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Cumberland Community Dance to Host Square/Contra Dance in Monteagle

Lace up your dancing shoes because Cumberland Community Dance is hosting a lively traditional folk dance event from 6–8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26, at the Monteagle Pavilion located behind the Monteagle Library. Following the success of the previous dance in June, we anticipate a good crowd and lots of fun. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided as well as sweets donated by Mountain Goat Market. Comfortable shoes and enthusiasm are recommended!

Open to all ages and experience levels, the evening will include traditional dancing such as square 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.

Cumberland Community Dance is supported with funding from the Grundy Area Arts Council. Sponsors for the Sept. 26 event include The Monteagle Assembly and Mountain Goat Market. Attendees are encouraged make a donation to help cover the cost of the event — \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$5 for children under 10yrs, and no cost for children under 5 years.

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>>.

Sewanee Council Hot Topics: Fire Hydrants, Dogs

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Sept. 22 meeting, the Sewanee Community Council took up two issues raising questions about who was responsible for troubling circumstances impacting community wellbeing: lack of information about whether fire hydrant flow rates were sufficient to offer fire protection and whether law enforcement had the authority to issue citations for aggressive dogs without witnessing the dog attack. The council also discussed funding the cost of more speed humps in Sewanee and the need for notification about when road paving would occur.

Sewanee Fire Chief Terry Smith
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Patriot Day at Sewanee Elementary



Sewanee Elementary students had their annual Peace Pole assembly on Sept. 19. Fourth-grade students taught the whole school how to say "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in Japanese and shared facts they learned during their research of the country of Japan. Fifth graders spoke about the Japanese artwork each grade level displayed in preparation for this assembly. The kindergarten class sang a song about peace to conclude the assembly. Origami swans made by each student were also displayed. These will hang in each classroom as a visual reminder that peace begins with each person through the words and actions they choose each day. SES is thankful to our community partners, especially Dr. Alison Miller of The University of the South, Harriet Runkle of The Frame Gallery, and members of the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace.

Emmett Till Memorial: the Good in Divisiveness

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"If it's divisive to you, if it's igniting to you, there is a lot of power there that can be used for good," said Jessie Jaynes-Diming, founding member of the Emmett Till Memorial Commission, when asked how she responded to people who claimed her work caused rancor, anger and divisiveness by shining a spotlight on the 1955 torture and murder of the 14-year-old black youth Emmett Till. "I meet [the divisiveness] head on. It gives me an opportunity to talk to you," Jaynes-Diming insisted. Sept. 18 at Convocation Hall, Jaynes-Diming and Patrick Weems, co-founder and director of the Emmett Till Interpretive Center, joined in a conversation about the resistance the Center has encountered and how a courthouse slated to be con-

demned led to the Center's founding. "If you would have told me 20 years ago I'd be sitting in Sewanee, I would have said, 'you're crazy,'" acknowledged Jaynes-Diming, a member of the founding commission of nine Blacks and nine whites. Suspicion and hostility governed early meetings. "Emmett has become a symbol, but it's important to remember him as a child," Weems said. Emmett liked to ride his bike and would pay people to tell him jokes. Jaynes-Diming and Weems' observations circumscribe the extremity of the events occurring in Money, Mississippi, on the days leading up to and following Emmett Till's murder on Aug. 28, 1955.

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Rebel's Rest Salvaged Materials Available at Auction

In July 2014, a fire damaged Rebel's Rest, one of the oldest buildings on Sewanee's campus. Though the fire's destruction made restoration impossible, Sewanee professors and students launched a remarkable interdisciplinary project that recovered about 70 percent of the square-cut logs in the building's outer walls. The surplus materials from this historic curation project are now being sold at auction.

The online auction will be managed by McLemore Auction Company <<https://www.mclimoreauction.com/auction/3054/item/historic-reclaimed-lumber-and-architectural-features-from-rebel39s-rest-at-the-university-of-the-south-in-sewanee-tn-556278/>>. Bidding will run through Oct. 30. This auction will offer a rare opportunity to preserve Mountain-grown materials that have held Sewanee's story from the University's earliest days and give the new owner an opportunity to reimagine one of Sewanee's oldest stories.

An historic cabin that was originally built in 1866, Rebel's Rest hosted the first meeting of the Board of Regents to organize the University after the Civil War. It also served as the University's original post office and supply store, as well as an early fraternity house. Most recently before the fire, it hosted visitors as the University's guest house.

Following the fire, the building's site was transformed into a living laboratory to support student and faculty research into the region's history, forests and climates. Notable projects included:

Sewanee professors and students deconstructed, mapped, and analyzed the structure's materials, confirming that the more than 600 oak, American chestnut, and tulip poplar framing timbers began growing on or near the Domain as early as 1645.

Teams from Sewanee and other institutions conducted hands-on archeological research on the site, recovering more than 10,000 items—objects ranging from toys to medicine bottles, to extensive fragments of porcelain, pottery, and colored glass—that revealed evidence of daily life on the Mountain over the structure's 152-year lifespan.

All timber samples with research value are being retained for future study. This ensures the wood continues to yield important insights about the impacts of human development and climate change on some of North America's most significant hardwood forestlands.

Long-term uses for the site are still being explored. The building's stone foundation and deteriorating pergola will be dismantled, and the remaining outbuilding on the site will be moved and considered for an alternative and meaningful future use. Other interim plans include developing a native pollinator garden and planting trees of the same species used in the home, including an experimental disease-resistant variety of American chestnut, in hopes of restoring a species that has been virtually extinct on the Mountain and across the U.S. since the 1920s.

This auction is designed to allow these materials to take on new usefulness in the historic wood restoration market, as mantels, flooring, or part of a new cabin. The sale of beams with such unique histories and documented provenance ensures that these elements of Sewanee's past can find new life in the future.

Go to <<https://new.sewanee.edu/news/rebels-rest-salvaged-materials/>> for more information.

Sewanee Civic Association Meeting, Oct. 6

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6, 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. Dr. Amy Patterson and Robin Hille Michaels will present the program on the Office of Civic Engagement, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Items for the business meeting include the Sewanee Community Chest goal for 2025-26, news on the Sewanee Welcome Center, and updates on service projects. Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, Sept. 26, 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. For more information go to <<https://sewaneecivic.org>>.

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Sewanee, TN 37375

Letter

DONATE TO THE HUNGER WALK

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone in the community who has helped to make the 11th annual Hunger Walk a tremendous success. On Sept. 20 over 125 walkers arrived at Angel Park Saturday morning to walk and express support for ending food insecurity on the mountain. More than 600 donors have contributed \$97,000. Fifteen Greek organizations have taken part in fundraising and/or walking. All proceeds will benefit the Community Action Committee, Morton Memorial Food Pantry, and the Grundy County Food Bank.

The need is critical. Food banks are struggling to meet the rising demand for assistance which has been exacerbated by inflation and cuts to food assistance programs.

You can make a difference and help us get to \$100,000. An added \$3,000 will provide about 800 more meals. The online giving platform, GiveButter, will remain active until Sept. 30. If you have not yet donated, please go to <<https://givebutter.com/hungerwalk2025>> or mail a check to the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Foundation, PO Box 336, Monteagle, TN 37356.

Let's not let any child go to bed hungry on our mountain. Thank you for your help.

Kathy Henslee, Sewanee

September 2025 Lease Committee Summary

The following items were approved: August minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 992, located at 238 Wiggins Creek Drive, to Kirk Zigler and Leslie Jones; request to transfer commercial Lease No. 540, located at 91 University Avenue, to Nestle Bakeries, LLC; request to transfer Lease No. 1012, located at 127 Bobtown Circle, to Jimmy and Angie Hungerpillar; request to transfer Lease No. 917, located at 127 Carpenter Circle, Keenan Benjamin, Eric Vincent Benjamin, Jr., and Michael Benjamin; request to approve a fence and shed for Lease No. 1054, located at 106 Bobtown Circle; request to install a pergola and repaint exterior of Lease No. 697, located at 210 Willie Six Road.

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

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

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

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

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Advancement Officer, University Relations; AmeriCorps Program Manager, Civic Engagement; Assistant Football Coach, Athletics; Assistant Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, Athletics; Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, Athletics; Assistant Softball Coach, Athletics; Athletic Trainer, Athletics; Energy Specialist, Facilities Management; Manager of FitWell Operations, Athletics and Fitness, Student Services; Office and Communications Manager, Student Life, Dean of Students; Visiting Assistant Professor, Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences.

Non-Exempt Positions: Accounting Administrator, Facilities Management Administration; AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, Civic Engagement; Area Coordinator, Student Life, Residential Life; Campus Security Officer, On-Call, Public Safety, Sewanee Police Department; Digital Scholarship and Instruction Library, Information Literacy & Instructional Technology; Faculty Technology Coordinator, Library and Information Technology Services; FitWell Desk Attendant, FitWell; FitWell Group Exercise Instructor, Flourishing Wellness Center; Forestry Aide, Facilities Management; On-Call Catering Attendant, Sewanee



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

CAC Community Meal

This month's Community Meal will be hosted at noon, Friday, Sept. 26, in Kennerly Hall. The students are preparing a meal of baked spaghetti and so much more! We encourage you all to join us for good food and fellowship. CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

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



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

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

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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the conference room at City Hall.

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, Sept. 30, with Cross Country. The livestream will be available at <sewaneetigers.com/watch>. The meeting will also be in-person at the Blue Chair.

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 on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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., the Lead will be given by Sewanee Professor Catherine Cavagnaro on "Sewanee Aviation." Professor Cavagnaro is the Gaston Swindell Bruton Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, and Department Chair. She received her B.S. degree from Santa Clara University and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Geometric topology and combinatorial group theory served as the basis for Dr. Cavagnaro's dissertation. She learned to fly at Sewanee and since enjoys combining her loves of mathematics and aviation. In particular, she shares aviation applications in mathematics journals and explores the science of flight with a general aviation audience in her monthly Flying Smart column in AOPA Pilot Magazine. She says, "Aviation is intellectually stimulating, exciting, useful and a wonderful way for me to express my mathematical self." In 2018, she was inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame.

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. 2, at Mountain Top Restaurant at 1045 West Main Street, Monteagle, for a club assembly.

Sewanee Woman's Club

At the Oct. 13 meeting of the Sewanee Woman's Club the ladies will be hearing all about a local museum, the Sam H. Werner Military Museum. The museum is located on Hwy. 41A between Sewanee and Monteagle. Parker Lowndes, curator of the museum, will discuss the fascinating role that our area played in World War II including Camp Forrest which is located in Franklin and Coffee Counties. Camp Forrest had a large training facility that boasted over 900,000 men and women preparing for the European and Pacific theaters. Along with soldiers, Camp Forrest also housed 68,000 POW's. General Patton accompanied the 2nd Armored Division when it was in the area. Lowndes will discuss how our area contributed to the war effort and helped the Allied victory.

Bring a friend and come to the Oct. 13 Sewanee Woman's meeting to learn more about this proud military history and our involvement in the WW II war effort! We will gather at St Mary's, Sewanee at 11:30 a.m. for socializing with lunch starting at 11:50 a.m. Lowndes will begin his presentation following lunch. The lunch will be a healthy and gourmet affair for just \$20. The cost to belong to this welcoming organization, which is in its 96th year, is also just \$20. For 95 years this club has been a wonderful way to connect with friends and meet new and interesting ladies.

Reservations are required for lunch and, if preferred, just to hear the program. Please make reservations by noon, Sunday, Oct. 5, to this email: <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

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 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, we are going out to the Farm at the University and Caroline is giving us a class on propagation, spring seeds, and planting, we are encouraging everyone who can to attend.

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.

Join the Sewanee Civic Association

It is time to join or renew your Sewanee Civic Association (SCA) membership! Much like a fishing license, your SCA membership expires each year on Oct. 1, regardless of when you joined. We open the renewal period on Sept. 1 to ensure that there is plenty of time for everyone to renew.

Annual membership dues also give you access to Sewanee Classifieds, the SCA email list-serv.

Sewanee Classifieds is provided as a service to SCA members. The purpose of the Sewanee Civic Association is to foster a well-informed, harmonious, and dynamic greater Sewanee community by providing a forum for community issues and social interaction, by managing the Sewanee Community Chest and the Sewanee Classifieds, and by sponsoring projects deemed by the membership to be beneficial to the community. The association brings together community members for social and community awareness.

To pay your dues you may use PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=FXA397ARXXVZ8>, the preferred method of payment. You may also mail a \$20 check to Sewanee Civic Association, PO Box 222, Sewanee, TN 37375.

If you have a question or comment, it is best to send a new email to us at: <sewaneecivic@gmail.com>. Sewanee Classifieds is managed by a group of volunteers, and we do our best to not disrupt anyone's use of the service. As always, you can find dues payment information on our website: <<https://sewaneecivic.org/sewaneeclassifieds/#renew>>.

Vaccination Clinic Rescheduled

The Folks at Home vaccination clinic has been rescheduled for Friday Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., Sewanee.

Currently, per Walgreens, COVID vaccinations are available to those 65 and older and those with one or more high risk health conditions. (Consult CDC guidelines <<https://www.cdc.gov/covid/risk-factors/index.html>>).

Flu, RSV, and Pneumonia are available as before.

Per Walgreens, a high risk health condition will qualify you to receive the vaccine at the clinic, but it does not guarantee your insurance will cover the cost. They advise contacting your insurance company for confirmation of coverage. Let us know if you'd like to register and which vaccines you'd like to receive.

If you have already registered, you do not need to re-register unless there is a change in your vaccine selection.

Contact F@H for more information, (931) 598-0303, or <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>.

Local Food Available

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

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. For updates, follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

The Sewanee Gardeners' Market is open 8–10 a.m., every Saturday until September at Hawkins Lane. Locally produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants and flowers will be available.

The Fresh Mess Fall Fest will be from 3–6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, at Harton Park, 123 College Street, Monteagle. This special gathering, the last market of the year, will celebrate community and the approaching end of harvest season. There will be giveaways throughout the event, a scavenger hunt, face painting, kids activities, crafts, and more. This is an opportunity to support your neighbors, stock up on holiday gifts and winter goods, and share in the fruits of this year's labor. Join the Fresh Mess Market in Monteagle group ([facebook.com/groups/freshmess](https://www.facebook.com/groups/freshmess)) for weekly vendor updates and official announcements.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church regular monthly food distribution takes place the second Saturday of the month. Distribution will be from 8–10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St., Monteagle.



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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.



You are invited
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, October 6
Kennerly Hall
Social at 5:30 pm | Dinner at 6 pm

PROGRAM
Dr. Amy Patterson & Robin Hille Michaels
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Obituaries

James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser

James “Jim” Charles Davidheiser, age 84, of Sewanee, died on Sept. 10, 2025, in a nursing facility in Nashville. He was born on April 25, 1941, in Reading, Pa., to Marguerite and Charles Davidheiser. He graduated from Reading Central Catholic High school and was the first person in his family to attend college, attending La Salle University in Philadelphia and receiving his master’s and doctorate in German from the University of Pittsburgh. He taught a fellowship post-graduate year at the University of Mainz in Germany where he met his future wife and love of his life, Marilyn, whom he married in 1969, and moving to Delaware, he taught German at the University of Delaware for seven years. The family moved to Sewanee in 1976, where he taught in the University of the South’s German Department for 38 years. He founded the University’s German House in 1977, served repeatedly as Chair of the German Department, and established the school’s successful student exchange program. In 1999 he received the prestigious Student-Exchange Award by the Federation of German-American Clubs for “furthering German-American relations.” After founding Sewanee’s local chapter of the German Honor Society “Delta Phi Alpha” in 1994, he was elected its national president in 2013. For his various offices and advocacy initiatives for German on the national level he was awarded the “Certificate of Merit” by the American Association of Teachers of German in 1999.

Jim was a tireless foreign language advocate and was nationally renowned as a lecturer on topics ranging from the European Union, East and West German relations, to traditional fairy tales. For his service on the state level, Jim received the coveted Jacqueline Elliott Award for Outstanding Service in Higher Education by the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association in 2006.

A devout Catholic, he was a faithful member of Good Shepherd Church in Decherd and an active member of the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace. He was a founding member of the Sewanee Catholic Community, which met for decades at the School of Theology. He supported many nonprofit organizations both locally and internationally, particularly those focused on addressing hunger, education, animal rights and relief services. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marilyn Potter Davidheiser; son Mark Frederick Davidheiser, and sister Nancy Davidheiser Mitchell.

He is survived by his daughter, Carolyn Davidheiser Price (David Loizeaux Price); two grandchildren, two nieces, one nephew, and many cousins, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Memorial Service will be at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, at All Saints’ Chapel Sewanee followed by a reception at Convocation Hall. 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.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim’s honor to the University of the South German Department to support student scholarships. <<https://www.givecampus.com/s/cpwrrd>>. For complete obituary go to <<https://www.compassioncremations.com/obits/james-jim-charles-davidheiser/>>.

Mildred Maury Kennerly

Mildred Maury Kennerly died on Sept. 15, 2025, at St. Thomas Ruth-erford Hospital in Murfreesboro. She was born on May 29, 1950, to the late Ruth Caroline Southern and John Kennerly Jr., in Sewanee Maury attended elementary school at the Kennerly School in Sewanee, Townsend High School, and graduated from Franklin County High School in 1966. She then attended one year at Middle Tennessee State University. She wrote the book, “The Crucifixion of the Word” which was published and sold on Amazon. She was employed as the Bookkeeper and in payroll at Genesco in Cowan, as a secretary for the State of Tennessee, as well as many domestic jobs in Sewanee. Maury enjoyed playing bingo, playing the lottery, and cooking. However, her greatest joy was taking care of her mom in Sewanee until her death. She enjoyed discussing the Bible and had professed her faith at an early age as an Episcopalian. She attended Orey Parish in Sewanee but frequently visited Mt. Sinai M.B. Church. She was preceded in death by her father John Kennerly Jr.; mother, Ruth Kennerly; siblings, Gordon Ronald Kennerly, John Kennerly III (Ora), Charles Kennerly (Camilla), James Kennerly (Lou), Peggy Ramsey (James), Joel Kennerly Sr. (Odell), and Milton Kennerly. She is survived by nieces, Sandra Kennerly Brown, Charlotte Kennerly, Renee Kennerly, Valeria Kennerly, and Beth Kennerly; nephews, Joel Kennerly Jr., Edward Kennerly, and Perry McCoy; very special cousins, Joyce Faye Wilson, Pamela Peters, and Paula Campbell; and a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral Services were on Sept. 22, 2025, in the Roy B. Watson Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. Interment followed at University Cemetery in Sewanee. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfhtn.com>.

Jo Ann Meadows Stone

Jo Ann Meadows Stone, died at the age of 93 on Sept. 16, 2025, after a lengthy illness. A native of Huntsville, Ala., and a graduate of St. Vincent’s School of Nursing, she had a long career as a nurse and caregiver. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold L. Stone.

Jo Ann is survived by her daughter, Phoebe (Rob) Pearigen, and grandchildren, Carolyn and Wesley (Ally).

A private memorial service will be at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the general scholarship fund at The University of the South or a charity of your choice.



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Memorial Service

Peter Thomas Smith

The Memorial Service for Peter Thomas Smith, who died on Aug. 25, 2025, will take place at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, in All Saints’ Chapel, followed by the interment of ashes in the University Cemetery. The congregation will be invited to a reception in Convocation Hall to greet the family and for brief remarks by family and friends.

Death Notice

John McCrady

John McCrady, 88, older brother of Waring McCrady and Sally Hubbard, died Sept. 14, 2025 in Dallas, Texas of complications of COVID. John graduated from SMA in 1955 and the University in 1959. He was an engineer, biology teacher, folk singer, repairer and maker of stringed instruments and one bagpipe. Some years ago, his collection of skulls, from tiny to large, was donated to Sewanee’s biology department. His extensive collection of stringed instruments was donated to a high school music department in Arkansas. John’s ashes will be interred in Sewanee next to Martha, his wife of 56 years, at a later time.

Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

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’ Cha-

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6 p.m. Mid-week Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 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

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pel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Christ Church

This Sunday is the Eve of St. Michael and All Angels Day. Michael-mas was once a common word in the same tradition as Christmas. The Lesson for the Epistle is from Revelation 12 beginning at the Seventh verse. Michael and his angels are seen prevailing over the dragon and his rebellious angels. But the devil still troubles the faithful. He is the author of confusion.

The Gospel reading is perfect for baptisms. It is from Matthew 18. This passage is one from which we get the assurance that Guardian Angels exist. We will baptize Lillie Harper Harris and Piper Riley Harris, the twin grandchildren of Summer Rogers.

The Rev. Steve Higgins has been giving instruction and we are delighted to be part of this journey. Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. We will have a celebration lunch following the service.

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.

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.

A bench in memory of The Rev. Dr. Linda Hutton will be dedicated to the glory of God after the 9 a.m. service at St. James on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025. Please join us in remembering Linda and her love for our community.

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.

During September, the Evangelism Committee is offering a "Ministry Spotlight" at each of the Sunday services. We know it takes many hands working together as we strive to live into the mission of SMSP. Each Sunday after the 11 a.m. service, come to Kennerly Hall to hear the stories of how God is at work in this community, and explore opportunities for engaging in the life of SMSP.

In Sunday Forum this week, members of the Rite-13 youth group will share about their recent mission trip to Kentucky with the Appalachia Service Project. Journey to Adulthood Leader Hilary Bogert-Winkler planned and led the trip, joined by Aaron Elrod, Sarah Edmonds, and 10 young people. They helped with flood recovery efforts in the eastern part of the state. At 9:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall, participants will share photos and experiences from the trip. People of all ages are invited to come learn more about the mission trip, and what's in store for the group next! Please see our website <stmarkstpaul.org> for the full roster of speakers and topics.

Sunday, Oct. 5 is CAC Pantry Sunday, please bring in items to support the food pantry. This month CAC is in need of protein drinks (Ensure, Boost, etc.), dried beans, laundry detergent (pods preferred), dish soap, and toilet paper. CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

Parish Work Day will be Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. There will be painting and varnishing, sign installation, tree trimming and many other tasks. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring work gloves, shovels and other basic tools if you have them. No experience needed. Lunch will be provided.

Blessing of the animals: St. Mark & St. Paul will again join with St. James for a joint service celebrating St. Francis of Assisi and asking God's blessing on animals important to us. The service will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5, at St. James, 898 Midway Road. If you have animals too large or rowdy to bring, please bring a photo and we'll pray over that!

Oktoberfest: Saturday, Oct. 11, from 4–6 p.m. "Fall" into good spirits and great company at Oktoberfest offered by the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul! This feast includes German brats, regular or veggie hot dogs served on pretzel buns, potato salad, sauerkraut, with apple cider, tea, beer, and water to wash it all down. There is no charge; donations are invited. Bring your kids and friends for fun with music, games, and pumpkin/gourd decorating for all ages!

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

Lectionary Bible Study at Saint Mark and Saint Paul's meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday. Then there is a rather freewheeling and far-ranging discussion of issues and questions raised by the Gospel read. The group is convened and the conversation moderated by the Reverend Scott Lee.

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

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

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for children (3 years old through 5th grade). Youth Sunday School —Paul & Andrea Richaud (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 <aelrod@sewanee.edu> for details.

Emmett Till *(continued from page 1)*

Jaynes-Diming recounted the story of Emmett Till's last days. Raised in Chicago, Emmett persuaded his mother to let him visit her family in Money that summer. One evening in late August, Emmett and his cousins stopped off at a local store. Emmett was slow to come out and his older cousin Wheeler started to change that. Emmett left the store followed by a white woman, Carolyn Bryant whose family owned the business. Emmett wolf whistled. "It was a compliment," Jaynes-Diming said. "That compliment cost him his life." Wheeler was older, and knew, "this was not good." The cousins sped away in their car. Three days later, Bryant's husband Roy and his half-brother J. W. Milam abducted Emmett from his uncle's home. The family never saw him alive again. His body was recovered from the Tallahatchie River and slated for burial in an unmarked grave. His mother Mamie Till-Mobley intervened. Emmett's body was sent home. "The casket left Mississippi with a seal on it that it was not to be opened, that it was against Mississippi law," Jaynes-Diming said. Mamie's reaction according to Jaynes-Diming: "Give me a hammer and crowbar and I'll open it." Mamie insisted on seeing her son. "She wanted to make sure it was her child," Jaynes-Diming explained. "He was so disfigured, she almost could not identify him." An open casket funeral followed, with Mamie determined to tell her son's story.

Fast forward 50 years. Jerome Little, among the first black officials in Tallahatchie County, found himself in the role of supervisor for the Tallahatchie County Courthouse in Sumner, Miss., a building slated to be condemned. Little turned to the legislature for help and met a senator who as a young journalist had covered the Emmett Till murder trial where Bryant and Milam were acquitted by an all-white male jury at the Sumner courthouse. Not long after the trial, the two men confessed, protected from retrial by the Fifth

Amendment's double-jeopardy clause. "Jerome had no idea about the significance of the courthouse or the Emmett Till story at all," Jaynes-Diming said. "Emmett's death was used to weaponize and to scare black families into submission and into not talking about it." Jerome Little made it his personal mission to change that. "Folks didn't trust each other," Wheems said of the commission with nine black and nine white members assembled by Little. The challenge was "How do you break the silence?" The restored courthouse and neighboring Emmett Till Interpretive Center embrace that challenge along with the Emmett Till Historic Intrepid Center Museum in Glendora located in the building that once held the gin from which Till's killers took the fan and wire used to weigh down his body in the Tallahatchie River. The Tallahatchie Civil Rights Driving Tour tells Emmett Till's story by visiting landmark sites such as the Bryant grocery and location where Emmett Till's body was pulled from the river. But the Emmett Till Memory Project's journey has not been an easy one.

"By 2015 we had restored the courthouse. Our work began to merge out of this reconciliation piece into being able to steward sacred sites and to try to shift culture," Wheems said. The historical marker where Emmett Till's body was pulled from the river was shot at, replaced; after the Obama election, thrown in the river, replaced; shot at again, 315 times, replaced. "We didn't have the money to keep replacing the sign," Wheems said. The fourth sign was shot at and a photo circulated of students from the University of Mississippi posing in front of the sign with guns. A bulletproof sign now marks the site.

The Memorial Project is negotiating to buy the barn where Emmett Till was tortured and murdered from a dentist who bought the property in the 1990s and initially refused to even discuss selling it; he had no idea of the place's significance. The Bryant

grocery is "totally in ruins with trees growing in the middle of the store," Wheems said. "Our plan is to acquire land across the street to move the conversation forward." The family offered to sell the grocery for an outrageous \$4 million. The nearly a dozen historically significant sites are about 20 miles from each other and spread out over several counties. "How do you change the physical and cultural landscape of Mississippi and thereby the nation?" Wheems asked. "How do we have a shared collective history so we can have a shared future moving forward?"

The Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation sponsored the Emmett Till program in conjunction with a series titled "Until It Is Faced." "The [series title] is drawn from a quotation from [black author] James Baldwin in 1962," said Roberson Project Director Woody Register. "Baldwin, in his typical style said, 'Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.'"

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Sept. 29: Chili dog, slaw, chips.

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, roll.

Wednesday, Oct. 1: Philly steak sandwich, chips.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Black bean chicken chili, grilled cheese sandwich.

Friday, Oct. 3: Chef salad.

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

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

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members. The Center is supported by the Sewanee Community Chest, Franklin County, and other donors.

Round Up for Project Help

The Sewanee Utility District's billing software has the ability to round up your bill to the nearest dollar with the difference going to the Project Help fund. Project Help collects donations from SUD customers and passes them on to the Community Action Committee, where it is used to pay folks' water and sewer bill when they need a bit of help.

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Delts Raise Record Amount for Hunger Walk

The Delts, Gold Title Sponsors for the Hunger Walk, raised \$12,500 to fight food insecurity on the plateau, topping last year's total of \$12,305. The Delts have been involved with the Walk since its beginning 11 years ago, helping to set up and take down the course, originally on the Mountain Goat Trail, but now along University Avenue. Headed up by Wyatt Bassow, Greek Council VP for Community Service, and Adam Watson, Delt Community Service Chair, funds are being contributed by every member of the fraternity and also by numerous alumni, family members, and friends. The Delts are grateful for all the support they were given in making this Walk a success. The Fraternity's next participation with Rotary will be the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build during Easter Term.

MSSA's Outreach Committee Makes Annual Charitable Contributions

Each year, the Outreach Committee of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly identifies and helps fund local and regional organizations that enhance the quality of life for the community it calls home. This year, the committee selected seven organizations and presented checks totaling \$36,000 to help support their efforts.

"We are pleased to help fund these organizations that have a profound effect on this community," said Kent Ballow, Monteagle Assembly outreach chair.

Receiving donations were Grundy Area Arts Council, South Cumberland Community Fund, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, May Justus Library, Isaiah 117 House, Monteagle Fire Department, and Morton Memorial United Methodist Church.

'From Classroom to Capital: Building a Career in Private Credit and Alternatives Investments'

The Babson Center for Global Commerce is pleased to host Alex Harris, C'11, as a Bryan Viewpoints Speaker for the Advent semester. He will be speaking at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, in the Torian Room, at duPont Library.

Alex is Vice President in the Private Credit – Americas Direct Lending group within Goldman Sachs Asset & Wealth Management, where he focuses on originating transactions in the middle and upper middle market. His work centers on corporate lending to multi-generational family and founder-owned businesses across the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. To date, he has closed more than \$2 billion in corporate credit transactions spanning over 10 countries, including first lien, second lien, preferred equity, and structured credit deals.

Alex joined Goldman Sachs in 2014 after serving as a credit underwriter and portfolio manager in the specialty finance and asset securitization group at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey (now Truist Securities).

At Sewanee, Alex earned a BA in economics and Spanish. He held several leadership roles, including serving as editor-in-chief of The Sewanee Purple and as a Carey Fellow.

Join us as Alex shares how his career demonstrates the ways a liberal arts education fosters intellectual curiosity and entrepreneurial spirit.

The Bryan Viewpoints Speaker Series is made possible by a generous gift from Peggy and J.F. Bryan IV, C'65. For more information about the Babson Center for Global Commerce and our events, please visit babsoncgc.sewanee.edu.

Help the Community Action Committee

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is serving more neighbors each day and we desperately need your help to keep our shelves stocked before our next food delivery. Currently, CAC is in need of chicken noodle soup, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, cereal, canned vegetables, and peanut butter. Any food donations are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be placed in the cabinet located on the porch outside the CAC doors, or the bin located inside the church doors at St. Mark & St. Paul. Both buildings are located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee.

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**Monday–Friday
Sept. 29–Oct. 3
BREAKFAST**

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

Monday, Sept. 29: Pop tart, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Banana bread, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 1: Waffles, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, Oct. 3: Cinnamon roll, 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, Sept. 29: Chicken sandwich, trimmings, baked beans, French fries, whole pickle, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Birthday Cupcake, Beef taco, tortilla shell, lettuce/tomato cup, salsa, corn, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 1: Breakfast for lunch: egg patty, sausage patty, gravy, biscuit, tater tots, veggie cup w/Ranch, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Oct. 2: Lasagna, side salad, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Oct. 3: Pizza or calzone, seasoned potato wedges, fresh carrots w/Ranch, cookie, fruit, milk.

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



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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. 26–28, Upper School Family Weekend, SAS

Oct. 6–10, Fall Break, Franklin County

Oct. 13–17, Fall Break, Marion County

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



Sewanee Elementary School proudly recognized the August Students of the Month for kindergarten through fifth grade during their Friday morning assembly. These students were honored for their hard work, positive attitudes, and dedication to learning. Congratulations to all outstanding students! K, Ren Mooney; first grade, Ty Cathell; second grade, Ezra Short; third grade, Maisyn Staples; fourth grade, Rudy Moore; fifth grade, Suzy Camp.



The new climbing gym was professionally designed and installed to support competitive and non-competitive climbers. SAS Junior Anna Ryan takes a turn on the wall. Photo by Julius Welch

SAS Outdoor Learning Complex Opening

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (SAS) will celebrate the opening of its new Outdoor Learning Complex on Sept. 26 with a ribbon-cutting followed by climbing and cycling pump track demonstrations for students, faculty, and families.

The 3,600-square-foot-complex includes a professionally designed and installed climbing wall as well as storage areas for climbing, camping, and mountain biking gear. The facility, flanked by a pump track, was built to better support the school's increasingly popular and competitive mountain biking and climbing teams, elevating SAS's already strong outdoor education and adventure programming, long embedded in the school's ethos.

"St. Andrew's-Sewanee School made a commitment to capitalize on our unique geographic assets," said Karl Sjolund, head of school. "Our 550 acre campus has a sophisticated trail system for hiking and biking, and our climbing coaches have placed bolted routes on our climbing spots as well. The new facility will allow all our students who enjoy outdoor adventures and activities, whether they want to compete or not, to improve their skills."

The mountain biking team was formed in 1998 with about three students. Today, the team boasts eleven middle school riders and 15 varsity riders. As of mid-September, the team ranked fifth overall in Tennessee.

For several years, the school's biking and climbing teams have shared a small space that limited not only student participation but also practice time and efficiency.

"The pump track will really support riders in practicing their timing, balance, and cornering before hitting the trails," said Michael Short, co-sponsor of the team and outdoor learning and place-based learning coordinator. "The climbing gym will greatly enhance our current facilities, allowing our best climbers to improve, and will also encourage students who have been reluctant to try climbing to do so now."

"Our goal has always been to get students outside to try something new, and we've been successful at that for a long time. I'm not aware of any other secondary school campus in the U.S. that has the physical features we have. The Outdoor Learning Complex will help us bring the confidence-building and joy associated with outdoor activities to more students."

In addition to competitive climbing and mountain biking, SAS offers non-competitive Outdoor Adventure: Cycling as a PEAK option, the school's co-curricular program for Performance, Exploration, Athletics, and Knowledge. Adventure Education is required throughout middle school, and Outdoor Adventure: Rock Climbing is open to 8th grade and up each spring. Three years ago, the school introduced its Cumberland Scholars program, an opportunity for SAS students who pursue a set of place-based/outdoor requirements to graduate with distinction.

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Backyard Mushroom Cultivation, Oct. 4. Learn the theory and process of shiitake mushroom inoculation via log sawdust spawn & plugs with Adam Hobbs and Pledger Schaefer of Midway Mushrooms.

Rush Chair Seat Weaving, Oct. 5. Learn the techniques with Heather Ashworth to weave a chair seat from start to finish in this class designed to teach you to restore your own antique chairs at home.

Natural Dyeing 101, Oct. 11. Learn the basic building blocks of natural dyeing by learning about fabrics, preparation, scouring, mordants, tannins and dyes on cellulose fibers with artist Jan Quarles.

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.

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Sewanee Pediatrics Seeks Book Donations

Sewanee Pediatrics is taking donations of new or gently used children's books for an upcoming event in October, where we hope to give out books to the children in our community. The goal is to have 1,000 children's books donated.

Donations may be dropped off now through Oct. 15, at Sewanee Pediatrics. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Sewanee Pediatrics is located at 1318 University Ave., Sewanee.

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The Friends’ Advice: Get into the Parks

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The new mission statement of the Friends of the South Cumberland State Parks speaks to why the nonprofit exists: “To protect, improve, and expand the parks of the South Cumberland Plateau and to educate and inspire others to join in that work.” How to make the goals enshrined in that mission statement a reality? Friends’ Executive Director Ned Murray has a simple solution. “I know you think I’m going to say, ‘write a check.’ I’m not. Get into the parks. I know you take friends into the parks when they come visit you from out of town. But go into the park when you don’t have guests from out of town. Take a half hour stroll. Take a morning. Take a neighbor. They’re going to be healthier and happier and spend a day not watching television. That’s how we’ll generate awareness and support and volunteers and enthusiasm. I can’t believe how often I meet people who have lived up here a long time and never set foot in a park. Help us spread the word, help us share the love, help us share the trail.”

Murray addressed Friends members and guests at the Sept. 21 annual meeting at St. Mary’s Conference Center. In 2022, the park service designated the Savage Gulf Natural Area as a park separate and distinct from South Cumberland State Park. A third park came into existence in 2024 with the formation of Head of the Crow State Park from four South Cumberland Park regions: Carter State Natural Area and Buggytop Cave, Natural Bridge State Natural Area, Hawkins Cove State Natural Area, and Sherwood Forest State Natural Area. South Cumberland now consists of Fiery Gizzard, Grundy Lakes, and Denny Cove. The Friends have embraced the commitment of being steward to all three parks. “Three parks with three park managers means more attention given to the disparate parcels of land because they have dedicated park managers and park staff. It also presents challenges to support them, because that’s three trail systems attracting more visitors and a lot more activity,” Murray said.

Park rangers from the three parks highlighted what park visitors could look forward to. “Work has been going on at all the trail heads,” said South Cumberland Park Ranger Hannah Sheley. “We have more sidewalks, paved the parking lots, redone bathrooms to make them more ADA accessible. And Foster Falls has had a revamp of the campground adding more ADA sites and a new bathhouse.” Upcoming is trail work on the north end of the Fiery Gizzard and boulder areas, and revamping the exhibits at the visitor’s center to make them more engaging and immersive. “I want people to be able to hear the sounds of birds, feel the touch of different types of rocks, and see the different types of leaves. For the kids to get excited to see them in real life on the trail.” Sheley’s personal passion is interpretation. She praised the “Every Child in the Park” program and the new Friends’ brochure for the schools. Sheley has been working with the Tennessee South Cumberland tourism group making interpretive videos on animals and the visitors center to share with the public.

At the new Head of the Crow Park, Ranger Mathew Thomas cited working on trails, getting an internet presence, the upcoming dedication and official opening of the park, and outreach to the community and the schools. “We’re planning on reworking a lot of our trails and making Buggytop Cave a lot more approachable. It’s one of the most beautiful cave entrances in Tennessee. We want to get as many people out there to see it as possible and get people down to the cave to explore the unique cave ecology. We’re also looking at expanding programs at Crow Creek, possibly on the water, whether that’s canoe floats or creek ecology.” Thomas praised the Friends and community for their ongoing support.

Savage Gulf Ranger Spencer Baxter announced the nomination of two more tree species for “state champion” status, the shagbark hickory and red oak. New at Savage Gulf is the backcountry Meadow Creek Campground on the north plateau on the eastern side of the park. The campground offers single and group campsites, metal fire rings, and pit toilets. “We’re using that model for everything we do going forward with our campgrounds,” Baxter said. He thanked the Friends for help with funding for Meadow Creek and for the purchase of gas lanterns for the popular Stone Door night hikes. Restoration of the 1700s-era Stagecoach Road Trail is underway along with removal of invasive species at Three Forks Lake. Plans also call for new pit toilets at two locations. The visitor center coordinates communication and aid during emergencies, with phone availability nearly 24-7, and the gift shop offers 140 unique items not available anywhere else. “All the money from selling things in the gift shop comes back to the park,” Baxter stressed, “Nearly \$40,000 in the past year or so.”

In closing, Murray recalled the observation of Ranger Sheley which ties a neat bow around the shared goal of the Friends and the parks: “Education leads to appreciation. Appreciation leads to conservation. And conservation leads to preservation.”

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presented the council with a fact sheet explaining his concerns. The Sewanee Fire Department’s ISO score decreased because of lack of current information on hydrant flow rates, Smith maintained. “When we respond to a call, we know where the hydrants are, but sometimes we don’t know the gallons [of flow].” Regulations require a flow rate of 500 gallons per minute for the department to hook a pumper truck to the hydrant. “I’m here to ask this community board to help us approach the Sewanee Utility District to allow us to help them.” A department’s ISO rating impacts insurance premiums. Also concerning to Smith, the paint color on a hydrant’s cap intended to designate the flow-rate range did not always correspond to the hydrant’s actual flow rate.

“I don’t think this is the right venue for this,” said SUD manager Ben Beavers, a council representative. “The board of the utility district should have been approached first. There are also some factual issues I have with this [with Smith’s report]. This postulates the ISO rating didn’t increase just because of the water system. There are other [score] points that were missed [the water utility] had no control over.”

At the February meeting, the SUD Board of Commissioners addressed a board member’s question about the Fire Department’s ISO rating and SUD’s responsibility for hydrant maintenance. “Once every five years we have to flush the hydrants,” Beavers said at the February meeting. “We’re not required to put a gauge on them and do a flow test.” Beavers added SUD flushed hydrants on a rotating schedule. “Annual flow testing would take one-third to one-half of one worker’s time over a year plus the water loss.” Beavers also observed the Fire Department’s ISO score on hydrants decreased, but the ISO rating did not change. The board member, Donnie McBee, who raised questions about hydrant maintenance did not express concern that lack of flow testing impeded fire protection. [See Messenger, Feb. 21, 2025]

Smith acknowledged SUD was not required to flow test and that Beavers had agreed to provide a list of out-of-service hydrants. Asked at the council meeting if the Fire Department would help with hydrant testing and painting, Smith said “If I have to I would be willing to assume the cost of the \$1,500-\$2,000 to paint the hydrants plus the amount of labor it’s going to take to flow the hydrants . . . we’ll do whatever it takes to help.” The information sheet distributed by Smith stated, “We are not authorized or equipped to test them.”

Council representative Phil White pointed out, “This committee has no power. If we have concerns we express them to the University.”

Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen voiced appreciation for the Sewanee Fire Department and Sewanee Utility District. “We have two essential services here, and we need those services to be talking to one another.”

The council passed a resolution encouraging conversation between the Fire Department and SUD.

Provost Scott Wilson offered an update on revision of the dog control policy discussed at the past two meetings in March and May. The committee tasked with revisions recommended, although not unanimously, the policy stipulate law enforcement “will,” not “may,” issue citations; the policy increases the fines for violations; and the policy advises the victim to contact the police or animal control, not the dog owner. Upon reviewing the policy revisions, the University attorney concluded, to impose fines in addition to those authorized by state law, the University would need to revise the leasehold policy.

Commenting on the policy revisions recommended, resident Brooks Egerton who served on the revision committee said, “The broader issue is the police are not enforcing the law.” Residents reported several dog attacks to the police during the last academic year, and other attacks have already occurred this year. “The police are not doing their job. They at least need to investigate,” Council representative Marilyn Phelps insisted. Phelps said, according to the police, law enforcement could not issue a citation if they did not witness the dog roaming at large or engaged in an attack.

Egerton said he could not find any record of Sewanee Police issuing citations except in a recent instance involving a dog attacking his son. Egerton insisted the dog owner be cited. The police observed the dog at large, but not the attack, and wrote a citation for the at-large violation, only.

“We have a detailed dog-at-large criminal statute in Tennessee, and it is fully enforceable here,” said former Assistant District Attorney Steve Blount weighing in on the discussion. “You don’t have to worry about changing the lease policy.” Blount added, law enforcement could not arrest the dog owner if they did not witness the violation, but they could issue a citation. “It was never the law that a misdemeanor had to occur in the presence of an officer before an officer could do anything.” Police did not like to prosecute dog cases,

Blount acknowledged. In the case of Sewanee Police prosecuting a case in court, “that’s an expense for the University.” Questioned after the meeting, Blount explained if law enforcement declined to take action, the victim could go directly to the magistrate and request a citation be issued. Blount recommended the victim present a police report as documentation of the incident.

In other business, Wilson announced the University had one more set of speed humps to install, earmarked for Kennerly Avenue. In 2024, the council Traffic Committee received a \$6,000 Project Funding grant from the council for the purchase of speed humps. The University matched the amount. The committee will submit a grant request for the purchase of additional speed humps. Residents have complained about speeding on Breakfield Road, Roarks Cove Road and in the Woodlands area.

Phelps raised a complaint from a resident who missed a Home Health Care appointment because there was no notification paving would be underway. Phelps said in the past the police issued notifications about road work. Superintendent of Leases Sallie Green said perhaps the police were not informed. Green recommended Phelps contact Franklin County Road Commissioner Johnny Hughes.

Phelps also expressed concerns about hazards posed by motorized scooters travelling at a high rate of speed. Wilson said the University did not require students to register scooters. Pearigen will consult with Dean of Students Nicky Campbell.

‘Ministry in a Secular Age’ Lecture Series

Join the School of Theology Wednesday, Oct. 1, when Andrew Root, Ph.D. will deliver a three-lecture series. Titled “Ministry in a Secular Age,” the series will explore the need for change in the church and offer specific guidance for clergy.

“It’s now nearly universally agreed upon that the church needs to change. Many believe that local congregations need to find new models, new funding routes, new ways of connecting with neighbors, and, overall, new visions for their future,” writes Root.

Yet the more congregations recognize their need for change, the harder change becomes to implement — or change itself opens the congregation to issues and problems it didn’t anticipate. Calling the congregation to change, if not approached very carefully, hooks the congregation to the accelerating ways of late modernity, risking fatigue, burnout, and further loss of transcendence. The lecture series names these realities so clergy might avoid common traps, and instead live into a richer conception of the church and congregation.

The lecture series will be on the campus of the University of the South in Guerry Auditorium, 68 Georgia Ave., beginning at 9 a.m. followed by two afternoon lectures at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. (CDT). The lecture series is free and open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

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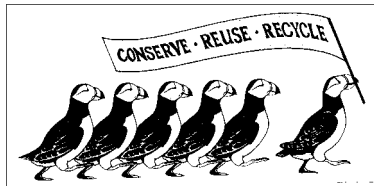
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APOLLO5 in Concert

The University Choir and All Saints' Chapel of Sewanee are pleased to present APOLLO5 in concert. The concert will be 7–9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, in All Saints' Chapel. Tickets, \$25, are available on Eventbrite <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apollo5-in-concert-at-all-saints-chapel-ticket-s-1368045192999?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>>.

Celebrating its 15th year in 2025, APOLLO5 continues to thrill, move and inspire audiences as one of Britain's smallest but most impressive vocal groups. Comprising a soprano, mezzo-soprano, two tenors and a bass, the ensemble – which takes its name from the ancient Greek god of music – has become known for its ability to connect with intimacy and directness, showcasing with rich, dynamic and distinctive sound how powerful five voices alone can be. With a versatile approach to music programming, and a repertoire spanning renaissance, classical and contemporary choral works to folk, jazz and pop, the group's five voices bring the music of five centuries to life.

APOLLO5's busy touring schedule has taken the group to Europe, the USA and Asia. In addition to performing at prestigious UK venues such as the Wigmore Hall, Cadogan Hall, St. John's Smith Square, the Royal Albert Hall and the Barbican Centre, the group has toured extensively across France, Germany, and other European countries, including recent appearances with an orchestra and a brass band in Lisbon (PT) and Prague (CZ) respectively. The group is a regular guest on BBC Radio 3's In Tune, and often receives airplay from the national broadcaster, as well as other UK stations Classic FM, Magic Classical and NTS Radio. Tour highlights include a three-week trip to the USA under new agency representation, appearances at European festivals such as Common Ground (NL), La Folle Journée (FR), and Koorfestival Vlaanderen (BE), and a performance at the Barbican Hall as part of sister group VOCEs8's 20th Anniversary celebrations in June.

The group is signed to VOCEs8 Records and has released seven solo studio albums under the label. "Haven," which explores the music of troubled, displaced and persecuted composers and features a full setting of William Byrd's "Mass For Five Voices," was released in 2023 to critical acclaim. Other albums include "Where All Roses Go" and "O Radiant Dawn" (both of which charted in the top 5 of the UK Classical Charts), winter disc "A Deep But Dazzling Darkness," and "Invocations," a piano-accompanied treasury of favourite songs recorded with composer and arranger Fraser Wilson. In January 2025, APOLLO5 released their seventh album, "Anam," a Gaelic-tinged programme of "music to move the soul." During the pandemic, APOLLO5 was part of the launch of LIVE From London, a series of live broadcasts from many of the world's leading vocal ensembles and orchestras. These online concerts brought music to the homes of millions during the pandemic, and raised funds for more than 500 artists, composers and production teams in the process; the festival continues to thrive online in today's post-pandemic world.

Staff, faculty, and students of Sewanee receive one free ticket with Sewanee ID. Sewanee ID tickets should be picked up at the All Saints' Chapel office, not purchased through Eventbrite.

AngelFest 2025: A Celebration of Fall and Music in Sewanee

Angel Park is excited to announce the return of its annual fall festival, AngelFest, on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025. The event promises an evening of fun for the whole family, with activities kicking off at 5 p.m.

This year's festival will feature a full lineup of activities for all ages. The early evening is dedicated to family-friendly entertainment, beginning at 5 p.m.

The highlight of the night will be a performance by Pink Houses, a premier tribute band celebrating the music of rock legend John Cougar Mellencamp. They will take the stage at 7 p.m., ready to fill the village with classic hits.

In addition to the live music, attendees can enjoy a variety of offerings from local food trucks and a selection of beer will be available. AngelFest is the perfect opportunity to welcome the fall season with great food, refreshing drinks, and memorable music.

Admission is free and open to the public. Come on out and celebrate the arrival of autumn with your friends, family, and neighbors at AngelFest! Our well-behaved dogs are always welcome, too.

Sewanee Theatre and Dance Presents 'The Oresteia'

What does history demand? What is justice? What do we owe each other? The Greeks ask all the toughest questions.

The Sewanee Department of Theatre & Dance presents "The Oresteia" by Ellen McLaughlin, adapted from the trilogy by Aeschylus. It is directed by Assistant Professor Sarah Lacy Hamilton.

"The Oresteia" is based on the three plays by Aeschylus — Agamemnon, The Libation Bearers and The Eumenides. They are among the oldest plays in the Western canon and are the only surviving trilogy from the ancient Greek theatre. "The Oresteia" concerns the House of Atreus. Through 10 years of war, grief, and rage, Clytemnestra lies in wait for her husband Agamemnon's return, determined to avenge one child, only to doom the others. The community, haunted by the sins of the present and the past, must then decide how to cleanse the royal house and balance both the need for justice and the desire for absolution. What does history demand? What is justice? What do we owe each other? The Greeks ask all the toughest questions.

Performances will be at the Proctor Hill Theatre at the Tennessee Williams Center, 390 Kentucky Ave., at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 8–11, and at 2 p.m., Oct. 12. For tickets, go to <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-oresteia-tickets-1670077549909?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>>.

Acrylic Painting Class by Cheryl Lankhaar at Cowan Center for the Arts

Art Instructor Cheryl Lankhaar, Illustrator of the children's book "The Monteagle Assembly, Kinsley's Story," is offering an Acrylic Painting Class this fall for six classes on Sunday afternoons from Oct. 12 to Nov. 16, 2025. The classes will be from 1–4:30 p.m., at the Cowan Center for the Arts, 303 Montgomery St., Cowan.

We will learn to create vibrant paintings building upon concepts learned in the class series: drawing exercises, color values and theory, composition principles, and edge and brush technique. Seasoned artists will also strengthen their painting and composition skills in this class series. All skill levels are welcome!

The cost will be \$210 for all six classes and includes ALL painting supplies, instructor and facility fees.

Please contact <cheryllankhaar@gmail.com> by Tuesday, Oct. 4, if you wish to reserve a place in this class.

UAG Presents 'Indigo Hallow'

The University Art Gallery presents Baggs McKelvey's "Indigo Hallow," a site-specific installation in the University Art Gallery, inspired by Shakerag Hollow, an ecologically significant area on the domain of the University of the South. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 15.

Maps and aerial photographs of the area, and — in the words of the artist — "the contours of the trail, the rushing of the creek, the steep incline of the ridge barring the sun's full entrance, ... the sounds of the birds," were McKelvey's starting points.

In all of her installations, McKelvey explores her relationship with the land and the environment. Indigo Hallow is not a portrait of Shakerag Hollow, but an intuitive and poetic response to that place. Visitors are invited to share in McKelvey's response, and also to consider the meanings and implications of materials, of process, and of the act of representation itself.

The immersive environment of the installation is rendered in a ubiquitous, mass-produced, and powerfully allusive material — denim from discarded used jeans, crowd-sourced from friends, family, and through social media.

Cutting, knotting, and spinning the denim rope onto electrical wire spools was a communal project undertaken with friends and family, and the installation was made possible by the assistance of Cumberland Scholar high school student volunteers from St. Andrew's-Sewanee-School. The denim will be respooled at the close of the exhibition, to be used again.

Baggs McKelvey lived and worked in Alaska for many years before returning to her childhood roots in the Southeast in 2012. Her recent solo exhibitions of the Indigo series include "Houston Indigo" at the Houston Contemporary Craft Center in Houston, Texas (2024), "Beyond Indigo" at the Gadsden Museum of Art in Gadsden, Ala., (2024), and "Indigo" at the Hunter Museum of Art in Chattanooga, (2020–22). McKelvey earned an MFA from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She now lives in Chattanooga, and teaches at Chattanooga State.



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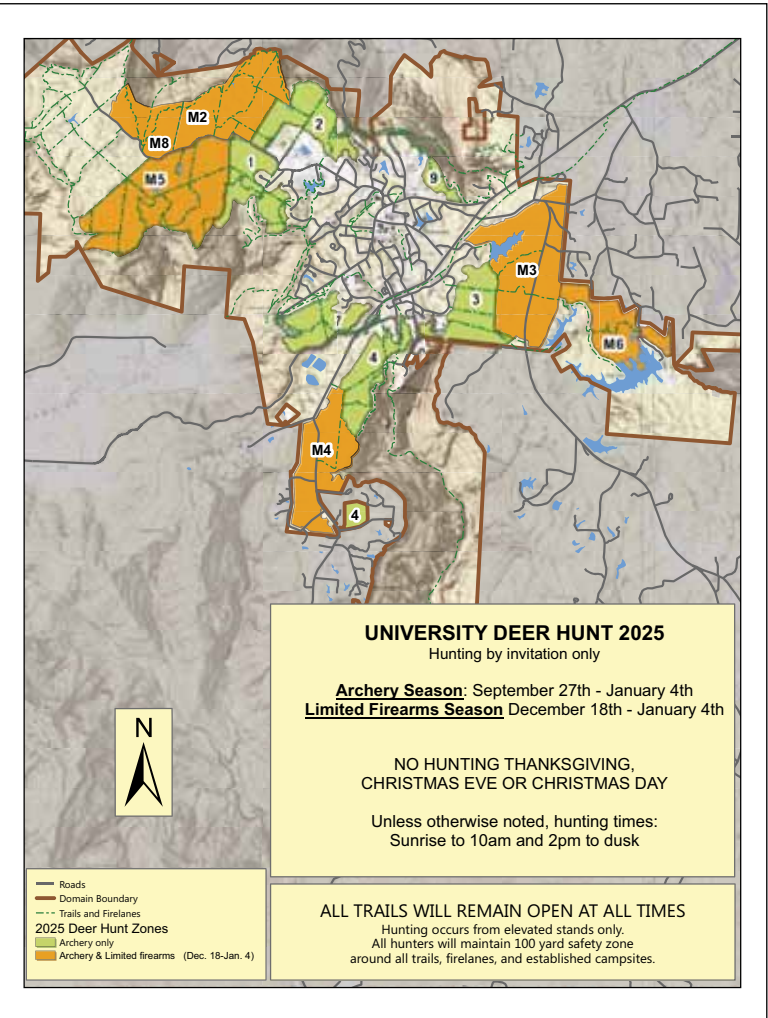
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‘Recent Work’ by Daniel Reidy

The Carlos Gallery in the Visual Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present “Recent Work,” an exhibition by artist and educator Daniel Reidy. The exhibition is on display through Oct. 10. An artist talk and closing reception is at 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9.

Dan Reidy’s “Recent Work” frames large scale oil paintings, sculptures, video and poetry filled with imagery that references stories that become oddly familiar. Visual references ranging from art history to pop culture comingle with objects and images from Reidy’s personal history. He is interested in overlapping narratives and how collision points between them speak to a shared humanity with fascination. Viewers engaging with the work become intellectual offspring of these collision points, for example, when we talk in movie quotes and make allusions to Greek mythology. Francis Bacon, Han Solo and Blanche Dubois become characters in his exhibition where their stories are shared out of context, asking the viewer to discover them anew in relation not only to each other, but to the mediums of traditional painting, sculpture and video.

Daniel Reidy is an artist/educator living and working in Cincinnati, Ohio. Reidy has taught undergraduate and graduate-level Painting, Drawing, and Art History in several institutions including the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Corning Community College, Corning, New York, the University of Alabama Huntsville, and now the Art Academy of Cincinnati. He has presented recent solo and collaborative exhibitions at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, New York, The Zeitgeist Gallery in Nashville, Stove Works in Chattanooga, The Waters Gallery, located on the Campus of Elmira College and Flag Studio in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Carlos Gallery Visual Art Building is located at 105 Kennerly Rd. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tickbush Festival, Sept. 27

Please join us for music, crafts, and food at the Tickbush Festival, St. James Midway Community Park. We will be auctioning off the quilt made by Rita Milner at 2 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are still available. We will have a silent auction from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on some items donated by Sturgill Simpson aka Johnny Blue Skies. Try your skills at corn hole. Hats and T-shirts will be on sale. Music will happen from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our first presenter is Kirk Fritz, then Sewanee Conglomerate, followed by R. Gottfried/M. Cimino-Hurt, and then Final Crossing will play. This year there are two acts, Rainy Gray and Company, and Sweepy Walker. These acts are from Nashville. Next on the list is our very own, The Green Family. Then Broad Mountain will bring the Festival to a close. Bands and musicians will play for approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

For more information contact Amanda Knight (931) 691-0962 or Karen Vaughan (931) 636-1468. All proceeds support the park.

Come enjoy the day, meet your neighbors, and make new friends at the Tickbush Festival.

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.



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Altamont Presents the 12th Annual Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp

Altamont will be hosting the 12th annual Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp Saturday, Oct. 11, starting at 10 a.m. on Cumberland Street in front of the Grundy County Court House. Visitors to the festival will enjoy food, crafts, a cruise in sponsored by the Tracy City Street Rodders, live music by Christopher Smallwood, the Barrett Gospel Trio, Wild Flower and the Fredonia Blue Grass band. The 9U and GCHS cheerleaders will be performing dances as the STOMP part of our festival .

There will be tons of fun for kids. Gentlemen will enjoy watching the 3:30 p.m., Tennessee game in our covered pavilion and getting some practice on the putting green while they wait on the game to come on as well as looking over the classic cars and the 50/50 draw. Ladies will enjoy the quilt show, museum and shopping along with the ever famous Hat Contest with cash prizes.

Other cash opportunities will include the Barbecue cook off that will begin at 7 a.m. and cooking will end at 2 p.m. First prize is \$400. (Entry fee is \$25), Myers’ Trucking will be sponsoring a horseshoe tournament, and the quilt show will also have cash prizes for those who want to enter their quilt in the contest which features, best handmade quilt, best machine made quilt, best traditional pattern, best original pattern and the oldest quilt that we like to call “The Grand Old Lady.”

A hay ride will carry visitors to points of interest in Altamont, the Altamont Cemetery to see the graves of Fannie Moffitt and Union Capt. Stephen Tipton, who was ambushed and killed during the civil war on Old Parker Road at his home, which is now where the Earl David Campbell home is located. The hay ride will end at Fannie Moffitt’s home, the Manor where the foyer will be open and people can hear about the history of the house and the life of Fannie Moffitt. Also on the property people can see Grundy County’s first courthouse, the Lockhart Cabin where General Adrian Northcutt and others signed Grundy County into existence.

It is impossible to list each and every thing that will be going on in Altamont on Oct. 11, but rest assured there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

For further information and locations please visit our Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp Face Book Page.

Third Annual Fiery Gizzard Fest

The third annual Fiery Gizzard Fest will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, in Tracy City, at the Tracy City Roundhouse Park. There will be food and craft vendors, classic cars & Jeep show, a beauty contest, and music. All the proceeds go to the youth baseball and softball leagues. This event is sponsored by the Tracy City Parks and Recreation. For more information, follow them on Facebook.

Sewanee Athletics Honors Seiters with Inaugural Keystone Medal

The University of the South is proud to announce a new distinction within the Sewanee Athletics Hall of Fame: the Keystone Medal. This special honor recognizes former student-athletes who not only excelled in varsity athletics but also made profound contributions to the University's life—helping to shape its character, culture, and values both on the Mountain and beyond.

Recipients of the Keystone Medal embody the highest ideals of Sewanee: leadership, integrity, creativity, service, and a commitment to making the University a better place. Their impact reaches far beyond the playing field, touching classrooms, residence halls, student organizations, and the lives of others in our community.

This fall, we are honored to name Professor Emeritus J. Douglas Seiter, C'65, as the inaugural recipient of the Keystone Medal.

As a student-athlete, Seiter excelled in football, track and field, and wrestling, earning 10 varsity letters. He was a campus leader, serving as a proctor, member of the Honor Council, Beta Theta Pi, the Green Ribbon Society, and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa upon graduation. After earning graduate degrees at Florida State, he returned to Sewanee to begin what would become one of the most distinguished records of service in University history. Over five decades, Seiter served as a beloved teacher of classical languages, dean of men, interim provost, interim dean of the College, and trusted counselor in times of transition. Again and again, Sewanee has turned to him when steady judgment, humility, and a servant's heart were most needed.

Beyond his administrative roles, Seiter left a lasting mark as co-director of the Sewanee Summer Scholars Program, an innovative initiative that welcomed under-represented high school students of color to the Mountain and helped prepare them for higher education. Many of those young scholars went on to become leaders, educators, and professionals who still remember Sewanee as a place of welcome and opportunity.

Students admired him not only for his scholarship but also for his humanity. One memorable course evaluation captured the sentiment simply: "Doug rules!" Colleagues, too, consistently recognized him as the essence of what is best in Sewanee—he is generous with his time, wise in counsel, and unfailingly devoted to the well-being of others.

In naming Doug Seiter as the first recipient of the Keystone Medal, Sewanee affirms that the values he has lived—discipline, leadership, integrity, service, and love of community—are the very foundation on which Sewanee athletics and Sewanee life rest. He stands as a model for all who will follow.

Family and friends of Seiter are invited to join us at the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony on Oct. 3, contact Susan Askew at <saskew@sewanee.edu>.

SAS Volleyball Updates

St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity volleyball team lost to Franklin County on Sept. 16, 25-13, 25-18 and 25-21. Before the start of the match, SAS honored their four seniors: Keely Kendrick of Dechard, Briley Meador of Dechard, Abby Stephens of Johnson City, and Vie Virkhaus of Sewanee. Vie Virkhaus had three assists; Aubrey Blosser 10 assists and five kills; Savannah Blosser six digs; Briley Meador five digs. SAS is on the road to finish out the season.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee Varsity Volleyball team lost to Grundy County on Sept. 22, 25-15, 25-16 and 25-13. Solid performances were turned in by Keely Kendrick's four kills, Aubrey Blosser seven assists and four kills; Savannah Blosser five digs; Maggie Mayo five kills. SAS plays in the TSSAA district tournament next Tuesday.

Mountain Lion Fun Run/Walk

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School cordially invites community members to join in its first annual Mountain Lion Fun Run/Walk, Saturday, Sept. 27, at the school's track.

The event will begin around 10:30 a.m., following the Mountain Lion Cross Country Invitational Tournament events. Participation is free, and registration is not required.

Men's Golf Ranked No. 1 in Bushnell/Golfweek Division III Coaches Poll

Sewanee is ranked No. 1 in the first regular season Bushnell/Golfweek Division III Coaches Poll, as announced Friday by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

The Tigers earned seven first-place votes and 351 total points, ahead of Carnegie Mellon's 327 points with three first-place votes. Preseason No. 1 Washington and Lee was third with one first-place vote and 313 points, tied with Oglethorpe University.

Sewanee won the Gate City Invitational earlier this week, posting a one-stroke victory over Carnegie Mellon and two shots in front of Huntingdon College, which ranked fifth. The tournament field also included Oglethorpe, Emory University, Washington and Lee, Methodist University and Kenyon College, all teams ranked in the Top 10.

Fellow SAA schools Trinity University (12th), Southwestern University (15th) and Berry College (23rd) are ranked in the poll.

The Tigers play again Sunday-Tuesday at the NCAA Division III Fall Preview at Mission Resort and Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., outside Orlando.

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Oberlies, Myers Finish in Top 30 for Sewanee Men

Sophomore Declan Oberlies and freshman Christian Myers finished 27th and 28th, respectively, while freshman William Hughes placed 35th for Sewanee men's cross country Sept. 20, at the Firehawk Invitational in Oakville, Ala.

The Tigers were sixth as a team among 13 squads in the event, behind Division II West Alabama and West Florida and meet host UT Southern.

Oberlies completed the 8K course in 27:23.18 while Myers crossed in 27:25.96 and Hughes posted a time of 27:50.46.

Senior Brandon Christ, freshman Jackson Conger and freshman Austin Colvin finished 43rd, 45th and 47th, respectively, with marks of 28:09.48, 28:17.30 and 28:23.78 while freshman Gordon Love placed 61st in 30:56.75. Freshman Jonah Norris was 76th in 31:20.77 and sophomore Henry Zanone finished 87th in 32:58.74.

"This was the first race of the season of 8K for the men. They grouped well together and it was a much-improved performance over last year," head coach Mike Curcio said. "We hope to be at full strength for our home meet in two weeks."

Ude, Cook Pace Women Harriers at Firehawk Invite

Senior Sam Ude finished 39th and sophomore Elizabeth Cook placed 47th, helping Sewanee women's cross country to an eighth-place showing as a team Sept. 20, at the Firehawk Invitational in Oakville, Ala.

Ude completed the 6K course at the Oakville Indian Mounds in 25:37.21 while Cook crossed the finish line in 26:15.35.

Senior Clara Earley, Grace Cawley and senior Allison Haworth finished 55th, 56th and 57th, respectively, with times of 27:10.82, 27:10.94 and 27:24.86. Freshman Clara Holmes and sophomore Molly Emmett were 58th and 59th as well with marks of 27:29.30 and 27:43.44.

Freshman Ruby Hoerter placed 81st in 29:03.29 and freshman Mary Helen Munger was 83rd in 29:14.07.

Division I UAB finished first in the team standings and Division II institutions West Florida and West Alabama were second and fifth, respectively, ahead of the Tigers.

"Neither team was at full strength for today's meet but the women saw much faster times individually," head coach Mike Curcio said. "The ladies should be back to full strength for our home meet in two weeks."

Sewanee hosts the Mountain Goat Invitational on Oct. 4.

Thomas, Mixon Lead Offense in Shutout Road Win

Jacarin Thomas passed for 128 yards and rushed for 113 and two touchdowns in less than two quarters of action while the Sewanee defense posted five sacks and allowed only 239 total yards in a 33-0 victory over North Carolina Wesleyan in football action Sept. 20, in Rocky Mount, N.C.

Barton Mixon also threw for a touchdown and ran for two scores, helping the Tigers (2-1) build a 26-0 lead at the half. Sewanee scored on four of its first five possessions of the game, including 40 and 15-yard TD runs by Thomas and a two-yard scoring run and four-yard TD pass from Mixon.

Jaylen Mack provided the only turnover of the game for the Tiger defense, though the unit was unable to pounce on three fumbles by the Bishops, two of those on sacks. Sewanee rushed the ball 54 times for 325 yards, eating up almost 35 minutes of time off the clock.

Thomas completed 11-of-13 passes for 128 yards and rushed 13 times for 113 yards and the two touchdowns. AJ McLemore caught four passes for 69 yards in the game, including a terrific sideline grab in the first quarter and a 20-yard catch on fourth down in the second period.

Mixon finished with 10 rushes for 86 yards and one TD and Cam Beasley added seven carries for 61 yards.

Thomas carried for 11 yards on a read-option on the first play of the game and completed a 14-yard pass to Sean Johnson on third down. Two plays later he rushed 40 yards for a touchdown, breaking a tackle and sprinting to the corner of the end zone. The PAT was no good after a low snap and the Tigers led, 6-0, less than three minutes into the game.

Sewanee's defense got a fourth-down stop at its own 35, sacking Wesleyan quarterback Colten Newsom twice on the drive, including a Drew Rozier sack on fourth down.

From there the offense went to work again, including a great catch along the sideline by McLemore for 26 yards. Thomas gained 16 yards on the ground after a holding penalty in the red zone, and two plays later Mixon rushed two yards for the score. The two-point conversion was no good and the Tigers led, 12-0, with 3:19 left in the opening quarter.

In a possession that took nearly six minutes off the clock in the second period, Sewanee moved 85 yards on 13 plays, overcoming a pair of holding penalties. Mixon gained 14 yards on a rush and McLemore caught a nine-yard pass before the Bishops were called for pass interference against Dyer Barnes.

The Tigers gained first downs on consecutive plays inside Wesleyan territory but were called for holding on both, but Thomas found McLemore for 20 yards along the sideline for the first down. On the next play Thomas bounced outside to the right, beating defenders to the pylon for a touchdown. Johnson ran the jet sweep for the two-point conversion and Sewanee held a 20-0 advantage with 5:15 left in the half.

The Tigers added another score late in the quarter, with Thomas gaining 14 yards to near midfield. Beasley completed a pass to Barnes and Wesleyan was called for unsportsmanlike conduct on the play. Beasley then rushed for 23 yards and two plays later, Mixon found Cooper Alford all alone in the back of the end zone for a four-yard TD. The two-point try was no good and Sewanee led, 26-0, with 1:45 left in the half.

On the second drive of the third quarter, Beasley rushed for 20 yards on the first play and gained nine yards on third down. Mixon picked up 26 yards on three straight carries, the last one from six yards out, extending the advantage to 33-0 with the PAT late in the period.

Sewanee is off next week and returns to action Oct. 4 against Maryville College for Hall of Fame Weekend.

Women's Soccer Defeats Greenville

Stella Martin opened the scoring off a corner kick in the first half, and Khiana Roraback and Mia Ramirez added second-half goals as the Sewanee women's soccer team defeated Greenville, 3-0, Sept. 20, at Puett Field.

The Tigers controlled the match from start to finish, outshooting the Panthers 30-4, and finally broke through midway through the first half.

Martin's corner kick sailed over the goalkeeper's head and tucked into the far-side netting to put Sewanee on the board. Later in the half, Pope Scurlock nearly doubled the advantage with a strike from the top of the box, but Greenville keeper Madison Ashford made a diving stop. Martin nearly struck again with another corner that rattled off the crossbar.

Sewanee doubled its lead early in the second half when Whitsett intercepted an errant pass after a Greenville throw-in and slipped the ball to Roraback. She turned and lofted a shot over the goalkeeper into the far-side netting.

Ramirez sealed the win in the closing minutes, finishing a left-footed, one-touch strike off a feed from Kylene Monaghan, who beat her defender before finding Ramirez in the box.

Three Tiger goalkeepers split time in net, with Emilee Scott making the team's lone save. Ashford kept Greenville in the game with 15 saves.

Sewanee returns to action next Saturday, hosting No. 4 Emory at noon.

Stoilovich and Southall Net First Career Goals

Eva Stoilovich and Keegan Southall each tallied a goal and an assist, while Shepard Ramsey scored twice as the Sewanee field hockey team rolled to a 7-0 victory over Wittenberg on Saturday afternoon at Puett Field.

Stoilovich and Southall both netted their first career goals as the Tigers defeated Wittenberg for the first time since 2018.

Sewanee struck early as Natalie BeVier put away a rebound from a Catherine Crane shot just four minutes into the match. The Tigers controlled possession from the start, firing 10 shots in the opening quarter, while Wittenberg keeper Essence Wyse made five saves to keep the score close.

The floodgates opened in the second quarter as Sewanee recorded five goals on 16 shots. Stoilovich opened the frame by cleaning up her own rebound for her first collegiate goal. Ramsey followed with a successful penalty stroke just three minutes later, before Southall set up Crane for the Tigers' fourth goal.

Moments later, Stoilovich found Ramsey in front of goal for her second of the day, and Southall capped the dominant quarter with a strike of her own to make it 6-0 at halftime.

Molly Haskell provided the lone tally of the second half, winning the ball at the top of the arc, dribbling through defenders, and beating the keeper to record her first career score.

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Milk Sickness Plant

One of the last big shows of the late summer/fall wildflowers is now on display along roadsides and the edges of woods-the bright white flowering heads of White Snakeroot. It was finally identified after many decades as the cause of “milk sickness”, a poisoning resulting from drinking the milk of cows who grazed on this plant. One well-known possible victim was Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Farmers often allowed their cows to run in the woods late in the season, when this plant was abundant and other forage was more scarce, and increased incidence of this disease was observed in conjunction with this practice. In fact, an act was passed in the Tennessee General Assembly in 1821 authorizing the Franklin County Court to keep certain coves fenced, with very strict provisions obliging the upkeep of those fences, even though it was not yet known exactly what caused the disease. It is blooming in our woods now, and little else is. When we first moved to this property there were also numerous asters and goldenrods, but I believe they have succumbed to the deer and that the deer know better than to eat White Snakeroot, as it can affect other animals also.

It is not surprising that White Snakeroot contains this powerful chemical. It is sometimes considered a member of the tribe Eupatorieae, named for the ancient ruler of Pontus in Asia Minor, Mithridates VI Eupator, who is said to have regularly consumed small doses of these plants to make himself immune from poisoning by his enemies. Many other members of this group, such as Joe-Pye Weed, have chemicals that have been used for good or bad, as medicines can also be poisons depending on the dosage. The plants, of course, produce these strong compounds to protect themselves from being eaten.

White Snakeroot is somewhat similar in appearance to White Crownbeard, also blooming in abundance on some roadsides, but the Snakeroot has opposite leaves, is not as tall, and a closer look will show that the flower heads have only the disc flowers and not the ray flowers that look like petals in the Crownbeard.

Of the Maryland Golden Aster, Lin Cameron wrote earlier this month, “These are in peak bloom in our meadows right now. They are especially lovely alongside the purple asters and pink false foxglove.”

Community Tree Planting Grant Applications

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) is now accepting applications for funding to help communities expand tree canopy cover and strengthen urban ecosystems across the state.

“Our Urban and Community Forestry Program partners with Tennessee’s communities, helping them enhance the wellbeing of residents by cultivating and sustaining healthy urban and community forests,” State Forester Heather Slayton said. “One way we do that is by providing financial assistance to increase access to the many benefits trees provide, including stormwater mitigation, air quality improvement, and heat reduction.”

Through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) Community Tree Planting Program, organizations can receive state-funded support to cover costs such as purchasing and shipping of trees, professional planting services, mulch, irrigation tools, tree labels, and signage. Eligible applicants include city and county governments, nonprofit organizations, and public schools. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$20,000.

Applications must be submitted online by 5 p.m. CT on Sept. 30, 2025 at <tnforestry.submittable.com/submit>.

For proposal assistance, contact Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator Ashley Kite-Rowland at <ashley.kite-rowland@tn.gov>.

TDF’s Urban and Community Forestry Program promotes the growth and sustainability of healthy forests through outreach, education, and financial support. For more information visit <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/urban/>.

The Division of Forestry protects, conserves, and enhances Tennessee’s forest resources. 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>.

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.

Stone Door Hike — Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, Sept. 27, 9–10:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North. Join Ranger Todd on a walk exploring around the Stone Door. Guests will meet at the Savage Gulf North Ranger Station ready for a moderately easy 2.5-mile hike. Guests should wear weather appropriate clothing with walking shoes and bring an adequate water supply. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall still exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program’s scheduled start in order to receive a refund. Events outside the park’s control may necessitate program cancelation (weather, illness, park emergencies, etc). You will receive a text, email, or call with as much advance notice as possible, depending on the situation.

TN Serves & National Public Lands Day Trail Cleanup — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, Sept. 27, 9–11 a.m. Free. Register for event. Meet at Fiery Gizzard South Trailhead, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie. Join Park Ranger Ben to keep our trails beautiful by collecting trash along the Climber’s Loop by Foster Falls at the Fiery Gizzard South Trailhead. We will meet in the parking lot. Registration is required in order to ensure equipment is provided for all volunteers, please follow the Galaxy Digital link. Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and shoes that they can get dirty with no sandals/flip flops/open-toed shoes. Be prepared to hike up to 2 miles over steep terrain. Gloves will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own if they prefer.

Hike with a Ranger — South Cumberland State Park, Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Register for event. Meet at Fiery Gizzard North trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City. Join us for a guided hike through one of South Cumberland State Park’s most scenic trails. This 2-mile trail packs in a little bit of everything: lush forests, fascinating rock formations, the Gizzard creeks, and waterfalls. Along the way, we’ll stop to talk about the plants and wildlife we encounter, dive into the history of the park, and take time to enjoy simply being in nature.

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 10.5miles 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 4miles 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 serve 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.

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.



Jill



Zeus

MARC’s Mountain Adoptables Meet Jill & Zeus

Jill was born to a stray momma kitty and has been living inside and outside at her foster home. She is a sweet little black Domestic Short-hair girl who is around 20 weeks old and weighs about five pounds. She loves to lie in the sun for a bit after her tummy is full and she has had a nice exploration of her environment. Jill is independent, loving, and hoping someone will fall in love with her giving her a home to call her very own. Can you grant Jill’s wish?

Zeus is a very charming, regal looking boy. He is a two year old, neutered Rottweiler with an un-cropped tail. He is super friendly and never meets a stranger. Zeus is house trained and walks well on a leash correcting fairly easily when he pulls. He is a well rounded great dog, obedient and kind. Zeus’ only issue is that he thinks it’s great fun to chase chickens and cats. Zeus is looking for a family who wants to spend time with him and to incorporate him into their lives, but who doesn’t have little critters to chase. Zeus is good with children and seems good with other dogs. Don’t miss out on welcoming Zeus into your family.

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

MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal welfare organization. It is not a shelter and relies on foster homes to save animals. MARC also provides low cost spay/neuter procedures for animals.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO	Week’s Stats:
Mon	Sept 15	86	61	Avg max temp = 85
Tue	Sept 16	82	61	Avg min temp = 63
Wed	Sept 17	85	60	Avg temp = 74
Fri	Sept 18	86	60	Precipitation = 0.95”
Sat	Sept 19	85	63	
Sun	Sept 20	84	65	

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WEAR WHITE AT NIGHT.
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Fog Happens.
It is state law to have your vehicle headlights on in fog and rain.

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ESTATE SALE: Friday/Saturday, Sept. 26/27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Antiques, glassware, (McCoy, Fostoria, Blue Willow, Prescut) furniture, jewelry, dolls and many other items. 283 Buck Church Road, Monteagle. No early sales.

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Boxes for separated glass are located at 191 Kennerly Avenue, at the rear of the University's Facilities Management (FM) Warehouse, under a carport. Drop off area is open 24/7



RECYCLING - DROPOFF CENTER

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CARDBOARD
METAL
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PLASTIC
WASTE OIL/ANTIFREEZE



Convenience Center - Sewanee
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HOURS of OPERATION

	WHEN Daylight Savings BEGINS	WHEN Daylight Savings ENDS
MON	1:00 - 6:00	12:00 - 5:00
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WED	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
THU	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
FRI	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
SAT	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00
SUN	CLOSED	CLOSED

DONATIONS NEEDED

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
CANNED TUNA
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PEANUT BUTTER

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DONATIONS NEEDED 4 MARC
Dixie cups • Clumping cat litter • Kitchen trash bags

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

For Those Feeling Dispirited and Exhausted

When the rhythm of the heart becomes hectic,
Time takes on the strain until it breaks;
Then all the unattended stress falls in
On the mind like an endless, increasing weight.

The light in the mind becomes dim.
Things you could take in your stride before
Now become laborsome events of will.

Weariness invades your spirit.
Gravity begins falling inside you,
Dragging down every bone.

The tide you never valued has gone out.
And you are marooned on unsure ground.
Something within you has closed down;
And you cannot push yourself back to life.

You have been forced to enter empty time.
The desire that drove you has relinquished.
There is nothing else to do now but rest
And patiently learn to receive the self
You have forsaken in the race of days.

At first your thinking will darken
And sadness take over like listless weather.
The flow of unwept tears will frighten you.

You have traveled too fast over false ground;
Now your soul has come to take you back.

Take refuge in your senses, open up
To all the small miracles you rushed through.

Become inclined to watch the way of rain
When it falls slow and free.

Imitate the habit of twilight,
Taking time to open the well of color
That fostered the brightness of day.

Draw alongside the silence of stone
Until its calmness can claim you.
Be excessively gentle with yourself.

Stay clear of those vexed in spirit.
Learn to linger around someone of ease
Who feels they have all the time in the world.

Gradually, you will return to yourself,
Having learned a new respect for your heart
And the joy that dwells far within slow time.

--John O'Donohue, For One Who Is Exhausted, a Blessing

Community Calendar

Friday, Sept. 26 • SAS Upper School Family Weekend

RSVP Sewanee Civic Association membership meeting, <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon CAC Community Meal, Kennerly Hall
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. SAS Outdoor Learning Complex Rib-bon-Cutting Ceremony, 290 Quintard Rd.; picnic dinner follows: RSVP contact Cassie Allen, email <callen@sasweb.org> or (931) 598-5651 ext. 3233
- 6 p.m. Cumberland Community Dance Square/Contra Dance, (\$10/adults, \$8/students, \$5/children under 10, free/children under 5), Monteagle Pavilion, behind Monteagle Library, Dixie Lee Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- 8:30 a.m. Housing Hub Pickleball Tournament, (\$100 to play, \$50 lunch only;) sign up <www.housinghubtn.org>
- 10 a.m. Tickbush Festival, St. James Midway Community Park, 898 Midway Rd., until 6 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Mountain Lion Fun Run/Walk, SAS Track, 290 Quintard Rd.

Sunday, Sept. 28

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

Monday, Sept. 29

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council regular meeting, conference room, City Hall

Tuesday, Sept.30

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Coach Michael Curcio, Cross Country, in person Blue Chair, livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch>
- 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.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. Yomassage, (\$40), Lauren, Franklin House Firefly Gala, until 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. School of Theology Lecture series (#1), "Ministry in a Secular Age," (free), Dr. Andrew Root, Guerry Auditorium
- 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 @ noon, lead @ 12:25 p.m., Prof. Catherine Cavagnero, "Sewanee Aviation," St. Mary's Sewanee
- 1:30 p.m. School of Theology Lecture series (#2), Dr. Andrew Root, Guerry Auditorium
- 2 p.m. Sewanee Welcome Center Open House and Ribbon Cutting, 17 Lake O'Donnell Rd., until 4 p.m.
- 3 p.m. School of Theology Lecture series (#3), Dr. Andrew Root, Guerry Auditorium
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Oct. 2

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Club Assembly, Mountain Top Restaurant, 1045 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 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.
- 3 p.m. Fresh Mess Fall Fest, Harton Park, 123 S. College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Babson Center, Alex Harris, C'11, "From Classroom to Capital: Building a Career in Private Credit and Alternative Investments," Torian Room, duPont Library

Friday, Oct. 3

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. AngelFest 2025, (free), Angel Park

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Friday

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Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

7 p.m., NA, 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

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