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The student division of the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department had tryouts for 16 freshmen on Feb. 28 and March 1, to choose six new members for the squad. A candidate shows her skill with the fire hose to the squad on March 1. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



Doug Cameron and Stephen Puckette, 1982 Whitewater Nationals

Monteagle Retail in C-3 on Hold

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

After lengthy discussion at the March 4 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission tabled a vote on a zoning amendment that would allow retail and commercial businesses in C-3 zoning. The commission approved guidelines for the Board of Zoning Appeals and site plans for a residential development and a B&B.

Monteagle currently allows retail and commercial businesses in C-1 and C-2 zoning, but not C-3. Challenging the proposed amendment, acting president Richard Black read from the zoning ordinance in place since Monteagle first adopted zoning in 1984. "C-3 interchange commercial district is intended to meet the special opportunities and needs at interchanges with interstate highways ... addressing the unique opportunities and problems created by access to the interstate highway. Excluded are those uses which do not provide services or accommodations directly toward interstate traffic."

"I don't see anything in here where retail and commercial meet the guidelines in C-3," Black argued.

"The problem," said town planner Jonathan Rush, "is there is no current definition [of retail and commercial]."

Black countered the ordinance defining C-3 specifically excluded some businesses, citing kennels, banks, pharmacies, flea markets, funeral homes, and golf courses.

Commissioner Alec Mosley observed, to allow all retail and commercial in C-3 "would do away with the idea that usages which did not provide services or accommodations directed toward interstate traffic are excluded ... it would destroy the concept of a C-3 zone."

Alderman Dean Lay, who served
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Spring Ahead on March 9

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m., Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8.

Living What You Love: Pass It On

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Doug Cameron should give lessons in living what you love, and in a sense he has. "Moving a canoe around on water with a paddle feels like second nature to me," Cameron said. What began as Boy Scout canoe trips on the Elk River to earn his merit badge led to white-water racing, authoring and editing books on outdoor sports, becoming a certified Wilderness EMT instructor, and along the way changing the lives of generations of young people, instilling in them a passion for the outdoors and outdoor sports. What is second-nature to a person often goes unnoticed, or at least by them. Cameron seemed a little surprised to learn on March 8 he will be inducted into the Southeastern Whitewater Hall of Fame at the Southern Appalachian Paddlesports Museum in Asheville, N.C. Cameron will join other Sewanee greats, 1972 white-water Olympian Carrie Ashton and Hugh Caldwell, the driving force behind the rebirth of Merrie-Woode, an internationally renowned summer camp for girls.

Two events stand out when Cameron talks about his early life. A 1971 trip to the Hiwassee River with his wife Anne was Cameron's "first white-water." "I got deeply involved," Cameron acknowledged, as though he were admitting falling in love. "I started going almost every weekend."

Cameron's life took another quirky turn following a month's long camping trip with his brother Bobby and father Ben looping through Canada and down the west coast of the United States hauling their gear behind a trailer hitched to a Bronco. The adventurers' conclusion: the two available guidebooks were inadequate. Ben Cameron, with New York City connections, persuaded the New York Times to finance a new guidebook, the New York Times Guide to Outdoors USA. A three-year gig traveling around the country, camping and writing narratives,

living on advances came to an end when the Arab Oil Embargo curtailed unnecessary travel. On a tip, Cameron returned to Sewanee to teach history at St. Andrew's. He started an outing program there and soon the University snatched him up as the first director of the Outdoor Program. Along with Ashton, Caldwell, and Stephen Puckette, Cameron coached the Sewanee Canoe Team to 11 Southeastern Championships. In the late 70s and early 80s Cameron and Puckette became familiar figures in white-water slalom racing, navigating a gated course in a decked canoe perched on their knees. Asked about the danger and close calls, Cameron said, "We built our skills based on getting out of stuff. We did several first ascents. We were the first people to paddle the Fiery Gizzard, going over those waterfalls." Cameron and Puckette competed in the 1982 Nationals on the Ocoee River, and Cameron went on to become Chair of the National Slalom and Wildwater Committee.

Cameron followed Caldwell to Camp Merrie-Woode, where he spent his summers for the next 25 years. He was hired on as "the head of trips," leading hiking, camping, and canoeing trips. Hearing Cameron talk about butt-sliding over moss covered creek boulders in cutoff jeans and sitting around the campfire singing and eating

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SCA: Parks, People, and Partnering

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," said Friends of the Parks Executive Director Ned Murray quoting Margaret Mead at the March 3 Sewanee Civic Association (SCA) dinner meeting, leading into a story about a park system on the Plateau that began 80 years ago as an idea and today spans 32,000 acres. Likewise, for over a century, the SCA has demonstrated how community involvement can change the world. Fittingly, the SCA sponsored Welcome Center will temporarily serve as the visitor center for Head of the Crow, the park system's newest incarnation.

Highlighting the park system's history, Murray joked, "If I had more time, I'd start with Genesis." In 1945 the American Forestry Association recommended Savage Gulf be protected and preserved, citing the unique scientific and ecological value. Over the course of the next twenty years, people who might seem ideological opponents — loggers, miners, naturalists, politicians — joined forces. The

726-acre parcel purchased in 1969, the Great Stone Door, evolved into a park system embracing four counties and eight distinct geographic regions: Denny Cove, Fiery Gizzard, Grundy Lakes, Hawkins Cove, Lost Cove, Natural Bridge, Savage Gulf, and the South Cumberland State Park visitor center site.

South Cumberland State Park managed the entire area until 2022, when the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation designated Savage Gulf a separate park. In 2024, Hawkins Cove, Lost Cove, and Natural Bridge became Head of the Crow State Park, resulting in yet a third state park on the Plateau. Explaining why, Murray pointed to "stewardship" and "politics." Traveling from one point in the park system to another could be nearly a 50-mile journey by road, a vast area to manage and protect while guaranteeing visitor safety. And politically, the division made sense, since state funding for a new park far exceeded what state coffers yielded an existing park system.

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Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales, April 12

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

You can participate by either having a sale at your home (feel free to combine your efforts with a friend) or by reserving a space at the Community Center (limited availability).

A registration form and \$25 fee is required to participate. The fee will be used to print maps highlighting the sale locations, provide an official yard sign for your location, and to place advertisements in local papers.

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

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Sewanee, TN 37375

Free Income Tax Prep Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEWANEE FIRE REPORT

In the month of February, the Sewanee Fire Department responded to 17 calls: 14 Dorm Alarms; 1 Residential Fire Alarm; 1 Medical Lift Assist; 1 Helicopter Landing Zone Medical.

The Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department recently received a grant for wildland firefighting equipment from Tennessee Forestry. We are extremely grateful for receiving this grant which will help us in response to forest fires and brush fires.

In addition, the 2025 SVFD received a grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office in the amount of \$70,000 to replace a 30 year-old cascade system. Cascade systems allow firefighters to enter oxygen-deficient atmospheres during rescue and firefighting operations by filling the air cylinders that firefighters wear on their backs.

If you need help with smoke alarm installation or checks, the Sewanee Fire Department is here to assist.

Sewanee Fire Department is located at 111 Alabama Avenue, phone, (931) 598-2950.

REAL ID

The REAL ID Act of 2005 established minimum security standards for license issuance and production. These standards provide an additional level of security to protect your identity. It also prohibits Federal agencies from accepting driver licenses and ID cards from states that do not meet the Act's minimum standards. Beginning May 7, 2025, everyone must have a REAL ID license or passport to enter certain Federal buildings, military bases and nuclear power plants or board commercial flights within the United States.

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Upcoming Meetings

American Legion

America Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 8, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 10, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

EQB Club

The Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Club, founded in 1870, is Sewanee's oldest organization in continuous existence. During the Academic Year, the EQB Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch and a talk (called a "Lead") which is given by a variety of talented speakers.

On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Retired Biology Professor and Virologist, Dr. John Palisano will give a Lead with basic and vital information about viruses and vaccines. Come and let Dr. Palisano give us much information about these two very timely subjects. All interested people are invited to join the EQB Club at 12:25 p.m. to hear Dr. Palisano's presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, March 13, at St. Mary's Sewanee, with the Rotary Foundation presenter: John Downs, Chair of End Polio Now! - Rotary International District 6780.

Sewanee Emeriti Association

The Sewanee Emeriti Association will meet from 3:30-5 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at McGriff Alumni House (in front of the duPont Library on Georgia Avenue) for a talk by Robin Bates on "Sewanee, Then and Now." There will be an opportunity to share your stories and questions after Robin's talk. Members and guests will continue the conversation with wine, non-alcoholic drinks, sweets and savory treats. If you have questions or would like a ride, please contact Trudy Cunningham (931) 636-4637.

FCDP to Elect New Leaders at Reorganization Convention

The Franklin County Democratic Party will hold a Reorganization Convention to elect new leaders on Saturday, March 15. The meeting will take place at the Franklin County Annex Community Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Doors open for registration at 9 a.m., convention start time is 10 a.m.

Local Democrats will elect a Chair, Vice Chair(s), Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee members from all voting districts for a two-year term. All Democrats who are residents of and registered voters of Franklin County are urged to attend to discuss the party's agenda and events for 2025-2026. During the Convention, the voting delegation will review County Party bylaws and elect new leadership.

The County Party Reorganization Convention welcomes all Franklin County Democrats. Attendees should arrive early to complete credentialing forms and be admitted to the convention before 10 am. when the meeting will begin.

For more information, contact Chairman Sandra Rice, (678) 613-5574.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 17, at the Franklin County Courthouse.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, with Michelle Dombrowski, Women's Lacrosse. The livestream will be available at <sewanee.tigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair. There will not be a meeting on Tuesday, March 11.

Annual Meeting of Cowan Railroad Museum

Cowan Railroad Museum, Inc., will have a membership meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at the Franklin House / Firefly Gallery, 108 E. Cumberland St., in Cowan. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will call to order at 6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review the previous year, set goals for the current year, and vote on an annual budget. The members will also elect a board of directors to serve a new two-year term. Payment of dues or lifetime membership status is required to attend, participate, and vote. For more information, leave a message at (931) 967-3078.

Special Presentation of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance

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

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

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

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 7 p.m. Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, March 12.

Town of Monteagle

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

MMUMC Food Distribution

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

Would You Like to Be Involved with the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department?

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

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

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

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

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SCRLT Annual Bluebell Island Ramble

Are you interested in the unique wildflowers and botanical variety of the South Cumberland Plateau bioregion? The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) invites you to our annual Bluebell Island Ramble at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 22, and running until about noon. Bluebell Island was SCRLT's first conservation initiative in the late 1990s and protects the unique habitat on Bluebell Island in the Elk River, home to trilliums, bluebells, and many other species of wildflower endemic to our area.

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

Meet and park alongside the driveway at 13811 David Crockett Pkwy. E, Decherd, adjacent to the Elk River. This location is about 1 mile southwest on Hwy 64 from the Interstate 24 Pelham exit. The "E" in the 13811 David Crockett Pkwy. E address is very important with GPS devices. Weather does sometimes impact this event in terms of the water level of the river. Should the island be inaccessible that morning due to high water, the event will go on and SCRLT will post notices on Sewanee Classifieds along with our Instagram (@southcumberlandlandtrust) and Facebook pages. You can contact SCRLT at <hello@scrlt.org>.

Local Food Available

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

Community Service Award Nominations Accepted

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for the 42nd annual Community Service Award. The award recognizes the person or organization that has made outstanding contributions to our community. The recipient is one who has helped make Sewanee a better place and has improved the quality of life for everyone in the area. Nominations are due by Friday, March 14.

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

The service awards will be presented at the SCA annual membership meeting on Monday, May 5, in Kennerly Hall. Please join us to celebrate those who serve the community.

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

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Obituaries

David Franklin Barnes

David Franklin Barnes, age 80 of Winchester, died on Feb. 28, 2025, at Harton-Vanderbilt Regional Medical Center, Tullahoma. He was born on June 14, 1944, in Sherwood, to Charles C. and Pauline Jackson Barnes. He was raised in Sherwood, attended Sherwood Elementary School and Franklin County High School, graduated from Motlow Community College in 1979 with an Associate of Science in Business Technology, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., in 1990. Before his retirement, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, AEDC Commissary, University of the South, and Franklin County Solid Waste. He was a dedicated member of Sherwood Emmanuel Apostolic Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 51 years, Beverly Jean Garner Barnes; sisters Charcie Barnes, Linda Barnes, and Teresa Wiseman; and in-laws, Wilbur and Louise Garner.

He is survived by his children, Todd (Stephanie) Barnes, and Derrick Barnes; siblings Clinton (Imogene) Barnes, Tony (Mary) Barnes, Susan (Bob) Prince, and Marvin (Tammy) Barnes; brother-in-law, Edward (Shirley) Garner, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral Services were on March 4, 2025 from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Bro. Todd Barnes officiating. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens with military honors bestowed. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Joseph Duncan "JD" Christy

Joseph Duncan "JD" Christy, age 88 of Atlanta, died on Feb. 26, 2025, at his home. He was born on July 26, 1936, in Baltimore, Md., to Joe and Kathleen Christy and raised in North Plainfield, N.J. He moved to Atlanta at the age of 18. After graduating from the University of Georgia, he began his career at the Doraville plant of General Motors as an industrial engineer. He later became a specialist in employee morale and education. After his early retirement from GM, he was deeply involved in various philanthropic organizations and projects in the Virginia Highlands neighborhood of Atlanta. He loved music, especially Robert Shaw, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and opera. He loved Sewanee, and he and DuVal enjoyed spending time at their second home there, enjoying the Gothic beauty of the campus and watching the fog roll in. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Tommy Sullivan.

He is survived by his beloved partner/spouse of 44 years, DuVal Cravens; daughters, Dana (Mark) Bishop, and Kelly (Rick) Christy; sister, Jean Christy Sullivan; brother, Clancy (Fain Cravens) Courtney; former wife and friend, Nan Christy; sister-in-law, Rhea (Steve) Cravens, one grandson, one great-grandson, one nephew, and one great-nephew.

A Service of Remembrance will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Virginia Highland Church UCC, 743 Virginia Ave., NE, Atlanta, followed by a short walk to John Howell Park, for a brief tribute there. Further services will be at a time to be determined. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his memory to the Atlanta Symphony and Chorus or the the ACLU. For complete obituary go to <<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/atlanta/name/joseph-christy-obituary?id=57698996>>.

Eric Russell "Rusty" Meeks

Eric Russell "Rusty" Meeks, age 62 of Tracy City, died on Feb. 23, 2025. He was born on April 11, 1962, to Homer and Joann Lockhart Meeks. He was a machinist for 33 years at Tennessee Screw Machine. He was preceded in death by his father; brother, William Allan Meeks; and nephew, Joshua Aaron Meeks.

He is survived by his mother; children, Christopher Adam (Kathy) Meeks and Erin (Ethan) Smith; stepchildren, Amanda Riddle and Andrea Burton; sister, Roxanne Williams; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was on Feb. 28, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, 96 St. Clair St., Tracy City. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Kenneth Wayne Pelham

Kenneth Wayne Pelham, age 74 of Decherd, died on March 3, 2025, at his home. He was born on Feb. 5, 1951, in Sewanee, to George William Pelham and Rosa Josephine Bailey. He grew up in Sherwood, and was a 1969 graduate of Franklin County High School. After graduation, he worked for the railroad for 28 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Gary William Pelham.

He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer (Alan) Hill and Angela (Bobby) McConnell, both of Decherd; brother Donnie Pelham of Decherd; sisters, Wanda Carter of Winchester, and Linda (Mike) Walker of Soddy Daisy, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, four nieces, two nephews, six great-nieces, and seven great-nephews.

A private Graveside Service was at Mt. View Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Mary Lee Garner Prince

Mary Lee Garner Prince, age 88 of Sherwood, died on Feb. 28, 2025, at The Waters of Winchester. She was born on July 13, 1936, in Winchester, to Orville Lee and Ethel Lucille Garner. Before her retirement, she was employed by the Franklin County Board of Education in the cafeteria at South Junior High School. She was a devoted member of Sherwood Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill Prince; daughters Diane Garner and Debbie Davis; and siblings George Garner, Orville Garner and Linda Hoosier.

She is survived by her children Donna (Carl) Phillips and Michael (Kim) Prince, both of Sherwood; sisters Martha (David) Johnson of Winchester, Annie Mae Hughes of Jasper, and Betty (Dan) Summers of Atlanta; son-in-law, Mike Davis of Stevenson, Ala., five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and special friend, Sandy Stevens.

Funeral Services were on March 3, 2025 from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Bro. Johnny Stevens officiating. Interment followed in Mt. View Cemetery, Sherwood. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Church News

All Saints' Chapel

Sunday, March 9 and March 16, the University will be on Spring Break, and All Saints' Chapel will only offer one service at 8 a.m.

Christ Church

Christ Church Monteagle began Lent on Ash Wednesday along with most of the churches in the Western world. But it is The First Sunday in Lent when The Litany is said. The Invitation to Lent is read a second time. The people that we term Eastern Orthodox have a much longer and more vigorous Lent. In any event, it provides an opportunity to share our thoughts and our experiences. Each Sunday we have a lunch after the 10:30 a.m. service. People choose between

tables where friends just catch up, or tables which discuss everything from church history or current events. Hymnology is also a favorite subject of another table. Lent is a serious time, but surely it is not intended to make us sour or dour!

Morton Memorial United Methodist

Our sermon title for this first Sunday in Lent will be "Tested," as we consider the Gospel reading from Luke 4:1-13. Jesus spends forty difficult days in the wilderness and is sorely tempted by the Devil. We shouldn't be surprised that he passes all the tests with flying colors and then berates the Devil.

Children are welcome at Morton! They are invited to interact with our pastor during worship in

All God's Children time. Following worship, children will have time together in activities.

This Sunday, from 10:20-10:30 a.m. in our sanctuary, there will be a special Lenten gift of Holy Communion. It's a time of sharing in the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and is offered to all persons regardless of age or church affiliation. All are invited, even if it's the first time a person has visited Morton. It's an open table, meaning a person of any age doesn't have to be a baptized believer or a member of any church.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. Morton is located at 322 West Main Street in Monteagle and our service begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message,

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, livestream

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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

An 'Unlikely Relationship' Dismantles a Massacre's Lies

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

A few years ago, Rev. Avery Hamilton and Dean Woods joined forces in what Hamilton calls an “unlikely relationship.” Their goal: to unmask the lie celebrating the white vigilantes who murdered more than 60 black men in Colfax, La., in 1873. Why “unlikely”? Hamilton is a direct descendant of one of the victims; Woods is a direct descendant of one of the vigilante murderers. On Feb. 20, the Roberson Project brought Hamilton and Woods to campus to tell their story about “Truth-Telling, Friendship, and Repairing the Legacies of a Louisiana Race Massacre.”

Until recently, a historical marker outside the Colfax courthouse boasted about how on Easter Sunday in 1873 local citizens slayed the rioting “negroes,” bringing an end to “carpetbag misrule.”

“I grew up with that marker,” Hamilton said. He proceeded to unpack the truth.

During Reconstruction, more than 1,500 African Americans were elected to public office in the South, Hamilton observed. Learning a group of white vigilantes wanted to unseat black Colfax office holders, black citizens assembled at the Colfax parish courthouse. Word reached them that a group of white men had shot black farmer Jesse McKinney in the head while his wife and children looked on. Black families flocked to the courthouse for protection. The vigilantes, 140 strong, persuaded the women and children to leave. Following a threat to set the courthouse on fire, the Blacks barricaded inside agreed to talk truce. When a vigilante bearing a white flag was shot in the back, likely by friendly fire, the massacre began. Those not killed at the site were marched to a field and shot for sport. Two days later, U.S. Marshals arrived enabling some families to collect the bodies of their dead. Many were buried in a mass grave.

A lawsuit followed, with 97 men indicted, and nine men arrested. “They were charged with violating the Enforcement Act preventing assembly, not murder,” Woods explained. “It was widely held a white man charged with murder [of a black man] would be acquitted.” But even the lesser charge failed to bring justice. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed the convictions of the three men found guilty. “That 1876 decision is regarded as having given free rein to white nationalist groups to harass, abuse, and kill innocent Blacks, ending Reconstruction, and ushering in the Jim Crow era,” Woods said. No Blacks would be elected to U.S. congress until 1929, and none would be elected to the senate until 1967.

“They were proud of what they did,” Hamilton said. In 1921, the vigilantes had an anniversary reunion. The three white men who died during the massacre were honored by an obelisk in the all-white cemetery bearing the inscription, “The heroes who fell fighting for white supremacy.” In 1950, in response to the mayor’s request, the state installed the historical marker commemorating the “Colfax Riot” at the courthouse.

Hamilton ultimately learned the truth about “the bloodiest day in Reconstruction” in conjunction with researching his family history. Jessie McKinney, the black farmer shot in the head while

mending a fence, was his great-great, great-grandfather. Hamilton petitioned the Grant Parish Police Jury to have the false, offensive marker removed. The jury, seven white and one black, denied the request.

Woods learned about the Colfax massacre from two historical narratives, “The Red River” and “The Day Freedom Died,” his interest piqued because he grew up in nearby Shreveport. He ultimately learned, after research on <ancestry.com>, what no one in his family had ever mentioned: his great-grandfather Bedford Woods participated in the slaughter and served as treasurer of the 1921 reunion committee. “I was ashamed,” Woods said. “I didn’t know how to process that information. I have a granddaughter who’s black. I had to do something.” He traveled to Colfax to see the marker. “I wanted to rip it out of the ground,” he admitted.

Woods joined forces with Hamilton to have the marker removed. Woods enlisted the assistance of Mandi Mitchell, Assistant Director of the Department of Louisiana Economic Development, who had the governor’s ear and quickly earned his approval. But Mitchell, too, encountered pushback from the Parish Police Jury. The jury finally relented. The marker was removed from the courthouse grounds in 2021, with a thorny condition attached: no historical marker or memorial could occupy the site.

Hamilton and Woods wanted a memorial telling the true story. They started a nonprofit to raise funds for the project, hired an artist to design the memorial, received permission from the mayor to locate the memorial at a popular festival location next to the railroad, and had a concrete slab ready for installation of the memorial on the 150th anniversary of the massacre. Then the mayor phoned Hamilton rescinding permission, saying his decision had been “premature” — the railroad objected. Dean phoned the railroad, and received a firm, “no,” until Dean pointed out there were several other public buildings on the property erected by white people. After some ho-humming, the railroad gave the “Colfax Massacre Memorial” project a green light to proceed. One hundred eighty people attended the ceremony including relatives of one of the men convicted in the lawsuit.

Hamilton concedes he has received pushback at nearly every step of the way. He and Woods want to take the mission further, “not just to educate, but to change lives.” A plan to launch a reading enrichment program at the local public school fell by the wayside when the superintendent closed the school. The idea of offering college scholarships to youth in the socio-economically depressed town likewise encountered pushback from the superintendent who, according to Hamilton, complained, “You’ve got to get them through school first.”

Hamilton and Woods remain undaunted. “I believe in the power of unlikely relationships,” Hamilton insisted. Paraphrasing a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr., Woods said, “Everyone needs to learn what justice is in their sphere of influence and do whatever they can to move the needle toward justice. We live in a frightening era. We need to step up.”

Church (from page 4)

you can look forward to inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship at Morton, the service will be live streamed at Morton’s Facebook and YouTube pages and is available there in the week following the service.

Morton has many active ministries. This Saturday, from 8–10 a.m., our Food Mission team will offer substantial food baskets to approximately 250 families. To receive food, drivers should enter the food distribution line, which begins behind the church. Volunteers are also welcome, should arrive before 7:45 a.m. and are asked to park in the CVS lot next door.

St. James Episcopal

St. James celebrates Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 9 a.m. We gather after the service for conversation and coffee.

Our Lenten study will begin on Wednesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. and go through the next 6 Wednesdays minus Holy Week (April 16). The book we will study is “Why Church?: Christianity as It Was Meant to Be” by Scott Cowdell, Ph.D. The book explores the marginalization of the church, seen more as providing support rather than being indispensable to the Christian life and argues for the centrality of the Eucharistic church in an increasingly tribal world. St. James is located at 898 Midway Road. All are welcome.

St. Mark and St. Paul

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

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

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

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

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

Lent Series: Wednesday evenings in Lent, March 12-April 9, the parish is offering a soup and learning series called “Lord Let Me Know My End: Facing Mortality with Wisdom and Grace.” A simple healthy meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the discussion 6–7 p.m.

Sunday Forum: Mary Priestley will give a presentation on “Mary Oliver through the Seasons” at this week’s forum talk at St. Mark and St. Paul. The talk is Sunday, March 9, in Kennerly Hall at 9:45 a.m.

A longtime Sewanee resident, Mary is an avid nature journalist and illustrator. A current member of the vestry, she describes her talk as “a gambol — or maybe a mosey — through some of this much-loved poet’s work as we anticipate the return of springtime to the mountain.”

Sisters of St. Mary

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

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s’mores can make the listener envious of the fun.

Eventually Merrie-Woode hired specialists for the various outing activities, with Cameron assigned to paddling and sailing, a sport he took up when the Merrie-Woode program needed some TLC.

Sailing led Cameron down another unexplored road. In 2004, he and his sailing partner Michael Collins won a 300-mile race from Tampa, Fla., to Key Largo. “We got lucky weather,” Cameron said, lucky for the two experienced paddlers who surged ahead when the wind died down.

Cameron also began building canoes and small sailboats and writing articles about small watercraft trips and construction for Small Craft Advisor magazine.

Taking up another writing project, he edited the second edition of “Under the Sun at Sewanee,” updating the driving directions and advice about familiar area haunts. He laughed about an entry edited out of the first edition, “When a Sewanee gentleman has been bitten by a snake, the first thing you do is loosen his tie.”

Cameron has served 52 years as a volunteer firefighter and 43 years as an EMT. In 1990, the requirement to renew his EMT license every two years launched Cameron

down yet another wilderness trail.

“Most of those [EMT recertification] classes are really dull. You go to a conference room and sit there and listen to people drone on for a couple of days,” Cameron complained. Cameron found a better way, Wilderness EMT training taught by Wilderness Medical Associates. “The course was entirely hands on,” Cameron explained. “They’d teach something then you’d immediately go outside and have ‘made up’ victims. You’d solve the problems, critique it, then go inside and learn another topic.” His enthusiasm caught the attention of the instructors who invited him to train to be an instructor himself. Cameron has taught Wilderness First Aid and Wilderness Advanced Responder classes for the Sewanee Outing Program and at colleges and camps throughout the South.

Cameron maintains his favorite outdoors activity is “a days-long paddling and camping trip.” But Cameron is an unabashed Don Juan when it comes to his love of the outdoors. In talking with him about outdoors anything from whitewater rafting to teaching young people how to splint a broken arm on the trail, the same phrase comes up again and again, “I love it.”

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The nonprofit Friends of South Cumberland formed to support and protect the Plateau park system in 1993, with enthusiasm high from the start. More than 70 people attended the first meeting. The organization's new name, Friends of the Parks, is a quiet statement about a commitment to embrace all three of the Plateau's parks in its mission.

With education a priority, the Friends host the Cumberland Forest School providing pre-school, homeschool, after school, and summer programs for youth; station volunteers trail-side, Trail Friends who give offer advice and directions; host the annual weeklong naturalists' rally, Trails and Trilliums; and took every third, fourth, and fifth grader in Grundy County on a park field trip this year. Murray acknowledged maps are a challenge with so many changes happening but directed to be hikers to the Friend's website for free downloadable maps <friendsofsouthcumberland.org>. The Friends also maintain and refurbish trails, and, as it was in the beginning, advocate for partnerships to protect and conserve the Plateau's natural resources. Savage Gulf added 700 acres last year, with additional acquisitions expected soon. "The extraction economy, especially mining and forestry, left this region devastated," Murray said. "Natural resources are still our greatest economic opportunity. It's a matter of how we leverage them."

Taking up the story of transformative endeavors and the power of partnership, SCA President Kiki Beavers updated the membership on current projects, with the Welcome Center top shelf. The long and impressive donors list includes the South Cumberland Community Fund, the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, the University, the Sewanee Community Council, and a generous reunion gift from the University Class of '73. Open seasonally and staffed by volunteers, Beavers anticipates help from University students under the direction of the Office of Civic Engagement. A licensing contract between the University and TDEC will govern dual use of the building as the temporary Head of the Crow Visitor Center. The Mountain Goat Trail, with a trailhead at the Center, links the Fiery Gizzard and Head of the Crow regions. Displays will highlight historic Sewanee, the park will offer retail merchandise, and visitor information will be available both inside and outside.

Beavers also announced the Community Chest Fund Drive was just \$10,000 short of its ambitious \$123,456 goal. The Community chest has funded Sewanee Elementary School for 100 years; the Children's Center for 76 years; the Community Action Committee for 50 years; the Senior Center for 47 years; and the MGT for 19 years. Send donations to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

The next Nonfood Supply Drive runs from March 23-28. The drive collects and distributes household necessities which cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits. Donate via Amazon or drop off donations at the CAC office and Taylor's Mercantile.

Send nominations for the 42nd annual Community Service Awards to <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>, explaining why the nominee deserves recognition, deadline March 14. Send nominations for the board of directors to the same address, same deadline. Consider stepping up to become part of the future going in the direction you want it to go.

Lifepoint Health and Ascension Saint Thomas Expand Joint Venture Partnership with Addition of Two Facilities

Lifepoint Health and Ascension Saint Thomas are expanding their Highpoint Health joint venture in Middle Tennessee to include two new facilities: Southern Tennessee Regional Health System (STRHS) – Winchester and Southern Tennessee Regional Health System (STRHS) – Sewanee.

Located in Southeastern Tennessee, the two legacy Lifepoint Health sites of care will join the Highpoint Health System joint venture, which is jointly owned and operated by Lifepoint Health and Ascension Saint Thomas.

Highpoint Health is a regional health system that currently includes Highpoint Health – Sumner and Highpoint Health – Sumner Station in Gallatin, Highpoint Health – Trousdale in Hartsville, Highpoint Health – Riverview in Carthage, and more than 15 affiliated clinics and sites of care.

"We are excited to expand our relationship with Ascension Saint Thomas by adding these two facilities to the Highpoint Health joint venture," said William Haugh, president, Central Division, Lifepoint Health. "STRHS-Winchester and STRHS-Sewanee both play critical roles in providing much-needed services close to home in these communities. We are proud of the important strides we have made in strengthening access to services and specialists through our Highpoint Health joint venture, and we look forward to adding these locations to this expanded network of care."

The Highpoint Health partnership between Lifepoint Health and Ascension Saint Thomas brings together the organizations' clinical excellence, best practices and talented caregivers to collaborate in new ways that improve access to clinical programs and specialty care for patients and communities.

"This expansion marks an important step forward in our mission to enhance healthcare access for the communities we serve," said Fahad Tahir, president and CEO of Ascension Saint Thomas. "By joining Highpoint Health, STRHS-Winchester and STRHS-Sewanee will gain greater access to Ascension Saint Thomas' nationally recognized clinical expertise and specialty services."

The Winchester and Sewanee hospitals and sites of care will be majority-owned and operated by Lifepoint Health, and co-branded with Ascension Saint Thomas. The current leadership team will remain in place, and no significant changes are anticipated for employees. Moving forward, the facilities will adopt the names of Highpoint Health – Winchester and Highpoint Health – Sewanee.

"We are looking forward to being part of the Highpoint Health network as we work together to grow and strengthen specialty services that we know are important to our community," said Adam Martin, CEO of STRHS-Winchester and STRHS-Sewanee. "We have an incredibly strong team of dedicated caregivers at both of these locations, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead to further advance our mission of making communities healthier together as part of Highpoint Health."

Monteagle (from page 1)

as mayor when Monteagle adopted zoning ordinances, brought a historical perspective to the discussion. By the definition, the other interstate exit should also be C-3, but was zoned C-2, Lay pointed out. "At the Sewanee exit, we never wanted truck stops, firework stands, and that stuff. We tried to keep that out." The Sewanee exit was originally zoned C-2, changed to C-3, then changed back to C-2. "We were always told [when zoning was adopted] C-3 was your catch-all zone for what you don't want in the downtown district," Lay said.

"Some retail and commercial, with definition, is appropriate," said Commissioner Katie Trahan.

"If we were to amend the ordinance without further definition, how would the C-3 zone differ from the C-2 zone?" Mosley asked. "We wouldn't need a C-3 zone, [aside from] there are some things permitted in C-3, not permitted in C-2, like a truck stop."

"What is not retail?" asked Mayor Greg Maloof. "If you're selling goods and services, is that not retail?"

The commission agreed with Maloof's suggestion to table the proposed amendment and take up the questions raised in a workshop.

"The workshop is going to have to be involved in the definition of what fits in C-1, C-2, and C-3," Black stressed.

The guidelines adopted for the BZA apply the same five criteria the planning commission and council must take into account when considering zoning amendments: "agreement with the general plan for the area;" that the amendment "does not violate the legal grounds for zoning provisions;" possible "adverse effects upon adjoining or adjacent property owners unless such adverse effect can be justified by the overwhelming public good or welfare;" "that no one property owner or small group of property owners will benefit materially from the change to the detriment of the general public;" and "that conditions affecting the area have changed to a sufficient extent to warrant an amendment to the area's general plan."

The commission approved the site plan for the Joseph Estates subdivision on Laurel Trails Road. The site plan calls for five lots. Developer Paul Fantuzzi plans to build two story homes with three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths.

The commission also approved the site plan for Pink Door Cottages, a home just off Main Street renovated by owner Deborah Reed for use as a B&B.

F@H Funds Home Medical Alert Systems

Folks at Home is piloting the deployment of Medical Home Alert Systems for our more Vulnerable Members. Folks at Home and the Board of Directors made the decision to fund and to deploy up to eight Home Medical Alert Systems to "Scholarship Members" who could not otherwise afford them.

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Record Attendance at Community Fund Grant Information Summits

More than 60 representatives of local nonprofits, municipal governments, and schools attended the 2025 grant information summits held on Feb. 22, 24, and 25. The event gave participants the opportunity to give an initial look at the kinds of funding needs their organization might have for the 2025 competitive spring grants cycle. Applications for those projects and ideas are due on April 1.

"It's amazing to know that so many people are working so hard to make life better for all who live on the Cumberland Plateau," said Betty Carpenter, head of the grants committee, who stressed that the committee "made up of people all across the Plateau" take their work very seriously.

Following the April 1 application deadline, the committee will consider the applications and in many cases follow up the applications with in-person interviews. As has been the case for the last few years, some members of the grants committee may schedule site visits, even before the applications are made, especially with organizations with which they are unfamiliar.

In addition to being a public forum to discuss community needs, the meeting also covered some important changes in policy for the Community Fund. "As an organization, we have been working hard to think about how our grants and our processes can be more responsive to community needs," said Tom Sanders, executive director.

Sanders noted how the application process had been streamlined, as well as the grant reporting process. "We do not want to put unnecessary hurdles in front of our partners," he said.

In 2025, applicants will be able to request up to 20 percent of a grant in unrestricted funding or "indirect." In addition, organizations may apply for unrestricted funds, at levels tied to their Guidestar or Giving Matters profile.

"We have long asked applicants to provide us a good bit of information about their organizations as part of the application process," Sanders said. "We would rather they provide that information in a way that can be shared more broadly, and Guidestar and Giving Matters are free sites that allow organizations to publicize the kind of information donors want (the same information we want, by the way)," he continued.

Community partners who were unable to attend one of the information sessions are encouraged to reach out to the Community Fund at <director@southcumberlandcommunityfund.org>.

The Sewanee Lost Cause Myth: Balancing History

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"It's hard to grow spiritually and intellectually as a black woman when an idea such as the Lost Cause is so widely commemorated," observed University senior Gwendolyn Dickey, commenting on the new archival Roberson Project websites baring the truth about the University's ongoing display of relics and persistent memorialization of rituals honoring the Confederacy and the myth of the Lost Cause. The Honoris Causa website profiles the 41 Confederate veterans and four pro-Confederate British men commemorated for receiving honorary degrees in the 1957 alumni magazine's celebration of the centennial of the University's founding. Decorating with the Lost Cause ties the truth to far more recent decisions about what to celebrate and how in the new Sewanee Inn which opened in 2014, decorated with portraits and paintings from the archives with no mention of how the men depicted and scenes represented defended slavery and celebrated the Confederacy.

"The trustees had to vote for the nomination of the honoree degree recipients, showing support for the individual and what he stood for, often white supremacy," said Maia Council, Roberson Project public historian who led the research for the Honoris Causa website. "Honoris Causa means for the sake of honor." Many of these supporters of the Confederacy went on to even greater fame, such as William Stuart Sinking who founded the Florida Ku Klux Klan and Louisiana judge John Howard Ferguson whose ruling led to the U.S. Supreme Court decision on "separate but equal" in Plessy v. Ferguson. "By recording these men's names and emphasizing their military service in 1957, the University leadership demonstrated in the mid-20th century, while a Confederate flag hung in All Saints' Chapel and black Sewaneans lived without running water or electricity, celebrating Confederate honorees for their service was still as high a priority as it was 100 years before."

The driving force behind the Decorating with the Lost Cause website, student Elizabeth Baker, C'27, became interested in the Sewanee Inn art in a class assignment to inventory the Inn artifacts that referenced the University's pre-Civil War origins. Baker had visited the Inn before becoming a student and recalled, "I felt awkward, not part of the 'in-group.' Like these were ancestors I should have known about and missed." The lobby features portraits of five of the founding bishops of the University, neglecting to mention

their station as white men in the upper crust of Southern society, as enslavers and advocates of slavery, made possible by their generous funding and support. A painting in the entryway to the largest event space depicts "the second founding" of the University in 1867. Painted in 1938 by Thomas J. Crosby at the height of the Lost Cause movement, the painting features white gowned bishops and a single black man relegated to the background. The illustrated timeline behind the reception desk notes the admission of women and first sororities but makes no mention of racial integration or the role slavery played in the University's founding, funding, and construction.

"The very first stone was laid in place by black hands," said Dickey, an African American student from Memphis, bringing the context of personal experience to the discussion. "I knew nothing about the University's history before I came here." Shortly before arriving, she read about racial slurs shouted at a sports event. "I thought maybe the University's administration would hold these individuals accountable and reconcile with the opposing team," Dickey said. "This did not happen." She set out to learn about the history. The summer of her junior year, Dickey served as a Roberson Project assistant, researching white women founding donors, slave owners who as women could not attend the University, yet were committed to protecting and defending the South's civilization of bondage. Shocked and confused, Dickey made a commitment "to turn this ship around."

"The University needs to be upfront with students before they get here," Dickey insisted, pointing out the racial diversity in professors and the student body did not reflect the larger population. She argued for "additions to and subtractions from" the Sewanee Inn art.

In response to a question about how the art was chosen, Roberson Project Director Woody Register speculated supporting the Lost Cause was "unconscious and unintentional" and the art was chosen to depict the University's history. Register argued the art needed "to tell the whole story," rather than being removed.

In response to a comment that the Sewanee Inn, although intended to welcome people, did not serve that function, Dickey said, "The Sewanee Inn should be a welcoming place for all people, not just a certain type of person. Look inside yourself. What makes you feel included? How do you be inclusive as a human being?"

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, March 10: Chicken, dumplings, fried okra, slaw, cornbread.

Tuesday, March 11: Baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, March 12: Pork roast, red potatoes, green beans, roll.

Thursday, March 13: White bean chicken chili, Mexican cornbread.

Friday, March 14: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn, roll.

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

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

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

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Mountain Goat Trail Race Set for April 19

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

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

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

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

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

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Monday, March 10: Cereal cup or donut or donut holes.

Tuesday, March 11: Cereal cup or meat biscuit.

Wednesday, March 12: Cereal cup or breakfast pastry or bread.

Thursday, March 13: Cereal cup or sausage/pancake stick.

Friday, March 14: Cereal cup or egg omelet.

LUNCH

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

Monday, March 10: Chicken strips, grain choice, green peas, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 11: Spaghetti, grain choice, buttered corn, green beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 12: Barbeque, grain choice, pinto beans, potato choice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 13: Chicken fillet, grain choice, veggie cup, potato choice, fruit, milk.

Friday, March 14: Pizza, marinara sauce, carrot dip-pers, buttered corn, fruit, milk, cookie.

For meal pricing, go to <<https://franklincountyt.n.schoolinsites.com/menus-mealpricing>>.

Franklin County Kindergarten Registration

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

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

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

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

SCC Diamonds and Dedication

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

Mahjong Players Wanted

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

How to Start a Circus

Grundy Area Arts Council presents How to Start a Circus by Pate & Wilson Circus Co., at 5 p.m., Monday, March 10, in the upstairs conference room of the Littell-Partin Center in Tracy City. Clowning, acrobatics, unicycles, fire juggling — how do they train for and organize a big top production of kid performers? This presentation is part of the GAAC re-energizing arts on the mountain series. Refreshments will be served. Come early for the JAMkids Grundy Area Old Time Song & Dance to dance a jig and learn about signing your kids up for the Junior Appalachian Musicians program.

Spring Classes at Cumberland Folk School

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

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

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

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

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

Register for the 21st Annual Trails & Trilliums

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

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

Highlights of this year's events include:

77 Hikes, Walks, Workshops, Presentations, and Hands-On Nature experiences to choose from. Workshops on nature journaling, nature photography, nature writing, wilderness first aid, forest bathing, birding, landscape sketching and painting.

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

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

pelts, skulls, and more!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Friends of the Library of The University of the South invites you to attend a talk at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in Naylor Auditorium in Gailor Hall. Maggie Thrash will talk about her work as a graphic novelist.

Maggie Thrash is the author of the critically acclaimed graphic memoir, "Honor Girl," which was nominated for a Los Angeles Times Book Prize. "Rainbow Black" is her first novel for adults and has been awarded several prizes including the Mother Jones Award for 2024 and a noteworthy book by the Washington Times. Maggie attended the Sewanee School of Letters. She was born and raised in Atlanta and currently lives in New Hampshire.

How do you figure out how a story wants to be told? In this talk, Maggie Thrash shares how she arrived at comics as the perfect medium for telling her personal story. You'll get a crash course in the history of comics, tracing its evolution from low brow smut to high-brow literature. Thrash will also share insights from her new novel "Rainbow Black," set during the Satanic Panic of the 1980s. This is a great talk for anyone interested in the strange and fascinating process of how an idea transforms into a finished product.

Please join the Friends of the Library for a book sale and signing and reception following the talk.

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



Dragon by Masyn Staples

'Tigers and Dragons' — Oh No!

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

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

The show will be on display until March 22. A reception honoring these young artists will be 4-5 p.m., Thursday, March 20. Drop by and see this beautiful and colorful work.

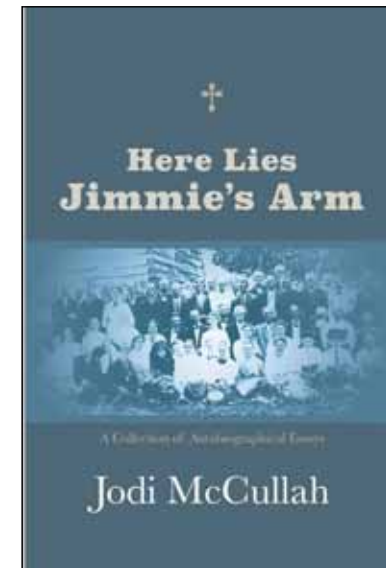
Cosmic Egg Decoration

Celebrate spring with Nashville artist Carolyn Coleman at Frame Gallery Gifts & Art on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to noon in an art workshop to create "cosmic eggs," a story-rich meditation on the egg as an ancient symbol of the "already and not yet" of living.

In this beginner-friendly workshop, participants will decorate three eggs with acrylic paint, tissue paper, a pen or pencil, and/or Mod Podge. All supplies are included in the workshop fee of \$45 per person.

"Eggs can be dyed, deviled, and delightful," said Coleman, who began painting eggs in 2020 using vibrant acrylic colors and varied materials. Over time, each cosmic egg became a canvas for storytelling and celebration.

To learn more about the art of egg decoration and to register for the workshop, visit <<https://framegals.com>>.



'Here Lies Jimmie's Arm' Book Signing

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

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

Performing Arts Series Presents Roomful of Teeth

The Sewanee Performing Arts Series is thrilled to present Roomful of Teeth, a groundbreaking vocal ensemble renowned for their innovative and boundary-pushing approach to contemporary choral music.

Founded in 2009 by Brad Wells, Roomful of Teeth showcases the expressive limits of the human voice, incorporating an eclectic range of vocal techniques, from Western classical to belt, folk, yodeling, and throat singing.

Most recently, they earned a 2024 GRAMMY for Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance with their album Rough Magic, and they tour nationally and internationally on stages from Bogotá to Bruges. Committed to the creation of new works, Roomful of Teeth made the original recording of member Caroline Shaw's "Partita for 8 Voices" and catapulted her to the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 2013.

Roomful of Teeth has continued to embrace the evolving nature of music by exploring the intersection of voice and technology, challenging conventional boundaries and reshaping the landscape of vocal performance.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, in Guerry Auditorium, 68 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. Tickets are free for Sewanee students, faculty, and staff with a Sewanee ID. General admission is \$25 at <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/tickets/>>.

Roomful of Teeth ensemble members will also work with Sewanee student composers and performers in a daytime educational session.

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Baseball Splits Weekend with 16-6 Win Over Depauw

Zach Fortman had a standout performance in his first start, going 3-for-3 with a single, double, triple, four RBIs, and four runs scored as Sewanee powered past DePauw, 16-6, to split the weekend series.

Will Jennewein contributed three runs and two RBIs, finishing 2-for-3 with a two-run homer and two walks, while Charlie Teel went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two walks.

Jack Merrill overcame a shaky start, walking the first batter, hitting another, and giving up two singles and two runs before striking out the final two batters to escape the inning. He rebounded to strike out four in a row and finished with six strikeouts over 3.2 innings. Ben Weiser earned the win, pitching 2.2 innings with two strikeouts, three groundouts, and two flyouts.

Ethan Williams tallied Sewanee's second hit of the game with a single to left center, setting up Jennewein's two-run homer to right field in the fourth, tying the game at 2-2.

The Tigers exploded for five runs on five hits in the fifth. Jennewein's single put runners on the corners, and Pinson followed with an RBI single to left. After a popout, Bagwell added an RBI single up the middle. Fortman then cleared the bases with a three-RBI triple down the left field line, scoring Bagwell, Pinson, and Jennewein. A sacrifice fly from Sebastian Leinberger brought Fortman home, capping the inning with Sewanee leading 9-2.

Jonah Patton added an RBI in the sixth, and Fortman scored on a wild pitch after doubling to short right field.

DePauw fought back with four runs in the eighth, but Sewanee responded with five to close out the game early. After two walks, Bagwell singled to score Jennewein. Fortman was hit by a pitch, loading the bases, and Leinberger followed with a three-RBI double down the right field line, advancing to third on a fielding error. Teel's single to left brought home Leinberger, sealing the 16th run and ending the game.

Sewanee now turns its attention to conference play, heading to Hendrix for a single game Friday followed by a Saturday doubleheader. The Tigers will then travel to Pensacola, Fla., for six games over spring break.

Sameth Named Cacchoine Cup Rider

Emma Sameth earned the Year End High Point Rider and Cacchoine Cup rider and Sewanee's IHSA equestrian team won the regional championship with 283 points, 84 points above their closest competitor.

Irene Boehm came in sixth for the Year End High Point Rider and Cacchoine Cup rider.

Sewanee had six riders who were champion or reserve champions in their classes and those six riders will move onto Zones as individuals.

Emma Sameth was the Regional Champion in both open fences and open flat.

In Intermediate Fences, Isabella Janovsky was the reserve regional champion.

Claire Dillard collected Sewanee's fourth and fifth regional championships, coming in first in the intermediate flat. Mollie McWhorter also placed fourth in intermediate flat. Dillard also placed third in the limit fences division.

Laura Ann Moore took home third in limit flat, and Bailey Pezzella placed third in the novice division.

Hannah Fitzgerald was also named regional champion in the introductory division.

SAS Middle School Track & Field Team Kicks Off Season with Record-Breaking Performances

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school track & field team opened their season in impressive fashion, competing against 38 teams at the Seigle Open Middle School Meet on March 1, at Seigle High School. Just two days later, back on the mountain at The University of the South track, they set two new school records.

Alex Glacet established a new middle school record in the high jump, clearing 4'2". The 4x400m relay team—comprised of Arabella Barry, Savannah Blosser, Nora Jane Elrod, and Elena Brodsky—shattered the previous school record by nearly 18 seconds, clocking in at 5:02.03.

With a strong start to the season, the SAS team looks forward to continued success in the meets ahead.

SAS Varsity Track & Field Opens Season

On March 3, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School varsity track & field team opened their season on the University of the South track against TSSAA DII District 2 teams. Top finishers included: Micah Moody, first place in 1600m; 4x400m boys relay consisting of Thomas Kessen, Mason Sparacio, Timi Stefanut, and Micah Moody placed first; Tom Karanja, second place in long jump with a new personal record. Other personal records were set by Ruthie Sweeney in 200m; Jack Hale in the 100m, discus, and shot put; Corbin Helton in discus; Alex Glacet in 800m.

Tigers Clinch Region in Day Two of Sewanee IHSA Show

Sewanee's IHSA team won the region, with a win on day two of the Sewanee IHSA Show on March 1, at the Howell Equestrian Center as Claire Dillard and Emma Sameth took home high point honors.

Sameth placed first in both open divisions, fences and flat. The Tigers placed first and second in open fences as Isabella Janovsky took home second. In flat, Mollie McWhorter placed sixth.

Dillard also swept the intermediate divisions, taking home first in both fences and flat. Laura Ann Moore also took home fourth in intermediate flat.

In the limit division, Bailey Pezzella placed second in flat, and Elise Gierhart took third in fences.

Mary Pat Colbert took third in novice and Afton Koerth Parks placed fifth.

In the pre-novice division, Hannah Fitzgerald placed third and Caroline Holland took home second in the introductory division.

Sewanee will host the first round of Zones at the Howell Equestrian Center on Sunday starting at 10 a.m.

Women's Lacrosse Powers Past Spalding, 19-2

Alexa Berg tallied three goals and three assists as Sewanee powered past Spalding in their home opener at Puett Field, 19-2 in women's lacrosse action on Feb. 28.

Sewanee jumped out to an early lead, scoring nine unanswered goals in the first quarter. Sally Herrington and Alexa Berg each netted hat tricks, while Marlin Price and Erika Bolcar added two goals apiece. The Tigers distributed the ball well, with Morgan Boylan tallying five assists and Berg contributing three.

The Tigers' defense held Spalding to just five shots throughout the game—none of which were on target until the third quarter. Sewanee forced 18 turnovers and scooped up 21 ground balls, with Claire Dillard and Kennedy Harcourt leading the effort.

Spalding managed to find the net twice in the third quarter, with goals from Emma Beach and Taylor Young, but Sewanee's defense held firm, allowing just five total shots. The Tigers' midfield dominance was clear, winning 18 draw controls to Spalding's six.

The scoring didn't slow in the second half, as Sewanee added six more goals, with contributions from Jessie Salisbury, Brooke Sigmon, and Elizabeth Muller. Goalkeeper Caroline Colbath made two saves to secure the win.

Men's Tennis Rebounds with 5-2 Win

The Tigers rebounded from a two-loss weekend taking down No. 20 Carnegie Mellon in Atlanta.

Gil Weston and Talman Ramsey started the doubles sweep with a 6-4 win at No. 2. One minute later, the nationally ranked No. 8 team of Jordan Theron and Quinn Wicklund took the match with a singular break, 6-4. The sweep and the doubles point was clinched at No. 3 doubles with a 6-3 win by Andre Jakobi and Ben Lammert.

In singles action, Wicklund rolled at No. 3 with a straight sets win, 6-1, 6-4. Theron followed with a straightforward win at No. 1, finishing with a 6-2, 6-3. Talman Ramsey continued the momentum with a lopsided victory from No. 6, 6-0, 6-0.

Losing the first set, Remi Jakobi fought in the second set but ultimately fell 6-1, 6-4 at No. 4. Ben Lammert took a convincing first set at No. 2 but split sets and lost 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

At No. 5, Gil Weston took a tight first set in a tiebreak, then dropped the second set. He fought back in the third set super tiebreak, finishing the day off with a 7-6(5), 3-6, (10-7) win.

The Tigers bounced back to 4-2 on the season.

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SAS Celebrates Winter Athletes

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School celebrated the winter varsity athletic season in an all-school assembly on Feb. 27, 2025. With five upper school teams total across three sports, Basketball, swim, and wrestling we acknowledge the following students for their contributions to their teams and their season of amazing performances:

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



Most Valuable Athlete: Stella Wilson (Girls' Wrestling); Toby Van de Ven (Boys' Swimming); Tom Karanja (Boys' Wrestling); Alejandro Miranda (Boys' Basketball); Keely Kendrick (Girls' Basketball), Annabelle Close (Girls' Basketball), and Sarah Russell Leonard (Girls' Swimming)



Most Improved Athlete: Thomas Kessen (Boys' Wrestling); Ayden Allen (Boys' Swimming); Sam Cloniger (Boys' Basketball); Leah Moody (Girls' Swimming); Arabella Mitchell (Girls' Wrestling) and Savannah Blosser (Girls' Basketball)



Coaches Award: Riley Rozell (Boys' Swimming); Jack Hale (Boys' Wrestling); Hatch McNabb (Boys' Basketball), Elijah Stark (Boys' Basketball); Julia Sumpter (Girls' Wrestling); Sarah Maleak (Girls' Basketball), and Loulie Frazier (Girls' Swimming)

Tigers Fall in SAA Semifinal

Luka Avaliani scored 17 points, and Fletcher Bigham added 11 points and nine rebounds, but Sewanee fell to Centre 85-70 in the semifinals of the SAA Men's Basketball Championships on Feb. 28, at The Cage Center.

The Tigers struggled from beyond the arc, shooting just 5-of-27 from three-point range. Despite the shooting woes, Sewanee kept pace in a fast-paced first half, trading baskets with Centre before the Colonels closed the period on a 21-8 run to take a 44-30 halftime lead.

Centre carried that momentum into the second half, opening with a 7-2 run to extend their advantage. Landen Hamilton led the Colonels with a dominant performance, scoring 35 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. He hit three 3-pointers and went 10-of-12 from the free-throw line.

Sewanee fought back, responding with a 22-5 run after Centre built a 25-point lead. The Tigers' rally was fueled by seven points from Reid Carrier, who finished with 15 points off the bench. Graham Smith controlled the paint with nine rebounds, helping Sewanee cut into the deficit.

Despite the Tigers' comeback effort, Centre sealed the victory by sinking 10-of-10 free throws in the final two minutes. The loss ended Sewanee's postseason run, but the Tigers capped off a strong season with an 18-9 record.

Women's Tennis Drops to Washington University

Sewanee played No. 6 Washington University in the final day of the ITA National Indoor Championships in Memphis, Tenn. but fell, 4-0.

WashU started out strong in doubles and took a 6-1 win at both one and three, securing the doubles point. The match was played until one team clinched it, so Emma Caldwell and Ivy Wilson's match at two doubles was stopped at 3-4.

In singles action, the Bears collected wins at lines one through three to secure the win. Ansley Carpenter fell at one, 6-4, 6-2 to Eleanor Archer. Brooke Despriet lost a close first set, 7-5, but dropped the second, 6-2. At three, Sarah Livingston lost to Eliana Hannah 6-2, 6-3.

The Tigers won the first sets on courts four, five, and six, but play was stopped once the match was clinched.

Mariella Congeni was serving at match point when play was stopped at line four, up 6-3, 5-4. Ivy Wilson, at five, was also up 5-4 in the second after winning the first 6-3. Emma Caldwell, at six had just pulled off a first-set tiebreaker, 7-4.

Five Players Net Double Figures in Women's Hoops Loss

Hannah Cleveland netted 18 points, Olivia Falvey posted a double-double and Faith Humphrey added 16 points, but Centre took the lead late in the third quarter and held off Sewanee, 82-75, in the semifinals of the SAA Women's Basketball Championships on Feb. 28, in Jackson, Miss.

The Tigers (12-15) led 20-12 at the end of one quarter and 34-30 at halftime before the Colonels put together a 10-2 spurt to take the lead for good. Sewanee tied the game at 42 midway through the period and trailed just 58-55 headed to the final quarter.

The Centre (20-7) advantage stayed between four and six points before baskets by Falvey and Cydney Wright pulled the Tigers within reach, 63-61, with 4:20 remaining. The Colonels netted seven of the next eight points over a two-minute stretch, pushing the lead to 70-62. Sewanee only got closer than six points in the final seconds after a Falvey 3-pointer. Centre connected on all 10 free throws attempts in the final 90 seconds, holding off any comeback attempt by the Tigers. Sewanee made only 2-of-12 from 3-point range and 21-for-30 from the foul line compared to 22-of-25 from the charity stripe for the Colonels.

Falvey finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds while Zoe Sedo netted 10 points and Cydney Wright collected 11. Lilly Reid led the Colonels with 23 points, Bailey Rucker recorded 17, and KaNiah Edelen and Ryleigh Campbell each posted 13.

The Tigers led 5-0 early thanks to a layup by Humphrey and an old-fashioned 3-point play from Sedo. Cleveland's layup and another basket by Sedo made it 9-6 Tigers midway through the opening period.

Kayla Northrup made a 3-pointer and Wright added a field goal before a layup by Falvey pushed the lead to 16-10. Humphrey registered two more buckets for a 20-12 advantage after 10 minutes.

Two free throws by Wright and a layup from Northrup put Sewanee in front, 24-15, before two foul shots by Rucker and a 3-pointer from Campbell pulled the Colonels within, 24-20.

Cleveland collected a layup but two baskets from Campbell knotted the game at 26. The Tigers scored eight of the last 12 points of the period, though, starting with four free throws by Cleveland, followed by two from Humphrey and then two more by Cleveland for a 34-30 halftime edge.

Cleveland recorded two more goals to open the second half, but two baskets apiece by Campbell and Reid and two foul shots by Rucker put Centre ahead, 40-39. Trinity Armour added two free throws for the Colonels before Cleveland scored again.

Reid and Armour each connected on layups for a four-point Centre advantage, but Cleveland countered with two free throws and Sedo added a layup. Falvey's basket underneath on a nice pass from Sedo pulled the Tigers within two, but Reid scored twice more and Rucker netted a field goal as well.

Humphrey posted a 3-point play near the end of the period before Edelen bullied her way to the basket for two points and a 58-53 Centre lead. Falvey scored just before the end of the period and Sewanee trailed, 58-55, headed to the fourth quarter.

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Tennessee Wildlife 2025-26 Calendar Photo Contest

The March 17 deadline for entry into the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency 2025-26 photo contest for publication in the Tennessee Wildlife annual calendar is quickly approaching. All interested photographers are invited to submit up to 10 of their best photos on wildlife species native to the Volunteer State. Hunting, fishing, and boating photos are also welcome.

The selected winning entries will appear in the 2025-26 calendar which is formatted August through July to allow hunting season dates to be included. If a photo is selected for the calendar edition, the photographer will receive a \$60 cash prize. All photos submitted in the contest will be retained on file with the agency and will be considered for use in other TWRA publications, license cards, website, and other media.

Photos must be horizontal (landscape), in JPEG format, sized to print no smaller than 8 1/2 x 11 inches, and resolution should be at least 300 pixels/inch. Visit <tnwildlife.org> and click the calendar contest button to submit an entry.

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by Yolande Gottfried



Bittercress. Photo by Lin Cameron

Early Blooms and Lunar Eclipse

In places like Shakerag Hollow, one of the earliest spring wildflowers is Harbinger-of-Spring or Pepper- and- Salt, with tiny white flowers, hard to spot. The second name comes from the dark-colored anthers against the white petals. Mary Davis reports seeing them in her wildflower garden at her home this past week, nestled under the fallen leaves of autumn. A similar-looking lawn weed plays the same role as an early spring bloomer-Hairy Bittercress (*Cardamine hirsuta*). Anyone who had one of Professor George Ramseur's botany classes would recognize it as probably the first plant to be identified and collected. The photo shows the beauty of these tiny flowers, considered a pest in lawns. The two plants also have many differences-Hairy Bittercress is a winter annual in the Mustard Family and Harbinger-of-Spring is a perennial in the Carrot Family. In other early spring bloomers, Lin Cameron writes: "Looking back at the last three years of history here, it appears that the first blood root might occur in another week, although the continued dry weather might affect that timeline."

A total lunar eclipse will occur on the night of March 13-14 and will be visible in almost all of North America and South America. It will begin at 12:09 a.m., reach totality at 1:26 a.m., and last for more than an hour. The Moon will look dark orange or red as it passes through the Earth's shadow when the Earth lines up between the Moon and the Sun. In ancient China it was believed that a dragon was trying to swallow the Moon and people tried to scare the dragon away with loud noises, arrows, and rockets. It always worked! So far it looks like we might have a clear and not too cold a night to view the eclipse.

Sewanee Fire Department: March Fire Tips

Spring brings with it warmer weather, increased activities outdoors, and a time change. It is important to remember that the spring fire season continues from February through May. Below you will find some tips for fire preparation and practicing fire safety.

To prevent home fires this spring, remember these key tips:

Preventing Indoor Fires:

Do not use frayed cords. Check for water around appliances. Remove lint from your clothing dryer lint trap and exhaust duct. Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors! The smoke detector itself should be replaced at least every ten years. For 10-year lithium-powered smoke alarms, you won't need to replace the battery. Instead, replace the entire alarm after 10 years from the manufacture date (on the back of the alarm). As we turn our clocks forward on March 9, it is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Fire Escape Planning:

You may only have two minutes to escape a house fire once a smoke alarm sounds (American Red Cross). It is crucial to have a practiced escape plan and get out immediately if a fire occurs. This month, take some time to develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family:

Draw a map of your home,

including all doors and windows. Identify two ways out of every room. Make sure all windows and doors are not blocked. Include assigned roles so you know who does what. Designate a meeting place outside in case of a fire. Never go back inside a burning building.

Preventing Outdoor Fires:

Remove debris such as dead leaves from around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs. Grills should be at least 10 feet away from buildings when in use. Before using, check grills for rust, grease, insects, and other debris.

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Mon	Feb 24	60	43
Tue	Feb 25	68	40
Wed	Feb 26	74	52
Thu	Feb 27	61	36
Fri	Feb 28	62	42
Sat	Mar 01	56	22
Sun	Mar 02	47	27

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Avg max temp =	61
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State Park Offerings

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

Stone Door Hike—Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, March 8, 10:15 a.m. CST. Cost, \$10. <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>>. Meet Ranger Todd at Savage Gulf North Pavilion, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile roundtrip moderately easy hike to the Stone Door overlook Bring water, and wear walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

Night Hike to Stone Door—Savage Gulf State Park, Sunday, March 9, 7:45 p.m. CDT. Cost, \$15. <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>>. Meet Ranger Spencer at Savage Gulf North Pavilion 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile roundtrip hike to the Stone Door overlook and several other overlooks that is sure to amaze. Experience the night sky and its wonders. Bring your own headlamp, wear sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing for the weather, and your spirit of adventure. In case of inclement weather the event will be cancelled. *This event will also be offered on March 16, when the Ursid meteor shower is supposed to be active.*

Ruck in the Park—Savage Gulf State Park, Monday, March 17, 10:15 a.m. CDT. Cost, \$10. <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>>. Meet Ranger Mark at Savage Gulf North Pavilion, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 4.25(ish)-mile (round trip, approximate) ruck on the Savage Day Loop. What is rucking? Rucking is a form of conditioning utilized by most militaries. Rucking consists of simply walking (or in this case hiking) with a weighted backpack or weighted vest and is an excellent and approachable form of exercise for many people. The anticipated pace will be between 30-40 minute miles (1.5 - 2 mph). We may go slower as needed, but probably not faster (typically towards the slow end of the pace scale). This is intended to be an introductory course for those interested. It requires no special equipment other than a backpack and a positive attitude!

While we may stop and talk about anything interesting we see, our goal is to keep moving and get in a workout in a beautiful natural setting. Everyone must provide their own pack and desired weight; we do not have these items to provide for you. For safety purposes, it is recommended that your total pack weight be less than 50 lbs., but you may, of course, have anything less than that. Please also bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes that can handle these activities on a trail. Weather permitting. The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.



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NOTICE: The Monteagle City Council will have the regular meeting March 31, 2025 in the Conference Room at City Hall at 5 p.m.

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Midway 11:40 AM – 12:00 PM St. James Episcopal Church
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Keith Springs 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Community Center

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025

Old Salem 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Store 64
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2025 Sewanee Community-Wide Yard Sales – Registration Form

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



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Yes! I want to participate in the Sewanee community-wide yard sales. Entries due 3/31/2025

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- I want to have booth space at the Sewanee Community Center (limited tables available)

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Birthday of Oliver Wendell Holmes March 8, 1841

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!
Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see
That banner in the sky;
Beneath it rung the battle shout,
And burst the cannon's roar;—
The meteor of the ocean air
Shall sweep the clouds no more.

Her deck, once red with heroes' blood,
Where knelt the vanquished foe,
When winds were hurrying o'er the flood,
And waves were white below,
No more shall feel the victor's tread,
Or know the conquered knee;—
The harpies of the shore shall pluck
The eagle of the sea!

Oh, better that her shattered hulk
Should sink beneath the wave;
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
And there should be her grave;
Nail to the mast her holy flag,
Set every threadbare sail,
And give her to the god of storms,
The lightning and the gale!

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, *Old Ironsides*

[Holmes's poem saved the U.S.S. Constitution from the scrap heap]

Community Calendar

Friday, March 7

- University, *SAS Spring Break, through March 16*
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon

Saturday, March 8

- 8 a.m. Morton Memorial UMC monthly curb-side food distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. FC Rabies Clinic, Hank Weddington Park, Decherd, until 8:50 a.m.
- 9 a.m. American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Yoga Flex, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11 a.m. FC Rabies Clinic, Old School/Community Center, Sherwood, until 11:15 a.m.
- 11:40 a.m. FC Rabies Clinic, St. James Episcopal Church, Midway, until noon
- 1:30 p.m. FC Rabies Clinic, Railroad Park, Cowan, until 1:50 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 • Daylight Saving Time Begins

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

Monday, March 10

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Sewanee Woman's Club; lunch (\$20) at noon; program, Matt and Laureen Sparacio of Cove Creek Farm, Regenerative Agriculture, St. James Episcopal Church, 898 Midway Rd.
- 5 p.m. GAAC, "How to Start a Circus," Pate & Wilson Circus Co., upstairs conference room, Littell-Partin Center, Tracy City
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. Franklin County School Board meeting, 215 S. College St., Winchester

Tuesday, March 11

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Mixed Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.

- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, March 12

- 9 a.m. Qi Gong, High Vibes, Country Mart, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Intermed Pilates, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club; Lead: Dr. John Palisano, Viruses and Vaccines, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5 p.m. Mobility, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Rotary Foundation presenter John Downs, Chair of End Polio Now, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 3:30 p.m. Sewanee Emeritus Association, Robin Bates, "Sewanee Then and Now," McGriff Alumni House, until 5 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Movement to Music, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 5 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Vinyasa Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 14

- Civic Association Community Service Awards deadline, <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>*
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon

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

