

## Civic Association Learns Ways to Save Resources

by Leslie Lytle  
Messenger Staff Writer

Representatives from the Sewanee Utility District, Elk River Public Utility District and Duck River Electric Membership Corporation were on hand at the Nov. 19 Sewanee Civic Association dinner meeting to offer timely advice on how to save energy and water.

Sewanee Utility District (SUD) provides water for the mountain-top regions of Franklin and Marion counties. SUD manager Ben Beavers offered tips on how to keep water bills low. Simple things like turning off the water while you brush your teeth and limiting the time you spend in the shower can add up to huge savings, Beavers said.

He recommended composting rather than using the disposal, using a rain barrel to catch water for gardens and yards, and running the dishwasher and clothes washer only when full. Dishwashers and clothes washers using far less water are now available, Beavers added. He suggested using unsweetened Kool Aid to check for a leaky toilet flapper: pour the colored drink mix in the tank and wait overnight to see if colored water seeped into the toilet bowl. If a leak exists, get it repaired.

In preparation for cold weather, Beavers advised insulating pipes and

making sure the water was turned off and spray nozzle removed from outside garden hoses. A burst pipe or hose can leak eight to fifteen gallons per minute, costing the customer \$11 or more per hour.

Elk River Public Utility District (ERPUD) is a nonprofit business that supplies natural gas to Franklin and Coffee counties. Marketing representative Levoid Baltimore said the present abundant supply of natural gas has some very positive consequences.

ERPUD can buy one-third of its capacity in the summer when the cost is low and can lock in low prices with long-term contracts. On the commercial side, the low cost of natural gas is bringing companies that moved overseas back to the United States, creating jobs. Baltimore offered several tips for saving energy in the cold weather: set the thermostat lower; purchase a programmable thermostat that can be set to turn down the heat when no one is home; invest in energy-efficient windows and seal windows and doors with weatherstripping; install a dual-fuel heat pump; and buy energy-efficient appliances. A tankless water heater can save customers 30–50 percent on their natural gas bill. For customers struggling with paying their bill, financial assistance is available through numerous agencies, including South East Tennessee Human Resource Agency

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This handmade quilt, in the crown of thorns pattern, measuring 72" by 90," will be given away at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the Sewanee Senior Center. To enter the drawing, tickets (\$2 each) will be sold at the center. For complete information go to page 11.

## Sewanee Christmas Tree Lighting

Sewanee's third annual Tree Lighting will be on Friday, Dec. 5.

The University will again join with the community for this year's event. Students and community members will gather at 4 p.m. in the Quad for music and snacks. The tree lighting will be at 4:30 p.m.

Music, cookies and cocoa will begin in Angel Park in downtown Sewanee at 5 p.m.

A Sewanee fire engine will carry Santa Claus and friends from the Quad to the village around 5:15 p.m. The tree lighting at Angel Park will be at 5:30 p.m.

Santa and the Grinch will be available for photos.

The Sewanee Chorale will lead Christmas caroling. Everyone is encouraged to bring food and/or unwrapped new toys. All donated items will go to the Community Action Committee or Operation Noel.

In case of inclement weather, the post-tree-lighting activities will move inside to the Blue Chair Bakery & Tavern.

This event is cosponsored by the University and the Sewanee Business Alliance.

## CAC Celebrates 40th Anniversary

### Four Decades of Caring for the Greater Sewanee Community

The Community Action Committee turns 40 years old in 2014. In 1974 community members who worshiped at Otey Memorial Parish formed the CAC as an outreach ministry of the church. In the ensuing years, other local churches joined Otey to provide food and assistance to members in the Sewanee community.

There will be a luncheon celebration to commemorate this achievement at noon, Sunday, Dec. 14, in Claiborne Parish Hall at Otey. All are welcome to attend.

From the beginning of CAC, the first Sunday of the month was designated Pantry Sunday. Church members were asked to bring canned goods so that groceries could be distributed once a month to the CAC clients. CAC also purchased food from Kroger to ensure that the bags

of food would be nutritionally balanced. For 26 years the CAC offered groceries once a month to about 20 families.

In 2001 CAC began its partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee in Nashville. Second Harvest is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to serve food banks and soup kitchens with high-quality food at a low cost to its partner organizations. CAC regularly orders between 1,500 and 2,000 pounds of food every two to three months. This partnership with Second Harvest continues and has proven to be CAC's best ongoing source of non-perishable foods for clients. Pantry Sunday continues, as well, offering people the opportunity to donate food items and toiletries. Fresh produce has also been available through local gardens and from a distribution center in

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## Tennessee Craft–Southeast Holiday Tour Dec. 6–7

The annual 2014 Holiday Tour of Fine Craft will be 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, and 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. The studio tour features art by members of the Tennessee Craft–Southeast (formerly CAST-TACA) and members of the St. Andrew's–Sewanee faculty.

As in past years, the St. Andrew's–Sewanee Art Gallery will host a full exhibit featuring the work of artists in the Tennessee Craft–Southeast through Thursday, Dec. 11. Most works featured in the exhibit, as well as SAS student-designed holiday cards, are for sale. Art will also be for sale in the Spencer Room, located on the SAS campus, and in the SAS art studios.

Also participating in the tour are numerous local artists including Bob Askew, oils and watercolors; Anne Griffin, fiber arts; Jasper King, chain saw-carved wooden bowls; Bill Mauzy, wood; Mary McElwain, silverplate flatware jewelry; G. Sanford McGee, metal/mixed media;

Christi Ormsby, clay; Ben Potter, cut metal figures; Claire Reishman, clay; Archie Stapleton, clay; Jeanie



Fused glass, "Lavender Dreams" by Lisa Dorney, an artist from Fayetteville, Tenn.

Stephenson, bronze; and Merissa Tobler, pottery.

Maps for the studio tour are available in the SAS Art Gallery, as well as at other stops along the tour. Follow the bright yellow signs across the Mountain and beyond to see the unique variety of artist and artwork on the tour, including works in pottery, jewelry, glass, wood, textiles, paintings, prints and much more.

The SAS Art Gallery is located in the center of Simmonds Hall. Gallery hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., and by appointment. For more information about the holiday tour go to <[www.tennesseecraft.org/southeast](http://www.tennesseecraft.org/southeast)>.

## Housing Sewanee's New Home Uses Upcycled and Donated Materials

Housing Sewanee, Inc. will host an open house and dedication of its 16th home on Saturday, Dec. 6. The open house will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; the dedication ceremony will be at 11 a.m.

The recipient of this house is a lifelong resident of the Mountain. As a grandmother raising grandchildren, she is very excited about the house's completion. She has been active in the building process, and her grandchildren have enjoyed meeting the Sewanee students and community members who have volunteered on the project.

For this project, Housing Sewanee was dedicated to "building local." Many of the materials used in the project have come from the local community. Unlike the previous houses, this project has incorporated building

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Volunteers working on finishing the floors in the new HSI home.

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More than 200 people participated in the 10th annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 22, a record number for the event, sponsored by Theta Pi, to benefit Blue Monarch. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## Correction

In the Nov. 21 issue of the Messenger, we incorrectly identified the sheep in the Nutcracker performance, which was on Nov. 15. The cutline is correct below. We apologize for the mistake



In "The Nutcracker" on Nov. 15 the sheep (from left, Sarah Russell Roberson, Maddy Van de Ven, Amelia Pond and Eliza Griffey) enter in Act Two. The holiday classic was performed by Alabama Youth Ballet-Sewanee Dance Conservatory. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## WHAT TIME IS THAT MEETING?

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## Curbside Recycling Next Friday

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Dec. 5, will be a pickup day.

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.

## MESSENGER Break Ahead

Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner. The Messenger will be on hiatus during the holidays.

We will publish three issues in December: Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. The staff will take a two-week break and return to the office on Monday, Jan. 5, with the first issue of 2015 on Friday, Jan. 9.

Please remember that the Dec. 19 issue, affectionately known as the "coffee table issue," will contain three weeks worth of news and calendars. Plan accordingly if you have information to submit.

Our deadlines: 5 p.m., Monday, for display advertising; 5 p.m., Tuesday, for news and calendar information; and noon, Wednesday, for classified advertising.

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## Thanksgiving Closings & Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, Nov. 27. All federal, state and county offices will be closed, including banks and post offices. Other closings include the offices of the University and St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, the CAC office and the Sewanee Senior Center.

The Fowler Center will be open the following hours over Thanksgiving break: 6 a.m.–6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26; CLOSED on Thursday, Nov. 27; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29; 9 a.m.–9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30.

The center's pool hours are: 12 noon–2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26; CLOSED on Thursday, Nov. 27; noon–2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28, Saturday, Nov. 29, and Sunday, Nov. 30.

Sewanee's Jessie Ball duPont Library will be open the following hours over Thanksgiving break: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26; CLOSED on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28; 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29; 1 p.m.–10 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30. Regular hours resume on Monday, Dec. 1.

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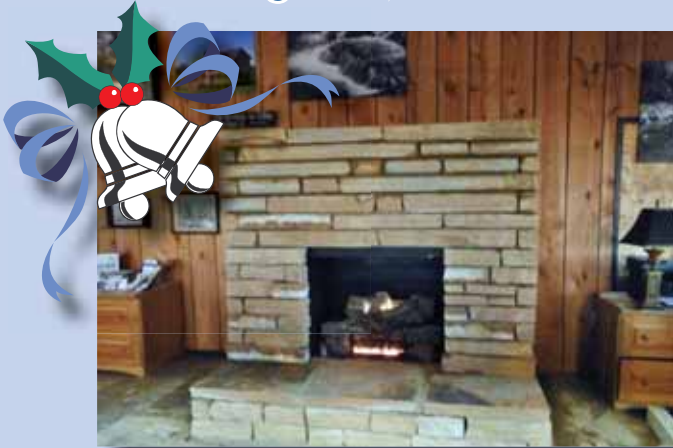
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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Louise Irwin, 598-5864.



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Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community's conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines.

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](mailto:news@sewaneemessenger.com).—LW

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

### Woman's Club Reservations Due by Friday

Reservations are due by Friday, Nov. 28, for the next meeting of the Sewanee Woman's Club. The group will gather on Monday, Dec. 8, at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle for a program by professor Dan Backlund, who will talk about "World War I's First Christmas: The Truce of 1914 and A Song It Inspired."

The menu for the meal (\$13.25) is green salad, roast beef au jus, mashed potatoes, fresh green vegetable and caramel mousse with fresh berries for dessert. There will be a vegetarian option available; please specify that when making your reservation. Child care is available, but also must be requested at the time of the reservation.

Lunch is served at noon. Programs begin at 12:30 p.m. Make a reservation by calling Pixie Dozier at 598-5869 or email Marianna Handler at <mariannah@earthlink.net>.

### Reservations Due Sunday for GCHS Christmas Luncheon

Reservations are due by Sunday, Nov. 30, for the Christmas luncheon and quarterly meeting of the Grundy County Historical Society. The event will be at noon, Thursday, Dec. 11, at the parish house of Christ Church in Tracy City. There will be Appalachian folk music and storytelling by performers from Middle Tennessee State University. Christ Church is located at 530 10th St. in Tracy City.

To make a reservation for lunch (\$20), contact the Historical Society by phone, (931) 592-6088; by email, <history@blomand.net>; or by sending it to P.O. Box 1422, Tracy City, TN 37387.

### Community Council Meets on Dec. 1

The next meeting of the Sewanee Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 1, in the Sewanee Senior Center. The agenda includes a report on EMS integration.

### EQB on Dec. 2: Wilkinson About Healthcare

The EQB Club will meet at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Torian Room of duPont Library. Ty Wilkinson will talk about "Healthcare Insurance: Public Policy or Privilege." The talk is open to the public.

Wilkinson is a Sewanee alumnus, class of 1972, and completed the graduate program in Hospital Administration at St. Louis University in 1977. During a 40-year career in healthcare management he was an administrator for both public and investor-owned hospitals, later serving as vice president of healthcare services for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee.

### GAAC Hosts Winter Meeting on Dec. 2

The Grundy Area Arts Council will hold its winter membership meeting and dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m., with dinner (\$12) at 6 p.m., followed by music and caroling. If you plan to attend and have not mailed in an RSVP card, contact Virginia Kraft by email, <rvkraft@blomand.net>, to arrange a reservation.

### Tucker to Speak at Open Forum Dec. 2

The Sewanee Parents' Organization is hosting an open forum at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, to hear Adam Tucker, representative for District 5 on the Franklin County School Board, talk about the county schools and where Sewanee Elementary ranks in the county. Parents and community members will have the opportunity to ask questions concerning our schools and our children.

The event will be in the Sewanee Elementary School cafeteria. There will be supervised children's activities available during the meeting. For more information email <sesptonews@gmail.com>.

### Birders Gather for Christmas Banquet Dec. 2

The Highland Rim Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the home of Farris Ralston for its annual Christmas banquet. Please bring a covered dish. The Christmas bird count will be coordinated. For directions or carpool information contact Lisa Trail at (931) 728-6045.

### COHO Coffee and Conversation Dec. 2

The University's Community Engagement House is hosting another gathering in its coffee and conversation series at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2. The featured guest will be professor Gerald Smith.

The Community Engagement House is located at the corner of Alabama and Mitchell Avenues in Sewanee. All are welcome.

## "Last Child in the Woods" Author to Keynote 2015 Trails & Trilliums

Author Richard Louv — who coined the term "nature-deficit disorder" and wrote the ground-breaking book "Last Child in the Woods" will be the keynote speaker for the Friends of South Cumberland's Trails & Trilliums Festival in April.

"We are delighted to host internationally acclaimed environmentalist Richard Louv," said FSC president Ty Burnette. "His powerful message on the importance of connecting children to nature is central to the FSC mission and one we are proud to share."

Following publication of "Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder," Louv sparked a debate that began an international movement to reconnect kids and nature. He introduced the concept of nature-deficit disorder, influenced national policy and helped inspire campaigns throughout North America. Louv will present a program for educators on April 10 and give an address on April 11.

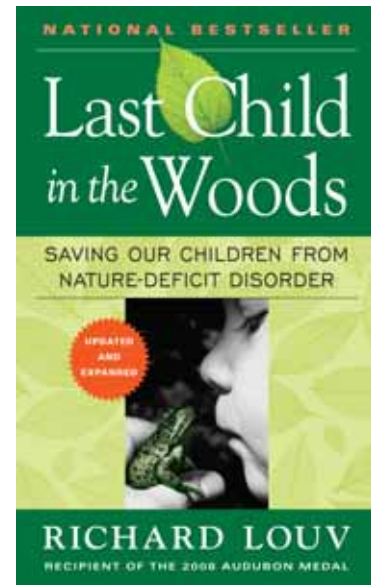
The 12th "perennial" Trails and Trilliums, which is a celebration of the South Cumberland State Park, hiking, wildflowers and environmental education, will be April 10–12 in the historic Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. Proceeds will support the Friends of South Cumberland's "Every Child in the Park" initiative to expand its programs of outreach to children and families.

Louv often addresses national and international gatherings. In 2010 he delivered the keynote at the national conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and in 2012 was keynote speaker at the first White House Summit on Environmental Education. He is the recipient of numerous national awards. In 2008 he received the Audubon Medal, whose past recipients include Rachel Carson, E.O. Wilson and Jimmy Carter.

Louv is a journalist and author of eight books, which have been published in 17 countries. In his more

recent book, *The Nature Principle: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age*, Louv delivers another powerful call to action—this time for adults. He is cofounder and chairman emeritus of the Children & Nature Network, an organization helping build the international movement to connect people and communities to the natural world. He has written for the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Times of London and other newspapers and magazines. He appears frequently on national radio and television programs, including the Today Show, CBS Evening News and NPR's Fresh Air.

For more information go to <www.trailsandtrilliums.org> or email Margaret Matens at <contact@trailsandtrilliums.org>.



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# Obituary

## Howard Gene Betty

Howard Gene Betty, age 92 of Cowan, died on Nov. 13, 2014. He was born on Aug. 7, 1922, and was a lifelong resident of Cowan, with law offices in Winchester. He served in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur M. Betty and Fannie F. Betty; and his wife, Lynn.

Graveside funeral services were on Nov. 22 at Montgomery Cemetery in Cowan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Monroe Carell Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University < <http://www.childrenshospital.vanderbilt.org/>>.

For complete obituary go to <[www.moorecortner.com](http://www.moorecortner.com)>.

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### HEARING HEALTH NEWS

by Debbie Gamache,  
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### NOISY!

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# SWEEC Hosts Cooking Class for CAC Families

A new group of college students known as SWEEC (Sewanee Women Engaging and Empowering Community) needs help from the community.

SWEEC is hosting a cooking class for some clients

of the Community Action Committee on Saturday, Dec. 6. In order to put on this event SWEEC is requesting donations of the following nonperishables: pasta, canned tomato sauce, canned corn, canned peas, applesauce, oatmeal, peanut butter, grits, stuffing, tuna helper, canned beef stew, fruit cups, pancake mix, corn muffin mix and instant mashed potatoes.

Items can be dropped off at the Outreach Office in the Bishop's Common.

SWEEC is a community service initiative designed to engage the women of Sewanee, in order to build lasting community and create meaningful, empowering interactions and relationships in the surrounding area. Community-building is facilitated through "tea cup" mentorship monthly meetings on the Mountain and monthly service projects with four local community partners: Blue Monarch, Girls Inc. of Chattanooga, the CAC, and Darkness to Light (a childhood sexual abuse prevention organization). SWEEC exists to develop a more empowered and unified community by serving, woman to woman.

For more information contact Mary Ottley at <[ottleme0@sewanee.edu](mailto:ottleme0@sewanee.edu)>.



# Church News

## All Saints' Chapel

On Sunday, Nov. 30, Holy Eucharist will be offered at 8 a.m. in All Saints' Chapel. The 11 a.m. Sunday service will resume Sunday, Dec. 7. Morning and Evening Prayer will not be said while the University is on break, Nov. 26–Dec. 2.

The Catechumenate will resume with dinner and conversation at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the Women's Center. For more information contact University lay chaplain Rob McAlister by email, <[rob.mcalister@sewanee.edu](mailto:rob.mcalister@sewanee.edu)>.

## Christ Church, Monteagle

Christ Church, Monteagle, will celebrate St. Andrew's Day and the first Sunday in Advent at its 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 30, service. Lunch follows.

## Otey Memorial Parish

Otey Parish's services on Sunday, Nov. 30, the first Sunday in Advent, will begin with the Great Litany. Between services that day, at 10 a.m., the annual Advent wreath-making event will be in St Mark's Hall. Bring gar-

den clippers. Nate Wilson and the University will provide fresh greens. Lynn and Ken Taylor will have wreath kits available for a nominal fee. Light refreshments will be served.

The Lectionary Class will also meet. Children ages 3–11 can attend Godly Play. Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks old to 4 years old from 8:30 a.m. until after coffee hour, which follows the 11 a.m. service.

Otey's annual parish meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. There will only be one service, at 11 a.m., on that day.

## Celtic Christianity Class

The Rev. Stephen Eichler will be presenting a course on Celtic Christianity beginning on Wednesday, Dec. 3. The class will meet from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., for six weeks in the Parish House at Christ Church, Tracy City. The dates scheduled for the class are Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17, Jan. 7, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21.

There is no charge for the class, and it is open to all. For more information or to sign up for the class, call Eichler at (423) 619-3328 or email <[stephen.eichler@hotmail.com](mailto:stephen.eichler@hotmail.com)>.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Weekday Services

7:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's Convent (11/28, 12/2–5)  
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey  
7:30 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (12/2–5)  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's Convent (11/27, 28)  
8:10 am Morning Pr., Chapel of the Apostles (12/2–5)  
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's (12/2–5)  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Otey (11/27)  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles (12/2–5)  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Otey (St. Andrew the Apostle, 12/1)  
12:30 pm Noon Prayer, St. Mary's Convent (11/28, 12/2–5)  
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's (12/2–5)  
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey  
5:00 pm Evening Pr., St. Mary's Convent (11/28, 12/2–5)  
5:30 pm Evensong, St. Mary's Convent (11/27)

## Thursday, Nov. 27 • Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's Convent  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Otey

## Saturday, Nov. 29

7:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's Convent  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's Convent  
10:00 am Monteagle 7th Day Adventist Sabbath School  
11:00 am Monteagle 7th Day Adventist Worship Service  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle  
5:00 pm Mass, Good Shepherd Catholic, Dechard

## Sunday, Nov. 30

### All Saints' Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10:00 am Morning Service

5:30 pm Evening Service

### Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
10:45 am Children's Sunday School  
12:50 pm Christian Formation Class

### Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Children's Sunday School

### Christ Church Episcopal, Tracy City

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Children's 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

### Dechard United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

### Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:45 am Holy Eucharist

### First United Methodist Church, Tracy City

8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Bible study, prayer meeting

### First United Methodist Church, Winchester

8:30 am Worship Service

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Youth Activities

### Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Dechard

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

5:00 pm Evening 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

10:30 am Worship Service

### Otey Memorial Parish

8:50 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Godly Play/Adult Formation Classes

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

### St. Agnes' Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

### St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

### 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, Winchester

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Children's Sunday School

## Wednesday, Dec. 3

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle  
5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle  
5:30 pm Youth Fellowship, 1st United Methodist, Tracy  
6:00 pm Evening Worship, Midway Baptist Church  
6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist  
6:30 pm Evening Prayer, Trinity Episcopal, Winchester  
7:00 pm Evening Worship, Harrison Chapel, Midway  
7:00 pm Adult Christian Ed, Epiphany, Sherwood  
7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

## Community Chest Spotlight: Sewanee Senior Citizens

The 2014-15 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is underway. The power of people helping people makes a difference in the life of the community. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal is \$101,000. To date, 44 percent of the goal has been reached.

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

The Sewanee Senior Citizens Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It began in 1978 with state funds from Title V for building renovations. Volunteers completed the work on the building. Part of the director's salary at that time was paid from Franklin County Senior Citizens funding. Meals were offered through the state's Nutrition Program (Title VII).

In 1997 the satellite relationship with Franklin County Senior Citizens became tenuous when their board voted to cease contributing to the director's salary. The Sewanee Community Chest increased its donation. An anonymous donor remained committed to matching funds. The Center survived.

In September 2002, the Sewanee Center was excluded from the state's Nutrition Program. Meals were available again in October 2002, when Lena McBee and Frances Lappin prepared food at home and brought it to the center for distribution. Because of their efforts and the funds received from the Franklin County Commission and the Sewanee Community Chest, the Center now has cooks. These cooks prepare more than 12,000 meals annually. Approximately 2,000 meals are delivered to home-bound patrons.

In addition to meals for seniors and shut-ins, the Center provides various activities, which are scheduled weekly for 85 seniors and other members of the community. Activities include games, exercise groups, field trips, musical programs, blood pressure checks and information sessions regarding nutrition and health care.

The Senior Citizens Center relies on the Community Chest for approximately 25 percent of its operating budget. Their income last year totaled \$48,000. Current funding for the Center comes from the Franklin County Commission (\$9,000), the Sewanee Community Chest (\$12,000), and food donations (\$18,000). They also receive funds from bake sales, individuals, and an annual Christmas bazaar. The Center's greatest expense is for food purchases of approximately \$18,000 per year. The Senior Citizens Center is requesting \$12,000 this year to pay for the cook's salaries.

The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Sewanee Senior Citizens Center at 598-0771, or drop by for a visit at 5 Ball Park Road. The Center always welcomes visitors and volunteers.

The goal of the Sewanee Community Chest is to help citizens by funding the community.

Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information, or to make a donation through PayPal or Amazon Smile, contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewaneecivic.wordpress.com>.

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## Crossroads Hosts Book Signing

Author Mark H. Kelly will sign copies and read from his new book, "Gone Off With The Angels: Christmas Stories of Golden Love," at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, at Crossroads Café in Sewanee.

The book signing will begin at 5:30 p.m.; the author will answer questions and continue to sign books after the reading until 7 p.m. A portion of the book's sale price will be donated to the St. Andrew's Chapel restoration fund.

"Gone Off With the Angels" is the memoir about Kelly's son, Benjamin-Hayes Dorr-Kelly, who died in 1999 at age 9 after a two-year struggle against leukemia. It is based on newspaper columns, magazine stories and personal reflections written by Kelly throughout his son's illness. Much of the story is based on Benjamin-Hayes' communication with angels, a phenomena the young boy termed "Golden Love." Kelly is an alumnus of St. Andrew's School and Georgia Southern University. He lives in Jasper.

Kelly is an award-winning journalist. He was the editorial consultant on best-selling "The Lodge Cast Iron Cookbook" and co-editor of "Lodge Cast Iron Nation."

## Sewanee Operation Noel Application

Mail completed application by Friday, Dec. 12, to  
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## Operation Noel Information

Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) in conjunction with FROST (the department's Fund Raising Operational Support Team) organizes Operation Noel, which purchases and distributes of food and toys for families in need. All items are delivered the morning of Dec. 23 by the SVFD and FROST.

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



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**Resources** (from page 1)

(SETHRA), Good Samaritan and the Salvation Army.

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) is a non-profit, member-owned cooperative with more than 71,000 members in a six-county area. Patrick Hannah, manager of the Decherd/Sewanee district office, provided an overview of DREMC's Beat the Peak program, designed to encourage customers to use less electricity during high-demand periods when the cost to DREMC is high. DREMC notifies participants of expected high-demand periods by text or e-mail, and the customer can take energy-saving measures like turning down thermostats.

Another DREMC program offers customers an opportunity to buy shares in the DREMC Community Solar Farm. Participants' electric bills are credited with a proportion of the

solar farm's production each month, with the initial investment recouped in 10–12 years. DREMC energy advisor Pat Garrett announced a new rebate program beginning Dec. 1 that will help customers recover the cost of making energy-saving home improvements and purchasing energy-efficient appliances. See details online at <www.DREMC.com>.

In the business portion of the meeting, Civic Association President Kiki Beavers updated members on the Community Chest fund drive. Donations of \$48,000 have been pledged toward the goal of \$101,000.

Parks committee chair Stephen Burnett reported the committee had chosen a playground equipment company for the planned renovation of Elliott Park. The company is preparing a mock-up showing proposed equipment and facilities.

The Civic Association's next meeting is Dec. 17.



Volunteers ready the yard for landscaping at the latest Housing Sewanee home.

**Housing** (from page 1)

practices that align with the goals of the University's Sustainability Committee.

Some of the unique features of the new home are: framing lumber was harvested and milled within a 30-mile radius of Sewanee to reduce the carbon footprint; recycled materials were used as often as possible, including recovered paneling from the old Sewanee Inn, second-grade flooring from the new Sewanee Inn project (used for flooring and milled into baseboard, crown molding, window and door trim); windows, door units, shower units, vanities and excess wire were donated from various job sites; and construction includes highest-grade insulation and special insulation techniques.

Dixon Myers, head of HSI, estimates that 300–400 volunteers worked on the project, compiling several thousand hours of free work, minimizing labor costs.

Housing Sewanee Inc. is a non-profit organization modeled after Habitat for Humanity. Since 1993, Housing Sewanee has built homes for area families in need, including the elderly, the sick, the physically or mentally disabled, and grandparents raising their grandchildren.

To get to the project: From the Sewanee airport, travel south on Highway 156 for five miles. After Taylor Road, there will be orange traffic cones on the right and a sign directing parking in a field. The driveway and housing site are about 50 yards from the field. The address is 18535 South Pittsburg Mtn. Hwy.

For more information call Myers at 598-1156.

**CAC** (from page 1)

Winchester.

CAC also provides assistance with utility bills, housing, education needs and dental care. CAC serves the greater Sewanee area (including Midway and Jump Off) and the Sherwood community.

CAC is an outreach ministry of Otey Parish. It is governed by a board composed of community members, representatives of local churches, the University and the School of Theology. Partner churches include St. James Episcopal Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Betty Carpenter is the CAC director; volunteers from across the community and area schools help keep the office open, bag groceries and assist with new projects. The University also provides the CAC with students in the Bonner Scholars Program. Community lunches, container gardens and the quilting project are programs that have recently been launched. For more information about CAC or its anniversary event call 598-5927.

—by Pixie Dozier,  
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**77 KENTUCKY AVE.** On the Domain. Brick home, walk to UOS amenities. Brick, metal roof. 1400 sf, 3/2. MLS#1583957. \$149,900.



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**CLIFFTOPS.** 2331 Lakeshore Dr. Spacious one-level home w/over 500 ft lake frontage. Sun porch facing lake, gazebo, meditation bench at lake edge. 3250 sf, 5BR, 4BA. MLS#1565259. \$600,000.



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## I LIKE TO WATCH

by Kiki Beavers



I honestly love to watch parades. Ever since I can remember, my family has watched in its entirety the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. When I was younger, it marked the time between the turkey in its final throes in the oven and the start of the Detroit Lions football game.

As I got older, I began to anticipate the sounds of the marching band drums coming up the street. Would the Snoopy and Underdog balloons still be part of the parade? How could the Rockettes kick and fan their legs with such precision? And Santa Claus in his sleigh at the end of the parade was the first herald to a new season. I stopped and watched the whole celebration.

It is no wonder I decided to join a marching band while in school in Trenton, Tenn. I was a member of the Peabody Band of Gold, one of the best marching bands around. (They still are.) We drilled our steps in the summer and practiced our music at home in order to be the best. We worked to play to an almost flawless performance. This band was on the same level as any varsity sport. We had a Band Boosters Club, letterman jackets and our own overflowing trophy case.

The crowd would stay in their seats during halftime at the Golden Tide football games, because they came to see our show. In marching competitions, if we were not number one, we were at least number two. We performed in the parades: the Trenton Teapot Festival, Strawberry Festival, Lions Club Christmas Parade and the Paris Fish Fry.

Our band was almost always placed in the latter part of these parades. As we marched up the street, everyone in the crowd stopped, formed a line on the curb and turned to watch. Though it seemed impossible, the band members stood a little straighter, moved our legs higher in unison, and played without missing a beat to the snap of the color guard flags. Playing in perfect rhythm until the end of set, the drum corps picked up a new cadence, and we turned to move down the street.

While I am no longer part of a marching band, there is another show I have drilled for and practiced to almost perfection: Thanksgiving dinner. This is the same Thanksgiving menu ritual from my mother and her mother before her. I have this performance down pat.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, I go to the grocery store, where it seems half of the town is on the parade route. Shopping carts wheel in unison up and down the aisles armed with ingredients: water chestnuts for the stuffing, heavy cream for the pumpkin pie topping and oranges for the cranberry sauce. The line goes to the checkout to unload the carts onto a conveyor belt. Items are scanned and snapped into place in bags. The shoppers pay, say thank you, turn, and walk out the door left or right to their car. We wait our turn to move out onto the highway to head home.

The Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, the whole process is repeated, because we have forgotten nutmeg or the eight pounds of butter needed to complete the celebration.

The ingredients take their place on the kitchen counter. Buttery button mushrooms, celery and onions sizzle in the pan on the stove, waiting for the stock and breadcrumbs to join in. Coconut-pineapple salad is mixed together. Pans are prepped for the corn pudding and the sweet potatoes. At the head of the line is the almost-cooked turkey, the star of the show. Green beans are snapped, washed and rinsed. Flour and stock form ribbons in the pan as I whisk the gravy.

The kitchen hums in a perfect rhythm. It is show time.

Mom and I eat all the olives in the relish tray. Dad says the parade is over, and he wants his pie. Ben sharpens the knife in order to properly carve the turkey. Sarah and John put the final touches on the table and decide who is going to get to pull the wishbone to make a wish. The family stands in line at the buffet, picking up utensils, waiting our turn to fill our plates and moving to our places at the table. We hear the sounds of "pass the gravy," forks piercing a bite of turkey, and the clink of ice in our glasses. We give thanks we can be together.

I sometimes take for granted the show that occurs in my everyday life such as standing in line to buy a ticket to a movie, walking down the street in unison with my son or anticipating the sound of the door opening as family arrives. I just love a parade, and it does not always have to be a big event. I need to remember to always stop, turn and watch the whole thing.

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## Mountain T.O.P.'s Fall Festival a Success

Thanks to partners, volunteers and the community, the Third Annual Fall Festival at Mountain T.O.P. was a huge success, according to Julie Willems Keel of Mountain T.O.P. Early estimates are that more than 450 people attended; 380 pairs of shoes were distributed, 317 coats were given away, 421 books were handed out, and 440 hot dog lunches were shared.

"I've loved Mountain T.O.P. for a long time, but we weren't sure what the festival was all about," said one young mother who attended the event. "I've been out of work for three months, and I don't have extra money. I was hoping to save up to buy my daughter a winter coat. My friend said I should come to the Fall Festival because they were giving away coats. I hoped to find something for my daughter. Not only did she get a coat that she loves, I also got the nicest coat I've ever had! We were tickled to death. It felt like Christmas! My daughter was glowing the rest of the day."

"While numbers don't tell the whole story," Keel said, "the really exciting thing about these numbers is that we collected 628 'entrance fees'. That's 160 more than the number of people who attended. That proves what we all know: people of our county are generous!"

Keel attributes the success to all the community and church partners: Bazzania!, On the Rock, Health Council, SAA Ranch, Family Resource Center, Discover Together, Safe Communities Coalition, Altamont Head Start, South Cumberland State Park, University of the South, Grundy County Rotary Club, Health and Temperance Society, TenderCare, Camelot Care, Cumberland Heights, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, Tracy City First United Methodist Church, and countless community volunteers. The event was also supported by these donors: Soles4Souls, Kent United Methodist Church of Kent, Ohio; Bethlehem United Methodist Church of Franklin, Tenn.; St. Luke's Presbyterian of Dunwoody, Ga.; St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Elgin, Ill.; Harrisburg Baptist Church of Tupelo, Miss.; East Cobb United Methodist Church of Marietta, Ga.; Elaine Cannon of Elaine's Florist, Sons of the Confederate Veterans; and Godfrey United Methodist Church of Godfrey, Ill.

Mountain T.O.P. is a nonprofit, Christian, partnership ministry dedicated to rural life in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. For more information go to < <http://mountain-top.org> >.



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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

by Kevin Cummings  
Messenger Staff Writer

As a little girl Betty Carpenter would find a long string and tie a chunk of salt meat and a nail to the end for weight. She'd sit on the bank of the bayou and fish for crawfish with her dog Fuzzy, a shepherd mix.

"It was a different childhood," she says. "My father died when I was very young, so I grew up mostly in my grandmother's house, but it was the kind of small town where you were free to ride your bicycle anywhere."

Carpenter, a deacon at Otey Parish and director of the Community Action Committee (CAC), grew up in the cotton country of Tallulah, La., learning about life from a cast

### Betty Carpenter

of colorful characters. There was her grandmother's hired hand, Thomas Benjamin "Bunk" Williams, who lived with the family his entire life except for his service during World War II.

"He probably taught me more than any one person ever did," Betty says while sitting in her office at CAC. "He was kind to anyone who came in contact with him, and really just had an unconditional love for people. He taught me respect, kindness and

tolerance."

When Betty is in a tough situation, she carries the crucifix that Bunk wore while on a troop ship in World War II.

Another influence was the elderly blind man who Betty was hired to walk with in the sixth grade.

"He was a great teacher and a great conversationalist, and we would just walk and talk," she says. "I was fortunate to have some of those types of relationships and experiences growing up. I learned a lot of wisdom at a very early age, which I didn't realize at the time, of course."

Then there was her grandfather, a cotton planter and the sheriff of Madison Parish. He died before Betty was born, but other people's memories of him had a profound impact on her.

"My grandfather was known for his generosity," she says. "He had a job during the Depression when many people did not. There were always many people at his table."

Betty's mother, who was a social worker, used to share a story about Betty's grandfather. The sheriff's house, which was a block from town, was known as a place you could go if you needed anything. On a vicious stormy night, a young man came to the back door seeking food and money. As he was leaving, the sheriff offered him the raincoat hanging on the back porch.

"I don't want to take your raincoat," the man said.

"It's okay, I have another one," the sheriff said. He didn't.

Betty, 68, carries on the spirit of kindness and love from people like Bunk, the blind man and the sheriff in her work with CAC and area youth.

CAC, based at Otey Parish, provides groceries for people in need, and self-empowerment opportunities like life-skill classes, container gardens and live chickens. In addition, CAC also recently began a free monthly community luncheon catered by University chef Rick Wright.

A screeching siren interrupts the interview, and we are forced to go outside for a fire drill. Betty talks about her work with children while we wait behind the Claiborne Parish House. Through her work at Otey and beyond, Betty has been a leader in youth recre-

## UPCLOSE

### Betty Carpenter

**A favorite vacation spot:** The beach in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

**Last book read:** "Franklin and Winston," by Jon Meacham

**Hobby:** Performs with Bazzania! Girls Band

**College:** Louisiana State University

**Pet:** Sally, a chocolate Labrador Retriever

ation and education, with 15 years running the church's youth ministry and 25 years ago, she founded an adventure program for middle school kids called "Nature Quest."

She recently led a group of kids on a camping trip, where she showed them how to rappel off a 100-foot cliff in the Stone Door area.

"I have to do it periodically to see if I can still do it," she says. "The climb up gets a lot harder. My avocation and passion has always been working with kids."

Betty became a deacon three years ago after a long discernment period. In college, she worked summers at the Episcopal boarding school she once attended, and realized she wanted to be a priest.

"At that time women weren't allowed to be priests," she says. "I wanted to be, but that was like saying, 'If I could sprout wings, I could just fly out of this room right now.' There's always been this small voice that wouldn't shut up. And I just kind of didn't know where to go with it, really."

But later in life, with ordination in the Episcopal Church now open to women, Betty decided she would rather be a deacon. She didn't want to leave Sewanee, so she patiently waited for more than a decade until a program for deacons opened at the School of Theology.

While she waited, she also taught special education classes in Grundy County for 22 years, where she and two musical teaching assistants helped start a band for special needs students.

"We played at the Bluebird Café [in Nashville] and the Opryland Hotel," she says. "When we were good, we were really good. It was so fun, and it gave the parents something they could really be proud of, because music levels the playing field."

Betty has three children of her own, a daughter who is raising twins in Baton Rouge, and two sons, one a banker in Nashville and another who works for a nonprofit organization in Baton Rouge.

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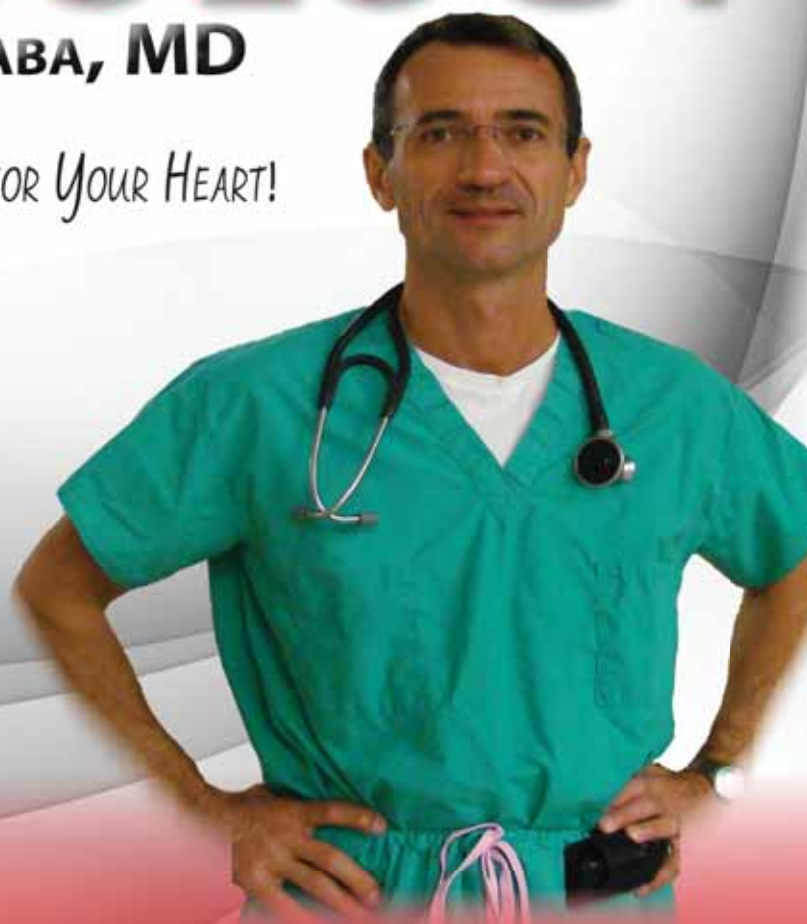
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Photographs by Paul Klekotta

*“No day is lost when  
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From “Two-Liners Stolen From  
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At the ribbon cutting for Soothing Souls Salon and Day Spa in Monteagle.  
Photo by Tina Freeman

## New Salon and Day Spa Opens in Monteagle

Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce (MMCC) celebrated the opening of Soothing Souls Salon and Day Spa by hosting a ribbon-cutting for the business on Nov. 14.

Salon owner Betsy Metcalf graduated from the Fayetteville College of Cosmetology as a cosmetologist and aesthetician.

The spa offers a wide variety of services, including body wraps, hot rock back treatments, manicures and pedicures, gel and acrylic nails, gel polish, body and facial waxing, perms and color and cuts for the whole family. Soothing Souls Salon and Day Spa is located at 218 East Main St. in Monteagle.

Among those participating in the ceremony were (from left) Bonnie Nunley, Renee McBee; Monteagle mayor Marilyn Rodman, MMCC president Mike Roark, Sandra Franklin, Tina Curry, Tammy McBride, Soothing Souls owner Betsy Metcalf, Fayetteville College of Cosmetology director Rufus T. Hereford, Barry Rollins, Lauren Alexander, Jim Harmon, Jarod Pearson and Rhonda Pilkington.

## Grundy County Clothing Bank

The Grundy County Clothing Bank is located on the campus of the old Grundy County High School, on U.S. Hwy. 41 in Tracy City. Donations of clothing, household items, shoes, toys, books and small appliances are accepted.

All items are available free to anyone who needs them.

Hours are 8 a.m.–noon, Thursdays and Fridays. Donors are asked not to leave items when the clothing bank is not open.

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## Senior Center Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar will be Monday–Friday, Dec. 8–12, at the Sewanee Senior Center.

The bake-sale items will include cookies, cakes, pies and candies. There will also be crafts, canned goods (jams and jellies), handmade items and white elephant items for sale.

A handmade quilt in the Crown of Thorns pattern will be given away at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16. The quilt is 72" by 90" (see photo on page 1).

Tickets for the quilt raffle are \$2 each. You do not need to be present on Dec. 16 to win.

Donations for the bazaar are welcome and greatly appreciated. Please bring any white elephant items, needlework or other non-perishable items any day before the bazaar begins. Baked items, home-canned foods, preserves, jellies and jams should be brought the week of the bazaar.

The Center is regularly open 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Please call 598-0771 with any questions.

## Senior Center News

### 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. 1:** Salmon patty, white beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

**Dec. 2:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll, dessert.

**Dec. 3:** BLT soup, pimento cheese sandwich, dessert.

**Dec. 4:** Pinto beans, ham, fried potatoes, beets, cornbread, dessert.

**Dec. 5:** Midwest shredded chicken sandwich, chips, dessert.

### Inclement Weather Policy

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

### Daily Activity Schedule

The Senior Center has something fun to do each day of the week. Join them for any of these activities:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m., there is chair exercise.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the group plays bingo with prizes.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m., the writing group gathers.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., there is chair exercise.

Fridays at 10 a.m. is game 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.

## BOOK SIGNING “Gone Off With The Angels: Christmas Stories of Golden Love” by Mark H. Kelly

**5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4  
Crossroads Café**

### SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m.—Book signing

6 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.—Reading

6:20 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.—Question-and-answer period

6:40 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Book signing continues

**\$5 from the sale of each book will be donated to the  
St. Andrew's Chapel restoration fund.**



“Gone Off With The Angels” is the memoir of Mark H. Kelly’s son, Benjamin-Hayes Door-Kelly, who passed away at age nine after a two-year struggle against leukemia. The work is based on newspaper columns, magazine feature stories, and personal reflections written by Kelly throughout his son’s illness and two years after his passing in October 1999. Much of the story is based on Benjamin-Hayes’ communication with angels, a phenomena the young boy termed “Golden Love.”

“Gone Off With The Angels” is also a story of a parent-child relationship expressed with a search for Jesus the day after Christmas, a chance encounter with a reindeer, and coming to the aid of Santa Claus when the jolly old elf is overcome with the reality of Benjamin-Hayes’ illness. A work of spiritual non-fiction, Kelly’s “Gone Off With The Angels” takes readers into the heart of grief and into a life of faithful observance of his son’s life.

### Praise for “Gone Off With The Angels”

*“This is a tough read. And a redemptive one, too. The story of the late Benjamin-Hayes Door-Kelly, told by his father, sheds sweet light on love, loss, belief, and the possibilities of everyday mysticism.”* —John T. Edge

*Mark Kelly is the voice for those of us who have lived through unspeakable loss but have been set on the shore of unanticipated hope.* —The Rev. Patrick Gahan, Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio

*“A divorced dad, faced with the terminal illness of his young son, finds the fortitude to man-up and be the dad his son needs him to be. Mark’s story makes all those hard and sacrificial choices seem so natural, but we know too many real life stories where dads regrettably do not choose so nobly. A difficult and beautiful story typed from the heart.”* —The Rev. Bude Van Dyke

*“The story of a child’s mystical powers to see the eternal in the commonplace, to see beyond his own limitations, and to carve out a life that, in its retelling, seems far longer and far wider than its earthly years.”* —Fred Sauceman, author of “The Place Setting” and “Home And Away”

*“Gone Off With The Angels” will stretch your heartstrings and introduce you to the silence which is peace.”* —Naomi Kryske, author of “The Witness: A Novel”

*“Through the story of his son, Mark Kelly teaches us how to live life. How to love it. And each other. If I could, I’d buy a copy for everyone I know. Reading it was like a prayer.”* —David Cook, Chattanooga Times Free-Press

*“It’s as if Kelly’s next to you on a barstool drunk with unspeakable loss, joy and thankfulness, relating what he feels without one single filter or shred of dishonesty coming between you and him. Be prepared to be stunned by love.”* —Annette Harper, author of “Louisiana Ghost Story” and “The Worst Day of My Life So Far”

### About the Author

Mark H. Kelly is an award-winning journalist whose work has been published in Georgia Trend magazine, Lake Oconee Living magazine, Cooking with Paula Deen magazine, Taste of the South magazine, The Madisonian-Morgan County Citizen newspapers, The Savannah Morning News, The Covington News and The Marion County News. Kelly served as the editorial consultant on “The Lodge Cast Iron Cookbook,” a bestseller (Oxmoor House, 2011). He is the co-editor of the cookbook “Lodge Cast Iron Nation” (Oxmoor House, 2014). A graduate of St. Andrews School in Sewanee and Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, Kelly lives in Jasper.

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## OUTSIDEIN

by Patrick Dean

The Foster Falls parking lot was packed on a gorgeous, sunny November Sunday morning. We parked the Jeep and strolled toward the trailhead. Grady and Pratt were running the length of the Fiery Gizzard trail; my plan was a shorter out-and-back loop, and then a drive to meet them at the other end.

As I began running, picking my way over the rocky beginning of the trail and across several bridges, I met backpackers heading in, presumably from having camped out the night before. They all seemed happy, even the group of three men and about 10 six-year-old boys merrily clogging the trail like sheep being herded down a country lane.

"Hey, how's it goin'?" "Have a good day." "Excuse me—thanks!"

The trail followed along the bluff for the first two miles, bumpy and rooty. Then, suddenly, the trail stopped. There was no obvious way ahead; the reflective white-blaze trail markers were gone.

I retraced my steps, peered over a rock ledge: Surely that's not where the trail goes? I went back the original way, wondering if I'd missed something. But nothing. I was lost, I suppose, but I certainly wasn't capital-L Lost, much less LOST. Nevertheless, those few moments of confusion heightened my emotions and senses, and refocused my attention. It was rather like being in the woods when you realize there could be bears—suddenly it's not just being outside.

That rock ledge where I stopped, it turned out, was in fact where the trail went, down into the steep ravine on Laurel Branch. I had worked up a sweat from running, but as I slowly hopped and slid from stone to stone dropping into the ravine, I became chilled. The climb out required a steel cable for a handrail, placed there by the park. Finally I was back on top, threading my way away from the bluff edge and into rolling wooded terrain.

I was able to pick up my pace and warm up, though the thick leaf cover made reading the path for roots and rocks essential. Mindfulness was mandatory, as I leaped the occasional fallen branch or muddy swale.

The unseasonal warmth that day caused startling clouds of inexplicable bugs, larger than gnats, silent and non-biting, but disconcerting as they stuck to my face. Swooshing through big-leaf magnolia leaves gave me the odd, dislocating sensation of being suddenly in my backyard.

It was time to turn around and retrace the trail, more surefootedly this time. I had a little extra speed and certainty down and up the Laurel Branch rocks. Instead of staying up top the rest of the way to Foster Falls, I followed the climbers' access trail down below, then turned along the bluff edge, saying "Hello" to the climbers and their dogs, careful not to step on their ropes.

As I reached the swinging bridge below Foster Falls, two climbers were plodding out with big packs. I was torn between irritation that they wouldn't let me pass and gratitude that I was forced to take the steep stone steps a little more slowly.

At the top, I passed them and picked up the pace back to the parking lot. Time to drink some water and take the Jeep to the other end of the trail to meet my friends.

Only days afterward did I realize that I didn't even glance at Foster Falls when I reached that swinging bridge. Frustrated by the climbers in front, focused on their being in my way, and thinking about the finishing climb, I never checked the gorgeous view right beyond the bridge, the reason so many folks go to the park.

I had to shake my head and grin sheepishly at my own silliness. Next time, perhaps I'll do better at focusing on both the arduous trail at my feet and the glorious sights to be captured just by looking over my shoulder.

## American Chestnut Returns to Sewanee

The Huntsville branch of the Alabama chapter and the Tennessee chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) will be planting more than 800 chestnut seedlings in a large-scale progeny test at the University of the South, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5–6.

Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Meet at 9 a.m. each day at the Lake Cheston parking area to carpool.

On Friday, the group will break early to attend a presentation by the TACF Southern regional science coordinator on the American chestnut breeding program and the science behind the progeny test. The presentation will be at 4 p.m., in Snowden Hall room 215 on the Sewanee campus. Please feel free to come to the talk, the planting or both.

The progeny test will include planting approximately 800 potentially blight-resistant American chestnut seedlings. The seedlings, called Restoration Chestnut 1.0, are part of a research program led by TACF to restore the American chestnut to the eastern forests of America.

TACF relies on public and private partners to test its Restoration Chestnuts 1.0 to assess the blight resistance and character of the tree over time.

Once the mighty giants of the eastern forests, American chestnuts stood up to 80 feet tall and numbered in the billions. They were a vital part of the forest ecology, a key food source for wildlife and an essential component of the human economy. In the beginning of the 20th century the fungal pathogen responsible for chestnut blight, accidentally imported from Asia, spread rapidly through the American chestnut population and by 1950, it had killed an estimated four billion mature trees from Maine to Georgia.

In 1983, the American Chestnut Foundation formed with a mission to develop blight-resistant American chestnut trees. Now assisted by nearly 6,000 members, volunteers and partners, the organization is undertaking the planting of potentially blight-resistant trees in select locations throughout the eastern United States.



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## SES Turkeys Didn't Need Protection This Year

For many years the Sewanee Elementary School first-grade students have created disguises for their turkey friends to help them survive the upcoming holiday and avoid being the main course for dinner. Turkeys were "hiding" in previous issues of the Messenger.

This year, however, the turkeys are on their own. The previous Turkey Protection Projects have been so successful that there wasn't one this year.

"Keep an eye out for those clever birds," said SES first-grade teacher Rebecca Betancourt.



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## SES Menus

Dec. 1-5

LUNCH

**MON:** Hamburger, fish, baked beans, fresh carrots, dip, sandwich trimmings, fresh apples, canned fruit mix, Doritos, hamburger bun, cheese slice (optional).

**TUE:** Breakfast for lunch: sausage, egg patty, ham chef salad, potato wedges, cherry tomatoes, fruit juice, applesauce, biscuit, gravy.

**WED:** Hot ham and cheese sandwich, pasta bake, buttered corn, Caesar salad, vegetable soup, fresh fruit, Mandarin oranges, garlic breadstick, cookie.

**THU:** Corn dog, yogurt, cheese stick, pinto beans, baked potato, garden salad, fresh fruit, canned pineapple, graham crackers.

**FRI:** Chicken drumstick, turkey chef salad, potato smiles, green beans, steamed carrots, canned diced peaches, frozen fruit cup, roll.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items

**MON:** Biscuit, ham slice, gravy, jelly.

**TUE:** Mini muffins, French toast sticks, syrup.

**WED:** Poptart or breakfast parfait.

**THU:** Yogurt, graham crackers.

**FRI:** Biscuit, sausage, gravy, jelly.

Options available every breakfast: Assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties.

Menus subject to change.



Sewanee Elementary School teachers took part in training for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program during an in-service in November. SES is one of six schools in Franklin County that will be using the program to teach empathy and increase positive behavior among its students. Participants included (standing, from left) Rachel Reavis, Gail Rothermund, Katie Felts, Teresa Brown, Michelle Whaley, Beth Charlton, and (seated) Sherry Page.



SES students at the Punt, Pass & Kick sectionals.

## SES Students Compete at Punt, Pass & Kick Sectionals

Sewanee Elementary Students competed in the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick sectional round of competition in Chattanooga on Nov. 16. Despite the cold and rainy weather, the students brought home three awards from the competition. Robbie Philipp, a second-grader, finished second in his division; second-grader Maya Mauzy finished third in her division; and fourth-grader Madison King, finished third.

The students who qualified for sectionals were (front row): Maya Mauzy and Robbie Philipp; (back row) Mac Croom, Lakin Laurendine and Madison King.

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Monteagle Florist, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

\*\*Citizens Tri County Bank, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

New Wave Tan & Salon, 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

\*\*Citizens State Bank, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Soothing Souls Salon & Day Spa, 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

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## THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis

The Sewanee Union Theater will be taking a break for Thanksgiving to gather around the mashed potatoes and spend time with friends and family. It will return on Dec. 2 with a vengeance, showing the 1970s car chase classic "Mad Max," followed by the more meditative and charming musical "Once," ending with the young adult drama "If I Stay." 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

### Mad Max

7:30 p.m. • Tuesday, Dec. 2  
1979 • Rated R, 88 minutes

See the original on the big screen before the long-anticipated next installment, "Mad Max: Fury Road," comes out in theatres next May! With Mel Gibson in one of his earliest roles, this Australian film is set in a post-apocalyptic outback where the barren stretches of highway are the devil's playground for motorcycle gangs and thugs. Gibson stars as Max Rockatansky, a cop who is tired of patrolling the streets in an effort to halt the endless bloodshed and violence. He considers retirement, but his boss convinces him to take a lengthy vacation with his wife and son. Those peaceful plans are shattered when a motorcycle gang kills his family in revenge for the death of one of their members. Max straps himself into a high-powered V-8 racing machine, and the hunt is on. Though obviously low budget, it features some of the best automotive stunts on film, as well as securing Gibson's rise to stardom. "Mad Max" is a gripping thrill ride that set the standard for action films far into the future. Rated R for adult situations, language and violence.

### Once

7:30 p.m. • Wednesday, Dec. 3  
2006 • Rated R • 86 minutes



This endearing almost-love story/musical set in Ireland charmed the world when it first hit theatres, and for good reason: the emotions were real, as the leading man and lady were actually in a relationship during the time of the filming. Musicians Markéta Irglová and Glen Hansard play the star-crossed lovers (known to us simply as "Guy" and "Girl") who meet in Dublin and strike up a unique relationship over the course of one week. Guy is a busker, and Girl is a Czech immigrant with marriage troubles, but she also has hidden musical talents that inspire Guy to write and record music again, only this time, with Girl. The message of the film is of the aching beauty that comes from the temporal, of the lasting impact we make on one another as humans that is no less potent due to the short period of time. Although it lags in places, older teens as well as adults will be touched by its heartwarming message as well as its bittersweet conclusion. Rated R for language.

### If I Stay

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday • Dec. 4–7  
2014 • Rated PG-13 • 107 minutes

What would happen if your entire existence changed in an instant, but you had the chance to change it back again? Would you? Teen actress Chloë Grace Moretz, who first made us sit up and notice during her super-charged and controversial performance as Hit-Girl in "Kick-Ass," plays Mia Hall, a young girl who has a future at Juilliard competing with her dreams of staying with her boyfriend, Adam. When a car accident leaves her in a coma, we begin to experience her "outside" of herself as she begins to see how deeply the people in her life care for her, yet she feels inexplicably drawn to the afterlife. While critics panned the film at large, calling it "mushy" and "superficial," audiences had a much stronger reaction to the storyline, connecting with its moments of genuine sincerity as the viewer gets a unique view on the grieving process. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and some sexual material.

*The party doesn't stop here! Look for more reviews and fun at <theinsatiablogcritic.blogspot.com> or follow me on Twitter @TheInsatiCritic.*



Pierrette, the Doll, danced by Sophia Hartman, entertains the guests at the party in the first scene of "The Nutcracker" on Nov. 15. Looking on from the background are Mother and Father Stahlbaum, played by her parents, Lisa and Eric Hartman. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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## Area Holiday Events

The **Cumberland Farmer's Market** growers and artisans want to help folks find the perfect gift for friends, coworkers and families this holiday season. CFM is hosting a Coffee Break, 2–3 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Sewanee Community Center, where there will be a wide variety of gift-appropriate items for sale, including baked goods, chutney, sweets and jams.

The **School of Theology's annual Christmas Craft Fair** will be 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, in the lower level of Hamilton Hall. Locally made gifts and crafts will be available for purchase. A portion of all proceeds go to support the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund.

The **2014 Christmas Parade of Lights in Monteagle** will be at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. This year's theme is "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." This event is co-sponsored by the Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Monteagle.

All area clubs, churches, organizations, schools and businesses are encouraged to take part in this community parade. Registration will be at 4 p.m., between the Smoke House and the Piggly Wiggly. Line-up and judging for the parade will take place behind the Smoke House.

The parade will begin at the Smoke House and end at the Monteagle City Hall. Trophies will be awarded to six different entries: Best Overall, Best Animal, Best Youth, Best Passenger Vehicle, Best Public Service Vehicle and Most Christmas Spirit.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be in Harton Park after the parade for hot chocolate and cookies. For more information contact the Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce at (931) 924-5353 or by email, <mmtncchamber@blomand.net>.

## "Choices" at In-Town Gallery in December

Roger Harvey, potter and woodworker, will show his new works as the front wall feature, Dec. 5–31, at In-Town Gallery in Chattanooga.

These creative multiple three-dimensional pieces reveal the finesse of a dedicated craftsman with the imagination of an artist.

"Choices" will open with a reception to meet the artist, 5–8 p.m. EST on Dec. 5 at the gallery, located at 26A Frazier Ave.

"I've always made and fixed things," said Harvey.

His in-house wood shop has served him well through the years for building furniture and other items for personal use. Recently he decided to work in both wood and clay and show both in the gallery. This December show is the "breakout" of his new offerings in wood at In-Town Gallery. Viewers will now be faced with their own "Choices" between the complex surfaces and fluid lines of his wooden pieces and the sculptural and intriguing works in clay.

In-Town Gallery, founded in 1974, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and is one of the oldest cooperative galleries in the nation. The gallery is open every day, year-round, except for major holidays. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday–Saturday; and 1–5 p.m. on Sunday.

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## SAS Winter Concert Dec. 10

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Eighty-nine students will participate in the Winter Concert, including all middle school students. The concert offers a wide selection of music, including tunes from Simon and Garfunkel, "Phantom of the Opera," Chopin and more. The choirs and ensemble are under the direction of Katherine Anderson. For more information go to <www.sasweb.org>.

## Quilt Club Welcomes New Members

The Family and Community Education Clubs in Franklin County have a Quilt Club that meets at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the UT Extension Office, 406 Joyce Lane in Winchester.

Members gather to work on "unfinished" projects, share ideas, and complete special projects that are selected a few times during year. The quilt display in the Franklin County Library features a variety of quilts and quilted items that were made by members of the club.

Membership is free and open to anyone. To participate in the Quilt Club or join a different Family and Community Education Club sponsored by the UT Extension Office, contact Mary Beth Henley at 967-2741.

To learn more about displaying art in the library, please contact Leslie Ann Rohrer at lrohrer@mail.com.

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## Scots Hold Off Sewanee

Despite three players in double figures, on Nov. 22 the Sewanee men's basketball team fell just short to rival the Maryville Scots in overtime, 69-64.

The Tigers dropped to 1-1 this season. Sewanee sophomore Jordan Williams led all scorers with 20 points, four rebounds and three assists. Additionally, sophomore Brody Stone continued his outstanding play early this year. Matched up against the top player in the USA South, Stone finished with 18 points and eight rebounds, while making 50 percent of his attempts.

Fellow forward Keshonn Carter was the other Tiger in double figures with 12 points, and he had a game-high nine rebounds.

Early on, both teams used runs to stay close. A three by Williams with 9:10 left in the first half made the score 16-14 in favor of Maryville.

The preseason USA South favorites answered back with an 8-0 spurt to go up 10, 24-14 with 3:37 left in the half.

Eventually, Sewanee would trim the Scots' lead back to six, 26-20, by halftime. Out of the locker room, the score would remain near that mark until 16:37. A pair of Stone free throws tied the game at 30-30.

Maryville would stretch its lead back to 10, 43-33, with 11:31 left after two free throws by Antonio Jackson. That capped off a 13-3 run by the Scots.

A jumper by Carter led to a 9-0 run that pulled Sewanee back to within one, 45-44, with 6:00 remaining.

Sewanee then scored six of the next nine points to take a 50-48 lead after Seth Brown hit a three.

Down by two with five seconds left in the second half, Sewanee called a timeout. On the ensuing inbound play, Williams made a layup with no time remaining to send the game into overtime.

Unfortunately, Maryville would score first, when Jaumonee Byrd hit a jumper. Stone answered back with his own jump shot, but a three by Oscar Butler put Maryville back ahead at 62-59.

The Scots would not relinquish their lead in the final 3:26 of the game.

Statistically, both teams were fairly even. Sewanee and Maryville both finished with 15 turnovers. Maryville did outshoot the Tigers 40.7 percent to 36.9. However, Sewanee edged out the Scots on the boards, 42-37.



Jamie Chauvin shoots over a Rust College player in Sewanee's Nov. 23 home win. Chauvin scored 10 points and had nine rebounds. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## Tiger Women's Team Stays Sharp to Shake Off Rust

The Sewanee women's basketball team stayed unbeaten with a 60-51 win over visiting Rust College on Nov. 23 inside Juhan Gymnasium.

The win moved the Tigers to a perfect 4-0 this season. Led by freshman Hannah McCormack and junior Jamie Chauvin, the Tigers held off a second-half push by the Bearcats. McCormack and Chauvin both finished with 10 points, while Savannah Rose, Casey Hassett and Kayla Sewell each had eight.

After both teams played close throughout the opening eight minutes, Sewanee went on a 12-0 run. A layup by Haley Lyerly, followed by points from McCormack, Haley McDonough, Rebekah Faulkner and Chauvin pushed the Tigers lead to 12, 20-8, with 7:52 left in the half.

Rust would answer back with 18

of the next 22 points. That would cut the Bearcat deficit to one, 27-26, with 1:20 to go. The score would remain within one possession until midway through the second half. A three by Rose pushed the Tigers back ahead by four, 46-42, with 11:18 to play.

Rust answered right back with a jumper from Kala Williams. From there, a three by Kelley Myers sparked an 11-5 run for the Tigers the final 7:13 of the game. During that stretch, both Rose and Lyerly hit two clutch threes, and Chauvin had a pair of key steals.

Overall, Sewanee shot 39.7 percent from the field. The Tigers outrebounded the Bearcats 44-40 and held a 34-28 advantage in points in the paint.

Additionally, Sewanee's defense forced 10 Rust turnovers, which led to 10 Tiger points. Guard Kala Williams led Rust with a game-high 16 points.

Sewanee closed out its homestand with a contest on Nov. 25 against Agnes Scott.

## SAS Mountain Lions Move to 5-1 in B-Ball

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team defeated Berean Academy on Nov. 18 by a score of 53-45. SAS trailed most of the game, but was able to come from behind with a full-court press.

James Beasley's 13 points and eight rebounds led SAS; Andrew Heitzenrater added 12 points; Will Pratt and Blaise Zeitler added 10 points each; Eric Baynard had six points, seven assists and five steals; and Kenneth Thomas posted four points. Dustin Stensby played the final two minutes, scoring two points and grabbing two rebounds.

The SAS boys' basketball team added another win on Nov. 20, beating Richard Hardy Memorial School, 68-64, to improve their record to 5-1.

Beasley scored 24 points and had seven rebounds; Baynard had 17 points and five steals; Thomas scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds; Zeitler had eight points; Heitzenrater had six points and four steals; and Pratt chipped in four points.



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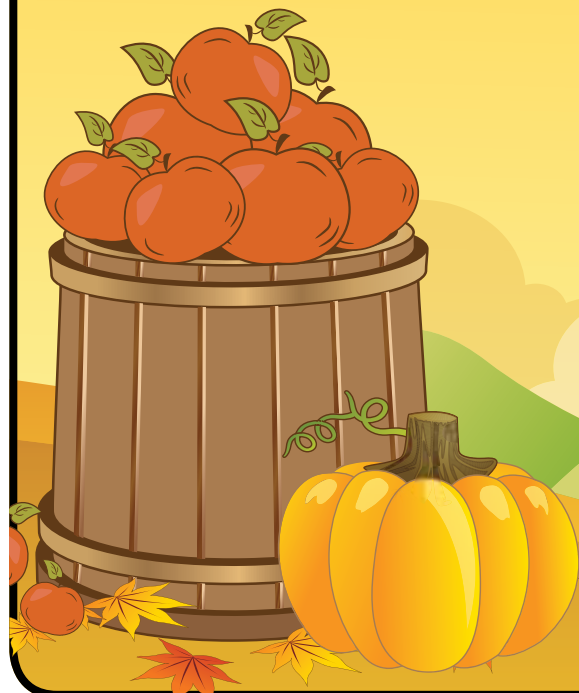


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v St. Andrew's-Sewanee  
6:45 pm SAS Varsity Swim Meet  
v Lincoln County, Columbia  
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**Friday, Dec. 5**

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v Bledsoe County  
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v Lawrence County  
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7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Lawrence County  
7:30 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Bledsoe County  
7:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball  
v Ezell-Harding Christian School

## SAS Wrestling Wins Two of Three

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School opened its official wrestling season on Nov. 20 with a four-way meet in Chattanooga with Boyd-Buchanan, Whitwell and McMinn County. The Mountain Lions started the meet facing Whitwell. SAS finished the dual tied 42-42, and won in a tiebreaker, thanks to pins by freshman James Hudson, sophomore Christian Taylor and junior captain Jake Wiley.

After that close battle, SAS moved on to face Boyd-Buchanan and won 36-30, thanks again to a pin by Taylor. SAS finished the day in a dual meet with McMinn County. Junior Tommy Oliver led the team with a pin, but SAS fell short 39-30. The Mountain Lions ended the day with a 2-1 team record.

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# Origins of the Thanksgiving Holiday

According to the Smithsonian Institution, most Americans are familiar with the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving Feast of 1621, but few realize that it was not the first festival of its kind in North America. Long before Europeans set foot in the Americas, native peoples sought to ensure a good harvest with dances and rituals such as the Green Corn Dance of the Cherokees.

The first Thanksgiving service known to be held by Europeans in North America occurred on May 27, 1578, in Newfoundland, although earlier Church-type services were probably held by Spaniards in La Florida. In 1607, Jamestown colonists gave thanks for their safe arrival, and another service was held in 1610, when a supply ship arrived after a harsh winter. British colonists held several Thanksgiving services in America before the Pilgrim's celebration in 1621.

The Pilgrims, with a puritanical rejection of public religious display, held a non-religious Thanksgiving feast, aside from saying grace. In fact, they seem to have used the three days for feasting, playing games and drinking.

In 1623, the Pilgrims at Plymouth Plantation, Mass., held another day of Thanksgiving. As a drought was destroying their crops, colonists prayed and fasted for relief; the rains came a few days later. And not long after, Capt. Miles Standish arrived with staples and news that a Dutch supply ship was on its way. Because of this, colonists held a day of Thanksgiving on June 30. This 1623 festival appears to have been the origin of our Thanksgiving Day because it combined a religious and social celebration.

Festivals of Thanksgiving were observed sporadically on a local level for more than 150 years. In 1789 a member of the House of Representatives, moved that a day of Thanksgiving be held to "thank God for giving the American people the opportunity to create a Constitution to preserve their hard won freedoms." A Congressional Joint Committee approved the motion, and on Oct. 3, 1789, President George Washington proclaimed that the people of the United States observe "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer" on Thursday, Nov. 26.

On October 3, 1863, buoyed by the Union victory at Gettysburg, President Lincoln proclaimed that November 26 would be a national Thanksgiving Day, to be observed every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

For more of the history of Thanksgiving go to < [http://www.si.edu/Encyclopedia\\_SI/nmah/thanks.htm](http://www.si.edu/Encyclopedia_SI/nmah/thanks.htm)>.

## OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



A few days ago I noticed a beautiful picture of a red-leafed sugar maple on my wife's phone. Conchie is not friendly with modern technology or one to carry her phone as a personal extension, habitually taking random photographs.

The setting of the photo was perfect. Sunbeams filtering through pine branches lighting up one side of the maple, creating a truly breathtaking balance of light and color. I asked her what caused her surprising and sudden desire to take pictures and display them on her phone. What she told me was great insight into how her mind works and how different that process might be from my own. She had read in a magazine article about the idea of keeping a "Gratitude Journal." Short notes each day about one or two things that we are grateful for in our everyday lives. That sunlit sugar maple became one serendipitous entry into her daily log.

In baseball terms, my wife is a singles hitter. Someone who fights the fight each and every day, getting the job done one task at a time, one bright red maple to be remembered each and every day. My mistake is that I often wait and try to hit the home run. Wait until Thanksgiving and build a list of all those blessings that have come my way over the course of the year; offering a moment of thanks not only for things as visible as what might seem hidden in nature, but recognizing that much of what is best remains unseen.

I often think that I am the luckiest man on earth. Who could ask for more than a healthy and loving family, a job where you watch young people slowly transform, and a community bound together by an invisible epoxy?

A couple of years ago I was at the Sewanee Elementary School on a late November afternoon, coaching girls' basketball in the gym. People who know me have often seen my van door left open so that my dog can come and go while she waited for me. Annie was a reddish-brown chow mix who was advancing in age. Her decisions and reactions were not always in her own best interests. She ventured out onto University Avenue and decided to take a nap in a sunspot between the fall shadows, in the middle of the road. When I arrived back in my van, the door was still open, Annie was tied up with a borrowed leash, a bowl of water sitting within reach, and a note from Ed Carlos "apologizing" for disturbing her slumber and returning her safely to the car. That's our community.

My parents were more loving than any one person could expect in this life. My mother read a lifetime of stories and books to my sister and me and kept an art room full of paint and crafts in our basement. There was always something to build, something to create. She took us on mountain hikes, family bicycle rides and brought us along on every volunteer project in town. For her, creativity was a gift to be shared.

My father worked hard as a local attorney and came home in the evenings as the sun was beginning to fall. Before he had his dinner or took time to change clothes, he would oblige me by taking off his coat, loosening his tie, and throwing baseballs in our neighbor's driveway. When you stand 60 feet from someone and toss a ball back and forth, that ball becomes a form of effortless communication that lasts long after you have left the field. My father left this field four years ago. I have spent my life in a job with a ball moving back and forth between two people.

What I know, what I am most certain of, is that the space between two people is always filled with something as tangible and real as a ball but is as unseen as the force that carries those beams of sunlight down through the pines, landing spontaneously on a perfect red maple. There is power in that space, potential in every type of relationship that we form with one another. That is love.

My father loved to coach youth baseball. One year we went to a meeting of local Little League coaches to select teams. This was in the 1960s in the South, and one man advised my father not to choose any of the black boys who tried out. He was told, "None of them had a father, and that he would spend all of his time giving them rides back home to the projects." Of course my father picked every player he could who lived on the opposite side of town from us. Our old station wagon was filled with boys I hadn't known before, and we never took them home without stopping for ice cream.

Several years later my father had his expensive bicycle stolen from the stoop of his downtown office. He chased after the boys and found himself in a neighborhood where he was in the clear minority. Seeing someone running away with the pack that was formerly attached to his bike let him know that a fire sale was already underway. While standing on the street alone and considering his limited options, a huge man from the neighborhood approached and recognized my father as his old baseball coach and the man who bought ice cream every game and practice. The bike, the pack and other items were all quickly returned, and apologies were promptly made.

At his funeral I worried if anyone would show up. He had retired a decade earlier and moved into an assisted living home many miles away from a new generation living in his town. At the time of his death he was unknown in a city where he once offered so much help to so many. I stood at the front of his church offering a eulogy and looked out at a vast crowd of former Little League pitchers and youth league basketball players who were now grown men with tears in their eyes. That is gratitude.

There is a moment when your children arrive in this world. I suppose it is quite different for a man and a woman. I have always been a witness, never an actual participant. Seeing new life emerge is its own blessing. We know instantly how unimportant our own lives have become and can for the first time understand why our parents kept us so close at their side during story time, weekend adventures and trips to the ballpark. I have four daughters, each as different as the directions on a weathervane. You do not love one any more than the other. You just love them differently. We cannot only love them for their obvious strengths (that is the easy part), but we find real love in those personal struggles and challenges that make them unique.

My third daughter, Michaela, came out of the womb battling her way into this world. She holds a complex and wonderful mixture of fury and compassion in her heart that is uncommon. Basketball was her passion. Competition is her twin sister. We drove out to the finals of a big basketball tournament one year at Grundy County High School, a game where her team was a huge underdog. In the car she guaranteed a win for our team and for me as the coach. I looked in her eyes and recognized the deep hurt that I was certain she would feel when this game was finished. We had no chance. In middle school basketball, a team is lucky to score 30 points. She told me not to worry about her. "I'll score 36 tonight, and we will win." She scored 38, and we played David to the larger team's Goliath, winning 55-51. That is passion.

I have had the privilege of coaching hundreds of young people over the years. Each story, and each player, is as different as my own children multiplied a thousand times. A couple of years ago, I had a young man who was struggling with motivation and a desire to compete. I asked him to remember a time when tennis was fun for him. I asked him to tell me his favorite moment in sports. He drew a blank. No answer. Not one single moment that brought him back to a time when joy stood in the spot now inhabited by the dread he was currently experiencing. He agreed to persevere and try his best for the remainder of the season. In the conference championship, the final team point was left to him. He needed to defeat an opponent who had beaten him badly earlier in the season. With his whole team watching, he overcame anxiety and fear to defeat not only his opponent and become a champion, but defeat those demons that were plaguing him. He looked at me on the court as his teammates rushed to congratulate him and said, "That is it. This.... is my moment." I knew he had discovered exactly what I wanted him to search for. That is growth.

So there it is: my gratitude journal, thankful for things seen and unseen. Community is a definition not easy to put your finger on. It is not tangible enough to photograph but we find it easily in our families, our friends, our pets and our children. They are the blend, providing moments that brush past us as quickly as a February wind or as lasting as a hot beach on bare feet. My gratitude list includes love, community, creativity, passion, growth and joy. What more can you ask for?

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## NATURENOTES



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### Talking Turkey

With tomorrow being Thanksgiving, **Harriet Runkle** noted that most of us who eat turkey are eating domesticated turkeys on Turkey Day, derived from the wild turkey, *meleagris gallopavo*, that Native Americans introduced to the Pilgrims. Wild turkeys are often seen at the base of the Mountain, heading east on Interstate 24 and along Hwy. 156/Jump Off Road.

There are six subspecies of wild turkey, and all of them are native to North America. The Native Americans and pilgrims hunted the eastern wild turkey, *M. gallopavo silvestris*, whose range extends from the eastern half of the United States into Canada. They are sometimes called the forest turkey, numbering more than five million, making them the largest of the turkey subspecies. The wild turkey was hunted nearly to extinction in the early 1900s, when the population reached a low of around 30,000 birds. By 1991 the wild turkey was restored to all of the United States except Alaska. Wild turkeys live in mature forests with nut trees such as oak, hickory and beech. The best time to find them is early in the morning, when flocks are foraging in clearings and field edges. They are usually on the ground, but you may see them flying up to the tops of the trees to roost at night.

### Local Mistletoe

While in Chattanooga last week, **Yolande Gottfried** had the opportunity to walk along part of the Riverwalk from the Bluff View Art District toward downtown. This runs through some low areas along the river, where these trees are common: hackberry with its light gray “warty” bark, river birch with its ragged, peeling bark, and sycamores with the more familiar patchy, scaling bark. With most of the leaves down, mistletoe was much in evidence, and she was able to observe it more closely than usual, since some infested branches were close to the elevated walkway.

“Something I had never noted before is that the branches were swollen where the mistletoe was attached,” she said. This occurs when the root-like structure, the haustoria, of this plant penetrates a thin branch of the tree through a lenticel or bud after the seed has sprouted and causes enlargement of the branch.

Some of these swollen areas had numerous sprouts of various sizes. If the green, leafy part of the mistletoe is broken off, it can regrow from the root-like structures within the branch. Perhaps because these branches are so accessible, the mistletoe has been “harvested” often, causing this re-sprouting. Mistletoe is classified as a hemiparasitic shrub; it obtains the water and mineral nutrients necessary for growth from the host plant, although its green color indicates the presence of chlorophyll, so it does photosynthesize on its own, unlike some parasitic plants that lack chlorophyll. The white fruit or berry is mature in the fall and winter, which, along with its evergreen nature and presence on the leafless hardwoods, is a reason for its association with the Christmas season.

### Marbled Salamanders

There are two types of hikers, reports **Margaret Matens**: those who turn over enticing logs to see what is underneath and those who are happy to leave the creepy creatures safely hidden from sight. Being of the first variety, Margaret recently turned over a rotting log near an ephemeral pond to find two beautiful black and white marbled salamanders (a type of mole salamander). Though common, they are usually solitary and stay well hidden.

Finding two is unusual except during mating season (October through November in Tennessee). This female (whose markings are gray) is almost 4 inches long. The smaller male has silver-white splotches.

After mating, the female lays 50–200 eggs, one at a time, in a depression under a log that will fill with water when it rains. The female usually curls her body around the eggs to keep them moist until rain fills the hole. The larvae hatch a few days after being covered by water. If there is not enough autumn/winter rain, the larvae don't hatch until spring. The larvae change into salamanders in 3–6 months. Interestingly, she learned that these lovely salamanders can be purchased in pet stores and live well in captivity. “Just in case your child wants a pet for Christmas,” she said, “I have made a habitat for Sal and Amanda and am watching daily for eggs!”



*Sal and Amanda, marbled salamanders.  
Photo by Margaret Matens*

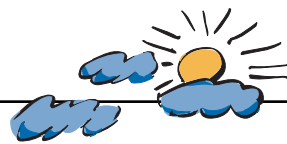
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## Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 17	42	35
Tue	Nov 18	52	18
Wed	Nov 19	28	18
Thu	Nov 20	46	17
Fri	Nov 21	50	35
Sat	Nov 22	57	31
Sun	Nov 23	60	41

**Week's Stats:**  
Avg max temp = 48  
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*Reported by Nicole Nunley  
Forestry Technician*

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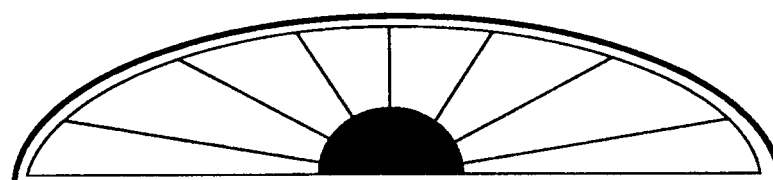


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Every Friday is Black Friday at Animal Harbor. On Fridays, adoption fees

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## University Crime & Safety Alert Systems

The University of the South uses a variety of tools to share important safety information with the campus and broader community. Alerts that Sewanee community members—who have signed up for them—might expect to receive from the University include “emergency notifications” and “crime alerts.”

Emergency notifications may be triggered by events such as severe weather (e.g., an approaching tornado), natural disasters (e.g., an earthquake), outbreak of communicable disease (e.g., meningitis), or an accident inside a campus building (e.g., a lab explosion). These will be sent by phone and/or text message.

Community members can sign up for these alerts at <www.police.sewanee.edu/services/code-red-emergency-alert-system>. A crime alert to students, employees, and/or the broader Sewanee community may be appropriate for situations such as vandalism or a series of thefts.

The primary reason for these notices is so that the community can work together to keep everyone informed, healthy and safe. Sharing information elevates the community's awareness and the University's responsiveness.

A third category of notices is sent only to the campus (students, faculty and staff). These “timely notices” are required by federal law. Timely notices are given if on-campus incidents present a continuing safety threat. Other possible

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