



Freddy Tucker stands surrounded by some of the Christmas decorations in his yard.
Photo by Kevin Cummings

Christmas Yard Display is Testament to Holiday Cheer, Love for Mom

by Kevin Cummings, Messenger Staff Writer

Rosebushes are woven into the sprawling Noel vista, which is speckled with hundreds of glowing lights, all essentially powered by love.

Mary Elizabeth "Tibby" Tucker decorated the yard of her Kennerly Road home in grand fashion at least as far back as the early 1980s. Santas, camels, reindeer, wise men and snowmen populate the grass and still brighten the Sewanee night off Highway 41A.

A puddle of inflatable Santas lies at the foot of the porch waiting for the breath of life, as a jolly man steps from the door of the house wearing shorts and a black pullover, a rust-colored Chihuahua in his arms. Freddy Tucker instantly feels like a friend, and his joy about his candy cane-dappled yard is infectious.

After Tibby died in 2011 at age 85, he continues the decorating tradition as a testament of love to his mom and a gift to the community he holds dear.

"I miss my mom," he says, "not just at Christmas, but the whole year. She started all this, and I just kept it going."

Freddy, 51, unpacked the decorations the day after Thanksgiving, and with some help from his girlfriend, Gail Parsons, finished the yard in about two weeks.

Friend Robin Gottfried, executive director of Sewanee's Center for Religion and Environment, grew up in a rural area of Maryland not far from Washington, D.C., where people prided themselves on their Christmas displays.

"Freddy's yard brings back memories from when I was a kid, and it brings a lot of happiness to people," Gottfried says. "It's a great tradition that he feels strongly about. Freddy has a strong sense of community, and of sharing and giving for the community."

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SUD Board Approves 2.5 % Rate Increase

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 16 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties, the board voted on a number of issues critical to the future of the utility, including authorizing a 2.5 percent rate increase.

At the November meeting, SUD manager Ben Beavers suggested SUD defer some capital improvements to avoid a 10 percent rate increase in 2015. Beavers submitted the revised budget to SUD's consulting firm Raftelis Financial, Inc. Raftelis recommended SUD increase rates 2-3 percent in 2015 to accommodate the revised budget.

The board considered various scenarios, weighing SUD's capital improvement goals against the funds needed to accomplish these. A modest 1 percent rate increase in 2015 would require a 2 percent increase in 2016 in order for SUD to break even. SUD board president Cliff Huffman expressed concern about deferring necessary capital improvements and stressed the importance of SUD's revenue sustaining SUD's expenses.

The board voted to approve a 2.5 percent rate increase for 2015. They project a 1 percent increase in each of the subsequent four years.

Top among SUD's capital improvement goals is detecting causes of unaccounted-for water loss—the difference between water produced and water registered as passing through customer meters. Beavers said that 8 percent of SUD's water production cost is for unaccounted-for water: 22 million gallons in 2014, 23 percent of the water SUD produced.

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Much to the delight of passersby, Sewanee Elementary School pre-K teacher Beth Charlton and her happy elves were spotted in downtown Sewanee on Dec. 16.

Thomas Announces Plans to Leave SAS in June

The Rev. John Taliaferro Thomas, head of school at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, has accepted a position as head of school of Frederica Academy on St. Simon's Island, Ga. Thomas joined St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in 2008 and served as the second head in the 33 years since the school was formed by the merger of St. Andrew's School and Sewanee Academy. He will continue in his current position through June 30, 2015.

In accepting Thomas's resignation, Richard Westling, president of the board of trustees, said, "The Board of Trustees joins me in thanking Fr. Thomas and the Thomas family for their seven years of service to SAS. Under Fr. Thomas's guidance, the school completed construction of McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts, Wade Hall for the Sciences, and the Chamberlain-Reishman Wing of Simmonds Hall. Fr. Thomas oversaw curricular changes, schedule changes, and many administrative and staff transitions. During his tenure the school conducted an important visioning process, developed a strategic plan, successfully achieved reaccreditation, and celebrated the centennial of St. Andrew's Chapel."

In tendering his resignation, Thomas wrote, "While my family and I will be leaving St. Andrew's-Sewanee, we do so with gratitude for seven years of growing and changing together. I am ever grateful to the board, administration, faculty, staff, parents, and many friends for maintaining and enhancing the mission and ministry of this unique and special school."

The SAS board has engaged Carney, Sandoe & Associates and CS&A search consultant Marguerite Lloyd to guide the school through the search for an interim head for 2015-16 and a new head of school to begin in July 2016.

A celebration of Fr. Thomas's tenure and his and his wife Janice's many contributions to the Sewanee community will be announced later this spring.

Festival of Trees at Heritage Center

The fifth annual Festival of Trees is now on display at the Grundy County Historical Society Heritage Center. There will be an open house and reception to celebrate the festival, noon-4 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 19. The display of 10 decorated Christmas trees will remain through the month of December.

In addition to the trees, there are displays of a Victorian Dickens village and a Beersheba Springs village made of birdhouses by Bud Whitman.

Several organizations have worked with the staff at the Heritage Center in developing the displays. Mountain Heritage Preservation Society, Myers Hill Methodist Church and Discover Together have provided trees that reflect their respective missions.

A tree representing a snowman has been decorated by Janelle Taylor of Pelham. Neil Price of Foggy Mountain Liquors has provided a tree decorated with antique ornaments. The anchor tree of the display was decorated by Barbara Myers of the Heritage Center.

The displays extend from the Lulu Estelle Robbins and E.L. Hampton Assembly Hall to the Donald G. and Marian V. Savage Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit Hall includes a miniature Victorian Dickens village. There is also a display of birdhouses depicting historical buildings in Beersheba Springs designed and constructed by Whitman.

The Heritage Center is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays; it is located at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. There is no admission fee for the festival.

The Festival of Trees has been organized by Barbara Myers, Heritage Center library staffer. For more information or to participate in the festival, contact Myers at (931)



Festival of Trees

592-6008. The Lulu Estelle Robbins and E.L. Hampton Assembly Hall is available for use by area organizations; contact the Heritage Center for scheduling and other information.

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

by Laura L. Willis

Something changed for me this year. After struggling to learn the ways of a weekly newspaper—the rhythms of its news cycle, the demands of the various schedules, the balance between news, information and columnists, keeping up with the voluminous submissions—I've figured it out. If Malcolm Gladwell is right, and if it takes 10,000 hours of practicing a skill to become masterful at it, then I think I am close. After four years as editor, I can finally put out a paper without skipping a night of sleep or having an anxiety attack on Thursday afternoon.

Some important things changed for the Messenger, too: Jean Yeatman's retirement comes after the 2013 deaths of Harry Yeatman and of Scott Bates. All of these people have been critical to the success of the newspaper. I feel a bit adrift without them. Thank goodness for Phoebe Bates, who continues "Bard to Verse" for all of us. How many newspapers do you know that are committed to poetry prominently placed on its pages?

Voids do get filled. It isn't the same, but perhaps, over time, we'll recognize the goodness in the new. "Nature Notes" has broadened to include people across the Plateau, including Yolande Gottfried, David Haskell, Margaret Matens and Harriet Runkle. The voice has changed, but the intent of "Nature Notes" stays the same: recognizing and appreciating the splendor of the world around us.

Some of the folks who I brought in to add new voices to the Messenger in 2011 now don't seem so new. I offer big thank-yous to our dedicated columnists: Kiki Beavers, John Bordley, Virginia Craighill, Patrick Dean, Buck Gorrell, John Shackelford, Margaret Stephens, Peter Trenchi, Francis Walter and Pat Wiser. All these folks write as volunteers, receiving only your good words as appreciation. Please let them know you read their columns.

There would be no newspaper without the fine work of our staff. Kudos to staff writers Leslie Lytle and Kevin Cummings, photographers Lyn Hutchinson and Paul Klekotta, proofreader Sandra Gabrielle, circulation manager Ray Minkler and office manager April Minkler. Kiki Beavers continues her great work on our partner website, <TheMountainNow.com>. Aaron Welch's help is essential to our main <SewaneeMessenger.com> web page. Thank you all.

This newspaper is a long-term, collaborative endeavor that Janet Graham and I carry on with gratitude and appreciation. Without the paths cleared by Phoebe and her staff at the Sewanee Siren, and Geraldine Hewitt Piccard and her staff, you wouldn't hold this paper in your hands. It is testimony to our community's commitment to shared information and public service that the Messenger continues to hold an important place on this Mountain.

The Messenger was founded because of the foresight and generosity of the Sewanee Community Chest, the Sewanee Woman's Club and the University of the South. We continue to receive assistance from two organizations—the University's contributions pay for a portion of the printing costs each week and the Community Chest's donation ensures that we can remain a free newspaper and do not have to charge you to read it each week.

And thank you to our advertisers. We publish 47 issues a year, free to more than 3,700 readers across the Plateau, and hundreds more online, because of the paid advertisements of local businesses and eateries. We are grateful for the continued patronage that keeps the Messenger afloat.

Practice doesn't make perfect, but practice—combined with patience and commitment—does make a better newspaper. Thank you for your suggestions, your ideas and your support. The Messenger is a community newspaper because of you: our community.

I offer my warmest best wishes to you this holiday season! We look forward to another new year together. We'll be back in print on Jan. 9, 2015.

Letters

CAC BIRTHDAY THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you to the Sewanee community for making CAC's 40th Birthday Celebration Lunch a spectacular community event.

We are grateful especially to our local chefs who provided the food: Blue Chair, Crossroads Café, Ivy Wild, Julia's, Natural Bridge Catering, Mooney's and Sewanee Dining. Thanks also to Taylor's, Gail Castle and Kathy Pack.

The work of the Community Action Committee continues by God's grace and with the help of the many dedicated volunteers who have believed in this outreach and have given and continue to give of their time, talent and treasure. Forty years of outreach ministry is a long time. Let the next 40 begin! Thank you, wonderful Sewanee community.

Betty Carpenter
CAC Director ■

COMMUNITY CHEST NEEDS YOU!

To the Editor:

Since 1908, the goal of the Sewanee Community Chest, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has been to help citizens by funding the community. This year, through Community Chest funding, 27 local organizations will help those caught in the cycle of poverty, improve lives through outreach and community initiatives, and provide support for underprivileged children with a variety of programs in Franklin, Grundy and Marion counties.

For a majority of these programs and initiatives, 20 percent or more of the Community Chest funds are used to maintain yearly budgets. A majority of the funding is used to help low-income families. Some organizations would not exist without continued Community Chest support.

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MESSENGER Holiday Break & 2015 Deadlines

After this issue, the Messenger staff will take a two-week break.

We will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 5. The Messenger will be back in print Friday, Jan. 9.

Deadlines for the Jan. 9 issue are: display advertising, 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5; news and calendar items, 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6; and classified ads, noon on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Have a wonderful break! We'll see you in 2015.

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

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COMMUNITY CHEST (cont.)

You can help: \$25 will help to spay/neuter one animal through the Animal Alliance program; \$50 will help to buy camping gear for two Scouts; \$75 will help pay one month of maintenance expenses for the Sewanee Community Center; \$100 will help defray the cost of fireworks for the annual Fourth of July celebration; \$250 will help to pay for a scholarship at the Children's Center; \$500 will help five TigerShark swimmers with registration fees; and \$1,000 will help to pay for Sewanee Elementary teachers' professional development.

This year's goal is \$101,000. If you have not done so, donate to the Community Chest today. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. Pledges, payroll deductions, and donations made in honor of, or in memory of a loved one are also encouraged. To make a tax-deductible donation this year to the Community Chest, your envelope needs to be postmarked by Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Tom and Marilyn Phelps, Sewanee Community Chest Stewards ■

WHY CULL THE DEER?

To the Editor:

Why does the University of the South have to have a deer cull?

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Why do people like you complain about hunting and then eat calves, pigs, lambs, etc.? Answer: I am a senior citizen and have been a vegetarian for many years.

Why does the University of the South have to have a deer cull? Isn't it really because people enjoy killing defenseless creatures?

Barbara Swygart
Sewanee ■

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE

To the Editor:

We're all enjoying low gas prices right now. On the news, people remark that it will help the economy for people to have a few extra dollars in their pockets to spend. They have just made an excellent argument for "Trickle Up Economics" (the belief that paying a living wage to and cutting taxes for working people will stimulate the economy through increased demand).

Meanwhile, the stock market has been at record highs, Fortune 500 companies are making record profits, the rich are growing exponentially richer, but folks on Main Street aren't feeling it. This is an excellent argument against "Trickle Down Economics" (the belief that if we cut regulations and taxes on the wealthy, their prosperity will cascade down to everyone else).

If cheap gas prices (surely a temporary thing) benefit the economy, imagine the sustained stimulating effect of raising the minimum wage—more money spent right away in the local economy. If you would like to add your name to a petition to raise the minimum wage in Tennessee or get involved in the movement, please contact David Clark at (931)247-6508 or email <davidclarkdemocrat@gmail.com> or join the Facebook page "Raise the Wage in TN."

Helen F. Stapleton
Sewanee ■



Meetings and Holiday Schedules

duPont Library Hours

The Jessie Ball duPont Library hours over the holiday break are as follows: Friday, Dec. 19, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 20–Sunday, Jan. 4, closed; Monday, Jan. 5–Friday, Jan. 9, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10 and 11, closed; and Monday, Jan. 12, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Regular hours (Monday–Thursday, 7:45 a.m.–1 a.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m.–9 p.m.; Saturday, noon–9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon–1 a.m.) begin again on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Fowler Center Hours

The Fowler Center will be open the following hours: Friday, Dec. 19, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and 21, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7 a.m.–noon; Thursday, Dec. 25, closed;

Friday, Dec. 26–Tuesday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 1, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 2, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 4, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.;

Monday, Jan. 5–Thursday, Jan. 8, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 9, 7 a.m.–11 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 10, 8 a.m.–7 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 11, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. (regular hours).

Pool hours are dependent on the availability of lifeguards. Scheduled hours are: Saturday, Dec. 20–Tuesday, Dec. 23, noon–2 p.m. The pool is closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 25; and open Friday, Dec. 26–Wednesday, Dec. 31, noon–2 p.m. At press time the January schedule for the pool was not available. Please check with the control desk at Fowler Center (598-1793) for the most up-to-date hours.

Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

Joe B. Long advises that the last garbage run before Christmas will be Wednesday, Dec. 24, which he will combine with the usual Thursday run. He will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26.

The last garbage run before New Year will be on Wednesday, Dec. 31, when he will also run the usual Thursday garbage run. He will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1, and Friday, Jan. 2.

Curbside Recycling on Monday, Jan. 5

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is usually on the first and third Friday of each month. Because of the holidays, the next pickup day will be Monday, Jan. 5. Recyclable materials must be separated by type and placed in blue bags by the side of the road no later than 7:30 a.m. Please do not put out general household trash on this day.

Blue bags may be picked up in the University Lease Office, 110 Carnegie Hall, at the Physical Plant Services administrative office on Alabama Avenue or at the PPS warehouse on Georgia Avenue.

Senior Center Board Meeting Set for Jan. 15

The board of directors of the Sewanee Senior Citizens Center will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the center.

Anyone interested in the programs or functions of the center is welcome to attend. The center is located at 5 Ball Park Road, behind Sewanee Market.



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Obituaries

Danton Zachariah Kilgore

Danton Zachariah "Zach" Kilgore, age 29 of Sewanee, died on Dec. 7, 2014, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. He was a 2003 graduate of Franklin County High School.

He is survived by his parents, Larry and Rhonda Kilgore of Sewanee; fiancée, Megan Morris; children, Kyla and Kamden Kilgore; brother, Josh (Courtney) Gregory; and sister, Felicity Hartline.

Memorial services were on Dec. 6 in the funeral home chapel. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Billy Ray Layne

Billy Ray Layne, age 83 of Monteagle, died on Dec. 17, 2014, at his home.

He was born in Marion County, a son of the late John Layne and Myrtle

Dykes Layne; he was the youngest of 14 children. He was a U.S. Army veteran. A longtime educator and principal of Monteagle School, he also coached sports for many years in Monteagle.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Layne; children, Denise (Freeland) Terrill, Steve (Sheri) Layne; brother, Alfred Layne; and eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 19, at Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Mickey Henley and John Shelley officiating. Burial will be in Monteagle Cemetery with full military honors provided by Sequatchie Valley Honor Guard.

For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.



Sarah Sutherland (left) was honored at a reception on Dec. 15 celebrating her 47 years of service to the University of the South. She is retiring as treasurer of the University on Dec. 31. Vice-Chancellor John McCardell was among those who congratulated her. Photo by Elizabeth Burns

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At 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, **Otey Memorial Parish** has the following offerings in addition to the Lectionary Class and Godly Play: "Blessed are the Peacemakers" will welcome Lynda Stephenson, author of "Dancing with Elvis" and friends will gather for "Cookies and Carols" in St. Mark's Hall. Epiphany pageant practices are 9-10:30 a.m., on Saturdays, Dec. 20, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. The Epiphany pageant will be at 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 4.

St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Cowan, will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass, "The Nativity of our Lord," at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24, followed by the Fr. Werlein Memorial Christmas Reception. For more information call (931) 636-6313.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will have a Christmas Eve service at 11:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24, in the St. Andrew's Chapel.

The **Sisters of St. Mary's Convent** will offer Evensong at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and at 10:45 p.m., caroling will precede Christmas Mass. From Friday, Dec. 26, through Saturday, Jan. 3, Morning Prayer will be at 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m., and Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. (There will be no services on Monday, Dec. 29).

The Convent will be closed Jan. 5-10. Regular worship hours resume on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is Sunday, Jan. 4, for participating churches. For more information call 598-5927.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, Dec. 19

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 12:00 pm Noon Office, St. Mary's
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

Saturday, Dec. 20, Dec. 27, Jan. 3

- St. Mary's Convent**
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist with hymns (12/27)
- 5:00 pm Evensong
- Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church**
- 10:00 am Sabbath School/Bible study,
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd**
- 5:00 pm Mass
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester**
- 6:30 pm Blue Christmas (solace for loss or grief)

Sunday, Dec. 21, Dec. 28, Jan. 4

- All Saints' Chapel**
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle**
- 10:00 am Christmas Story and Music (12/21)
- 5:30 pm Evening Service
- Christ Church Episcopal, Alto**
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Children's Sunday School
- Christ Church, Monteagle**
- 10:30 am Lessons and Carols, (12/21)
- 10:30 am Holy Innocents Eucharist, (12/28)
- 10:45 am Children's Sunday School
- 12:50 pm Christian formation class
- Christ the King Anglican, Decherd**
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:40 am Sunday School

- Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle**
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- Cowan Fellowship Church**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee**
- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School

- Decherd United Methodist Church**
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood**
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 am Children's Sunday School
- Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd**
- 10:30 am Mass

- Grace Fellowship**
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service
- Harrison Chapel Methodist**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Midway Baptist Church**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Morning Service
- 6:00 pm Evening Service

- Midway Church of Christ**
- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Morning Service
- 6:00 pm Evening Service
- Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle**
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

- New Beginnings Church, Jump Off**
- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- Otey Memorial Parish**
- 8:50 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Christian Ed, Cookies & Carols (12/29)
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II 12/29)
- 4:30 pm Epiphany Pageant (1/5)
- Pelham United Methodist Church**
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

- St. Agnes' Episcopal, Cowan**
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- St. James Episcopal**
- 9:00 am Children's Church School
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Lessons & Carols (12/21)
- 10:15 am Godly Play

- St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto**
- 8:00 am Mass
- St. Mary's Convent**
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Evensong
- Sewanee Church of God**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Morning Service
- 6:00 pm Evening Service

- Society of Friends**
- 9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031
- Tracy City First Baptist Church**
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 5:30 pm Youth
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester**
- 5:00 pm Lessons and Carols (12/21)

- Valley Home Community Church, Old Hwy. 41**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service

Monday, Dec. 22

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 12:00 pm Feast Day, St. Thomas the Apostle, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey

Wednesday, Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, St. Agnes, Cowan
- 4:30 pm Communion, Sewanee C.P. Church
- 4:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Crèche Service, Otey
- 4:45 pm Holy Communion, Christ Church, Monteagle
- 5:00 pm Evensong, St. Mary's Convent
- 5:30 pm Candlelight Communion, Decherd Presbytn
- 6:00 pm Christmas Communion, Cowan Fellowship
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service, Christ Church Alto
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist, St. James
- 7:40 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ the King Anglican
- 10:00 pm Christmas Eve, Trinity Episcopal, Winchester
- 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist, Rite II, Otey
- 10:40 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ the King Anglican
- 10:45 pm Christmas Mass, caroling, St. Mary's Convent
- 11:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Epiphany, Sherwood
- 11:30 pm SAS Christmas Eve Service, SAS Chapel

Thursday, Dec. 25 • Christmas Day

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's Convent
- 9:00 am Christmas Service, Trinity Episcopal
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Otey
- 10:30 am Holy Communion, Christ Church Monteagle
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church Alto
- 5:30 pm Evensong, St. Mary's Convent

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- 6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship
- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle
- 5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle
- 6:00 pm Prayer and study, Midway Baptist
- 6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist
- 6:30 pm Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway
- 7:00 pm Adult Formation, Epiphany, Sherwood
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

Monday-Saturday, Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Jan. 5-10

- 7:00 am MP/HE, St. Mary's (not 12/29 or 1/5-10)
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer, Christ the King Anglican, Decherd
- 10:00 am Feast Day of Holy Innocents, Otey (12/29)
- 12:00 pm Feast of Epiphany, Christ Church (1/6)
- 12:30 pm Noon Office, St. Mary's (not 12/29 or 1/5-10)
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (not 12/29 or 1/5-10)



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The view of Highway 41-A from Freddy's front porch.

Yard Display (from page 1)

Beneath a plywood manger, Joseph is cloaked in a faded turquoise robe and stands alongside Mary, chips of paint missing from her face as she cradles a gleeful baby Jesus in her arms.

Freddy says the nativity scenes were some of his mom's favorites. Tibby worked for the University of the South for more than 50 years. In 2011, a few months before she died, their house burned, but the Christmas and Halloween decorations survived; they were stored in the basement as Sewanee Housing Inc. helped rebuild the home. Dixon Myers, coordinator of Sewanee's Outreach Ministries, was part of the rebuilding.

"Frankenstein and the Virgin Mary were actually living together in the basement of the house, and Frosty the Snowman was down there with the mummy," Myers says laughing.

Like Gottfried, the yard art takes Myers back to his childhood.

"It's a really beautiful place, and everybody drives by there," he says.

As three Santas, an angel, and a host of other characters stand sentinel along the edge of the road, Freddy laments that more people don't decorate at Christmas.

"I think each person ought to at least put out one ornament, a tree, a light or something. Don't you? People say these decorations mean Christmas to them," he says, "and if it snows on them, boy do they get excited."

Freddy's home is located near the corner of Kennerly Avenue and Highway 41-A.

SUD (from page 1)

To more accurately track water sales, SUD recently switched to monthly irrigation-customer billing instead of quarterly billing. A software error resulted in some irrigation customers being billed for sewer service. Beavers said the customers will be notified and their bills adjusted.

Beavers updated the board on the contract licensing use of SUD property for the trial wetlands slated for construction at the SUD wastewater treatment plant in conjunction with a research project undertaken jointly by the University of the South and the University of Georgia.

The license gives the researchers the right to operate as if they owned the land, provided the use does not interfere with operation of the wastewater treatment plant. Because SUD receives federal funding, law forbids the utility from giving up property rights by granting an easement to the researchers. SUD's attorney, Don Scholes, drafted the contract. Beavers provided project coordinators Deborah McGrath and Scott Torreano and University attorney Donna Pierce with a copy of the contract for review.

The board nominated Ronnie Hoosier to run for the office of SUD Marion County commissioner. Huffman's term will expire in January; Huffman is term-limited and cannot seek re-election. The nominating process remains open until Jan. 13. Prospective candidates need to submit a nominating petition with the signatures of 10 SUD customers residing in Marion County. Petitions are available at the SUD office.

The board approved Beavers' recommendation of the accounting firm Allen, McGee and Associates (AMA) to perform the 2015 audit. AMA received high marks from other utilities. The firm will save SUD \$1,400 compared to the accounting firm SUD employed in 2014 and promised to complete the audit in two months. Last year SUD had to wait until September for a final draft.

The SUD board meets next on Jan. 27.



OUTSIDE IN

by Patrick Dean

Getting outside is always harder at year's end. The double whammy of wretched weather and social functions piling on the calendar like snowdrifts keeps us busy, overbooked and filled with yummy holiday food.

However, there are still reasons to get out there. Behold, the very first Outside In Listic!e!

1. I'll start out with a very simple equation: indulging and exercising > indulging and not exercising.
2. It's a known fact that humans burn more calories when it's cold. Studies have shown that people expend five times more energy when shivering than when they are resting.
3. Calories in a Venti Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte with Nonfat Milk, without whipped cream: 325. Required to burn 325 calories: 90 minutes of walking.
4. There's a good chance that your gym, especially if it's the Fowler Center, will be closed for part of the holiday. Time to vary that workout routine: run hills instead of the Stairmaster, hike a fire lane in lieu of the elliptical machine.
5. You'll probably have a few days off from work in the next two weeks. That means you don't have to squeeze getting outside into your usual schedule. Take advantage of the slack in your day.
6. Calories in a 6-ounce slice of fruitcake: 660. That's 101 minutes of cycling.
7. Some time in early 2015, the Mountain Goat Trail will be finished from Monteagle to Sewanee. It's never too early to start getting those cycling muscles in shape!
8. As much as we love friends, family and coworkers, the social demands of the holidays can create a bit of claustrophobia. 'Tis the season for elbowing your way around buffets, sharing room on couches and hovering around fireplaces. What better cure than to put on a couple of layers and step out the back door for a bit?
9. Calories in one cup of eggnog: 344 (and that's without any holiday cheer added, if you catch my drift). You'll want to enjoy 39 minutes of jogging to compensate.
10. If you do step outside early in the morning or after sunset, the winter sky is often piercingly clear. You can pick out a star and imagine that it's shining extra brightly, like the one in "A Charlie Brown Christmas" or even that it's the same star the Wise Men followed.
11. You have the chance to mark that exhilarating moment when the axial tilt causes the days to begin lengthening once more. On December 21 or thereabouts, celebrate the solstice in your own way. There are many historical examples to follow: the Vikings, the Celts, the ancient Romans all celebrated the world's pivot toward light and warmth.

For me, outside is where a sense of gratitude happens most readily and deeply. Joy tends to come to me immediately when I see the crescent moon in the dawn sky or hear a stream run beneath a footbridge. May we all be gifted with the possibilities of gratitude and joy during this season.

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"Mr. Charlie," also known as Charles T. Williams, of the Summerfield community in Monteagle, will turn 90 years old on Dec 30. He is very active in the Senior Citizens Center in Monteagle and in the Monteagle Church of Christ. In these photos, he is seen in his army uniform on July 23, 1946 (top) and then on Nov. 11, 2014. His family and friends wish him a very happy birthday!

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Assistant Director for Marketing and Development, Sewanee Summer Music Festival; Assistant Dean of Students for Student Life; Construction Project Manager, Physical Plant Services; IT Administrator, School of Theology; Programmer/Analyst I; Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

Non-Exempt Positions: Cook, Server, Utility Worker and Coordinator, Sewanee Dining; Police Officer (full-time); Senior Electrician.

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Senior Center News

Holiday Schedule and Closings

The Senior Center will be closed for Christmas Wednesday–Friday, Dec. 24–26, and Thursday, Jan. 1.

Senior 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.

- Dec. 22:** Vegetable beef soup, cheese toast, dessert.
- Dec. 23:** Chicken, pasta, salad, roll, dessert.
- Dec. 24–26:** Center closed.

- Dec. 29:** Hamburger steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert.
- Dec. 30:** Black bean chili, Jalapeno cornbread, dessert.
- Dec. 31:** Barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, cornbread, dessert.
- Jan. 1:** Center closed.
- Jan. 2:** Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, roll, dessert.
- Jan. 5:** Taco soup, cornbread muffin, dessert.
- Jan. 6:** Bayou chicken, rice, broccoli, roll, dessert.
- Jan. 7:** Pintos and pork over corn chips, dessert.
- Jan. 8:** Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dessert.
- Jan. 9:** Stuffed peppers, green beans, corn on cob, dessert.

Incllement 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.

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.



Students at Sewanee Elementary School enjoy listening to the reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by principal Mike Maxon. SES students always look forward to this annual tradition.

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Burnetts to Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Lula Mae and James Burnett are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The community is invited to a reception to honor them, and share cake and punch from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Cravens Hall.

For more information contact Louise Irwin at 598-5864.

Marion Co. Opening on SUD Board

The SUD board is seeking nominees to run for the office of SUD Marion County commissioner.

SUD board president Cliff Huffman's term will expire in January; Huffman is term-limited and cannot seek re-election.

Nominees must be SUD customers and must reside in Marion County; however, all SUD customers may vote in this election.

SUD is an independent government agency. It is governed by a five-person board of commissioners who are elected by the ratepayers. Any ratepayer can run for a seat.

Prospective nominees should contact the SUD office by calling 598-5611.



Members of Girl Scout Troop 621 collected more than 150 items to donate to the Community Action Committee. Participating scouts included (from left) Dixie Knight, Eden Sells, Karen Badgley and Daisy Knight; not pictured, Ellie Kelleher.

F@H to Offer Workshops for Caregivers in 2015

Folks at Home is offering a series of three workshops for family caregivers that is titled "One Day @ a Time: Taking Care of Yourself While Caring for Others." The workshops will be facilitated by Kathleen Banchoff, a writer and hospice volunteer based in Providence, R.I.

The workshops will take place 3:30–5 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 25, Sunday, Feb. 15, and Sunday, March 1, in Claiborne Parish House at Otey Memorial Parish. Topics will include "Communication Dilemmas: Making Others Understand," "Story-Telling: Entertaining Ways to Ask for Help;" and "Spirituality of Caregiving: Finding the Smile." Each session is a stand-alone workshop and will include Tips and Tools handouts. Participants may attend any or all of the three workshops.

The cost of each workshop is a food donation to Community Action Committee or a donation of 1.5 hours to the Folks at Home Timebank Program.

Folks at Home (F@H) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping members continue a comfortable lifestyle in the greater Sewanee community with services they need.

For questions or to reserve a place, contact Folks at Home at 598-0303 or by email, <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>.

Leases & Community Relations Office Moves

The University's Office of Leases and Community Relations has moved to the "Blue House" on University Avenue. It is hoped that this new location will allow staff members to better serve leaseholders and the community with easier access to services and ample parking in front.

The office is at 400 University Ave.; the phone number is 598-1998. Office hours remain the same: 8 a.m.–noon and 1–4:30 p.m.

"The University very much appreciates the work by the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve the Blue House over the past several years," said Barbara Schlichting, superintendent of leases. "We're glad to be in this more accessible location and look forward to seeing community members here."

The space in Carnegie Hall formerly occupied by the Office of Leases and Community Relations will now house Sewanee's Office of International Affairs.

CCJP Youth Leadership Retreat Set

Applications are due by Wednesday, Jan. 7, to attend the fourth annual "Be the Change" youth leadership retreat for local high school students. The retreat will be in Sewanee on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Inspired by Camp Anytown—a week-long summer camp dedicated to fostering constructive social relationships attended by hundreds of students all over the country—the retreat activities are led by peer facilitators and are designed to empower high school students to join together to make the changes they want to see in their schools and communities.

To attend the retreat, young people should send an application with name and contact information to: Be the Change Retreat, c/o Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace, P.O. Box 307, Sewanee, TN 37375. The \$20 fee and the essay have been eliminated in this year's process. More information can be found at <www.facebook.com/bethechange2015> or by calling 598-9979.

Poetry Night Begins in January

The Blue Chair Café & Tavern will host its first Community Poetry Night at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20.

All writers and community members are welcome to share their poetry or short stories, or just come and enjoy a night of creativity.

Writer and artist Lynn Cimino-Hurt is one of the organizers, along with poet and journalist Kevin Cummings, and poet and Sewanee student Sara Kachelman (C'17).

The readings will take place on the Blue Chair Café side and food and beverages will be available from the Tavern.

Beginning in February, Community Poetry Night will be twice a month on the opposite Tuesdays of trivia night.

Writers are asked to limit readings to no more than 10 minutes and sign ups will be available prior to each event. For more information email <kcumings.kevin@gmail.com>.



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A Column for Young Adult Readers and Adults Who Appreciate The Genre
by Margaret Stephens

Give books. There, you've pretty much read this month's column; now you can get back to your last-minute wrapping. If you still need to shop, here are a few ideas from the Stephens household.

Reluctant readers can often be lured in by books they're already familiar with because they know the film version. That's why one member of our family asked for a copy of "Lord of the Rings" and another, "Les Misérables" (abridged). And did you know that the American Girl doll collection now includes Caroline, an 18th-century miss complete with an empire-waisted dress straight out of "Pride and Prejudice?" Someone in the doll world is paying attention to the continued popularity of the screen adaptations of Jane Austen, whose books are another possibility if you have a serious reader.

But you don't have to be the relative who gives a classic, which may go down with all the excitement of wool socks. There are plenty of trendy YAs which have recently been turned into films: John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars," Dystopian fantasies like Veronica Roth's "Divergent," James Dashner's "The Maze Runner," Gayle Foreman's "If I Stay," Suzanne Collins' "The Hunger Games" and sequels, with the first half of "Mockingjay" just out and part two coming next year.

My favorite book in the recent film list, Lois Lowry's "The Giver." And why not add the rest of the quartet, "Gathering Blue," "Messenger" and "Son?"

It wouldn't be Christmas without a Tolkien opening in a theater near you, so you can always give "The Hobbit."

My almost-no-longer-teen is avidly reading Melissa Meyer's Lunar Chronicle series, which take fairy tales and twist all heck out of them. In "Cinder," set in a kind of futuristic China, Cinderella of the glass slipper has become a cyborg (if you have to ask, you probably aren't

ready for the book) who loses, instead of her shoe, her, well, foot. Its sequel, "Scarlet" (aka Red Riding Hood) picks up where "Cinder" left off. Book 3, "Cress," still hardcover only, plays with Rapunzel, and "Fairest" will appear in January (you can do a pre-order).

I prefer more old-fashioned fantasy, like prolific author Sharon Shinn's wonderful YAs, "The Truth Teller" and its companion novels. In "Truth Teller," which is actually second in the series, identical twins Adele and Eleda (note the palindrome names) both possess magical gifts essential to their quasi-medieval society. Adele is a truth-teller, incapable of lying and able to tell immediately if someone else is. Eleda is a safe-keeper, charged with listening to people's confessions and unable to reveal a confidence. Political and romantic intrigue, poetic writing and wonderfully sympathetic characters had me racing to find "The Safe-Keeper's Secret" and "The Dream-Maker's Magic."

If your readers have shelves full of books already, but you still want to give a book, I stumbled upon a charitable site recently which takes book requests from soldiers. On their easy-to-use forum, you, the donor, will find book wish lists, which recently ranged from "anything," to children's books for a deployed mother's children. Check out <booksforsoldiers.com>.

With all the time you're going to have over the holiday and in the coming dreary winter months, consider joining the o-line book group I moderate at Goodreads. On Dec. 15, we just finished our reading of "War and Peace," as we travel our way through some European classics. There is also an ongoing chapter-per-week reading of Genesis in slow progress. We welcome new readers who don't mind sharing their thoughts about books and life: check us out at "House of LitnLife" on <Goodreads.com>.

As always, let me know what you're reading, and what you'd like to read. Reach me by email at <mgtstep@gmail.com> or at my blog, <my2ndfreshmanyear.wordpress.com>. A happy and book-filled holiday!



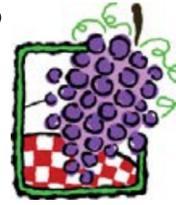
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Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic
A medical assistant and an administrator.

Blue Monarch
To help pay off a loan used to purchase the land and facilities that support its operation. Grant leveraged additional funding.

The City of Altamont
Sound system in the Florence Scruggs building.

Coalmont Elementary School
A quarter-mile track around the ball field to provide safe walking spaces. Support leveraged additional grant funding.

Community Action Committee
(Ministry of Otey Mem. Parrish)
Chicken coops and starter flocks for two clients willing to maintain them for the benefit of themselves and their neighbors to promote food security and sustainability.

Folks at Home
To incubate a "time bank" to serve a broader population across the Plateau with services like grocery shopping, light house repairs, and other small projects.

Grundy County Arts Council
To support the development of a Student Theater Project for local elementary school students.

Grundy Co. Residents of Big Creek Lake Area
Picnic tables, concrete pads and a pavilion on 1.5 acres of county-owned property at the lake for family-friendly recreational green space.

Grundy County Health Council
To prevent and reverse obesity and diabetes through educational programs and physical activities.

Grundy County Youth Leadership
To seed and reactivate the program.

Grundy Rotary Service Club
(Hands Across the Mountain)
To support children currently enrolled in the program.

Grundy County Food Bank
To hire a director to manage the organization, increase its services and help raise funds for its long-term sustainability.

Grundy County Historical Society
To refurbish a Farquhar Locomotive Boiler that once powered a sawmill in Beersheba Springs and to complete an outdoor exhibit area for the Boiler.

Hillcrest Village, Inc.
To upgrade amenities that provide handicap accessible recreational and social outlets for the two facilities.

Grundy Co. Swiss Historical Society
A pavilion with a metal roof to provide covered space for the festival and a variety of other educational and community events.

Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministry
To strengthen its "Work for the Future" program, which provides scholarships for adults participating in post-secondary vocational education programs, specifically the Certified Nursing Assistant classes and other trade classes offered by the Tennessee Technology Center in McMinnville.

Mountain T.O.P.
To produce a Fall Festival at Camp Cumberland Pines, collect items for the needy, and a partial subsidy for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors week-long residential camp.

Mountain Goat Trail Alliance
To purchase railroad property in Grundy County for the trails and to support a contract employee to administer a Recreational Trails grant awarded by the TDEC.

North Elementary School
To build the track for use by the school and the community.

S Double A Ranch
Equipment and insurance for a recycling program through which individuals can develop a stronger work ethic and sense of responsibility in preparation for more gainful employment.

South Cumberland Collaborative For Children and Families
To support the Family Co-op Project, which will provide a gathering place for pre-school children and their families for recreation, mutual support, and participation in literacy-oriented learning activities.

The South Cumberland Learning And Development Center
To match a \$500,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for renovation of the building.

St. James Episcopal Church
To refurbish the playground with new swings, rubber mulch, basketball backboards and nets, and soccer goals, plus the addition of picnic tables.

Swiss Memorial Elementary School
After-school program that will provide training in nutrition, including planting and maintaining a garden, farmers' markets, food preservation, and vegetarian cooking.

Town of Tracy City
To help purchase a four-acre site which is envisioned as a node on the biking/walking Trail between Cowan and Palmer, and as a complement to other downtown improvements.

*32 Grants: \$291,367;
Capacity Building: \$60,000 to
AmeriCorps VISTA project
and non-profit trainings.



THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis

The Sewanee Union Theater (SUT) will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 22 to January 7, but you can bring the kids (or just the kid in you) to join in with Olaf and the gang this Saturday night during the special sing-along showing of Disney's mega-holiday hit, "Frozen." For those of you not inclined to "let it go" and warble away, there will also be regular showings, as well, on Friday and Sunday. The SUT will kick off the New Year with a showing of the stop-motion animated feature "The Boxtrolls" from Jan. 8 to 11. Also, look for my upcoming article interviewing Michael Dunaway, Sewanee alumnus and director of the documentary, "21 Years: Richard Linklater," a retrospective of the works of the man who has become known as "the godfather of Indie films."

Every good critic needs a good rating system, and stars are so overused. There's nothing on the planet more critical than cats, so one or more movies each week is rated from one to five Tobys. The more Tobys it has, the better it is.



Sir Toby

Frozen

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday • Dec. 18–21

Saturday night will be a special "sing-along" showing. Each evening will also feature pre-show entertainment (cartoons!) starting at 7 p.m.

2013 • Rated PG • 102 minutes

Disney's latest masterpiece took the world by (ice?) storm when it premiered last November, proceeding to be an instant box office hit and garnering two Oscars for Best Animated Feature Film and Best Original Song, "Let It Go," sung by Tony-award-winning actress Idina Menzel. Loosely based off the Hans Christian Andersen fairytale "The Snow Queen," this film marked a turning point in Disney's storylines, where the main relationship is not a heterosexual love between a man and a woman, but the familial love between two sisters, Anna and Elsa, the woman with snowflakes at her fingertips. There still IS romance, of course, but it does not take up the majority of the tale as in the past. The "love at first sight" notion is even gently criticized throughout the course of the plot. While many burning questions (for me, at least) are left unanswered—Why was Elsa born with these wintry powers? Did anyone else in her family have magic in them?—the notion of female empowerment offers a frosty breath of fresh air to the Disney canon that in recent years was getting dusty around the edges, despite massive leaps in animation quality. Rated PG for some action and mild rude humor, the supporting cast of lovable characters, most notably Olaf, the snowman who longs to see what summer is like, rounds out the plot and makes it a charming and beautifully rendered film for all ages.



The Boxtrolls

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday • Jan. 8–11
2014 • Rated PG • 96 minutes

From the quirky world of stop-motion animation comes the latest installment from the creators of "Coraline" and "ParaNorman" about a boy (with the unfortunate name of Eggs) who is being raised by some rather unique individuals. Living peacefully underneath the Victorian city of Cheesebridge, the Boxtrolls are fun-loving tinkers that use the boxes they wear similar to hermit crab shells—to make themselves go unnoticed by humans as they scavenge through garbage to create unique inventions of their own. Trouble ensues when a young girl discovers the secret of the Boxtrolls via Eggs, who as a human adolescent, no longer fits so neatly into his box. Giddy and madcap, the animation style incorporates a method where objects are painstakingly created by hand on a small scale and then photographed in small increments in different positions, to create the illusion of the characters moving. The animators also incorporated 3D printing to create the characters and the myriad of facial expressions for them. In a recent interview with Forbes, producer Travis Knight explained that they could finish about one to two *minutes* of footage per week, and that it is "the worst way to make a movie," but the unique aesthetic of the film is worth all the hard work. Indeed, the detail is a jewel to behold, even if the story is lacking in depth. Rated PG for action, some peril and mild rude humor, "The Boxtrolls" is appropriate for most audiences, with the more adult humor flying harmlessly over the little ones' heads.

Merry Christmas! Look for more reviews and fun at <theinsatiablenote.com> or follow me on Twitter @TheInsatiCritic.

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The students, teachers and staff of Sewanee Elementary School raised \$1,065.81 this year for the Paws for Pennies campaign. This project is done each year in collaboration with the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department and F.R.O.S.T. (Fund Raising Operation Support Team) to help local families during the holiday season.

Music Notes

The Tuesday night Tracy City Acoustic Music Jam will not meet on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30. It will resume at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The University Choir's latest CD, "A Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols – A Ten Year Retrospective," is now available. The music and readings are taken from 10 years of Lessons and Carols services, 2003–13. The music ranges from the 16th to the 21st centuries and includes several works commissioned by the University Choir. It is available in the All Saints' Chapel Office, the University Book and Supply Store and online at <www.sewaneegateway.com/lessonsandcarols>.

Sewanee Carillon Joins Worldwide Peace Celebration on Dec. 25

Carillonists worldwide will join to celebrate the centenary of the 1914 Christmas Truce by performing the famous Christmas song "Silent Night" on Dec. 24–25. As part of their Christmas Duets concert at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 25, University Carillonneur John Bordley and Charlene Williamson will play "Silent Night," joining carillonists in Belgium, France, Ireland, Japan and the United States who have agreed to participate.

On Christmas Eve 1914, as darkness descended upon the landscape of trenches and barbed wire, broken earth and decaying corpses, music and songs suddenly replaced the deadly din of bullets and shells along the Western Front. The sound of carols rising from the German lines prompted curious British, Belgian and French soldiers to raise their heads above the parapet. In the distance they could see the glow of candles on small Christmas trees. Germans were also seen peering back. No shots were fired. Tantalizingly, some soldiers raised their heads higher. The men exchanged salutations. Enemies inched closer and eventually met. They shook hands, agreeing a truce for the following day.

On Christmas morning they met again. They held joint religious services, and they helped to bury each other's dead. Throughout the day they shared tea and coffee, wine, beer and cognac, chocolate and food sent from home. They swapped cap badges and buttons, showed one another photographs of their families and loved ones. They even posed for photographs. They played soccer and had bicycle races.

To recall this remarkable moment of hope and humanity, this worldwide carillon concert will be performed. It will begin on the Peace Carillon, Messines, Belgium, where it will begin at 19:14 hours on Christmas Eve. The concert will begin with "Silent Night."

Messines was at the heart of the 1914 Christmas Truce and increasingly is being recognized as the City of the Christmas Truce. Messines Peace Carillon is a collection of bells, donated from all over the world, peeling for peace every day, and is due to undergo a major refurbishment during the next four years.

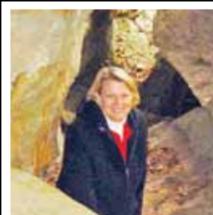


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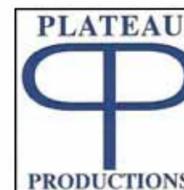
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This important program cannot happen without help from our community. Please consider making a donation of money, nonperishable food items or new toys to Operation Noel this year and give back to the community this Christmas season.

To donate money, nonperishable food items or new toys, please take items to Fire Chief David Green's office, located in the Sewanee Police Department building, or Print Services in Van Ness Hall. For more information call 598-3400 and leave a message.

Sewanee Community Chest

The goal of the Sewanee Community Chest is to help citizens by funding the community. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal is \$101,000. The 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. For more information, email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewanee.org>.

Blue Monarch

Blue Monarch, a local residential

recovery program for women and their children, invites community members to give a gift that will last well beyond the holidays. Blue Monarch's purpose is to offer women and their children an opportunity to escape the horrors and mistakes of their past, and to start anew. The local Christian nonprofit offers women and their precious children a second chance at life, and this Christmas they are inviting the community to join with them in this priceless effort. To make a gift go to <www.bluemonarch.org> or call (931) 924-8900.

Community Action Committee

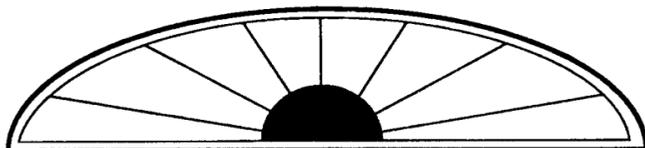
In this season of giving, the Community Action Committee continues to see its client list grow. The needs of people in the greater Sewanee Community are vast. CAC depends on the generosity of others, so it can offer assistance to those who need it.

The CAC is an outreach ministry of Otey Parish, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest and individuals across the Mountain. For 40 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. For more information contact the CAC at 598-5927.

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The Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau is offering holiday cards as a creative alternative to empty holiday gift giving. For a \$10 donation, folks will receive a "Light Up Lives" card that reads: "A gift to the Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau has been made in your honor." The person who purchased the card fills in the name of the family member or friend they want to remember and mails the card in the envelope provided. Light Up Lives cards are available for purchase at businesses across the Plateau.

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by Debbie Gamache,
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John Shackelford, St. Andrew's-Sewanee girls' middle school basketball coach, instructs the team during the Dec. 13 game against Swiss Memorial Elementary School in the Jingle Bell Classic at Grundy County High School. Swiss prevailed, 23-20, with a last-second 3-pointer. Photo by Paul Klekotta



Larson Heitzenrater of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School shoots over an opponent from Swiss Memorial Elementary School in a Dec. 13 middle school game at the Jingle Bell Classic at Grundy County High School. Swiss won the game, 48-6. Photo by Paul Klekotta



St. Andrew's-Sewanee's Mariel Rinck launches a shot in the Jingle Bell Classic on Dec. 13 at Grundy County High School. Photo by Paul Klekotta

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Glatt Named Swimmer of the Week

The University of the South announced on Dec. 11 that Sewanee swimmer Brian Glatt was named the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) Men's Swimmer of the Week. Glatt led the Tigers to a third-place finish at the Transylvania Invitational. Glatt had a second-place finish (46.49) in the 100-meter freestyle. He also finished second in the 50 free in a time of 21.65 seconds, while winning the 200 free with a time of 1:43.53.

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DeKalb Downs Mountain Lions

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team lost on Dec. 13 to DeKalb High School, 73-57.

A sharp-shooting DeKalb team outscored SAS in the first quarter, 16-6. The Mountain Lions were led by James Beasley's 24 points and three steals; Blaise Zeitler had 11 points; Eric Baynard scored seven; Sam Thomas had four points; Will Pratt added four; Levi Higgins posted two points and seven rebounds; and Andrew Heitzenrater scored two points.

SAS is 9-2 on the season.



St. Andrew's-Sewanee wrestlers had a strong showing on Dec. 13 at the Lady Raiders Invitational wrestling tournament. Abby Mainzer (center) won first place, Ferah Fortune (left) won second in her weight class, and Hannah Dempsey (right) won first in her weight class.



Tullahoma Outscores SAS at Swim Meet

On Dec. 11, Tullahoma High School defeated St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in a dual swim meet at Tullahoma by a combined score of 72 to 59.

The SAS boys' team won by a score of 54 to 31. The Tullahoma girls' team outpaced the SAS girls' team by a score of 41 to 5.

Ethan Evans (left), a senior at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, gets ready to hit the water at a meet earlier this season.



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OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



The Shackelford family stockings are still hung by the chimney with care, and momma is in her kerchief, and I'm still in need of a wooly cap, but not surprisingly, we are really missing a little one underfoot that hopes St. Nicholas will soon be here. Fortunately we have the family archive of letters to Santa filed away in the sock drawer to keep the magic alive. My 22-year-old daughter is now a writer for a dot-com that makes its money in online sales. It is clear that although she couldn't spell perfectly at 5 years of age, she knew how to connect with her audience and how to close hard to finish the deal.

Daer Santa

I hope evre Thing is allrhit. I love you. I love Christmas
I hope for smoe snow NOW I NEED THAT DOLL.

Fortunately, two years later her spelling improved as she developed a warm heart and not only identified her own needs, but also those of her local animal shelter.

Dear Santa-

Please do not bring us a puppy because Robin Spalding has some puppys that need a home

Love,
The Shacks

Magically my third 5-year-old daughter had somehow received a letter in 2001 from the famous reindeer, Prancer, that was a big hit with her and stoked the fires of her natural enthusiasm. She was so excited that there was no need for punctuation or spaces between her hurried words.

DearSanta

Iwantspecialsurprises I love youSanta How are you doing
at your house Iamdoinggood I like the letter fromPrancer Did
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I amEXzitedadoutChristmas

Love Michaela

In 2003 my third-grader, who is now a junior in college, still found simple pleasures in something as special as a party at her teacher's house. And what is better than a slice of kiwi? (Perhaps getting out of school at 9:30!)

Dear Santa-

Today we got out of school at 9:30. We had a Christmas party. Guess where we had it? It was at Mrs. Seiters house! We ate honey pie, and grapes, and cookies. Plus Kiwi.

Love, Sadie

By the fourth child, my skills as a secret letter-writer were eroding, and poor little Tessa was in need of her 10-year-old sister Michaela coming to the rescue with some encouraging words from the big guy himself.

Dear Tessa-

I heard you talking to Michaela today about the letter the Tooth Fairy gave you. You said you wanted one from me: well here it is.

You are a very good girl. So far you are on my good list. The Tooth Fairy said you had clean teeth and to keep brushing them good. Mrs Claus says that you are a good artist. I bet you are. Keep up the good work.

Love, Santa, Mrs. Claus & the elves

The following year Tessa was ready to start the conversation with Santa before Thanksgiving had arrived, and she was certain that he knew everything, including her cousin's holiday travel plans.

Dear Santa,

I was looking at lots of letters I got from you, the Halloween man, and the tooth fairy. But I wanted to send you a letter to say Happy Thanksgiving. I guess I like to write letters to you

Love Tessa

P.S. Do you think Dawson is coming?

Well at 53 I'm still excited about Christmas and thankful that Mrs. Seiters had my children over for some grapes, and that Robin Reed-Spaulding saved a wonderful puppy for us that was a family member for 13 years.

I'm glad that the tooth fairy encouraged my kids to brush, and they were certain Prancer would soon be landing on their roof. (And who knew there was a Halloween Man?) I still don't know when the cousins might show up, but everyone is welcome for Christmas dinner, and if you have a little one looking for a stocking, please send them right over. I'm happy to help bake some cookies and set out the milk just waiting for the big guy to arrive any minute. NOW I NEED THAT DOLL.

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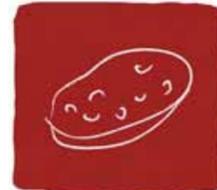
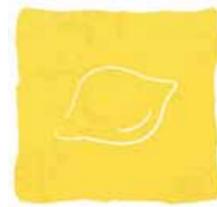
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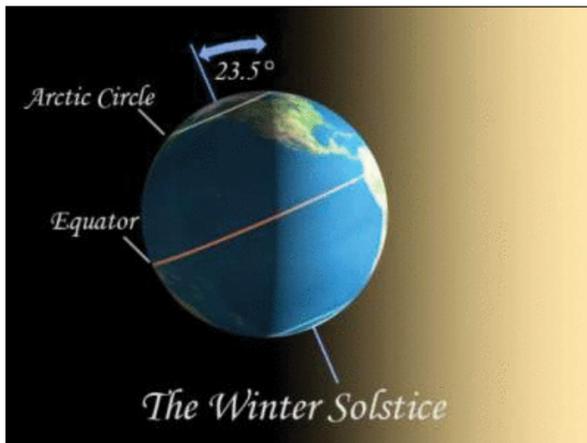
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NATURENOTES



Winter Solstice on Dec. 21

With most of the leaves off the trees, it's a great time to look up and see what's going on in the sky, both day and night, notes **Harriet Runkle**. The Winter Solstice marks the official beginning of winter and will happen for us on the Mountain at 5:03 p.m., Dec. 21.

Most of us know that the Winter Solstice marks the shortest day and longest night of the year. But, what exactly is happening before and after the solstice? If you have been enjoying the beautiful sunrises and sunsets regularly since the summer, you have noticed that the points on the horizon where the sun rises and sets have been moving southward each day. The high point in the sun's daily path across the sky, occurring at noon, is also moving southward each day.

At the Winter Solstice, the sun is directly overhead at "high noon." The following day the sun's path begins to advance northward. However, the days right before and after this solstice, the sun appears to stand still, hence the meaning of the word "solstice" which comes from the Latin words for "sun" and "to stand still." The change in the sun's path is so slight during these days that it appears to be not moving at all. You can track this yourself by finding a window that faces the sunrise or sunset. Put a piece of tape on your window each day to notice the path of the sun. It's also fun to try and see your shadow at noon on the Winter Solstice. It will be your longest noontime shadow of the year.

State Park Offerings

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Day Hike—Meet Ranger Park at 10 a.m. at Grundy Forest parking lot for an easy two-mile hike around the Grundy Day Loop.

Thursday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day Hike—Join Ranger Park and Ranger Katie at 2 p.m. at Grundy Forest parking lot for a moderate three-mile hike to Sycamore Falls and back.

Thursday, Jan. 1

Savage Day Loop—At 10 a.m., Ranger Jessie will lead an educational hike on the Savage Gulf Day Loop; this is an easy-moderate 4.3-mile hike. Meet at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station parking lot.

Foster Falls Hike to Laurel Gorge—Join Ranger Park at 1 p.m. at the Foster Falls parking lot for a moderate five-mile out and back hike to view the gulf from atop the beautiful Laurel Gorge Overlook.

For all hikes: Dress for cold weather hiking, wear sturdy shoes, and bring plenty of water and a snack.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. seven days a week.

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Midnight Rose

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2014 Deer Cull in Progress

Map of Hunting Zones Updated

The 2014 Sewanee Deer cull began on Dec. 18. Hunting is allowed until Sunday, Jan. 4. All zones will be open to archery hunting for approved hunters. There is no hunting on Wednesday, Dec. 24, or Thursday, Dec. 25.

The initial map published has been updated. Nate Wilson reports that one of the precull zones this year did not get transferred onto the 2014 cull maps. The error was that the precull zone 4 was missing the area west of Sherwood Road.

The corrected map is available online at <SewaneeMessenger.com>, <The-MountainNow.com> and <http://domainmgt.sewanee.edu/resources/2014-university-deer-hunt>.

Muzzle loaders and shotguns will be allowed in outer zones to approved hunters. All trails will remain open at all times. Bow hunters will maintain a 100-yard safety zone around trails and fire lanes.

For more information contact Wilson at 598-1268 or email <wnwilson@sewanee.edu>.

Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 08	48	35
Tue	Dec 09	49	37
Wed	Dec 10	44	35
Thu	Dec 11	36	32
Fri	Dec 12	40	26
Sat	Dec 13	47	25
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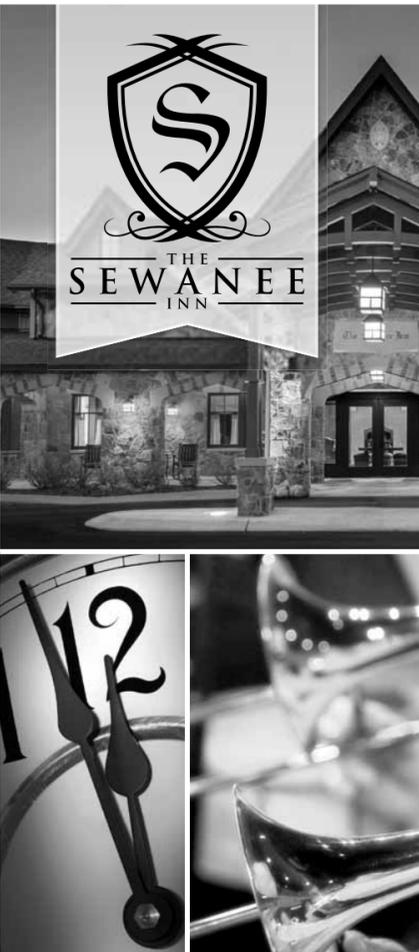
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by Phoebe Bates

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Where she stayed in the car while he went in

And was politely given the information
They unfortunately had made no reservation

And although it was regrettable considering her condition
They were all booked up and in any case had no resident physician

So it was at Cohen's Garage that it came about
With Cohen and his night man helping out

And some workers from the factory across the street
Bringing in beer and something to eat

And finding the babe wrapped in a tarpaulin
And lying in a station wagon

Between a pickup truck and a Dodge V-8
And staying all night to celebrate

So all in all it was quite a night
And she was relieved that everything went all right

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- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open until 11 am
- 9:00 am Santa on the Mountain, Morton Memorial, until 1 pm
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Festival of Trees open house, Grundy Co. Heritage Ctr
- 5:30 pm World healing meditation, Comm Ctr
- 6:00 pm Advent Bible study, Christ Church Episcopal, Alto
- 7:30 pm Film, "Frozen," SUT (cartoons start at 7 pm)

Saturday, Dec. 20

- 7:30 pm Sing Along, "Frozen," SUT, (cartoons at 7 pm)

Sunday, Dec. 21

- First Day of Winter
- 12:00 pm Christmas Luncheon, St. Mark's Hall, Otey
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist
- 7:30 pm Film, "Frozen," SUT (cartoons start at 7 pm)

Monday, Dec. 22

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee, until 10:30
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- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer support group, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec. 23

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 3:30 pm Centering prayer support group, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:30 pm Prayer/Study, 7th Day Adventist, Monteagle
- 6:30 pm Weight Watchers, Morton Memorial, weigh-in 6 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve

- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

- 2:00 pm Carillon duets, Bordley/Williamson, Shapard Tower

Friday, Dec. 26

- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

Saturday, Dec. 27

Sunday, Dec. 28

- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist

Monday, Dec. 29

- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee, until 10:30 am
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec. 30

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:30 am Crafting Ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 6:30 pm Prayer/Study, 7th Day Adventist, Monteagle
- 6:30 pm Weight Watchers, Morton Memorial, weigh-in 6 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve

- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, Jan. 1 • New Year's Day

Friday, Jan. 2

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, old GCHS, until noon
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 5:30 pm First Friday Family Fun, St. James
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

Saturday, Jan. 3

Sunday, Jan. 4 • CAC Pantry Sunday

- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist

Monday, Jan. 5

- Curbside recycling, before 7:30 am
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Messenger office open
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee, until 10:30
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee, until 7 pm
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall; adults, 7 pm
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 6

- 8:00 am Contract/release stretching with Kim, Fowler
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:30 am Crafting Ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 11:30 am Grundy Co. Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 3:30 pm Centering Prayer support group, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, old GCHS annex, until 6:30 pm
- 6:30 pm Prayer/Study, 7th Day Adventist, Monteagle
- 6:30 pm Weight Watchers, Morton Memorial, weigh-in 6 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- 7:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Smoke House
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; and 1-3 pm
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:00 am Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, Jan. 8

- 8:00 am Contract/release stretching with Kim, Fowler
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, Comm Ctr
- 12:00 pm Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Blue Chair Tavern
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home Support Group, 598-0303

Friday, Jan. 9

- Sewanee Mountain Messenger returns to print
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Contract/release stretching with Kim, Fowler
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday
7:00 am AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday
6:30 pm AA, women's group, (615) 454-7799 for location
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
7:00 pm AA, open, St. James
7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Dysfunctional Families, Claiborne Parish House, Otey



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