinching victory for Sewanee over Berry College in baseball action on March 22, in Mount Berry, Ga.

The Tigers (12-6-1, 2-1 SAA) scored three times in the third inning, including an RBI triple from Teel, a ground ball from Pinson that plated a run and a run-scoring double by John Bagwell, and added three runs in the sixth. Sebastian Leinberger doubled in a run, Yu plated another with a single up the middle and Pinson's bases-loaded walk scored another.

Graber (2-1) allowed three runs on seven hits in seven innings, striking out four with no walks. He retired the side in order in the second, fifth and sixth innings and worked around an error in the third. Berry plated single runs in the first, fourth and seventh and stranded just two baserunners against the righthander.

Davis Jones allowed a single but retired the side in the eighth and Jack Merrill gave up two singles and two wild pitches for a run but struck out the side in the ninth to finish off the victory. Leinberger collected two hits with one RBI and a run scored.

Chance Edmonds posted three hits, Tanaka Mukono added two hits and two runs scored and Garrett Long registered two hits for the Vikings (11-7, 1-2). Berry starter Eric Fountain (1-3) gave up four runs, two earned, on six hits in four innings to suffer the loss.

The Tigers got on the board in the first after a Yu walked and he went to third after an errant pickoff throw. Teel's infield single plated Yu for an early advantage.

The Vikings answered in the bottom of the inning with a leadoff double from Lang, who advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Chaz Moore and scored on a sacrifice fly from Riley Uhls.

In the third Yu singled with one out and Teel followed with an RBI triple to right. Pinson reached on an error, with Teel scoring on the play, and Bagwell doubled home a run, extending the lead to 4-1.

Berry got a run back in the fourth with a one-out single from Ethan Finch and a two-out double by Edmonds, though he was thrown out trying to take third to end the inning.

The Tigers added to the lead in the sixth, with everything starting with two outs when Owen Andress was hit. Leinberger followed with an RBI double and Aidan Petrocco was hit before a run-scoring single up the middle from Yu. Teel and Pinson both walked, forcing in a run for a 7-2 lead.

Mukono singled and stole second with one out in the seventh and a single by Edmonds put runners on the corners. Charles Pulaski's two-out single plated a run but Hayden Gilbert lined out to end the inning.

Mukono and Edmonds both singled to leadoff the ninth for Berry and a pair of wild pitches allowed Mukono to come across, but Merrill struck out Jackson Warren, Pulaski and pinch-hitter Xavier Byams to end the inning.

Sewanee hosts Rhodes College for a three-game series next weekend beginning Saturday with a noon doubleheader.

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Wildflowers of the Hour

Lin Cameron writes: "Of course this is *Phacelia Sewaneensis* week here and in Shakerag that is certainly the case. Walking down Roark's Cove Road to the NW end of the trail through Shakerag one is met with the distinctive odor of that plant before any are in sight. Soon after entering the trail southwest bound the riot of purple bloom throbbing with pollinators is fantastic. The bipinnatifida is not yet blooming and there are many fewer plants in evidence although I am seeing more of them this year on other parts of the Perimeter trail — especially the section between the Cross and Morgan's Steep.

Larkspur is doing very well with the Celandine Poppy, Trout lily in evidence but past peak

I also note that things look dry. The creek crossings are dry or very low."

On the Turkey Hollow Trail at St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development, an enthusiastic group of wildflower lovers enjoyed a walk sponsored by the Sewanee Herbarium last Saturday. The flower of the hour was the Rue Anemone, also known as Windflower. Bloodroot was mostly past, as was the Dutchman's Breeches, but a few blooms were found. Cutleaf Toothwort and Giant Chickweed were in flower, as well as Early Blue and Sweet Yellow Violets. The Little Sweet Betsy Trillium was just opening. Many other spring favorites were in bud and will be blooming soon. A trail guide is available at St. Mary's and at the University Bookstore.

State Park Offerings

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity: Clean the Crow — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Free. Register for event. Meet at Brush Creek Area Pull-Off. Come join Ranger Allen in cleaning up Head of the Crow State Park! We will be cleaning up old litter and dump sites downhill from Sherwood Road on park property. This cleanup will be laid back and a great volunteer opportunity for families. Some gloves may be available, but bringing your own is recommended. We will break for lunch, so make sure to bring hydration and snacks. Advance registration through Galaxy Digital <https://tnstateparksvolunteer.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=1222188> is optional, but preferred. Thank you for your willingness to help improve Head of the Crow State Park for the enjoyment of all.

Sherwood Day Loop Sunset Hike — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, March 28, 5–7 p.m. \$0-\$15. Register for event. Meet at Pack Hollow Trailhead. Join us for a nice hike around the Sherwood Day Loop, ending with a viewing of the sunset from one of our overlooks. This hike is free to attend. We will primarily be talking about the geology and formation of the Cumberland Plateau, which includes the beautiful Head of the Crow State Park. This hike is weather-dependent. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Three Forks Lakeside Hike — Savage Gulf State Park, Sunday, March 29, 1–2 p.m. \$12.50. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Rd., Savage Gulf North. Join Ranger Todd on a 4-mile Spring afternoon hike around the secluded Three Forks Lake. This hike can be your introduction to the new addition to Savage Gulf State Park. Guests should bring: water, walking shoes, and snacks. Hiking off trail is only permitted with authorized park staff and should never be done unsupervised.

Birds of Prey - Feeding — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Monday, March 30, 3:30–4:30 p.m. \$0-\$20. Register for event. Meet at 11745 US 41 Monteagle. Join Ranger Bovee at Fiery Gizzard State Park Visitor Center at the bird enclosure. We will get to see what feeding is like for the birds, as well as learn a little bit more about our Bard Owl and Red Tail Hawk.

Sherwood Forest Bathing — Head of the Crow State Park, Sunday, April 5, 9–10:30 a.m. \$0-\$10. Register for event. Meet at Pack Hollow Trailhead. Connect with nature in the most pure and simple way. This forest bathing experience will combine an easy 3/4 mile walk through the woods, with a quiet sitting spot right on the edge of the beautiful Cumberland Plateau. Participants should be prepared to breathe deeply, sit calmly, relax wholly, and let the cares of the day drift away with the early spring breeze. Optional items to bring: cushion, mat, pillow, or pad, water.

Herbarium Spring Calendar of Events

In addition to leading hikes and programs at Trails and Trilliums and the Smokies Wildflower Pilgrimage, the Sewanee Herbarium is offering these activities here at home.

Sewanee Purple Through the Year — Sewanee's Frame Gallery Gifts and Art hosts its Sixth Annual Nature Journaling Group art exhibition, "Sewanee Purple Through the Year." The opening reception is Friday, March 27, from 5–6:30 p.m. The show, which runs through Earth Day, April 22, features beautiful examples of the color purple in nature. Inspiration came from the 2025 discovery of the new plant species, *Phacelia sewaneensis*, a purple wildflower that blooms in Sewanee's Shakerag Hollow each spring.

Shakerag Hollow, Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m., and Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m., with Mary Priestley. A walk among the abundant and diverse spring wildflowers of this partly old-growth forest area. Meet at the Green's View parking lot (past the golf course). 2 miles, moderate to strenuous, with one fairly challenging incline.

Times are Central. Wear appropriate shoes on these walks. Risks involved in hiking include physical exertion, rough terrain, forces of nature, and other hazards not present in everyday life. Picking flowers and digging plants are prohibited in the above-mentioned natural areas.



Yoogie



Meshach

MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet Yoogie & Meshach

Yoogie is a great family dog. Unfortunately his family moved and were not able to take him with them. He is a beautiful silver gray and white young fellow around two and one half years old and weighs about 55 pounds. Yoogie is playful and loving, good with children and with other dogs. We do not know about cats. He is house trained and loves to run and to go for walks being good on a leash. Yoogie would love to come snuggle into your lap to watch TV. Come check him out.

Meshach is a super neat young boy looking for love and attention. He is around 10 months old and weighs about 45 pounds. Meshach is good with other dogs but not with cats. He loves children and teenagers who will play with him as he is still very much a puppy. Meshach walks well on a leash and is beginning to learn some basic commands. He seems to be house trained. Meshach is a happy boy who wants a place to run and play and to cuddle with his people. Come meet our boy and see if he is just the one for you.

If you would like to learn more about Yoogie and Meshach, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, (423) 619-3845.

All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives. MARC has a trainer available to work with dog adopters and dog fosters as needed.

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

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.

Sewanee CIVIC ASSOCIATION

You are invited MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Monday, May 4
Kennerly Hall
Social at 5:30 pm | Dinner at 6 pm**

SCA wraps up its 118th year. Voting on the slate of officers, the SCA budget for 2026-27, and a celebration of community service! Join us!

**RSVP by Friday, April 24 to:
sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com
WWW.SEWANEECIVIC.ORG**

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week's Stats:	
Mon	Mar 16	71	31	Avg max temp =	62
Tue	Mar 17	52	24	Avg min temp =	42
Wed	Mar 18	37	29	Avg temp =	52
Thu	Mar 19	51	39	Precipitation =	1.52"
Fri	Mar 20	68	48		
Sat	Mar 21	75	60		
Sun	Mar 22	80	63		

*Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger*

Messenger Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY seeks a dynamic, organized individual to support chapel and family ministry programming during the summer season. Responsibilities include assisting with worship services, coordinating weekly chapel activities, preparing bulletins, supporting guest clergy, and serving as a welcoming presence for families and guests. Ideal candidates will have a background in ministry, education, or related field, strong organizational skills, and the ability to work collaboratively in a vibrant community setting. Part-time (25-30 hours/week). Summer Season Dates are Sunday, June 7, 2026-Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026. To apply or learn more, please contact <info@mssa1882.org>.

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FOR RENT

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March 28, 2026
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Franklin County Solid Waste Management located on 419 Joyce Ln. Winchester

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2026 Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales – Registration Form

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Mail form and \$25 to:

Sewanee Community Center
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Palm Sunday

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.
--G.K. Chesterton, *The Donkey*

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Community Calendar

Friday, March 27

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon CAC Community Meal, Kennerly Hall
- 5 p.m. Art reception, Nature Journaling Group, "Sewanee Purple Through the Year," Frame Gallery, until 7 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Art Reception, "half return," Savannah Brister, C'26, Carlos Gallery, 105 Kennerly Rd., until 6:30 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

- 8 a.m. Franklin County Hazardous Waste Collection event, 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester, until 1 p.m.
- 9 a.m. Grief Recovery Group, Wesley House, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 10 a.m. SCRLT Bluebell Island Ramble, meet at 13811 David Crockett Pkwy. E, Decherd, until noon
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 11 a.m. FCDP No King's Day rally, meet at corner 2nd Ave. S and College St., until 1 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Recital and honors Theatre project, "Mosaic," Victoria Ryan, Guerry Auditorium
- 7 p.m. Concert, "Exploring the Space Between Story and Song," Minton Sparks, upstairs Shenanigans, 12595 Sollace M. Freeman Hwy.; doors open at 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 • Palm Sunday

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Herbarium Shakerag Hollow hike, Mary Priestley, meet at Green's View parking lot (past the golf course)
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, March 30

FC, GC, MC Schools Spring Break, through April 3
Deadline for Sewanee Community-Wdie Yard Sales applications

- 7:30 a.m. Edible Books Festival, main lobby duPont Library, until 3:30 p.m.; reception follows
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Beer Board meeting, conference room, City Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Monteagle Public Hearing for Ordinance 01-26, conference room, City Hall
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council regular meeting, conference room, City Hall

Tuesday, March 31

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Women's Tennis Coaches Doug Maynard and Zulay Casteño, McGriff Alumni House; livestream <sewaneeigers.com/watch/>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Kennerly Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul's, until 1 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 1 p.m. F@H Caregivers Support Group, Brooks

Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul until 2 p.m.

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

Wednesday, April 1 • April Fools' Day • Passover Deadline for SACA applications

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee. Lunch at noon. The Lead at 12:30 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Babson Center discussion, "The Career of Caring..." Dr. Mike Waldrum, duPont Torian Room
- 5 p.m. Yoga to Release Myofascial Tension, Tom Camp, 293 Ball Park Rd., until 6:15 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, April 2 • Maundy Thursday

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Friday, April 3 • Good Friday

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon Stations of the Cross, beginning at Brooks Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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