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William Keller, Seat C



Martin Knoll, Seat C



Karen Singer, Seat C

SUD Commissioner Candidates Announced, Early Voting Begins Jan. 2

Two seats on the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners representing Franklin County will be filled in an election beginning Jan. 2, 2009. Only one candidate petitioned for Franklin County Commissioner Seat A, a four-year term vacated by Lisa Rung who is term-limited. That candidate is Ken Smith.

Three candidates have submitted petitions for Franklin County Seat C, a one-year term replacing Lyle Brecht, who has resigned after three years to pursue other career options. These candidates are William A. Keller, Martin Knoll and Karen Singer.

Early voting is Jan. 2–27, 2009. SUD customers can vote for the candidate of their choice during regular business hours at the SUD office, 150 Sherwood Rd. Final voting takes place before the SUD annual meeting Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Brief candidate biographies follow.

Four-Year Term

Ken Smith

Ken Smith arrived in Sewanee in 1998, and is an associate professor of forestry and geology at the University of the South. Over the past two years, he has been on leave serving as the director of New Mexico's Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute where he worked on a variety of natural resource and watershed issues throughout the state. He returns to Sewanee this month.

Before going to New Mexico, Smith served one year on SUD's board; he also spent five years as chairman of Sewanee's Environmental Studies Program and as the University Forester.

Prior to coming to Sewanee, Smith worked on forest management and research projects in West Africa, Brazil, Canada, and throughout the western United States.

His past research interests in Sewanee were focused on exurban development patterns in farmland and forest on the Cumberland Plateau and in the Sequatchie Valley. Smith has also worked with Sewanee

students to examine how wastewater has affected soil properties in SUD's spray fields, and in the fall of 2005, his Forest Soils class developed a semester-long project at the facility with a presentation to the SUD Board and SUD consultants.

One-Year Term (pick one)

William A. Keller

I have a bachelor's degree in business administration from UT and graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps NCO Leadership School. I have been an independent contractor and business owner for most of my working life and have also been in positions where I answered to a board.

As a member of a church vestry and the treasurer, I handled all the receipts and expenses of the church, payroll and taxes. I worked as a school board member. As financial secretary of another group, I answered to a national headquarters, using a book-keeping system to comply with the one used nationally. As treasurer of a local chapter of a national charity,

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Final 2008 Acoustic Jam Tonight

There will be an acoustic music jam tonight, Dec. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd. (behind the Sewanee Market). Beginners, experts and everyone in between are encouraged to come.

This is the last jam for 2008. Hot cider, cookies, old-time music and Christmas songs will highlight this gathering. If you bring a few cookies or other goodies, that would be great, but most importantly just come to play, sing or listen and watch.

For directions or more information contact <ronn.carpenter@mac.com>.

Seniors' Covered-Dish Lunch Dec. 20

The covered dish lunch at the Sewanee Senior Center will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20. Lunch begins at noon and the program at 12:30 p.m. Kenneth King of Tracy City will provide Christmas music and a sing-along. All are welcome to join in listening and singing Christmas carols to celebrate the season.

SUT Slates Special Christmas Season Movie

The Sewanee Union Theatre will have a special showing this Christmas season of "Ratatouille" (rated G) on Saturday, Dec. 27, with two screenings—2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is only \$3, and concessions are only \$1. See the review on page 8.

Films will return to the SUT in the Easter semester on Jan. 16 and 17.

Holiday Garbage Pickup

As Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Thursdays, Joe B. Long will make his rounds on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 31.

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Strong Analytical and Problem Solving Skills No. 1 Criteria in Survey Results for New Director of Schools

At its Dec. 11 meeting, the Franklin County Board of Education received the results of a survey administered on Dec. 2 by the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA), presented by Randall Bennett, the TSBA's deputy executive director and general counsel. The bound document is titled "Franklin County: Search for a Director of Schools, Interim Report." Bennett conducted the survey, and the TSBA staff compiled all verbal and written responses given in meetings of district teachers, staff members, administrators, community leaders, school board members and community members.

In each of the Dec. 2 meetings with district employees and community members, Bennett described the steps of the director selection process and asked for comments on three questions: 1) What do you like most about the F.C. school district? 2) What are the major challenges/problems the new director will face in the district? 3) What are the characteristics and qualities that the new director of schools should possess? A secre-

tary recorded all verbal answers to these questions. The most common responses to the question regarding challenges facing the new director were related to budget constraints, negative media attention, low morale and local political pressures.

Participants at the meetings were then given a printed survey to fill out that listed 27 qualities expected of a new director with a rating scale from "not important" to "essential." Additional comments could be written on the surveys, including recommendations of particular individuals for the position.

Candidates will be evaluated with an emphasis on the following 11 qualities, ranked according to the composite results of the written surveys:

1. Strong analytical and problem solving skills: ... makes decisions that show fairness, mature judgment, appropriate analysis and sensitivity for those affected by the decisions.

2. Good listener: ... understands the concerns of people who

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Sewanee 2008–09 Domain Deer Cull Hunt Begins Friday

The annual deer cull for herd management, ecosystem balance and community safety will be held Dec. 19 through Jan. 10, 2009. There will be no hunting on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Hunting will begin at sunrise and end at sunset. There will be no hunting between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Bow hunters will be located at least 100 yards from trails and firelanes.

Hunting during the deer cull is archery only—with no exception. In addition to the cull map published on page 13 in this paper, maps are posted at duPont Library, the SPO and the community bulletin board at the Sewanee Market. Warning signs will

be posted at the main access points to the zones.

Hunters are required to attend training sessions and are selected from a pool of University faculty, staff and students, and their family members.

A number of hiking trails will NOT be affected by the deer cull and will be open and usable at all times. They are: Tennessee Avenue trail, the Rails-to-Trails bike path, the entire Perimeter Trail, Piney Point trail, Beckwith's Point trail and Solomon's Temple trail in Thumping Dick Hollow.

Cull dates are: Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31; Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

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Letters

YOUR FAMILY'S LIFE MAY DEPEND ON RAPID RESPONSE To the Editor:

After reading Doug Cameron's letter [Messenger, Dec. 11, 2008], I need to let the people of Sewanee know this. On Aug. 1, 2008, my six-and-a-half-month-old grandson stopped breathing. 911 was called. This was Rural Metro. They arrived much, much later. My son and daughter-in-law performed CPR on him until then. I'm sure there are records of call and arrival times. Also, Sewanee police were there and surely have the time of arrival. Isaiah passed away on Aug. 3. Would he be here if the ambulance had come in a timely fashion? Only God knows that. The fact is Grundy EMS has always responded very quickly. Do not lose Grundy EMS in Sewanee. The life of someone in your family may depend on a rapid response.

Mary Ann Short
Sewanee ■

MESSENGER HOURS

The MESSENGER office reopens
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& Friday
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Thursday
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR OUR HOUSE To the Editor:

Our family is so grateful to be in our new house. After over a decade of off-and-on work, with a big push these last two years, we finally moved in last month. The six of us wish to thank all those in our community who have contributed in loving and meaningful ways to help us arrive at this celebratory milestone.

In particular we'd like to thank the following people: Joseph Sumpter, Phil Rogers, Robert Tubb, Dennis Marlowe, Joe Marlowe, Chris Lancaster, Allen Wilson, Nate Wilson, Jessica Wilson, Archie Stapleton, Matt Christianson, Richard Hunt, Laura Davis, Dane Leitzel, many University students and neighbors whose hard work now shelters us.

Stephen and Heidemarie,
Emanuel, Angelina, Noah and
Sylvan Huber-Feely
Cowan ■

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Mail your letter to the Sewanee Mountain MESSENGER, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375, or come by our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your e-mail to <news_messgr@bellsouth.net>. Please include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Preference is given to letters under 250 words. Unsigned letters will not be used. Letters are edited for space and clarity.

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William A. Keller continued

I used a similar bookkeeping system and held both finance/treasurer positions for several years.

I have held leadership positions in most organizations to which I have belonged. I was a charter member of the Downtown Lions Club in Tullahoma and the Kiwanis Club in Monteagle. As Realtor board member, I served as board president, unifying two different boards and created a multiple listing service that evolved into the one used today. I served as state vice president of the Realtor organization.

Martin Knoll

Martin Knoll received an undergraduate degree in natural resources management at Sewanee in 1982, a master's degree in geology from Vanderbilt University and a doctorate in geological sciences from the University of Texas, El Paso, in 1988.

He taught geology for five years at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. Since arriving at the University of the South in 1993, he has taught various courses in geology and hydrology.

His research interests include the dynamics and quality of ground and surface water on the Cumberland Plateau. In addition, he has researched the seasonal dynamics and chemistry of lakes on the plateau, the chemistry of waters draining these lakes, and implications for water supply in the region.

Other research includes studies of the dynamics and quality of the shallow aquifer on St. Catherine's Island, Ga. He has presented several papers on these topics.


Karen Singer

My qualifications for the SUD board follow. I am a 12-year resident of Sewanee. My education includes a bachelor's degree from Allegheny College and master's from Kent State University, both in geology.

I have 15 years environmental consulting experience prior to moving to Sewanee, focusing primarily on

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Serving Where Called

Five years ago this column was started to support the large number of reservists called up for active duty to serve in the war in Iraq. Since then, the troubles in the Middle East and beyond have stretched our military to its limits. This is a reminder that someone else is standing guard and facing fire for us. Please keep the following people, their families and all those who fight for freedom in your prayers:

Nick Barry
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James Smith
Charles Tate
Michael Walls
Jeffery Alan Wessel
Nick Worley

If you know of others in our Mountain family who are in harm's way, send their names to us, or contact American Legion Post 51 Auxiliary member Louise Irwin (598-5864).

Parker Deployed

Dustin "Dusty" Lee Parker, son of Donna Jo and the late Lee Parker of Monteagle and a 2008 graduate of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training command, Great Lakes, Ill., on Aug. 1, 2008. Immediately upon graduation, Dusty entered the Center for Naval Engineering, Basic Engineering Common Core, followed by Gas Turbine Systems Technician Class "A" School in Great Lakes. He graduated as GSMFR—Gas Turbine Engine Technician (mechanical) Fireman Recruit—on Nov. 13.

Dusty has been stationed at Mayport Naval Station in Mayport, Fla. He is scheduled to be transported to his deployed ship this month. Please keep Dusty and all military personnel in your thoughts and prayers.

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Peace Vigil Friday

A peace vigil calling for an end to the Iraq occupation is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 19, at 3:30 p.m., on the corner of University Avenue and Highway 41A. Participants are encouraged to wear black and to display signs expressing their opposition to the war.

Organized by the End the Iraq Occupation committee of the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace, this will be the 18th vigil held on the

mountaintop in conjunction with the Iraq Moratorium, a national initiative asking communities to take some form of action demonstrating opposition to the Iraq War on the third Friday of each month. Signs will be available at the vigil site. Participants may park in the Sewanee Gardeners' Market lot at the corner of Highway 41A and Hawkins Lane. For more information contact Leslie Lytle at 598-9979 or sllytle@blomand.net.

University Reschedules 2009 Opening Convocation

In order to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Jan. 20, 2009, presidential inauguration, the University's annual Opening Convocation for the Easter semester, originally scheduled for that date, will be held Monday, Jan. 19, at noon in All Saints' Chapel. More details will be forthcoming regarding honorary degree recipients and events.

The Monday commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day falls on

Jan. 19 as well, with the University's celebration to be held in the Bishop's Common beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, a large-screen broadcast of the presidential inauguration is planned in Guerry Auditorium.

Additional information about all these University events will be announced soon.

SAS Soles4Souls Update

SAS Outing Director Patrick Dean reports that SAS outing students have collected over 300 pairs of shoes since beginning their Soles4Souls project. Students are collecting gently worn shoes for Soles4Souls, a charity providing shoes to victims of poverty and natural disasters around the world.

Bring shoes to the Spencer Room at SAS. All types of shoes are needed, including flip-flops. For more information contact Patrick Dean at pdean@sasweb.org. Collection continues through Jan. 16.

Heifer International Gift Cards Available

The Sewanee Outreach Office in the Bishop's Common is collecting donations for Heifer International. The deadline for buying gift cards in the names of your loved ones in the office is Friday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m.

By purchasing cards you can give a food-producing animal to individuals who are living in poverty. Donations are tax-deductible and may be given all year via the website.

For more information visit <www.heifer.org> or contact Hailey Robison at the Outreach Office, 598-3201, or robisha0@sewanee.edu.

New Arrivals



Karastin Riley Anderson

Karastin Riley Anderson was born on Dec. 9, 2008, in the Southern Tennessee Medical Center to Tiffany Rachele and Stacy Dean Anderson of Coalmont. She weighed 7 lbs., 8.2 oz. and measured 18 inches in length.

Her maternal grandparents are Anthony and Angela Childers of Coalmont, and her paternal grandparents are Charles and Dolly Anderson of Coalmont.

Kayson William James

Kayson William James was born on Dec. 15, 2008, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center to Lisa Wiggins-James and Dale James of Tracy City. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 18 inches in length. He has one brother, Kendale, who is 6 years old.

His maternal grandparents are Leroy "Buddy" and Teresa Wiggins of Tracy City, and his paternal grandparents are Larry and Susan James of Palmer.

Shana Brooklyn Wilkinson

Shana Brooklyn Wilkinson was born on Dec. 12, 2008, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center to Jessica Nancy and John Allen Wilkinson Jr. of Decherd. She weighed 8 lbs., 6.8 oz. and measured 19.25 inches in length. Her sister is Brianna Noel Wilkinson.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Sharon Heckel of Decherd; paternal grandparents are John Wilkinson of Cowan and Patricia Stevens of Decherd.

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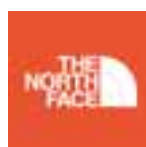
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Church News

Bible Baptist, Monteagle

Bible Baptist Church, 360 Wells St., Monteagle, holds services on Sundays at 1 p.m. On Dec. 21, a baptism will be celebrated, followed by a potluck dinner. Everyone is invited to take part in singing accompanied by piano, guitar and mandolin. For more information call Brother James Taylor at 598-0839.

"Christmas Time" Music and Drama

A musical mix with drama titled "Christmas Time" will be presented at the White Oak Church of God near Decherd on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. For more information call 967-6464 or 308-5449.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship invites you to its weekly meetings for prayer, study and work, directed toward reconciliation and peace. The EPF meets Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Quintard Room of Otey parish hall. EPF will not meet Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

All Saints' Chapel Christmas

Daily services in St. Augustine's Chapel have ended for the semester. On Sunday, Dec. 21, there will be an 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist and an 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist. During Christmas break, Dec. 21-Jan. 11, 8 a.m. services will be held Sundays. Daily services will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 13. The 11 a.m. University service will resume on Sunday, Jan. 18.

Sisters of St. Mary

The Sisters of St. Mary will celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the convent chapel each morning at 8 a.m. from Dec. 25 through Jan. 6, with the exception of Dec. 31, when there will be no service. All are welcome.

Otey Church Events

On Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m., Stephen Alvarez, photographer, will speak to the Otey Adult Forum about the Uganda-Sudan Border Project, a continuing effort to document conflict and aftermath in this volatile region of Africa. Since 2002, Alvarez has periodically journeyed to the area to document the effects of civil war and rebel insurgencies and the plight of refugees and those attempting to rebuild their lives. After a two-year hiatus, Alvarez returned this past August as part of an Aftermath Project teaching team.

The Lectionary class will discuss transformation. Children of all ages are invited to Sunday school from 10 to 10:50 a.m. between celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8:50 a.m. and 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m., a Children's Christmas Creche service will be held, and the Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist will be celebrated starting at 11 p.m. On Thursday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m., the Holy Eucharist will



Pajong A. Kitgum District, Uganda © Stephen Alvarez

be celebrated.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, be sure to bring all your relatives and friends to the intergenerational Sunday school hymn sing and cookie swap at 10 a.m. Bring a dozen cookies and swap with your friends.

On Sunday, Jan. 4, at 5 p.m., an Epiphany pageant, celebrating Christ's birth and the coming of the Magi, will be followed by a potluck supper in the parish hall.

For more information, call Robin Reed-Spaulling at 598-5926.

Christ Church Monteagle Services

On Sunday, Dec. 21, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, a Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church, Monteagle. Most of the lessons will be read by teenagers who have worked hard to make this a splendid service for parishioners and visitors. Gift calendars for 2009 are available at the church.

A traditional 5 p.m. service will be held on Christmas Eve, including a pageant, "God Keeps His Promises," written by Martha Millsaps. The pageant is available at no cost on the Internet and is being used by several churches in other states as well as Tennessee. More angels and shepherds are always welcome.

A brief service of Holy Communion will be held on Christmas Day at 4 p.m. Afterward Christ Church will keep its doors open and offering what the

SAS Christmas

The community Christmas Eve service in the Chapel at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will begin at 11:30 p.m. All are welcome to celebrate the Eucharist as Christmas Day begins.

Come as you are. For more information contact SAS Chaplain Bude Van Dyke at 636-4227 or <bvan dyke@sasweb.org>.



Obituaries

Edward C. Brewer

Edward C. Brewer, age 55, died Dec. 11, 2008, in a Nashville health care facility. He graduated from Sewanee in 1975 and was professor of law at Salmon P. Chase College of Law in northern Kentucky.

His sister, Erin E. Brewer, M.D., practiced medicine in Sewanee at Sewanee Family Practice.

A memorial service is planned in January 2009. More details will be given as they are received.

Peggy Bosmyer-Campbell

The Rev. Dr. Peggy Bosmyer-Campbell, vicar and canon missionary of St. Margaret's, Little Rock, died on Dec. 13, 2008, at home with her family after a long illness.

Bosmyer-Campbell served as professor of Contextual Education and director of Field Education at the School of Theology between 1994 and 2001.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 17, at Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock. Her husband, Dennis Campbell, and children, Michael, Larnie, Hannah and Caitlin, are in our thoughts and prayers.

A Eucharist in the Chapel of the Apostles on Dec. 17 was offered as a requiem for all the faithful departed, for Peggy, and in intercession for Dennis and their children. *Lux perpetua luceat ei*: May God's endless light fill her with light.

Fay W. Minton

Fay W. Minton, age 96, passed away on Dec. 11, 2008, at Life Care of Red Bank. She was preceded in death by her husband, Troy Blake Minton, and son Blake Minton.

She is survived by daughters, Barbara Minton of White Plains, N.Y.; Mary (Latham) Davis of Sewanee; Beth Minton of Chapel Hill, Tenn.; and son, Joe Minton of Chattanooga.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in the East Minster Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. Interment will follow the service in Greenwood Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to <www.watsonnorth.com>.

Albert Roberts III

Albert Roberts III died on Dec. 12, 2008. A graduate of the Webb School in Bell Buckle and the University of the South (C'50) with a bachelor's degree in political science, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 13 years, retiring as a lieutenant commander. He had a long career in the securities industry working as an investment banker. He retired from Smith Barney/Citigroup Capital Markets Inc. in 2007 after 31 years. He served on the vestry of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and as a trustee of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

Roberts was a member of the University's Boards of Trustees and Regents for many years. In 1990 he and his wife donated funds that enabled the completion and ongoing maintenance of Sewanee's Perimeter Trail in memory of their son Tate. Two other children are Sewanee alumni Alison Roberts Hardage (C'76) and Colin Campbell Roberts (C'86).

Roberts was predeceased by his parents, his sister Joy, and his son Tate. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jane; his daughter, Alison; and his sons, Alex and Colin; son-in-law, Gene Hardage, daughter-in-law, Christina; three grandchildren; a brother, Arch, and sister-in-law, Elizabeth, as well as 11 nieces and nephews and their children.

Memorial gifts may be made to Abilities Rehabilitation Center Foundation, 2735 Whitney Rd., Clearwater, FL 33760; the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, St. Petersburg, Fla.; or the University of the South.

David A. Tant Sr.

David A. Tant Sr., age 84, of Estill Springs, died on Dec. 9, 2008, at Harton Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma. He retired after a long career at General Electric and was a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Estill Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marcus Carol and Minnie Bridges Tant; his second wife, Lula Krantz Tant; brothers, Andrew, Monroe and Orville Tant; sisters, Ruth Tucker, Beatrice Sims, Ollie Cossey, Rachel Garrett and Anne Belle Miller; a stepdaughter, Peggy Timothy; and two grandsons.

Survivors include his wife, C. Irene Tant of Estill Springs; his first wife, Orene Clark Janey, their son, Lonie (Linda) Tant, and daughter, Carol (Wayne) McBee of Sewanee, and four grandchildren. He is also survived by sons, Larry (Teresa) Tant of Winchester, David A. (Cheri) Tant Jr. of Parrish, N.Y., Darrell Garrett and Phillip (Tracey) Garrett, both of Michigan; daughter, Linda (Al) King of Winchester; brother, Robert Tant, and sisters, Bertha Mullinex and Bobbie Sissom, all of Tullahoma; several more grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 12 at the Tullahoma Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randy Jackson officiating. Interment followed in the New Center Grove Cemetery. The family requests that memorial donations be made to Faith Baptist Church Missionary Fund, Estill Springs, (931) 649-5958.

DEATH NOTICE

Gerald Ray Sartain

Gerald Ray Sartain, age 79, of Tracy City, passed away on Dec. 16, 2008.

Visitation will be today, December 18, from 5 to 9 p.m., in the funeral home chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on December 19 at the same location. Burial will be in the Sartain Family Cemetery with military honors.

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Community Center Announces New Boards, Events and Schedule

The Sewanee Community Center is pleased to announce its new board members and officers for 2009: President Elizabeth Koella, Treasurer Lisa Rung, Secretary Helen Stapleton, and members Kathryn Bruce, April Minkler, Kevin Pulliam, Pat Pulliam, Michael Werp and Charlie Zammit.

The new board is already busy planning improvements to the building, such as replacing windows, remodeling the kitchen and painting. All of these improvements make the Community Center a welcoming venue for many recurring events that benefit the community: gymnastics classes, Cub Scouts, yoga classes, Scrabble, the Cumberland Farmers' Market, Dead Plants Society, Thursday Night Jam Sessions, free movies and many one-time events.

The organization has just received nonprofit status, so all gifts to the Sewanee Community Center are now tax deductible. Please consider giving an end-of-the-year donation to the center to help it continue to offer these valuable services. For only \$10, you can become a member of the Sewanee Community Center, allowing your organizations to hold events for free as long as the events

are free. If you are charging, the Center is available for \$5 per hour. Use of the building is subject to availability. To become a member or to schedule the building, contact Community Center Manager Rachel Petropoulos at rpetropo@gmail.com or 598-0682.

All members and future members are invited to the second annual Sewanee Community Center membership potluck on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, and the board will provide the rest. RSVP to Elizabeth Koella at <ekoella@gmail.com> or 636-4046.



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Donations to Folks at Home Matched Through January

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To help support FAH and have your gift doubled, tax-deductible donations may be made to Folks at Home, c/o P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN 37375. Gifts to FAH now are donations, not membership fees or dues. Once a director is on staff, membership information will be

made widely available.

At this time FAH is a sponsored project of Otey Memorial Parish. During the new year, it will seek its own nonprofit status. For more information contact FAH at <folksathome.sewanee@gmail.com>.

American Legion Jan. 10

American Legion Post 51 will hold its next meeting on Saturday, Jan. 10, in the Legion Hall on University Avenue in Sewanee.

Girl Scouts to Meet Jan. 2

Girl Scout Troop 2107, including Daisies, Brownies and Juniors, meet twice a month at 3:45 p.m. in Otey parish hall. They will meet on Friday, Jan. 2, and Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Other meetings will be held on Feb. 4 and 18; March 4 and 18; and May 1, 15 and 29, which will be the last meeting of the year.

For more information contact troop leaders Lisa Rung (598-0696) or Emily Jackson (636-0289).

Book Club to Share Christmas Favorites

The Sewanee Book Club will next meet on Monday, Jan. 19, at 1:30 p.m., at the home of Ann Watkins. Bring your favorite Christmas book, given or received, as well as gems from the past. Everyone will have a chance to speak. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information or directions contact Flournoy Rogers at 598-0733 or fsrogers@wildblue.net.

Civic Association Meets in February

The next meeting of the Civic Association is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2, in Otey parish hall. The Civic Association does not meet in January.

Commission School Committee to Meet Jan. 5

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners School Committee will meet on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room, 215 S. College St., Winchester. Sewanee's representative is Arthur Knoll. The meeting is open to the public.

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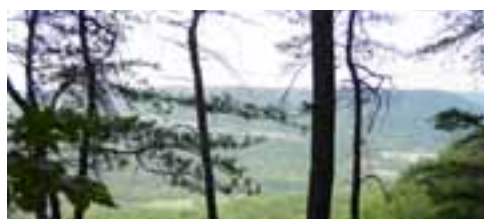
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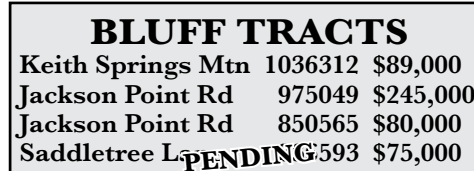
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MLS 1000340 - 1143 Tulip Tree Ct., Clifftops. \$379,000



MLS 1008133 - 3592 Jump-Off Rd., Sewanee. \$488,000.



MLS 1007617 - Lot 154 Lakeshore Dr., Clifftops. \$85,000



Two TKP sorority sisters apply waterproofing to the Sewanee Children Center's wood climber.

Sorority Named Children's Center Volunteer of November

The Theta Kappa Phi Sorority is the Sewanee Children's Center November volunteer of the month. The TKPs help out every week at the SCC and spent two full afternoons working on winterizing the playground.

The TKPs raked, cleaned and waterproofed the entire outdoor area. Many thanks for all of their hard work and support of the Sewanee Children's Center. Pictured above are two members of the TKP Sorority with brushes in hand, waterproofing the wood climber.

Sewanee Anglican Tour Announced

The annual "Worship and Travel with Sewanee: A Tour Course in Anglican History and Spirituality" is now accepting reservations for the 2009 tour. The tour, sponsored by the University's School of Theology, will be from May 29 to June 9.

The Anglican tour is open to anyone who desires to study and experience the historical heritage of Christianity in England and the vibrant spiritual life of the present Church of England. Tour members will discover acres of intricate stonework and stained glass, a semester-length course on British history, and a host

of beautiful choral evensongs.

"Worship and Travel with Sewanee" was designed by the School of Theology for laity and clergy participants, as well as Sewanee students enrolled in graduate degree programs, who can earn academic credit. A downloadable registration form and other details about the 2009 tour can be found at <http://theology.sewanee.edu/anglican_tours>.

For complete Anglican tour details, contact the Rev. Anne B. Chisham, director of Anglican tours, by calling (800) 438-2403 or e-mailing abcrev@cox.net.

Morris to Join St. Mary's Sewanee

The board of trustees of St. Mary's Sewanee announced this week the appointment of the Rev. Thomas Rand Morris as its new executive director. Fr. Morris currently serves as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilkesboro, N.C. Previously he served parishes in the dioceses of Atlanta and Western North Carolina. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, he served for three years as assistant chaplain at the University of the South, and his wife, Hadley, is a Sewanee native and graduate of the College. He will begin work in January.

January Centering Prayer Retreat

St. Mary's Sewanee will host a one-day Centering Prayer workshop on Jan. 3, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Rev. Tom Ward will lead the workshop. To register call St. Mary's Sewanee at 598-5342 or visit <www.stmaryssewanee.org>.

Cumberland Plateau for Obama Continues Support for Change

Cumberland Plateau for Obama (CPO) and friends met on Dec. 14 in Sewanee to continue supporting the change voted for on election day.

Benwood Foundation: Charles Hunter Lecture Series

This year the Benwood Foundation is partnering with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, the Ochs Center for Metropolitan Studies and CreateHere in presenting the Charles Hunter Lecture Series.

The series will kick off with noted presidential author Doris Kearns Goodwin, Jan. 13, 2009, followed by PBS correspondent and education expert John Merrow on March 3; New York Times columnist David Brooks on Sept. 15; and environmental justice advocate Van Jones on Nov. 17.

Each lecture will begin at 7 p.m. (ET) in the Roland Hayes Concert Hall inside the Fine Arts Center on the UTC campus. All lectures are free and open to the public, but seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Twenty-two participants weighed in on local issues and how to position themselves to support the legislative agenda of President-elect Barack Obama.

The Chicago Obama Headquarters asked local groups to identify and commit to producing a service event by Jan. 20, 2009. After discussion, the number one priority emerged: food and warmth for community members in a tough economy.

Teams are forming to carry out two immediate goals: the distribution of food on days surrounding the holidays when local food banks are closed, and an awareness raising notice in papers about adding "extra bucks" to utility bills to assist those unable to make payments this winter.

Other actions considered were blood drives, free medical clinics, film showings, support of thoughtful local candidates, forums for family farming, rides to Washington to be visible and vocal, and letter writing.

All are welcome to participate in CPO activities, and join action teams posted at <www.my.barackobama.com/page/group/CumberlandPlateauforObama>. You may also submit your ideas directly to the Obama transition team at www.change.gov.

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Cowan Civic Organization Elects New Officers

The members of Cowan Commercial and Community Club met on Dec. 15 for the group's annual banquet and officer election at the new Whistle Stop Cafe in downtown Cowan.

Special guests for the evening included Mayor Joe Ed Williams, his wife, Trixie, and Cynthia Young of Cowan Elementary School. A special presentation was given by Harlee Holt, this year's recipient of the Commercial Club's 4-H camp scholarship.

The following officers were elected

for the 2009: Jarod Pearson, president; Denise Miller, vice-president; Jennifer Redstreak, secretary; Roger Guess, treasurer; and three at-large board members, Tom Knowles, Tom McGee and Tom Wagner.

Founded in 1922, the Cowan Commercial and Community Club is one of Tennessee's oldest civic organizations. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, at 2 p.m. in the Cowan City Hall.

CAC Christmas Giving Tree

The Community Action Committee's annual Christmas Giving Tree is outside the CAC office in Otey parish hall. The tree contains the names of special people in our community, most of whom are homebound or stay in a residential facility.

Everyone is invited to select a name and to purchase and wrap a small, practical gift for the person.

You are encouraged to deliver the gift, as many of these people would appreciate a visit during the holidays. Those who cannot make deliveries may leave their gifts (with nametags

attached) at the CAC office by Friday, Dec. 19, and CAC will deliver them.

This program has been in place for decades and is a tangible way for all to experience the joy of giving. If you have questions or need more information please contact Laura Willis at 598-5927.

Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Update

Employee Recognition

Emerald-Hodgson Hospital (EHH) named Janice Messick the employee honoree for November. Janice works in the housekeeping department and has served at EHH for six years. One of Janice's favorite leisure activities is four-wheeler riding with her 15-year-old daughter, Shelby. Mother and daughter reside in the Sherwood community. Janice was selected for recognition in a random drawing among all employees having November birthdays. Her award included use of a close-in parking space for the month and a gift basket with movie tickets and other goodies. Congratulations, Janice Messick.

State of the Hospital

Emerald-Hodgson's general admissions for November were slightly higher than for the same month of last year, and skilled care admissions exceeded the budgeted level (although slightly lower than in 2007). Emergency room visits rose by 10 percent compared to November 2007.

In keeping with the past year's trend, outpatient visits showed the most significant increase, exceeding the budgeted level by 16 percent. According to EHH Administrator Ralph Underwood, utilization of EHH's laboratory, imaging and physical therapy services largely accounts for the growth.

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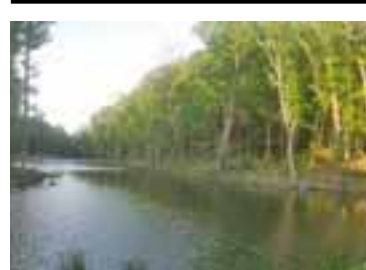


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Meacham Book Signing This Sunday

Jon Meacham (C'91), Newsweek editor and prolific author, will sign copies of his latest book, "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House," at the University Bookstore on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. If you would like to have a copy signed but will be out of town for the signing, you may buy the book ahead of time and leave it with the bookstore staff to be signed.

In "American Lion," Meacham details the human drama—the family, the women and the inner circle of advisers—that shaped Jackson's private world.

Lilly Summer Institute Invites Applicants

The University's Discernment Programs Office invites undergraduate students at colleges and universities across the nation to apply for the eighth Summer Discernment Institute, to be held June 1–July 25, 2009. Applications for 18 openings in this summer's program are due by Feb. 16, 2009. More information and a copy of the application form can be found at <www.sewanee.edu/lillyproj/ltsdi.html> or by calling 598-1869.

Students interested in exploring vocations in ordained ministry or service with nonprofit organizations will be accepted into the eight-week program and receive a stipend for their work in their chosen internship.

Decherd Parade on Saturday

Decherd's Christmas parade will be held this Saturday, Dec. 20, starting at 10 a.m. For more information call 967-5181.

T'ai Chi

Lance Pool will teach T'ai Chi classes at the Sewanee Community Center on Monday evenings at 6 p.m., beginning Jan. 5. For more information come to class!



Looks At Books

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Good Books: Good Gifts

An online search of major retailers for children's gifts reveals hundreds of items in the "learning" category. One item is conspicuously absent: books. We all know children who take deep pleasure in books, in old-fashioned printed pages with tales of wonder and delight, in vivid illustrations that don't blink or beep.

Any visitor to the SES library will see children listening intently to a story or happily checking out books. University students in my Children's Literature class who assisted Cowan teachers tell of children begging for another story or wanting to hear the same one again and again. Reliable shopping guides are the books that have won major children's book awards, or try the best source of all: ask a child.

The New York Times Notable Children's Books of 2008 include several for the very young. "Wabi Sabi" is the story of a little cat in Japan who goes on a journey to learn the meaning of her name. Told in spare text and haiku, Mark Relbstein's gentle story is illustrated by the talented Ed Young (Little, Brown Young Readers, 4 years and up, \$16.99). Also on the Times' list is "Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes" by Mem Fox, a rhyming introduction to little ones around the world. Featuring watercolors by Helen Oxenbury, this is an entertaining treasure for babies, toddlers and parents (Harcourt Children's Books, \$16.00).

A school librarian won this year's Newbery Award for distinguished writing for children. In "Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village," Laura Amy Schlitz brings 13th-century England to life with 21 beautifully illustrated dramatic narratives (Candlewick, 9 years and up, \$19.99; paperback, \$9.99).

The Caldecott Medal for outstanding illustrations in a children's book went to Brian Selznik for "The Invention of Hugo Cabret," a story of an orphan secretly living in the walls of a train station, where he works on an incomplete invention left by his father. The black and white illustrations in this 544 page book begin with an image of the full moon setting over an awakening Paris in 1931 (Scholastic Press, 8–12 years and older, \$22.99).

The Coretta Scott King Award for distinguished writing by an African American writer went to "Elijah of Buxton" by Christopher Paul Curtis. A mischievous 11-year-old who lives in a Canadian colony for escaped slaves decides to risk his freedom and follow a thief into Michigan (Scholastic Press, 9–12 years, \$16.99; paperback, \$9.99).

The Jane Addams Children's Book Awards recognize quality works with themes of peace and justice. An award-winning picture book is "The Escape of Oney Judge: Martha Washington's Slave Finds Freedom," written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. The brave Oney believed Mrs. Washington's declaration that she was a member of the family until she was forbidden to learn to read (Farrar Straus Giroux, 7–9 years, \$16). An honor also went to "One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II," written and illustrated by Lita Judge. Upon discovering 1,000 paper foot tracings in her late grandmother's attic, Judge learned that they had been used to find shoes to fit needy Germans after World War II. Paintings and original photographs underscore the compassion at the heart of this family story. (Hyperion Books for Children, 8–12 years, of interest to older folks, \$15.99).

All but the New York Times Notables may be found in duPont Library. Text for reviews was taken from the awards' sources.

—Pat Wisner for Friends of duPont Library

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Holiday Music and Enchanting Tales Entertain Woman's Club

The Sewanee Woman's Club met on Dec. 8 in the Otey parish hall. After a beautiful Christmas lunch catered by the Blue Chair, the members were treated to Christmas music performed by Rebecca Gibson (flute), Betsy Grant (keyboard) and Kylie McDonald (guitar).

Program vice-chair Phyllis Kinder introduced Dr. Willie Cocke, retired professor of English literature at the University, who regaled the members with a wonderfully engaging series of remembrances of Christmases in Demopolis, Ala., and one unique Christmas spent off the coast of Korea on the aircraft carrier "Valley Forge" when Christmas mass was celebrated by Francis Cardinal Spellman, who arrived by helicopter.

Following Dr. Cocke's entertain-

ing remarks there was more music, both sing-along and one particularly poignant song, "The Secret of Christmas," a duet by Phyllis Kinder and Rebecca Gibson.

In other news, Emily Harsh announced the Thurmond Library book sale brought in \$747; Peggy Kroeger announced a pilot literacy program in Tracy City seeking volunteers for one-on-one reading with children 1-4 years old, 15-20 minutes once a week. Those present shopped for gifts from Rachel Lynch and baked goods made by the club members.

The Sewanee Woman's Club will not meet in January; the next scheduled meeting of the club will be on Monday, Feb. 9, 2009.

—Reported by April Minkler

Mindfulness Retreat to Start New Year

St. Mary's Sewanee Center for Spiritual Development offers a 2008-09 New Year's Retreat with the Rev. C. Gordon Peerman and his wife, Kathy Woods, from Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 30-Jan. 1. "Blessed Relief: A New Year's Mindfulness Retreat" will emphasize the development of mindfulness practices as ways of praying without ceasing.

C. Gordon Peerman, D.Min., of Nashville, is a psychotherapist and the author of "Blessed Relief: What Christians Can Learn from Buddhists

about Suffering." He is an Episcopal priest and teaches at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Kathy Woods, M.Ed., teaches classes at the Vanderbilt Center for Integrative Health and the Vanderbilt Law School. She is a cancer survivor with a special interest in the application of mindfulness practices to meet health challenges. In addition to mindfulness meditation, she has practiced yoga and qigong for 12 years and teaches qigong at Vanderbilt's Dayani Center.

The residential fee is \$225, the commuter fee is \$110, and the deposit is \$50. Additional details and registration forms are available at <www.stmaryssewanee.org>.



CAC Holiday and 2009 Opportunities

Today, Dec. 18, 1-4 p.m. (come any time, stay as long as you like)—Organize and pack groceries, set up chairs and tables, decorate and prepare for breakfast.

Friday, Dec. 19, 8-11 a.m. (meal begins at 9 a.m.)—Enjoy breakfast with community members; carry groceries and toiletries to clients' cars; cook and serve the meal.

All members of the community are invited to breakfast with musical performances, a delicious meal, interesting conversations and sharing the joy of Christmas.

CAC will be closed until Jan. 6, when groceries will be packed at 3 p.m.

As you look to the New Year, are opportunities for service calling your name? CAC needs:

-Someone to handle mailing the monthly newsletter. It takes about four hours each month: copying the newsletter, updating the mailing list and printing the labels, folding, stamping and mailing it.

-Someone to do regular filing when the office is closed. Two hours a month would help tremendously in this area.

-Someone to manage the bread drivers (about three hours a month): recruit new drivers, prepare and distribute the schedule, and work with Kroger when there are difficulties.

-Someone who could work with one or two families to help them do basic household/personal budgeting. Time commitment depends on the volunteer and the family.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities e-mail Laura Willis: <cac_oteyparish@bellsouth.net>.

Holiday Lights Tour Set for Friday

Sewanee Senior Citizens' Center activities director Naomi Hoopinger invites all interested area residents to join the group on Friday, Dec. 19, to have dinner at an area restaurant (to be determined by the group), and to view area Christmas lights. Meet at the center, 5 Ball Park Rd., at 5 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call the center at 598-0771.

Mountaintop Tumblers

Mountaintop Tumblers gymnastics will be starting a new session beginning Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, in the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd., behind the Sewanee Market. Classes are ongoing, and there are openings in the 3-4-year-old and in the 5-6-year-old classes. For more information call Miss Georgia, 598-9366.

Pet Pictures with Santa

The Franklin County Humane Society is hosting Pet Pictures with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply in Winchester. A professional photographer will take pictures of your pets with Santa Claus. Pictures in gift card frames will be \$10 each, with all the profits benefiting the homeless dogs and cats at Animal Harbor. Spruce up Fluffy and Fido and bring them out to help a good cause!

"Trees Make a Difference" License Tags

The Tennessee Urban Forestry Council (TUFC) has found a way to curb some of the carbon emission impacts of cars with the sale of an attractive state license plate honoring trees. Each "Trees Make a Difference" license plate costs \$35 in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee.

The TUFC is dedicated to improving Tennessee's urban forests. Every auto tag purchase will also trigger a 50 percent discount on all new TUFC annual memberships for a limited time. Tree license plates can be ordered online at <www.tufc.com> or by calling (615) 352-8985.

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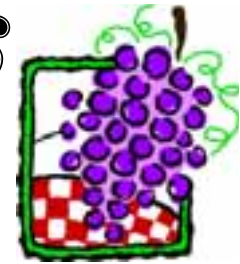
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- Strong organizational and communication skills, coupled with high energy
- Ability to work unsupervised
- A passion for helping people
- Computer literacy (Quickbooks, Publisher, etc.)

Starting salary: \$300 weekly

Candidates should submit, by JANUARY 5, 2009, a résumé, the names of three references, and a letter describing the candidate's interest in the job to: Folks at Home / P. O. Box 291 / Sewanee, Tennessee 37375.

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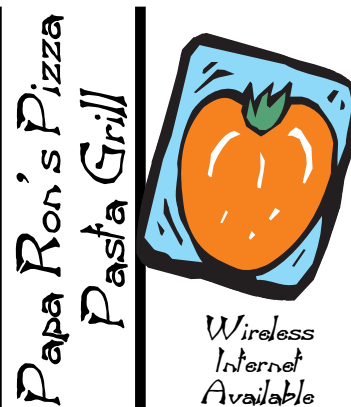
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School Scoop



What's Cooking at SES?

Monday–Friday, Jan. 5–9

LUNCH

MON: Corn dog, smiley fries, baked beans, fruit; or sack lunch.

TUE: Spaghetti, green beans, whole wheat bread stick, pineapples; or yogurt sack.

WED: Scrambled eggs, sausage, gravy, biscuit, tater tots, orange half; or loaded baked potato.

THUR: Taco salad, tortilla chips, okra, cookie; or tuna tray.

FRI: Hot dog on wheat, french fries, pork/beans, sherbet cup; or sack lunch.

BREAKFAST

MON: Honey bun, assorted cereal, fruit or juice.

TUE: Egg/cheese biscuit, fruit or juice.

WED: French toast sticks, syrup, fruit or juice.

THU: Ham biscuit, fruit or juice.

FRI: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit or juice.

Milk or juice served with all meals. Menus subject to change.



Grades 1–4 winners are: (L–R) seated, Kable Couch, Austin Morrison, Megan Russell; (standing) Summer Dees, Kayla Perry, Shelby Layne, Jacquelyn Williams. Kassidi Blalock not pictured.

MES Character Awards Announced

The character trait for November at Monteagle Elementary was “Caring.” The following MES students were nominated by their teachers, and were rewarded with a pencil, certificate, homework pass and a healthy snack.



Grades 5–8: (L–R) Olivia Kilgore, Shilo Turner, Amelia Baggenstoss, Emily Blalock, Josh Meeks, and in back, Hunter Brown.

SES After-School Spanish Classes Next Semester

The after-school Spanish program at Sewanee Elementary School, offered once a week by University students, will resume next semester after the students return. If you are interested in enrolling your child, contact Lisa Hartman at 598-5998.

Registration for Motlow Courses Underway

Students may register through Sunday, Jan. 11, for spring term courses at Motlow College. Classes will begin on Thursday, Jan. 15.

Motlow College officials encourage students to register as soon as possible. For more information about spring registration or Motlow's programs of study, visit <www.mscc.edu online>.

January Calendar

Dec 19-Jan 1	Messenger office closed
Dec 19	FC, MES abbreviated day
Dec 19-Jan 4	SAS Christmas break
Dec 22-Jan 2	FC, MES Christmas break
Jan 2	Messenger office reopens
Jan 5	FC, SAS classes resume
Jan 5	MES in-service day
Jan 6	MES staff develop day
Jan 5, 6, 8, 9	SoT senior ordination exams
Jan 7	MES classes resume
Jan 8	First 2009 Messenger
Jan 8	MES report cards
Jan 12	SoT classes begin
Jan 13	COL classes begin
Jan 19	FC, MES MLK holiday
Jan 19	Univ Opening Convocation



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will be affected by a decision.

3. Able to work with and generate support from the board.
4. Goal oriented.
5. Ability to initiate and adapt to change: ... Builds support for change within the system prior to its implementation.
6. Manager of budget and fiscal affairs.
7. Committed to long-range planning.
8. Effective communicator: possesses and uses strong oral and written communication skills to communicate effectively and persuasively for the system; works effectively with the media; builds public confidence in the system.
9. Effective spokesman for school district needs: ... can generate public support that will, in turn, generate adequate funding from the County Commission.
10. Able to work with and generate support from the community.
11. Not connected to local political faction: one who makes decisions based upon what is best for the students instead of based upon political influence or pressure.

The complete TSBA Interim Report is available at the Board of Education office; it contains additional details on survey results from each group: business leaders; principals, central office personnel and supervisors; teachers; secretaries, educational assistants and bus drivers; food service, custodial and maintenance staff; community; and composite.

Applicants for director must apply to the TSBA's office in Nashville no later than Jan. 30, 2009. A brochure describing Franklin County and the most important individual qualities and professional accomplishments for the new director is located on the TSBA website <<http://www.tsba.net/>>.

The minimum qualifications for the director's position include a bachelor's degree from an accredited university and successful experience in teaching, administrative and/or supervisory fields.

In other business, Cindy Latham, deputy director of the district's finance office, asked the board to approve a budget amendment to use available funds in the retirement and medical insurance accounts and the bus drivers' supplemental fuel account (totaling \$78,488) to cover part of the payout of former Director of Schools Charles Edmonds, Assistant Superintendent Linda Foster's salary adjustment through March 2009 and increases in liability and workers' compensation insurance. The board approved the transfer of funds. Latham reported a decrease in state funding of teachers' extended contracts of \$19,126 and a decrease in federal funding of Headstart of \$60,694.

Becky Painter, executive assistant to the director of schools and a district employee for 23 years, is retiring. There will be a reception in her honor today, Dec. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the boardroom.

The next school board meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room, 215 S. College St., Winchester. The meeting is open to the public.

—Reported by Kathy Hamman

Santa's on his Way!



Holiday Closings

Blue Chair—open 7–11 a.m. Dec. 24; closed Dec. 25; open 7 a.m.–2 p.m. Dec. 31 and Jan. 1;
 CAC—closed Dec. 20–Jan. 6;
 Franklin County offices—closed Dec. 24–26 and Jan. 1;
 Hospitality Shop—closed until Jan. 13;
 Regions Bank—closed at noon Dec. 24; reopening Dec. 26 at normal hours; closed at 2 p.m. Dec. 31; reopening on Jan. 2;
 SAS administrative offices—closed Dec. 24–26, 31, Jan. 1–2;
 Sewanee Auto—closed Dec. 22–26; open Dec. 29 and 30 and till noon Dec. 31; closed Jan. 1–2;
 Sewanee Senior Citizens—closed Dec. 24–26 and Jan. 1;
 Shenanigans—closed Dec. 23–Jan. 5;
 Stirling's—closed until Jan. 13;
 U.S. Post Office, Sewanee—closed 11 a.m. Dec. 24; closed Dec. 25; closed 11 a.m. Dec. 31; closed Jan. 1.
 University offices—closed Dec. 24–26 and Jan. 1.

Globe Café Holiday Schedule

The Globe Café is closed and will reopen on Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. Everyone have a merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Hospitality Shop Closed for Holidays

The Sewanee Hospitality Shop is closed for the holidays and will open on Jan. 13.

Thurmond Library Schedule

The Thurmond Memorial Library in Otey parish hall is closed for the holidays until Wednesday, Jan. 7. In January new books will arrive from the library's Highland Rim partners.

University Library Holiday Hours

The University's duPont Library will operate on interim hours beginning today, Dec. 18, through Tuesday, Dec. 23. The library will be closed Dec. 24 through Dec. 28 for the Christmas holidays. Interim hours resume Dec. 29 through Dec. 31. Interim hours are: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; closed on Sunday.

The library is closed Jan. 1, 2009, New Year's Day. From Jan. 2 through Jan. 4, the library will operate on interim hours (see above). From Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, the library will operate on extended interim hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; closed Sunday. Regular hours begin on Monday, Jan. 12.

University Bookstore

The University Book and Supply Store will start closing daily at 5 p.m. today, Dec. 18, through Jan. 11. Normal hours resume Jan. 12, 2009.

The store will be closed Dec. 24–28. New York Times subscribers did not pay for papers on the 24th and 25th. Papers will be available outside the bookstore on the other days.

The bookstore will reopen Dec. 29 at 7:30 a.m., but will close again on Jan. 1, 2009. Subscribers did not pay for papers on Jan. 1.

Motlow Closes for Holidays Dec. 23

The Motlow College Moore County campus will close at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 23 for the Christmas and New Year holidays and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Jan. 5. The holiday closing includes all college facilities, including libraries and labs.

On-site registration for the spring 2009 term will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Moore County campus.

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You may e-mail us or mail articles to us while we're on break. We will respond when we return to the office.

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Sports Scoreboard

Baldaccini NFHCA Coach of the Year

Sewanee field hockey Coach Jen Baldaccini has been named the NFHCA Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year for her success in 2008, her first season on the Mountain.

"It is most gratifying to see that Coach Baldaccini has been recognized by her peers for her outstanding coaching and leadership by being selected as NFHCA Coach of the Year in the Great Lakes Region," said Sewanee Athletic Director Mark Webb. "It's certainly a tribute to Jen and the team for her to be selected after capturing the conference championship and participating in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history."

The 2008 Tigers won the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) championship, earned a spot in the NCAA Championships for the first time in school history and had four All-SCAC selections, including the Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Baldaccini, who lives in Sewanee with her husband Marcus, came to



the Mountain from New Jersey, where she was the head varsity coach at Henry Hudson School in Highlands.

Home Games This Week

Thursday, Dec. 18
6 pm SAS V Girls' B'ball v Huntland School
7:30 pm SAS V Boy's B'ball v Grundy Co HS
Friday, Dec. 19
4:30 pm SAS V Girls' B'ball v Marion Co HS
6 pm Women's B'ball v UAB-Huntsville
Saturday, Dec. 20
3 pm SAS V Girls' B'ball v Whitwell HS
4:30 pm SAS V Boys' B'ball v Whitwell HS

Fowler Center Holiday Hours

December

17 (WED) 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
18 (THU) 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
19 (FRI) 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
20 (SAT) 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
21 (SUN) 1-5 p.m.
22 (MON) 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
23 (TUES) 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
24 (WED) 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
25 (THU) CLOSED
26 (FRI) 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
27 (SAT) 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
28 (SUN) 1-5 p.m.
29 (MON) 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
30 (TUES) 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
31 (WED) 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

January

1 (THU) 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
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SAS Boys' Varsity Drop Two

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team lost a close game to Boyd Christian School 54-48 on Dec. 11. The Mountain Lions had a four-point lead going into the fourth quarter but were unable to protect it, as their opponents outscored them 22-12.

SAS was led by Emmanuel Gabaud's 14 points and eight rebounds. Pierce Myers added 11 points and three assists. Demetrius Dowling had nine points and nine rebounds, Chandler Bryant came off the bench to score seven points and seven rebounds, Jamie Reese had six points and seven rebounds, and Tilghman Myers added one point.

On Dec. 12 the team lost to King's Academy 53-44, despite a strong

performance from Dowling, for its first regional loss. Dowling turned in his best game of the year, recording 17 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and five steals. Tilghman Myers, getting his first start of the season, added 12 points, including six from behind the arc. Pierce Myers added 10 points and three assists; Gabaud added two points and seven rebounds; Bryant scored two points and eight rebounds. Aaron Wang added one point. SAS fell 2-4, 0-1 on the season.

Head coach Rob Zeitler said, "These guys continue to play hard and work well together. We just need to play a little smarter in these close games. I am pleased with the attitude and effort of everyone on this team."

SAS Girls' Basketball Team Defeats Boyd Christian

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee girls' basketball team defeated Boyd Christian 71-50 before a strong contingent of Mountain Lion fans on Dec. 11 to run their record to 4-1. Jodie Brown led all scorers with 24 points. Molly Midgett dropped in six points, Alexis Rollins tallied three points, Hannah Barry finished with eight points, Avery Shackelford chipped in six points, Nikki Bridges totaled nine

points, Elle Gilbert finished with eight points, and Sadie Shackelford tallied seven points.

"Offensively, our inside game and transition play were strong tonight," said Coach Grover Levy. "We have a balanced offensive attack, which makes us difficult to defend, and defensively we're making strides toward where we want to be."

SAS MS Girls Defeat Tracy City, Palmer and Monteagle

The SAS middle school girls' basketball team won its fourth straight Big Eight game by upsetting previously undefeated and top-ranked Tracy City 39-31 on Dec. 13.

Down by eight points early on and by three at the half, the Mountain Lions roared back with 13 straight points to open the third quarter.

Scoring was evenly distributed, with Michaela Shackelford dropping in 13, Jenna Burris and Montana Rhoton each with 10, and defensive stalwart Katelyn Howard scoring four. Diana Rinck played several clutch minutes for the SAS squad and dropped in a critical jump shot just inside the lane.

Against Palmer on Dec. 9, Shackelford led the way with 22. Burris and Howard had four apiece, and Rhoton added six in the 36-19 win. SAS then knocked off neighboring Monteagle 32-28 on the road on Dec. 11. Shackelford had 14, with Howard, Burris and Rhoton all scoring six points. Burris had 10 rebounds in the game.

"We are a young team with only one eighth-grader and not a lot of experience, but the girls are learning and working very hard," said Coach John Shackelford.

The Mountain Lions entered the Jingle Bell Classic at Grundy County High School with a 7-6 record. They faced Pelham in the first round this week. Pelham won the first meeting between the two squads 39-34 on Nov. 18.

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SAS ninth-grader Will Evans of Sewanee at a recent practice at the Fowler Center. Will is one of three SAS swimmers to qualify for state competition. Others qualifying are Nick Evans and Zachary Blount, both of Sewanee. Photo by Bob Hoagland

SAS Swim Team Defeats Tullahoma

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's varsity and middle school swimmers traveled to Manchester on Dec. 12, where they swam against Tullahoma High School (THS), Tullahoma Middle School (TMS), Cookeville High School (CHS) and St. Cecilia Academy (SCA).

The varsity boys defeated THS (77-35) but lost to CHS (72-81). The varsity girls were defeated by THS (17-71), SCA (16-129) and CHS (27-71). Both the middle school boys' and girls' teams were victorious over TMS, boys (29-27) and girls (79-15).

The boys' varsity 200-medley relay team of Zachary Blount, Nick Evans, Zach Huffman and Zach Tidmore beat both the Tullahoma and Cookeville teams. Blount started the individual events off with the top honors in the 200 freestyle. Nick Evans followed with second place in the 200 IM, followed by Trae Burris in third and Tidmore in sixth. Will Evans set a personal best in the 100 butterfly, securing second place. Nick Evans won in the 500 freestyle. The boys' varsity 200 free relay team of Will Evans, Burris, Nick Evans and Blount took first and set a season best time. Blount took second in the boys' backstroke. Will Evans and Huffman topped the 100 breaststroke with first and second places. The boys' varsity

400 free relay team of Tidmore, Alex Durant, Huffman and Burris capped off the night by taking top honors.

On the varsity girls' side, Anna Obermiller took top honors in the 100 freestyle and second place in the 100 breaststroke. Sophie Register turned in a fifth in the backstroke.

The girls' middle school team swept all their relays: Alex Berner-Coe, Lucy Howick, Emily Blount and Katie Craighill took the 200 medley relay; Howick, Marisa Wilson, Eva Miller, and Craighill took the 200 freestyle relay; and Berner-Coe, Wilson, Miller and Blount set a new school record with their victory in the 400 freestyle relay.

Berner-Coe and Craighill took the number one and two spots in the 200 freestyle. Blount won the 200 IM with a personal best time. Howick and Wilson placed second and third in the 50 freestyle. Newcomers to SAS swimming Emma Clare Holleman, Darby Moore and Britni Nunley also swam the 50 freestyle. Craighill placed first in the 100 butterfly, beating the old school record by over 12 seconds. Miller placed second in the 100 butterfly. Berner-Coe placed first in the 100 backstroke. Blount and Howick placed second and third in the 100 breaststroke.

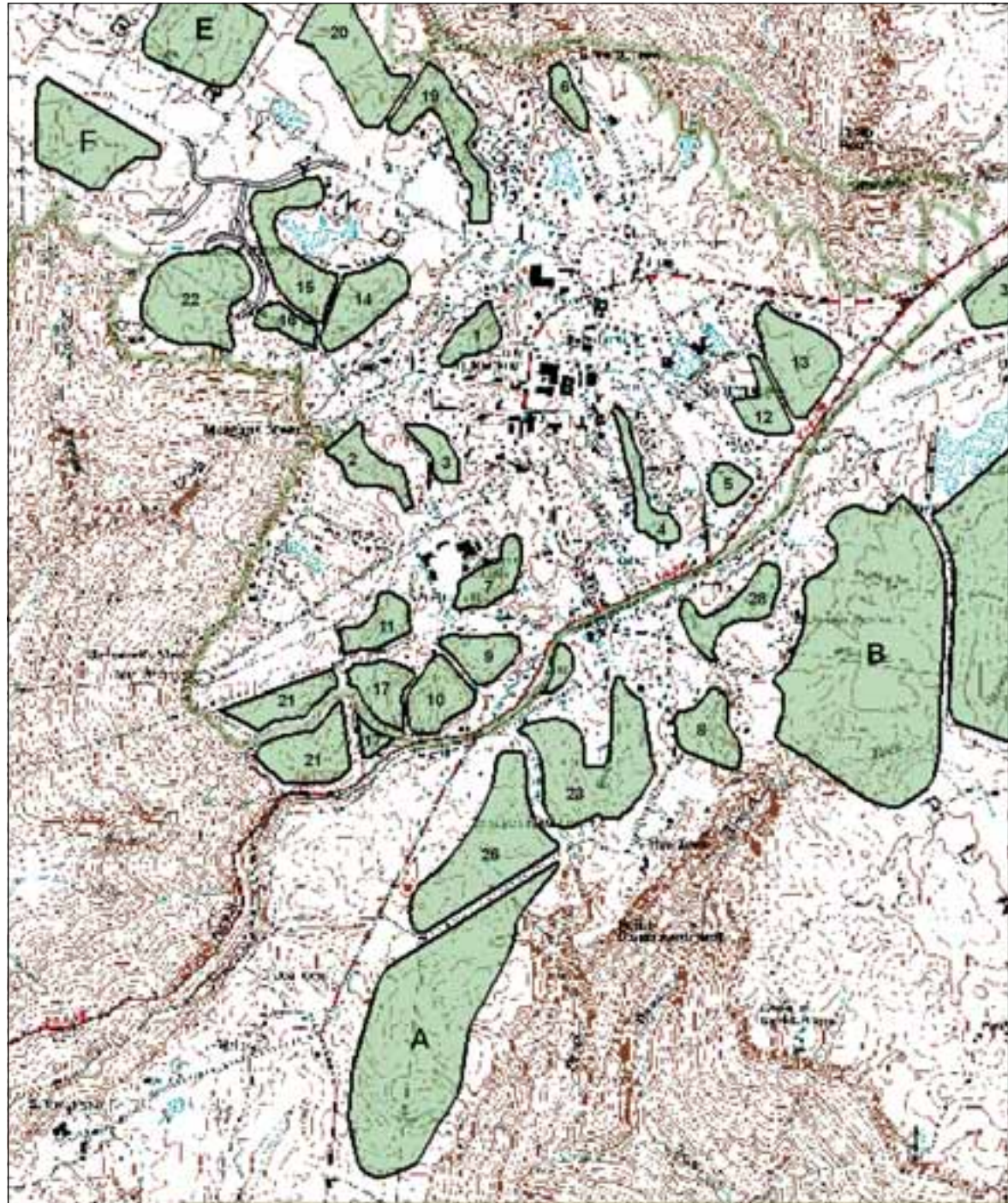
On the boys' MS side, Ethan Evans took top honors in both the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle, in which he posted a personal best. Sidney Durant takes top honors in the 100 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Matthew Baranco placed third in the 100 freestyle and second in the 100 breaststroke.

"We're right where we need to be," Coach Nan Long said. "I am pleased with the outcome of the meet."

SAS hosts a high school and middle school invitational in Sewanee at the Fowler Center on Jan. 10 at 10 a.m.

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SAS Wrestling vs Coffee County

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Brown All-Region

Sewanee footballer Chalankis Brown, a sophomore from Millbrook, Ala., has been named to D3football.com's All-Region Team, third team, according to the national website. "I am very proud of Chalankis for his individual accomplishments. This reflects a great defensive team effort on the part of the rest of our guys. Chalankis' success also represents how far we have come in the last two years and where we are headed in the future," said Sewanee coach Robert Black.

Brown was recently selected as first team All-SCAC for the second year and led the SCAC this year with seven interceptions and 186 interception return yards. He had 57 tackles and broke up five passes. Brown also recovered two fumbles and blocked three kicks on the year.

Emory Outlasts Sewanee Tigers

Sewanee led Emory much of the first half in Atlanta on Dec. 9, but Emory took control in the second half to get the 77-66 DIII men's basketball win. The Tigers led by as much as five points in the first, but Emory was able to get the double-digit win in the end.

Seniors Bradley Pierson and Kenton Coleman led Sewanee with 17 points each, while fellow senior Ben Pursell logged a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds. All three Tigers are averaging in double digits, and Pierson is averaging 18 points per game to lead the squad.

Sewanee, 2-6, will resume play at Birmingham-Southern on Jan. 2 and at Rhodes on Jan. 4.

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Birds that nest in tree holes or in barns have a survival advantage over those that roost on tree limbs. Woodpeckers use nesting holes that they have cut into trees and telephone poles. Carolina Chickadees often peck their own holes in the soft wood of dead trees for nesting and winter shelter. Tufted Titmice, White-breasted Nuthatches and some Carolina Wrens use holes made by woodpeckers or birdhouses put up by humans. Boston ivy vines on buildings are frequently used for shelter by House Finches and Northern Cardinals.

Robins, grackles and crows roost in thick evergreen trees, such as pines and red cedars, as do hawks. Some large owls use hollow trees damaged by storms, but Screech Owls roost in woodpecker holes, natural tree holes and birdhouses with large openings. Pileated Woodpeckers make large nesting and roosting holes every year. These are used by Wood Ducks for nesting and by Screech Owls for living quarters.

Our Turkey and Black Vultures tend to flock in large groups on tree limbs and in rock crevices. They have a hard time in bad weather, but now are feasting on the remains of deer left by hunters and road kills. Red-tailed Hawks and Golden Eagles have been seen scavenging on dead deer on the side of Jump-Off Road.

Bobwhite Quail (pictured at right) roost on the ground in groups of 15 or more with their heads facing out to make a quick getaway from predators. Our native sparrows, towhees, finches, Winter Wrens and other small birds roost in underbrush near the ground. Dark-eyed Juncos prefer to roost in boxwood shrubs. Harry Yeatman advises observing and recording where birds find shelter in winter to add to our knowledge of ornithology.



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Fri	Dec 12	41	26
Sat	Dec 13	43	22
Sun	Dec 14	51	34

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Avg max temp= 48
Avg min temp= 32
Avg temp= 40
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Jan. 9: Chopped steak, baked potato, salad, dessert.

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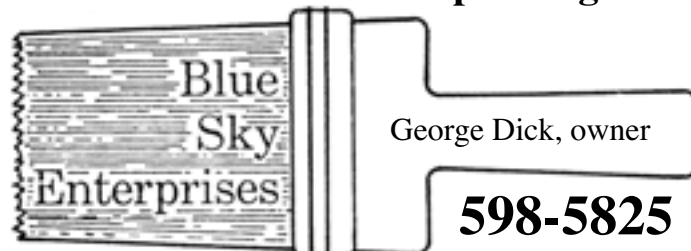
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Or billions of cars ... (From Letter from the Moon, 2006)*

But what do you do with a big empty sack
When you live on the moon,
And you gave all the presents
And you're on the way back?

Well, obviously,
We've got no trees;
And down there, there are many
Endangered Species

We can save in our gardens
Deep underground
With water from the ice caps
And the humus we found—

We carry chestnuts and orchids
And rare butterflies
We saved from the tractors
And development guys,

So we're all cultivating
Our underground chateau
With a spade and a shovel
(And a "hoe, hoe, hoe!")—

So, here's to the Organic
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community calendar

EVENTS

Today, Dec. 18

- 1:00 pm Organize/pack groceries, set up/ decorate for breakfast 12/19, CAC, Otey, till 4
- 6:00 pm Book study, The Shack, St. James
- 7:00 pm Acoustic Jam, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 9

Friday, Dec. 19

Deer cull begins, except 10 am-2 pm, thru Jan 10 (no cull 12/24 and 12/25)

FC schools, MES abbreviated day

MESSENGER office closed till Jan. 2

SAS Christmas break begins, thru Jan. 4

- 7:30 am Curbside Recycling
- 8:00 am CAC Community Breakfast, till 11
- 10:00 am Bridge, Senior Citizens Center
- 3:30 pm Peace vigil, corner Univ Av/Hwy 41
- 5:00 pm Light-seeing tour, meet at Senior Ctr
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:30 pm ACOA, Otey parish hall

Saturday, Dec. 20

- 12:00 pm Senior covered-dish lunch, Sr Cit Ctr
- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall

Sunday, Dec. 21 First Day of Winter

- 4:00 pm Women's Bible study, Otey
- 4:00 pm Yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 6:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle

Monday, Dec. 22 Hanukkah begins

FC, MES Christmas break, thru Jan. 2

- 11:00 am Chair exercise, Sr Cit Ctr, till 11:45
- 12:00 pm MESSENGER classified ad deadline
- 5:00 pm Women 12-step, Otey parish hall
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey parish hall

Tuesday, Dec. 23

- 8:30 am Iyengar yoga, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 9:40
- 10:30 am Bingo, Senior Citizens Ctr, till 11:45
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer, St Marys, till 5:30
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers, EHH dining rm
- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon, Otey parish hall

Wednesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

- No deer cull
- 5:30 pm Adult yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle

Thursday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

- No deer cull
- 12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location

Friday, Dec. 26 Kwanzaa begins

- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:30 pm ACOA, Otey parish hall

Saturday, Dec. 27

- 2:00 pm Film, Ratatouille, SUT
- 7:00 pm Film, Ratatouille, SUT
- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall

Sunday, Dec. 28

- 4:00 pm Women's Bible study, Otey
- 4:00 pm Adult Yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 6:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle

Monday, Dec. 29 Hanukkah ends

- 11:00 am Chair exercise, Sr Cit Ctr, till 11:45
- 5:00 pm Women 12-step, Otey parish hall
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey parish hall

Tuesday, Dec. 30

- 8:30 am Iyengar yoga, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 9:40
- 10:30 am Bingo, Senior Citizens Ctr, till 11:45
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer, St Marys, till 5:30
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers, EHH dining rm
- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist

- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon, Otey parish hall

Wednesday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

- 10:00 am Sewing class, Sr Cit Ctr, till 11:30
- 10:30 am Blood pressure checks, Sr Cit Ctr
- 5:30 pm Adult Yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 New Year's Day

- 12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey parish hall

Friday, Jan. 2

- SUD Comm early voting, thru Jan 27
- 7:30 am Curbside Recycling
- 8:30 am MESSENGER office reopens
- 10:00 am Bridge, Senior Citizens Center
- 3:45 pm GS Troop 2107, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 5:00 pm MESSENGER Display ad deadline
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:30 pm ACOA, Otey parish hall

Saturday, Jan. 3

- 9:00 am Centering Prayer Retreat, St Marys Sewanee, till 3
- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall

Sunday, Jan. 4

- 3:30 pm BS Troop 14, SAS Scout shed, till 5
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer 8-day intensive retreat, St Marys Sewanee, till Jan 11
- 4:00 pm Women's Bible study, Otey
- 4:00 pm Adult yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 6:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle

Monday, Jan. 5

- 8:30 am Body Recall, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 11:00 am Chair exercise, Sr Cit Ctr, till 11:45
- 12:00 pm MESSENGER news deadline
- 5:00 pm Women 12-step, Otey parish hall
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey parish hall
- 7:00 pm FC Comm School Cmte, Bd of Ed ofc

Tuesday, Jan. 6

- 8:30 am Iyengar yoga, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 9:40
- 10:00 am Scrabble, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 12
- 10:30 am Bingo, Senior Citizens Ctr, till 11:45
- 12:00 pm MESSENGER Classified ad deadline
- 3:00 pm Pack groceries, CAC, Otey
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer, St Marys, till 5:30
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers, EHH dining rm
- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon, Otey parish hall

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- 9:30 am CAC open, Otey, till 11:30
- 10:00 am Sewing class, Sr Cit Ctr, till 11:30
- 10:30 am Blood pressure checks, Sr Cit Ctr
- 5:30 pm Adult Yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle

Thursday, Jan. 8

- 8:30 am Body Recall, Community Center



HEARING HEALTH NEWS

by Debbie Gamache,
M.S. CCC-A Audiologist

Living with Severe Hearing Loss



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- 12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location
- 12:30 pm EPF, Otey parish hall
- 6:30 pm FC School Board, Bd of Ed

CHURCH SERVICES

This Evening, Dec. 18

- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Church of God

Friday, Dec. 19

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey

Sunday, Dec. 21

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Cumberland Presbyterian

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School

Grace Fellowship

- 10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Jump-Off Baptist

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 6:00 pm Worship Service

Midway Baptist

- 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

Otey Memorial Church

- 8:50 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Christian Education
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

St. James Episcopal

- 9:00 am Rite II HE/Christmas Pageant
- 9:00 am Children's Church School
- 10:15 am Sunday School Adults/Children

St. Mary's Convent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

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

Monday, Dec. 22

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey

Tuesday, Dec. 23

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey

Wednesday, Dec. 24

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 4:00 pm Children's Creche Service, Otey
- 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St James
- 10:45 pm Christmas Eve service, HE, Otey

Thursday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St Marys Convent
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Otey
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Church of God

Friday, Dec. 26

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St Marys Convent
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey

Schedule repeats until Jan. 8 with exceptions and additional services as follows:

- Sunday, Dec. 28
- 10:00 am Intergenerational Sunday school hymn sing, cookie swap, Otey

Wednesday, Dec. 31

- No Holy Eucharist at St Marys convent

Sunday, Jan. 4 Pantry Sunday

- 5:00 pm Epiphany pageant, potluck, Otey

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- No Holy Eucharist at St Marys convent
- 6:00 pm Rite III HE/Healing, St. James

This holiday season,
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Dec 21 at 10:30 am:
Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve at 5 pm
Christmas Day at 4 pm
Dec 26 at Noon:
St. Stephen's Day
Dec 27 at Noon:
St. John's Day
Jan 4 at 10:30 am:
Epiphany