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95th Year Anniversary of Sewanee Woman's Club

All are cordially invited to the 95th anniversary celebration of the Sewanee Woman's Club at St. Mary's Sewanee, on Monday, May 12, 2025.

The Sewanee Woman's Club has been a bond of unity and a source of charitable community support and information for ladies on the mountain since 1930. We are joyous to celebrate the past, present and future members of this special club.

The free program from 12:30–1:30 p.m., will be a walk down memory lane. Several of our members will be wearing ensembles reminiscent of past decades and will be reading excerpts from recent interviews of women living in the mountain area from 1950 to the present decade. The interviews describe life on the mountain through the years from the women's perspective. The finale of the celebration will be the cutting and eating of a fanciful, delicious cake which will be washed down by various beverages, some, perhaps, bubbly in nature.

A reservation is needed to attend the program only. Please make a reservation by noon, Sunday, May 4, and specify if you desire to enjoy the program only or if lunch is desired by contacting <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

The first 60 respondents who wish to join us for lunch, starting at 11:50 a.m. (social hour starts at 11:30 a.m.) are welcome to purchase a luncheon for \$20 and again make a reservation by noon, Sunday, May 4, at <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

No Airport Private Property Tree Cutting Anticipated

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
Writer

"If we find out any of those trees are on private property, we will regroup and figure out what we need to do," said Jimmy Davis at the April 29 public hearing on the Franklin County Airport Clearing Obstruction Project. Davis serves as University Director of Business Services and the Fixed Base Operator for the Franklin County Airport located on the Domain. The airport will undertake removing obstructive vegetation from the runway approach to comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulations. Based on a preliminary aerial review of the project, Davis does not anticipate the need for tree cutting on private land. The engineering and environmental assessment team engaged by the

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Aerial view of the St. Mark and St. Paul campus.

St. Mark and St. Paul Successfully Complete Campaign

A campaign by the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul (SMSP) to raise maintenance funds and establish an endowment to preserve its campus has exceeded its goals. Originally seeking to raise \$900,000 to care for the church, parish hall, and old rectory, so far SMSP has raised \$1.04 million, and an additional \$312,000 in planned gifts.

The process to launch a campaign began in January of 2024 when the vestry (church board) considered the long-term outlook for the parish. So as to take a proactive approach rather than just react to building system failures, the Vestry hired a facilities evaluation company, Building Solutions, to give them a sense of future maintenance needs.

The Building Solutions report, in turn, led the church to explore the possibility of a fund-raising campaign. The last such campaign was completed in 2014, when the parish hall was renovated and Kennerly Hall added.

In conjunction with the consulting firm Horizons Stewardship, there was a nine-month exploration

of the feasibility of such a campaign. Parishioners were consulted about their priorities and willingness to contribute.

In the process, SMSP got a clearer sense of how the community regards it. As several put it, SMSP is not just a church but "the beating heart of Sewanee." Standing at the border of the University and downtown Sewanee, the church, many pointed out, plays an important role in community life.

This includes the Community Action Committee, which provides food and some housing assistance to the surrounding community, and providing space for the Sewanee Children's Center, which has provided early childhood education in the parish basement for 75 years. There is also Thurmond Memorial Library, which opened in 1902, while the parish hall serves as a meeting place for a wide range of community organizations, including the Red Cross, Folks at Home, the Rotary Club, All Voices Choir, prayer circles, book discussion

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Developer Challenges Monteagle Site Plan Review Process

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Lack of clear policies is not the developer's problem. It's difficult to follow rules when they are unclear and change depending on who you talk to," insisted developer Paul Fantuzzi at the April 28 Monteagle Council meeting, calling the city to task over his just recently learning of problems with acquiring water service for a proposed development. Following his 10 months of consultation with the city planner and receiving reassurance the necessary utilities were available, Monteagle Utility Systems supervisor John Condra refused to sign off on the site plan and turned the project over to the city engineer who recommended infrastructure upgrades. "Sadly, Paul is correct," concurred Mayor Greg Maloof.

Fantuzzi questioned why the engineer was not consulted earlier, why he never met Condra until the week before the final meeting, and why Condra did not attend any prior meetings. Maloof has

scheduled a meeting with city engineer, Travis Wilson, and Fantuzzi to resolve the issue. "There are questions that need answered not just for him [Fantuzzi], but for all the developers that follow him," Maloof said. "I told the [city planner] Jonathan Rush nothing gets approved until [city engineer] Wilson approves it." Maloof noted water and sewer service availability in any given location depended on line size and demand in that area.

In his defense, Condra said, "I didn't have a thing to do with this. I wasn't brought in until the last. He [Fantuzzi] was told by a certain employee he could hook on. I never told him that, and that is why I would not sign off on the site plan."

The difficulty prospective developers encounter in Monteagle reared its head again in a discussion about an ordinance amend-

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'The Air We Breathe Is Not Invisible'

Revitalizing the St. Mark's Neighborhood Swim
Pool with a Community Celebration

The Roberson Project on Race, Slavery, and Reconciliation is proud to present the public art event "The Air We Breathe Is Not Invisible" from 2–6 p.m., Sunday, May 4, 2025. This vibrant community gathering will reactivate the historic St. Mark's neighborhood swimming pool, or "Swim Pool" as the neighborhood's residents called it. Once a beloved gathering place for African Americans from Sewanee and surrounding communities, this site will be revived for a day of celebration, remembrance, and community building. The event follows Vanderbilt University artist Vesna Pavlović's reimagining of the site in the fall of 2024. Inspired by the "Swim Pool" history and memory, Pavlović collaborated with the Roberson Project and the University's Facilities Management to turn the pool into a garden of Spanish Bluebells. This event is free and open to everyone. Meet at the St. Mark's Community Center at 2 p.m., 481 Alabama Ave., to walk as a group to the "Swim Pool" for its unveiling at 2:30 p.m., and then will head back to St. Mark's Community Center at 3 p.m., for the reception. Golf carts available to shuttle folks back and forth as needed. To learn more, please visit: <<https://roberstonproject.sewanee.edu/>>.

The St. Mark's Community Center and Pool will come alive with the anticipated blooming of more than 2,000 bluebell corms, planted this fall to recall the facility's heyday. There will be music, food, and other lively activities. Attendees can enjoy a live DJ performance featuring music reminiscent of the pool's past, along with a classic barbecue provided by local community members. Games, ping pong, and other activities will offer entertainment for all ages.

In addition to the festivities, visitors will have the opportunity to contribute their voices and memories through recorded storytelling and photography using disposable and instant cameras, helping to document and preserve the rich history and continuing life of this space. Community engagement will be a central focus, rebuilding relationships with surrounding communities.

"We have long looked for a way to recall and celebrate the joy of the neighborhood swimming pool's past," said Woody Register, director of the Roberson Project. "Our hope is that this day of renewed life and play in the neighborhood will do just that."

Dr. Register continues, "We were inspired by the uplifting words of Pastor John Patton, who grew up in Sewanee's St. Mark's neighborhood and now pastors at Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Cowan. His words, that 'the air we breathe is visible in the movement of trees stirred by a breeze,' we thought was like people's memories of the "Swim Pool." The pool itself cannot be seen, but perhaps memories of it can be stirred to life by the watery blue of the flowers and the laughter and voices of the activities that we are planning with the St. Mark's Community Center."

"Sewanee may be known for its stone gates, dogs and Sewanee Angels. Inside these gates is a more important history and it is that of the historic Black Saint Mark's community. Thanks, Roberson Project, for allowing us to tell our Sewanee history. The "Negro swimming pool" was already a thing of the past when I came along. The shell of it was still visible when I was a kid. A shell that tells the story of segregation, community, gathering, fun and a form of safety. The truth and the whole history cannot be told without the Black history. 'YSR' - Evelyn Patton

The Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation at the University of the South is an ongoing initiative investigating the university's historical entanglements with slavery and slavery's legacies. Our Project's name memorializes the late Professor of History, Houston Bryan Roberson, who was the first tenured African American faculty member at Sewanee and the first to make African American history and culture the focus of their teaching and scholarship. The Roberson Project seeks to honor his inspiring legacies at Sewanee: the devotion to rigorous teaching, the pursuit of scholarship, the dedication to social justice, and the personal example of high moral character. In doing so, the Roberson Project seeks to help Sewanee confront our history in order to seek a more just and equitable future for our broad and diverse community.

Spring Arts & Crafts Fair

The Sewanee Arts and Crafts Association's (SACA) Spring Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 10, at Shoup Park on University Avenue in Sewanee. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by SACA.

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Summary of the April 2025 Lease Committee Meeting

The following items were approved: March minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 1056, located at 771 Breakfield Road, to Mark and Veronica Fino; request to transfer Lease No. 910, located at 154 Morgan's Steep Road, to Mark and Sara Ardrey-Graves; request to transfer Lease No. 995, located at 109 Wiggins Creek Road, to Will and Jennifer Reynolds; request to build an ADU at Lease No. 1062, located at 42 Girault Jones Drive; request to remodel the exterior and replace roof of Lease No. 964, located at 53 Campbell Court; request to replace roof on Lease No. 1009, located at 964 Lake O'Donnell Road.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling the lease office at (931) 598-1998.

Please be sure and contact the Franklin County Planning and Zoning for any needed permits as well as the local utility companies to ensure there are no issues before beginning your project.

Planning and Zoning office, (931) 967-0981; Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, (931) 598-5228; Sewanee Utility District, water and sewer, (931) 598-5611; Elk River Public Utility District, natural gas, (931) 967-2110.

Agenda items are due by the fifth of each month for Lease Committee meetings. If the fifth falls on a weekend, then items are due the following Monday. Lease Committee meetings are normally the third Tuesday of the month.

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Exempt Positions: Advancement Officer, University Relations; Airport Manager & Chief Instructor, Business Services-Sewanee Airport; Assistant Football Coach, Athletics; Associate University Registrar for Information Systems and Operations, Student Success; Athletic Trainer, Athletics; Digital Archivist, Archives and Special Collections, University Archives & Special Collections; Director of Corporate and Functions Relations, Advancement; Energy Specialist, Facilities Management; Financial Aid Counselor/Senior Financial Aid Counselor, Financial Aid; Golf Course Superintendent-Business Services, Golf Course; Manager of Engagement & Admissions, SSMF, Sewanee Summer Music Festival.

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

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Beersheba Springs Hosts Lone Rock Stockade Presentation

The Lone Rock Stockade operated in Tracy City and was the centerpiece of Tennessee's convict leasing system from 1871 to 1896. Housing over 3,500 prisoners in its mere 12 years of use, the prison represented both a continuation of antebellum race-based forced labor and an attempt to industrialize the Southern economy.

In a May 24 presentation, Dr. Camille Westmont will discuss the history of the stockade and the results of ongoing archaeological research at the site. Dr. Westmont is a historical archaeologist and historic preservationist who teaches courses on anthropology, archaeology, and history at Sewanee, The University of the South. You can learn more about her at <<https://new.sewanee.edu/our-faculty-staff/camille-westmont>>.

The Beersheba Springs Historical Society <<https://www.BeershebaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org>> offers a series of educational programs each summer that feature expert presenters discussing topics related to Beersheba and the surrounding area. Admission to these programs is free and open to the public.

All are invited to attend this event at 4 p.m., Saturday, May 24, at the Beersheba Springs Community Center (19224 TN-56). More information about Dr. Westmont's work may be found in an article from the Tennessee Outlook at <<https://tennesseelookout.com/2021/10/06/tennessee-professors-and-historians-uncover-history-of-convict-leasing-in-the-state/>>.

Messenger Break Ahead

The Messenger will be on break May 19–26. There will not be an issue on Friday, May 23. We will be back in the office on Tuesday, May 27, and back in print on Friday, May 30, to officially welcome summer.


Important updates will be available on the website <www.sewaneeessenger.com> or on our Facebook page.

If your organization or church has a different schedule during the summer than we normally post, please send the updates to <news@sewaneeessenger.com> or call the office at (931) 598-9949.

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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

There will be a workshop of the Monteagle City Council on May 5, 2025 at 4 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

The regular Planning Commission meeting will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a workshop of the Monteagle City Council on May 12, 2025, at 4 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a Public Hearing on May 19, 2025 on Ordinance 04-25 Small Box Discount Stores and Ordinance 05-25 Zoning Change from R-3 to C-2 at 4:45 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

The regular Monteagle City Council Meeting will be held May 19, 2025, at 5 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, May 8, at St. Mary's-Sewanee. Bill Harper and friends will present the program on "Coast to Coast Trek in Costa Rica."

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 10, in the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, May 12, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

FCHS Presents 'View of Vietnam'

The Franklin County Historical Society presents: "View of Vietnam" at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 18, 2025, at the Franklin County Library. Fifty years ago the costly and devastating Vietnam War came to an end. Thousands of American troops were deployed, six of which were Franklin Countians who lost their lives. War correspondents and historians have provided countless overviews of the war itself and the related politics; however, our purpose on May 18, is to see the war through the eyes of residents. Join us for a fascinating look at a complicated subject.

Franklin County Library is located at 105 S. Porter St., in Winchester.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, May 7.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church regular monthly food distribution will be Saturday, May 17. Distribution will take place 8–10 a.m. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St., Monteagle.

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National High Blood Pressure Education Month

May is National High Blood Pressure Education Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of understanding and managing high blood pressure, also known as hypertension, a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. For Blood Pressure Awareness Month, Folks at Home is reminding everyone that Folks at Home's new Blood Pressure Kiosk is free and open to the public from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.


Sewanee Fourth of July Needs You

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Sewanee Fourth of July. There will be a planning meeting via Zoom at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 14.


The Fourth of July committee is seeking Parade Chairs and Children's Games Chairs. Volunteers are also needed for the Almost World Famous Mutt Show. These events cannot be offered without community help. For more information and to volunteer, contact Dylan McClure at <jd-mcclure323@gmail.com> or Tracie Sherrill at <tlsluvsut@gmail.com>.

Registration is now open for Food Vendors and Arts and Crafts Vendors. Go to the website for event registration <<http://www.sewanee4thofjuly.org>>.

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airport provided an overview of the project.

"The state requires a 20:1 approach surface to the runway that is obstruction free," said project engineer Glen Heath. For every 20 feet of distance, the tree height cannot increase more than one foot. Clearing for instrument landing would require a 34:1 approach surface, Heath noted, meaning lower vegetation for longer distances so more tree cutting. "The instrument approach [criterion] was taken off the project. It's not worth it," Heath said.

Heath explained the logistics of the proposed vegetation removal. "When removing obstructions, you want the vegetation to be 10 feet below [the threshold] because the vegetation will continue to grow." Heath pointed out trees grew two feet a year. The project is federally funded through the Tennessee Department of Transportation. "They [the airport] would prefer to cut everything they can to the ground, because once the state pays for this process one time, they will not pay for a second trimming," Heath stressed.

Davis anticipates a dense area near the Mountain Goat Trail will be clear cut, with two other areas undergoing selective cutting. "Where the trees are really thick and tall, if we don't clear it all, we will be back doing it in just a couple years."

Evaluating possible environmental impact is the other guiding principal of the project. Because of its "size and scope" the project required an environmental review, Davis said. According to Environmental Scientist Amana Heritt, researchers identified four endangered species in the county, Northern Pine Snakes, Northern Long-eared and Indiana Bats, and White Fringeless Orchids. Due to possible habitat destruction from tree cutting, the research team undertook an extensive search for the orchid; none were found. Likewise, the endangered snake and bats were not observed, but tree cutting will occur between Oct. 15 and March 15 when the species are hibernating. "We want no impact to the environment," Heritt observed.

Heritt explained there were three levels of environmental review, with the project calling for a midlevel review. "We started out with a Categorical Exclusion [review] and the state aeronautics moved it up to an Environmental Assessment [the midlevel review]." For the runway obstruction clearing four years ago, the state only required a Categorical Exclusion review.

The obstruction clearing four years ago resulted in contention and a legal battle with neighboring landowner. "This [current project] has not had the impact of what was going on four and a half years ago," said Franklin County Mayor Chris Guess. "That was a communication and attitude and personnel issue."

"If any of the trees that need to come down are on private property, we need to have a conversation about it," said Matt Hughes who served as a community spokesperson on the committee that formed to resolve the controversy in 2021.

"If trees on private property need to come down, we will have a conversation about it and figure this out," Davis insisted. "This whole thing is about relationships and trust."

"We hope to have bids in hand, a contractor on board, and ready to go by October," Heath said.

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ment authorizing Development Review Fees to recoup expenses the city incurs when prospective developers consult with engineer Wilson. "I don't object to the fee, but it takes months to get something in writing," complained prospective developer Jessie Goodman. "There is no formal process." Alderman Nate Wilson agreed with the need for a fee, but objected to the amendment requiring all projects with a site plan to be reviewed. "This is more onerous than it needs to be," Alderman Wilson said. He recommended the fee only apply to subdivision and commercial developments, not residences. The council voted down the amendment, with only Alderman Dan Sargent and Maloof voting for approval. The council will hold a workshop to take up issues with the amendment.

The council approved two other ordinance amendments on first reading with a split vote.

Alderman Wilson and Alderman Grant Fletcher voted 'no' on an amendment providing for more detailed regulation of food trucks. Wilson was unsatisfied with stipulations addressing how sales tax was collected. Fletcher wanted more clarity about what constituted "permanence."

Alderman Wilson also voted 'no' on Alderman Dean Lay's motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget with the stipulation the budget be posted on the website before the second reading. Wilson objected to the budget's failure to prioritize capital reserves and the decrease in the amount held in capital reserves. Lay said he hoped residents would review the budget and welcomed feedback.

The council unanimously approved allowing small box discount stores in C-3 commercial zoning and rezoning the Holy Comforter Church property from R-3 to C-2. Sargent noted the property would be sold for a doctor's office. Maloof observed the rezoning was compatible with the commercial zoning of adjacent properties.

In a discussion about homeless people in Monteagle, Police Chief William Raline said three individuals staying behind the Circle K had been asked to leave. He said these were the same individuals who had been staying behind the Mountain Inn. Raline is attempting to find them a residence. "Every shelter between here and Nashville is full," Raline said. Monteagle has one other homeless person, as well.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has closed the I-24 rest areas due to a water leak, according to Condra. TDOT has not been able to find the cause.

Monteagle will hold Sparkle Week the second week in May. All discarded items for pickup must be street side by the evening of Sunday May 11. Pickup will occur over the course of the next several days.

The council will meet next May 19, rather than on the last Monday of the month, to avoid conflict with Memorial Day.

St. Mark (from page 1)

groups, various spiritual and wellness retreats, and other activities.

The church also invites the community in for its yearly Oktoberfest and Mardi Gras celebrations.

Out of its self-exploration, the campaign committee arrived at the theme "Our Hope in Years to Come," the name taken from the familiar Issac Watts hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Parishioners stepped up with contributions, three-year pledges, and planned (estate) gifts. Of the \$1.04 million raised, at least \$372,000 will go towards an endowment and the rest will go to facility needs, as identified by Building Solutions. The endowment, which will be invested to grow over time, will provide support for additional ministries of the parish for years to come.


The first project is a new church roof, whose picturesque cedar shingles, installed in 2004, have proved vulnerable to severe weather and are beginning to fall off and leak. A number of the HVAC systems will be replaced and some

drainage issues addressed. There has also been some good news as Building Solutions reported that the old rectory, Brooks Hall, is in relatively good shape and will not need immediate attention. With the new financial footing provided by campaign gifts, the church will be able to be more deliberative in its process, addressing needs before they arise rather than simply reacting to breakdowns when they occur.

"St. Mark and St. Paul exists for Christian ministry," said parish rector Rob Lamborn. I am deeply gratified by the generosity members and former members have shown to invest in the practicalities that make ministry possible — what I call 'the infrastructure of love.' We warmly invite others who would like to contribute in any amount toward this parish thriving long into the future."

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Monday, May 5: Taco salad.

Tuesday, May 6: Reuben sandwich, chips.

Wednesday, May 7: Tenderloin, hashbrown casserole, green beans, roll.

Thursday, May 8: Loaded potato soup, ham and cheese sandwich.

Friday, May 9: Chicken enchiladas, rice, refried beans.

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

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

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

'Clue' at McCrory Hall

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee Performing Arts Department brings a classic board game and motion picture to life with "Clue: On Stage," at the McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts, May 2, 3, and 4. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. Purchase your tickets at <<https://sasweb.finalsite.com/fs/form-manager/view/f9dad235-0a9d-4a23-b864-7cb6a928e4fb>>.

Performing Arts Director, Dr. Will Eyerly, has directed two casts for this show to give additional opportunities to our growing number of student performers in the program. The "Gold Cast" performs Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, and the "Blue Cast" takes the stage Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

"I think I speak for everyone involved in Clue when I say the audience is in store for a really great time," said Eyerly. "We are excited to bring this fun show to the community and we can hardly wait to hear the laughter fill the house."

In the play, as in the movie and game, six guests assemble at the remote Boddie Manor for a dinner party. When their host turns up dead, Wadsworth the Butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard must race to find the killer. The show features a unique set design and projections that allows the audience to see all of the house all the time, with no hidden actions. While "Clue: On Stage" is filled with familiar characters and game and movie elements, it is not predictable. The audience aisles and house doors are even used during the production to bring everyone into the action.

"Clue: On Stage" for the St. Andrew's-Sewanee community is the high school edition, which has been modified to be more accessible for the whole family and has a PG rating.

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This event is free to the public but please let us know you're coming by registering here <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/39vsv3u/lp/5ae0f211-ed31-4f44-a8c5-84fb844b7aa4?source_id=f2a1da5b-bf02-4dd2-a5ef-25b8daea1020&source_type=em&c=hbwb56AuWQsL4298hh2zQ00EdGQWx32J7gCslTyZJOAKBEmUX8XYVA=>>. We are so grateful to our lead sponsors, The Caverns and the Paul S. McConnell Music Fund, for making this event possible.

The Yellow Dandies Return

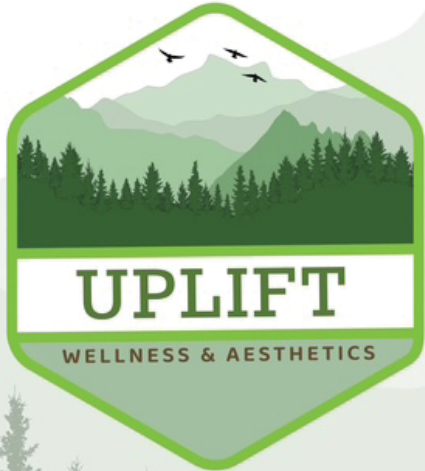
The Yellow Dandies are back for another eclectic romp at the Cowan Center for the Arts on Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. The opening act, local musicians McKamey & Clonce will start at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Best described as a commanding absurdist string band, the Yellow Dandies combine ace musicianship, distinctive humor, authentic old-time and bluegrass stylings, newfangled experimentation, and a manic energy which keeps audiences hooked, hooting, and hollering for more.

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Thursday, May 8: Cereal cup or meat biscuit.

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Monday, May 5: Beef dip-pers, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 6: Chicken biscuit, eggs, salsa, gravy, tater tots, veggie cup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 7: Chicken fried steak, gravy, potato smiles, roasted vegetables, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 8: Chicken fajita, tortilla shell, salsa, fajita trimmings, pinto beans, buttered corn, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 9: Calzone, steamed broccoli, French fries, cookie, fruit, milk.

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



From left to right: Ursula Knoll, Jerri White, Phil White, Scott Wilson, and Marilyn Phelps. Photo by Bruce McMillan

Community Clean-Up Wrap Up

On a damp, cloudy Saturday morning of late, 14 intrepid souls gathered to fan out all over the Domain to pick up trash on the roadsides during the umpteenth Annual Arthur Knoll Community Trash Pick-Up Day in Sewanee. Bags, grabbers, T-shirts, gloves, safety vests and tote bags were provided by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management Board, Commissioner Bruce McMillan, Chairman, and, as usual, a great assist came from the University's Physical Plant Department. At the end of the morning, coffee and pastries were provided by Jimmy and Sarah Wilson at the Blue Chair. Sallie Green of the University Lease Office also gave invaluable assistance to the work of the day.

Winner's of the Annual Outstanding Participation Award were Phil and Jerri White. Their names will be engraved on a plaque that hangs in duPont Library. The University Employee Participation Award went to Dr. Scott Wilson, University Provost. For lending grace, charm, and inspiration to the morning's efforts, another participation award was given to Marilyn Phelps. Finally, a Participation Award went to a very special lady, Amber Hercules, who drove up all the way from Deched to help us pick up trash on The Mountain.

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Tallman, Gamble, Leonard Pace Tigers on Final Day of SAA Championships

Sewanee's men's track and field placed fifth in the 2025 Southern Athletic Association Conference Championships.

Parker Tallman led the way individually, taking fourth in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:01.28 and earning a podium finish in the 800 meters, placing third in 1:54.71. Lane Gamble added a runner-up finish in the 400 meters, clocking 49.83 seconds.

In the sprints, Ethan Kline turned in a pair of strong finishes, placing fourth in both the 100 meters (11.00) and 200 meters (22.17).

The 4x100-meter relay team of Jenkins Darbney, Jacob Heilpern, Jimmy Holmes, and Brandon Christ placed sixth, while the 4x400-meter relay team of Holmes, Tallman, Gamble, and Kline finished fourth in 3:25.08.

In field events, Sam Leonard tied for third in the high jump, clearing 1.90 meters (6-2.75), matching Oglethorpe's Jaylon Taylor. In the throws, Brayden Owens finished 12th in the discus (33.05 meters / 108-5), and Lukus White placed 13th in the shot put (12.10 meters / 39-8.50).

Brandon Christ also finished 15th in the 800 meters, adding to the Tigers' team efforts.

The men's team placed fifth with 59.50 points.

SAS Names Lucy Rudman as New Head Swimming Coach

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is pleased to announce the appointment of Lucy Rudman as the new Head Coach of the SAS Swim Team. Lucy brings a deep passion for swimming, years of coaching experience, and a strong connection to the SAS community.

Lucy has served as an assistant coach with the SAS swim team for the past three seasons and has spent two years coaching as the pre-senior coach for the Sewanee Tigersharks summer league team. A lifelong competitive swimmer and four-year collegiate athlete, Lucy also brings over seven years of experience teaching swim lessons to individuals and groups of all levels — from beginners to advanced swimmers, including athletes with disabilities.

"I am deeply excited to take on the role of Head Coach for the team I've worked with and loved since 2022," said Rudman. "This group of athletes has done amazing work the past couple of years, and I am ready to help them reach their full potential, make a splash, and swim fast next year."

As we welcome Lucy into her new role, we also extend a heartfelt thanks to Marion Knoll who is stepping down after leading the program with dedication and enthusiasm. Her commitment to SAS swim has left a lasting impact and we are grateful for her leadership and spirit she brought to the team.

Women's Tennis Wins 12th SAA Championship

Sewanee women's tennis won its 12th Southern Athletic Association Conference Championship on April 26, in Little Rock, Ark., against Berry, 4-0.

The Tigers improved to 31-0 all-time in the SAA Championships, winning their 12th straight crown in which they participated. The program has posted a 102-0 overall record in conference matches and the league tournament since 2013. Sewanee did not drop a point in conference play this year, sweeping each opponent.

Mariella Congeni and Sarah Livingston quickly took the first match of the day at No. 3 doubles, with a 6-0 win over Lacey Craig and Sakura Manning. Ansley Carpenter and Brooke Despriet then clinched the doubles point for the Tigers just minutes later with another 6-0 win.

In singles, Congeni, Despriet, and Livingston made quick work at Nos. 2, 3, and 4 in the lineup to close out the championship.

Congenoni won a 37-minute match at No. 3, 6-0, 6-0, not dropping a game in the match. Despriet won at No. 4, 6-0, 6-0, and Livingston clinched the Championships for the Tigers with a 6-3, 6-3 win in just under an hour at No. 2.

Sewanee receives the automatic NCAA bid and will await the NCAA Championship show on Monday, May 5.

Men's Golf SAA Team Champs

Junior Elias Becker shot five-under par 67, claiming low medalist honors, while senior Pearse Lucas, junior Colin Edwards and freshman Niel Phillips all carded rounds of one-under, helping Sewanee claim its first-ever SAA Men's Golf Championship on April 27, at Greystone Golf Club in Dickson, Tenn.

The Tigers overcame a three-shot deficit over the last six holes thanks to six birdies and one bogey from Becker, Lucas and Phillips combined during the finishing stretch. Becker and Berry College's Jay Carr each posted five-under rounds of 67 on Sunday, the low rounds of the tournament.

Becker became the first Sewanee player to claim low medalist accolades in the SAA Championships as well and it marked the second SAA team title for the Tigers and first since 2021.

Becker collected six birdies and one bogey in the final round, carding four birdies and four pars over the first eight holes, which started on the back nine Sunday. The Mexico City, Mexico, native bogeyed No. 18 but then played the final nine holes in two-under with seven pars and birdies on Nos. 5-6, winning by four strokes over Carr and Oglethorpe University's Ryan Dunn.

Lucas started the day with a pair of bogeys but rebounded with five pars and birdies on holes 14 and 17 to make the turn. The Charlotte, N.C., native bogeyed holes one and three but birdied No. 2. He finished with birdies on seven and nine to shoot one-under 71 and tie for fourth with a 54-hole score of 211.

Edwards birdied his first two holes of the round, his only birdies of the day, and posted 15 pars. The Brookhaven, Ga., native bogeyed No. 16 and recorded 11 consecutive pars to end the day at one-under 71 for a three-day total of 213, tied for sixth.

Phillips shot even-par on his first nine holes with seven pars, one bogey and a birdie at No. 13. The New Orleans, La., native collected birdies on Nos. 5 and 8 with one bogey on the front nine for a one-under 71 and a 54-hole score of 217, tied for 12th.

Freshman Turner Chiles birdied No. 13 but then registered three straight bogeys on holes 15, 16 and 17. The Houston, Texas, native got the two strokes back with birdies at Nos. 2 and 4 but finished with bogeys on two of the last four holes for a two-over 74 and a three-day total of 213, tied for sixth.

Sophomore Logan Johnson shot one-over on the back nine with two bogeys and a birdie at No 17. The Dallas, Texas, native collected two more birdies (two and five) with two bogeys (three and seven) and a double bogey on No. 6 for a final-round three-over 75 for a 54-hole score of 226, tied for 27th.

Three Home Wins Bring SAS Soccer to 6-5-2

The SAS Varsity Boys' Soccer Team finished regular season play on April 24, with an impressive three-game winning streak that brought their season record to 6 wins, 5 losses, and 2 draws. SAS defeated Tyner Academy of Chattanooga 2-0 on April 21, with goals scored by freshmen Max Goodpaster and Samuel Briggs.

The Mountain Lions quickly turned around and defeated Soddy-Daisy High School 1-0 the following day with another goal by Goodpaster, and then capped off the week with a 5-2 victory over Sequatchie High School on April 24. Senior Ben Geuikian scored a brace against Sequatchie and junior Samuel Goodpaster added a goal on a penalty kick, while Max Goodpaster and Briggs rounded out the scoring with one goal each again. Freshman goalkeeper Konrad Knoll continued to be a commanding presence between the sticks, denying multiple goal-scoring opportunities.

SAS Middle School Tennis Update

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee Middle School tennis teams competed in a regional tournament on April 26. The tournament included Moore County Middle School, Westwood Middle School, Winchester Christian Academy, and Lincoln County Middle School.

Jaxon Rudder won his first round singles match against Lincoln County before falling to the eventual tournament champion from Westwood. Jackson Evans also won his first round singles match against Moore County but fell in the second round to Westwood. Denia Valencia was victorious against Winchester Christian Academy in round one before falling to another WCA player in round two. Eva Gheesling and Lucia Polansky teamed up for doubles and played a close match against Moore County but, ultimately, were unable to secure the win. After a slow start, Logan Close staged a comeback against his opponent from Moore County, but despite a strong effort, it was not enough. The Mountain Lions complete their regular season on May 2, with a contest at home against Westwood Middle School.

SAS Varsity Tennis Update

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity boys' tennis team garnered wins against Moore County and Boyd Buchanan on April 15 and 16, respectively. The SAS boys shut out Moore County 7-0 and topped district opponent Boyd Buchanan 6-1. The Boyd Buchanan match was highlighted by a sweep of the doubles matches, a pair of dominating singles wins by No. 1 Max Grubbe and No. 2 Elijah Stark, a gutsy tiebreaker win at No. 3 by Andrew Gallaway, and key win at No. 5 singles by freshman Martin Brodsky. In exhibition play, Henry Boyle and Gavin Smith came out on top at No. 4 doubles. In an exciting contest against Silverdale Baptist Academy on April 17, the Mountain Lions came up just short, dropping the match 3-4. With the match tied 1-1 after doubles, eighth grader Flynn Allen battled to a 9-7 (7-4) victory at No. 5 singles, allowing the SAS boys to take the lead. Dropping No. 3 and No. 4 singles, the SAS boys' team found themselves down 2-3 with Grubbe and Stark on the court. As the two matches finished almost simultaneously in powerful battles, Grubbe added the win 8-4 and Stark came up just short 6-8. In exhibition play, Gavin Smith won at No. 8 singles. The SAS boys' team is 7-3 on the season.

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity girls' team defeated Moore County 6-1. Against Boyd Buchanan, the girls' team put up a fight but was unable to secure the match, losing 3-4. Highlights included singles wins by Ketiah Inganji (No. 1), Vie Virkhaus (No. 2), and Ella Matthews (No. 5). In exhibition play, Catherine Barnett was victorious at No. 6 singles, and Sydney Brown and Briley Meador added a doubles win at No. 4. The Silverdale Baptist Academy team was too tough, and the girls' were unable to come away with any wins, losing 0-7. However, Barnett added another singles win at No. 6 in exhibition play. The SAS girls' team is 5-5 on the season.

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Tigers Advance to SAA Champs

Marlin Price scored five goals, while Sally Herrington and Brooke Sigmon added two each, as the Sewanee women's lacrosse team defeated Oglethorpe on April 27, in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) semifinals at Puett Field.

Sewanee's win sends them to the SAA Championships for the first time since 2022.

Price, the SAA Offensive Player of the Year, recorded a seven-point performance (five goals, two assists) for her sixth consecutive game with more than five points. She also contributed three ground balls, two draw controls, and a caused turnover. Herrington and Sigmon each collected five points with two goals and three assists apiece. Herrington added a ground ball and a caused turnover, while Sigmon picked up two draw controls and a ground ball.

Defensively, Izzo Palmer anchored the Tigers with three caused turnovers and three ground balls. Kennedy Harcourt, Ella Townsend, Clara Earley, and Malory Magee each forced two turnovers. Townsend led the team with five ground balls, while Palmer and Winnie Pajcic added three each.

In the midfield, Alex Kelly won eight draw controls and Sally Whitehead added three.

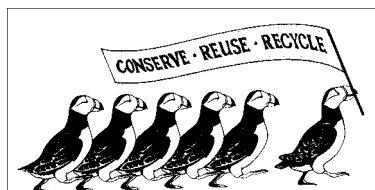
Oglethorpe struck first, capitalizing on a Sewanee turnover for an unassisted goal with 13:42 left in the first quarter. Sewanee responded quickly, with Herrington assisting Morgan Boylan to tie the game. Herrington set up another goal shortly after, finding Townsend for a man-up score. After a pair of Oglethorpe goals, including one off a free-position shot, Sewanee tied it 3-3 with just 12 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The Tigers opened the second quarter strong, scoring back-to-back goals within 45 seconds—first from Sofia Bean off a Sigmon assist, then from Herrington off a Price feed. After a caused turnover by Pajcic, Price scored again to give Sewanee a 6-3 lead. Oglethorpe responded, but Sewanee answered as Price cleaned up a rebound to extend the lead.

Despite a few Oglethorpe free-position goals, Sewanee built momentum. Bean found Finnley Connors for a diving goal, and Sigmon closed the half with back-to-back goals—first assisted by Erika Bolcar, then by Price on a man-up play—to send Sewanee into halftime with a commanding lead.

The Tigers continued to roll in the second half, opening with another man-up goal as Sigmon connected with Price. After an Oglethorpe score, Harcourt caused a turnover, scooped the ground ball, and tallied the Tigers' 13th goal. Herrington added a free-position goal before Oglethorpe closed the third quarter with a man-up goal at the buzzer.

Early in the fourth quarter, Kelly capitalized on another Oglethorpe foul with a free-position goal. Clara Earley then caused a turnover, recovered the ball, and assisted Bolcar for Sewanee's final goal of the day. Oglethorpe scored the last three goals, two off free-position shots, but the Tigers' lead was too much to overcome.



Sewanee Tigersharks Welcome Zolon Knoll as New Head Coach

The Sewanee Tigersharks are excited to welcome Zolon Knoll as the new head coach for the 2025 summer swim season. A lifelong member of the Tigershark family, this is Knoll's first time stepping into the Head Coaching position - a full-circle moment for the former swimmer who began with the team at just 5 years old.

"From Tigershark Rookie to Head Coach" perfectly captures Knoll's journey. By age 11, he was assisting Coach Nan Long with the Rookie group, and over the years he continued to mentor younger swimmers while competing himself. In 2023, Knoll was hired as lead assistant coach, working closely with the Junior, Pre-senior, and Senior swimmers.

Zolon graduated from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in 2021, where he was an honors student, Senior Proctor, and standout athlete. He set the school record in the 100-yard Individual Medley and was part of three record-setting relay teams. In 2020, he placed in the top 25 at the State Swim meet in both the 100 yard Butterfly and Freestyle.

After high school, he went on to swim at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. He'll graduate this May with a degree in International Studies and a minor in German.

"We're thrilled to have Zolon back with the Tigersharks," said Courtney Ramirez, Tigershark Board President. "He knows this team, this pool, and this community better than anyone. It's really special to see someone who grew up with the Tigersharks now stepping up to lead as our Head Coach. He's a great role model for our swimmers."

"Coming back to coach the team that shaped me means a lot," said Knoll. "The Tigersharks were such a big part of my childhood, and I'm excited to be able to continue to help the next generation of swimmers."

The Tigersharks 2025 coaching staff blends experience with fresh energy:

Coach Nan Long returns for her ninth year coaching Rookie 1. Known for her calm presence and steady encouragement, Long has decades of experience — from coaching with the Tullahoma Swim Club, Mountain Aquatic Club, and the Sewanee Aquatics to leading the SAS swim team where she was named Middle Tennessee High School Coach of the Year in 2013.

Coach Lucy Rudman will again coach the Presenior group. A graduate of the University of the South and current admissions counselor at SAS, Rudman brings both academic and athletic excellence to the pool. She was a swimmer for the Sewanee Varsity Swim Team, has been an assistant coach at SAS for three years, and is set to take over as Head Coach there in the 2025-26 school year.

Coach Will Turrell will make history as the youngest assistant coach in Tigershark history, leading the Rookie 2 group. A Tigershark since 2018, Turrell is currently a senior at McCallie School and has committed to attend Yale next year. He helped McCallie win the 2023, 2024, and 2025 TISCA state title and is active in a wide range of academic and service roles — including serving as a volunteer firefighter and leading the rocketry team at McCallie.

"With this exceptional coaching staff led by Knoll, we're looking forward to an outstanding season," said Ramirez.

Tigersharks Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2025 Sewanee Tigersharks season is now open at www.sewaneetigersharks.com.

The season will run from May 26 through July 13, with the Championship Meet on July 12 and the team party on July 13.

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Women's Track and Field at SAA Championships

Sewanee's women's track and field completed the final day of the 2025 Southern Athletic Association Conference Championships.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Abigail Armstrong, Page Wells, Rhodes, and Laney Kalsu led the way, securing a fourth-place finish with a time of 4:13.68. Sewanee's 4x100-meter relay team of Emory Rhodes, Arianna Shirak, Jocelyn Coveney, and Journey Morrison secured a fifth place finish with a time of 52.43 seconds.

In the 800 meters, Kalsu took sixth in 2:23.93, with Armstrong and Wells finishing 11th and 12th, respectively. Elizabeth Cook finished 11th in the 1500 meters with a time of 5:05.76, while Eleanor Graham placed 16th in the 5000 meters, clocking 20:23.54.

Jocelyn Coveney recorded a seventh-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles, posting a time of 1:13.54.

In the field events, Cydney Wright placed fifth in the shot put (12.06 meters / 39-6.75) and 12th in the discus (30.68 meters / 100-8), while Hannah Cleveland added a 12th-place finish in the shot put (10.23 meters / 33-6.75). Kamilla Haidaienko finished eighth in the discus (34.62 meters / 113-7) and 14th in the shot put (10.02 meters / 32-10.50).

Sewanee's women's team placed seventh overall with 23 points.

Men's Tennis Clinches 12th SAA Championship

Sewanee men's tennis won its 12th Southern Athletic Association Conference Championship on April 27, in Little Rock, Ark., against Oglethorpe, 4-0.

The Tigers moved to 31-0 all-time in SAA Championships, winning their 12th straight crown in which they participated. The program has posted a 101-1 overall record in conference matches and the league tourney since 2013.

Jordan Theron and Quinn Wicklund got the match started for the Tigers with a 6-1 win at No. 1 doubles. Oglethorpe won at No. 2 doubles, but Talman Ramsey and Gil Weston secured the doubles points for Sewanee with a 6-2 win at No. 3.

Ramsey made quick work in singles with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 5. Wicklund put the Tigers within one point with a win at No. 4, 6-1, 6-2. Andre-Remi Jakobi clinched the 2025 SAA Championships for Sewanee with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 2 in under an hour.

Sewanee receives the automatic NCAA bid and will await the NCAA Championship show on Monday, May 5.

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Birding Hike to Savage Falls—Savage Gulf State Park, Thursday, May 8, 8:30 a.m. CDT. Cost, \$5. <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>>. Join Ranger Jamie at the Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, as she observes migratory and year-round resident birds on an approximately 3-mile roundtrip hike to Savage Falls. Binoculars are not required but are highly recommended. The Park does not supply binoculars. Please bring plenty of water and wear adequate hiking shoes. Terrain of the hike is moderate and may approach near ledges, so care is needed. Weather dependent. Please pre-register.

National Trails Day Hike to Savage Falls—Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, June 7, 9:15 a.m. CDT. Cost, \$0 Ticket 1; \$10 Ticket 2 (Attendee + Donation \$10); \$20 Ticket 3 (Attendee + Donation \$20); \$10 Ticket 4 (Donation not Attending \$10); \$20 Ticket 5 (Donation not Attending \$20). <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/eventssavage-gulf>>. Join Ranger Spencer Baxter at the Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for an easy to moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike to Savage Falls in celebration of National Trails Day. This hike will take visitors from the East Entrance of Savage Gulf State Park and Natural Area to the beautiful Savage Falls along a 1.5 mile out-and-back trail. You'll see the scenic swinging bridges and serene forests of the park. Wear sturdy boots or shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, and bring food, water, and any additional essentials that you will need for this hike. The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

Nature Journaling Continues

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

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Smokies Wildflower Pilgrimage 2025

We were privileged to be part of the 75th Smokies Wildflower Pilgrimage last week. As beautiful as it is here in Sewanee, there is something special about being in the mountains. Driving up to Newfound Gap, we passed white drifts of Fringed Phacelia and Silverbells in bloom, followed by Shadbush at the higher elevations. The slopes were hazy with the long male catkins of birch. Along the streams, Fraser and Umbrella Magnolias were in bloom. Of course, everyone wants to see trilliums. Yellow Trillium and the white-flowered form of Stinking Benjamin were in good shape. Painted Trillium was faded at the elevations we saw but there was one good specimen. Other folks saw Catesby's Trillium, which occurs in our area too, at the northern end of its range. The lovely Showy Orchis was abundant in many spots. Creeping Phlox, Canada Cinquefoil, and Wild Geranium created lovely wildflower gardens. Along the roadsides, large patches of Solomon's Plume (aka False Solomon's Seal) all nodded downslope. I learned a new toothwort, Slender Toothwort, which I haven't seen on the Domain. There were large colonies of Wild Ginger in bloom as well as Sweet Shrub. Other high points were Puttyroot, Intermediate Wood Fern, Brook Lettuce, and Speckled Wood Lily (Cinton's Lily). Black-throated Green Warblers, Northern Parulas, and Ovenbirds were singing everywhere.

Closer to home, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are in town. And don't miss the Yellowwood in bloom in front of the Hospitality Shop! It doesn't bloom like that every year. It is rare and local in the wild in rich woods.



Snuggles



Medusa

Prepare Your Home for the Warmer Months Ahead

As we move deeper into spring and head toward summer, now's the perfect time to make sure your home is ready for the heat, humidity, and summer storms. A little attention now can help you stay comfortable, protect your investment, and even save energy costs.

Here are a few ways to get started:

Service your air conditioning system. If you haven't already, schedule a maintenance check with a qualified HVAC technician. Cleaning coils, changing filters, and checking refrigerant levels can help your system run more efficiently — keeping you cooler and lowering your power bills.

Seal doors and windows. Warm-weather energy leaks can be just as costly as cold-weather ones. Check seals and weatherstripping and caulk any gaps to keep the cool air in and the hot air out.

Prepare for summer storms. Make sure your gutters and downspouts are clear to handle heavy rain.

Tidy up the yard. With mowing season in full swing, it's a good time to edge walkways, mulch flower beds, and tackle any lingering spring landscaping. Healthy lawns and gardens also help with drainage and cooling around your home.

Taking a little time now to tackle these tasks can help you avoid headaches later — and give you more time to enjoy all the beauty and fun that a Tennessee summer brings.

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MARC's Mountain Adoptables

Meet Snuggles & Medusa

Snuggles is a very sweet boy. He is affectionate but not overly physical. Snuggles likes to lie in the crow's nest on the cat trees and watch what's going on from there. He is all black with a small white patch on his upper chest. Snuggles is around six months old and weighs about seven pounds. He gets along with the other cats in his foster home. Snuggles can't wait for find his forever home and family. Come meet Snuggles and see what you think.

Medusa is a precious young girl. Her mom is a small to medium size black German Shepherd Dog and her dad is a large black Great Dane. Medusa is smaller like her mom but Medusa has short hair. She is around seven months old and weighs about 41 pounds. She is black with a white black speckled patch on her chest. Medusa is a bit shy with new people but once she knows she can trust them she warms up. She is house trained, crate trained, gets along with four other very large dogs in her foster home and got along fine with their cat who recently died of old age. Medusa does well with teens and a boy of six years. Come meet Medusa and take her out for the day or the week end and see if she might be the girl for whom you have been looking.

If you would like to learn more about Snuggles and Medusa, please fill out an Adoption Application found on the website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives.

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NOTICE: There will be a workshop of the Monteagle City Council on May 12, 2025 at 4 p.m., in the Conference Room at City Hall.

NOTICE: There will be a Public Hearing on May 19, 2025 on Ordinance 04-25 Small Box Discount Stores and Ordinance 05-25 Zoning Change from R-3 to C-2 at 4:45 p.m., in the Conference Room at City Hall.

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

May 1 - International Workers Day

Who built Thebes of the 7 gates?
In the books you will read the names of kings.
Did the kings haul up the lumps of rock?

And Babylon, many times demolished,
Who raised it up so many times?

In what houses of gold glittering Lima did its builders live?
Where, the evening that the Great Wall of China was finished,
did the masons go?

Great Rome is full of triumphal arches.
Who erected them?

Over whom did the Caesars triumph?
Had Byzantium, much praised in song, only palaces for its inhabitants?

Even in fabled Atlantis, the night that the ocean engulfed it,
The drowning still cried out for their slaves.

The young Alexander conquered India.
Was he alone?

Caesar defeated the Gauls.
Did he not even have a cook with him?

Philip of Spain wept when his armada went down.
Was he the only one to weep?

Frederick the 2nd won the 7 Years War.
Who else won it?

Every page a victory.
Who cooked the feast for the victors?

Every 10 years a great man.
Who paid the bill?

So many reports.

So many questions.

--Bertolt Brecht, *Questions from a Worker Who Reads*

Community Calendar

Friday, May 2

Final examinations, College, through May 8

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 7 p.m. Performance, The Yellow Dandies; Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St.; opening act, McKamey & Clonce, at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. "Clue: On Stage," McCrory Hall, SAS; tickets at <<https://sasweb.finalsite.com/fs/form-manager/view/f9dad235-0a9d-4a23-b864-7cb6a928e4fb>>

Saturday, May 3

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Yoga Flex, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 11:30 a.m.
- 2 p.m. "Clue, on Stage," McCrory Hall, SAS
- 7:30 p.m. "Clue, on Stage," McCrory Hall, SAS

Sunday, May 4 • CAC Pantry Sunday

- 2 p.m. Community Celebration/public art event, "The Air We Breathe is Not Invisible," meet at St. Mark's Community Center, 481 Alabama Ave., until 6 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m. noon SWC luncheon reservation deadline, <reservations.swc@gmail.com>
- 2 p.m. "Clue, on Stage," McCrory Hall, SAS
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, May 5 • Cinco de Mayo

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle City Council workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.
- 6 p.m. Sewanee Civic Association, Kennerly Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul

Tuesday, May 6

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

- 9 a.m. Mixed Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7

- 9 a.m. Qi Gong, High Vibes, Country Mart, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot Gallery, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 5 p.m. Mobility, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Bill Harper & Friends, "Coast to Coast Trek in Costa Rica," St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Movement to Music, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 5 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Vinyasa Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.

Friday, May 9

University Graduation Weekend

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, MMUMC

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

7 p.m., NA, Dechard United Methodist

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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