

Easter Convocation at All Saints' on Monday

Opening Convocation for the Easter semester of the University of the South will be at noon, Monday, Jan. 11, in All Saints' Chapel. Honorary degrees will be presented, and new members will be inducted into the Order of Gownsmen. Leon Botstein will give the Convocation address and will receive an honorary degree. Honorary degrees will also be presented during the Convocation to Harvard English professor James Engell and Brian Seage, bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Mississippi.

Botstein is an orchestra conductor, musicologist and college president who has pursued dual careers in music and education. He is the music director and principal conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra and president of Bard College in Annandale, N.Y., a member of the Association of Episcopal Colleges. Since becoming president of Bard College in 1975, he has extended the college's reach internationally, guiding the creation of new programs on several continents, while also leading Bard to become a forerunner in art and culture.

Botstein, who is the Leon Levy Professor in the Arts and Humanities at Bard, has been a pioneer in linking the liberal arts and higher education to public secondary schools. During his 40-year tenure, Bard has established eight graduate schools, the Bard College Conservatory of Music and the Levy Economics Institute. As music director of the American Symphony Orchestra and founder and co-artistic director of the Bard Music Festival, Botstein is known for his innovative programs and interest in contemporary and neglected repertory. He will receive an honorary doctor of music.

Engell is Gurney Professor of English and professor of comparative
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Helton Receives Award from Animal Harbor

Dr. Traci Helton was presented with the Jean Patton Humanitarian Award in November at Animal Harbor's Party for Paws event. The award, established in 2003 in honor of Jean Patton, is presented each year to a person who has made a significant contribution to the Humane Society's mission to reduce pet overpopulation and improve the lives of companion animals in Franklin County.

Helton is originally from upstate New York and is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. She came to Franklin County in 1995. Mobile Veterinary Services was started in 2003, allowing her the opportunity to treat animals all across the county. In 2013 she opened her clinic, Midtown Veterinary Services and Hospital, in Winchester. Helton is certified as an animal chiropractic by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association and has a certificate in veterinary acupuncture from the Chi Institute in Florida.

Helton has supported Animal Harbor by coming to the shelter every month to issue health certificates to dogs scheduled for transport on the Rescue Wagon. She also makes house calls to foster parents' homes to check out their pups. Helton helped Animal Harbor spay or neuter 166 feral cats as part of the Trap-Neuter-Return project.

"Thank you so much for this honor and recognition. I am fortunate to be able to earn my living providing medical care to companion animals. I strive to make pet's lives and their caretaker's as full and enjoyable as possible," Helton said.

"Dr. Helton works every day to improve the lives of companion animals in Franklin County," said Patricia Dover, Animal Harbor president. "We are honored to present her with the Jean Patton Humanitarian Award."



Dr. Traci Helton (left) with Patricia Dover.

School Board Considers Options for Schedule Changes at FCHS

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 4 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Education, the board heard recommendations from the scheduling committee formed last August to examine alternatives at the high school level. The committee was created to address concerns about the short amount of time—12 weeks—from the beginning of school until students would be evaluated under the new Tennessee Ready assessment. Committee members ultimately decided the time window for testing was not the most important factor for Franklin County schools, but rather the time needed to support student learning and prepare students for the next level of education.

The current Franklin County High School schedule consists of four 90-minute instructional blocks on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with instructional blocks shortened to 80 minutes on Wednesday to make time for teacher collaboration. Occasionally, instructional blocks are shortened to 78 minutes to accommodate special

activities such as pep rallies.

Schedule committee chairman Greg Mantooth, who is principal at Franklin County High School, said the committee investigated and dismissed as inadequate a seven-period schedule and a modified block schedule. The seven-period schedule (with students enrolled in a course for the entire year) limited opportunities for students to take enrichment classes, and the shorter class time limited lab and work-based learning experiences. With the modified block schedule (where students receive instruction in a subject every other day), teachers reported students had difficulty retaining information. Both alternatives were rejected.

The committee faced the challenge of identifying a schedule consistent with implementing state-mandated Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) practices at the high school level, a teaching model intended to focus on individual student needs that was previously only required in lower grades. The committee recommended
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Rob Followell

New Leader for Regional Health System

LifePoint Health announced on Jan. 4 that Rob Followell has been named market president of Southern Tennessee Regional Health System (STRHS), effective Jan. 29. In this role, Followell will serve as chief executive officer (CEO) for STRHS' Winchester and Sewanee facilities, as well as market president of the four-hospital health system, which also includes facilities in Lawrenceburg and Pulaski.

STRHS is part of LifePoint Health, a healthcare company dedicated to making communities healthier. Followell will replace Jerry Dooley, who has led STRHS on an interim basis since July 2015.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Rob's capabilities and experience assume this important leadership role moving forward," said Robert Klein, chief operating officer of LifePoint Health's Central Group.

"Rob is an effective and creative executive with proven leadership skills and abilities. He has worked in many diverse health systems and operational situations. He is a perfect fit to lead STRHS and its four hospitals into the future."

Followell has more than 20 years of experience, including service as CEO at North Knoxville Medical Center; Greenbrier Valley (W. Va.) Medical Center; Chilton (Ala.) Medical Center; and Chestatee (Ga.) Regional Hospital. For more information go to <southern.tennessee.com>.

SUD Addresses Water Billing Concerns

New Commissioner Will be Elected in January

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Some Sewanee Utility District (SUD) customers in the Jump Off, Midway, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School and Sherwood communities received unusually high water bills in December. Many contacted the SUD office, expressing confusion and dismay.

"There were no meter problems," SUD manager Ben Beavers said.

The higher than normal bills occurred because the billing period for affected customers was more than two weeks longer than the usual billing period, Beavers explained. The Thanksgiving holiday also fell in this period, which may have increased water usage for some households due to guests and children home from college.

The longer billing cycle resulted from a change in the date of the meter reading. The meters were not read until completion of the warranty work replacing the encoder receiver transmitters, a communication component on each meter. The meters of the customers who received high bills were read on Dec. 16 or Dec. 17, instead of Dec. 1, Beavers said. The computer software generating bills erroneously printed the dates of the billing period as Nov. 1 to Dec. 1.

Next month, the affected customers will receive a bill reflecting a short two-week billing period from Dec. 16 or Dec. 17 to Jan. 1, which Beavers expects will be a much lower reading than usual. Beginning in Jan. the billing cycle will return to the regular monthly schedule coinciding with the calendar month.

High water bills are typically the result of a leak on the customer's side of the meter. Once water passes through the meter, it is the customer's responsibility, according to SUD policies.

If the customer is in doubt about the water usage recorded on the meter, SUD will have the meter tested at the customer's request. The customer will be required to pay a meter testing deposit of \$50. SUD will remove the meter and have it tested by an outside agency. If the meter proves to be within the accuracy guidelines established by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the meter is deemed to be accurate. If the meter tests accurate, the customer forfeits the meter testing deposit and must pay the bill in question. If the meter fails to meet AWWA standards, SUD will refund the deposit, repair or replace the meter and adjust the customer's bill by the percentage of error shown in the test. SUD's experience is that as meters age, they tend to record less water than actually passes through them, erring in the customer's favor.

SUD recently replaced all its meters, a process that began in 2014. For customers with a slight water usage increase in the past two years, it could be due to more accurate metering after the new meter was installed.
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Monteagle Elementary School recently had its annual spelling bee, reports Janet Layne, MES principal. The winners are (from left): first place, Namtso Norbu, sixth-grade daughter of Tenzing and Jamyang Norbu; second place, Morgan Peters, sixth-grade daughter of Josh and Shannon Peters; third place, Ella Masters, fifth-grade daughter of Brian and Elizabeth Masters; fourth place, Alora Meeks, seventh-grade daughter of Kelly and Brandy Meeks; and alternate, Colton Meeks, fourth-grade son of Kelly and Brandy Meeks.

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Letters

WATER CONCERNS

To the Editor:

According to my bill and the website, it's time to elect someone to the commission now. I can't tell who is running, though, or who is coming off.

Looking at the names of who serves on the Sewanee Utility District board of commissioners, these do NOT strike me as evil, crooked people who are out to rip us off. They look like names of people who know and love this community.

What we pay for water here in Sewanee is several times higher than I've ever paid anywhere else. My water bill is often higher than my electric bill, and sometimes higher than electric plus natural gas combined. I can only imagine I'm not the only person who struggles with this.

If we want a different outcome, it will probably take an organized effort on the part of the community.

We need to be at the Jan. 26 SUD board meeting (with a cooperative spirit, not accusing). We need to have several candidates vying for the opening position on the commission, and we need to be hearing from them in this forum and elsewhere about why they are good candidates.

Jeannie Babb
Sewanee ■

WILLIS FAMILY THANKS

To the Editor:

Deepest thanks to all who have shared their remembrances of "Mama Jo" with us over the past few weeks. Your support and outpouring of love touches us deeply and reminds us of so many reasons to be thankful for Jo Ann's time among us on this Mountain.

We appreciate your calls, visits, cards and flowers in this time of loss. Thank you for your thoughtful concern.

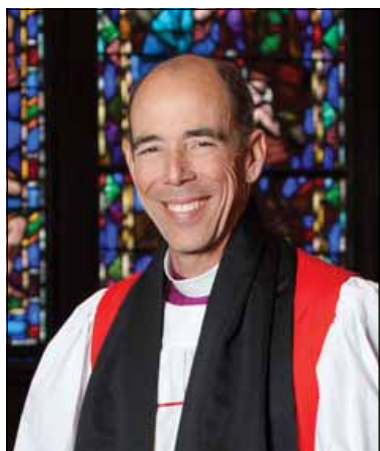
The family of Jo Ann Willis
Sewanee ■



Leon Botstein



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The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage

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Convocation (from page 1)

literature at Harvard University and a faculty associate of the Harvard University Center for the Environment. Engell has taught at Harvard since 1978, and has taught environmental seminars at the National Humanities Center and for a consortium of nine North American and Asian universities.

His award-winning book, "Environment: An Interdisciplinary Anthology," was the first major anthology to apply a fully interdisciplinary approach to environmental studies. His 2005 book, "Saving Higher Education in the Age of Money," addresses the value of the liberal arts and the choice today's students are offered between the practical sciences or business and economic success or the traditional liberal arts and expected poverty.

Engell earned both a bachelor's and a doctorate degree from Harvard, devoting more than 40 years to the institution, and has received numerous teaching awards at his alma mater. He will receive an honorary doctor of letters.

The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage was elected bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi in 2014, succeeding the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray III as the 10th bishop of Mississippi. In the Diocese of Mississippi, Seage served as a Fresh Start facilitator and on the diocese's executive committee. He was also a member of the diocesan Restructure Task Force. Seage previously was the rector at St. Columb's in Ridgeland, Miss., where he served since 2005.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Pepperdine University and a master of divinity from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. An evangelist at heart, he is committed to inviting, transforming and reconciling. Ordained a priest in 1998, Seage grew both attendance and programming at the churches he served in Mississippi. He will receive an honorary doctor of divinity.

Convocation will be streamed live for those who are unable to attend. For more information go to <sewanee.edu>.

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SUD (from page 1)

SUD elects commissioners in January of each year. Voting for the one opening on the board began on Jan. 4 and ends at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26; voting is conducted at the SUD office on Sherwood Road.

Commissioner Art Hanson, who currently holds the seat, was the only SUD customer to express an interest in serving on the board and is therefore the only candidate on the ballot; there is a place for write-in candidates. The SUD board advertised this opening in the Messenger. Commissioners must be SUD customers. They are limited to two consecutive four-year terms.

Commissioner Ken Smith's term expires in January 2017. The terms of commissioners Karen Singer and Randall Henley expire in January 2018. Commissioner Ronnie Hoosier's term expires in January 2019.

All SUD board meetings are open to the public. The SUD board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise announced. The board next meets on Jan. 26, when ballots for the election will be counted.

Serving Where Called

Please keep the following individuals, their families and all those who are serving our country in your thoughts and prayers:

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- Tyler Walker
- Jeffery Alan Wessel
- Nick Worley

If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Louise Irwin, 598-5864.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Grundy Republicans Meet on Saturday

The Grundy County Republican Party will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, in the main courtroom on the second floor of the Grundy County Courthouse in Altamont. The topic is "Understanding the Radical Muslim Security Threat," with guest speaker Cathy Hinners.

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting on Sunday

An organizational meeting for a women's spirituality group will be at 1 p.m., Sunday, January 10, in St. Mark's Hall at Otey Parish. A light lunch will be served. Participants will discuss a time and frequency for meeting. "Pastrix: The Cranky Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint" by Nadia Bolz-Weber is being recommended as a book to read together. It is hoped that this group will provide an opportunity for women to know and care for one another while deepening their faith.

Franklin County Democrats Meet on Monday

Franklin County Democrats will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, in the small meeting room at Franklin County Annex. They are making plans for a February public forum about prescription drug abuse in the county and need volunteers to help. For more information call Helen Stapleton by emailing <hfstaple@yahoo.com>.

La Leche League Meets Next Tuesday

The January La Leche League meeting for breast-feeding support and information will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Sewanee Community Center. All pregnant women, mothers and babies are welcome. For more information call Pippa, (931) 463-2050.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, at Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City.

The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club meets 8-9 a.m., Thursdays, at the Sewanee Inn.

Lease Committee Agenda Deadline Tuesday

The next meeting of the Lease Committee will be on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Agenda items are due in the Office of the Superintendent of Leases in the Blue House, 400 University Ave., by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, or by emailing <barbara.schlichting@sewanee.edu> or <peggy.alsup@sewanee.edu>.

Story Time at May Justus Library

The May Justus Memorial Library in Monteagle will have story time at 10 a.m. each Wednesday, beginning on Jan. 13. For more information call Karen Tittle at (931) 924-2638.

Community Council Agenda Items Due on Wednesday

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25, at the Senior Center. Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Academy for Lifelong Learning Meets Thursday

The Academy for Lifelong Learning at St. Mary's Sewanee will meet at noon, Thursday, Jan. 14, at St. Mary's Sewanee. The speaker will be Jacob Zalewski, the student lieutenant fire chief of the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department, who will talk about "Service Through Dedication."

The annual membership in the Academy is \$12, or guests may pay \$2 per session. A box lunch (\$12) is available: roast beef and Swiss sandwich or veggie wrap, with either chips or potato salad, and dessert. Please call 598-5342 to order lunch. For more information call Anne Davis at (931) 924-4465 or Debbie Kandul at (931) 924-3542.

Emeritus Society Meets on Thursday

The Sewanee Emeritus Society will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14, in the Torian Room of duPont Library. Chip Manning will talk about the "William Polk Carey Pre-Business Program: The First Seven Years." A social hour will follow.

Senior Center Potluck Lunch on Jan. 16

The Sewanee Senior Center's quarterly potluck lunch will be at noon, Saturday, Jan. 16, in the center. Music will be provided by Slandered Ban-shee. Bring a dish to share; all are welcome.

Sewanee Woman's Club Book Group Meets on Jan. 18

The book club of the Sewanee Woman's Club will have its first meeting of the new year at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18, at the home of Sally Hubbard. For more information or directions email Debbie Racka, <debbie811123@gmail.com>, or contact Flournoy Rogers at 598-0733 or e-mail <semmesrogers@gmail.com>.

Sewanee Honors Martin Luther King Jr.

The University of the South celebrates the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. with several campus events commemorating his life. The theme selected by the MLK Planning Committee this year centers around "Reconciliation."

The University welcomes the 100 Men in Black Male Chorus from Durham, N.C., who will be in concert at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, in Guerry Auditorium. The 100 Men in Black was formed in 2003 as a community chorus to provide positive alternatives to youth and adult males through music, faith, community service, positive role modeling and mentoring.

While in Sewanee, the members of the 100 Men in Black will host a community sing-along at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, also in Guerry Auditorium. They invite members of the Sewanee and surrounding communities to stop by to learn a song from their repertoire and perform it with them at the concert on Sunday, Jan. 17. No singing ability is necessary. This will be a great way to meet members of the group and to join voices in song.

On Monday, Jan. 18, the annual Martin Luther King Jr. potluck and program (with Sewanee Praise and the School of Theology Choir) will take place in upper Cravens Hall. Please bring that special dish to share. The potluck begins at 5:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.



Santa's helper (Mark Sholey, sporting his own beard) is joined by Deb Tucker (left) and Elizabeth Koella at the Jump Off Fire Hall Christmas celebration on Dec. 13. Photo by Doug Cameron

Community Chest Spotlight

Sewanee Community Center

The 2015-16 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. The power of people helping people makes a difference in the life of the community. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal is \$100,000. Currently, 77 percent has been raised in donations and pledges.

For the next few weeks, the Sewanee Mountain Messenger will focus on some of the organizations supported by the Community Chest. This week we shine the spotlight on the Sewanee Community Center.

The purpose of the Sewanee Community Center is to improve the quality of life in the community by providing a space for community-initiated programs and projects. These programs include South Cumberland Farmer's Market and the Food Buyers Co-op, yoga, tai chi, gymnastics, Cub Scouts and community meetings. The Community Center Board also sponsors a community-wide yard sale each spring. Approximately 600 to 800 people use the center each month.

The Community Center will receive \$2,500 to be used for the general operating costs of keeping the center open, including utilities, insurance, maintenance, mowing and the manager's salary. Paying for utilities is the biggest expense for the Community Center. Sources of revenue include rent from classes that meet at the Center and donations from users of the center, including the South Cumberland Farmer's Market and garage sales fees.

Since 1908, the goal of the SCC has been to help citizens by funding the community. Through Community Chest funding, 25 local organizations help those caught in the cycle of poverty, improve quality of life through outreach and community initiatives, and provide support for children with a variety of programs. The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

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SES Menus

Jan. 11-15

LUNCH

MON: Chicken tenders, steak, gravy, cheese stick, mashed potatoes, green peas, cooked carrots, roll.

TUE: Taco, yogurt, cheese stick, refried beans, buttered corn, lettuce and tomato cup, salsa, tortilla chips, cinnamon roll.

WED: Macaroni and cheese, corn dog nuggets, fresh salad, pinto beans, turnip greens, roll.

THU: Breakfast for lunch (steak or sausage, eggs), peanut butter and jelly sandwich, potato sidewinders, veggie juice, biscuit, gravy.

FRI: Chicken quesadilla, hot dog, ranch potatoes, fresh salad, black beans, corn, hot dog bun.

BREAKFAST

MON: Pancake or french toast sticks, syrup.

TUE: Biscuit, sausage or steak, gravy, jelly.

WED: Buttered toast, jelly, or breakfast bun.

THU: PopTart or cinnamon twists.

FRI: Chocolate muffin or breakfast parfait.

Options available every breakfast: Assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties. Menus subject to change.

Schools (from page 1)

a 78-minute block schedule with a daily 35-minute RTI² block mid-morning for intervention.

"All students would receive intervention," Mantooth said, "some in the form of remedial help and others in the form of enrichment." Students not requiring remedial help would receive enrichment during the daily RTI² block.

The Lawrence County Schools RTI² scheduling model guided the committee in making its recommendation to the board. The committee foresees a likely need for RTI² teachers in English, math, the sciences and reading. Mantooth will review registration projections to determine hiring needs and present them to the board.

The committee also suggested the board consider reducing the number of credits required for graduation from 28 to 26. Together with block scheduling, the reduced credit requirement would allow some students to graduate in December rather than June, and allow others to attend school part of the day and work part of the day during their senior year.

The board also received reports on Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offered at Franklin County High School.

Students enrolled in Mechatronics learn to troubleshoot and program systems employing a combination of mechanics, electronics, automation, robotics and information technology. In another class, students utilize a 3-D printer to turn digital designs into three-dimensional models. In one project, a student successfully designed an addition to his father's prosthetic arm. Students in the welding program do virtual welding on a computer screen, avoiding the dangers inherent in the high-heat process, before going into a real shop and putting their newly acquired skills into practice. The Automotive College and Career Readiness programs teach auto maintenance, light repair and collision repair, preparing students for the on-the-job experience and post-secondary instruction required for certification.

Board member Christine Hopkins stressed the importance of all students knowing that the high school offered the CTE courses, "because that's where the jobs are." CTE instructors conduct career fairs at the middle schools each spring to inform students about opportunities available to them at the high school level.

The board next meets at Rock Creek Elementary School on Tuesday, Jan. 12, a departure from the regular meeting day on the second Monday of the month. A musical presentation beginning at 6 p.m. will precede the meeting, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Local Students Earn SAS Honors

The following local students in Franklin, Grundy and Marion counties have been named to the Honors Lists at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School for the most recent grading period. Overall, 79 students, including 31 boarding and 48 day students, achieved academic distinction for the second quarter.

Students who earn an average of 93 or above with no grade below 83 are named to the High Honors List for academic achievement. Students with average ranges between 83 and 92 and who have received no grade below 80 are named to the Honors List. Satisfactory completion of afternoon programs is required for students to be eligible for the Honor Roll.

High Honors

Andrew Bachman
Carolyn Bruce
Isabel Butler
Mason Goodson
Sophia Hartman
Daniel McNair
Vanessa Moss
Sophia Patterson
Genevieve Rogers
Jack Simons
Fritz Stine
Sophia Swallow

Honors

Joshua Alvarez
Rachel Alvarez
Lauren Arnold
John Beavers
Erin Berner-Coe
Kate Butler
Spencer Davis
Anna Fox
Madison Gilliam
John Grammer
John Haight
Larson Heitzenrater
Sarah Johnson
Lexie Laurendine
Abby Mainzer
Tommy Oliver
Hannah Powell
Reagan Rhoton
Mariel Rinck
Sarah Simons
Sam Smith
Wesley Smith
Isabel Spinelli
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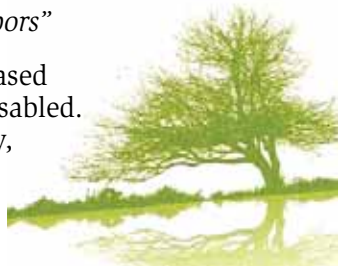
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Senior Center News

Potluck Luncheon

The Sewanee Senior Center's quarterly potluck lunch be at noon, Saturday, Jan. 16, in the center. Music will be provided by Slandered Banshee. Bring a dish to share; all are welcome.

Inclement Weather Policy

The Senior Center follows the schedule of the Franklin County School System when the weather is bad. If the Franklin County schools are closed due to snow or ice, the Senior Center will be closed, and no meals will be cooked, served or delivered on that day.

Lunch Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon on weekdays. The suggested donation is \$3 (50 or older) or \$5 (under 50). Please call by 9 a.m. to order lunch. If you make a reservation for lunch but do not come eat, please be prepared to pay for your meal. Menus may vary.

Jan. 11: Chicken and rice soup, salad, dessert.

Jan. 12: Hamburger, corn on cob, dessert.

Jan. 13: Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, slaw, roll, dessert.

Jan. 14: Salmon patty, white beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

Jan. 15: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert.

Participation at the Center

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 located at 5 Ball Park Rd., behind the Sewanee Market. To reserve a meal or for more information, call 598-0771.

Lecture on Medieval English Spirituality

The Rev. Canon Ashley Null will give a lecture, "The English Affective Tradition: From Richard Rolle to Thomas Cranmer," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, in Hamilton Hall's Hargrove Auditorium. This lecture is made possible by the Arrington Lecture Fund. There will be a reception and book signing in the foyer of Hamilton Hall immediately following the lecture.

Null's lecture will examine the importance of meditating on scripture to move the affections in medieval English spirituality and how this practice of rumination deeply influenced Thomas Cranmer's approach to liturgy, including the theological logic behind his famous "Comfortable Words."

Author of "Thomas Cranmer's Doctrine of Repentance: Renewing the Power to Love" (Oxford 2000), Null is an internationally respected scholar on the grace and gratitude theology of the English Reformation. Holding research degrees from Yale and the University of Cambridge, Null has received numerous awards for his work, including Fulbright, National Endowment for the Humanities and Guggenheim fellowships, as well as being elected fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the Society of Antiquaries in London.

He currently holds a research post funded by the German Research Council at Humboldt University of Berlin and is a visiting fellow at the Divinity Faculty of Cambridge University and St. John's College, Durham University.



Ashley Null



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by Virginia Craighill

Dear Angel,

While I was in a metropolis over the holidays, I used Uber to get around when I didn't want to/couldn't drive myself. Can we get Uber or Lyft in Sewanee, especially for these cold winter months?

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Dear Lazy,

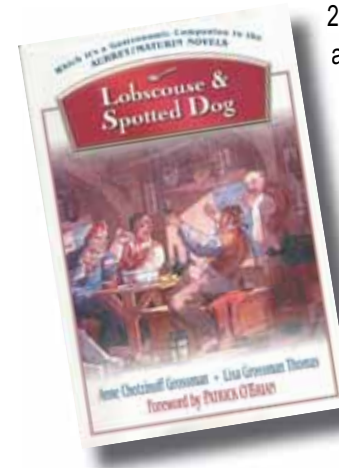
The number one reason for having Uber in Sewanee—keeping drunk students from driving—has been taken care of. Bacchus is the uberUber, and the Bacchus drivers do a fabulous job of transporting raucous revelers from party to party, dorm to party, and back. Over Family Weekend, Bacchus expanded its territory to Monteagle, so Sewanee parents could get their drink on at Assembly cocktail parties without having to set a bad example.

However, there are other excellent reasons for having Lyft or Uber. To name a few: students in Gorgas and Quintard could get to class on time, no more walking to school through the snow and rain like their parents had to in the old days; no more parking worries and fewer tickets (though also less revenue for the University); more employment opportunities: professors could moonlight as Uber drivers on their off hours. Having Uber could cut down on the number of cars on campus and resolve the parking lot crisis, especially if the Uber Fleet was composed of those fancy enclosed golf carts used for Convocation celebrities. Sewanee Uber drivers could dress like Angels for promotional photo ops.

On the down side, though, Uber fares from McClurg to duPont aren't going to help anyone amass the coffers of Donald Trump; even Gorgas to Gailor is less than a mile (that's right: suck it up and walk, you whiners). And if it were profitable, student Uber drivers would realize they just need a driver's license, and not a college education, to make a living.

Virginia Craighill invites your questions and queries on matters of etiquette, style and ethics. Send them confidentially to <news@sewaneeessenger.com>.

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THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis



Sir Toby, The Critic's valiant sidekick: Every good critic needs a good rating system, and there's nothing on the planet more critical than cats, so one feature each week is rated from one to five Tobys. The more Tobys there are, the better it is!



He Named Me Malala

7:30 p.m. • Friday–Sunday, Jan. 8–10
2015 • Rated PG-13 • 88 minutes

This powerful documentary revolves around the true story of a young Pakistani woman who, in 2012, was shot in the head by members of the Taliban for speaking out about every woman's right to an education and her remarkable recovery. In 2014 she became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and she continues to advocate for the rights of children in her own country, as well as internationally. Beautifully integrating live footage with animation, this movie is generating major Oscar buzz. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements involving disturbing images and threats, in addition to the heavy subject matter, this film is best suited for adults and older children accompanied by parents.

The Martian

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday, Jan. 14–17
2015 • Rated PG-13 • 144 minutes

Poor Matt Damon can't catch a break these days. His character was stranded in space in "Interstellar," and he finds himself here again in this critically acclaimed drama by sci-fi master Ridley Scott. Damon plays astronaut Mark Watney, who is sent on the inaugural mission to Mars. The victory of being one of the first to set foot on the red planet quickly goes sour, when the departure goes horrifically wrong. Watney's crew is forced to leave him behind, presuming him dead. In a bittersweet turn of events, it turns out he is alive and well—but it will take four years for another crew to reach him. As politics and humanity clash on Earth about a possible rescue, Watney uses his ingenuity to figure out how to survive. Rated PG-13 for strong language, injury images, and brief nudity. Parents should use best judgment bringing younger children to this feature, taking into account the tense subject matter and over two-hour run time.

For more reviews and fun, go to <theinsatiablenovels.blogspot.com>.

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Sewanee Dance Conservatory Begins Classes This Week

The Sewanee Dance Conservatory will start classes on Jan. 11, and registration forms are available at <sewaneedanceconservatory.com>.

The schedule is designed for dancers to take back-to-back classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participants can try a new class, in addition to continuing previous lessons. The spring session will conclude with a recital on April 9 at 11 a.m.

What's new? Organizers have created a new section of hip-hop, splitting the age groups into elementary school and middle/high school. Both sessions remain on Sunday afternoons.

Register at the website with these three steps:

- 1) Review the weekly schedule to identify classes.
- 2) Returning students can use a simplified form to register, and new students need to complete the more detailed registration form.
- 3) Pay tuition to the Sewanee Dance Conservatory on the first day of classes. Fees and discounts have changed slightly; see the website for details. Payment plans are also available by request.



Tiny dancers perform at a past recital in Sewanee. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

"Mississippi Heard" Artists & Curator Speak on Jan. 15

The University of the South Art Gallery is currently presenting "Mississippi Heard," a cross-cultural multi-media project by Hanna Miller, (C'13), Katya Korableva and Stephen Barton, curated by Greg Gandy.

Two seemingly unrelated cultures are brought together in images, text and sound gathered during a 30-day train ride across Russia and a six-week walk across Mississippi.

"Mississippi Heard" shuttles between the familiar and the foreign, the individual and the political, to draw attention to the similarities between these distinct places, and to prompt visitors to reconsider their perceptions of people and places near and far.

The exhibition is on view in the University Art Gallery from Jan. 12–31; the gallery is located between Convocation Hall and Guerry Auditorium. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays; and noon–5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

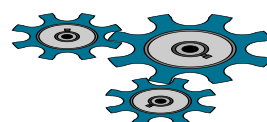
The artists and curator will speak about their work at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 15, in Convocation Hall. A reception will follow.

For more information go to <www.gallery.sewanee.edu>.

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David B. Coe

Coffee County Library Hosts Local Authors

The Coffee County Manchester Public Library is hosting its ninth annual author signing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16. Twenty authors will represent a variety of genres. Authors schedule to attend include:

David B. Coe of Sewanee (who also writes as D.B. Jackson) is the award-winning, urban-fantasy author of more than fifteen novels. His website is <davidbcoe.com>.

Weldon Payne has been editor of the Manchester Times and was an instructor at Motlow College. He is the author of "Through the Pane," a weekly column in the Manchester Times.

R.D. Sherrill is a career journalist serving as a crime and courts writer with the Southern Standard newspaper in McMinnville. His motto for writing is "all thriller—no filler."

Janie Dempsey Watts, a Chattanooga native, writes about a time that continues to haunt African-Americans in the South. Her website is <janiewatts.com>.

Michele Pendleton is a writer of short stories, poetry and novels. She hails from Chattanooga, and her website is <michelependleton.com>.

Honor Raconteur has never grown out of her love for dragons, fairies and other fantastical creatures. She is not only an author, but a publisher, as well. Her website is <honorraconteur.com>.

KB Ballentine is a Chattanooga poet who teaches creative writing, theatre arts and literature to high school and college students. Her website is <kballentine.com>.

Tawnysha Greene is a fiction and poetry professor at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. By turns harrowing and lyrical, "A House Made of Stars," is her debut novel.

Amanda Dudley-Penn, a paranormal romance author, is visiting from Texas. Dudley-Penn's website is <amandakdudleypenn.com>.

Barbara Ebel is a physician and author who sprinkles credible medicine into the background of her fiction novels. Barbara's websites are <barbaraebel.weebly.com> and <dogbooksforchildren.weebly.com>.

Darcy Flynn writes sweet contemporary romances from her home in Franklin, Tenn. Her website is <darcyflynnromances.com>.

Children's author, Ronda Friend, is also a storyteller, entertainer, songwriter, musician and motivational speaker. Friend's website is <rondafrind.com>.

Cynthia Gail's books touch on modern-day issues, fears and challenges that women face every day. Her website is <cynthiagail.com>.

Christine Glover is the author of sensual, sizzling and emotional contemporary romances. Glover's website is <christineglowersite.com>.



The winning SAS middle school swim team (from left), Porter Neubauer, Aiden Smith, Zolon Knoll and Michael Vaughan, at the SnowFlake Invitational with coach Allison Paterson.

Mountain Lions Win SnowFlake Invitational

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school boys' swim team hosted swimmers from eight middle schools on Dec. 12 at the University of the South's natatorium for the SnowFlake Invitational.

The SAS boys' team won the meet with many strong performances from seventh-graders Zolon Knoll, Porter Neubauer and Michael Vaughan, and eighth-grader Aiden Smith.

Knoll, Neubauer, Smith and Vaughan finished first in both the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2 minutes, 17.48 seconds, and the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:59.71.

In individual action at the SnowFlake, Smith led the Mountain Lions with two first-place finishes in the 100 freestyle (1:06.24) and 100 breaststroke (1:23.10), and a second-place finish in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:09.33, a drop of 6.49 seconds since last season.

Knoll took first place in the 50 butterfly, with a time of 31.99 seconds,

while Vaughan finished first in the 200 individual medley with a time of 3:19.80, a drop of 13.96 seconds since the start of this season.

Neubauer, in his first pool appearance this season, raced to a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle with a new personal best time of 30.86 seconds.

Knoll earned a new high school region cut with a personal best in the 200 freestyle (2:17.95), and Smith earned a new high school region cut in the 100 butterfly.

Coach Allison Paterson praised the SAS middle school boys' swim team saying, "I am continually impressed by these young men. Their enthusiasm, hard work and support of one another paid off in spades at this meet."

Coach Nan Long said, "These boys have worked hard in practice for weeks, and we saw the benefits at the SnowFlake."

The SAS Mountain Lion swimmers return to the pool on Jan. 9, when the high school team hosts the SnowBall Invitational at the University of the South natatorium, beginning at 2 p.m.

SAS hosts swimmers from Grundy County High School, Tullahoma High School, Warren County High School and Webb School on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.

Mountain Lions Defeat Boyd, Fall to Classical

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School varsity basketball team defeated Boyd Christian Academy on Dec. 17 in the Webb Classic, 61-55.

SAS was led by a strong defensive effort by Burton Dorrough. On the other side of the ball, Dorrough had 15 points and six rebounds.

Blaise Zeitler added 19 points; Kenneth Thomas had 16 points; Larson Heitzenrater scored four points; De-onte Swain notched four points; and Dustin Stensby added three points.

"We had a strong team effort on defense and did a nice job finding the open man on offense," said head coach Rob Zeitler. "This was a good win against a strong opponent."

SAS lost to Franklin Classical in the second game of the Webb Classic on Dec. 18, 65-49.

SAS was led by Zeitler's 23 points. Thomas posted 11 points; Dorrough had six points; Swain scored three points; Heitzenrater added three points; Aubrey Black chipped in two points; and Stensby scored one point. SAS is 1-5 on the season.

Hannah Powell Earns All-State in Golf

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's Hannah Powell was selected to the 2015 Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State Golf Team.

"I think everyone can recognize Hannah's calm demeanor and positive approach to the game and life, but they might not notice what a fierce competitor she is," said Rob Zeitler, SAS director of athletics.

"It was great to watch her focus and battle during the state golf tournament. I am so proud of what she has accomplished on the golf links and in the classroom."

Hannah, daughter of Mark and Ashlie Powell of Cowan, is a junior. Before transferring to SAS, she was on the District 6-AAA Warren County High School girls' golf team.

She placed 11th at the 2013 Class AAA TSSAA Golf Championships and tied for fifth at the 2014 Class AAA TSSAA Golf Championships.

As a member of the SAS varsity



Hannah Powell

golf team, Hannah won the 2015 Division II-A Regional Golf Championship, qualifying for the state tournament, where she placed second at the 2015 Division II-A TSSAA State Golf Championships. Hannah is an honors student and a member of the upper school vocal ensemble.

SAS Wrestlers in Action During Christmas Break

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's wrestling team competed in several events during the holiday break. The boys' team competed at the Battle Ground Academy Duals tournament on Dec. 19 and wrestled well.

The squad won their first team match against St. George's Independent School of Memphis. Leaders on the day were juniors Wyatt Lindlau and Christian Taylor. The boys return to the mat on Jan. 9 for the Chattanooga Central Tournament.

The girls' team competed on Dec. 29 at the Maher/Garstin Invitational at Independence High School and also performed well. The two competitors were senior Abby Mainzer, who took second, and junior Kia Whitman, who took third.



From left are SAS wrestling coach McLain Still and wrestlers Abby Mainzer and Kia Whitman. Mainzer finished second, and Whitman earned third place at the Maher/Garstin Invitational Tournament.

Home Games This Week

Today, Jan. 8

3:30 pm FCHS JV Girls' Basketball v Lincoln County

4:30 pm FCHS JV Boys' Basketball v Lincoln County

6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball v Lincoln County

6 pm SAS MS Girls' Basketball v Webb School

6 pm GCHS V Girls' Basketball v Chattanooga Christian

6 pm Tigers Women's Basketball v Hendrix

7 pm SAS MS Boys' Basketball v Webb School

7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball v Lincoln County

7:30 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball v Chattanooga Christian

8 pm Tigers Men's Basketball v Hendrix

Saturday, Jan. 9

2 pm Snowball HS Invitational Swim Meet at Fowler Center

Sunday, Jan. 10

1 pm Tigers Women's Basketball v Rhodes

3 pm Tigers Men's Basketball v Rhodes

Tuesday, Jan. 12

3:30 pm GCHS V Girls' Basketball v Bledsoe County

4:30 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball v Bledsoe County

4:30 pm SAS JV Boys' Basketball v Marion County

6 pm FCHS Wrestling v LaVergne and Sequatchie County

6 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball v Marion County

7 pm SAS V Swim Meet v GCHS, T'home, Webb at Fowler Center

7:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball v Marion County

Thursday, Jan. 14

3:30 pm SAS JV Boys' Basketball v Lookout Valley

5 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball v Lookout Valley

6:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball v Lookout Valley

6:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball v Broadview at Cowan Gym

7 pm SAS V Swimming v FCHS at Fowler Center

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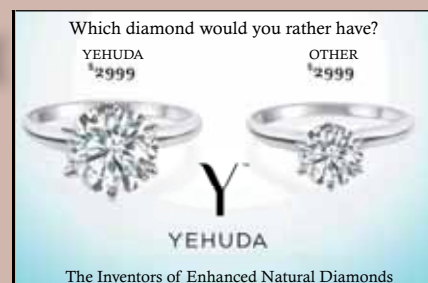
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Spanish moss

Florida Sights and Smells

"We are in Florida again," Yolande Gottfried reports, "and as we travel south, one of the highlights is the first sight of Spanish moss in the trees along our route, once we reach the zone where higher moisture and temperature year-round allows it to grow."

"Though it grows on trees (and power lines and fences) it is not parasitic but epiphytic, simply using the tree for support. In fact, it has no roots, obtaining nutrients from rainwater and detritus, as well as possibly from dust in the air. The gray-green scales that give it that distinctive look help hold water for use by the plant over time. In spite of this lifestyle, it is not a moss but a flowering plant in the Bromeliad family, which contains many epiphytes. The scientific name is Tillandsia usneoides, telling us that it looks like Usnea, the gray-green beard lichen that we find growing in our area. So Spanish moss is not a moss, but a flowering plant that looks like a lichen and grows in the coastal plain states, not in Spain."

She continues: "While in Florida we got to observe an event new to us, the flowering of the corn plant. This is a common house plant, Dracaena fragrans, but it hardly ever flowers indoors."

"Our daughter and her husband planted a couple in their backyard several years ago, and while we were there, an overwhelming, nearly sickly-sweet fragrance in the evening told us they were blooming, which they do at night. They had numerous long sprays with round clusters of small, white, six-petaled flowers. They usually bloom in December, but perhaps due to the unusually warm weather, they were blooming in January."

Moon Watching

In December, John and Harriet Runkle noticed the beautiful orange crescent moon in the western sky with its "horns" pointing upward. Over a period of months, the crescent moon seems to go from being lit on the bottom of the moon to being lit on the side. This happens because of the moon's orbit around the earth and the earth's orbit around the sun. The lit part of the moon always points toward the sun since it is reflecting the sun's light.

As the earth travels around the sun, the tilt of the earth on its axis sometimes points the northern hemisphere toward the sun and sometimes points the southern hemisphere toward the sun, giving us our seasons. It also changes the apparent path of the moon across the night sky. Sometimes the moon travels at an angle toward the horizon and other times it travels straight down toward the horizon. When it travels straight down as it is now, we see the "U" shaped moon. Folklorists have also called it the "wet moon," or "dry moon."

The first quarter moon was on Dec. 18, and the winter solstice was on Dec. 21. The full moon occurred on Christmas Day and is known as the "long night moon," staying up for 14 hours. People may have rung in the New Year by checking out the waning gibbous (more than half full) moon rising two degrees north of Jupiter, both rising just before midnight.



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Hickory

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Hickory is a happy little chihuahua/terrier/dachshund mix puppy who is around 3 months old. All of his siblings have found homes to call their own, so he is pretty lonely at Animal Harbor. Hickory is ready to have his own family to play and snuggle with. He is heartworm-negative, up-to-date on shots, micro-chipped and neutered.

Every Friday is Black Friday at Animal Harbor. On Fridays, adoption fees will be reduced 50 percent for black or mostly black pets over 4 months old who have been at Animal Harbor for more than a month. Pets adopted from Animal Harbor qualify for a free post-adoption wellness exam by local veterinarians.

Animal Harbor is now in its new shelter at 56 Nor-Nan Road, off AEDC Road, in Winchester. Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information and check out their other pets at <www.animalharbor.com>. Enter the drawing on this site for a free spay or neuter for one of your pets. Please help Animal Harbor continue to save abandoned pets by sending your donations to Animal Harbor, P. O. Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398.



Amy Fair, director of Donor Services, Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (left), and Caitlyn Barstad, development officer, Animal Harbor.

Animal Harbor Receives Foundation Grant

In its recent grant awards, the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee announced that it made a \$5,000 grant to Animal Harbor in Franklin County.

The grant will provide veterinary care for rescued pets while they are in the shelter waiting for new homes. All of Animal Harbor's pets receive vaccinations, parasite removal and are spayed or neutered to prevent more homeless pets.

The foundation announced more than \$1.79 million in grants to 280 nonprofit organizations.

"The work of our nonprofit partners has never been more important as we watch needs emerge and evolve in this community," said Ellen Lehman, president of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. In the past 24 years, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$750 million to community programs.

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Savage Falls Resolution Hike—Celebrate 2016 by meeting hiker Eleanor at 10:30 a.m. at Savage Gulf ranger station for a moderate 6-mile hike to view Savage Falls, plus another overlook a mile further on. Hot chocolate at hike's end.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Laurel Gorge Hike—Meet Ranger Park at 10 a.m. at Foster Falls parking lot (498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie) for a moderate 5-mile hike in Laurel Gorge, with panoramic views and towering cliffs.

Sunday Afternoon Lake Walk—Meet Ranger Jessie at noon at Grundy Lakes for a short, easy 1.5-mile hike around Grundy Lakes. Lots of beauty, not much effort.

Astronomy—Meet Ranger Park at 6 p.m. at the Visitor's Center for a look into the wonders of the night sky. Bring all your questions, as well as a red light, and find answers. Wear closed-toe shoes.

Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 14	68	52
Tue	Dec 15	63	41
Wed	Dec 16	68	46
Thu	Dec 17	67	40
Fri	Dec 18	48	27
Sat	Dec 19	45	25
Sun	Dec 20	49	30

Weekly Averages:

Avg max temp =	58
Avg min temp =	37
Avg temp =	48
Precipitation =	1.58"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 21	53	43
Tue	Dec 22	57	52
Wed	Dec 23	60	58
Thu	Dec 24	65	57
Fri	Dec 25	71	55
Sat	Dec 26	61	59
Sun	Dec 27	66	64

Weekly Averages:

Avg max temp =	62
Avg min temp =	55
Avg temp =	59
Precipitation =	6.86"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 28	70	63
Tue	Dec 29	64	41
Wed	Dec 30	57	44
Thu	Dec 31	53	37
Fri	Jan 01	38	28
Sat	Jan 02	43	24
Sun	Jan 03	50	31

Weekly Averages:

Avg max temp =	54
Avg min temp =	38
Avg temp =	46
Precipitation =	1.25"

December Monthly Averages:

Avg max temp =	59
Avg min temp =	45
Avg temp =	52
Total Precipitation =	11.64"

December 57-Year Averages:

Avg max temp =	47
Avg min temp =	31
Avg temp =	39
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I gave the caravan
The slip

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With all his frankincense
And Myrrh

And headed out
Across the sand
It was dawn when I came
To this strange land

And found this family
Living here
Without a camel
Because they were poor

So I stayed with them
Carried their hides
Gave all the kids
Free camel rides

Sat with the baby
Worked with the man
Sang them ballads
Of Ispahan

Carried the water
Pulled the plow
Loved my neighbor
Who was a cow

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With that other
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- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Games day, Senior Center
- 5:30 pm World healing meditation, Farmer, Comm Ctr
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm Movie, "He Named Me Malala," SUT

Saturday, Jan. 9

- 9:00 am Yoga with Richard, Comm Ctr
- 10:00 am Grundy Republicans, Hinners, Courthouse, Altamont
- 7:30 pm Movie, "He Named Me Malala," SUT

Sunday, Jan. 10

- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Epiphany Celebration, St. Mark's Hall, Otey
- 7:30 pm Movie, "He Named Me Malala," SUT

Monday, Jan. 11

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pickleball with John, Fowler Center
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Opening Convocation, All Saints' Chapel
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 5:30 pm Franklin Co. Democrats, FC Annex
- 5:30 pm Yoga for healing with Lucie, Comm Ctr
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall; adults, 7 pm
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 12

First day of College Classes

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 9:30 am Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 10:30 am La Leche League, Comm Ctr
- 11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 4:30 pm Lease committee deadline, Blue House
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, water bldg next to old GCHS
- 6:30 pm Prayer/Study, 7th Day Adventist, Monteagle
- 7:00 pm Community Poetry Night, Blue Chair
- 7:00 pm Lecture, Null, S of T Hargrove Auditorium

Wednesday, Jan. 13

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; and 1-3 pm
- 9:00 am Pickleball with John, Fowler Center
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:00 am Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:00 am Story time, May Justus Library, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Deadline for Comm Council agenda, Provost
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler

- 2:30 pm Franklin Co. Schools early release (pre-K @ 2pm)
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 pm Catechumenate, dinner, Women's Center

Thursday, Jan. 14

- 8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 11:00 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, Comm Ctr
- 12:00 pm Academy of Lifelong Learning, Zaleski, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home Support Group, 598-0303
- 2:00 pm Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 pm
- 3:30 pm Emeritus Society, Torian Room, duPont
- 7:30 pm Movie, "The Martian," SUT

Friday, Jan. 15

Curbside recycling, before 7 am

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Spinal spa with Kim, Fowler
- 4:30 pm "Mississippi Heard" artists and curator talks, Convocation Hall; reception follows
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm Movie, "The Martian," SUT

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

- Friday**
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Saturday**
7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
- Sunday**
6:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Monday**
5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**
7:00 pm AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
- Wednesday**
10:00 am AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
4:30 pm AA, "Tea-Totallers" women's group, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Thursday**
12:00 pm AA, (931) 924-3493 for location
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SHADOW ROCK DR. 1.18-acre charming building lot with meadow.



CLIFFTOPS RESORT. Ranch style, single story, 2 master suites, guest house, 2 fireplaces, 2-car garage, many extras.



BLUFF LOTS on Sherwood Road. 3 miles from University Ave. Stunning view of Lost Cove, spectacular sunrises, road frontage. 4.08 acres and 17.70 acres.



CLIFFTOPS RESORT. 5 acres, year-round creek, joins University, private & secluded. \$79,000.



NORTH CAROLINA AVE. Located in the heart of campus. Presently a duplex. Can be a residence. Many extra features.



PEARL'S FOGGY MOUNTAIN CAFÉ for sale. Business, furnishings, equipment and goodwill. \$200,000.

BLUFF LOT. Partin Farm Road. 6.42 acres. \$75,000.

SEWANEE SUMMIT. 60 acres, build on it or hunt on it. \$89,000.

SNAKE POND RD. 30 wooded acres close to campus.

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