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SAS Honors Day recipients.

## SAS Seniors Honored During Commencement Weekend

During its May 16 honors day celebration, SAS passed on its annual major awards to members of the Class of 2026.

This year's Class of 2026 honorees are, pictured left to right: Lilly Crigger, Best Female Athlete; Keziah Ingeli, Boarding Student Award; Annika Stefanut and Caroline Neubauer, co-recipients of The SMA Memorial Merit Award; Amelia Pond, Day Student Award; Kiran Malde, Head of School's Award; Briley Meador, The Lulu Hampton Owen Service Award; Korbin Helton and Micah Moody, co-recipients of The Betty Guyeur Condra Perseverance Award. Moody also received the Best Male Athlete Award.

In addition to these special honors for graduates, students were recognized for outstanding contributions and achievements in each academic department, in performing and visual arts, and for regional and state athletic accomplishments.



Sewanee Elementary Students of the month for April: Kindergarten, Lilith Terral; first grade, Flora Christopher; second grade, G.S.; third grade, Joseph Oliver; fourth grade, Violet Stefanut; fifth grade, Amelie Watson.

## Monteagle: Water-Sewer Budget Worries

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"You're probably going to be looking at another mandated rate increase to satisfy the state law," Alderman Dean Lay warned residents at the May 26 Monteagle Council meeting commenting on the harsh reality of the town's water-sewer budget for 2026-2027. "You can't have two consecutive years of a loss without a mandated rate adjustment." The Enterprise Fund budget for water and sewer showed a \$40,000-\$50,000 loss in 2025-2026. The town's accountant initially projected a \$600,000 deficit for 2026-2027. By law, the Enterprise Fund and General Fund must maintain separate accounts. After lengthy discussion, the council approved both budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

"The two biggest [expense] items in the Enterprise Fund are depreciation and interest," explained Mayor Greg Maloof.

Interest expense results from borrowing money to repair or replace infrastructure or to fund projects required by the Tennessee Department of Environment of Conservation, Maloof said. Mon-

teagle's water plant is 50 years old. The sewer plant is 15 years old.

Depreciation refers to an asset's decrease in value overtime. To provide for replacing assets, the state has begun strictly enforcing a rule requiring water-sewer utilities to fund depreciation, meaning the utility must set aside money to replace an asset based on its current depreciated value.

The 2026-2027 Enterprise Fund budget calls for setting aside \$125,000 for replacing water plant assets and \$375,000 for replacing sewer plant assets. An outside consultant recommended a 32 percent rate increase to balance the budget.

"We're not suggesting a 30 percent rate increase," stressed Alderman Grant Fletcher. "We're working other ways to reduce capitalized projects to avoid that kind of increase and also to avoid having the state come in and dictate rates."

As proposed at the April meeting, deferring water-sewer related projects can help avoid a loss, albeit perhaps temporarily, by deferring capital expense and deferring the

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## SUD Fields Another Grinder Pump Fee Complaint

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"A deal is a deal," Sewanee Utility District customer Marvin Pate insisted at the May 19 SUD Board of Commissioners meeting. Pate objected to the \$8 monthly grinder pump fee SUD began levying on grinder pump customers in January of 2025 to offset the high cost of maintaining and replacing the pumps. SUD manager Ben Beavers said the cost of the pumps had doubled. SUD spent \$35,000 on grinder pumps in 2024 when the utility initiated the fee, and Beavers anticipates the cost this year to be \$60,000-\$100,000. Since the fee was imposed, SUD customer Ron Summers appeared twice before the board objecting. As did Summers, Pate maintained in 2000 when he paid to have the pump installed, he was told by then SUD manager Kevin Gilliam SUD would assume ownership of the pump, as well as all related expenses going forward.

"I don't doubt either one of you," said SUD Board President Charlie Smith. Beavers concurred, "I don't doubt you were told that."

Pate offered additional historical context to the discussion. In 2000, when Pate built a home on Hat Rock Road, University rules required he connect to public sewer, a policy implemented by Tom

Kepple, former Vice President for Business and Community Relations. I.e., no more septic tank sewage treatment systems on the Domain. Connecting to public sewer was mandatory for all new construction, and for existing homes, connecting to public sewer was mandatory if the property changed hands. When gravity flow was insufficient to move sewage through the lines, customers were required to pay for the purchase and installation of a grinder pump to facilitate the flow.

In response to questions by the Messenger, Beavers offered further insight on background. According to Beavers, even before the University required all Domain residents to connect to public sewer, sewer customers had to purchase and pay for installation of a pump when a pump was needed. Cost for maintenance fell to the customer, but local contractors were reluctant to service the pumps. When the pumps failed and sewage spills occurred, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation stepped in and held SUD accountable as the local water-sewer authority. SUD began servicing the pumps even before the requirement to connect

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## Sewanee: Expect Traffic Calming, Dog Park Upgrades

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the May 18 meeting, the Sewanee Community Council revisited two issues raised in March and made plans to take action on both fronts: traffic calming measures to curtail excessive speeding and upgrades to the dog park to address muddy areas and the need for more shade. The council also appointed a representative to serve on the Lease Committee and an election officer to help coordinate the November council member election.

Provost Scott Wilson cited a long list of areas with chronic excessive speeding identified by the Traffic Committee: Willie Six Road, the Fowler Center crossing area, Florida Avenue, Lost Cove Road, Breakfield Road, Bob Stewman Road, and University Avenue, especially at the main entrance to campus. Wilson cautioned regulations related to topography such as elevation changes and curves could prevent installing speed humps on some streets. He proposed purchasing two additional sets of speed humps, six speed limit signs, and a flashing sign alerting motorists of their speed, cost \$9,000. Wilson said if the council Project Funding program contributed \$4,500, the University would match the amount. Council member Michael Payne suggested lowering the speed limit to 15 mph in some places. "That would need to be negotiated with the police," Wilson said. "There are a lot of places where people don't even know what the speed limit is." The council approved the \$4,500 allocation for the measures Wilson recommended.

Raising a related concern, coun-

cil member Katie Gohn called attention to the speed limit on Highway 41A increasing to 55 mph at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. In addition to the school entrance, Gohn cited residential roads entering the highway and excessive truck traffic posing safety risks. Council member Phil White observed the speed limit was 45 mph from Cowan to Winchester, but the Tennessee Department of Transportation rejected a previous effort to lower the speed limit to 45 mph between Sewanee and Monteagle. Superintendent of Leases Sallie Green will research the procedure for changing the speed limit on a state highway.

Resident Andrew Cowan who in March argued for upgrades at the Phil White Dog Park, presented a list of specifics: pavement in a heavily trafficked area prone to getting muddy, benches, and a few shade trees. Currently there was only one tree, a persimmon, Cowan said. A climbing vine overtaking the fence also needed addressed. Cowan

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## Trend Setting Grundy County Data Center Moratorium

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"As you know, rural Tennessee has been invaded by various things," said Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady addressing the Grundy County Commission on May 18, calling for a moratorium banning high-impact data processing facilities. "We have not had any data mining or anything of that nature, but doing our due diligence, I feel this is something we need to do." The commission voted unanimously to approve the Data Mining Moratorium resolution Brady introduced, distinguishing Grundy County as only one of two counties in the state to call for a temporary moratorium on high impact data processing facilities. Metropolitan Lynchburg in Moore County enacted a moratorium in April. A Hawkins County resolution calls for a permanent ban, but the county faces a lawsuit challenging the resolution.

The Grundy County resolution reads: "A temporary moratorium is hereby imposed for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Resolution on the establishment, construction, erection, alteration or expansion of any data center, cryptocurrency mining facility or other high-impact data processing facility in Grundy County."

"This moratorium is a temporary halt on any action or detrimental thing impacting water usage and things of that nature," Brady said.

Expanding on the meaning of "high-impact data processing facility," Brady cited the following characteristics: "extremely high energy consumption and strain on existing utility infrastructure; significant noise generation from cooling systems and backup generators affecting adjacent residential areas and general quality of life; substantial water usage for cooling purposes; potential environmental impacts, including hazardous material storage and electronic waste disposal; and land use compatibility concerns, particularly in rural or agriculturally zoned districts."

Artificial Intelligence, especially generative AI, largely drives the demand for high-impact data centers. The financial institution Goldman Sachs projects AI workloads will make up 28 percent of the global data center market by 2027, up

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## Letters

### SES 100th Celebration

#### Dear Sewanee Community:

On May 8, the students and staff of Sewanee Elementary School gathered to celebrate a century of providing enriching education to the children of our mountain. We were deeply humbled by the 300 guests who joined us to hear our students share the history of this special place.

Thank you for celebrating with us. It warmed our hearts to see families and friends reunite, laugh, and reminisce while viewing scanned copies of old yearbooks and reconnecting with familiar faces. We were especially honored by the presence of the families of Ann Watkins, Mike Maxon, Kim Tucker, and Allison Dietz. These principals provided the leadership that ensured the mission of Sewanee Elementary — to educate the whole child — remained at the forefront of every school activity. Their tireless dedication transformed our school into a beacon of excellence, instilling in every student a desire to learn, a respect for self and others, and a heart for community service.

We remain forever indebted to the Sewanee Civic Association (formerly Sewanee Civitan Club). Their vision 104 years ago — realized through both physical labor and financial generosity — created a school built by the community for the community. Sewanee Elementary extends its deepest gratitude for the enduring love and support we receive from this village.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the July 4 parade!  
With deep gratitude,

*Kathryn Bruce on behalf of everyone at Sewanee Elementary School*

### SMA MARCH

#### To the Editor:

This Sunday, May 31, the historical annual parade of the Sewanee Military Academy (SMA) alumni will process from the old SMA campus, up Tennessee Avenue to University Avenue and ending at the front steps of the University Chapel. They will be accompanied by the Chattanooga Scottish Bagpipe Band and led by Battalion Commander Peter Rucker "P.R." Walter (C'63). The parade will begin at 9 a.m.

This parade memorializes the full dress uniform weekly parade of the SMA Cadets as they marched to church each Sunday. The SMA weekly parade is vividly described by author Ely Green as the pinnacle of life in Sewanee in the early 1900's. He loved to march with the cadets as a little boy growing up in Sewanee.

I have watched this annual Sunday morning spectacle for the last few years, always disappointed at the sparse turnout of Sewanee denizens. At one time not so long ago, everyone in Sewanee would line the streets and join the Cadets for church. This Sunday, please come out and honor one of the last remnants of Sewanee/SMA history and enjoy the bagpipes, pomp, and circumstance.

Sincerely,

*Tom Phelps, C'74*

## Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop is located at 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The donation bins are on the side of the new Shop. We ask that all donations are in good resale condition and come bagged or boxed when placed in the bins.

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## Summary of the March and April 2026 Lease Committee Meetings

In March, the following items were approved: February minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 1039, located at 111 Reed's Lane, to Natalie and Steven Kurt Rapp; request to transfer Lease No. 950, located at 139 Florida Avenue, to Savage Gulf, LLC; request to transfer Lease No. 752, located at 264 Ball Park Road, to Alexander Nelson and Ross Greenwood; request to install a fence and front porch railings at Lease No. 1093, located at 103 Ely's Lane; request to install fence at Lease No. 587, located at 226 Lake O'Donnell Road; request for updates to the front and new shutters for Lease No. 723, located at 135 Maple Street; request to install an accessibility ramp at Lease No. 1045, located at 351 Green's View Road; request to replace roof at Lease No. 588, located at 412 Lake O'Donnell Road.

In April, the following items were approved: March minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 1070, located at 337 Alabama Avenue, to Will and Laura Beth Merrell; request to transfer Lease No. 1016, located at 39 John Allin Drive, to Mary Smalley and Brian Scales; request to transfer Lease No. 1010, located at 63 Girault Jones Drive, to Nicolas V. DiBernardo and Jalee W. DiBernardo; Backup contract approved to transfer Lease No. 1010, located at 63 Girault Jones Drive, to Amy and Joseph Freitag; request to repaint the exterior of Lease No. 710, located at 41 Fairbanks Circle.

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.

### Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Shirley M. Lawson at <slawson@sewanee.edu>.

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# Upcoming Meetings

## Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will have workshop meetings at 5 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall. Workshops in June will be June 1, June 8, June 15, and June 22.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, in the conference room at City Hall.

## Sewanee Fourth of July

The next planning meeting is at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, via Zoom. Volunteers are needed for the children's games. If community members don't volunteer, we can't offer this event. To volunteer please email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>.

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

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## Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, June 4, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

## Meet and Greets for Mayoral Candidate

Daniel Carter is running for Marion County Mayor. At these upcoming meet and greets, you can meet Daniel, ask him your questions, and hear more about his vision for Marion County. Everyone is invited to attend.

Friday, June 5, 5-7 p.m., at Hannah-Pickett Park Pavilion, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle.

Saturday, June 6, noon to 2 p.m., at Chimneys State Natural Area, Chimney Park Rd., Whitwell.

Thursday, June 11, 5-7 p.m., at Pot Point Cabin, 17805 River Canyon Rd., Chattanooga.

Saturday, June 13, noon to 2 p.m., at Kara Farms, 1235 Stagecoach Rd., Sewanee.

Monday, June 15, 5-7 p.m., at Western Sizzlin' (Colorado Room), 1130 Hwy. 28, Jasper.

Friday, June 19, 6-8 p.m., at New Hope Park (by Fire Hall), 2610 Hwy. 156, New Hope.

Saturday, June 20, 4-6 p.m., at Whitwell Park Pavilion (by Concession Stand), 15201 Hwy 28, Whitwell.

Thursday, July 2, 6-9 p.m., at Whiskey Throttle, 6900 US-41, Jasper.

Saturday, July 11, noon to 3 p.m., at Hewgley Pavilion, 1386 Sweetons Cove Rd., South Pittsburg.

## Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, June 8, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

## Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 15 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 Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

# 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-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 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.

The Fresh Mess Farmers' Market is getting ready for the upcoming season, beginning June 4, 2026. The market takes place every Thursday afternoon from 3-6 p.m., at Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle. Stop in to buy, sell, or barter fresh produce, crafts, clothing, jams, candles, boutique goods, flowers, and other creative products from local artisans. Watch <facebook.com/groups/freshmess> for information on weekly vendors and rainy day calls. Call or text Rhonda at (931) 273-0606 if you are interested in becoming a vendor.



# Pre-Order Sewanee Fourth of July T-shirts

The Sewanee Fourth of July Committee is now accepting pre-orders for the G.O.A.T Show T-shirts. There are two color options, red or grey. Onesies and toddler sizes cost \$10 each. Youth sizes cost \$15 each. Adult sizes S-2XL cost \$20 each. Adult sizes 3XL-5XL cost \$25 each.

Deadline to order is June 15. Pick up will be at the Sewanee July 3rd Street Dance, Angel Park, from 5-7 p.m. Orders are payable by Venmo: @Sewanee-FourthCommittee, or by check payable to Sewanee 4th of July, 138 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375. Questions? Text Dylan McClure at (931) 636-5711 or email <jdmccclure323@gmail.com>. There is a Google Order form at <https://forms.gle/4FiZ1fE9QPQ2qiad7>.

# Touch-a-Truck at St. James Midway Community Park

St. James Midway Community Park is hosting a Touch-a-Truck event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 6. Hot dogs, chips and more will be for sale. Come to this family friendly event and stay for a big surprise! The event gives children of all ages the opportunity to see, touch, and climb aboard different types of vehicles from throughout the area. Children can also learn about the jobs associated with each type of vehicle and talk to those who drive them and operate the machinery.

St. James Midway Community Park is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee.



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## Church News

### All Saints' Chapel

There will still be two services on Sunday, at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., through Sunday, July 19.

### Christ Church Monteagle

Trinity Sunday is not the conclusion of the liturgical year. That comes either on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, or on the Sunday next before Advent, or in a resetting of one of The Feasts of Christ the King. However, perhaps the greatest gift Anglicans have given to the larger Church are the hymns written for Trinity Sunday and Trinity season.

The color for Trinity is green. This seems to have been a fact for about a thousand years. Whatever we call this summer season, green seems to fit the months ahead. We associate "I bind into myself today" with St. Patrick's Day, but the words also lend themselves to Trinity Sunday.

You are invited to celebrate with us. Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. We serve lunch at noon.

### Morton Memorial UMC

"Creation: Story One" will be the sermon from Rev. Melisa Derseweh on Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026 at Morton Memorial UMC. We will listen to the Gospel lesson from Matthew 28:16-20 and the Old Testament lesson from Genesis 1:1-2:4a.

Children are welcome at Morton! Pastor Melisa will have a children's time during worship. Our All God's Children time will involve a story about butterflies, following up from the previous Sunday involving Butterfly Release

at various locations as the weather had allowed. Following this portion of worship, children will leave for time together in activities.

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

### 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.

### 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.

## Obituaries

### Lina Faye Fitzpatrick Lewis

Lina Faye Fitzpatrick Lewis, age 84 of Winchester, died on May 17, 2026. She was born on April 1, 1942, in Franklin County, to Elsie Brannon Fitzpatrick and Benny Fitzpatrick Sr. She was a member of Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, serving in many capacities over the years. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Delores Fitzpatrick; siblings James Taylor, Robert Taylor, Benny Fitzpatrick Jr. William Fitzpatrick, Carlton Fitzpatrick, Lionel Fitzpatrick, Jennie Mae Petty, Pauline Taylor, and Linda Fay Fitzpatrick; and two granddaughters.

She is survived by sister Dorothy Taylor; sister-in-law Vickie Fitzpatrick; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Shelia Gray, Vicki Hardin, Dellcencia Ligon, Marie Mosley, and Sherry Robinson.

Funeral Services were on May 23, 2026 from the Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. Interment followed in Watson Memorial Park. For complete obituary go to <[www.watsonfhtn.com](http://www.watsonfhtn.com)>.

### Lonnie Cecil Stevens

Lonnie Cecil Stevens, age 79 of Winchester, died on May 15, 2026. He was born on Aug. 31, 1946, in the Anderson Community of Franklin County, to Tommie and Annie Pearl Wells Stevens. He retired after 36 years with CXS railroad as a conductor. He was a believer in Christ who found peace being outdoors. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Oscar and Melinda Wells; and siblings Jackie Stevens and Leon Stevens.

He is survived by his children, Dianna Cox, Sherry Stevens, LaBrone Stevens and Teresa Stevens; mother of children, Mary Lou Stevens; siblings Johnny (Sandy) Stevens, Jimmy Stevens, Susie (Billy Jack) Johnson, and Janice Lappin; sister-in-law, Carolyn Stevens; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, extended family, caregiver, Rachel Archer, nurse and caregiver, Loma Daniel Oakley.

Funeral Services were on May 19, 2026, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens with family serving as pallbearers. For complete obituary go to <[www.moorecortner.com](http://www.moorecortner.com)>.



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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.

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](mailto:hbwchurch@gmail.com)> for details.

Join us from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, for a celebration with our fellow Episcopalians on and around the mountain. Watch for more details.

## 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, 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

10:30 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

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

### New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

### New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

### Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

### St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

### St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

### St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

### St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

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

**SUD (from page 1)**

to public sewer came into play. Neither Pate or Summers have anything in writing to support their claim. Likewise, there is no documentation in SUD records.

"If the board agreed, there would have been evidence," said Commissioner Donnie McBee.

"Just because it's not in writing, that doesn't make it not a deal in Sewanee," Pate said. "It's the small-town Southern way of doing things." Pate pointed out when he assumed the role Director of Physical Plant Services at the University in the 1990s, there was no purchase order system.

Summers said three or four years ago his pump failed and SUD replaced it. "I never got a bill. Why did I get a pump at no cost if that wasn't the policy?" Summers asked.

Pate argued since SUD assumed ownership of the pumps, the pumps were part of overall SUD infrastructure and all costs related to them should be spread among all customers, as was the case with other infrastructure costs.

Smith noted SUD was currently conducting a rate study. "The rate study may change the way we approach charges for services."

SUD has 700 sewer customers, 200 with grinder pumps. Spreading the cost among all SUD sewer customers would result in each having a \$3 monthly fee. No one on the SUD board has a sewer connection requiring a grinder pump.

"I'm torn," conceded SUD Commissioner Amanda Bailey. "A deal is a deal. But I don't want to pay."

In other business the board approved water service to the 14-lot Oaks residential development in Deep Woods. The developer will pay for all costs related to the line extension, and after one year, SUD will assume ownership. All lots will be charged a \$5 monthly dry tap fee until water service and regular billing begins.

Smith observed potential customers further down Deep Woods Road might want to pay for extending the service line further. McBee said 14 people wanted taps. "The line is about 40 percent of the way there," Beavers said.

The board also approved extending the contract with LTS Construction from May 1 to Aug. 7 to allow LTS to continue sewer rehabilitation work. Beavers applied for and received permission to redirect unused American Rescue Plan Act funds from the Lead and Copper Survey to the Sewer Rehabilitation project.

Accountant Buddy Petty, principal for the firm RateStudies, has resumed work on the SUD rate study. Petty paused working on the study to allow the auditor to determine if figures logged in the wrong categories by the software required a correction to the audit. All totals were accurate. The auditor said updating the audit was not necessary. Beavers will supply Petty with data showing corrected category entries.

Updating the board on drought concerns, Beavers said March rainfall was 3.36 inches, 1.5-2 inches below normal. "We usually get a good 5 inches. Ten inches for the year is also low. It's been dry," Beavers acknowledged. "We're rated abnormally dry, and we're surrounded by exceptionally dry, verging on official drought. Unfortunately, I expect it's not going to get a whole lot better. We're preparing for that, making sure all meters are working. We only have two small leaks we know of." Regional water utility managers will begin meeting weekly to assess conditions.

**Community Council (continued from page 1)**

referred to the Dog Park as a "beloved amenity. It's wonderful already." Cowan has received verbal commitments to help with the cost of the proposed upgrades, estimate \$18,000.

Green said the \$11,000 in the Park's Budget was likely an inadequate source of funding, since the allocation was for all the Sewanee parks and other parks had maintenance needs, as well. Green suggested the Project Funding program as a possible funding mechanism, with up to \$10,000 available annually. "Based on conversations with people around the Domain, I don't anticipate needing that," Cowan said.

Wilson said University Farm Manager Carolyn Hoagland reported good results with goats eating the vines on University Farm pasture fences. Hoagland said the goats could be brought to the dog park at specific times set aside for that purpose.

Council member Kevin Cummings volunteered to serve as the council representative on the Lease Committee. Katie Gohn will serve as the election officer for November 2026 council member election.

Council representative Ed Hawkins brought up the need for a ramp to make the Community Center accessible to people in wheelchairs, since council meetings take place there. Wilson said the council was considering meeting at St. Mark's Community Center next year and that building had a ramp.

**Monteagle (continued from page 1)**

related capital depreciation. There will be a small rate increase July 1 (3-5 percent) in keeping with recommendations from a rate study conducted in 2023.

Lay argued for finding a way to help people on a limited income deal with rate increases. He proposed offering customers a water-audit to educate them about how to reduce water use. The council will look at options during a workshop.

Lay also pointed to \$60,000-\$65,000 loss in revenue resulting from the rest area on I-24 being closed for over a year due to a water leak. "That's 10 percent of the [projected] loss," Lay observed. Maloof spoke with a state official about the delay in addressing the rest area problem and learned a statewide study of all interstate rest areas was underway. The police department confirmed the interstate accident rate had increased since the rest area was closed. Fletcher suggested advising state officials of safety concerns might speed up the repair process.

General Fund budget revenue comes primarily from sales tax, as well as hotel-motel tax and building permits. The General Fund budget calls for 5 percent wage increase for hourly employees and a 3.5 percent wage increase for salaried employees.

In other business, the council approved an ordinance enabling Codes Enforcement officer Travis Lawyer to serve as a special police officer. Lawyer requested the designation explaining, "It allows me as a building inspector to be able to serve municipal papers, put them in court, and offer testimony."

The council also approved the revised concept design for an Imagine Monteagle project which combined a proposed information kiosk and a proposed sculpture, with the sculpture as the center focal point of the kiosk patio in the combined design. Fletcher, who heads up the Imagine Monteagle initiative, anticipates grant funding for both the kiosk and sculpture. For the project to move forward, the town's engineer must approve

the sculpture location. The council approved \$1,500 for engineering costs.

Reporting on Fire Department operations, Lawyer, who also serves as Fire Chief, said the first-responder EMS program initiated by the Fire Department made 20 calls last month, with a response time of 30 minutes. The program costs an average of \$12.80 per call.

Updating the council on the Fire Recovery program adopted in 2024, Lawyer said the town has realized \$26,269 from insurance claims. A third-party organization makes insurance claims on the department's behalf. The department averages 20 interstate calls per month dealing with big trucks. Lawyer only turns in monetary recovery claims for commercial vehicle accidents, not for accidents involving private individuals.

During the Mayor's Comments portion of the meeting, Maloof designated Alderman Nate Wilson to serve on the Planning Commission in his stead. He also urged residents to stop putting plastic bags in the plastic recycling bin at the Convenience Center. The bin is only for plastic containers with recycling codes one or two. Franklin County which provides the service may remove the bin if the practice continues.

The Beautification and Tree Board anticipates the Fire Hall mural will be completed by the end of summer, said committee chair Martha Ann Pilcher. Pilcher urged organizations and groups to have a float in the July 4 parade celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

In response to a request from Linda Brookhart, the town's representative on the Chamber of Commerce, the council approved \$1,455 for the purchase of three banners advertising the Monteagle Mountain Market, with the cost charged against the Imagine Monteagle fund. Addressing an earlier controversy, Brookhart said the event will continue to be called the Monteagle Mountain Market, not the Mountain Market as was proposed.

**Grundy County (continued from page 1)**

from 13 percent in 2025, doubling in two years.

Asked why Grundy County did not ban high-impact data centers permanently, Brady said, "We stretch into the legal limits, but it [a moratorium] can be renewed."

Introducing the resolution, Brady made reference to Grundy County's effort to regulate sand and rock quarries with the County Powers Act. Facing a legal challenge, Grundy County prevailed in Chancery Court and Appellate Court, but the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled against the county. "We were well within our rights. The ruling came back from the supreme court describing limits. State law does [however] give us the ability to have a moratorium. It's for a two-year period, May 18, 2026, to May 18, 2028. We can renew the moratorium on that date."

At the state level, several bills before the General Assembly require electric and water utilities that supply service to data centers to report usage and rates to the Tennessee Public Utilities Commission. Far more aggressive legislation under consideration (HB 1827 and SB 2053) "requires the appropriate local legislative body to approve the location for ... a quarry or digital asset mining facility being located in a city or county." Significantly, the house version of the bill was introduced by Rep. Gary

Hicks, former Hawkins County commissioner who represents portions of Hawkins County — the county whose permanent ban of high-impact data centers is being challenged in federal court by the nonprofit Beacon Center on behalf of Exotic Ridge Crypto Company which planned to build a facility in Hawkins County. Hicks introduced the bill on Jan. 21, 2026. The bill applies to any proposed quarry or digital asset mining facility that will be constructed on or after July 1, 2026. The bill has been placed on the House calendar four times and the Senate calendar seven times but has yet come to the floor for a vote in either chamber. Beacon Center filed the federal lawsuit against Hawkins County March 31, 2026. For Hawkins County it is a wait-and-see game. It remains to be determined if the county ban will hold up in court and if the local-approval bill will be voted into law.

The Grundy County resolution stipulates: "This moratorium shall apply to all unincorporated areas of Grundy County." Brady cautioned, "It [the moratorium resolution] has no authority inside the city limits of Altamont, Palmer, Tracy, and Monteagle. If you know people in those cities, you might encourage them to pass a moratorium on the same grounds." Brady can supply interested city officials with language for a resolution.

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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, June 1:** Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli+cheese, roll.

**Tuesday, June 2:** Ham, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, roll.

**Wednesday, June 3:** Pizza tortellini casserole, salad, garlic bread.

**Thursday, June 4:** BLT soup, toasted cheese sandwich.

**Friday, June 5:** Pork cutlets, scalloped potatoes, veggie blend, roll. Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

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

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.

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## University Apartment Construction Update

Earlier this year, clearing and timbering took place on the site designated for the new University apartment community in downtown Sewanee. During the first week of June, site work is scheduled to resume in preparation for building construction.

A prominent feature of the University's April 2022 Urban Land Institute study, as well as numerous studies conducted in the past decade, was the recommendation to increase population density in Sewanee, and in particular, in Sewanee Village. While new single family home initiatives remain an important pursuit, renting an apartment remains a preference for a number of employees and seminary students. Creating additional housing options on the Domain will also aid in recruiting, hiring, and retaining both faculty and staff.

Features of the apartment project include:

Forty-eight total apartments constructed in two, three-story buildings  
Arlington Construction out of Birmingham as project lead

A single entrance to the apartment community on Highway 41A

The Heritage Trail is extended south from its current termination point at the St. Mark's Community center to the sidewalk at 41A adjacent to the new apartment buildings

Construction to be completed in September 2027

Additional details about the project can be found online at the University's website <<https://new.sewanee.edu/offices/university-offices/economic-development/sewanee-village-ventures/apartments-project/>>.

## LIFT Grundy Transportation Summits in June

On Tuesday, June 9 from 5-6:30 p.m., in Coalmont and Tuesday, June 16, from 5-6:30 p.m., in Altamont, community members have the opportunity to shape transportation services on the South Cumberland Plateau by attending a transportation summit at the community center in each of those towns.

The events are free and a meal is provided. To sign up, visit <[LIFT-Grundy.org](https://lft-grundy.org)>, call (931) 315-1100, or click on this link: <<https://sccfforms.wufoo.com/forms/transportation-summit/>>.

“The transportation summit is really a community conversation about transportation,” noted Ethan Sherrer, LIFT Grundy's Rideshare Coordinator, on GCTV's “Morning on the Mountain,” on Tuesday. “We want as many people as possible to know the services we can provide and also help us shape the future of transportation by telling us what else we should be doing.”

LIFT Grundy is a project of South Cumberland Community Fund and five community partner organizations, which is providing transportation solutions related to improving the health of people on the Plateau. The project is funded through a grant from the Tennessee Department of Health in its Rural Health Resilience Program.

Partners in the work are Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, South Cumberland Community Clinic, GRACE, Mosaic, and Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency. “All these organizations are working together to provide pathways to better health,” said Tom Sanders, executive director of the Community Fund. The program includes reserved rides by SETHRA or volunteers; scheduled “grocery getter” rides starting in June to Walmarts in Kimball, McMinnville, and Dunlap; and health navigation services by community health workers at the clinics and with SETHRA.

“We are also supporting the transportation needs of GRACE and Mosaic, who spend a lot of time helping the folks they work with get to a variety of health-related appointments,” said Sherrer.

LIFT Grundy and South Cumberland Community Fund request that anyone interested sign up one week in advance for meal planning. LIFT Grundy will provide rides to anyone who needs it to attend, and those reservations may be made at least one week in advance by calling (931) 235-1100.



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## South Cumberland Summer Meal Program

The University of the South announces the return of the South Cumberland Plateau Summer Meal Program, which will provide free grab-and-go meals for children across the region from June 1 through July 31, 2026. There will be no service on July 4.

The program will operate at multiple community sites throughout the South Cumberland Plateau, ensuring children ages 2–18 continue to have access to nutritious meals during the summer months when school is out of session. Meals are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis, and either a child or guardian may pick them up.

In 2025, the program distributed nearly 92,000 meals to children and families throughout the region. Organizers anticipate distributing approximately 100,000 meals this summer due to the addition of an extra week of programming, weather permitting.

“The Summer Meal Program represents the very best of community collaboration,” said Mandy Bouldin, the University's Director of Community Development. “Every summer, we see firsthand how important reliable food access is for children and families across the Plateau. We are grateful for the volunteers, partners, and organizations that make this effort possible.”

Meal distribution operations are being facilitated by AmeriCorps volunteers serving with the South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps program. Volunteers assist with logistics, site coordination, meal counting, and community engagement throughout the summer. When not at meal sites, the Volunteers work at local summer camps and with other nonprofits in the area, providing direct service.

“We could not accomplish this work without the dedication of our AmeriCorps members and the incredible support from the team at McClurg Dining Hall,” said Bouldin. “Their commitment ensures thousands of children receive healthy meals throughout the summer.”

The 2026 Summer Meal Program sites include:

Palmer Library, 2115 Main St., Palmer. Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US-41, Tracy City. Mondays, 3–6 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave., NW, Winchester. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pelham United Methodist Church, 2440 SR 50, Pelham. Wednesdays, 3–6 p.m.

Coalmont Elementary (UT Extension), 7862 TN-56, Coalmont. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, 19592 TN-56, Beersheba Springs. Thursdays, 3–6 p.m.

Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Altamont Public Library, 1433 Main St., Altamont. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Morton Memorial UMC Food Distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle. Saturday June 13 and Saturday, July 11, 8–10 a.m.

For site schedules and additional information, families are encouraged to follow the South Cumberland Summer Meal Program on social media to view the official Summer Meal Program flyer.

## 'Stronger Than You Think' Book Signing

At one point or another, life will break us open. This is when we need resilience most — but as Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology at The University of the South Dr. Sherry Hamby reveals in her book, many of us are going about it the wrong way. Drawing on more than 30 years studying violence, trauma, and recovery, Dr. Hamby reveals that resilience isn't something you either have or don't. Instead, it is a modifiable process — meaning that anyone can learn, practice, and benefit from expanding their reliance portfolio across every stage of life. The more and different kinds of strengths in your portfolio, the more quickly you can bounce back from adversity, and the better prepared you'll be to weather future hardship.

"Stronger Than You Think: Building Lifelong Resilience" was published by Penguin Random House on May 26. The Department of Psychology, along with the University Bookstore, will be sponsoring a reception and book signing from 4:30–5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11 in Harris Commons (the lobby of Spencer Hall). All are invited to attend.

## 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. The morning presentation will begin at 10 a.m., and Marianna will cover many aspects of Episcopal Church vestments, including their history and specific information about care and restoration. For more information about the conference and to reserve a spot, email <staugustinesguild@gmail.com>.

## Farm Olympics, June 6

It's time for the fourth annual Farm Olympics! The event will be from 1:30–9 p.m., Saturday, June 6, sponsored by the Southeast Tennessee Young Farmers. This is our second year to host it at McDonald Farm in Sale Creek, Tenn., which will be Tennessee's 70th state park.

The fun will start at 1:30 p.m. eastern with competitive farm games for the whole family (no team necessary to compete). A local picnic will happen at 5 p.m., and a Community Cumberland Dance with Turnip the Beet and Christi Burns will happen from 6–8 p.m. eastern.

Tickets and more information are available on the website: <https://southeasttennesseeyoungfarmers.com/farm-olympics>. If you can't make it for the whole day and want to come down for the dance only there are dance only tickets available here: <https://southeasttennesseeyoungfarmers.com/store/p/dance-only-ticket>.

## College of Arts and Sciences Holds Commencement Celebration for the Class of 2026

On Sunday, May 10, the College of Arts and Sciences had a Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees to 383 undergraduates.

University Chaplain Chris Epperson opened the service by welcoming the Class of 2026 and recognizing the family, friends, and mentors who have encouraged, supported, and sustained the new graduates over the past four years. "You have been on a journey of discovery, curiosity, and discipline," said Epperson to the assembled students. "We look with great anticipation to see what is next for you. You will always have a home here."

The traditional Latin greeting was offered by Ally McCasland of Arkansas, the immediate past president of the Student Government Association.

Provost Scott Wilson announced the awardees for the James D. Kennedy III, C'73, Endowed Faculty Fellowship. The fellowship, established in 2001 by the Kennedy Foundation of Chattanooga, supports early-career faculty in the College during their formative years. This year's recipients were Assistant Professor of Physics Bhavesh Ramkorun and Assistant Professor of Biology Kevin Rodriguez.

Wilson then announced the student awards and honors for academic excellence in various disciplines, athletic achievement, and community service. This year's Dean's Scholars, select seniors who have explored and discovered, pushed boundaries and taken risks, all in the pursuit of learning and growth, are: Beatrix Adams, Eliza Dieck, Joshua Fairhead, Kae Massey, Kylene Monaghan, and Annie Steinfeld. See the complete list of 2026 awards and prizes at <https://new.sewanee.edu/news/class-of-2026-commencement/>.

Provost Wilson then asked Daphne Chigozim Nwobike to come forward to receive the 2026 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion for excellence of character, leadership, and service to humanity. Nwobike, a politics and Spanish major from Hyattsville, Maryland, received a standing ovation from the faculty and her classmates in All Saints' Chapel as Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen presented the top undergraduate award given during Commencement.

As the winner of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, Nwobike was designated to deliver the Senior Oration. Nwobike took to the podium and addressed her classmates, reflecting first upon the unprecedented times that marked the Class of 2026's years on the Mountain. Noting the many ways in which she and her peers attempted to stay grounded and make meaning of the world while students, Nwobike highlighted her involvement with service as having had a major impact on her worldview. "Before college, I served to fulfill my high school graduation requirements," said Nwobike. "At Sewanee, however, I began to see service as one of the most effective and meaningful ways to remember our shared humanity."

Nwobike then noted three fundamental lessons that Sewanee has taught the graduating class. First, that curiosity is essential to seeking out the knowledge, truth, and experiences that lead to an informed life. Second, that service is the purest way to see others. And third, the importance of loving one's neighbor. "There will be moments when loving your neighbor asks you to be uncomfortable, to be vulnerable, to challenge your assumptions, and to step out of your comfort zone. Do it anyway," said Nwobike. "Wherever we go next, there will be neighbors who need love, people who need to be seen, and problems that require our curiosity. The world beyond the Domain waits for us to make a difference."

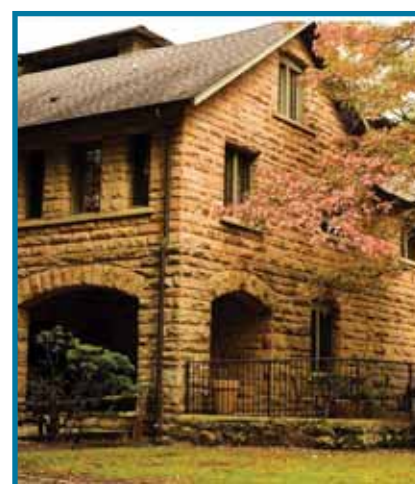
Following Nwobike's address, Dean of the College Jennifer Cooley read each graduate's name, and Vice-Chancellor Pearigen presented each diploma.

Vice-Chancellor Pearigen then read the University's charge to the "chosen and now honored youths," which was followed by the singing of the alma mater.

After the singing of the alma mater, the faculty procession led the way out of All Saints' Chapel and into the traditional applause line along University Avenue to congratulate the Class of 2026.

## duPont Library Hours

The duPont Library hours through June 5 will be Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturdays and Sundays. Starting June 6, hours will be Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 1–7 p.m., Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through June 11. Go to <https://library.sewanee.edu/library\_hours> for more information.



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SAS thespians Brinkley O'Neal, Lucia Polansky, Elowyn Pate, and Dylan Bruscato

## Four SAS Thespians Honored, Three Move To International Competition Level

Four SAS student thespians were recently awarded for their performances submitted to the International Thespian Society's regional competition and will progress to the Society's international competition at Indiana University in late June.

In the Solo Musical Theater category, Lucia Polansky ('30) and Elowyn Pate ('28) both earned a superior rating, and Dylan Bruscato ('28) earned a superior rating in the Monologue Acting category. Only performances judged to be "superior" are allowed to progress to the international competition. Brinkley O'Neal also received a rating of excellent in the Solo Musical Category.

SAS Performing Arts and Thespian Director Dr. Will Eyerly worked with the students to prepare and produce their presentation videos, and a panel of judges reviewed and adjudicated them according to the established rubric. Superior ratings represent only the top 15 percent of all presentations.

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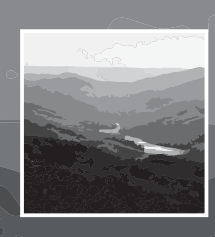
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Readings are in Naylor Auditorium at 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, with a reception following in Gailor Atrium.

Wednesday, June 10, 4:30 p.m. Faculty Reading with Nickole Brown & Alice Bolin.

Wednesday, June 17, 4:30 p.m. Guest Reading with Eliana Ramage in Convocation Hall – Co-sponsored with the Friends of the Library.

Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 20th Anniversary Seminars with Adam O’Fallon Price, Dr. Pamela Royston Macfie, & Jamie Quatro - Quatro’s event will be at noon in Stirling’s.

Wednesday, June 24, 4:30 p.m. Faculty & Friends Reading with Meera Subramanian, Travis Eisenbise, & Eric Smith.

Wednesday, July 1, 4:30 p.m. Faculty Reading with Justin Taylor & Emily Adrian.

Wednesday, July 8, 4:30 p.m. John Grammer Fellow Reading with poet Joy Priest.

Wednesday, July 15, 4:30 p.m. Faculty Reading with Daniel Hornsby & Tiana Clark.

Friday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. MFA Candidate Reading in Biehl Commons.

For questions regarding this event, accommodations, or access, please contact <sletters@sewanee.edu>.

Go to <https://letters.sewanee.edu/> for more information.

## Painting Workshop at Cowan Center for the Arts

Learn how to create vibrant paintings with Cheryl Lankhaar’s painting series building upon basic art principles — drawing exercises and composition, color values and theory, and edge and brush technique with acrylic painting.

The class will meet Tuesdays from 2–5:30 p.m., in June through July 14, at Cowan Center for the Arts. The fee for six classes is \$225, supplies included, and all skill levels are welcome. Contact <cheryllankhaar@gmail.com> to reserve your spot.

## The University Choir Spring Tour of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Canada

Continuing a legacy of choral excellence and international touring, The University Choir of Sewanee will perform at three distinguished churches in Nova Scotia and the Confederation Centre for the Arts in Prince Edward Island from May 24-31, 2026.

The University Choir is the heart of musical life at Sewanee. Under the direction of University Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Geoffrey Harris Ward, the choir comprises 70 dedicated undergraduates and is accompanied by Assistant Organist Stephanie Yoder. The choir members hail from across the United States and abroad, representing a range of majors and minors, spiritual traditions, musical experiences, and varied interests. The University Choir sings weekly worship services in All Saints’ Chapel, leads regular choral evensongs, and performs various concerts and recitals throughout the academic year. As an active touring ensemble, the University Choir has performed extensively across the United States, Canada, Ireland, and England.

The choir’s Canadian spring tour adventures will be featured on Facebook and Instagram (@sewaneechoir) with some services and concerts available via livestream.

Sunday, May 31 at 11 a.m., Eucharist and 4 p.m., Choral Evensong, Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1340 Cathedral Lane, Halifax, NS

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@cathedralchurchofallsaints7991/streams>.

For more information on the choir, please visit <https://sewanee.edu/universitychoir>.

## The SSMF 2026 Season

We’re thrilled to preview the upcoming 2026 Sewanee Summer Music Festival, June 14–July 12. With expanded programs, celebrated conductors, and major repertoire, next summer promises to be one of our most exciting yet! For complete information and ticketing, go to <https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/home/ssmf-2026/>.

We are honored to welcome the following distinguished conductors to the podium in 2026: Jherard Hardeman, Tamara Dworetz, Darrin Hassevoort, Mario Alejandro Torres, Miriam Burns, and Pierre Vallet.

Orchestral highlights for the season include: Berlioz – “Symphonie Fantastique;” Tchaikovsky – “Symphony No. 4;” Prokofiev – “Symphony No. 5;” Holst – “The Planets;” Beethoven – “Symphony No. 9” (season finale).

The Concerto Lab returns in 2026 with opportunities for strings, bassoon, and percussion students to perform solo works with orchestra. This program is designed to support artistic growth, technical development, and stage experience.

We’re excited to announce that the Chamber Music Intensive will now include winds and brass, alongside strings and piano. This expansion brings greater flexibility and deeper collaboration across chamber ensembles.

Launching in 2026: Two week program for pre-college string players and vocalists. These programs are ideal for students who love music but are looking for a more well rounded summer educational experience. Prep courses for standardized tests such as SAT, ACT and PSAT will be offered, along with a variety of summer camp activities outside of music.

We’re assembling a choir for our grand finale performance of Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9, and we’d love for you to join us! Whether you’re a returning participant, local singer, or new to SSMF, we welcome your voice. Go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyNDfBBOzTvhNZFv4dVzxi3zoTlmHELt9HVCO2ip5g8iY1A/viewform> to express interest in joining the choir.

## Frame Gallery Hosts Whimsical Paper Sculptures Workshop

Get ready to fold, glue, imagine, and create! Join owner, artist, and teacher Harriet Runkle for a Paper Sculptures workshop from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Saturday, June 6, in the Studio at Frame Gallery Gifts and Art in Sewanee. The workshop is designed for all ages, and adults must accompany children under 12.

Using just three simple folded paper shapes (the tear drop, the accordion, and the spiral), participants can create whatever their imagination dreams up. From abstract designs to figures, creatures, and wild inventions, students can create amazingly complex pieces using only colored cardstock, glue, a pencil, and their own hands.

“This workshop is all about imagination and discovery,” says Runkle, owner of Frame Gallery. “You don’t need artistic experience — just curiosity and a willingness to play. It’s fun art, not fine art, and participants are always amazed at what they can create from just a few simple paper forms.”

The workshop fee, which includes all supplies, is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. The sky is the limit on how big, small, simple, or elaborate the creations become — or how many the students make during the workshop. Frame Gallery’s paper sculpture kits will also be available for purchase, so the creativity can continue long after the workshop ends.

To register for the Whimsical Paper Sculptures workshop, visit: <https://framegals.com/events/paper-sculpture-workshop>.

## Explore Shakerag Workshops

Explore our upcoming workshops offerings in knitting, drawing, stitching, cyanotype, clay, printmaking, sculpture, painting, photography, mixed-media, poetry, quiltmaking, animation, and book arts. Shakerag’s classes are open to all regardless of experience levels - the small class sizes allow for individuals from beginners to practicing professionals to work at their own level. Shakerag Workshops take place atop the Cumberland Plateau in Sewanee. Most participants, faculty, and staff stay on the campus, eating and working together for the week. Outside of classes, participants enjoy hiking on the campus trails, swimming in the stream-fed mountain lake, and relaxing in yoga classes.

Session I: June 3-6, The Shakerag Workshops/MDK Knitting Getaway. Session II: June 7-13. Session III: June 14-20.

For a complete list of workshops and to register, go to <https://www.shakerag.org/workshops/summer-workshops>.



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Classes this summer take place at the Littell-Partin Center, or “the old Grundy County High School building” at 14399 US-41 in Tracy City from 4–5:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Mondays: June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24


JAM classes are suited for kids ages 8-18, with “Junior JAM” (beginning fiddle, ukulele, singing & percussion) available to kids from ages 4-7. Families with younger children are welcome to stay and be amongst the music. Parents and guardians may accompany their children in the classroom during lessons or wait in the hallway or outside the building.

Our local JAM program is made possible by the South Cumberland Community Fund, the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, the Caverns, Gold Tone banjo company and the many people who have donated instruments, time, and resources, and all the families who are supporting their children’s interest in music. JAMkids Grundy Area is offered at no cost, but donations are accepted.

You may register for the Junior Appalachian Musicians Program of Grundy Area at <[www.grundyarea.art/jam](http://www.grundyarea.art/jam)> or contact program director Cara Kitzrow at <[grundyjamkids@gmail.com](mailto:grundyjamkids@gmail.com)> for more information.

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## Monteagle Mountain Market Seeks Vendors

The 67th Monteagle Mountain Market, set for July 25-26, seeks vendors to join a fun-filled weekend of food, music, arts and crafts, and storytelling in Hannah Pickett Park.

New to the mix this year is more than a dozen midstate authors, including Blue Monarch founder Susan Binkley, whose book “From My Front Row Seat” is a number one bestseller. Binkley is scheduled to read from her book, a collection of stories from her time working alongside women in recovery, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 25.

The market will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 25 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, July 26. Parking and admission are free.

Returning vendor Leslie Miles of Leslie’s Luscious Treats is excited to be back. Her gourmet desserts ranging from cookies and brownies to mini cakes and banana pudding cake cups are as beautiful as they are tasty.

“Last year was my first year. It was really an awesome experience,” she said. “It made me believe I can handle big markets and events. I can’t wait to improve this year.”

New to the market this year is Tracy City’s Britni Banta, owner of Eclectic Mama Co. She specializes in beautifully handmade, unique laser cut and engraved designs. Made primarily from wood, her creations include ornaments, earrings, and plaques. She also makes leather hat patches and notebooks as well as teacher gifts and office supplies.

“I love every single chance to get to be with other creators,” Banta said. “It’s all about the community of small shops sharing what they have with others like them. We live in such a special and unique place filled with folks that have so much talent.”

This year’s market will also include Tennessee South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce’s second annual Business Expo featuring local businesses and organizations who make up the chamber, which sponsors the market. Other major sponsors include the Town of Monteagle, Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC), Citizens Tri-County Bank, Lodge Cast Iron, Ben Lomand Connect, Southern Tennessee Regional Health System, Sequachee Valley Propane, and Summerfield Market.

Interested vendors and authors may get more information at the chamber’s website, <[www.southcumberlandchamber.com](http://www.southcumberlandchamber.com)>.

## Get CaveFest Tickets

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

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

CaveFest 2-day tickets are available for just \$99 and include camping. Kids 12 and under are free.

The weekend begins early with the CaveFest Kick-Off Party on Friday, Oct. 9 — an add-on event featuring a cave concert with Lindsay Lou and Slap Dragon, that includes early access to the campground. A separate ticket is required. For more information, go to <<https://www.thecaverns.com/cavefest>>.



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## Sewanee Community Chest Needs You

The 2025-26 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is \$1,100 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.

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## Mimosas and Munchies: Housing Hub's Pickleball Event Set for June 8

by Beth Riner for Housing Hub

Extra excitement is in the air as Housing Hub gears up for its second annual Pickleball with a Purpose from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 8, at Clifftops Courts in Monteagle.

This year's event has shifted from last year's tournament to pros offering pointers and lessons for all levels. Beginner pickleball players will learn basics from Pro Allen McDonald, a Clifftops resident, while more experienced players can hone their skills through guided play with Pro Kenda West from House of Courts in Columbia, Tenn. This change will allow more pickleball players to participate. Although there is no charge, participants do need to RSVP.

"Our focus is on bringing people together," said Board Member Lee Limbird. "To foster conversation, we are calling it Mimosas and Munchies. People can learn about Housing Hub while they're enjoying the community of pickleball players and other folks. Or they can simply play."

"The play is going to go on for three hours, but people are welcome to drop in for five minutes, ten minutes, thirty minutes and just enjoy the company of those there and learn more about the mission of Housing Hub and how we achieve that mission so our impact on the community can be enduring."

This year, a generous benefactor has agreed to match up to \$10,000 in donations to Housing Hub, whose mission is to build high quality, affordable homes that working families on the South Cumberland Plateau can afford.

Corporate sponsors to date are Big A Printing (Aaron Welch); Mountain Goat Market; Sublime Haven; Monteagle Inn and Retreat Center; Mooney's Market; Monteagle Realty (Tom Banks); Lemon Fair; Tower Bank; Elizabeth and Josh Lindsey; Your Team on the Mountain; Onward Realty (Andrea and Scott Evans); McEwen Group Realty (Gale Moore); The Piggly Wiggly (Josh Rudder); and Susan Thomas.

"I'd like to thank our sponsors and encourage other small businesses to participate," Limbird said. "A sponsorship is a \$100."

Last year's event raised nearly \$5,000 for the kitchen in Housing Hub's second build on Colony Road in Coalmont. A qualified local buyer will soon purchase that house, which is nearly complete. Proceeds from this year's event will go towards the kitchen of Housing Hub's third build, also located at the Colony Road site. The new build is roughly 850 square feet

with two bedrooms and one bath.

The idea to use the event proceeds to build kitchens actually ties into pickleball, Limbird noted. In pickleball, the kitchen is the non-volley zone located seven feet on each side of the net from sideline to sideline.

"We know in pickleball the kitchen is a place you don't want to go, but in a home it's the place where the family comes together, makes memories, and creates meals," she said. "The kitchen is the heart of the home."

Housing Hub's Executive Director Julie Keel is not a pickleball player but thoroughly enjoyed last year's event. "I have never had so much fun spectating a sport as I have pickleball," she said. "It is fun watching pickleball players."

Limbird agreed. "The culture we have on those courts is not cut-throat – it's all joy."

Both women hope to see the event grow into a major friend and fundraising event for Housing Hub, whose primary mission is building affordable housing. In Grundy County, the mismatch between market-priced homes and median family income makes it difficult, if not impossible, for working families to purchase homes.

"People have to have a safe, decent place to live where they can flourish," Keel said, noting the impact of donating money towards housing for a family on the Plateau means that the dollars go even further. "Every dollar donated to affordable housing typically generates \$1.36 in local economic activity."

Housing Hub also focuses on homeowner education. "Julie coaches people for financial health who may never build with us, so the community impact is broader than the people who will occupy our houses," Limbird explained.

Workforce development through its new pre-apprentice program is the final focus of Housing Hub. Participants in the new program will develop their construction skills on its third and newest build on the Colony Road site this fall. "People continually lament that there's no place to build careers on the mountain," Limbird said. "This is an opportunity for young people who have finished high school or their GED to come and learn if this is a career that matches their interests and the skills they could develop."

For more information on any of Housing Hub's programs or to RSVP for the upcoming event, go to <www.housinghubtn.org>. Pickleball with A Purpose is listed under the events tab.

## Voting Information

Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026 in the Primary and General Election. Primary elections will be held for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Tennessee Senate (odd-numbered districts), Tennessee House, and Republican and Democratic State Executive Committees. General elections will be held for vacant state judicial offices and applicable county offices.

Voter Registration Deadline: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Early Voting: Friday, July 17 - Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Monday, July 27, 2026

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

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The following individuals are exempt:

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For information on the Tennessee Congressional redistricting, go to <https://sos.tn.gov/announcements/2026-congressional-redistricting>

For more information on voting, go to <https://sos.tn.gov/ovotetn>.

For more information on 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.

## Sewanee Dining Summer Hours

McClurg Dining Hall: 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: 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.

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Rising senior Anna Ryan in SAS's climbing gym, part of the school's Outdoor Adventure Center.

## SAS to Begin Winter 2026-27 Athletic Season with Climbing As Official Varsity Sport

After a successful school year of competitive varsity climbing this year, SAS will begin the winter athletic season in November offering climbing again as a coed, varsity athletic team. The school is also adding a climbing camp to its summer programming in 2026, but that camp is already full.

"We've always had the natural resources on our campus to support climbing with a lot of enthusiastic participation," said Karl Sjolund, head of school. "Over the years, climbing has evolved from an ad hoc club activity to a popular program with a growing desire for competition."

"After a year using our new climbing gym in our OAC and practicing on our own bolted routes, our coed team and the girls' team finished the season undefeated, making them Interscholastic Climbing League champions! Early registration for next year shows we'll have at least as much if not more enthusiasm for competitive climbing."

Sjolund added that climbing as a sport is one more step in the school's commitment to capitalize on its unique geographic resources. The construction of the OAC last summer strengthened the school's commitment to outdoor adventure and competition for both climbing and mountain biking while also providing the space to support and encourage students who are interested in learning outdoor skills without the element of competition.



On May 20, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Senior Lilly Crigger placed third in the 800m race at the state meet in Knoxville, May 20, and set a new school record. The 4x800 varsity boys' relay team took sixth place. Pictured are (left to right): Micah Moody ('26), Crigger ('26), Will Moody ('30), Mason Sparacio ('28), and Arthur Glacet ('30).

## Loupassi Named USILA All-American

Manoli Loupassi has been named Honorable Mention All-American by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, as announced by the organization on Wednesday afternoon.

The Richmond, Va., native played and started in all 16 matches for the Tigers, scoring 40 goals and adding 16 assists for 56 points. The junior finished the season with a .672 shot on goal percentage, adding one game-winning goal and six man-up goals. He caused three turnovers and picked up 28 ground balls on the season.

Loupassi was named SAA Offensive Player of the Year and earned First-Team All-Conference honors for the second time in his career as an attacker.

## Schroerlucke, Khan, Maynard Garner ITA Regional Awards

Freshman Samuel Schroerlucke was named ITA Rookie of the Year, and Head Coach Hamza Khan and Assistant Coach Doug Maynard were named Head and Assistant Coach of the Year for the Atlantic South Region, as announced by the organization on Wednesday afternoon.

Schroerlucke had a standout freshman campaign, finishing the season 20-7 and earning SAA Rookie of the Year honors. Schroerlucke, alongside Andre-Remi Jakobi, were named as first alternates in doubles for the NCAA Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Head Coach Hamza Khan, in his first season at the helm, alongside Assistant Coach Doug Maynard, led the Tigers to a 22-2 record, the best record in program history, and the fewest losses since the 1956 team was 9-2. They finished the season ranked 15th in the nation and made their fifth consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships since COVID-19, and their fourth consecutive Sweet 16 appearance.

## Register for SAS Summer Camps

Registration is open for SAS Summer Camps. Go to <<https://www.sasweb.org/summer>> for complete information or email us at <[sassummer@sasweb.org](mailto:sassummer@sasweb.org)> with any questions you may have.

**Soccer Camp:** June 8-12 (Monday-Friday) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., grades three through eight, \$275 (discounts available for siblings). Peewee (rising third graders), Junior (rising fourth-fifth graders) and Youth (rising sixth-eighth graders) Soccer Camps offer players instruction and drills to promote better ball handling skills and game strategy. Our coaches reserve the right to place children in camp divisions by skill level rather than strictly by grade level. Campers should bring an extra pair of socks, gym shoes and cleats, lunch, shin pads, soccer ball, sunscreen, a water bottle, a swim suit, and a towel. All campers should be dropped off and picked up at the SAS gymnasium.

**Camp SAS:** Grades first grade through rising fifth, June 1-5, June 15-19, June 22-26, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$275 per week per camper (discounts available for third and fourth siblings). Camp SAS is a traditional summer day camp offering an opportunity to play games, do crafts, take hikes, and go swimming while hanging out with old and new friends. The daily schedule includes morning groups with a focus on sports and field games, arts and crafts, and STEM activities plus nature walks alongside relaxing and hanging out. Afternoons include movies, water games and swimming (lifeguards provided), and possible field trips. If you are considering enrolling your child at SAS, this camp is a great way for them to get to know the campus. This program is limited to 30 participants per each session. Campers bring their own lunch.

**It's Better Than Camp!** July 11-18 and/or July 18-25. Our residential sleep-away camp for boys and girls ages 11-15 provides an intimate approach to traditional camp by combining instruction in a variety of specialty sessions with summer favorites all kids love. Each camper enjoys their own schedule as they live in our air-conditioned dorms, dine in our dining hall, and swim, hike, bike, camp, cave, and play as they take advantage of our 550-acre campus. Camp is a member of the American Camp Association and follows ACA guidelines and protocols. Our special programming, small group settings, talented staff, and unique campus offer a relaxed one-of-a-kind "better-than-camp" summer experience!

In our sixth year, SAS's It's Better Than Camp! offers specialty sessions in an array of pursuits that have included American Sign Language, ceramics, computer technology, woodworking, culinary arts, music lessons, digital music production, dance, painting, mountain biking, karate, and theater. This year, we continue to offer two morning specialty sessions and one outdoor adventure afternoon block for everyone. We also take a one-night camping trip each Friday with optional camping on Thursday. We continue to build our leadership program for our older campers as well (14-15 year olds). Cost of the camp includes specialty session instruction, air-conditioned accommodations, all meals, camp T-shirt and lanyard, laundry facilities, and off-campus excursions.

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## Hickton Named Finalist for National Coach of Year Award

Sewanee men's golf coach Keenan Hickton was named a finalist for the 2026 Dave Williams Award presented by Golf Pride Grips, as announced by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA). The Williams Award honors the national coach of the year in NCAA Division I, Division II and Division III, NAIA, NJCAA Division I, and NJCAA Division II men's golf.

The five finalists included Hickton, Methodist University's Steve Conley, Mary Hardin-Baylor's Jordan Cox, Carnegie Mellon's Dan Rodgers of Carnegie Mellon and Huntingdon College's Dave Schreyer.

Hickton has guided the Tigers to seven Top 5 finishes this academic year, including in all six of the team's spring tournaments before this week's NCAA Championships, posting two victories. Ranked second via Scoreboard Powered by Clippd, Sewanee won their second consecutive Southern Athletic Association (SAA) Championship by 13 strokes on April 26 and the season-opening Gate City Invitational by one shot on September 16.

The Tigers have four PING All-Region IV performers, including seniors Elias Becker and Colin Edwards, sophomore Turner Chiles and freshman Aidan Tudor. Hickton was named SAA Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

## 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.

## 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/>>.

Each player will receive tournament favor and will be eligible for great daily prizes, as well as awards for our first, second, and third place winners.

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.

## Women's Golf Places 13th, Catapano Finishes 18th at NCAA Championships

Freshman Natalie Catapano shot one-over par 73 and senior Jane Stilz and freshman Elizabeth Bowman each posted rounds of 74 for Sewanee in the final round of the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships on the Firecliff course at Desert Willow Golf Resort in Palm Desert, Calif.

The Tigers finished 13th among the 15 teams that made the cut with a team score of 304 on the final day. All of the Sewanee players started their rounds at hole No. 10.

Catapano posted two-over on the back nine with seven pars and two bogeys. The Pacific Palisades, Calif., native birdied No. 1 and ended the day with eight consecutive pars for her round of one-over and a four-day total of 293, tied for 16th.

Stilz recorded seven pars with two bogeys on the back nine. The Lexington, Ky., native bogeyed No. 1 and registered six pars with a double bogey on the front, but she ended the tournament with a birdie on nine, shooting a four-over 76 for a 72-hole score of 296, tied for 27th.

Freshman Elizabeth Bowman carded seven pars with one bogey and a birdie on No. 17 on the back nine. The College Grove, Tenn., native posted a bad four-hole stretch from 1-4 with a double bogey and three bogeys, but she netted four pars with a birdie on seven to finish the round at four-over 76, tied for 71st.

Freshman Rachel Waters made five pars and birdied No. 15 on the back nine. The Nashville, Tenn., native posted six pars and three bogeys on the front, shooting a seven-over 79 for a 72-hole score of 316, tied for 72nd.

Freshman Anna Claire Gibson recorded five pars with three bogeys and one double on the back nine. The Knoxville, Tenn., native collected two more bogeys and one double on the front, but she registered six pars, including the last five holes, finishing with an 81 and a four-day total of 324, tied for 77th.

## Congeni and Wilson Fall on First Day of NCAA Championships

Mariella Congeni and Ivy Wilson fell in the first round of the NCAA Championships on Friday afternoon, concluding their season in Chattanooga, Tenn., at McCallie School.

Congeni fell in singles to Eleanor Archer of Washington University in St. Louis in singles, at the start of the day 7-5, 6-4.

In doubles, Congeni and Wilson fell to the No. 2-seeded Lindsay Eisenman and Rebecca Kong, 6-1, 6-2.

## Chiles Cards Final-Round 66, Tigers Finish Fourth at NCAA Championships

Sophomore Turner Chiles recorded seven birdies en route to a six-under 66 and freshman Aidan Tudor and senior Elias Becker each shot one-under for Sewanee on Friday in the final round of the NCAA Men's Golf Championships on the El Campeon course at Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

The Tigers posted their best round of the week with an eight-under 280 team score, moving up six spots into fourth place in the final standings. All of the Sewanee players started their rounds at No. 10.

Chiles finished with a flourish after three straight rounds above par, shooting the second-best round of the tournament, trailing only a 65 posted by Washington and Lee's Tim Kaufman on Wednesday.

Chiles birdied the par-5 10th hole before a bogey at 12, but then he made four pars with birdies on the par-5 14th and the par-5 17th holes to complete the back nine. The Houston, Texas, native added four more birdies on the front side, on holes one (another par-5), six, eight and nine, carding a 31 on the front nine for his six-under par 66. He moved up 34 spots individually, finishing with a four-day total of 291, tied for 35th.

Tudor started the day with birdies on holes 10 and 14 and was two-under on the back. The New Market, Md., native made another birdie at No. 1 but collected bogeys on holes five and nine, carding a one-under 71 for a 72-hole score of 287, tied for 20th.

Becker ended his Sewanee career with a final-round 71 as well that included 15 pars. The Mexico City, Mexico, native collected seven pars with birdies on the par-3 15th hole and No. 17 on the back nine. On the front he registered eight pars and one bogey, posting a four-day total of 297, tied for 56th.

Sophomore Niel Phillips played an up-and-down round Friday that ended at even-par 72. He netted five pars with two bogeys and birdies on holes 14 and 16 on the back nine. The New Orleans, La., native also made two bogeys on the front with birdies on holes three and nine for a 72-hole score of 294, tied for 49th.

Senior Colin Edwards got off to a good start with three pars and birdies on Nos. 13 and 14, but he bogeyed three of the last four holes on the back nine. The Brookhaven, Ga., native recorded two double bogeys on the front but ended the day with a birdie at No. 9, shooting four-over 76 for a four-day total of 291.

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## NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Prickly Pear Cactus. Photo by Al Partee



Female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail. Photo by Al Partee.

### Prickles and Poisons

Did you know that Tennessee has a native cactus? Yes, *Opuntia humifusa*, or Prickly Pear, and it is in bloom right now. There are a few sandstone outcrops on the Domain where it grows, well-adapted to the hot and arid conditions there. The USDA Plants Database does not show it growing in Franklin County but it is here, as well as in several other counties, especially ones with cedar glades, that are listed in the database. Maybe no one wants to collect it—the flat pads, actually stems, bear prickles called glochids that can easily (and painfully!) get imbedded in skin. There are also some longer spines. The flowers are bold and beautiful and the fruit is fleshy and edible, giving the cactus the name Indian Fig, but the fruit too bears prickles. Al Partee writes, “These are blooming on the Little Cove inside a rock circle laid out in 1939 or before by the Anderson sisters.”

Also pictured is the female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail. The male always has the bold yellow and black “tiger” stripes. The female can have the same coloring but also has a black form. This is to mimic the Pipevine Swallowtail and take advantage of the toxins it retains from feeding on the pipevine plant. Rita Venable in “Butterflies of Tennessee” calls the Pipevine Swallowtail the “Elvis” Butterfly because more butterflies in Tennessee mimic it than any other butterfly.

May 31 brings us the only Blue Moon this year, a second full moon in a calendar month. There was a full moon on May 1. This definition of a Blue Moon began as a mistake but is now widely recognized and used.

## State Park Offerings

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

**Sherwood Day Loop Nature Hike — Head of the Crow State Park. Sunday, May 31, 1 p.m. \$3-\$15. Register for event.** Join us for a casual hike around the three-mile Sherwood Day Loop to cap off Mental Health Awareness Month. Unlike our usual programs, the topics for this hike will be a little more fluid and impromptu. Essentially, we will get out and enjoy the recharging presence of nature during a leisurely hike, talking about as much or as little as participants want. Depending on how much participants wish to discuss, this hike will take anywhere from 2 to 4 hours. This hike is free to attend. This hike is weather-dependent. Please dress appropriately for the weather. There is no restroom at this trailhead, so please plan accordingly.

**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.

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. 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](mailto:matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov) with shirt sizes for signed up campers, and reach out with any questions.

**National Trails Day Hike — Head of the Crow State Park. Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.–noon. \$0-\$20. Register for event.** Join Ranger Allen as we celebrate National Trails Day on our Pack Hollow Trail with this moderate 3.2-mile hike. Please bring water as well as any snacks and sunscreen you might want. This hike is weather-dependent. Contact email: [jared.allen@tn.gov](mailto:jared.allen@tn.gov).

**National Trails Day Hike — Fiery Gizzard State Park. Saturday, June 6, 1–3 p.m.**

**National Trails Day Hike — Savage Gulf State Park. Saturday, June 6, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Register for event.** Join Ranger Jamie on National Trails Day for an approximate 4-mile guided hike to Rattlesnake Point Overlook via the Savage Day Loop Trail. We will meet at the Savage Gulf East Trailhead (3157 SR 399, Palmer, TN) at 1:30 p.m. to begin the hike. This hike will be approximately 4 miles in total and is considered moderate, however the trail can be strenuous in certain areas— please be prepared for a challenging hike. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are capable of completing the entire hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. We will observe a beautiful overlook and we will chat about the park and/or what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required. This hike is weather dependent and will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program’s scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.



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If you would like to learn more about Dexter or Eddie, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website [www.marc4change.org](http://www.marc4change.org) and/or contact Sue Scruggs, (423) 619-3845.

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5 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 882 0560 4176

Passcode: 873719

Contact the Fourth of July Committee at

[sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com](mailto:sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com)

## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	May 11	78	56	Mon	May 18	85	63
Tue	May 12	70	52	Tue	May 19	83	69
Wed	May 13	73	55	Wed	May 20	83	63
Thu	May 14	75	48	Thu	May 21	81	64
Fri	May 15	88	43	Fri	May 22	72	63
Sat	May 16	76	57	Sat	May 23	69	63
Sun	May 17	79	59	Sun	May 24	80	66
Week’s Stats:		Avg max temp = 77		Week’s Stats:		Avg max temp = 79	
		Avg min temp = 53				Avg min temp = 64	
		Avg temp = 65				Avg temp = 72	
		Precipitation = 0.0"				Precipitation = 4.26"	

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**HIRING:** The Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is hiring caregivers for our nursery program, \$15/hr. Caregivers are scheduled Sunday mornings, with opportunities for special events as well. Background check and training provided. Contact Jeannie Babb <formation@stmarkstpaul.org>.

**NOW HIRING WEEKEND COORDINATOR:** St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development has a weekend position coming open this summer on the Reservations Team. Qualified candidates will have a background in working with the public, excellent computer skills, and interest in diverse spiritual offerings. This position is ideal for college or graduate student. Competitive wages, paid time off, positive work environment. Send resumes to <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org> or call (931) 598-5342 for more information.

**HIRING:** Assistant Director of Sewanee Children's Center: Sewanee Children's Center is hiring an Assistant Director to help lead daily operations of their early childhood programs serving children ages 6 weeks through 3rd grade — with a start date of July 27, 2026. This role works closely with the Director across staffing, scheduling, licensing compliance, and family communication in a research-based, child-centered environment. Preferred candidates hold a degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field and bring prior supervisory or administrative experience. Familiarity with Tennessee DHS childcare regulations is a plus. Send your resume to <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com>.

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• 1-2 years preschool/childcare experience preferred  
• High school diploma required  
• CDA or Early Childhood Education credentials preferred  
• Must pass TN DHS background and health screenings  
To apply, send resume and 3 non-related references to: <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com>.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**JUNE MEETING DATES:** Town of Monteagle. The Monteagle City Council will have workshop meetings at 5 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall. Workshops in June will be June 1, June 8, June 15, and June 22.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Town of Monteagle, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget in accordance with provisions of Chapter 484, Public Acts of 1993, as amended. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at City Hall on May 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. All citizens are welcome to attend and to participate.

	Actual 2024-2025	Estimated 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Estimated Revenue	\$ 1,379,536	\$ 1,482,803	\$ 1,431,220
Local Taxes	214,485	209,888	259,821
State of Tennessee	380,011	399,518	281,189
Other Sources	1,385,040	1,873,397	1,890,210
Total	\$ 1,379,536	\$ 1,482,803	\$ 1,431,220
Estimated Expenditures	\$ 958,457	\$ 962,588	\$ 1,089,559
Salaries	1,074,187	1,007,651	959,189
Other Costs	2,033,604	2,325,238	1,599,773
Total	\$ 2,393,738	\$ 2,344,147	\$ 1,818,196
Beginning	\$ 2,344,147	\$ 1,818,196	\$ 1,792,685
Ending	\$ 2,344,147	\$ 1,818,196	\$ 1,792,685
<b>STATE AID STREET FUND</b>			
Estimated Revenue	\$ 51,591	\$ 49,858	\$ 49,848
State of Tennessee	719	1,064	1,064
Other Sources	50,872	48,794	48,784
Total	\$ 52,310	\$ 50,912	\$ 50,912
Estimated Expenditures	\$ 40,336	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000
Other Costs	40,336	41,000	41,000
Total	\$ 40,336	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000
Estimated Fund Balance	\$ 57,566	\$ 47,195	\$ 47,195
Beginning	\$ 68,580	\$ 57,196	\$ 57,196
Ending	\$ 68,580	\$ 57,196	\$ 57,196
<b>DRUG FUND</b>			
Estimated Revenue	\$ 1,983	\$ 2,589	\$ 1,450
Fines And Forfeitures	438	1,214	826
Other Sources	2,401	1,302	2,278
Total	\$ 2,401	\$ 1,302	\$ 2,278
Estimated Expenditures	\$ 880	\$ -	\$ -
Other Costs	880	-	-
Total	\$ 880	\$ -	\$ -
Estimated Fund Balance	\$ 17,309	\$ 18,830	\$ 5,084
Beginning	\$ 18,830	\$ 22,632	\$ 7,360
Ending	\$ 17,309	\$ 18,830	\$ 5,084
<b>CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND</b>			
Other Sources	\$ 13,920	\$ 991,413	\$ 13,920
Total	\$ 13,920	\$ 991,413	\$ 13,920
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ -
Other General Government	\$ 16,599	\$ 70,000	\$ 130,000
Police	68,617	70,000	324,411
Fire	263	(8,750)	1,000
Other Works	263	(8,750)	1,000
Other Costs	86,233	410,651	476,411
Total	\$ 166,205	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Beginning	\$ 1,110	\$ 4,601	\$ 6,200
Ending	\$ 4,601	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
<b>WATER AND SEWER FUND</b>			
Charges for Service	\$ 2,041,599	\$ 1,967,761	\$ 2,032,282
Other Sources	1,839,232	417,403	7,047,500
Total	\$ 3,880,831	\$ 2,385,164	\$ 9,079,782
Salaries	\$ 459,233	\$ 449,816	\$ 468,548
Other Costs	1,844,730	1,817,817	1,568,258
Total	\$ 2,303,963	\$ 2,267,633	\$ 2,036,806
Beginning	\$ 12,166,796	\$ 13,839,885	\$ 13,852,027
Ending	\$ 13,839,885	\$ 13,852,027	\$ 19,259,247

## Candidate Announcements

The Messenger accepts candidate announcements, no longer than 500 words, with one headshot photo of the candidate. Releases should be written in the third person. Quotations from the candidate and other endorsers are allowed. We will run the announcement one time.

The release should profile information and the candidate's stance on major issues in the town/county. Announcements are published on a space available basis. The newspaper does not guarantee publication of announcements on any specific date or in any specific position in the editorial news pages.

## Political Advertising

Political advertising must have an "advertisement paid for disclaimer" that is readable. Nothing negative should be in the ad. Candidate ads will not be run one week before the Election Day. Each candidate will get equal placement for the advertisement.

## Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community's conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines. 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, come by our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your email to <news@sewaneeemessenger.com>.

The deadline for political letters regarding issues or candidates is one week before Election Day. We strive to print all letters we receive, but publication is not guaranteed. Letters should be factually accurate and reflect the original thoughts of a single writer. Readers are permitted one letter per race. Requests for specific print dates will not be honored. Letters that are deemed unsuitable for publication shall not be printed elsewhere in the newspaper, including as a paid advertisement.

## Deadlines

News deadlines are 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Reserving ad space deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday. The ad or copy for the ad must be received by 10 a.m. on Tuesday. The Messenger is printed on Friday.

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# FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

## Remembering Our Fallen

Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,  
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking:  
Dream of battled fields no more,  
Days of danger, nights of waking.  
In our isle's enchanted hall,  
Hands unseen thy couch are strewing,  
Fairy strains of music fall,  
Every sense in slumber dewing.  
Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,  
Dream of fighting fields no more:  
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,  
Morn of toil, nor night of waking.

No rude sound shall reach thine ear,  
Armour's clang, or war-steed champing,  
Trump nor pibroch summon here  
Mustering clan, or squadron tramping.  
Yet the lark's shrill fife may come  
At the day-break from the fallow,  
And the bittern sound his drum,  
Booming from the sedgy shallow.  
Ruder sounds shall none be near,  
Guards nor warders challenge here,  
Here's no war-steed's neigh and champing,  
Shouting clans or squadrons stamping.

Huntsman, rest! thy chase is done,  
While our slumbrous spells assail ye,  
Dream not, with the rising sun,  
Bugles here shall sound reveillé.  
Sleep! the deer is in his den;  
Sleep! thy hounds are by thee lying;  
Sleep! nor dream in yonder glen,  
How thy gallant steed lay dying.  
Huntsman, rest; thy chase is done,  
Think not of the rising sun,  
For at dawning to assail ye,  
Here no bugles sound reveillé.

--Sir Walter Scott, *Soldier, Rest*

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# Community Calendar

## Friday, May 29

SAS Alumni Weekend, through May 31

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, Nati, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:15 p.m.

## Saturday, May 30

- 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Liturgical Arts Conference, St. Luke's Chapel

## Sunday, May 31

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

## Monday, June 1

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Palmer Library, 2115 Main St., Palmer until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US-41, Tracy City until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council Workshop, conference room, City Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Eastern Star Cemetery Association meeting, St. James Episcopal Church
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center

## Tuesday, June 2

- 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. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Story Time, Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., until 11:30 a.m.
- 11 a.m. Social Fabric Group, Hospitality Shop lawn, 574 Georgia Ave., until 1 p.m. (rain location St. Mark & St. Paul)
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Sewanee 4th of July meeting, via Zoom

5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

## Wednesday, June 3

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Trinity Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave., NW, Winchester, until 1 p.m.
- 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.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Pelham United Methodist Church, 2440 SR 50, Pelham until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

## Thursday, June 4

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, 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. Summer Meal Program, Coalmont Elementary (UT Extension), 7862 TN-56, Coalmont until 1 p.m.
- 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.
- 3 p.m. Summer Meal Program, Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, 19592 TN-56, Beersheba Springs, until 6 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.

## Friday, June 5

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Summer Meal Program, Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood until 1 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Meet and Greet Marion Co. Mayoral Candidate Daniel Carter, Hannah Pickett Park Pavilion, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, 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, Dechard 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, Dechard United Methodist

### Thursday

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

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

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



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