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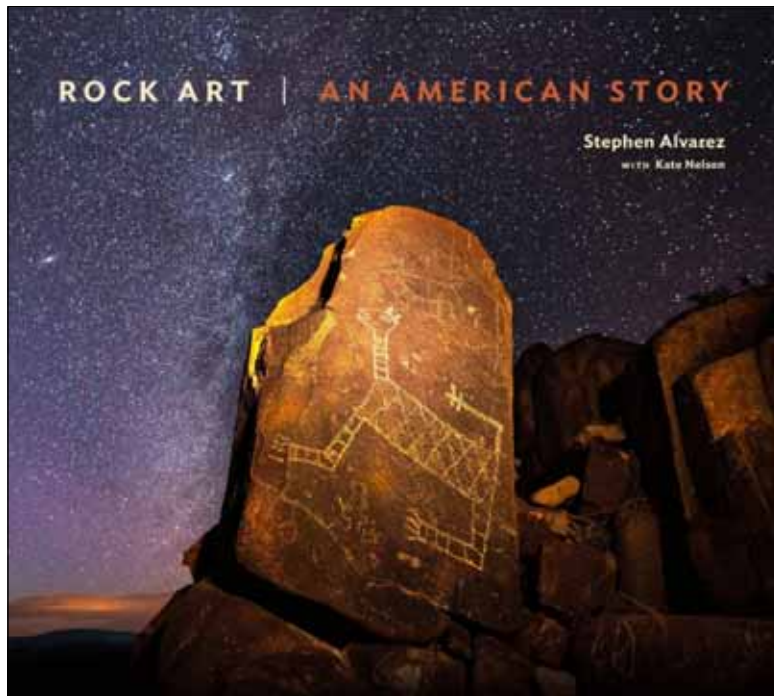
Sewanee Fourth of July Committee Announces the 2026 Theme

This year, our celebration carries a proud G.O.A.T. theme that honors greatness in our nation's story and in the community traditions that bring us together. We mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the 40th anniversary of the Sewanee Fourth of July celebration, and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sewanee Elementary School, and we are grateful to celebrate these milestones together as one hometown with a legacy worth honoring.

The G.O.A.T. Show begins Friday evening, July 3, 2026, and continues through Saturday, July 4, 2026, culminating with fireworks on Saturday night. Join neighbors and friends for the Almost World Famous Mutt Show, Arts & Crafts Fair, Cake Contest, and (of course) the Parade as we celebrate with pride, purpose, and tradition.

The next planning meeting is at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, via Zoom. Volunteers are needed for the parade, children's games, Almost World Famous Mutt Show and more. If community members don't volunteer, we can't offer events. To volunteer and to get the Zoom link, please email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>.

Visit <sewanee4thofjuly.org> for event registration, upcoming grand marshal announcements, and the upcoming full schedule.



"Rock Art: An American Story" is available at the Sewanee Bookstore or online at <https://itascabooks.com/products/rock-art-an-american-story-1>. There will be a book signing from 1-3 p.m., Friday, May 1, at the Sewanee Bookstore.

Not Just Another Redneck's Opinion

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Just released after 10 years in the making, "Rock Art: An American Story" documents rock art across the United States through the lens of award-winning National Geographic photographer Stephen Alvarez. Although marketed as a coffee-table book, this stunning volume transcends the typical coffee-table book genre by light years. The photographs are accompanied by 12 journal entries speaking from voices who reflect on their personal relationship with

the rock art depicted, a relationship dating back thousands of years. All the essayists are Native Americans, artists, archeologists, researchers, and writers who lay claim to an intimate connection.

"I connect best as a photographer," Alvarez said. "But these are not my stories. I don't have a cultural connection. Finding the right people took 10 years. Otherwise, I would have been just another

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Monteagle Council: Complaint Rules the Day

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"My reason for leaving is the growing turmoil surrounding the department and lack of meaningful support being shown its leadership and officers" — Monteagle Police Chief William Raline read the following statement from officer Chris Vest's resignation letter, as Vest had requested sharing the letter with the public and Monteagle Council at the April 27 meeting. The "lack of meaningful support" cited by Vest referred to the vote at the March 29 meeting to dismiss Sargent [Alhafiz Ibn] Karteron from employment due to circumstance related to a Sept. 15 incident involving Karteron and Monteagle business owner Rodney Kilgore. The investigator for the Grundy County District Attorney found no fault with Karteron's actions. At the outset of the April meeting, two residents voiced angry complaints calling the attack on the police biased and hypocritical. Raline cautioned the contentious environment made it difficult to find good officers. "We're going to disagree, undoubtedly," Raline acknowledged. "But if we don't stand together and come up with common good decisions to fix our problems, it doesn't get better. We should work together and have dialogues." Just over a week ago, Monteagle received a complaint against Raline. The council has never had to deal with a complaint against the police chief before.

Asked about the process, Raline explained, in the event of a criminal complaint, the district attorney would investigate and report to the mayor. Typically, non-criminal complaints were investigated by a municipality's oversight committee. Monteagle had no oversight committee, Raline noted. He said he would supply Mayor Greg Maloof with all documents related to the complaint and a video.

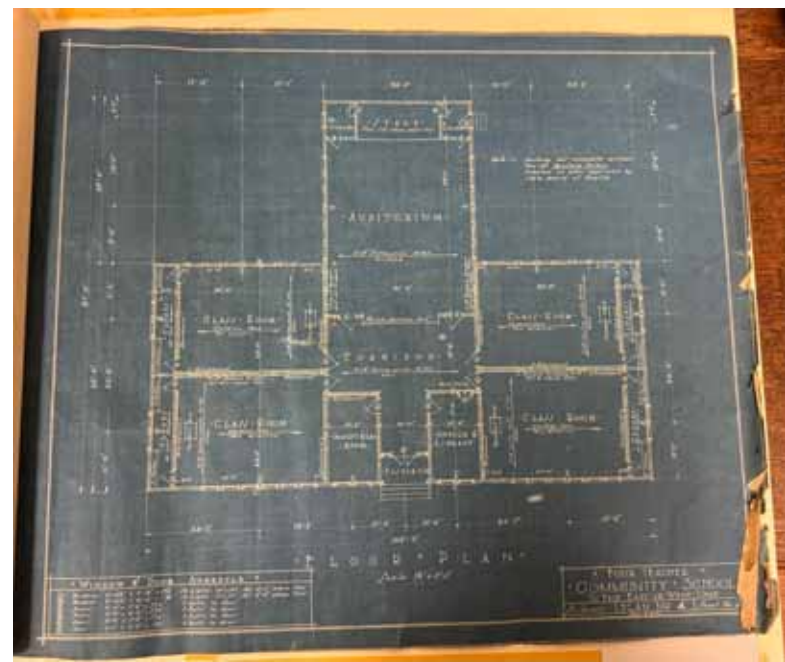
Alderman Lay proposed a meeting with Raline. "I would like to hear the chief's response to the complaint," Lay said. Raline proposed the council review the documents and video he provided, after which he would take questions if clarification was needed. The council will meet with Raline in a private executive session. Alderman Nate Wilson observed "human resources" issues were not subject to the Sunshine Law.

In a related discussion, Lay

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SACA Arts and Crafts Spring Fair

The Sewanee Arts and Crafts Association will host its spring crafts fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 9, in Shoup Park on University Avenue. Everyone is welcome.



Original blueprint for the four room community school.

A Century of Learning: Sewanee Elementary Celebrates 100 Years

Sewanee Elementary School is turning 100 and we want you to help us blow out the candles! We warmly invite all former students, teachers, staff, families, and community supporters to join us on Friday, May 8, from 5-7 p.m., for a special Centennial Celebration.

The evening will feature student-led tours where our current Tigers will share the rich history of our halls. At 5:45 p.m., we will gather for an assembly featuring a special recognition of our new school sign, a dedication of the gym, and a spotlight on our beloved forest trail. Refreshments will be served. Come reconnect with old friends and celebrate the legacy of SES!

'American Struggle' Conversation, May 8

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and Sewanee alumnus Jon Meacham, C'91, H'10, will join veteran news anchor John Seigenthaler for "American Struggle: A Conversation about Democracy Past, Present, and Future" at 2 p.m., Friday, May 8, in Guerry Auditorium. The event is free, but all guests must register for tickets. Go to <https://new.sewanee.edu/news/meacham-to-deliver-2026-baccalaureate-address/> to register. Tickets will be available for pick-up from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in front of Guerry Auditorium on the day of the event. Seating is limited.

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. The conversation will also be livestreamed on Zoom here: <https://new.sewanee.edu/aszoom>.

SCA Membership Meeting, May 4

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, May 4, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, a brief business meeting, and the presentation of the 43rd annual Community Service Award. The business meeting will consist of the annual report, committee updates, the SCA budget vote, and the slate of officers vote.

Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, May 1, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. The SCA is celebrating 117 years of social and service opportunities for the community. The SCA is the sponsoring organization for the Sewanee Classifieds, the Sewanee Community Chest, and projects deemed beneficial to the community. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member. Go to <www.sewanee.org> for more information.

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Sewanee, TN 37375

Letter

ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION

To the Editor:

I'm writing regarding the article you published last week about the 2026 winners of Sewanee's Faculty Awards. I am honored to be among this year's awardees and grateful to the faculty committee tasked with making this year's decision. The article mentioned that I held a fellowship at the Alexander von Humboldt Institute. It was through the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AHF), which sponsors an exchange program similar to our Fulbright program here in the US. Funded by the German federal government, it brings international scholars to Germany each year to collaborate with researchers at a wide range of host institutions. I spent my fellowship associated with the University of Göttingen's Chair for the Materiality of Knowledge and Institute for Advanced Study, where I collaborated with historians of science, art historians, anthropologists, and scientists on an interdisciplinary project focused on the historical uses of scientific collections. I highly recommend the AHF's international exchange programs to my colleagues in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities. For more information please go to: <<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/>>.

Sincerely,

Kelly J. Whitmer, Professor of History (Sewanee)

Color Run Recap

The third annual Color Run for Early Literacy Ambassadors was a success. Sixty people participated in the run, and 10 volunteers helped make it happen. We appreciate Chick-fil-a for coming out with a food tent and donating 10 percent of the profits. Thank you, Cove Creek Farm and Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, for partnering with us. We are thankful for our event sponsors: Phi Kappa Epsilon, John Roberts Toyota, Theta Kappa Phi and Ann Bradley.

Congratulations to our winners: first, Rivers Carney, second, Molly Starkey, third, Cody Ray, and fourth, Molly Emmett.

We raised \$1,657 to support our Story Time and Reading Group programs. This year we reached 150 students 1-4 times per week at five Franklin and Grundy county schools. Eighteen college students have assisted as interns and volunteers. Visit <www.earlyliteracyambassadors.com> for more information.

Local Food Available

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

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

The Sewanee Gardeners' Market will open for the season on Saturday, May 23. It is open 8-10 a.m., every Saturday until September at Hawkins Lane. Locally-produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants and flowers will be available.

Sewanee Community Chest Needs You

The 2025-26 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is \$2,900 away from the \$118,500 goal to support 19 local organizations providing essential services — quality of life programs, community aid, children's initiatives, and more.

The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information go to <www.sewaneecivic.org>, to give through PayPal Giving go to <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.

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

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Voters with a religious objection to being photographed.

Voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee.

For more information go to <<https://sos.tn.gov/govotetn>>.

For more information, sample ballots, and polling locations, go to Franklin County Election Commission <https://www.franklin-county.us/election_commission.html>, phone (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <<https://www.grundycountyttn.net/officials/index.html#election>>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <<https://marionvotes.com>>, phone (423) 942-2108.

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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will have workshops on every Monday of each month at 5 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall. Workshops in May will be May 4, May 11, and May 18.

The regular Monteagle Regional Planning Commission will meet at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 7, in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a workshop of the Monteagle City Council and the CPA at 9 a.m., Monday, May 11, for the 2026-2027 Budget.

The regular City Council meeting will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, due to Memorial Day being on Monday.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, May 7, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

American Legion

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

Sewanee Woman's Club May 11 Meeting

Tablescapes is the theme for the Monday, May 11, 2026 Sewanee Woman's Club meeting. The members are stirring their artistic and creative juices to create delightful table centerpieces for gourmet luncheon that St. Mary's Sewanee prepares for us.

Sewanee Woman's Club has been part of the social life of mountain ladies for 96 years! The tradition is always to dress up in spring fashions and wear hats to the May meeting as its the year's last meeting.

All ladies are welcome to enjoy social time, which begins at 11:30 a.m., admire the decor and visit all the ladies in hats. Lunch, for \$20, is served at 11:50 a.m. A business meeting follows lunch.

Please make reservations if you want to enjoy the wonderful lunch or just to see all the table creations by emailing Hilary at <reservations.swc@gmail.com> by noon on Sunday, May 3.

Franklin County School Board

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

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, May 18. Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, May 6.

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, at the Franklin County Courthouse, Winchester.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, May 3. All are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to St. James Episcopal in Midway, the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul for collection, or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. There is an Amazon Wish List <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>> for those who want to shop online.

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

This month CAC is in need of: individual snacks and granola bars, bread, canned pinto beans, toilet paper, and personal care items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)

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

Put Litter in Its Place, Make Monteagle Beautiful, May 2

A community wide trash pickup event, "Put Litter in Its Place, Make Monteagle Beautiful," will be from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 2. Come out and help make Monteagle beautiful. Registration will be in Harton Park on College Street beginning at 8:30 a.m., with Litter pickup happening 9-11 a.m.

This event was the brainchild of Cooley's Rift owners. Over an evening bonfire, a group of owners decided to adopt a mile of the Mountain Goat Trail between Mooney's & Ace Hardware. They have been picking up the litter on their side of Hwy41 and are hoping other areas of town will also adopt a mile. "Let's keep Monteagle litter free in 2026!" Then they contacted Imagine Monteagle member Martha Ann Pilcher and "Put Litter in Its Place" was born.

Many thanks to corporate sponsor, Mooney's Market and Emporium for embracing and supporting the idea and event. Biodegradable trash bags will be provided. Please wear bright yellow or green clothes, bring gloves, pickup helpers, if desired, and water.

For more information contact Mike Henning <lucky.henning@comcast.net> or Donna Froschmayer <d.froschmayer@yahoo.com>.

CAC Needs Volunteers

Looking for a meaningful way to give back this summer? The Community Action Committee (CAC) is seeking volunteers to help support our services during the summer months while our student workers are away. Volunteers are primarily needed to help in the food pantry from 9-11 a.m., and with our meal packing program on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Sarah at <cac@stmarkstpaul.org> to get on the volunteer list.

Community Clean-up May 2

The annual Arthur Knoll Community Clean-up is from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 2. It is sponsored by the Community Council, the University Office of Leases and Community Relations and Facilities Management. It's our chance to spruce up our roadsides and finally lasso the pesky trash that's accumulated over the winter. Meet at the Mountain Goat Trailhead at the Sewanee Welcome Center at 9 a.m. to fan out. Garbage bags and other supplies will be provided. Afterwards, drop by Lunch for a free snack, then rendezvous at Angel Park for presentation of the coveted Platinum Beauty Ring Award.

Monteagle Sparkle Week

The Town of Monteagle will have its Sparkle Week, May 4-9. Put out household items for pick up and disposal on Sunday night. There will only be one pass at each location. In Grundy County: Wrens Nest Road to Armory Road. In Marion County: Moss Cricle Road to Wells Road. Items not eligible for pick up are tires, batteries, paint, household garbage, electronics or household chemicals. For more information contact Town Hall at (931) 924-2265.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, May 9, from 8-10 a.m. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

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Sunday Bible Study 10:00 Preaching 11:00

Wednesday Bible Study 6:00



Scan the QR Code to like and follow us on Facebook for a daily Bible lesson.



Join us each Sunday at 11:00 beginning May 3 as we study the New Testament Church. We will be using a book by Frank Jamerson to guide us in our study.

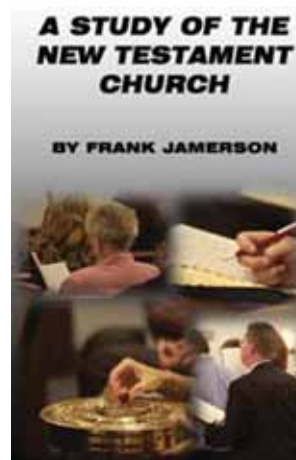


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Community Rummage Sale

Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Decherd is hosting a community rummage sale 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 2. Items include clothing, accessories, household goods, furniture, entertainment items, yard equipment.

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Church News

All Saints' Chapel

Services during the Academic Year: Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

On Sunday, May 10, there will only be one service that day at 7:30 a.m., in St. Augustine's Chapel.

Christ Church

This Sunday continues the account of the discourses of Jesus in the Upper Room as presented in the Gospel of St. John. Last Sunday our preacher for the day had a flat tire and that task was one which, while sudden, proved a blessing. The hymn "They cast their nets..." written by William A. Percy, who spent time at Sewanee, and was a friend of my father when they both were farming in the Mississippi Delta is worth your search.

A part of one line refers to St. John... "Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, Homeless in Patmos died..." Eastertide calls us to be joyful, but we also lift high the cross.

Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Our Wednesday service is at noon.

Christ Episcopal Church

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

City Light Church

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

Draw Near

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

Outdoor Movie Night

The historic Marble Plains Baptist Church will host Drive-In Ministries from Alabama for an outdoor movie night on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join with friends and family under the stars and watch "Unsung Hero," a family friendly movie based on a true story. The movie is completely free and concessions will be provided by the church. On Saturday, May 2, the movie, "Family Camp," will be shown as an indoor matinee at 2:30 p.m. The church is located just inside Tims Ford State Park at 525 Marble Plains Road.

Monteagle SDA

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist

This Sunday Morton Memorial UMC will continue our celebration of Easter with the message "In My Father's House" from The Gospel of John, Chapter 14. It's hard to imagine a house of unlimited size that offers comfort to all. There are no upgrades for closest friends, relatives or even disciples. Every room has a desirable view of the Kingdom. With reservations guaranteed, all we need to know is the way to get there.

This Sunday, we will share Holy Communion with an open table, meaning those who come to this holy meal are not required to be members of Morton, nor are they required to be members of any church. We understand ourselves to be invited by the Host, Jesus

Christ. To share in Holy Communion, a person of any age doesn't have to be a baptized believer. Come to the feast!

Children are welcome at Morton! Our children's sermon will explore the concept of faith, with an opportunity to consider how we develop faith through experience. Following that sharing, children will have time in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children's Church.

To learn more about life in our community of faith, accept this invitation to worship. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Our service begins at 11 a.m., following coffee and refreshments in our Fellowship Center. If you are unable to attend but want to sample worship at

Morton, the service is live streamed at Morton's Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

St. James Episcopal

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

fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

Sunday the Holy Eucharist is 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.

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

Sunday Forum: This Sunday, Russell & Dottie Mainord will discuss, "Living out Biblical Justice

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

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

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

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

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

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

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

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

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

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

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

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday
10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday
11 a.m. Worship, Saturday
7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, until 10:45 a.m.
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

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

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall, Sunday
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available livestream Facebook

St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday
10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday-Friday
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday-Friday
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday
5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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through Upholding and Advocating for the Vulnerable: Children.” The forum meets in Kennerly Hall, 9:45-10:45 a.m., with coffee and light refreshments.

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

Lectionary Bible Study: meets every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday.

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

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

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

Youth Sunday School meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

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

Blessing Our Graduates – May 10. On Mother’s Day, we will honor and pray for all graduates in the parish. This includes those graduating from preschool, fifth grade, middle school, high school, college, seminary, and other programs. We do this once a year, so please include those graduating in fall or winter. Email Jeannie at <formation@stmarkstpaul.org> with your graduate’s name and program. Their name will appear in the bulletin and we will pray for them by name in each service. During Coffee Hour after second service, we will have a small gift for the graduates in attendance and they may join a group photo.

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Join us from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 9. Lunch is included.

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

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redneck with an opinion.”

Asked the chicken-or-the-egg question about whether the photographs or the voices came first, Alvarez described the process as “organic.” Alvarez met artist and designer Dustin Illetewahke Mater when doing contract work for the Chickasaw tribe. “I found Dustin’s story fascinating,” Alvarez said. “He began painting and drawing because his mind was filled with stories from his Chickasaw great-grandmother. He didn’t have any visuals to hang the stories on.” Mater contributed a journal entry about Devil’s Step Hollow at the head of the Sequatchie Valley.

Alvarez struck up a friendship with novelist Debra Magpie Earling when Earling gave a School of Letters reading in Sewanee. Alvarez’s wife, April Alvarez, serves as Associate Director of the Sewanee School of Letters, and when the couple’s son decided to move to Montana, Earling suggested they visit her Bitterroot Salish tribe’s buffalo herd. Earling contributed a journal entry on buffalo art. “Reading her essay brought tears to my eyes,” Alvarez confessed. Native Tlingit author and award-winning journalist Kate Nelson serves as the book’s editor and contributes an essay on rock art in Alaska.

“Rock art has always spoken to me,” Alvarez said. In his student days at Sewanee in the 1980s, a teacher mailed him a postcard depicting rock art in Utah. “I jumped in my car and drove there. I had to see it.”

Alvarez calls Sewanee home when he’s not on the road pursuing his passion. And he’s quick to point out, home has its own treasures. “There are paintings in Sewanee that are at least 750 years old. There was one by my house I walked by for 40 years and never saw until someone pointed it out. There are a ton of paintings on the Plateau. They’re all on the escarpment in the Warren Point sandstone.”

In his work for National Geographic photographing the 36,000-year-old cave art of Chauvet, Alvarez experienced what he describes as “being in a time machine. You don’t share anything with that artist. You don’t share culture, you don’t share language, you don’t share economies. Nothing we have ever done would enable us to conceive of their world and nothing would enable them to conceive of the world we live in, something as simple as glass or metal. And yet the paintings are beautiful and evocative. They speak to you. Time collapsed for me.”

The experience proved life changing. The National Geographic story Alvarez was working on was called “First Artists.”

“It was about why we become artists, what art does for us biologically. At the end of the art story, I didn’t want to move on. I wanted to keep working on that subject. I wanted to do something that was about humanity.”

Alvarez scaled back his National Geographic work and founded the Ancient Art Archive. The Archive preserves and shares rock art through photography, advanced 3-D modeling, interactive experiencing and educational programming. The Ancient Art Archive website showcases the archive’s work. “As the website matured, a book made sense,” Alvarez said. “A website is ephemeral. A book is permanent.”

Different from the Archive, which features rock art from all over the world, “Rock Art: An American Story” focuses on rock art in North America, from

the islands of Alaska and Hawaii, through the West, Desert West, Southeast and into the Connecticut Valley of Vermont. The book’s release coincides the United States’ 250th anniversary. “Leading up to 2026, seemed like a good time to talk about the continents’ deep history,” Alvarez said. “People have flourished here for 20,000 years. We think America started 250 years ago or maybe with Columbus, but that’s just a tiny scratch of how long people have been here.”

All proceeds from the sale of “Rock Art: An American Story” go to benefit the Ancient Art Archive’s work to preserve and share the rock art experience. “We’re sending the book to all 575 federally recognized tribes, every member of congress and all governors,” Alvarez said.

“We’re 501(c)(3) nonprofit and don’t lobby for anything. We’re not trying to get people to think about what the artwork meant to the people who made it, because often times that’s not knowable,” Alvarez insisted. His hope for the book is perhaps art’s eternal question. “What is interesting to me,” Alvarez reflected, “is what the artwork tells present day people about themselves.”

“Rock Art: An American Story” is available at the Sewanee Bookstore and from the publisher Itasca Books. Go to <https://www.ancientartarchive.org/book/> for more information.

Alvarez will have a book signing from 1–3 p.m., Friday, May 1, at the Sewanee Bookstore.

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complained Monteagle violated the Sunshine Law by not taking minutes at workshops. Maloof argued minutes were not needed since “no voting” occurred. Maloof will investigate Lay’s claim.

In other business, Maloof introduced a discussion about authorizing another rate study to determine if additional rate increases were necessary to facilitate budget decisions calling for costly capital improvements. Lay complained, “It’s not legal for you to approve a contract for a rate study.” The 2024 rate study resulted in a March 2025 rate increase, with another increase scheduled for July 1, 2026.

Wilson argued the rate study’s “administrative” cost was the most significant expense driver in the Water and Sewer Department’s budget in the past few years and another rate study would not fix the problem. Wilson also maintained, since the Water and Sewer Department showed a loss last year, a loss again this year could result in the state assuming management of the department. He cited the federally mandated lead and copper survey as the expense causing the 2025 loss and proposed the town defer Water and Sewer Department capital improvements to the next budget year to avoid a loss in 2026. Wilson said he spoke with LGA, Monteagle’s engineering firm, and they supported adjusting the contract to facilitate deferring the expenses. Maloof will contact LGA to discuss the contract adjustment.

Resident Chris Fox raised a complaint about a right of way encroachment on his property and a

private drive there being designated a public road. Maloof will investigate the discrepancies.

Asked about water shortage concerns, Maloof said he has been in touch with Big Creek and Tracy City “to refine our drought plan. They are on standby.” Monteagle relies on Big Creek and Tracy City for water if the town’s supply runs short. The state has prohibited Monteagle from constructing an additional water supply lake due to environmental concerns, according to Maloof. State officials suggested Monteagle construct an additional storage tank as a “stopgap.” Wilson said the forecast for the next four weeks called for above average rainfall. A grant opportunity could provide Monteagle with measurement equipment for Laurel Lake, Monteagle’s chief water source, to track the water level daily.

Taking up a Codes Enforcement issue, Codes Enforcement officer Travis Lawyer suggested the city designate him as a “special police officer” so he could testify in cases where he brought charges against an offender, such as the recent issue regarding demolition of the Mountain Inn. Raline supported the idea. “We [police officers] wouldn’t know what he knows,” he said. “That’s important,” Maloof concurred.

The Monteagle Council will begin hosting workshops every Monday at 5 p.m., except on council meeting Mondays, typically the last Monday of the month. Next month, the council will meet May 26 to avoid a conflict with Memorial Day.



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Sewanee Dining Summer Hours

McClurg Dining Hall: Regular Hours, May 1–6, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 7: Open for Breakfast and Lunch only, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed afterward for summer break. The dining hall reopens on May 31 for dinner only, 5–7 p.m. Summer Hours: June 1–July 31, abbreviated hours are Breakfast 7–9 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Dinner 5–7 p.m.

Stirling's Coffee House: Regular hours through Monday, May 4. Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 through Monday, May 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, June 7, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Weekends. Closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. Monday, June 8 through Friday, July 17: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Closed July 4. Monday, July 20 through Tuesday, Aug. 25: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed weekends. Return to Regular Hours of Operation: Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The Cafe at Biehl Commons: Friday May 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed until Fall First Day of Classes, Wednesday, Aug. 26

Cup & Gown: Wednesday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed until Fall First Day of Classes, Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Tiger Bay Pub: Last night open Saturday, May 2. Closed until Fall First Day of Classes, Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Sewanee Seed Library at duPont

As spring arrives on the Cumberland Plateau, we invite you to visit the Sewanee Seed Library to dig into a diverse collection of heirloom and native seeds. Housed in the lobby of duPont Library on Sewanee's campus, the seed library is accessible anytime the library is open, and everyone is welcome! We have recently introduced several new varieties to the collection, so please come by if it has been a while since your last visit. Be sure to check out the collection of gardening-related books shelved right next to the seeds!

This spring's offerings highlight a rich mix of heirloom vegetables, fruits, herbs, pollinator-friendly plants, and more! Gardeners can find time-honored varieties like Early Wonder beets — an heirloom dating back to 1911 and prized for both its tender roots and nutritious greens—as well as regional favorites such as creasy greens, a traditional Appalachian spring green rich in vitamin C.

Interested in flowers? We are also offering a few different mixes, such as the Southeast Native wildflower blend. Songbird and Butterfly blend, and Bee Feed, all of which support our pollinators and local biodiversity.

Please join us in our mission to cultivate a more sustainable and connected community. By sharing a diverse variety of organic, regionally grown seeds, we hope to strengthen access to healthy food, foster environmental stewardship, and support a greener lifestyle for our entire campus community.

If you have any questions about the Sewanee Seed Library or would like to ask that a particular seed be considered, please visit our website <<https://library.sewanee.edu/seedlibrary>> or contact Cari Reynolds <cshepher@sewanee.edu>.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, May 4: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll.

Tuesday, May 5: Tortilla soup, chips and salsa.

Wednesday, May 6: Kraut, weiners, pinto beans, hominy.

Thursday, May 7: Pork chops, fried apples, green beans.

Friday, May 8: Cracked chicken, salad, garlic bread.

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.

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Tennessee Tops Nation in FAFSA Completion, on Pace for 10th Consecutive Year at No. 1

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) announced that Tennessee once again leads the nation in Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion, marking the state's strongest year on record for student financial aid applications.

Nearly 55,000 Tennessee high school seniors completed a FAFSA for the 2025-26 academic year, reflecting the highest level of FAFSA engagement in state history.

Area schools were Huntland School, Franklin County; Marion County High School, Marion County; South Pittsburg High School, Marion County; Whitwell High School, Marion County. Go to <<https://www.collegefortn.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/FAFSA-Champion-List-2025-2026-1.pdf>>.

According to the National College Attainment Network (NCAN) FAFSA Tracker, Tennessee currently ranks first in the nation for FAFSA completion and is on pace to secure a 10th consecutive year as the national leader, pending final data later this summer.

"With a record number of students completing the FAFSA, Tennessee continues to lead the nation while helping thousands of students unlock financial aid and take the next step toward college and career success," said Dr. Steven Gentile, THEC Executive Director.

THEC's targeted outreach initiatives have played a significant role in increasing FAFSA completion across the state. High schools newly participating in Advise TN and GEAR UP TN have seen substantial gains, with FAFSA completion rates increasing by 16 percentage points and nearly

20 percentage points, respectively, year over year. In addition, THEC's Outreach team visits every high school in Tennessee to provide direct support through FAFSA workshops, financial aid nights, and one-on-one assistance, ensuring students and families have the guidance needed to complete the financial aid process.

"This work is truly a statewide effort," said Jason Seay, THEC's Senior Director of Outreach. "By partnering with schools and communities and reaching every high school in Tennessee, we are able to connect students with the resources they need to complete the FAFSA and access the financial aid available to them."

Another key driver of Tennessee's continued success is the state's network of TN Promise partners and FAFSA Champions. THEC's TN Promise partners, tnAchieves and The Ayers Foundation Trust, provide hands-on mentorship, FAFSA assistance, and ongoing support to thousands of students statewide.

This year, 239 high schools were recognized as FAFSA Champions for their outstanding efforts to support students and families through the financial aid process. Champion schools met criteria of either a 90 percent or higher completion rate or year-over-year growth of 5 percent or more, reflecting a sustained commitment to expanding access to financial aid for Tennessee students.

Students and families can still complete the FAFSA at <[StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)> to access federal and state financial aid opportunities. For more information on FAFSA and aid available for Tennessee students, check out <[CollegeforTN.org](https://collegefortn.org)>.

SES MENUS

Monday-Friday
May 4-8
BREAKFAST

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

Monday, May 4: Peanut butter and chocolate sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday, May 5: No School.
Wednesday, May 6: French toast sticks, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, May 7: Egg and cheese biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, May 8: Sausage pancake sandwich, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

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

Monday, May 4: Chicken sandwich, trimmings, potatoes, whole pickle, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 5: No School.

Wednesday, May 6: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 7: Taco, lettuce/tomato cup, salsa, corn, pinto beans, tortilla chips, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 8: Pizza, potatoes, fresh carrots, fruit, milk.

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



SES students of the month for March were recognized during our assembly on April 10. Kindergarten, Flora McAnally; first grade, Owen Winkler; second grade, Oliver Sherman; third grade, Caroline Stone; fourth grade, Ren Elrod; fifth grade, Theo Leffler-Mitchell.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- May 5, Staff Development Franklin County
- May 8, Commencement, School of Theology
- May 9, Baccalaureate, University of the South
- May 10, Commencement, College
- May 14, Graduation, Franklin County High School, Grundy County High School
- May 15, Graduation, Huntland High School
- May 15-17, SAS Commencement Weekend
- May 21, Last day of school, abbreviated day, Franklin County
- May 22, Last day of school, Marion County

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Sounding Stone Gallery Hosts Artists Panel with Local Fiber Artists

“To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber and Cloth” continues at Sounding Stone Gallery with an Artist Talk and Panel Discussion from 4:30–6:30 p.m., Friday, May 1. The event will feature exhibiting local artists Margo Cloniger, Zak Foster, and Jessica Wohl in conversation about their creative processes and the stories embedded within their work.

Guests will hear from the artists about how their practices in fiber and textile traditions—ranging from weaving and quilting to mixed-media textile work—serve as vehicles for storytelling, memory, and hope.

All three artists live and work in the Sewanee/Monteagle area, making the conversation a glimpse into the incredible creative talent that exists in the South Cumberland Plateau region.

The discussion will take place in Stephen Hutchins’ sculpture studio, which adjoins the gallery, and will be led by the show’s co-curator, Christi Teasley. Light bites and wine will be served.

Curated by Monteagle artists Christi Teasley and Stephen Hutchins, “To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber & Cloth” brings together seven regional artists whose work engages fiber traditions in distinctive ways. Themes of memory, grief, joy, renewal, and the creative reuse of materials emerge throughout the exhibition, demonstrating how textile practices can transform stories into acts of connection and healing.

“To Tell A Yarn: Stories in Fiber and Cloth” remains on view through June 2026 at Sounding Stone Gallery, located at 74 West College Street in Monteagle.

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

Musical ‘Bright Star’ Takes the Stage at SAS, May 1-3

With a cast and crew of 40 students from grades 6-12, “Bright Star” opens Friday night at 7:30 p.m., in SAS’s McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts.

Under the direction of Performing Arts Director Dr. Will Eyerly, music director Stephen Brehem, and vocal coach Dr. Tara Bonds, Bright Star is based on a true event that inspired the show’s book by Steve Martin and music and lyrics by Martin and Edie Brickell. Set in the southern Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina, Bright Star transports the audience back and forth between events in 1920’s to the end of World War II.

“My goal has been to have live music performed by our students during our musical theater productions,” Eyerly said. “I think our audiences will agree that the live music in this show enhances the overall experience by engaging more of our talented student musicians, on banjo, mandolin, and more.”

Shows are Friday and Saturday nights, May 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and can be purchased online through the school’s website <www.sasweb.org/curriculum/arts/performing-arts>. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

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If you would like to be a guest host, community partner, or volunteer for stories and activities, please contact <info@cowancenterforthecarts.org>.

‘Let Us Praise the Pollinators Events in Cowan

Artisan Depot will have an exhibit, “Let Us Praise the Pollinators.” We invite you to bring in your artwork. The show will be on exhibit from May 7 through June 28, during gallery hours of noon to 5 p.m., Thursday–Sunday. Additionally, we invite all to join us on Saturday, May 16, for some very special Celebrating Pollinators events in collaboration with Franklin House and Ruby’s Antiques.

At 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., May 16, tour the Franklin House with Ikebana floral arrangements. At 1:15 p.m., there will be a honey and sour dough tasting. At 2 p.m., Patrick Dean will be signing his book, “Nature’s Messenger.”

At noon, May 16, at the Artisan Depot, there will be a garden walk and meditation. At 12:30 p.m., join Sarah Lantier for humming for joy and harmony. At 1 p.m., Morgan Bolton Evans will share on how to start a pollinator garden. From 2–5 p.m., there will be an artist reception.

Ruby’s Antiques will have a special drawing on May 16, with proceeds donated to the Franklin County Arts Guild.

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55th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair

Our 55th Annual Spring Tennessee Craft Fair returns to the Great Lawn in Nashville’s iconic Centennial Park! Join us by the Parthenon for this free, family-friendly event. The Craft Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 3. Go to <https://tennesseecraft.org/events/craft-fairs/> for more information.

Join the Nashville tradition of celebrating and supporting American handmade craft at this premier event on the lawn in Centennial Park. Shop one-of-a-kind, finely crafted artwork directly from the juried, award-winning artists. A unique feature of Tennessee Craft Fairs requires artists to be on-site. While shopping, you’ll meet the artists, learn what inspires them and how they take raw materials like clay, wood, metal and glass and transform them into fine craft.

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Tennessee Craft is a nonprofit organization that champions the local fine craft movement by supporting growth and creative expression for all artists, building a platform for high-quality craftsmanship and reinforcing the importance of fine craft for the entire community. Donate to Tennessee Craft and keep the fair free and accessible to everyone in our community.

School of Theology Hosts Smithsonian Exhibition

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

Liturgical Arts Conference

On Saturday, May 30 in St. Luke’s Chapel, St. Augustine’s Altar Guild of All Saints’ Chapel will host a liturgical arts conference featuring Marianna Garthwaite Klaiman, an expert in the field of church textiles. Marianna will offer a presentation in the morning covering many aspects of Episcopal Church vestments, including their history and specific information about care and restoration. The afternoon will be devoted to an optional hands-on workshop where participants will make a padded hanger suitable for use with heavy vestments. Marianna will also offer techniques and strategies for organizing sacristies with the care and preservation of vestments, linen and vessels in mind.

The fee for the full conference is \$50 per person and includes lunch and all materials for the workshop. If you are interested in the morning presentation only, please indicate this in your registration email. For more details and registration information, email <staugustinesguild@gmail.com>. For more information about Marianna and her work, visit her website, Sacristies of New York, at this link: <https://www.sacristiesofny.com>.

South Cumberland Shindig

Join us for SCCF’s annual shindig at the Caverns celebrating music education on the South Cumberland Plateau. Hear from Grundy County Strings, Grundy JAM, Top of the Rock Choir, and Sewanee Elementary Music, with square dancing by Cumberland Community Dance and a talk by special guest Nicholas Ma. This is a free event, but a ticket reservation is required: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/k6f64c9>. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the show begins at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7.

Meditations in Paper Inspired by Rumi

The show at Frame Gallery Gifts and Art “A Lamp, a Ladder, or a Lifeboat: Meditations in Paper, inspired by Rumi,” features the work of two paper-cutting artists with ties to the area, Kate Gundersen and Kim Phillips. The exhibit continues through May 30.

The ancient tradition of paper-cutting first appeared during the 4th-century Han dynasty in China. While the art has evolved over the centuries influenced by cultural preferences, the Guild of American Papercutters states, “One traditional distinction most styles share in common is that the designs are cut from a single sheet of paper as opposed to multiple adjoining sheets as in collage, although one style of papercutting, découpage, or ‘cutting-out,’ builds up an image or pattern in a way somewhat similar to collage.”

Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi (Rumi meaning “the Roman”) was a Persian poet and Sufi master who lived from 1207 to 1273. According to the BBC, Rumi is the most popular poet in the United States, with millions of copies of his poetry sold. His poems have gained immense global popularity by transcending religious and cultural boundaries.

To learn more about Frame Gallery’s “A Lamp, a Ladder or a Lifeboat” visit: <www.framegals.com/events/a-lamp-a-ladder-or-a-lifeboat-opening-reception>.

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SAS Middle School Track Closes Season with Records and Personal Bests

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school track team capped off its regular season in impressive fashion on April 24, delivering a meet full of breakthroughs, personal records, and two new school records.

Leading the way was eighth grader Nora Jane Elrod, who set a new school record in the 800 meters with a standout time of 2:35.07. Her performance highlighted a strong day for the distance squad and underscored her consistency and determination throughout the season.

In field events, eighth grader Alex Glacet made history in the high jump, clearing 4'10" to set a new school record. In addition to his record-setting performance, Alex also turned in personal bests in both the 200m and 400m.

The Mountain Lions saw additional personal records set across the roster. Elena Brodsky had a strong showing, setting PRs in both the 200m and 400m, narrowly missing the school record in the 400 by just 0.15 seconds. Eva Gheesling also achieved personal bests in the 100m hurdles and 200m. Maclyn Bloecher posted PRs in both the 100m and the 1600m, with a remarkable 33-second improvement in the 1600m. On the boys' side, Oliver Keener sprinted to new personal bests in the 100m and 200m, while Will Moody lowered his times in both the 800m and 1600m. Fletcher Keener added a PR in the 1600m, and Davey Allen rounded out the distance success with personal records in both the 800m and 1600m.

The meet was an incredible conclusion to a season defined by growth, resilience, and steady improvement. "This is a wonderful, hardworking group of student athletes that we have had the privilege to work with," commented Coach Mahler. "The future of SAS track is looking bright!"



Sewanee Tennis Association president Robin Bates and treasurer John Solomon (right) present Sewanee tennis coaches Hamza Khan and Conchie Shackelford with a donation toward summer tennis camp scholarships and Fowler Center renovation.

Sewanee Tennis Association Donates to the University Tennis Programs

The Sewanee Tennis Association recently donated \$2,000 to the University tennis programs. Half of the money is to go for scholarships to needy students to attend the summer tennis camp, the other half towards the ongoing renovations at the Fowler Center.

"The college's tennis program is one of the crown jewels in its sports program," said STA president Robin Bates, noting that the men's team has just won its 12th straight conference championship. To do so it faced its toughest challenge in years, prevailing 4-3 over Trinity University, which has just joined the conference. It currently ranks 12th in the nation.

Looking back at the program's history, Bates noted that it owes a lot to Chattanooga's Guerry family. Alexander Guerry was the vice-chancellor from 1938-48, and the Guerrys donated indoor courts to Sewanee in 1963, making it one of few Division III colleges at the time to have such a facility. "But if the Guerrys laid the foundation," Bates added, "tennis coaches John and Conchie Shackelford kicked the program to stratospheric levels." Conchie is the first woman to reach 600 wins in Division 3 tennis and together the couple has notched over 1100 match wins and earned 26 conference championships.

The successful tennis program has spawned a vibrant tennis culture in Sewanee generally, and Bates noted that community members are engaged in on-going practically every day all-year round. The STA's contributions are one way that they are able to express their gratitude.

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Varsity SAS Track and Field Excels at April 24 Meet

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee track and field team delivered a strong performance on April 24, competing at home in its final regular-season meet against seven other schools. The highlight of the meet came from the girls' team, which captured first place by an impressive 70-point margin.

A number of athletes turned in personal-best performances. Leah Mood led the way with a standout effort in the 300-meter hurdles, cutting four seconds from her previous time. Annanoel Sparacio dropped a combined 10 seconds across the 800- and 1600-meter races, while Seanna Mainord matched that improvement in the 1600 meters and shaved an impressive 30 seconds off her 3200-meter time. Leonora Pate also recorded a personal best in the 300-meter hurdles.

In the field events, Rosa Thompson achieved personal records in both the high jump and long jump, and Elowyn Pate set new marks in the long jump and triple jump.

On the boys' side, Drew Richaud posted personal records in both the 100 meters and discus. Timi Stefanut and Arthur Glacet each set new bests in the 800 meters, while Reuben Cloniger recorded a personal record in the 100 meters.

Both 4x800-meter relay teams turned in strong performances, each recording a season-low time. The girls' relay team of Catherine Barnett, Lilly Crigger, Leonora Pate, and Caroline Neubauer ran with consistency and teamwork, while the boys' team of Micah Moody, Arthur Glacet, Mason Sparacio, and Grayson also delivered a solid result.

The meet concluded with the team's Senior Night celebration, where seven student-athletes were recognized for their contributions to the program.

With momentum building, St. Andrew's-Sewanee now looks ahead to the TSSAA East Regional meet, scheduled for May 5 and May 7 at Lee University, where the Mountain Lions will aim to build on their regular-season performances.

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Women's Novice 4 with silver medals left to right Emma Edge, Ava Mae Warman, Liz Jefferson, Gigi Bowman, McKenna Reed.

Sewanee Crew News

The Sewanee Crew had a great weekend at the 56th SIRA Championships. The team took four crews, men's single, women's varsity 4, women's novice 4, and women's double. All four boats made it through the heats and semifinals to race in the grand finals.

Ben Pollock (senior) returned to the SIRA podium, after missing last year's regatta due to his Carey Fellow internship, with a silver medal in the M1X.

The Women's Varsity 4 (cox Leby Becker, stroke Olivia Jefferson, 3 seat Madelyn Nuehoff, 2 seat Lulu McCain, and bow Sam Denham) finished sixth in the A final. Their accomplishment was even sweeter as Lulu and Sam are still in their first year (novice) of competitive rowing.

The Women's Novice 4 (cox Elizabeth Jefferson, stroke Gigi Bowman, 3 seat Ava Mae Warman, 2 seat McKenna Reed, and bow seat Emma Edge) won their qualifying heat open water and led for the first 1,500 meters of the A final. Texas caught them in the final 500 meters of the race, and Sewanee took the silver medal.

The Women's 2X (stroke Ada Digby and bow Lilly Hawkins) finished 6 out of 7 boats in the A final.

The crew's next race will be the American Collegiate Rowing Association Championship, May 15-17 in Oak Ridge, Tenn. We will be competing in the Men's single, the Women's Varsity 4- (called the straight four or four without coxswain), and the Women's Novice 4. If you are in the area, please come and support the team.

Tigers Defeat No. 14 Trinity, 4-3, to Win 12th SAA Championship

Ben Lammert delivered the deciding point as the No. 15-ranked Sewanee men's tennis team edged No. 14-ranked Trinity, 4-3, on April 26, to capture its 12th SAA Championship.

Sewanee seized early momentum in doubles play. Lucas Wrigley and Max Verellen were dominant at No. 3, earning a 6-0 victory. At No. 1, Andre-Remi Jakobi and Samuel Schroerlucke clinched the doubles point with a 6-2 win over the nation's No. 2-ranked pair of Jared Perry and Kishan Kersten. At No. 2 doubles, Ben Lammert and Drew Rukavina were at 3-4 when play was halted.

In singles action, Schroerlucke extended the Tigers' lead to 2-0 with a decisive 6-3, 6-1 win at No. 4. Trinity responded with victories at the top two positions to even the match, as Jakobi fell 6-4, 7-5 to the No. 28-ranked Kersten at No. 1, and Henry Hyden dropped a 6-4, 6-2 decision to the No. 40-ranked Perry at No. 2.

Wrigley pushed Sewanee back in front with a 7-6 (3), 6-4 win at No. 6, putting the Tigers one point from the title. Trinity answered again at No. 5, where Verellen battled to a three-set match, falling 5-7 in the third after splitting the opening two sets, to level the score at 3-3.

That left the championship to be decided at No. 3 singles. Lammert dropped a tightly contested first-set tiebreak, 8-6, but responded with a 6-4 win in the second. In the decisive third set, Lammert took control, winning the final four games to secure a 6-3 victory and clinch the championship for the Tigers.

Sewanee's win over Trinity marks their 12th championship, as the Tigers have not lost a championship in which they have competed since the start of the Southern Athletic Association.

The Tigers will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships and will await the NCAA Championship show on May 4.

Women's Lacrosse Falls to Rhodes in Regular Season Finale

Sally Whitehead scored three goals, while Marlin Price and Sally Herrington added two each, but Sewanee fell to Rhodes, 16-7, in women's lacrosse action on April 25.

Whitehead also recorded three ground balls and a caused turnover. Price finished with three points on two goals and an assist to go with four caused turnovers, three draw controls, and two ground balls. Ella Townsend and Kennedy Harcourt led the defensive effort, with Townsend collecting four ground balls and two caused turnovers, while Harcourt added three caused turnovers and a ground ball. Ellen Lewis controlled five draws, Sofia Bean added two, and Haley Price had one. In goal, Lilly Jordan matched her career high with nine saves.

Both teams opened the game with free-position opportunities but were unable to convert. Rhodes broke through at the 8:44 mark of the first quarter before Sewanee answered quickly, as Elizabeth Muller found Whitehead to tie the game at 1-1. The Lynx added another goal to take a 2-1 lead after one.

Rhodes seized control in the second quarter, opening with a 4-0 run, including two goals in the first 1:21. The Lynx extended the lead to 6-1 before Marlin Price scored late in the half to make it 6-2 at the break.

Rhodes carried momentum into the third, scoring early and adding a man-down goal to push the advantage to 8-2. After Alexa Berg connected with Price midway through the quarter, Rhodes responded with two quick goals. Whitehead added her second goal of the game following a save from Jordan, but Rhodes capitalized on a rebound opportunity to extend the lead to 11-4 heading into the fourth.

The final period was delayed by weather for nearly two and a half hours. When play resumed, Lewis connected with Herrington for a man-up goal. Rhodes answered with a rebound finish following a missed free-position attempt. Whitehead completed her hat trick after collecting a loose ball on a failed clear, but the Lynx continued to respond, adding multiple goals down the stretch to secure the win.

Sewanee finished with 16 shots on goal compared to 21 for Rhodes and went 0-for-6 on free-position attempts.

The Tigers will enter the SAA Championships as the No. 2 seed next weekend in Memphis, Tenn., hosted by Rhodes.

Men's Golf Wins Second Straight SAA Championship

Sophomore Niel Phillips shot a final-round three-under 69, senior Elias Becker and sophomore Turner Chiles both tied for second individually and Sewanee claimed its second straight team title on April 26, at the SAA Men's Golf Championships at Greystone Golf Club in Dickson, Tenn.

The Tigers won the team championship by 13 strokes over Oglethorpe University and every round that counted toward the team score was under-par over the three days. It marks the second straight title and third in the last six years for Sewanee, which also set a championship record for lowest team score (837).

All of the Sewanee players started their rounds at No. 10.

Phillips carded birdies on holes 13, 14 and 15 along with six pars on the back nine. The New Orleans, La., native added five pars, two bogeys and birdies on holes six and nine on the front for his three-under in the final round, moving up four spots into a tie for fifth with a three-round total of 212.

Becker started the day with birdies on 11 and 12 before four pars and then a bogey at No. 17. The Mexico City, Mexico, native recorded five pars with birdies on holes three and five, tying Chiles for the overall lead, but he bogeyed No. 8 and finished the day at two-under 70 for a 54-hole score of 209, tied for second, one stroke behind Oglethorpe's Jackson Hiller.

Chiles birdied No. 12 and made an eagle on the short par-4 14th before a bogey on 18. The Houston, Texas, native rebounded with another birdie on two and held the individual lead through 13 holes, but he posted three straight bogeys on holes 5-7. He ended the round with a birdie on nine for a one-under 71, tying for second individually with a three-day total of 212.

Senior Will Brookby double bogeyed No. 12 but played the final 15 holes at four-under. The Houston, Texas, native recorded 11 pars with birdies on 14 and 17 on the back and three and eight on the front for a final-round two-under 70 and a 54-hole score of 215, tied for 10th.

Senior Colin Edwards registered a third consecutive round of even-par 72, this after bogeying two of his first three holes to begin the day. The Brookhaven, Ga., native birdied No. 13 before three pars and then birdies on 17 and 18 to make the turn. He added another birdie on one but bogeyed Nos. 6-7. Edwards tied for 13th with a three-round total of 216.

After two rounds in the 60s, freshman Aidan Tudor struggled through the final round Sunday, shooting three-over 75. The New Market, Md., native collected three bogeys but also an eagle on the par-5 17th hole on the back nine. He birdied No. 1 but made another double at two and a bogey on eight. Tudor still tied for fifth with his 54-hole score of 212.

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SAS Boys' Soccer Advances in Post-Season Play Second Year in a Row

On April 27, the SAS Mountain Lion soccer team hosted the Lions of Lakeway Christian Academy from White Pine, Tenn., in the first round of the TSSAA Regional Soccer Tournament. The Mountain Lions, seeded fourth in Division 2, emerged victorious over the Lions, seeded fifth in Division 1. The game was intense and physical, with neither team dominating play for extended periods of time. Plagued by significant injuries, the Mountain Lions fielded multiple players in new positions who stepped up and played a remarkable game, and the team also had to rotate positions frequently to maximize their strengths. Coach Knoll praised the team saying, "We were very suddenly facing injuries to several key players. The team pulled together as a unit to still get the win on Monday — it was a true team effort. While not the prettiest game of soccer we've ever played, it was certainly the gutsiest. I couldn't be more proud of our team."

Junior Ed Smith got his first career assist with a beautiful cross to junior Triumph Maina, who scored his first team goal. Sophomore Max Goodpaster sealed the win with a penalty kick in the last 10 minutes. Sophomore goalkeeper Konrad Knoll continued his dominant performance in goal, posting six saves and maintaining a clean sheet.

The Mountain Lions travel to Knoxville on Thursday for the second round of the TSSAA Regional Tournament against District 1 Top Seed and defending State Champion Grace Christian Academy.

2026 Sewanee Golf Classic

The Associated Alumni invite you to participate in our Sewanee Golf Classic, June 12–13, for alumni, parents, and friends of the University to be played at The Course at Sewanee. Registration is open at <<https://new.sewanee.edu/alumni/sewanee-golf-classic/>>.

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Entry Fee: \$390. The entry fee will include green fees, carts, refreshments, tournament favors, prizes and meals. Tournament registration is limited to the first 96 players. Guest Only Fee: \$150. Spouses and guests are welcome to join us for the weekend and all meals.

Sewanee Tennis Classic

The Associated Alumni invite you to participate in our first Sewanee Tennis Classic, June 12–13, for alumni, parents, and friends at the Bruton-Guerry Tennis Center. Registration is open at <<https://new.sewanee.edu/alumni/the-sewanee-tennis-classic/>>.

Entry Fee: \$195. The entry fee will include clinic fees, refreshments, tournament favors, prizes, and meals. Tournament registration is limited to the first 36 players. Guest Only Fee: \$150. Guests are welcome to join us for the weekend and all meals.

Women's Golf Claims SAA Championship; Catapano Takes Low Medalist Honors

Freshman Natalie Catapano posted her third straight round under par, claiming low medalist honors by 10 strokes, and Sewanee ran away with the team title, winning by 16 shots, on Sunday at the SAA Women's Golf Championships at Greystone Golf Club in Dickson, Tenn.

The Tigers registered their second straight round of 297 as a team and finished the 54-hole event with a team total of 892, second-best in SAA history. The championship is the first for the Sewanee program since 2017 and only the second women's golf conference title since at least 1994.

All of the Sewanee golfers started their rounds at No. 1. Catapano continued her stellar play this academic year with a one-under par 71 in the final round. She started hot for the second straight day, recording birdies on holes two, three, four and seven, but she also netted three bogeys on the front nine.

The Pacific Palisades, Calif., native steadied her game on the back side with seven pars, one bogey and a birdie on the par-5 17th hole. She finished with a three-round total of 212, 10 strokes ahead of Trinity University's Jessica Mason.

Freshman Anna Claire Gibson collected birdies on holes two and four to begin the day before two bogeys later on the front side. The Knoxville, Tenn., native registered two bogeys and a birdie at No. 15 on the back for a one-over 73 and a 54-hole score of 223, tied for third.

Freshman Rachel Waters moved up seven spots in the final round, tying for seventh individually. She shot even-par on the front nine with birdies on holes four and eight and a double bogey at seven. The Nashville, Tenn., native collected seven pars with one double and a bogey on 18 for a three-over 75 on Sunday.

Freshman Elizabeth Bowman recorded 12 pars in her final round, six on each nine, and tallied three bogeys on both sides as well, shooting six-over 78 for a 54-hole score of 231, alone in ninth place for the College Grove, Tenn., native.

Senior Jane Stiltz also shot six-over on Sunday, registering six pars with a bogey on one, a double at No. 9 and a birdie on six. The Lexington, Ky., native carded five pars and four bogeys on the back side and tied for seventh with Waters with a three-round total of 230.

Junior Olivia Bentley posted one-over on the front nine with one bogey, one double and birdies on holes four and nine. The Nashville, Tenn., native found some trouble on the back and finished with an 82 and a 54-hole score of 237, tied for 16th.

Sewanee Falls to No. 9 Trinity, 4-1, in SAA Championship

The No. 22-ranked Sewanee women's tennis team fell to No. 9-ranked Trinity, 4-1, in the SAA Championship on Sunday afternoon.

In doubles play, Lexi Barbee and Harper High fell at No. 3, but Mariella Congeni and Ivy Wilson answered with a 6-3 win at No. 1 over the nation's No. 20-ranked doubles team. The doubles point came down to No. 2, where Emma Foster and Lucy Lee battled into a match tiebreaker before falling 7-3, giving Trinity the early 1-0 lead.

Trinity extended its advantage in singles with a win at No. 4, as Trinity Levy defeated Lee, 6-1, 6-3, followed by a 6-2, 6-1 decision at No. 3 over Wilson to move within one point of the title.

Foster put Sewanee on the board with a strong 6-2, 6-1 victory at No. 5, but Trinity secured the championship at No. 2, where Rosabella Andrade defeated High, 7-5, 6-3.

At No. 1, Congeni claimed the opening set, 6-3, before dropping the second in a tiebreak, 7-4, while Hanna Davis also split her first two sets at No. 6, winning the opener 6-4 before falling 6-2 in the second when the match was clinched.

Leonard Takes Third in High Jump to Conclude SAA Championships

Senior Sam Leonard placed third in the high jump and freshman Jack Collins finished sixth in the 5000-meters for Sewanee on April 25, at the SAA Track and Field Championships in Mount Berry, Ga.

Leonard cleared 6-feet, 5.25-inches for third place and junior Darryl Williams finished eighth with a mark of 6-1.25. Collins completed the 5000 in 15:40.55 for sixth place.

The women's 4x100-meter relay of senior Erin Graffeo, sophomore Grace Potter, freshman Gracie Schmidt and junior Page Wells finished seventh in 55.67 while the men's team of sophomores Jacob Heilpern, Ethan Kline and Elliott Allen and senior Lane Gamble was eighth in 44.21.

The women's 4x400-meter relay of Schmidt, junior Abigail Armstrong, Wells and sophomore Elizabeth Cook placed eighth in 4:22.78 and the men's quartet of Gamble, Leonard, sophomore Parker Tallman and sophomore Ethan Kline were fourth in 3:24.81.

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Summer's First Buggytop Tour — Head of the Crow State Park, Friday, May 1, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. \$15. Register for event. Meet at Buggytop Cave Trailhead. May 1 brings the beginning of State Parks' caving season, and what better way to celebrate this exciting time of the year than with a tour of Head of the Crow's own Buggytop Cave. Featuring one of Tennessee's most impressive cave openings and a year-round flow of water via Crow Creek, Buggytop Cave provides an excellent cave experience for those looking to test the waters of caving, while still offering impressive features. The hike to and from Buggytop totals 3 miles, in and out, and proves a strenuous hike with significant elevation change. Be sure to wear appropriate footwear and bring plenty of water. Helmets and headlamps will be provided, but feel free to bring a light source.

Guided Hike to Stone Door — Savage Gulf State Park, Monday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.–noon. \$5. Register for event. Join Ranger Jamie on an approximate 2-mile round-trip hike to the Great Stone Door. The hike is rated easy and will be relatively flat. We will chat about what we see and discuss some of the history of the park. We will meet at the Stone Door Trailhead, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs to begin the hike. Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. Weather permitting. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program's scheduled start in order to receive a refund.

Junior Ranger Weekend Camp — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, June 6, June 13, June 20, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. \$50. Register for event. Meeting place for each day in description. Join Head of the Crow staff as we share the history, ecology, and recreation of the park with intrepid young Junior Rangers. Our Junior Ranger program caters to children age 8-12 who are curious about parks, rangers, and Tennessee's beautiful outdoors. At the end of this three day camp, we'll hold a graduation to honor Head of the Crow's 2026 Junior Rangers. Sign-up for the full Day Camp will close on June 1. Campers will be dropped off at the day's location at 9 a.m. and picked up at 3 p.m. from the same location. Campers should bring plenty of water (64-plus ounces) and a packed lunch for each day.

Day 1: Meet at Buggytop Parking Lot at 9 a.m., June 6. Campers will join park staff on a trip into Buggytop Cave, where they'll have the opportunity to safely experience the excitement of subterranean exploration with a Ranger. Helmets and lights will be provided. Besides the cave, we'll have time to learn about (and try!) nature journaling. We'll learn how journaling can instill an appreciation and understanding of the world around us, and how we can take the time to get to know our surroundings.

Day 2: Meet at Pack Hollow Parking Lot at 9 a.m., June 13. This is a day for survival. By that, campers will learn the basics of a map and compass, and try their hand at orienteering. Then, we'll go over all the "wants" and "needs" anytime you venture into the wilderness. The afternoon will be a look to the past, as we'll go over two historic tools used for hunting, skinning, and so much more! Campers will even get to try their hand at launching an atlatl.

Day 3: Meet at Pack Hollow Parking Lot at 9 a.m., June 20. In the morning, campers will join trained professionals at some of our parks small rock faces for some beginner rappelling! All gear will be provided and is inspected before use. After a thrilling morning on the rocks, we'll slow down with a hike in the afternoon. We'll discuss the geology and how the plateau (and the rocks we just climbed) came to be, and how they shape the entire environment of the region. At 3 p.m., we'll have the Junior Ranger graduation, where campers will receive their badges, certificates, and T-shirt for completing the program! Campers who complete one of the two Junior Ranger options will have the opportunity to join Head of the Crow staff in the Sewanee Fourth of July Parade to help represent the park, and show off their newly earned status as Junior Ranger graduates!

Contact Ranger Matthew Thomas <matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov> with shirt sizes for signed up campers, and reach out with any questions.



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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Pink lady slipper and white slant moth. Photo by Carl Zimmerman



Showy orchids. Photo by Yolande Gottfried

Orchids and Others

Carl Zimmerman sent this photo and writes: "Pictures taken in Savage Gulf on April 26. The association between the flower and moth is known but not understood. The flower has no nectar and is pollinated by bees. The moth simply sits on the flower, sometimes for long periods of time in daylight. It is perhaps attracted to the floral scent the flower is known to produce."

The Pink Lady's Slipper was one of the flowers of interest at the 76th (!) Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in the Smokies last weekend, but the park resource managers informed the leaders that "The programs should shift focus to not include lady slippers. The General Agreement and the permit both mention keeping the location of certain species confidential, including those that are "in danger of decline, due to human activity." This species falls into that category, as evidenced by plants disappearing from known locations over the years. The more people that know about its locations, the more likely it is to be poached." Another orchid, however, was in abundance on some of the trails, the Showy Orchid. Although the peak wildflower show was about two weeks earlier, there was still plenty to see. Along the Little River Road, the Crossvine was in abundant bloom and Solomon's Plumes nodded from the banks. Near waterways, the large white flowers of Fraser's Magnolias were starting to open. On the same trail with the Showy Orchid, there were plentiful Wild Gingers in bloom and folks were especially delighted to see Dutchman's Pipe and Puttyroot with flowers. Those who braved the slippery, rocky section of the Noah "Bud" Ogle Trail were rewarded with Vasey's Trillium, the largest and latest blooming trillium in the park, and Speckled Wood Lily (White Clintonia). Just to name a few — plus the joy of being in the midst of this diverse, enchanting landscape.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week's Stats:	
Mon	April 20	60	40	Avg max temp =	73
Tue	April 21	71	46	Avg min temp =	51
Wed	April 22	75	50	Avg temp =	62
Thu	April 23	78	54	Precipitation =	0.85"
Fri	April 24	78	54		
Sat	April 25	76	59		
Sun	April 26	72	54		

*Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger*



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Fritz

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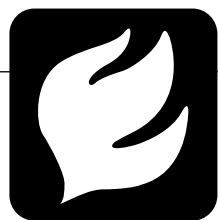
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Rain at Last

Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;
Whan Zephirus eek with his sweete breeth
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne
Hath in the Ram his half cours yronne,
And smale foweles maken melodye,
That slepen al the nyght with open ye
(So priketh hem Nature in hir corages),
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages,
And palmeres for to seken straunge strondes,
To ferne halwes, kowthe in sondry londes;
And specially from every shires ende
Of Engelond to Caunterbury they wende,
The hooly blisful martir for to seke,
That hem hath holpen whan that they were seeke.

Translation

When April with its sweet-smelling showers
Has pierced the drought of March to the root,
And bathed every vein (of the plants) in such liquid
By which power the flower is created;
When the West Wind also with its sweet breath,
In every wood and field has breathed life into
The tender new leaves, and the young sun
Has run half its course in Aries,
And small fowls make melody,
Those that sleep all the night with open eyes
(So Nature incites them in their hearts),
Then folk long to go on pilgrimages,
And professional pilgrims to seek foreign shores,
To distant shrines, known in various lands;
And specially from every shire's end
Of England to Canterbury they travel,
To seek the holy blessed martyr,
Who helped them when they were sick.

--Geoffrey Chaucer, Prologue to the Canterbury Tales

Community Calendar

Friday, May 1 • May Day

Final Exams, College, through May 7

Deadline for Civic Association meeting meal,

<sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 1 p.m. Book signing, "Rock Art: An American Story," Stephen Alvarez, Sewanee Bookstore, until 3 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Artists' Panel, Cloniger/Foster/Wohl, "To Tell a Yarn..." Sounding Stone Gallery, 74 W. College St., Monteagle
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SAS Players, "Bright Star," McCrory Hall

Saturday, May 2

- 7 a.m. Community Rummage Sale, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd, until 2 p.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Community-wide Trash Pickup, "Put Litter in its Place: Make Monteagle Beautiful," meet at Harton Park, College St., until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Arthur Knoll Community Cleanup, meet at Mountain Goat Trail at Sewanee Welcome Center, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Grief Recovery Group, Wesley House, MMUMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. SAS Players, "Bright Star," McCrory Hall

Sunday, May 3 • CAC Pantry Sunday

- noon Deadline for Sewanee Woman's Club meal, <reservations.swc@gmail.com>
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 2 p.m. SAS Players, "Bright Star," McCrory Hall
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, May 4

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council workshop, conference room, City Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Sewanee Civic Association, Kennerly Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center

Tuesday, May 5 • Primary Election Day

Cinco de Mayo

FC Schools Staff Development

- 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.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Story Time, Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., until 11:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Hospitality Shop lawn, 574 Georgia Ave., until 1 p.m. (rain location St. Mark & St. Paul's)
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid

- Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, May 6

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, May 7

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club, club assembly, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
- 5 p.m. South Cumberland Shindig, The Caverns

Friday, May 8

Commencement, School of Theology

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 2 p.m. Conversation, 'American Struggle,' Jon Meacham, C'91 and journalist John Seigenthaler, Guerry Auditorium
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Elementary Centennial Celebration, SES, University Ave., until 7 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

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

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

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