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Franklin County Schools Transfer Prevention Coalition Oversight

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff
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"There are programs we want to implement not just for the school system, but for our citizens, lifeline coordinators and recovery," said Franklin County Mayor Chris Guess at the Oct. 13 meeting of the Franklin County School Board, explaining his request to transfer oversight for the Franklin County Prevention Coalition from the schools to county government. The county received a broadband grant for the portion of the Townsend building owned by the county. Part of the money funded repair of the gym roof. "The rest will go for programming," Guess said. "The Prevention Coalition program already operates out of the part of the building owned by the county."

Guess hopes the South Shepherd Street building will become a hub for "community services."

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SAS Seniors Achieve National Merit Recognition

Congratulations to Kat Carpenter, semifinalist, and Micah Moody, commended scholar, on their National Merit recognition. "More than 1.3 million juniors entered the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants," according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Representing less than 1 percent of seniors nationwide, semifinalists are chosen from the highest scorers in each state and have the opportunity to continue in the competition. Commended scholars, although not able to continue in the competition, placed among the top 50,000 students from across the U.S. and are recognized for "exceptional academic promise."

"We are incredibly proud of these outstanding students," said Karl Sjolund, Head of School. "Being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program — whether as a Semifinalist or a Commended Scholar — is a reflection of years of hard work, intellectual curiosity, and a genuine love of learning. These honors celebrate not only their individual achievements but also the strength of their families and our academic community that supports and inspires them."

Rebecca Gayle Howell to Receive 2025 Aiken Taylor Award

The Sewanee Review is pleased to announce that Rebecca Gayle Howell is the recipient of the 2025 Aiken Taylor Award for Modern American Poetry.

Rebecca Gayle Howell is a writer, literary translator, librettist, and editor. Her books include two novels in verse — "Render / An Apocalypse and American Purgatory" — both of which were named Bestsellers of the Decade by Small Press Distribution. She translated Patagonia poet Claudia Prado's "El Interior de la Ballena" and Amal al-Jubouri's "Hagar Before the Occupation / Hagar After the Occupation." Howell's work has received critical acclaim from such outlets as the Los Angeles Times, Poetry London, Publisher's Weekly, and the Kenyon Review. She is an Advanced Assistant Professor of Poetry & Translation for the University of Arkansas MFA program, and she also serves on faculty for the University of the South's Sewanee School of Letters. From 2014 to 2024, she was the Poetry Editor for the Oxford American. Her sixth book, "Erase Genesis," will be released this November by Project Poetica/Bridwell Press.

Vice-Chancellor Robert Pearigen and Sewanee Review editor Adam Ross will present Howell with the Aiken Taylor Award at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Convocation Hall, after which Howell will give a reading from her body of work. As part of this year's award celebration, poet Corey Van Landingham will lecture on Howell's poetry, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the McGriff Alumni House. Van Landingham is the author of three books of poetry: "Antidote," "Love Letter to Who Owns the Heavens," and "Reader, I." She is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University. She teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois.

APOLLO5 in Concert

APOLLO5, one of Britain's most formidable vocal groups, will perform in All Saints' Chapel on Thursday, October 23, at 7 p.m. Hailed by BBC Music Magazine as "faultless," the ensemble of soprano, mezzo, two tenors, and bass is known for demonstrating how powerful five voices singing without accompaniment can be. Their repertoire spans nine centuries - jazz, pop, classical, and early sacred music. Their program captivates audiences with works by William Byrd and Benjamin Britten as well as Elton John and Tom Petty! APOLLO5 is consistently praised by Gramophone, BBC Radio 3, and Classic FM, and they engage over 20,000 monthly listeners on Spotify. The APOLLO5 concert will be a vocal tour de force not to be missed.

Sewanee staff, faculty, and students receive one free ticket with Sewanee ID. Sewanee ID tickets should be picked up at the All Saints' Chapel office. All other tickets available at <Eventbrite.com> or one hour before the concert at the door. Tickets, \$25, are available on Eventbrite <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apollo5-in-concert-at-all-saints-chapel-tickets-1368045192999?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>>.

Finalists Announced & Free Tickets Now Available for Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off

After receiving submissions from across the South Cumberland Region, three talented vocalists have been selected as finalists for Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off. Louise Block, a student at Sewanee, Julie Nickell from Tracy City, and Rachel Swerske from Monteagle will perform live with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra during the free community holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025, in The Caverns' underground concert hall.

Free tickets for the concert are available to residents of the South Cumberland region at <TheCaverns.com>. Doors open at 6 p.m. CT, and the concert begins at 7 p.m. CT. Seating is limited, and RSVP is required.

In addition to performing with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, all three singers will compete for prizes, including cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, or \$250, along with concert tickets, merchandise, and a professional video of their performance. A panel of judges at the event will determine first, second, and third place among the finalists, while the audience will select a crowd favorite, who will also receive a special package of goods and services donated by local and regional businesses.

This special evening offers a rare opportunity to experience live orchestral holiday music deep underground while celebrating the region's finest local singers.

Christmas in The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off is presented in partnership by The Caverns, the University of the South, and the South Cumberland Community Fund.



On Sept. 28, 2025, The Rev. Jay Bazinni and The Rev. David Goodpaster dedicated and blessed the bench at St. James in memory of The Rev. Dr. Linda Hutton.



LTTN Vice President Emily Parish, LTTN President & CEO Liz McLaurin, Jan Routon, Ed Routon, and LTTN Conservation Manager Lina Denaroso on the day the Routons signed their conservation easement. Photo by The Land Trust for Tennessee

Routon Family Protects 15 Acres Along Jumpoff Creek on the Cumberland Plateau

The Land Trust for Tennessee has partnered with Jan and Ed Routon to permanently protect 15 acres of forest and stream along Jumpoff Creek in Marion County. The property sits just southeast of Sewanee, within the South Cumberland Plateau region, and features one of the area's most striking natural landmarks: Jumpoff Falls.

The Routons' land includes oak-hickory and pine forest and the meandering Jumpoff Creek, which drops nearly 90 feet in a

series of falls before flowing into Jumpoff Cove Branch. The protection of this land helps maintain forest habitat and water quality in a region known for its steep slopes, clean streams, and scenic bluffs.

"We want to ensure that the whole of this unique and unspoiled property remains 'magical' and is not destroyed by subdividing, overdevelopment, or forest clearing," said Jan and Ed Routon in a statement. "We want to pass the

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Messenger Break Ahead

It is hard to imagine, but with Halloween upon us, Thanksgiving is soon and Christmas is just around the corner.

The Messenger will be on Thanksgiving break Nov. 24 through Nov. 28. We will be back in the office on Monday, Dec. 1, and back in print on Friday, Dec. 5.

For the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Messenger will be on break Dec. 22, 2025 through Jan. 9, 2026. The staff will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, with the first issue of the new year on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026.

Important updates will be available on the website <<http://sewaneemessenger.com>> or on our Facebook page during these breaks.

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

Local Food Available

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

The Franklin County Farmers' Market is open 7 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 803 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Locally grown vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, plants and more are available. Follow them on Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyFarmersMarket>>.

Three Seasons Market is open 3–6 p.m., every Friday, through Oct. 24. The Market is located at 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City. The Market offers homemade and home grown products.

Hospitality Shop News

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 Shop is located at 1096 University Ave., Sewanee.

As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed. Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

Children's clothing can be taken to Good Samaritan in Winchester or to Goodwill in Kimball. We do accept children's books and puzzles.



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For more information call (931) 598-1381. Apply at <<https://jobs.sewaneed.edu>>.

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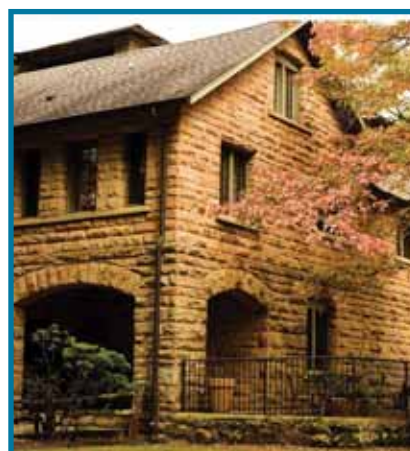


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Upcoming Meetings

Railfan Day at Cowan Railroad Museum

Join the fun and fellowship on the mainline through Cowan at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18. Railfans from near and far will gather at Cowan Railroad Museum to photograph trains on the Pusher District with fall colors in the background. A picnic lunch will be served and the museum will be open for regular hours. We hope to see you then.

Franklin County Democratic Party Events

There will be a No King's Day Protest & Holiday Food Drive from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, at the corner of College St. & 2nd Ave. South (across from Board of Education). We will be peacefully protesting the Trump administration's actions that put regular people at risk. Food prices continue to be high. Repealing the grocery tax is stalled. Cuts in federal funding have stretched food pantries. Come and join our rally, bringing non-perishable items or cash. All proceeds go to Good Samaritan Ministries in Decherd.

The FCDP monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the Franklin County Annex Small Meeting Room.

Franklin County Historical Society

Franklin County Historical Society invites you to the second part in our "Ghost Railroads of Franklin County" series.

Join us at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, at Farris Chapel United Methodist Church. Our program will recall the complicated and nearly-forgotten railroad history of the Davidson, Hicks and Greene Timber Company (D.H.&G) on Keith Springs Mountain. Farris Chapel is located near the foot of Keith Springs Mountain at 2981 Rowe Gap Rd./Hwy. 16.

Housing Hub

The Housing Hub, a nonprofit addressing affordable home ownership for working families on the plateau, will have a board meeting at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at their office at the Littell-Partin Center, Suite 230, in Tracy City. Interested community members are welcome to attend. More information is available at their website <housinghubtn.org>.

Mountain Garden Club

The Mountain Garden Club is a newly formed group of enthusiastic gardeners and plant lovers who want to enjoy and share every aspect of the garden. At 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, Bloomin Creations will be hosting a fall wreath class and we are encouraging people to attend. For more information, follow them on Facebook.

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at the Franklin County Courthouse in 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, Oct. 21, 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 mem-

bers are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

EQB Club

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

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., we will have the honor and pleasure of having the Lead given by Sewanee's 18th Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Robert W. Pearigen, C'76

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

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Park Manager George Shinn will present the program.

Sewanee Garden Club

The Sewanee Garden Club Monday, Oct. 27 meeting will feature a program by Yolande Gottfried on the common weeds in our gardens. Weeds that we find give us information about our growing conditions. Please bring samples of full plants (stem, leaf and bloom) from your yard for Yolande to identify. The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall. There is no charge for the meeting.

Do RSVP to <howardlotti@gmail.com> if you plan to attend. Let us know if you would like to be added to our email list.

Members are reminded to pay their yearly \$5 dues.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Town Council is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, in the conference room at City Hall.

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

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. Items for the agenda should have been submitted by Oct. 15.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will livestream the meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, with a student panel. The livestream will be available at <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair. Coffee with the Coach will not meet on Oct. 21.

Sewanee Business Alliance

The Sewanee Business Alliance will be hosting its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30 at Locals Gallery. The featured speaker this month is Bill

Loewer, park manager of the new state park. William Shealy with the University will also be giving a brief update on the plans for a mural in the village. Community members are welcome. You may also attend via Zoom. Meeting code 811 4499 1180.

Sewanee Civic Association

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. Park Manager Bill Loewer with Tennessee's newest state park will present the program.

Items for the business meeting include the proposed bylaw changes, call for board nominations and community service nominations. Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, Oct. 24, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

This year, the SCA is celebrating 117 years of social and service opportunities for the community. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member. For more information go to <https://sewaneecivic.org>.

Sewanee La Leche League

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

Belvidere Firemen's Fish Fry

The Belvidere Fire Department's annual Fish Fry is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Belvidere Community Center, 349 Belvidere Rd.

Tickets are \$15, adults; \$5, children 4-12; and free for children under 4. The menu is fish, barbecue chicken, chicken strips, hush puppies, fries, baked beans, cole slaw, drinks and homemade desserts. All seating is indoors, and there will be bluegrass music. For information on the fish fry, call Ed Burns at (931) 636-4488.

The Belvidere Valley Lawn and Garden Pullers Association Pulling In Competition starts at noon. To enter, call Mike Moore at (931) 273-4488.



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Community Chest Sets Goal

The 2025-26 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$118,500 will help 19 local organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve the entire community. The following organizations will receive funding when the goal is met.

Animal Harbor, \$7,637
Blue Monarch, \$5,000
Community Action Committee, \$5,000
Early Literacy Ambassadors, \$1,500
Easy's Dog Shelter, \$1,000
Folks at Home, \$5,000
Fourth of July Celebration, \$4,000
Housing Sewanee, \$10,000
MARC, \$10,000
Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, \$1,500
Reach Out and Read, \$2,063
SES Parent Organization, \$25,000
Sewanee Children's Center, \$15,000
Sewanee Community Center, \$2,500
Sewanee Mountain Messenger, \$8,000
Sewanee Senior Center, \$11,000
Sewanee Welcome Center, \$1,800
St. James Midway Community Park, \$500
St. Mark's Community Center, \$2,000

The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Sundays During the Academic Year: 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

6:30 p.m., Sunday, Growing in Grace, in All Saints’ Chapel.

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

Tuesday, at 7 a.m., Christian Meditation in the Meditation Chapel.

Wednesdays, in All Saints’ Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Christ Church

This Sunday’s Collect in the older Anglican calendar has the Church praying for “grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.”

Surely, one of the temptations of our time is the temptation to become cynical. We have just witnessed a ray of hope in the first step in what all people of good will desire. Two years ago there was a horrific attack on Israel. Over a thousand people were killed and hundreds were taken to Gaza as hostages. Israel responded with fire power and troops on the ground. The loss of life on both sides has been great.

If the fragile peace lasts it will truly be a miracle. So we are praying precisely for that.

Funeral Mass

James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser

A Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at Good Shepherd Church, Decherd, followed by a reception in the parish hall for James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser, age 84, of Sewanee, who died on Sept. 10, 2025.

Obituaries

James Walter Cheek

James Walter Cheek, age 83, died on Oct. 10, 2025. He was born on June 13, 1942, to James Ernest and Helen Flanagan Cheek. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. His love of learning about chemistry and physics led him to a career as a chemistry and math teacher at Shook School and the old Grundy High School. In addition, he co-owned the Dixie Fried Chicken restaurant in White City with his father-in-law, which was a gathering place that is still remembered to this day for their exceptional food. Later, he served as an environmentalist for Grundy County for 32 years before retiring. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Eric Carter Cheek; father-in-law, William Robert Geary Jr. and mother-in-law, Virginia C. Geary.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, LeNae Geary Cheek; son Gregory Geary Cheek; daughter, Virginia Ginger (Kevin) Nunley; four grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Graveside Services were on Oct. 13, 2025, at City Cemetery in Tracy City with Dr. Clayton Jones officiating. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Virginia H. Lapins

Virginia H. Lapins, age 86 of Brentwood, Tenn., died on Oct. 14, 2025. Known as “Ginny,” she was born on June 28, 1939, in Plainfield, N.J., to Pauline McClain Hall and Howard W. Hall. She grew up in Piedmont, Calif., and graduated from Piedmont High School. She attended the University of Arizona where she was a member of the synchronized swim club. She was a steadfast and generous partner to her husband, Doug during their 56 years of marriage. They moved frequently for Doug’s work, living in California, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, and Illinois. After he retired, they traveled to Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, and Peru; during these trips, she volunteered in orphanages and shelters while Doug consulted with business leaders. In 1997, they moved to Pinehurst, N.C., where they lived for more than 20 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Doug Lapins; and sister Barbara Turtle.

She is survived by her daughters, Laura (John) Willis of Sewanee, and Katie Lapins of Murfreesboro; siblings Linda Jones of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Rod (Judith) Hall of Carmel, Calif.; two grandsons, Addison Willis of Chattanooga, and Aaron Willis of Sewanee, and many nephews and nieces.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. For complete obituary go to <https://www.williamsonmemorial.com>.

Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Our time of fellowship begins at noon.

City Light Church

City Light Church in Monteagle exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle (right next to Ace Hardware) and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. You will experience passionate worship, powerful preaching, and a fun and exciting environment for your children. Our children’s ministry offers a safe and exciting environment for children newborn to fifth grade. We hope to see you this Sunday. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

Draw Near

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

At 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, Draw Near Church will be hosting a Chili Cook-off. Everyone is welcome to come and join in fun, food, and fellowship. The cost to enter the contest is \$25 and there will be two cash prizes for the winners. Draw Near is located at Cowan Center for the Arts, 301 Montgomery Street (one block behind City Hall).

Morton Memorial United Methodist

Our sermon will be “Seeking

Justice,” inspired from Luke 18:1-8. The scripture lesson stresses the need for persistence when seeking justice. Never give up! God is always listening.

Children are welcome at Morton! In All God’s Children this Sunday, we will consider what it means to wrestle with relationships based on Genesis 32:22-31. Following that, children will have time in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children’s Church.

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

YouTube in the week following the service.

Morton has many active ministries. We are continuing our collection of winter wear to be presented to Mountain T.O.P. for distribution at their Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 25. Bring new or clean and gently worn coats, jackets, sweaters, scarves and gloves to the church. This Sunday, all of the contributions that have been received will be blessed.

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 Road, Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

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

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

Rebecca Adams, a leading authority on the French anthropological philosopher René Girard, will address the Sunday Forum at St. Mark and St. Paul this Sunday, Oct. 19, at 9:45-10:45 a.m..

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Church Calendar

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

Monteagle Church of Christ

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

Monteagle First Baptist Church

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

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall (Sewanee Children’s Center), Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 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

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

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

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

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

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

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

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

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

City Light Church, Monteagle

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

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

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

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

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

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

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

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

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

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

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

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

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

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

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The presentation, which will be streamed, will begin with a previously taped interview with Adams, after which she will lead a discussion and answer questions.

Girard, who has broken new ground in the psychology of desire and human imitation, has powerful insights into the relationship between violence and religion, especially when it comes to scapegoating. Adams, however, notes that Girard also believes that that not all human desire leads to violent rivalry and that, through Christ, humans can move past scapegoating.

Adams is an independent scholar who is active in several Girardian groups, such as the Loving Mimesis Generative Dialogue Group, of Theology and Peace, and the Colloquium on Violence and Religion.

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

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

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

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

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

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Aaron Elrod <aaelrod@sewanee.edu> for details.

The Community Action Committee is working with Sewanee Elementary School to recruit reading buddies who can help out during library time for our young students. This partnership requires consistent volunteers who will read with students and help select books, while overall fostering a love for reading and providing support for the library program. If you are interested, contact Sarah at <cac@stmarkstpaul.org> to see how you can get involved.

October Book Study: Beowulf Robin Bates will lead a series of discussions on Beowulf on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Brooks Hall Dining Room on Oct. 21, and 28. Translations will be available for attendees. Bring a snack to share or just wander in with a curious mind.

Beowulf is one of the world's great monster stories as well as a powerful exploration of how anger can rip apart a society. Dr. Bates contends that each of the poem's monsters – two trolls and a dragon – represents a different kind of anger/ Given the devastating impact that anger is currently wreaking, both on the United States and globally, the poem is only too relevant. Dr. Bates believes, however, that there are "Beowulf solutions" that we can use to fight back.

It's not necessary to attend all the classes or to read anything before each session. Just come when you can. If you are not able to attend the first class and need a copy of the work, write to Dr. Bates at <rrbates@smcm.edu>. We'll be using the Seamus Heaney translation but other translations are fine and, in fact, can lead to interesting comparative discussions.

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property along to future owners who, like us, want to enjoy the special beauty of this natural area."

The property has long been admired locally for its history and geology. Jumpoff Falls and nearby Jumpoff Rock overlook Jumpoff Cove, a site once referenced by Mark Twain in "Life on the Mississippi" when writing about 19th-century bandit John Murrell. The land also holds traces of early settlements, a Civil War-era homestead, and a small exploratory coal mine believed to date back more than a century.

"The Routons' decision to protect this remarkable piece of the Cumberland Plateau ensures that its forest, waterfall, and stories will remain part of Tennessee's landscape forever," said Emily Parish, Vice President at The Land Trust for Tennessee. "Their commitment helps keep this region's natural and cultural history intact for future generations."

The conservation easement allows the Routons to continue using the property for recreation and as a family retreat, while ensuring that its forest and stream remain protected from subdivision or intensive development in perpetuity.

The Land Trust for Tennessee will continue to visit the property annually to ensure its forest and stream remain protected in the years ahead.

The Land Trust for Tennessee is a nonprofit conservation organization working statewide to protect land important to the people of Tennessee. From family farms and historic landscapes to public parks and forests, the work of The Land Trust has a lasting impact on people and places from Memphis to Mountain City. The organization has conserved over 137,000 acres of land since its founding in 1999, and is recognized for meeting the highest standards for excellence and conservation permanence. Learn more at <https://www.landtrusttn.org>.

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The building will continue to house the Townsend Cultural Center and Campora Family Resources Center. Broadband expansion, education, and telehealth are among the programs the county intends to implement with the grant money. "We started looking at that along with the function of the Drug Prevention Coalition. It's cleaner and flows better if it's all under one entity, county government," Guess stressed. He expressed confidence in the financial security of the grant funded Prevention Coalition program. "That money is not going away, and even if it did, there is county Opioid Abatement money that will fund most of it." In addition to increased emphasis on adult services, plans call for "accelerating" youth drug prevention programming. "For prevention for the young people, you have to go where the young people are, coordinating with the teachers and principals to deliver your programs. We need to do a better job of that."

The board voted unanimously to transfer oversight of the Prevention Coalition to the county.

The board also approved amend-

ing the "Emergency Preparedness Plan" policy. The plan currently calls for all schools to conduct a fire drill every 30 days. Tennessee School Board Association recommendations call for fire drills every two months. The revised policy adopts the two-month standard.

The board discussed board member Erik Cole's proposal to establish an Athletic Committee to develop programs, retain student athletes, foster community and alumni engagement, and increase college exposure. "The committee would have no special power. All it is allowed to do is make a recommendation," Cole said. Board member Casey Roberts pointed out the 11-member committee proposed by Cole had only one woman representative. "I see a disproportionate amount of males," Roberts said. "I'd like to see more female representation. [Women] might have a different perspective." The board deferred voting on the proposal until Cole conferred with other suggested committee members about their willingness to participate.

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OCE Works with Pilot First-Year Experience

Sewanee's Office of Civic Engagement (OCE), which runs 10 curricular and co-curricular programs to facilitate community work, offered an Explore track within the newly redesigned first-year experience. Explore is one of three tracks in the first-year experience with the others being Encounter (a four-credit class) and Embark (a one-credit class). OCE organized events for new students to learn about the work of local organizations and to serve the South Cumberland Plateau. Thirty-four students, three staff, one faculty, and four upper-class mentors took part in this Explore.

On Aug. 22, the "Learn, Serve, Grow" Explore track organized by OCE kicked off with informational partner meetings in the Sewanee Village and a dinner catered by the Blue Chair with local partners in Angel Park. Students were joined by representatives from Folks at Home, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race and Reconciliation, the Community Action Committee, Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, and Housing Sewanee.

On Aug. 23, students participated in a project organized by Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit that builds beds for children in the six nearby counties who lack a safe and healthy place to sleep. After learning about the need for beds and the importance of sleep for physical and intellectual wellbeing and growth, students sawed, drilled, hammered, and sanded to construct the parts for 60 bed frames. The atmosphere was jovial, as community members and students learned more about each other while engaging in the work. Members of Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Rotary Club guided the students' efforts, and then the group shared lunch together generously provided by Rotary.

Another highlight was helping at Mountain T.O.P. in Coalmont on Aug. 25. Students worked in teams to acclimatize cabins to make them more usable for visiting service groups. Annabel Hines, Service Area Director, said about the experience, "Having first year students work on fixing up Mountain T.O.P.'s camper cabins was such a great way to introduce them to us and our mission. They all seemed genuinely interested in asking questions and understanding the complicated housing issues around the area." Beyond their interest in housing, the students enjoyed learning new carpentry skills and working as a team. Annabel urged anyone interested in working on additional repairs during the fall to let her know.

The OCE Explore track concluded with a dinner and dialogue at Kennerly Hall. Students, staff, faculty, and community leaders discussed the role of service in fostering meaning and belonging. Although tired, students remarked that they enjoyed the Explore track because they made new friends, felt they were doing something helpful to others, and learned much about their new community. Several students have continued their service activities both on and off campus.

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SCCF Awards \$50,000 in Collaborative Grants

by Beth Riner for the SCCF

The South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF) awarded \$50,000 in “Connecting for Lasting Impact” collaborative grants for three new projects Oct. 4.

Recipients included the Town of Tracy City partnered with groups from the Littell-Partin Center; Housing Hub and Mountain T.O.P.; and Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic and the Grundy County Jail.

“The grants require multiple organizations to apply together to address an overarching issue on the Plateau with the aim of fostering deeper and more meaningful connections among nonprofit organizations,” Ally Hollis, associate director of SCCF, told the crowd of more than 150 benefactors gathered together for dinner at the University of the South’s Cravens Hall.

“We have awarded over \$150,000 in collaborative grants in the past three years,” she said, noting the SCCF created the collaborative grants in 2022 in honor of its tenth anniversary.

The first \$10,000 grant of the evening went to the Town of Tracy City in partnership with organizations housed in the Littell-Partin Center to create a youth hub for young people to have a safe place for learning, creativity, and growth. Project partners included the Grundy Area Arts Council, the Littell-Partin Center afterschool program, JAM Kids, and Grundy Safe Communities Coalition (GSCC).

“In a large rural county with limited youth services, a youth hub is a vital component of the physical, mental, and economic health of the next generation,” Hollis said. “Not only do kids receive academic and nutritional support, they learn fulfilling skills and crafts, receive mentorship, and gain access to support networks, all of which keeps them out of trouble and on track toward better health outcomes, economic stability, and a hopeful future.”

The first afterschool youth pro-

gram at the Littell-Partin Center began in 2020 when it opened at the site of the old Grundy County High School. Since then, attendance has grown from a handful of students to more than two dozen students served annually. Moving the Tracy City Public Library to the center’s campus off U.S. Highway 41 brought even more children and teens through its doors.

GSCC Coordinator Belinda Morgan added, “I’m excited to build afterschool programs for youth and families.”

Housing Hub and Mountain T.O.P. received a \$15,000 grant to create and pilot an innovative, new workforce development program.

“Both organizations perform similar work which aims to address structural challenges in the development and repair of affordable housing on the Plateau,” said SCCF’s Grant Committee Chairman Betty Carpenter, who presented the award. She noted that both depend heavily on volunteer labor, which can be inconsistent and difficult to rely on.

The new workforce development program will provide training, real life work experience, and wraparound services to break down barriers for the next generation entering construction trades.

“This hands-on experience will also provide a dedicated labor force during seasons that typically see low volunteer turnout,” Carpenter explained. “In the short term, this initiative will offer immediate support for housing projects. In the long term, it aims to cultivate a skilled local workforce, creating a pipeline of qualified construction professionals who could support both organizations and the broader community.”

Housing Hub’s Executive Director Julie Keel sees the new program as a win for everyone.

“We are grateful for the vote of confidence from the SCCF,” she said. “Mountain T.O.P. is a natural partner, and the SCCF grant represents seed capital. They

provide a flexible funding source that allows our organizations to leverage one another’s strengths to pilot our workplace development program that fills in a gap in our community.”

The third and final grant of \$25,000 went to Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic and the Grundy County Jail.

Since 2010, the clinic has served countless uninsured and underinsured Plateau residents and provided care for the jail’s inmates. This year alone, the clinic has already treated more than 1,300 patients.

“Recently, the clinic suffered a termite infestation, which led to the discovery of several structural issues,” SCCF Board Member Henry Lodge said. “They were forced to close one of their exam rooms, limiting their ability to serve as many patients as possible.”

The grant will allow the clinic to complete much needed repairs and provide a safer and more professional space for patients.

“Inmates from Grundy County Jail will contribute labor to the project,” Lodge said.

Participating inmates will receive time off sentences equal to the time spent working at the clinic and develop concrete job skills and relationships with healthcare providers.

“Many have expressed their gratitude for the ability to give back to the place that cares for their health,” he added.

For more information, visit <www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org>.

Mobile Moc Healthcare

Our mobile health unit is a specially equipped vehicle designed to bring healthcare services to older adults and caregivers in rural communities. Our qualified healthcare team will travel to 10 Southeast Tennessee counties (Bledsoe, Grundy, Hamilton, Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Sequatchie, and Marion County) to provide medical care, preventative screenings, annual wellness exams and important support services. Mobile Moc is the second Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at May Justus Memorial Library, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle.

Older adults (ages 62 years+) and caregivers are priority. Adults 18 years+ may be served if time permits. Individuals will be seen regardless of insurance or residency status. There is no charge for services rendered by Mobile Moc providers.

Our Mobile Moc unit will provide monthly services in each Southeast Tennessee county. Dates and locations will be determined based on need. For more information visit <utc.edu/engaging> or email <mobilemoc@utc.edu>.

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Mental Health: Screening & Referrals

Memory: Screening, Examination, Specialist Referral, and Community Resources Caregiver Support: Health Screenings, Resource Navigation, and Support Groups Other Support: End-of-Life Planning, Nutrition, Chronic Disease Management, Medication Assistance, Benefits Assistance, and Telehealth

Funded by a grant awarded from the Healthcare Resiliency Fund and the Tennessee Department of Health, Mobile Moc is proud to partner with the Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging to provide older adults and caregivers tools needed to age successfully.

Goat Yoga and Bake Sale to Support Early Literacy Ambassadors

Join the Early Literacy Ambassadors at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, on St. Luke’s Lawn (on the corner of Georgia and University Ave.). Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZygrT5G7qRrVz6tjR8q1Q_p-UXb_WexINN8049mZltwwTQ/viewform?usp=header>.

We are seeking sponsors to help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000. Donations can be made online through the website <www.earlyliteracyambassadors.com> or sent to: 225 Cumberland St. W., Cowan, TN 37318.

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ELA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in its fourth year of early literacy programming. Our Story Time program is reaching 88 low income students in Franklin and Grundy Counties every week. We are serving 40 students each week at Cowan Elementary during their intervention time. Eight students at Sewanee Elementary are participating in before and after school reading groups, and we are forming after school reading groups at Tracy City Elementary. Fourteen college student Ambassadors are assisting with our programs, which is a record number. We are reaching more students than ever, and our Reading Group program has expanded to Grundy County.

This fundraiser is very important because we are at risk of running out of funding before the end of the school year. We continue to operate on a shoestring budget. Please help us reach our fundraising goal as a sponsor, come join the fun, and/or stop by for a homemade treat.

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Monday, Oct. 20: Pop tart, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Banana bread, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 22: Pancake, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, Oct. 24: Donut Pull Apart, juice, milk.

LUNCH

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

Monday, Oct. 20: Chicken sandwich w/trimmings, baked beans, French fries, whole pickle, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Beef taco, tortilla shell, lettuce/tomato cup, salsa, corn, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 22: Breakfast for lunch:egg patty, sausage patty, biscuit, tater tots, veggie cup w/Ranch, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Chicken pot pie w/biscuit, buttered baby potatoes, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

Friday, Oct. 24: Hamburger/cheeseburger, trimmings, fresh carrots w/Ranch, French fries, fruit, milk.

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



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct. 18–21, Fall Break, SAS, and College. Reading Period School of Theology

Oct. 20–25, Fall Break, Grundy County

Oct. 21, Parent/Teacher Conference, no student attendance, Franklin County

Oct. 31–Nov. 2, Homecoming Weekend

University Receives NetVUE Professional Development Award

The University of the South has received a Professional Development Award from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE), a nationwide network of over 300 colleges and universities formed to support and enrich vocational exploration and discernment among undergraduate students. The award will enable a team of faculty members to work on expanding the University's capacity for vocational exploration and reflection in both advising and the academic program.

In the coming year, the participating faculty will enhance their knowledge of vocational discernment, including best practices for reflection, and do one or more of the following: develop a new or revised course syllabus that integrates vocational exploration; create reflective exercises for faculty colleagues to include in their courses; or contribute to the development of resources for use by pre-major and major advisors.

The participating faculty are Assistant Professor of Biology Kevin Rodriguez; staff co-leader and Director of Student Formation Elizabeth Wilson; Assistant Professor of Psychology Katy Morgan; Associate Professor of Religious Studies Kati Curtis; faculty co-leader and Associate Professor of Environmental Systems Keri Watson; Assistant Professor of Art History Leslie Todd; Director of the Office of Civic Engagement and Carl Biehl Professor of International Affairs Amy Patterson; and Associate Professor of Computer Science Ross Sowell.

This professional development opportunity follows several recent initiatives — like the establishing cohorts of faculty fellows for purpose and career and faculty fellows for advising and mentoring — that have provided Sewanee faculty with support as they work to embed career exploration and reflection on purpose throughout the Sewanee experience.

"This award will help us to build on previous efforts and advance the University's strategic goal of student formation through vocational exploration and discernment," says Kim Heitzenrater, associate dean for career readiness and student success. "As this work grows across academic programs and advising conversations, we expect that all Sewanee students will benefit from the many opportunities to find their purpose as they explore paths for their future."

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Thanksgiving Catering at St. Mary's Sewanee

The excellent St. Mary's Sewanee culinary team is offering Thanksgiving catering again this year. The menu includes turkey breast, homemade dressing, green beans, sweet potato casserole, gravy, cranberry relish, rolls, and various pies for dessert. Partial orders can also be placed based on supply. Desserts can be purchased separately. Call for pricing.

This offer is for a limited time only, so place your order early by contacting the Reservations office.

The deadline for orders is Nov. 12, or while supplies last. Meals can be picked up at the retreat center on Wednesday, Nov. 26. All orders must be paid for in advance. Please, no exceptions.

If you want to find Rest, Renewal, and time to Reconnect this Thanksgiving Holiday, let us take care of the cooking for you!

To order, contact: Reservations at (931) 598-5342 or <Reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>.

Fall Classes at Cumberland Folk School

The Cumberland Folk School, located at Sequatchie Cove Farm, is a place to celebrate and commune around traditional crafts and skills, offering weekend workshops taught by skilled craftspeople. Our classes are built upon the inherent connection between traditional skills, sustainable land management, and farming to teach self-reliance and the use of natural materials to create beautiful utilitarian objects. Check us out at <www.cumberlandfolkschool.com> for more information, detailed class listings, and to sign up for upcoming classes.

Dumplings, Oct. 25. Learn to make delicious dumplings with chef and author Sonoko Sakai. You'll learn how to make the wrapper, different fillings (vegetarian and meat options), and a variety of methods for wrapping and cooking your dumplings.

Tiny Quilts, Nov. 8. Create a sweet tiny quilt with quilt artist Zak Foster. In this intimate workshop, you'll master essential hand-stitching techniques that form the foundation of all quilting projects.

Market Basket Weaving, Nov. 9. Learn how to make a traditional market basket with a wooden handle and a variety of reed sizes and colors with Linda Moore and Cheryl Johnson.

Felted Wool Slippers, Nov. 15-16. Learn to make wet felted wool slippers with artist and craftswoman Laurel York. Each person will go home with a pair of warm comfortable wool slippers that fit them perfectly.

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Opera Broadcasts Resume in duPont on Oct. 18

To opera lovers in the area: The new season of the Met Opera's Live in HD broadcasts begins Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Ralston Listening Library, on the second floor of duPont Library. The full season of tickets (\$35 each) is now available for purchase <<https://ssmf.sewanee.edu/tickets/>>.

The first broadcast features the dazzling Nadine Sierra in the title role of Bellini's "La sonnambula." See below for a brief description of this and a couple other operas coming up in the next month or so. More complete information is available at the Met's site <<https://www.metopera.org/season/in-cinemas/>>, but the times below are in Central time, while those directly from the Met are in Eastern.

Saturday, Oct. 18, noon: Bellini, "La sonnambula," tickets at <www.showpass.com/met-opera-la-sonnambula>.

After triumphs with Verdi's "La Traviata" and Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor," Nadine Sierra summits another peak of the soprano repertoire as Amina, who sleepwalks her way into audiences' hearts in Bellini's poignant tale of love lost and found. In his new production, Rolando Villazón — the tenor who has embarked on a brilliant second career as a director — retains the opera's original setting in the Swiss Alps but uses its somnambulant plot to explore the emotional and psychological valleys of the mind. Tenor Xabier Anduaga co-stars as Amina's fiancé, Elvino, alongside soprano Sydney Mancasola as her rival, Lisa, and bass Alexander Vinogradov as Count Rodolfo. Riccardo Frizza takes the podium for one of opera's most ravishing works.

Square Dance on Oct. 25 with Cumberland Community Dance

Sewanee is hosting the next Cumberland Community Dance from 5–7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, in Manigault Park located in central campus at the corner of University Ave. and Georgia Ave.

Open to all ages and experience levels, the evening will include traditional dancing such as square dance and contra dance styles along with live old-time music from The Stones River Reelers. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, everyone is encouraged to join in the fun. No partner is required. A live caller will guide dancers through every step.

Admission is free, though non-students are encouraged to make a donation to help support Cumberland Community Dance. This event is made possible by Grundy Area Arts Council, as well as many student organizations: The Green House, Student Government Association, Farm Club, Theta Pi, Wildlife and Fisheries, Community Engagement House, The Crafting Guild, Forestry and Geology Club, Phi Kappa Epsilon, and Sewanee Outing Program.

Please come out and help Cumberland Community Dance in their mission to keep the ever-evolving, living tradition of Southern Appalachian music and dance alive.

For more information, visit the Grundy Area Arts Council webpage: <<https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance>>.

Fall Vocal Showcase

Join the Sewanee Voice Studios for our Fall Vocal Showcase, at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7, Guerry Auditorium. In this semi-annual performance, Sewanee singers offer an engaging mix of musical theatre, art song, pop, rock, soul, jazz, and more. Come one, come all! With Vicki Collinsworth, piano. Free admission.

Vanderbilt University Presents The Southern Festival of Books, a Program of Humanities Tennessee

The Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written Word is among the oldest literary festivals in the country, annually welcoming hundreds of authors and thousands of visitors to the Tennessee State Museum, Tennessee State Library & Archives, and Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park each October. The Festival is free and includes author readings and discussions, performance stages, food trucks, and dozens of publishers and booksellers. Among the scheduled events is the TN Writers | TN Stories season closer with "Nothing to See Here" author and New York Times bestseller Kevin Wilson discussing his new book, "Run for the Hills." The event will be Oct. 18–19. We look forward to celebrating the written word with you this Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in downtown Nashville at the Bicentennial Mall, Tennessee State Museum, and Tennessee State Library and Archives. For a full schedule and more information, please visit <SoFestofBooks.org>.

'Shifting Views' at the Frame Gallery

Frame Gallery Gifts & Art is pleased to present "Shifting Views," a reception and exhibition of recent works by Sewanee artist Connie Keetle, opening 5–6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17. The solo art exhibition will remain on display through Nov. 8, 2025.

This new collection showcases Keetle's latest explorations in acrylic and mixed media, featuring a series of landscapes — both observed and imagined — alongside a selection of still-life paintings. The exhibition invites viewers to experience the artist's continued investigation of form, color, and layered meaning.

Keetle developed a lasting love for the natural world while growing up in Vermont, later pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the Kansas City Art Institute and further refining her craft at renowned institutions on the East Coast. Her artwork has been exhibited in both solo and group shows across Missouri, Vermont, Virginia, and Tennessee. For the last four years, Keetle has been a member of the Frame Gallery Gifts & Art team and has become a master framer.

To learn more about Keetle's "Shifting Views" solo art exhibition, please visit <<https://framegals.com/events/shifting-views>>.

Community Art Shows at the Artisan Depot

Each year from August through July, the Franklin County Arts Guild hosts six community art shows. Shows are open to anyone in the county no matter your age, art medium (i.e., from sculpture to crayon), or training level. There is no fee to enter the show. You may sell your work at the show. The gallery will charge a 25 percent commission on sold work. We ask that the contributing artist address the theme in their own way and present a piece of work that is able to be displayed by the intake deadline. Each show has a meet the artists reception on a specified Friday from 5–7 p.m., during the show months. The shows are presented at the Artisan Depot Gallery at 204 Cumberland E in Cowan, (additional parking behind the gallery). More information can be found at the Artisan Depot Gallery during business hours noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, or at our website <www.franklincoarts.org>.

Consumption without Consequence, through Nov. 30. Reception: Friday, Oct. 17.

Artist Trading Cards, Dec. 4–Feb. 1. Intake: Nov. 27–30. Reception: Friday, Dec. 19.

Is Love Free? Feb. 5–March 29. Intake: Jan. 29–Feb. 1. Reception: Friday, Feb. 20.

Nurture Nature, April 2–May 31. Intake: March 26–29. Reception: Friday, April 17.

40 Degrees Celsius, June 4–Aug. 2. Intake: May 28–31. Reception: June 19.

A Fall/Autumn Sun Catcher Fused Glass Workshop

Fall is quickly coming upon us, and what better way to welcome her than by creating a fall suncatcher. The beautiful, rich fall colors will adorn any window, office, or porch. Class is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Artisan Depot. Class is limited to 6 students. You don't need any experience. Age: 10+. Registration/Class fee is \$35. You must register and pay online to secure your space and supplies for the class. Go to <<https://www.franklincoarts.org>>.

Supply fee is \$50. The fee is paid directly to Denise Brislin on the day of class. Please pay via PayPal, Venmo, or cash. No checks. Supplies and use of equipment are included.

Pick up your finished sun catcher from 5–6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the gallery.

Artisan Depot is located at 204 Cumberland St. E., Cowan.

Perspectives in Performance: 'The Niceties' by Eleanor Burgess

The Roberson Project is a proud sponsor of the Perspectives in Performance Series.

"The Niceties" will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6, Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Tennessee Williams Center – Studio Theater.

At an elite East Coast university, an ambitious young black student and her esteemed white professor meet to discuss a paper the college junior is writing about the American Revolution. They're both liberal. They're both women. They're both brilliant. But very quickly, discussions of grammar and Google turn to race and reputation, and before they know it, they're in dangerous territory neither of them had foreseen – and facing stunning implications that can't be undone. The Washington Post hails it as "a barnburner of a play," adding that it's "one of the best plays I've seen about who gets to tell the story of America, and how." For more information go to <<https://roberonproject.sewanee.edu/>>.

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‘The Picture of Dorian Gray’ at the MAC

What if your face never aged — but your portrait did? Dorian Gray is young, charming, and seemingly perfect. But beneath the surface lies a chilling secret: a painting that bears the weight of every sin he commits.

Millennium Repertory Company presents “The Picture of Dorian Gray” at the Manchester Arts Center, beginning Friday, Oct. 17. Oscar Wilde’s classic Gothic story blends psychological drama with wit, suspense, and the supernatural.

Director Gianna Afflerbaugh’s cast features Carter Jernigan as Dorian Gray, along with Jonathan Tucker, Jon Rubke, Ethan Bennett, Jonathan Higdon, Robin Throneberry, JD Dill, James Petty, Kevin Cummings, Lucy Smith, Shellene Kent, Hunter Hill, Dennis Webb, Tucker Hill, Sam Weintraub, Joel Longstreth, Evelyn Champion, Brandon Champion, and Oliver Higdon.

“The Picture of Dorian Gray” has adult themes and contains scenes depicting self-harm; recommended for mature audiences. The show runs Oct. 17-19 and Oct. 24 –26, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and military, and \$10 for students, and are available at <millenniumrep.org> or by calling (931) 570-4489. The Arts Center is located just off Manchester’s historic square at 128 E. Main St.

Second Annual Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail

The Monteagle Christmas Tree Trail returns this year, and will be located in the Monteagle Greenway between Main Street and College Street. “We are hoping many businesses, churches and individuals will put up a tree this year,” said Monteagle Mayor Greg Maloof. “Come help us light up Monteagle for Christmas!”

Anyone who wants to decorate a tree for the tree trail may sign up to do so. There is no fee to participate. Sign up forms are available at Monteagle Town Hall, 16 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and on the town website <www.townofmonteagle-tn.com> under “Mayor’s Memos.”

Last day to register is Nov. 18, 2024. Trees must be decorated and delivered by Monday, Nov. 24. There will be a “Lighting of the

Christmas Trees” on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. A \$100 cash prize for the Best Decorated Tree will be awarded. Winner must be present to win.

There are several requirements for participating in the Tree Trail, including you must provide your own: tree, live or artificial; one outdoor extension cord; LED lights on the tree; a sturdy tree stand. Town staff will stake each tree securely into the ground.

For more information contact the Monteagle Town Hall at (931) 924-2265

Twisted Nightmares Haunted House

Dare to enter... if you think you can make it out. Twisted corridors, eerie screams, and heart-pounding scares await at Pelham’s scariest haunt!

The Haunted House is located at 3908 US-41, Pelham. Ticket Booth opens at 7 p.m. and closes at 11 p.m., every Friday and Saturday through Nov. 1. Prices are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for children 10 and under. There is a \$2 discount for college students, military, and first responders with ID.

The Haunted House is presented by Pelham Valley Fire & Rescue, and all proceeds directly support this volunteer department.

Artifacts of Extinction: Untold Stories from the University Archives Collections

Comprised of defunct objects related to science, culture, and Sewanee-specific extinction, this show examines forgotten objects, ideas, and traditions from the William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections. Providing a window into community and campus life of former generations, this exhibition works to bridge the past and present Sewanee experience. Ranging from hair art to dog obituaries, stone and bone books to insects-in-amber and fossil fragments, the displayed objects represent the unexpected cultural heritage and geographic diversity of the University’s collections. Researched and curated by Introduction to Museum Studies students in the spring of 2025, Artifacts of Extinction showcases Sewanee’s rich archival resources and hands-on student experience.

Halloween Week at The Caverns

The week leading up to Halloween, The Caverns comes alive as Tennessee’s ultimate underground destination for music, mystery, and celebration.

From lantern-lit Spooky Cave Tours to concerts beneath the earth’s surface, and seasonal sips in The Caverns Tavern on show nights, there’s no shortage of underground adventures leading up to Halloween.

Halloween Week Concerts in The Caverns Cave Venue

Sunday, Oct. 26 – 50th Anniversary Rocky Horror Picture Show – Celebrate half a century of the cult classic in The Caverns cave venue. Guests can join in with prop bags provided for audience participation and show off their creativity in a costume contest as part of the night’s festivities. Limited tickets remain.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 – Jeff Tweedy with Liam Kazar – The Wilco frontman performs at The Caverns for the first time as part of his Twilight Overdrive tour. This performance will be taped for the next season of The Caverns Sessions on PBS.

Thursday, Oct. 30 – Glass Beams with Luke Schneider – The psychedelic instrumentalists bring their hypnotic sound to the cave.

Friday, Oct. 31 – Here Come The Mummies with Lachy Doley and Platinum Moon – On Halloween night itself, the funk is literally undead. Here Come The Mummies — a band of 10,000-year-old Egyptian mummies — take the stage with their high-energy, horn-driven grooves. Expect a wild night of dancing, funk, and fright. A costume contest adds to the celebration, making this the can’t-miss party of the season.

Saturday, Nov. 1 – Saint Motel with Adan Diaz – The week caps off with indie-pop darlings Saint Motel.

For cave concert tickets, visit <TheCaverns.com>.

Spooky Cave Tours

Being in a cave is an eerie experience on its own, but Spooky Cave Tours add another layer. Guests follow their tour guide by lantern light through the spellbinding chambers of The Caverns, hearing haunting stories of immortal beings and Cherokee legends tied to Tennessee’s caves. No jump scares here — this immersive tour is deeper than that.

Spooky Tours Offered: Oct. 24–31, at 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Regular daily cave tours will also continue throughout Halloween week, beginning each day at 9 a.m. CT. Tours depart the gift shop every hour on the hour.

Walk-ups are welcome, but reservations are recommended. Book cave tours at <TheCaverns.com>.

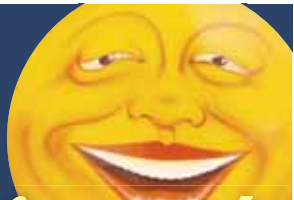
Seasonal Sips in The Caverns Tavern

On show days, The Caverns Tavern is a perfect stop after a cave tour or before a show. Guests can raise a pint of Wizard’s Brew, a limited-edition seasonal beer, or the year-round Limestone Lager — both crafted in collaboration with local Common John Brewery.

From the undead funk of Here Come The Mummies to the eerie glow of lantern-lit tours, Halloween week at The Caverns promises thrills, chills, and unforgettable music deep underground. Visit <TheCaverns.com> to learn more.

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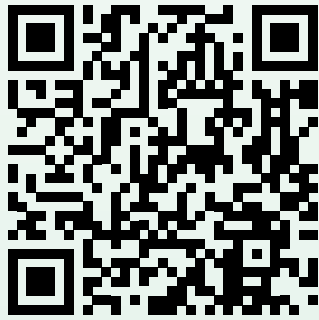
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Division of Forestry Nursery Now Accepting Tree Seedling Orders

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry's (TDF) East Tennessee Nursery is accepting tree seedling orders until March 15, 2026 or while supplies last. More than two dozen tree and shrub seedlings are currently available for reforestation and conservation projects.

"Native species seedlings grown at our East Tennessee Nursery play an important role in the expansion and regrowth of our forests," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "Grown from seed gathered no more than 50 miles from Tennessee's borders, these seedlings are uniquely positioned to thrive in our state. Planting native species helps ensure the resilience and health of urban and rural southern forests."

The East Tennessee Nursery cultivates millions of native trees and shrubs each year and sells seedlings in bulk to public, nonprofit, and private organizations, as well as individuals.

Several cost share and financial assistance programs are available to qualified landowners to provide financial assistance for seedling purchases. Sponsored programs include:

The Beam Suntory program promotes the purchase of oak and hickory seedlings.

The Promark (formerly D'Addario) program supports the sustainability of hickory and oak in Tennessee.

The Huber Engineered Woods, LLC. Program funds purchasing loblolly pine 2.0 seedlings.

The Tree City USA program supports cities and towns seeking to grow urban and community forests.

Each program has its own eligibility requirements, and some require a forest management plan. Contact your local area forester at <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/staff> to learn more about these programs and their eligibility requirements, including forest management plans.

Landowners may also qualify for cost share opportunities for hardwood and softwood seedling purchases through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP). For information, visit <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/landowner-assistance/financial-assistance.html>.

Please visit <www.planttrees.org> to purchase seedlings online.

The Division of Forestry protects and promotes the responsible use of forest resources in Tennessee. Focus areas include assisting landowners with a variety of services, providing quality tree seedlings, supporting forest health programs, collecting forest inventory data, assisting forest industries, and fighting wildland fires. Visit <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests> for more information.

Grundy County Receives ThreeStar Grant

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter announced that 34 communities statewide will receive funding from the latest round of ThreeStar grants.

Grundy County received \$1 million. In total, TNECD is awarding \$9.6 million in funding to Tennessee communities to support local workforce training, health and economic development initiatives.

"I commend these 34 communities for their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all Tennesseans," said Gov. Lee. "Tennessee is consistently recognized as one of the best places to live, work and raise a family, and we know when our communities invest in their own growth and well-being, they strengthen that reputation and make our state even more appealing to businesses and families alike."

The ThreeStar Program is a strategic community development program developed to assist communities in preparing for a better future. Updated in 2025, the program now incorporates asset-based planning and a two-year timeline to accomplish long- and short-term goals. The program helps communities develop goals to maximize their local assets and drive economic development.

The funding announced today will be used for a variety of local community development initiatives including education, workforce development, health, tourism, small business, entrepreneurship and economic development programs, among others that were prioritized through each community's strategic planning process.

To date, 94 counties have completed the requirements to be certified ThreeStar counties. Certification results in access to other TNECD programs and grant funding and requires a community to develop long- and short-term goals as well as action steps and responsible parties for the goals. Then, the communities are eligible for funding to help with implementation of their goals. With the program updates, distressed counties are eligible for up to \$1 million in grant funding, and other communities are eligible for up to \$250,000.

"TNECD's ThreeStar Grant Program plays a critical role in helping Tennessee communities plan and prepare for future, and to date, 94 of the state's 95 counties have benefitted from this vital program," McWhorter said. "We are honored to announce additional funding today that will allow us to partner with local governments as they take strategic steps to enhance quality of life and expand workforce development opportunities."

TNECD will again accept applications through Dec. 30, 2025.

TNECD is the state's primary agency committed to fostering economic growth through job creation and community development. By attracting new corporate investment and facilitating the growth of existing businesses, the department works to strengthen Tennessee's competitive landscape. Additionally, TNECD strives to increase the economic prosperity for all Tennesseans by providing grants to communities statewide, helping them to become vibrant, business-friendly environments where companies can flourish. For more information, visit us at <tneecd.com>.

Surplus Deer List

As has been the case for many years, there will be a limited surplus of field-dressed animals available for pickup by community members. If you would like to be on the list to receive a surplus animal, please fill out the request form found here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduwi0an3xhnFx8Utc6spFBxSfLeydw1o_-u6SajdUnRkUE6w/viewform?pli=1>. We are updating our surplus deer list this year, so even if you have filled it out in the past, please do it again if you would like a deer this year.

If you are contacted about a surplus deer you will have 24 hours to pick up the animal or it will be given to the next person in line.

Water Quality Grant Proposals Now Accepted

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) is accepting grant proposals for projects that will help improve water quality by reducing nonpoint source (NPS) pollution in the state. For the first time, incentives will be given to projects located in both economically distressed and at-risk counties.

"With this cost-share support, we're helping Tennesseans take direct action to improve water quality," said Commissioner Andy Holt. "These projects make a lasting difference by reducing runoff, restoring watersheds, and supporting healthier ecosystems for people, wildlife, and future generations."

NPS pollution includes a variety of contaminants, such as sediment, urban runoff, excess fertilizers, pesticides, chemicals, and other pollutants that can affect both surface and groundwater.

Eligible applicants include local governments, regional agencies, soil and water conservation districts, state universities, and nonprofit organizations. The submission deadline is Dec. 1, 2025.

This federal grant supports the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to combat NPS pollution, as well as efforts in training, education, and water quality monitoring. Grant program priorities, incentives and evaluation criteria can be found online at <www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/agriculture/documents/landwaterstewardship/fy26/FY2026_319_RFP_FINAL.pdf>.

Contact Dr. Sam Marshall at (615) 837-5306 or <sam.marshall@tn.gov> with questions. The Nonpoint Source Program was created in 1987 as part of the Clean Water Act. TDA's Land and Water Stewardship Section manages the Tennessee NPS Program on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



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Fire Prevention Efforts Critical in Tennessee's Coming Wildfire Season

As Tennessee enters its annual wildfire season during National Fire Prevention Week, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) reminds residents to burn safely and responsibly. Beginning October 15, anyone burning leaves or natural debris must obtain a free burn permit from TDF.

"Tennessee experiences about 1,000 wildland fires each year, burning roughly 18,000 acres, and more than 90 percent are caused by humans," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "With extra debris from Hurricane Helene, there's more fuel for fires this season. Getting a burn permit, burning safely, and avoiding risky activity can greatly reduce wildfire danger."

Burn permits help TDF communicate when and where it is safe to burn. Permits are only issued when it is safe to burn.

Burn permits are free and available at <www.BurnSafeTN.org> or by using the MyTN mobile app. Online permits are issued 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time. Always obtain a permit on the day you intend to burn any size leaf, brush, or debris pile or conduct prescribed fires. Burning without a permit is a Class C misdemeanor. Leaving a fire unattended is a Class B misdemeanor, and fires must be fully extinguished by the permit's expiration.

Residents with limited internet access may call 877-350-BURN (2876) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central. Online applications are encouraged due to high call volume.

Citizens inside city limits should check local regulations before burning. Residents are also encouraged to explore non-burning options for disposing of storm or yard debris. For information about burning restrictions and materials that are illegal to burn, visit the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation at <www.tn.gov/environment/air/open-burning.html>. Call 1-888-891-TDEC to report illegal burning.

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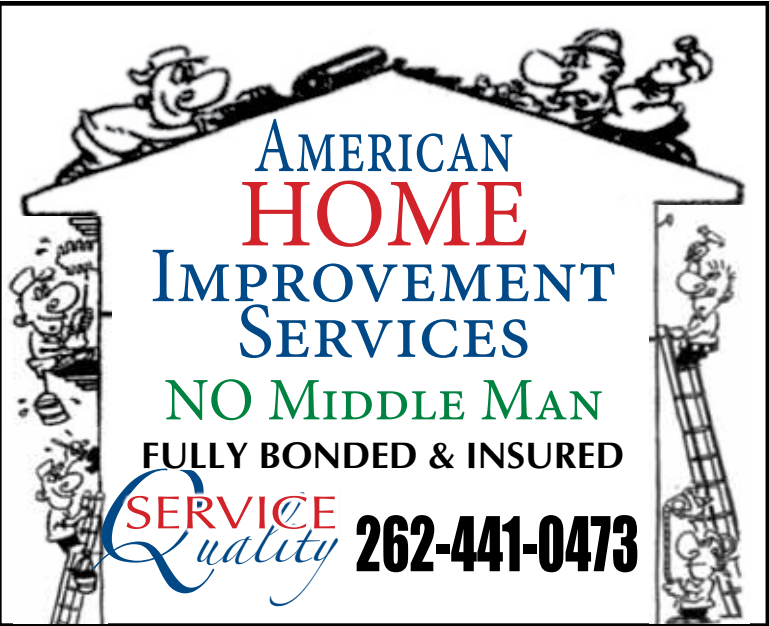
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Men Place Second, Women Fourth in Sewanee Relay Meet

Sewanee's swimming and diving teams opened the 2025-26 campaign on Oct. 11, inside the Fowler Natatorium. The men's team placed second overall, while the women finished fourth out of six teams.

On the men's side, the 200 medley relay team of Andrew Olsen, Naeem Mangum, Josh Kim, and Carter Nabors led the Tigers with a second-place finish, clocking a time of 1:35.57. Sewanee also collected third- and fourth-place finishes in the 200 backstroke relay. The quartet of Tyler Foster, Olsen, Jackson Pillow, and Jon Brettschneider finished third with a 1:41.66, while Mangum, Nabors, Connor Young, and Mason Horner placed fourth in 1:55.39.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Olsen, Nabors, Henry Lindeman III, and Kim took third with a time of 1:29.20. The men added two more fourth-place finishes in the 200 breaststroke relay and the 1500 freestyle relay. Mangum, Nabors, Young, and Horner made up the 200 breaststroke relay team, swimming a 1:55.39, while Ryder Griffin, Brettschneider, and Lindeman combined for a 15:19.41 in the 1500 freestyle relay.

On the women's side, Sewanee was led by the 200 freestyle relay team of Samantha Denman, Eleanor Bishop, Audrey Francell, and Ada Digby, who recorded a time of 1:44.02, good for second. The 1500 freestyle relay team of Sarah Beth Roady, Ella Deitch, and Bishop placed third with a 17:00.04. The Tigers added three fourth-place finishes in the 200 medley relay, 200 breaststroke relay, and 500 crescendo relay. Caroline Johnston, Bishop, Francell, and Digby posted a 1:52.62 in the medley relay; Bishop, Deitch, Grace Gearhart, and Johnston recorded a 2:17.73 in the breaststroke relay; and Digby, Francell, Bishop, and Roady swam a 4:58.43 in the crescendo relay.

To wrap up the day, the Tigers claimed first place in the 200 mixed medley relay, as Olsen, Mangum, Francell, and Digby clocked a 1:43.01 to close out the meet with a victory.

Sewanee returns to the pool on Oct. 25, hosting Emory University for a dual meet inside Fowler Natatorium.

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Tigers Drop Back-and-Forth Contest at Southwestern

Cam Beasley passed for three touchdowns, Dyer Barnes caught two TDs and Jacorin Thomas posted 173 yards of total offense, but Southwestern University scored 13 consecutive points in the second half and held off Sewanee, 39-31, in a back-and-forth football game on Oct. 11, in Georgetown, Texas.

Beasley tossed touchdown passes of 66, 12 and 78 yards and the Tigers (2-3, 0-2 SAA) registered 405 yards of total offense, including a season-high 264 through the air. Barnes collected seven receptions for 103 yards and two scores while Barton Mixon added 12 rushes for 52 yards and one TD for Sewanee.

Southwestern quarterback Jaxon Sims completed 21-of-34 passes for 296 yards and three touchdowns while Devin Baylor and Tycen Williams combined for 143 rushing yards and scored one TD apiece for the Pirates (3-2, 1-1).

Sewanee trailed 21-19 at the half, missing an extra point and a two-point conversion try, but the Tigers took the lead on the opening drive of the third quarter on a two-yard run by Mixon, but he was stopped on the two-point try.

Southwestern then netted the next 13 points, including a 37-yard TD pass from Sims to Reece Cutrer and 30 and 35-yard field goals by Austin Hill, giving the Pirates 33-25 advantage with 7:03 remaining in the game.

The Tigers answered the second field goal with a 78-yard TD pass to Barnes, but Beasley's pass on the two-point attempt was no good, leaving Sewanee with a 33-31 deficit.

Southwestern moved 75 yards on eight plays for the final score of the game, including a 34-yard completion to Christian Murray. The Pirates then rushed five consecutive plays, with Baylor scoring from a yard out for a 39-31 lead with 2:28 to play.

The Tigers had one final shot and picked up one first down, but Beasley was sacked and then tossed an interception to Cam Roberson

near midfield.

Southwestern missed a 40-yard field goal on the opening drive of the game and the Tigers scored just five plays later, with Beasley tossing a 66-yard touchdown pass to Sean Johnson midway through the first period.

The Pirates answered with a nine-play, 70-yard drive, converting a fourth down in Sewanee territory. Murray caught a 26-yard scoring pass from Sims to even the game at seven.

Balint Rendessy's interception and return to the Southwestern 12-yard line set-up the Tigers at the end of the first period. Barnes caught a TD pass from Beasley on the first play, but the PAT was missed and the Tigers held a 13-7 advantage.

The Pirates put together an eight-play, 83-yard possession early in the second quarter, with Jacob Smith rushing for 24 yards before Sims found Graydon Thompson for a 24-yard touchdown.

The Tigers were stopped on 4th-and-3 at the Southwestern 43-yard line with 5:27 left in the period on the ensuing drive. The Pirates took advantage, scoring eight plays later on a 13-yard run by Williams, taking a 21-13 advantage with 1:55 remaining in the half.

Sewanee executed the two-minute drill to perfection, with Mixon rushing twice for 16 yards on two plays and McLemore catching a 49-yard pass. Thomas then found McLemore for an eight-yard touchdown but the two-point conversion pass was incomplete and the Tigers trailed, 21-19, at the break.

Beasley and Thomas were both 4-for-4 passing for a combined 146 yards and three touchdowns in the half while Sims completed 12-of-21 passes for 156 yards and two touchdowns. Mixon rushed seven times for 43 yards for the Tigers in the first 30 minutes.

Sewanee hosts Berry College next Saturday at 1 p.m. at McGee Field-Harris Stadium.

Tigers Drop CFHC Opener to Rhodes, 2-0

The Tigers opened up Collegiate Field Hockey Conference (CFHC) play on Oct. 11, facing Rhodes, but the Tigers dropped a 2-0 decision at Puett Field.

Rhodes (3-5, 1-2) came out aggressively, firing three shots in the opening two minutes of play. Goalkeeper Miriam Hussaini stood tall for Sewanee (6-6, 0-1), making back-to-back saves on shots from Alder Dickey, while the Tigers' defense blocked another attempt to keep the game scoreless early.

After a scoreless first quarter, Rhodes broke through just under four minutes into the second as Dickey lifted a high shot over Hussaini's shoulder to make it 1-0. The Lynx doubled their lead in the 42nd minute when Maria Zaporozhski scored off a cross from Dickey.

Sewanee's best opportunity came late in the third period when the Tigers earned their lone penalty corner of the day. Natalie BeVier inserted to Shepard Ramsey and received the return pass for a shot that was turned away by the Rhodes keeper, while Molly Haskell's follow-up attempt was blocked.

Catherine Crane led the Tigers with three shots on goal, and BeVier added one. Hussaini collected three saves on five shots faced.

Sewanee will travel to Danville, Ky., for another CFHC matchup against Centre on Saturday with an 11 a.m. CT, noon ET start.

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Whitsett, Monaghan Help Tigers to 2-1 Road Win

Susie Whitsett and Kylene Monaghan each posted a goal and an assist in Sewanee's 2-1 victory over Southwestern University in women's soccer action on Oct. 11, in Georgetown, Texas.

The Tigers (7-1-2, 2-0-1) dominated possession and peppered the goal for most of the match, outshooting the Pirates, 28-14, forcing seven saves but also hitting the post and the crossbar

Monaghan and Whitsett nearly hooked up for a goal in the 11th minute, with Monaghan sliding a thru-ball to Whitsett, but Southwestern (4-5-3, 0-2-1) goalkeeper Erin York made a save at the top of the box, nearly meeting Whitsett once she received the ball.

Monaghan then hit the right post in the 18th minute, a left-footed shot from the top of the box, but she converted that attempt later in the match.

The Tigers got on the board in the 21st minute when Monaghan controlled a goal kick and played it forward to Fiamma dal Balzo who chipped it to Whitsett. This time Whitsett got it past a hard-charging York, with the ball rolling into the net for a 1-0 edge.

The lead was short-lived, though, with Southwestern knotting the match in the 34th minute after a foul near midfield. Matti Penders free kick sailed deep into the box and Mia Morales volleyed the ball into the net, just inside the right post for the equalizer.

Whitsett played a role in the game-winner, crossing a pass from the left into the box. Del Balzo shielded a Southwestern defender and the ball was played back to Monaghan, who drilled a left-footed shot from the top of the box, just under the crossbar into the net in the 66th minute.

Sonia Djurasovic hit the crossbar with a shot minutes later and EJ Searfoss, who played in the second half in goal for the Pirates, made a flurry of saves on shots from Morgan Cheynet and Rivers Carney in the 70th minute. Laney Kalsu's header in the final three minutes also sailed high.

Sewanee's Emilee Scott collected four saves while York finished with two saves and Searfoss recorded two for Southwestern.

The Tigers return home next Saturday for a 4 p.m. match against 10th-ranked Trinity University at Puett Field. Sewanee plays four of its final five outings of the regular season at home.

HOME GAMES

11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, Women's Volleyball vs. Rhodes

1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, Football vs. Berry College

4 p.m./6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer vs. Trinity University

noon, Sunday, Oct. 19, Women's volleyball vs. Millsaps

5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, Women's Soccer vs. Oglethorpe

5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, Women's Volleyball vs. Centre

7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, Men's Soccer vs. Oglethorpe

Tigers Fall to No. 11 Trinity in Four Sets

Savannah Gann and Mollie White combined for 26 kills, but Sewanee fell to No. 11 Trinity in four sets on Oct. 12, in volleyball action, 18-25, 25-16, 25-17, 30-28.

Gann posted 13 kills and five digs, while White added 13 kills, three blocks, and four digs. Anna Ellison contributed eight kills and six blocks while hitting .400, and Suna Merkle tallied seven kills and two service aces. Setter Sydney Bixby recorded 29 assists, nine digs, two blocks, and five kills, and Emma Meyer added 17 assists, two aces, and four digs. Defensively, Sophia Caruso anchored the back line with a team-high 21 digs and four assists.

Sewanee started strong in the opening set, as Ellison tallied the first point of the match with a kill and Meyer followed with back-to-back aces. The Tigers built an early 10-3 lead behind two kills from Maria Kennedy and one each from Gann, Bixby, and Merkle. Later in the frame, Sewanee used a seven-point run to take a commanding 20-9 advantage. The surge was fueled by an ace from Merkle, two blocks from Ellison, and a block and kill from Bixby. Trinity responded with an 8-2 run, but Sewanee sealed the first set with a kill from Gann followed by a block from Kennedy and White.

Trinity regrouped in the second set, limiting Sewanee to a .054 hitting percentage while hitting .370 as a team. The host Tigers opened with a 7-0 run to take an early lead and maintained control throughout the frame. Sewanee couldn't string together more than two points at a time as Trinity evened the match with a 25-16 win.

The third set followed a similar pattern, with Sewanee keeping things close early before Trinity pulled away late behind a pair of 6-1 runs to take the set, 25-17.

The fourth proved to be the tightest of the day, featuring 12 ties and six lead changes. Trinity used a 7-0 run to take a 14-11 lead, but Sewanee battled back with a 6-1 run of its own — highlighted by a block from Merkle and Ellison, an ace from Merkle, and two kills from Gann — to reclaim the lead at 23-20. Trinity responded with three straight points to even the score at 23. Meyer set up Gann for a kill to give Sewanee set point, but Trinity answered with a kill and capitalized on a Sewanee error to earn its first match point. Sewanee fought off two match points before Trinity closed out the match with back-to-back kills from Courtney Pope and an ace to seal the win.

Sewanee returns home to close out the regular season with seven straight matches in Juhan Gymnasium, beginning with Rhodes on Friday, Oct. 18, and Millsaps on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Men's Soccer Falls on the Road

Southwestern University scored twice in the first half and added three more goals in the second period, as the 14th-ranked Pirates posted a 5-0 victory over Sewanee in men's soccer action on Oct. 11, in Georgetown, Texas.

Greyson Pinto scored on an assist from Nico Colegrove in the 14th minute for Southwestern and it stayed that way until the 40th minute when Raghav Sharma found the back of the net on assists from Grey Richards and Lucas Marino.

Pinto scored again in the 55th minute, this one from Colegrove and Cooper Pero, and Richards poked in a goal in the 62nd minute off the hands of Sewanee goalkeeper Nathan Vanhove, with Landon Guenther providing the assist. Guenther collected the final goal for the Pirates in the 79th minute on assists from Quinn MacLeod and Danny Wasserman.

Southwestern recorded a 22-7 advantage in shots, 11 in each period. Vanhove registered five saves and allowed four goals for Sewanee, which hosts sixth-ranked Trinity University next Saturday at 6 p.m.

NCEA Falls to No. 1 Lynchburg

Piper Nelson was the Most Outstanding Player in Flat for the Tigers, but Sewanee's NCEA Equestrian team fell to the No. 1-ranked Lynchburg on Oct. 10, 7-3.

The teams started on the flat, as Campbell Flanagan closely defeated her opponent, on Ben, with an 81. Emma Sameth collected the Tigers next point with a 72 on Frankie, and Piper Nelson, the Most Outstanding Player, recorded an 87 on Archie, sending the Tigers into fences with a 3-2 lead.

However, Lynchburg swept the fences, to secure the win. Nelson recorded the highest score for the Tigers in fences, with an 84 on Ben, just one point behind her opponent. Addison Durrett also fell by just one point on Carl, and Rebecca Love posted an 82 on Tuck.

The NCEA team will be back on action on Nov. 14-15, as they head to Virginia to face Sweet Briar and will have another match-up against Lynchburg on Saturday.

Volleyball Falls to Southwestern

Sydney Bixby led the Tigers with seven kills and hit .375 with just one error on 16 attempts, but Sewanee fell to Southwestern in straight sets on Oct. 11, in SCAC volleyball action.

Bixby paced the offense with seven kills, while Savannah Gann added six kills and 10 digs. Kiera Baldwin contributed eight digs, and Sophia Caruso tallied 10. Anna Ellison led the defense at the net with four blocks, and Emma Meyer recorded 22 assists and two kills.

Southwestern took an early 6-3 lead in the first set before Sewanee rallied with a 10-4 run fueled by kills from Ellison, Bixby, Gann, and Maria Kennedy, along with a key block from Ellison, pulling within one. The Pirates responded with a 5-0 spurt to go ahead 22-16. Despite the Tigers winning five of the final eight points, Southwestern held on to take the opening set, 25-21.

Gann opened the second set with a kill, but Southwestern answered with three straight points, including two kills and an ace. The teams traded points throughout the middle of the set before a 6-2 run gave the Pirates a 17-12 cushion. Sewanee answered with a 6-3 stretch behind two kills from Bixby and a kill and block from Suna Merkle, but Southwestern closed the set with three consecutive kills for a 25-20 win.

Sewanee came out strong in the third set, taking five of the first eight points with kills from Meyer, Gann, and Ellison, plus a block from Ellison. However, Southwestern countered with an 18-3 run to seize control and finished the match with a three-point burst to seal the sweep.

The Tigers continue their Texas road trip on Sunday, taking on Trinity at noon.

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Lake Cheston – Orchids and More

A walk around Lake Cheston last weekend led to one of the delightful surprises of the late season – Nodding Ladies' Tresses orchids, *Spiranthes cernua*, so named for the spiral arrangement of the small white flowers along the stem. They were numerous, here and there all around the margins of the lake. The flowers are said to be fragrant but I didn't get down low enough to verify that. Grateful that the area had not been mowed to the water's edge, I encountered a number of other late-blooming wildflowers. They were particularly numerous along the shore opposite the sandy beach – those orchids as well as Calico Aster and Hyssopleaf Thoroughwort. Moving around the lake, there were the blue/purple flowers of Late Purple Aster and Southern Prairie Aster as well as a nice clump of Nodding Chain Fern. The dam was dotted with Downy Lobelia and Mistflower amidst the Little Bluestem grass – continuing the theme of blue. Boneset was in bloom in the spillway area. The whole group of thoroughworts was given this common name for the way this species seems to have the stem growing "through" the leaves. Its name may also have come from the doctrine of signatures – if the leaves grew together, perhaps it was useful in the healing of broken bones or in treating the pain of "breakbone fever". The bright yellow of Maryland Golden Aster and Grey Goldenrod shone in some of the more open areas. This walk was a rewarding way to spend a glorious fall afternoon.

More Than a Hike

Cynthia Abrams of WPLN, Nashville's local news and NPR station, visited Sewanee to explore how the University's 20-mile Perimeter Trail has become a rite of passage for students — and a source of freedom, reflection, and connection to the Mountain. Listen to the story here <<https://wpln.org/post/for-sewanee-students-the-perimeter-trail-is-more-than-a-hike-its-a-tradition/>>.

State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to South Cumberland State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>>, Savage Gulf State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>> or call (931) 924-2980. All times are central.

Three Forks Fall Foliage Float — Savage Gulf State Park, Sunday, Oct. 19, 4–6 p.m. \$20. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North. Witness the beauty of Fall on Three Forks Lake in a canoe. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets will be provided. Guests should wear weather appropriate clothing with comfortable shoes that may get wet. Sunscreen and hydration are a necessity. This will be an excellent opportunity to see new park addition prior to development.

Gas Lantern Night Hike at Stone Door — Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, Oct. 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m. \$25. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs. Join Ranger Spencer for a gas lantern night hike to the Stone Door overlook that is sure to amaze. This hike is two miles long round trip and will take visitors to several overlooks to experience the night sky and the unseen wonders of night in the beautiful Savage Gulf State Park with the warm glow of a gas lantern lighting the path. Visitors are required to bring sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing for the weather, and the spirit of adventure. This hike is limited to the first 10 people to register. Please meet the ranger at the Stone Door Station (Savage Gulf North) about 15 minutes before the start of the hike to check in. Please note that in the case of inclement weather (rain, high wind, snow, etc.) this program will be cancelled and a refund issued..

Overnight Adventure on the Fiery Gizzard — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m.–11:59 p.m. \$85, no gear needed. \$100, gear needed. Register for event. Meet Ranger Hannah at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead where we will begin the exciting 13-mile backpacking adventure thru the Fiery Gizzard. This will be a strenuous hike. This trip is designed for intermediate to advanced hikers. Hikers should be prepared for very rocky terrain and steep elevation gain and loss of roughly 1,000+ft. Participants will need to dress accordingly for the weather.

The hike will begin at 9 a.m. at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead. We will then hike the 10.5 miles to Small Wilds campground the first night, set up camp, relax and enjoy the sunset from a nearby overlook. We will wrap up the remaining 2.5 miles to Foster Falls the following day. This hike will go through the Fiery Gizzard gorge which is 4 miles of strenuous terrain due to the rocky trail and steep elevation gains.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own gear. We can provide equipment if needed (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, & backpack). These items are for those who need them and will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Participants need to have: sturdy hiking boots, overnight backpack, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, extra socks, extra clothing, rain coat, water, camp stove, toiletries, snacks, trekking poles (optional). Meals (dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday) will be provided. If anyone has any food allergies, please reach out to Ranger Hannah so she can make proper adjustments.

Explore the Door — Savage Gulf State Park, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2:30–4 p.m., \$5. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North. Come along with Ranger Todd to hike and explore the Stone Door. This hike will be roughly a 2.5 mile moderate guided hike, surrounded by beautiful views of Savage Gulf and a unique perspective of the Stone Door. Guests should bring ample water, wear hiking appropriate shoes, and be comfortable moving over rocks and roots. Off-Trail hiking is only allowed with park staff and should never be done alone.

Sewanee Herbarium Calendar of Events

Coyote Cliffs Trail — Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m., Mary Priestley. St. Andrew's-Sewanee School welcomes all to its 13 miles of hiking trails, which wind through the oak-hickory forest of the plateau top. It will probably be too late in the season to see flowers, but the trees, ferns, mosses, rocks, and creeks in these woods will make up for it. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot at the intersection of Firetower and Deepwoods Roads, behind SAS's academic buildings, for this two- to three-mile moderate walk, with a 200-foot elevation change.

Homecoming/Reunion Greenhouse Open Hours — Friday-Saturday, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 3-5 p.m., Jonathan Ertelt. Continuing a tradition started just two years ago, the Webb Greenhouse will have open hours for visitors and alumni to come and see the diverse collection within. Jonathan Ertelt C'78 will be on hand to point out special plants and answer questions.

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

Nature Journaling Continues

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

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Rebecca Gayle Howell,
2025 Aiken Taylor Award winner

Slade was pulling minnows out of the dry river the day we met. Puddles, more or less, was what was left. But what could live wanted to and tried, treading narrow circles, a glide of brittle fins. He wore those rubber boots, though the sun was an anvil, and very little wet; he smiled, I remember that, his nickel smile right at me, his fingers letting fall the small fish muscles into a bag filled with yellow tap. I didn't ask his name, or what it was he thought he was doing, but we talked, I listened as he taught me to relax the hand just enough. They can smell, he said, the oils our pores release when we tense to catch. You have to believe it, he said. You don't mean any harm.

--Rebecca Gayle Howell, *Every Job Has a First Day*
[Howell will receive the award and give a reading at 4:30, Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Convocation Hall]

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Community Calendar

Friday, Oct. 17

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Connie Keetle's "Shifting Views" Reception, Frame Gallery, until 6:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Art Reception, "Consumption without Consequence," Artisan Depot, Cowan

Saturday, Oct. 18

- Fall Break, SAS and College, Reading Period School of Theology
- 9 a.m. Railfan Day, Cowan Railroad Museum
 - 10 a.m. Herbarium Hike, Coyote Cove Trail, Mary Priestley, meet in parking lot at intersection of Firetower and Deepwoods Roads, behind SAS academic building
 - 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
 - 11 a.m. FCDP No King's Day Protest & Holiday Food Drive, corner of College St. & 2nd Ave. South, Winchester, until 1 p.m.
 - noon Met Opera Live, "La sonnambula," (\$35), Ralston Listening Library, 2nd floor duPont Library

Sunday, Oct. 19

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
- 2 p.m. FC Historical Society, "Ghost Railroads of Franklin County," Farris Chapel UMC, 2981 Rowe Gap Rd./Hwy. 16
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Oct. 20

- Grundy County Schools Fall Break, through Oct. 25
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
 - 11 a.m. Housing Hub board, Littell-Partin Center, Suite 230, Tracy City
 - 5 p.m. Mountain Garden Club fall wreath class, FMI follow Bloomin' Creations on FB
 - 6 p.m. Franklin County Commission, Courthouse, Winchester
 - 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center

Tuesday, Oct. 21

- Franklin County Parent/Teacher Conference, no student attendance
- 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.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Aiken Taylor Award presentation to Rebecca Gayle Howell, Convocation Hall
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility Office, Sherwood Road
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.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.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch at noon, lead, V-C Pearigen, C'76, at 12:25 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 4:30 p.m. Poetry reading of Aiken Taylor Award winner Rebecca Gayle Howell, Corey Van Landingham, McGriff Alumni House, 120 Georgia Ave.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Oct. 23

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, George Shinn, SCSP Mgr., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Concert, "APOLLO5," (\$25), All Saints' Chapel, tickets on <eventbrite.com>

Friday, Oct. 24

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center; also at noon
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m. (last day)



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- 7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**
7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester
- Wednesday**
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist
- Thursday**
6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont
- 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle
- 7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester