

SUD Board Opening

The SUD board is seeking nominees to run for the office of SUD Marion County commissioner. SUD board president Cliff Huffman's term will expire in January; Huffman is term-limited and cannot seek re-election. Nominees must be SUD customers and must reside in Marion County; however, all SUD customers may vote in this election.

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

Water treatment and distribution and wastewater collection and treatment are the responsibilities of the board. They set the rates, set the budget, deal with regulatory agencies and plan for the future.

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

Jump Off Fire Hall Holiday Bake Sale

Enjoy cider and cookies with neighbors and the Jump Off volunteer firemen, 3–5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13. Festively wrapped holiday baked goods will be for sale, so come and check some names off your gift list and support our first responders at the same time.



The 3- and 4-year-olds at the Sewanee Children's Center recently took a field trip to the Sewanee post office to mail their letters to Santa Claus.

Open Re-Enrollment Deadline Monday for Affordable Care Act

People who enrolled in the Affordable Care Act insurance plans last year need to re-enroll by Monday, Dec. 15, to keep their insurance. New enrollees have until Feb. 15 to participate in the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace.

The South Cumberland Plateau Health Network, in partnership with the Medical Foundation of Chattanooga, is offering free assistance, 2–6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, in the Grundy County Heritage Center, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. Certified plan navigators and application counselors will be onsite to help.

Anyone interested in enrolling must bring the following information: proof of identification, social security numbers and birth dates, pay stubs and W-2 forms, policy numbers for any current coverage and an email address. For more information contact Nancy Ridge at (423) 622-2872.

Jim Peterman reports that it is also possible to get free assistance signing up by calling regional broker American Exchange, (888) 995-1674. For more information contact Peterman at 598-1482 or email <jfpeterm@sewanee.edu>.



St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students performed their Winter Concert on Dec. 10, in McCrory Hall. Photo by Paul Klekotta

Holiday Music Offerings

Sewanee Chorale

The Sewanee Chorale will perform its Christmas concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, in All Saints' Chapel. The concert will feature the music of John Rutter, one of the most prolific 20th-century Christmas composers. The concert will be under the direction of Gary Sturgis, his fifth year as conductor for the Sewanee Chorale. Kathy Sturgis joins the chorale as piano accompanist. Also performing will be Jane Hawkins of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, on the bowed psaltery.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact Gary Sturgis at (931) 636-5294 or email <gksturgis@gmail.com>

Classical and Big Band, Vocal Students

The voice students of Susan Rupert will perform on Saturday, Dec. 13, in St. Luke's Chapel. Two group performances will feature a variety of musical styles. At 5:30 p.m., classical students will present a selection of art songs, old English songs, and an aria or two. At 7 p.m., the Big Band/Broadway section will join with the Sewanee Jazz Trio (Noel Workman, Bob Burns and Garry Collins) to offer golden oldies and popular Christmas melodies. The event is free and open to the public.

Board Donates Land for Farmers' Market

by Kevin Cummings, Messenger Staff Writer

The Franklin County Board of Education met on Dec. 8 and agreed to give property to the county for a new farmers' market building.

The pavilion for the Southern Middle Tennessee Farmers Market of Franklin County will be on land primarily owned by the school system. The board agreed to let the county use 0.87 acres between the old Franklin County High School football stadium and Dinah Shore Boulevard for the 50-foot by 150-foot structure.

The current open-air farmers' market, which is also on school system property, will move just down the street to the pavilion, which is being funded by a \$42,000 state grant that the county will match. Helen Stapleton, District 5 county commissioner, said she is excited about the farmers' market expansion.

"It's a win-win for the county," she said. "The food is fresher and healthier, and the profits will support our farmers right here and will get spent here. I'd love to see the school kids learn gardening and perhaps sell their produce to fund school projects. They'd learn a valuable lesson in science, survival and economics."

John Ferrell, the Franklin County agent for the University of Tennessee Extension Service, said the goal is to have the pavilion completed before the market opens in April.

The land donation includes a stipulation that the property will revert back to the school system if the pavilion is not built or the market goes out of business.

School board chairman Kevin Caroland said the contribution is a good faith gesture to benefit the community.

Responding to a request from the City of Winchester, the school board unanimously supported rezoning its property at the old Franklin County High School area from R-1 (low-density residential) to C-2 (commercial highway service district). The rezoning will clear the way for the farmers' market, but the change is also needed if the state awards a proposed vocational-technical school to the county, which could be on that property.

In other business at the Dec. 8 school board meeting:

Caroland announced that Jan. 19 is the final day that the Tennessee School Board Association will accept applications for the new Franklin County director of schools.

Rebecca Sharber, who is retiring as director this summer, gave an overview of how the school system uses state and locally mandated testing and assessments to develop improvement strategies. Testing data is used to create both district improvement plans and individual school improvement plans, which may include new learning programs and adjusting areas of focus, she said.

In addition to planning based on annual tests, teachers meet weekly and use assessment data to share strategies and make action plans as part of Professional Learning Communities.

Board member Adam Tucker requested the presentation during the November board meeting and said he may have additional specific questions for Sharber on how testing data is utilized. Sharber said she will provide board members with individual school improvement plans and information about the "Study Island" software program used by students.

During a Dec. 2 public forum with Tucker hosted by the Sewanee Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization, people in attendance heavily criticized the amount of required testing programs.

2014 Deer Cull Opens Thursday

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

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

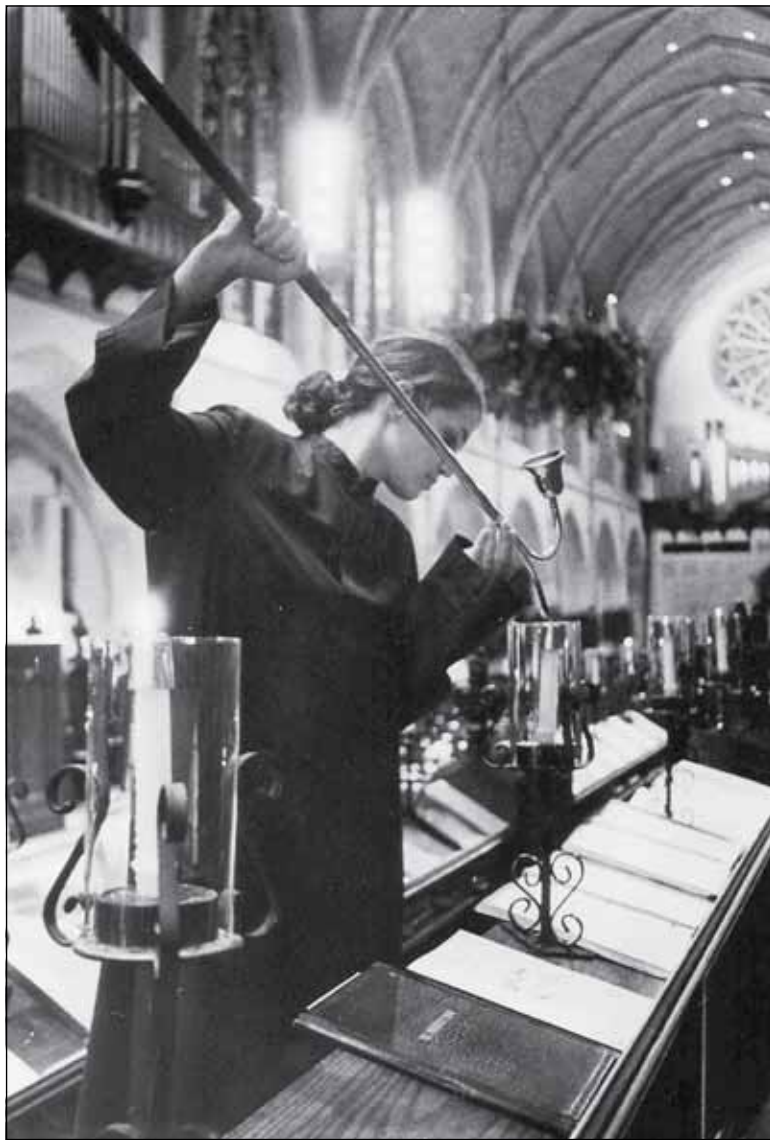
Domain manager Nate Wilson said there are no changes to hunting locations or times from last year. A copy of the maps is on page 14; the map, hunting rules and a shared Google map of hunting times is available at <<http://domainmgt.sewanee.edu/resources/2014-university-deer-hunt>>.

Wilson said the results of the 2014 fall deer census were very encouraging.

"The results indicate that the population is responding to our increased management and showed average density in deer per square mile to be half what it was in 2013," Wilson said. The deer population is "25 percent of the population indicated during out first census in 2010. Our hope is to reach our target density of 25 animals per square mile by next year."

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

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Sacristan Kayla Deep lights the choir candles for the Dec. 7 Lessons and Carols service at All Saints' Chapel. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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 one more issue on Friday, 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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Letters

TREE LIGHTING THANKS

To the Editor:

The Sewanee Business Alliance would like to thank all in the community that came out to the Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This event is special to our community. It is a wonderful time to see everyone, especially all the kids that had the opportunity to see Santa and give him their wish list for Christmas. Thanks to everyone that supported the Community Action Committee and Operation Noel!

The SBA would also like to thank the University for their support. John McCardell, John Swallow and Barbara Schlichting have been a big help in making the Sewanee Village a better place to shop, eat, relax and enjoy. We hope everyone enjoys all the Christmas lights around the Village this year. The SBA worked hard to coordinate the hanging of the lights. A big thank you goes to Joseph's Remodeling for working hard to get all the lights out in time for the Christmas Tree Lighting.

The event was a success again this year, and we were able to get it all done before the rain. Thank you to Gary Sturgis and the Sewanee Chorale for always being such an important part of this event, to Santa Claus and to all the helpers.

Merry Christmas to everyone, and the SBA looks forward to a prosperous and Happy New Year!!

John Goodson
Sewanee Business Alliance ■

HEALTH CARE HELP

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank Dr. James Peterman and his team of assistants, many of whom were College students, for offering the free health insurance seminar on Dec. 6.

I was overwhelmed and frustrated and on the verge of deciding that health insurance was not worth the agony of signing up. But thanks to the knowledge and insight of this friendly team of volunteers, I now have a policy that is affordable and right for me.

Helpful neighbors is just one of the myriad blessings of living in this wonderful community!

Diane Jones
Sewanee ■

WREATH UPDATE

To the Editor:

The wreath sale so many have supported is taking a "sabbatical" and will not take place this year. Please support the local businesses that have ordered extra wreaths to help you decorate your doors.

Thank you for your incredible support of a project that began more than 20 years ago at Sewanee Elementary School and continued at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School.

Over the years, the community's support of this project has given sixth-graders the opportunity to go camping on Cumberland Island, spend three days each year at an environmental

center in the Smokies and buy camping equipment so they could switch their environmental experiences to camping on their own SAS campus. In the past eight years, students have sponsored the education of two boys at Amazing Grace in Uganda. They also have been able to send a donation to an organization each student selected. The list of the charities they chose is moving to read.

I meant to have this be a short notice saying "No wreath sale this year," but it has become a longer "thank you" to all of you who have been part of this annual tradition. You have made all this possible.

The wreath sale will return next year as a project that will help the Community Action Committee. Next November, look for announcements from Betty Carpenter and the CAC, who will welcome your orders.

Have a happy and blessed holiday.
Cindy Potter, Sewanee ■

GROSSLY INACCURATE

To the Editor:

I write to challenge the portrayal of Saul Alinsky in the letter to the editor in the Dec. 5 edition of the Messenger.

It was grossly inaccurate and unsupported by any evidence. Alinsky was a great admirer of American Revolutionary heroes. He was a champion of democratic citizenship and worked tirelessly to educate people "to realize the democratic dream of equality, justice, peace, cooperation, equal and full opportunities for education, full and useful employment, health and the creation of those circumstances in which man can have the chance to live by values that give meaning to life." (Rules, p. 3).

I encourage readers to pick up Alinsky's classic work, "Rules for Radicals," and come to their own conclusions about Alinsky's political philosophy and views.

Paige Schneider
Sewanee ■

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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.



Letters to the Editor Policy

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>.—LW

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

EQB Christmas Party Today

The EQB Christmas party will be today (Friday), Dec. 12. The event will start with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. For more information contact Anne Lorenz at 598-0205 or email <alorenz@sewanee.edu>.

Big A for Autism Hike on Saturday

Big A for Autism, a new nonprofit organized by Aaron Welch, is having a five-mile hike on Saturday, Dec. 13, designed to raise awareness and support families of children with autism. The hike will begin at 9 a.m. at the Sewanee Market and go through Sewanee and on the Perimeter Trail and the Mountain Goat Trail.

Welch is seeking donations of healthy snacks and water for hikers, as well as contributions. For more information contact Welch at (931) 463-3055 or email <aaron@bigadesigns.com>.

UDC Christmas Meeting on Saturday

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 Sewanee, will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Franklin-Pearson House in Cowan for its annual Christmas meeting and luncheon. All UDC meetings are open to the public, and guests are welcome.

CAC 40th Anniversary Lunch on Sunday

The Community Action Committee will celebrate 40 years of service in the greater Sewanee community at a luncheon at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, in St. Mark's Hall of Otey's Claiborne Parish House.

Guests are encouraged to bring "40 of something," such as peanut butter, tuna, canned soup, or even 40 pounds of dollars, quarters, dimes, or pennies. For more information call 598-5927.

Coffee With the Coach on Monday

Coffee with the Coach will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Dec. 15, at the Blue Chair Tavern for free coffee and conversation. The speaker will be Dickie McCarthy, the Sewanee athletic department's director of internal operations and compliance. This will be the last meeting until the group resumes on Jan. 12, when Sewanee swimming coach Max Obermiller will be the guest. For more information call 598-0159.

Ebola Preparedness Meeting for Franklin Co. Monday

Southern Tennessee Regional Health System and Franklin County Prevention Coalition, with special guests from the Tennessee Department of Health, will host an Ebola preparedness town hall meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, in Franklin County High School's auditorium.

The purpose of the meeting is to educate the community on guidelines for first responders, medical professionals, law enforcement and private individuals in case of interaction with potentially infectious persons. Topics will include signs/symptoms, transmission, risk of exposure, prevention, outbreaks, treatment and diagnosis. There will be ample opportunity for questions to be answered.

SUD Board Meeting on Tuesday

The Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the SUD office. The agenda includes: approval of the meeting agenda; approval of the Nov. 24 meeting minutes (as distributed); general manager's report; financial report; unfinished business: update on the constructed wetlands study; 2015 election for Marion County seat; 2015 fiscal year budget finalization; and new business. The next meeting will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27. There will also be time for visitor comments and announcements.

EQB Meeting on Wednesday

EQB will meet for lunch at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

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

The Monteagle Sewanee Club meets 8-9 a.m., Thursdays, at the Sewanee Inn. At the Dec. 18 meeting, John Bratton will talk about the work of the Sewanee Historical Society. There will be no meeting on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

Curbside Recycling on Dec. 19

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Dec. 19, 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.

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Mary Priestley

Priestley Book Signing

Sewanee Herbarium curator Mary Priestley will be signing copies of her book "Fiery Gizzard: Voices from the Wilderness," 3-4:30 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 12, at the University Book and Supply Store.

"Fiery Gizzard: Voices from the Wilderness" is a series of essays about this nearby section of the South Cumberland State Recreation Area that includes and surrounds the Big Fiery Gizzard Creek, its tributaries and the waters that it feeds. Proceeds from the sale go to support the work of the Sewanee Herbarium. The essays follow the natural and cultural history of the gorge and the people who have lived there.

Fiery Gizzard is a favorite destination for many who live on or visit the Plateau. The hike to Sycamore Falls for a splash in the swimming hole is an experience shared by hundreds of people who cherish Sewanee and its environs.

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Assistant Director for Marketing and Development, Sewanee Summer Music Festival; Assistant Dean of Students for Student Life; Assistant Director of University Archives and Special Collections; Business Analyst, Advancement Services; Coordinator of Summer Pre-Collegiate Programs; IT Administrator, School of Theology; Programmer/Analyst 1; Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

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

To apply online or learn more go to <http://hr.sewanee.edu/job_postings> or call 598-1381.



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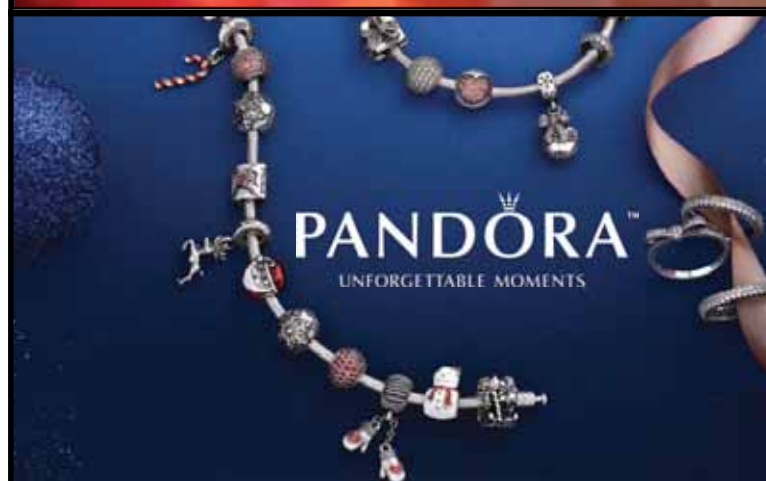
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Obituaries

Elizabeth Lucille Cantrell-Daly

Elizabeth Lucille Cantrell-Daly, age 72 of Sewanee, died on Dec. 5, 2014. She was born on April 7, 1942, to Arlie and Walter Parker Cantrell of Sewanee. She was a cook for Oak Terrace Restaurant, Pop's Happyland Restaurant Truckstop and the University of the South. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lavern E. Daly; brothers, William Cantrell, Walter Cantrell and James Cantrell; and sister, "Sue" Darrell Lorene Cantrell-Thompson.

She is survived by her children, Susan (Dan) Gilliam, Troy (Dorothy) Finchum, Craig (Tonya) Finchum, and Ed Daly; stepchildren, Lloyd (Betty) Finchum, Johnny (Sheila) Finchum and Edith (Troy) Hastin; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a private burial in Eastern Star Cemetery in Sewanee. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Multi-County Cancer Support Network, P.O. Box 1355, Tullahoma, TN 37388. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

James McPherine Gipson

James McPherine Gipson, age 47 of Sewanee, died on Dec. 4, 2014. He was preceded in death by his father, Jackie Ray Gipson; sister, Diana Zaguri Gipson; stepbrother, Larry Ingle; grandfather James Blasingame; and grandparents George and Etta Gipson.

He is survived by his daughters, Savannah Gipson of Sewanee and Kiah Gipson of Maquoketa, Iowa; son, Jeremiah (Savannah Paige) Gipson of Cowan; mother, Carolyn (Larry) Ingle of Sewanee; grandmother, Bernice Blasingame of Chicago, Ill.; stepsisters Celeste (James) Simmons

of Belvidere and Aimee Ingle of Cowan; and many other family and friends.

Funeral services were on Dec. 8 in the Moore-Cortner Funeral Home chapel. Interment followed in Eastern Star Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Jean Scott Jackson

Jean Scott Jackson, age 89 of Winchester, died on Dec. 2, 2014, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health System. A registered nurse, she retired after working for 37 years at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital. She was a longtime member of Winchester First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Leslie Scott Sr. and Flora Corbitt Scott; sisters, Dorothy Shutt, Margaret Baggett, Flo Griffin and Gina Brown; and brother, Charles Leslie Scott Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Penny (Robert) Jackson Morris of Estill Springs and Ann (Tim) Jackson Solomon of Winchester; sister, Nancy S. Green of Winchester; and 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Dec. 5 in the Moore-Cortner Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Steve Angus, the Rev. J. D. Spencer and the Rev. Joe Rutherford officiating. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Foundation, <www.allbloodcancers.org>, or Winchester First United Methodist Church, 100 S. Jefferson St., Winchester, TN 37398. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Death Notice

Zach Kilgore

Zach Kilgore, age 29 of Sewanee, died on Dec. 8, 2014, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Details about arrangements were not available at press time. For more information go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Christmas Assistance Offered Locally

Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) in conjunction with FROST (the department's Fund Raising Operational Support Team) organizes Operation Noel, which purchases and distributes food and toys for families in need. All items are delivered the morning of Dec. 23 by the SVFD and FROST. The deadline for applying is today (Friday), Dec. 12. Email <tsherril@sewanee.edu>.

Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministry and Morton Memorial Methodist Church will host a "toy store," 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19, at Morton Memorial, 322 West Main St. in Monteagle. There will be toys for infants through age 17. All toys will be priced from \$5 to \$7 (all are new and valued at \$20 or more). Cookies and cider will be served, and there will be caroling. Pre-registration is required. Call (931) 924-2192 or (931) 924-3380 by Saturday, Dec. 13. The event will be a great opportunity for families to shop for children and grandchildren.

Church News

All Saints' Chapel

The daily services at All Saints' Chapel will end after Evening Prayer on Wednesday, Dec. 17, and resume at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, with Morning Prayer. Beginning on Sunday, Dec. 21, there will only be an 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist on the Sundays during Christmas break.

Christ Church, Monteagle

On Dec. 14, the third Sunday in Advent, the 10:30 a.m. service will include children and adults singing new songs in both English and Italian. Known as "Rejoice Sunday," the liturgical color is Rose, and the lessons and hymns reflect the day's theme.

Morton Memorial UMC

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church invites the community to its annual Mountain Music Christmas Program at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church in Monteagle.

The church choir will sing arrangements of southern Appalachian carols and southern spirituals, and will be joined by several special guests, including Carol Ponder, Susan Ramsay and Dina Cancryn.

Ponder will sing the beloved Appalachian carol "I Wonder As I Wander"

and join children, the women of the choir and fiddle in a premier performance of "Down in Yon Forest."

Ramsay will play several Appalachian carols and folk music on dulcimer. Cancryn will join the choir as guest soloist on several traditional Christmas spirituals.

Otey Memorial Parish

At 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, Otey parish invites adults to attend either the Rector's Forum or the Lectionary Class. Youth will meet with Neil Patterson; 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 the 11 a.m. service.

St. Mary's Convent

St. Mary's Convent is having a special service at 6 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 12. A service of prayer, music, readings and meditation around the theme "In Celebration for Water" will be at St. Mary's Convent Chapel.

The service is part of the collaboration with the School of Theology's Organic Prayer Program, and is the first in a series of services focusing on the relationship between care for creation and one's spiritual life.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services

7:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's Convent (12/12, 12/16-19)
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
7:30 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (12/16-19)
8:10 am Morning Pr., Chapel of the Apostles (12/12, 12/15, 16)
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's (12/12, 12/15-17)
11:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles (12/17)
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles (12/12, 15-16)
12:30 pm Noon Prayer, St. Mary's Convent (12/12, 12/16-19)
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's (12/12, 12/15-17)
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Pr., St. Mary's Convent (12/12, 12/16-19)
5:10 pm Evening Pr., Chapel of the Apostles
6:00 pm Service in Celebration of Water, St. Mary's Convent

Saturday, Dec. 13

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, Decherd

Sunday, Dec. 14

All Saints' Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 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

Decherd 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, Decherd
10:30 am Mass
Grace Fellowship
10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service
Harrison Chapel Methodist
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
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
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. 17

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

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Christmas Bazaar and Quilt Raffle

The annual Christmas Bazaar concludes today (Friday), Dec. 12, at the Sewanee Senior Center.

The bake-sale items will include cookies, cakes, pies and candies. There will also be crafts, canned goods and handmade items for sale.

A handmade quilt, in the crown of thorns pattern (pictured at right), measuring 72" by 90," will be given away at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Sewanee Senior Center.

To enter the drawing, tickets for the quilt raffle will be sold at the center for \$2 each. You do not need to be present on Dec. 16 to win. For more information call 598-0771.



Sewanee Continues Four-Year Tuition Guarantee

The University of the South announced on Dec. 10 that it will guarantee tuition, room and board for four years for the college class entering the University next fall. The tuition these students will pay will remain level from Fall 2015 through Spring 2019 semesters.

No student enrolled in the college next fall who goes on to graduate in four years will have to worry about a price increase during his or her time at the University. The tuition rates for the classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018 were already guaranteed for four years.

"Sewanee's tuition guarantee represents a considerable savings over what families might have expected to pay across four years, based on the national trend of ever-increasing college costs," said John M. McCardell Jr., the University's vice-chancellor and president.

"None of Sewanee's peer group institutions has guaranteed tuition and fees to remain level, even though yearly tuition increases make it difficult for families to plan. By locking in the tuition cost for four years, Sewanee is offering an element of certainty to students and their families," he said.

The College Board reported last month that published tuition at private four-year colleges has increased by 10 percent over the most recent five years.

Sewanee's tiered system of tuition, fees, room and board guarantees the comprehensive fee for each entering class for four years from that class's matriculation. The price will be \$49,750 for the incoming class of 2019. This year, 77 percent of Sewanee undergraduates are receiving financial support through scholarships or grants. The tuition guarantee and generous financial aid represent the University's strong commitment to keeping the cost of a top-quality college education as predictable and accessible as possible.

In 2011, the University's board of regents lowered then-current tuition and fees by 10 percent. The decision to follow that reduction with the series of guarantees reflects Sewanee's determination to be a national leader in offering value in higher education.

Since 2011 the University has enrolled its two largest freshman classes ever, and the number of undergraduates has grown by 10 percent.

Sewanee is on pace to receive a record number of applications for next fall, and expects to enroll 480 freshmen next year.



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Senior Center News

Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon on weekdays. The suggested donation is \$3 (\$0 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. 15: Sloppy Joe sandwich, potato logs, dessert.

Dec. 16: Christmas meal: baked ham, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, spiced apples, roll, dessert.

Dec. 17: Brunswick stew, slaw, cornbread, dessert.

Dec. 18: Tomato basil soup, bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, dessert.

Dec. 19: Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, 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.

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.



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AVISITING VOICE

by Grace Liu



Why am I Here?

Thanksgiving vacation just passed, and all the time that we "escaped" from school seemed unreal, or even like an illusion. I still cannot get used to the fact that now I am sitting in a classroom in Sewanee, Tenn., which is in the middle of nowhere compared to San Diego, where I spent my fantastic Thanksgiving break.

Yesterday, my friend and I were on our way to the airport in San Diego. After the driver knew that we were from Tennessee, he said he had lived in Tennessee for a year, and he asked me why I chose to go to Tennessee for school.

"There is nothing to do down at that place," he said with a strong Mexican accent.

I did not reply to him. I simply listened to him, and I wanted to hear what he thought.

"There is nothing fun down there. People are farmers, and there are farms all over the place. The weather is bad—really, really bad. Oh... they also do not have fresh seafood, and they feed you catfish—FRIED CATFISH!"

I didn't want to argue with him, because he was right on some level. I admitted that Tennessee is not a perfect place: Sewanee is in the middle of nowhere, there are not a lot of things that interest me here, and sometimes I say I want to leave this place forever. But since I have been here for three years, when other people criticize it, I will protect its reputation since it is already like a hometown for me.

But Sewanee always disappoints me in some way.

Today, after I finished my morning classes and walked to the dining hall, I felt raindrops on my face. I looked up to the sky: it was covered by dark clouds that turned the whole world into a black-and-white picture. The leaves were beaten by the raindrops and fell down on the ground, like dead bodies lying on a cold floor. The humid and chilly environment made me miss the sunshine of San Diego and how nice that place was. I was depressed to see this bleak scene. I walked faster and faster, because it was freezing outside.

I walked into the dining hall, but I still could not stop trembling. I waited in line with other students who were maybe as starving as me, and I expected to have some warm, fresh food to eat. When it was my turn to get food, I was surprised to see that our lunch was FRIED CATFISH. I sighed.

Here is Sewanee: a place that has unstable weather, a place that has nothing fun to do, and a place where people feed you fried catfish all the time.

Then why am I here? Why?

This question has bothered me for three years, and I have hated to be here at times. But I always can find the reasons why I am here.

I remembered during our last family-style dinner, I was at the same table with Ms. [Elizabeth] Walker. When we talked about our own experiences, she told me that she had worked in New York before she came to Sewanee. I was so surprised, and I asked her why she had left such a fancy place and moved down here.

She smiled and said, "People are cold in New York. You don't know each other, and you don't say 'Hello' when you walk by other people. But here, people are friendly and know each other well."

I also remembered that before Thanksgiving, the weather turned extremely cold and humid for several weeks. But one day, the sun came out, and the sky was blue. Our English teacher Mrs. [Claire] Reishman took us for a walk on the Mountain instead of sitting in the classroom and having class. We walked on the Shakerag Hollow trail, and we enjoyed the warmth of sunshine, the smell of fresh air, the sound of wind and the look of beautiful scenery.

When we walked to a place where we could overlook the valley, we stopped there and started our observation: pure white clouds were like cotton candy, and they swam across the blue sky; the Mountain was covered by yellow and red leaves, and they waved as wind passed by; the birds were singing in different tones, and the melodies combined into a masterpiece; the wind blew through my hair, and I could smell the fresh scent of the forest. Natural scenery can be seen in any place in the world, but the scenery in Sewanee is the most astonishing I have ever seen.

I remembered last year, when Mr. [Bob] Hoagland took other students and me one night to see the Milky Way. Mr. Hoagland drove us to his house, which was near a field. My friends and I climbed into the back of his truck, and we crowded together in the small space. We shared a blanket together, and we lay our heads on each other's shoulders. We passed by the forest, and we could see stars that were shining through the leaves. Then, we got to an empty field. The stars lighted the firmament, and there are no words in the world that could describe such an amazing scene: there were thousands of stars in the sky, and they became a long Milky Way that seemed like it would never end. That was the first time that I had seen so many stars at one time, and I even saw meteors and made my wishes. We jumped off the truck and lay on the ground. We watched the astonishing scene in the sky, and we were impressed by the beauty of nature.

Here is Sewanee: a place in the middle of nowhere. It does not have nice weather all the time; it does not have fun things to do all the time; it does not even have fresh fish to eat.

But here is Sewanee: a place where people will smile and say hello to you even though you don't know them; a place that has astonishing landscapes and natural views; a place where you may feel cold on your skin, but you will never feel cold in your heart.

Grace Liu is a junior boarding student at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School from Beijing, China.

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Santa and friends

Pet Pictures with Santa

Animal Harbor will host its annual "Pictures with Santa" on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13–14, at Tractor Supply in Winchester. Children and/or pets are welcome to come and see Santa and have pictures taken by a professional photographer. Santa will be greeting people 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, and 1–4 p.m., Sunday.

Prints of the photographs will be made onsite and are available in different sizes. The minimum donation is \$10 for one print. Proceeds will benefit the homeless pets at Animal Harbor. For more information call 962-4472.

Give For A Good Cause

There are numerous organizations and programs across the Mountain that need financial support, especially at this time of the year.

Operation Noel

Each year the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) in conjunction with FROST (the department's Fund Raising Operational Support Team) organizes the purchasing and distribution of food and toys for families. All items are delivered the morning of Dec. 23 by the SVFD and FROST.

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

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

Sewanee Community Chest

The goal of the Sewanee Community Chest is to help citizens by funding the community. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal is \$101,000. The Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information, email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewaneeccivc.wordpress.com>.

AASC Spay/Neuter Program

Animal Alliance-South Cumberland (AASC), a local spay/neuter program, is accepting donations for Christmas made in honor of a family member or friend. AASC will send a Christmas card to the pet lover. Donations can be made to AASC, P.O. Box 627, Tracy City, TN 37387. AASC provides low-cost spay and neuter

services to pets on the Mountain. For more information call AASC at (931) 235-9006 or go to <www.AnimalAllianceSouthCumberland.org>.

Blue Monarch

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

Community Action Committee

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

The CAC is an outreach ministry of Otey Parish, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 35 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. For more information contact the CAC at 598-5927.

"Light Up Lives" Cards

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

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

Gary Sturgis and his wife almost fell in love. In the ninth grade, on the way to choir practice, Kathy stumbled on the stairs, and he kept her from falling. They started dating soon after.

"I caught her, and she became my accompanist throughout my life," he says. "There weren't a whole lot of questions. She loved me, and I loved her."

"But I'm not a piece of cake; I put her through her paces," he adds.

Sturgis and his good-natured barbs pepper the conversation at "The Pit" at the School of Theology.

"I don't think most people realize that I'm shy," he says. "I think I mask that with humor and brazen bawdiness."

Gary is director of the Sewanee Chorale and his accompanist in life and music, Kathy, plays piano. He says he likes to put the chorale through the paces, as well.

"I've never looked at a piece of music and said, 'This is too hard for my choir.' I simply put it in front of them and say, 'You're going to do this.' I think challenge inspires me," he says.

The Sturgis family lived much of their lives together in Ft. Lauderdale, but a seminary friend introduced them to Sewanee in the early 1970s. Gary and Kathy bought a couple of cabins and would often invite friends to the Mountain.

On Christmas Day 2007, Gary and Kathy, along with friends Ed Hawkins and Jenny Capel, moved to their beloved Sewanee community from south Florida.

"Kathy and I worked our whole lives so that we could end up here," he says. "You walk down the street and Ken Taylor's [Taylor's Mercantile] there watering his flowers, and he

Gary Sturgis

goes to squirt you. You can wave at Julia [Julia's Fine Foods] and wave to Harold [Sewanee Auto], and you go into the bank and everybody knows you—they become part of your extended family."

Gary, now an investor at the Blue Chair, started out as a cook at the restaurant and then managed the Blue Chair for more than a year before retiring.

"I found myself planning my day around when Judge Judy was going to be on TV, so I needed to get something going," he says.

Now he is a caterer at the Blue Chair, whipping up delectable dishes and indulging his spiritual passion for cooking that started when he was a teen in south Florida in a 1950s "Father Knows Best" household.

"Mom was a stay-at-home mom, dad worked. And he came home and kissed my mom on the cheek and we sat down to dinner," he says. "It was very ideal."

As a middle child of 10 siblings—five boys and five girls—he sometimes had to cook for the family.

"I made a meatloaf one time and thought I would try sage, so I put a half cup of sage in, and you could smell it for three blocks—it was indigestible," he says.

He sharpened his cooking skills through trial and error and with the help of legendary cook Julia Child on TV.

Now he likes to sit on the porch with his beagle, Calvin ("the most precious thing in the world") and "read cookbooks like novels." A mean osso

bucio is among his specialties.

"It's very yummy; I kind of want to roll around in it," he says.

He also loves to experiment with new dishes.

"Last night I tried to get my wife to agree to let me braze a beef tongue; I think divorce was mentioned," he jokes.

His other passion, music, is in his family's blood. Gary's dad, a sheet metal shop owner, was second chair violinist in the Ft. Lauderdale Symphony Orchestra, and the family was active musically in the Baptist Church. At 14, Gary was singing solos in church.

When it was his turn to do dishes, he would bring out his little phonograph and play an opera, like "Tosca" by Puccini, and he washed plates while his parents read the newspaper.

Although he went to college for a music career, to make a living Sturgis turned to a more financially stable occupation in south Florida and was credit manager for a large wholesale marine supply company.

He also served as choirmaster for 32 years at an Episcopal church in south Florida.

"Music and food are very sensual to me. I think I'd be a crusty old shell if I didn't have those things," he says.

UPCLOSE

Gary Sturgis

Age: 69

Favorite childhood games:

Marbles and an erector set

Favorite chef: Jacques Pépin

Other Family: Daughter, Jennifer; daughter-in-law; Michelle; and granddaughter, Sara Margaret, who is 4 years old.

Pets: Two beagles, Calvin and Gracie

Next Sewanee Chorale performance: 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at All Saints' Chapel.

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ADASH OF SPICE

by Ryan Currie



The weather for the University's Christmas tree lighting in the Quad on Dec. 5 was obstinate, but it was not as bad as in 2013, when a real December thunderstorm forced the event into McClurg.

Not so this year, even though the wind grabbed at tablecloths, and gray skies pressed down around folks. Halfway through, a cold drizzle began. And yet the crowd—200 or so, mostly students, and especially athletes—seemed obstinately cheerful, warmed no doubt by University Catering's hot chocolate and warm cider, and cheered by a formidable lineup of musicians: Becca Hannigan and Bea Troxel, whose voices blend like coffee and cream; Cadence and Cambiata, the College's two enthusiastic a cappella ensembles; and Joey Mooradian's rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with Bella Lilly was charming because of its fits, starts and minor mishaps. It reminded me of the song's origin as a children's game.

Speaking of children: there were only a few, but they were happy. Some were dressed up like Santa's helpers. Some sang along to the music. An admissions counselor and I decided that a group of pre-teen girls were prospective students on campus for a visit, and we weren't entirely joking. A reticent Mr. Grinch (or possibly, as rumor has it, a Ms. Grinch?) wandered anonymously through the crowd, and some of the college students were singing and dancing like any good Whoville resident.

The vice-chancellor spoke about the tradition of lighting Christmas trees, attributing its beginning to Martin Luther. Just before the count-down began, Dr. McCardell asked that this season warm our hearts and "fill them with love and the knowledge that our blessings outnumber these lights." I will echo that hope, especially since the tree's lights seem to outnumber its leaves! All kidding aside, the tree looks splendid. We should be grateful for the PPS workers who braved a cherry-picker in the cold wind to decorate our tree. Student Jewlz Davis has eyes that light up, and he led us in a moment of Advent prayer that reminded us of the heart of this extraordinary time.

After admiring the tree—an American Holly, or Ilex opaca—I remembered the ginkgo that stands a few feet away. Before she dropped her leaves on Nov. 13, she shone unadorned as brilliantly as her neighbor with the lights. I'm looking forward to her return in the spring, but for this season I suppose the old carol rings true: "Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown."

Sewanee's firemen carried the McCardells and some others down to Angel Park in the Village, where a smaller crowd with smaller people (lots of children there) gathered around a smaller tree. Santa Claus was there for pictures and wish lists, and the Sewanee Chorale provided caroling. We counted down from 10 to zero, and then back up to 10 again before the lights came on. The children seemed unfazed by the increasingly insistent rain, but I and a few other adults retreated into the Tavern for more cheer and a dry place to rest.

Santa was there, too, and every boy and girl of every age was given a little treat. Santa's companion was seated next to me at the bar. When she tried to settle up, the bartender just said "Bah, humbug!" and refused cash in lieu of a candy cane.

It was one of those Sewanee nights where you see old friends and meet new ones, and there really was a kind of spirit moving in the air. My gratitude to those who made it happen.

Ryan Currie is a 2013 graduate of the College working in the vice-chancellor's office.



The second- and third-grade students at Sewanee Elementary recently performed the musical "United We Stand" for students, faculty and families. The program's patriotic songs included one featuring Casen Gilliam (left) and Kaylie Curtis.

"Be the Change" 2015 Youth Leadership Retreat Set

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

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

To attend the retreat, young people should send an application with name and contact information to: Be the Change Retreat, c/o Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace, P.O. Box 307, Sewanee, TN 37375. The \$20 fee and the essay have been eliminated in this year's process.

More information can be found at <www.facebook.com/bethechange2015> or by calling 598-9979.

SES Menus

Dec. 15–19

LUNCH

MON: Chicken dumplings, baked ham, mashed potatoes, green peas, steamed carrots, apple slices, fruit juice, roll.

TUE: Hamburger, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, baked beans, fries, sandwich trimmings, fruit mix, apple sauce, bun, cheese slice.

WED: Spaghetti, yogurt, cheese stick, Caesar salad, baked potato, green beans, fresh fruit, canned peaches, roll, graham crackers.

THU: Corn dog nuggets, tuna chef salad, pinto beans, turnip greens, canned pineapple, fresh fruit, macaroni and cheese.

FRI: No meals—holiday break begins.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items

MON: Cinnamon toast, peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

TUE: Breakfast bar, breakfast pretzel, ham slider.

WED: Mini muffins, cheese toast.

THU: Cheese stick, Dutch waffle, syrup.

FRI: No meals—holiday break begins.

Menus subject to change.

IT'S ELECTION TIME IN SEWANEE!

The Marion County Seat on the Sewanee Utility District's Board of Commissioners is up for election this coming year.

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THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis

The Sewanee Union Theater (SUT) will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Dec. 22 to Jan. 8. Until then, audiences can enjoy Oscar contender and indie film director Richard Linklater's latest masterpiece, "Boyhood." You'll also get a chance to bring the kids (or just the kid in you) to join in with Olaf and the gang next Saturday night during the special sing-along showing of Disney's mega-holiday hit, "Frozen."

For those of you not inclined to "let it go" and warble away, there will also be regular showings of the popular animated film. The SUT will kick off the New Year with a showing of the animated feature "The Boxtrolls" on Jan. 8-11.

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

Boyhood

7:30 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14
2014 • Rated R • 165 minutes

The latest from the acclaimed director Richard Linklater, this film was shot over a period of 12 years, following the life of a boy from age 5 to 18. Already garnering several prestigious awards at the Berlin International Film Festival, "Boyhood" has Oscar buzz emanating from it. Ellar Coltrane plays Mason, the boy we see grow up literally before our eyes, with Patricia Arquette playing his mom and Ethan Hawke as his dad. As a parent himself, Linklater (his daughter Lorelei even makes an appearance) taps into the trials both parent and child face at every stage, as well as the joys and accomplishments. Rated R for language, including sexual references as well as teen drug and alcohol use, it speaks more to the child within each of us as adults rather than being intended for a childhood audience.

Frozen

7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 18-21

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

2013 • Rated PG • 102 minutes

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

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Poetry Night at Blue Chair

The Blue Chair Café & Tavern will host its first Community Poetry Night at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20. All writers and community members are welcome to share their poetry or short stories, or just come and enjoy a night of creativity.

"Our slogan is 'Where our Community Gathers,'" said Blue Chair co-owner Jimmy Wilson. "Folks have been requesting another event to complement Tuesday Night Trivia. We believe that this poetry-reading event on alternating Tuesdays will attract a varied cross-section of people."

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

"Since (Ed) Carlos opened the door to seasonal community readings at IONA Art Sanctuary, a remarkable mélange of local writers giving voice to their verse and story has emerged. So we wanted to test the waters and see if there is an interest in sustaining this voice in the village within an informal reading venue," Cimino-Hurt said. "I am excited about this avenue of community building and am grateful to the Blue Chair for hosting it."

For more information email <kcummings.kevin@gmail.com>.

Community Chest Spotlight: Grundy Area Arts Council

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, 66 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 Grundy Area Arts Council.

The purpose of the Grundy Area Arts Council is the coordination, communication, promotion and development of cultural activities in Grundy County and the surrounding areas. Emphasis is placed on reaching an underserved population and supporting local arts, artists and resources.

The GAAC is requesting \$500 this year to be used for the Guitarsome project. Guitarsome is an innovative music project designed to help erase this area's existing socioeconomic barriers one guitar at a time by developing skills and taking pride in musical traditions inherent to the cultural history.

Guitarist Lucas Finney began this program in early 2014. Using web conferencing software, students in three Plateau schools were able to learn how to play the guitar. Assistant instructors were also placed in these schools to provide hands-on instruction. The project is currently in Phase II, extending to other elementary schools in the tri-county area. It is estimated more than 1,300 will benefit from this program.

The funds raised will be used to cover the services of the teaching assistants and technical director, transportation costs and web-conferencing fees.

The goal of the Sewanee Community Chest is to help citizens by funding the community. The Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information, or to make a donation through PayPal, contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewaneecivic.wordpress.com>.



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F@H Hosts Caregiver Workshops

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

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

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

Folks at Home (F@H) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping members continue a comfortable lifestyle in the greater Sewanee community with services they need. F@H, a membership-based, volunteer-driven organization, matches skilled volunteers with members' needs, such as transportation to appointments and in-home care. F@H can also provide equipment such as shower chairs, wheelchairs and handrails, and perform a Home Safety and Accessibility review with a professional.

"We meet the needs that you request, and we are available to assist you and your family in a one-to-one personal way," said Kathleen O'Donohue, F@H director.

F@H strives for personalized service that is confidential and appropriate. People of all ages are invited to join F@H as members, vendors, volunteers or committee members.

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



Ursula Vann's smoked fired vessel #1 (above) was one of the merit award winners during this year's annual studio tour.

Tennessee Craft Tour Merit Award Winners

As part of the recent annual 2014 Holiday Tour of Fine Craft (formerly CAST-TACA), the full artist exhibition was shown at the St. Andrew's-Sewanee Gallery. The work included oil paintings, photography, ceramics, glass pieces, mixed media works, copper-based pieces, jewelry, handmade books and textile work.

Shelley MacLaren, gallery director at the University of the South, was invited to be this year's juror. MacLaren selected three merit award winners, who received \$100 each.

Merit award recipients were Patrick Ironwood of Dunlap, Rachel Malde of Sewanee and Ursula Vann of Huntsville.

"Anthropology #6" by Ironwood "reminded me of something you might find in a cabinet of curiosities in the way it juxtaposes the natural and artificial," said MacLaren. "It sparks the imagination—what is this thing, when was it made, and where does it come from?"

About Malde's "Laundry, Trenchtown. 2011," an archival inkjet print, MacLaren said, "the play between the marks on the surface of the wall and the shadows cast by the laundry change places for me, one coming to the foreground and then the other, like an argument between drawing and photography."

Vann was selected for her smoke-fired vessel #1.

"I loved the play between surface and shape in this pot, and the combination of its satisfying, sturdy shape with a surface that disappears with smoke patterns that you can't quite touch," said MacLaren.

The SAS Art Gallery is located in the center of Simmonds Hall. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Monday–Friday, and by appointment. Contact gallery director Molly Schaefer at 598-5651, ext. 3151, for more information.



LOOKSATBOOKS

by Pat Wiser for Friends of duPont Library

Picture Books for the Holidays

A survey of reliable sources, particularly children near and far, produced a long list of books to enjoy with family and tuck into gift packages.

The students of Sewanee Elementary School and their librarian, Kathryn Bruce, as well as my niece, Lisa Wiser, who is librarian at New Johnsonville's Lakeview Elementary School, all adore the old favorite "The Night Before Christmas." For the Clement Moore classic, consider Lisa's favorite edition, illustrated by Jan Brett. It is contained in the book "Jan Brett's Christmas Treasury." Brett's artwork for her many winter stories often reflects Swedish or Ukrainian folk motifs. Her new book, "The Animals' Santa," promises to be equally appealing.

In contrast is James Marshall's spare artistic style, evident as we meet his bulldog, tabby cat and chicken, "snug (with the family) in their beds." Soon "not a creature was stirring" ends as a tiny mouse photographs the animals with Saint Nick, the smiling chicken ensconced on his lap. Adults will chuckle as they read it again and again.

Brett's work fits ages 3–8, while Marshall's wit appeals to kids up to age 10. (Take a look at Marshall's bratty "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" for some post-holiday fun!)

Both groups also like "Pete the Cat Saves Christmas," written by Eric Litwin and illustrated by James Dean. It is a modern take on Moore's timeless tale. The cool cat saves the day when "'Twas the day before Christmas and Santa was ill." Pete is popular with ages 4 through college, but most appealing for the 8- and 9-year-old crowd.

Esme Raji Codell chose the Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" as the source of her entertaining "Hanukkah, Shmanukkah!" (illustrated by LeUyen Pham). Older readers quickly recognize the story's origins when Old Man Scroogemacher berates his workers for asking time off for Hanukkah's last night. Soon our protagonist is visited by the Rabbis of Hanukkah Past, Present and Future. In this early 20th-century New York setting, strong parallels emerge, some poignant, some hilarious. Helpful notes and a Yiddish glossary add much to this engaging version, which sneaks in plenty of information. I'd read it to ages 6 and up, depending on the listeners' background knowledge.

Eric Kimmel, author of the delightful "Herschel and the Hanukkah Goblins" recently published "Simon and the Bear: A Hanukkah Tale." New York Times reviewer Marjorie Ingall called it a "loony Hanukkah story." "Simon and the Bear" is about a Russian immigrant shipwrecked on an iceberg with a lady polar bear. On the eighth day, (it is a Hanukkah story) a miracle happens. Likely ages, 6–10.

A few hours of pleasure in duPont Library's Jackson Children's Collection turned up gems new to me. Music and art blend in an engaging trio of paperbacks written by Marcia Santore and illustrated by Jessica Salinas. Each is a retelling of a traditional Christmas carol. Families cook, buy Christmas trees, participate in a church Christmas pageant, and sing and dance to "Good King Wenceslas," "The Snow Lay on the Ground" and "In the Bleak Midwinter." Each book includes music for beginning pianists; the third adds simple recorder music. The background of each carol is described in simple prose. These are a treat for all ages.

Anna Grossnickle Hines' "Winter Lights: A Season in Poems and Quilts" is a beautiful presentation of seasonal themes. Fans of quilt art will pore over pictures of Hines' craft. Her poem, "Solstice," incorporates a quilt made of 8,450 dark and light triangles. The vibrant "Kwanzaa" features appliqué, with movement and color swooping through African fabric blocks. "Small Miracles," appears against a background of "strip piecing," with colors placed to set menorah candles aglow. Saint Lucia is honored in "Morning Light," with the traditional crown of candles represented by vertical rows of staggered colors forming flame designs. Read the poetry to ages 3 and up, and view the luminous images with all ages.

Half-packed boxes gape accusingly at me as I hesitate: Who'd like the 75th anniversary facsimile of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Robert L. May? (The popular song came a bit later.) Or should I keep it—a great idea—and substitute an edition with brighter colors? Which version of "The Night Before Christmas" will they like? Which "Nutcracker" should I send? Last year a friend was delighted with the back-in-print edition of Maurice Sendak's illustrated version of E.T.A. Hoffmann's classic tale. Sendak, best known for "Where the Wild Things Are," created this highly acclaimed book based on the sets and costumes he designed for the Pacific Northwest Ballet "Nutcracker." However, as an introduction to "Nutcracker" for children, I like the succinct narrative and watercolor illustrations by Susan Jeffers for ages 4–8.

Each year I tuck in a book long beloved by parents of the young recipients. On the list for California is Tomie dePaola's "The Friendly Beasts: An Old Christmas Carol" with Donkey, Cow, Sheep and Dove singing of their role in the arrival of the Christ child. Simple sheet music is appended. For all ages.

Colorado gets "Bah! Humbug?" by Lorna Balian. In this charming story, big brother tries to prove there is no Santa, but of course, the joke is on him. For ages 4 and up, unless raising the sensitive subject is risky.

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SAS Boys Win Three

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School boys' varsity basketball team improved their record to 8-1 (2-0) with three big wins.

SAS defeated the Webb School of Bell Buckle, 70-55, on Dec. 9. The Mountain Lions trailed at halftime by 14 points, but mounted a strong comeback with a trapping defense, limiting the Webb Feet to 14 second-half points.

Blaise Zeitler was seven of eight from the field, scoring 16 points in the second half. Eric Baynard added 16 points and five assists; Levi Higgins had 10 points, nine rebounds and three steals; James Beasley posted nine points and eight rebounds; Will Pratt had eight points; Andrew Heitzenrater scored eight points; and Kenneth

Thomas added three points.

On Dec. 6, SAS topped Donelson Christian Academy, 53-38.

The Mountain Lions were paced by Eric Baynard's six steals, seven assists and nine points; James Beasley added 12 points; Will Pratt had 10 points; Andrew Heitzenrater scored nine points; Levi Higgins added eight points and three steals; and Blaise Zeitler had five points.

SAS defeated Ezell-Harding Academy on Dec. 5, 70-55. Heitzenrater led SAS with an outstanding performance, scoring 25 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Baynard had 19 points and six assists; Beasley added 13 points; Kenneth Thomas had seven points; Pratt contributed four points and nine rebounds; and Higgins had two points.

Offense Propels Sewanee

Behind an outstanding offensive effort and 25 points from sophomore Jorden Williams, the Sewanee men's basketball team rolled past Covenant College, 77-64, on Dec. 9 inside Juhan Gymnasium.

The Tigers shot 56.3 percent from the field, while Williams tied his previous career high in points on six-of-14 shooting.

Sewanee quickly jumped in front after making 65.5 percent of its shots in the opening 20 minutes. The Tigers led 7-0, before the Scots finally scored with a free throw by T.J. Cox.

Sewanee led 43-26 at halftime. In the second half, the Tigers would extend their advantage to as much as 21, 50-29, when sophomore Clay Born made a three.

Ahead by nine, 65-56, Sewanee then used a 9-2 run to put the game away.

Along with their outstanding shooting percentage, the Tigers dominated the glass. Sewanee outrebounded Covenant, 37-21. The Tigers also finished with a season-high 14 assists.

In addition to Williams, junior forward Keshonn Carter finished with 17 points (six-of-seven) and eight rebounds. Fellow forward Seth Brown also came in and scored 10 points on five-of-six shooting. Colton McGriff led the Scots with 17 points.



Above: Tessa Shackleford (left, in front) plays tough defense against a Swiss Memorial Elementary School player in a Dec. 9 middle school game at Swiss. Below: Anna Post (No. 4) scores two in the 39-24 loss to Swiss. Photos by Paul Klekotta



Sewanee Men's B-Ball Falls to Huntingdon

A game-high 25 points by guard Alex Layson lifted host Huntingdon College to a 72-64 win over the Sewanee men's basketball team on Dec. 6.

Layson finished five-of-seven from the field, which included a three-for-four effort from beyond the three-point arc. That allowed the Hawks to earn their first win this season, while the Tigers dropped to 2-3.

Overall, Sewanee struggled from the field, making 36.9 percent of its attempts. That included only four made three-point attempts.

Sewanee did manage to outrebound Huntingdon, 45-29.

Individually, Jorden Williams led three Tigers in double figures with 18 points. Keshonn Carter added a 15-point, 14-rebound double-double, while Marcellus Caldwell pitched in 10 points.

Home Games This Week

Today, Dec. 12

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5 pm FCHS V Wrestling

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7:30 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball

v Sequatchie County HS

Saturday, Dec. 13

3 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball

v DeKalb County HS

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Monday, Dec. 15

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Thursday, Dec. 18

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Sewanee Women's Basketball Rolling

The Sewanee women's basketball team is off to its best start since the 2005-06 season. On Dec. 9 the Tigers moved to 7-1 and closed out the semester by beating Covenant College 66-38 on the road.

A recap of that game was not available, but on Dec. 7, Sewanee topped Roanoke College 60-55 at Roanoke. Both teams got off to a slow start with the first field goal coming by Roanoke at the 16:59 mark.

The Tigers finally got on the board when Savannah Rose made a three. Two possessions later, Sewanee took its first lead, when freshman guard Kelley Myers hit another three. That made the score 6-4.

Both teams would then trade scores over the next five minutes. With 9:13 remaining in the first half, forward Haley McDonough hit a jumper to push Sewanee ahead by three, 13-10.

That would open a 21-8 run for the Tigers the final eight minutes of the half.

Down 16, 34-18, to start the second half, Roanoke scored the first eight points out of the locker room.

Eventually the Maroons would pull to within seven points, 38-31, after two Cary Beahm free throws.

However, Sewanee answered back with a pair of Rebekah Faulkner free throws. That opened an 11-2 run by the Tigers.

Down the stretch, Roanoke kept battling back. A jumper by Meghan Gadell and a three by Bridget Holleran cut the Maroons' deficit to four, 55-51, with 2:44 to play.

After a free throw by Jamie Chauvin, Holleran made a layup that cut the Sewanee lead to a possession. However, a key layup by Faulkner with 24 seconds remaining gave the Tigers a 58-53 advantage.

McCormack then sealed the win for Sewanee with two free throws with six seconds left.

Overall, Sewanee was outshot and outrebounded by Roanoke. However, the Tigers forced 15 Maroon turnovers and finished with 24 points from their reserves.

Individually, Myers scored a career-high 14 points on four three-point field goals and a pair of free throws. Fellow freshman Faulkner also added 10 points, her second straight game with double-digit scoring.

Guard Chauvin led all Tigers with a team-high 15 points, while senior forward Kayla Sewell grabbed 14 rebounds and added five blocks.

Beahm led all players and Roanoke with a game-high 17 points. Gadell pitched in 12 points, while Holleran added 10.



Andrew King (left) defends the perimeter in the Dec. 9 middle school game between St. Andrew's-Sewanee School and Swiss Memorial Elementary. Photo by Paul Klekotta

Swiss Tops Mountain Lions

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee Mountain Lions lost at Swiss Elementary, 68-22, in a boys' middle basketball school game on Dec. 9, but the locker room afterwards was upbeat. The team dropped its first game of the season to Swiss at home, 61-9, so scoring 22 this time seemed like a victory.

In addition to a home-court advantage this time, Swiss had the services of top point guard Kollyn Cooper. Larson Heitzenrater and Isaac Smith both came away with nine points each for SAS. James Pitts added two, plus good defense against Cooper, and Brock Peterson came off the bench to score a three-pointer.

Tigers Swim at Transylvania

Led by senior Brian Glatt and freshman Meghan Mulhern, the Sewanee swimming and diving teams wrapped up their fall semester meets with a number of strong performances on Dec. 7 at the Transylvania Invitational in Lexington, Ky.

After a number of great swims on Dec. 6, Glatt opened Sunday with a win in the men's 200-meter freestyle. After finishing second to Patrick King of Rose-Hulman in the prelims, Glatt earned medalist honors in the championship final with a time of 1:43.53.

Mulhern then earned a victory for the women's team in the long 1,650 free. Mulhern dominated the field with a time of 17:46.10. That mark was almost a minute faster than second-place finisher Nikki McColum of Wittenberg.

In fact, Mulhern broke the Tiger school record in the mile. Her time was just ahead of Elizabeth Land's previous record mark of 17:47.40, which was set on Nov. 2, 2002.

Also adding a top-three finish was junior Erin Neil. After placing third on Dec. 6 in the women's 200 butterfly,

Neil again finished third in the 100 fly on Dec. 7. Neil touched the wall in 1:01.31, which added 16 points for the Tigers.

On the diving board, senior Charles Bocclair III placed third in the one-meter event. Bocclair finished with 317.40 points behind winner Samuel Gould and Joshua Maurer of Rose-Hulman.

Fellow springboard member Grace Cobbs also continued her outstanding season. After a fourth-place finish in the one-meter event on Dec. 6, Cobbs added a third-place finish Sunday on the three-meter board. Her total score of 252.50 gave the Tigers 16 additional points.

Overall, Sewanee finished third in the men's competition with 409.5 points. Rose-Hulman won the meet with 1221.50 points, while Wittenberg finished second with a 450 total. On the women's side, the Tigers closed the two-day event in fourth place with 495 points. Sewanee was edged out by winner Wittenberg (820), second-place finisher John Carroll (526) and Franklin College (510).

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OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



I took an exercise physiology class as a junior in college many years ago. I still remember my professor, Earl Allen, writing on the board, "Power = work divided by time." We had previously been studying strength and muscular endurance, and he demonstrated the difference between the three concepts. Dr. Allen said that lifting 200 pounds over your head once would be a measure of your strength. Taking a smaller amount of weight and testing to see how many times you could raise it would measure your endurance. And moving a heavy object very quickly would test your power. A baseball pitcher who can throw a 100-mph fastball is doing more work in a shorter amount of time than one of my backyard tosses. These professional athletes are incredibly powerful. A Serena Williams serve, a Peyton Manning 60-yard touchdown pass, or strikeout pitch from Clayton Kershaw all demonstrate how different the pros are from us weekend warriors.

Several years after that college class, I was reading from my "Quote of the Day" Zen Calendar, and I came across the phrase, "Control over your opponent is strength; Control over yourself is power." It is easy to be fascinated by power. The president can change the world with the stroke of his pen as quickly as a powerful wrestler can dominate his or her opponent. The real trick in coaching, however, is the ability to teach someone to control themselves. We focus a lot of energy in both practice and strategy sessions on how to be better than our adversary, but under pressure, in the heat of battle, it really comes down to our ability to manage our own emotions and actions that may decide the contest.

That is real power. Choosing to control your own self rather than focusing on dominating another person is an art form and a valued skill that great leaders and graceful athletes share. Bullets are very powerful. They can do a great deal of damage in a short amount of time, and a person in uniform knows very well the power that comes with that responsibility. College students have a lot of power, as well. They are beginning to control their own lives, their grades and their futures, but they are also learning that in this life we can not only care for ourselves, but we are also given the responsibility of treating our friends and members of the entire community with respect and dignity.

There is a moment of decision in sports. Manning must decide to throw the ball or hold onto it in less than a second. Serena similarly chooses to hit her shot down the line or cross court, and LeBron must elect to shoot or pass in that brief instant. We don't always know the answer, and the coach cannot simply create a rule or procedure that works every time. At the end of the day it comes down to a choice of how to use your power. Real winning isn't found in putting down your opponent. The greatest games are those where both teams compete at the highest level and recognize that they need the best from each other in order to reach that lofty level to which we all aspire. Winning is found in that moment of decision when the athlete decides what is best for everyone on the whole team. That is a powerful responsibility.

People of different races or religions aren't playing a game or keeping score. Men and women are not pitted in a contest against one another, and the guys with badges aren't supposed to be on the visiting team. Building walls around our country is not a measure of strength. It is time to evolve beyond the law of the jungle where only the strongest survive. We all have much more power than we realize. The ability to accomplish something good in a short amount of time and the power to control ourselves for the benefit of others is a good holiday recipe this Christmas season.

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NATURENOTES



Albino Cardinal

Tom Rozier and Virginia Clark, Messenger readers who live in Winchester, report that they have seen this albino cardinal (pictured above) in their yard. Although they live only about four blocks from the Square, they often see foxes in their neighborhood.

Red Foxes and Barking

A few nights ago while at home, **Harriet and John Runkle** heard what sounded like a dog barking. "I thought it might be a small dog, maybe a schnauzer, with a high-pitched bark," noted Harriet.

But knowing the dogs in the neighborhood and having never seen a schnauzer anywhere in the vicinity, they decided to do some research. They discovered that it was probably a red fox, as they see one or two regularly around their house.

Foxes will bark or scream to communicate. The fox's bark is intended to indicate its location. During mating season, which is now through February, two foxes often bark while approaching each other. They will also scream if rival foxes get too close. Vixens will scream to warn their cubs of danger, usually from April to July. To hear a fox barking, go to <www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIR8RtI9kaw>.

Slate-Colored Junco

The juncos have been back for several weeks now, reports **Yolande Gottfried**. These are the "snowbirds" we see feeding on seeds in small flocks on the ground. They are mostly dark gray, sparrow-like birds and easily identifiable by the white on their bellies and under their tails and the flash of white outer tail feathers as they fly away.

Many of our songbirds have migrated south for the winter to Central and South America, Gottfried said, but the juncos have migrated south to us here in the eastern United States from their breeding grounds in the coniferous forests and mixed woods of Canada. Since they prefer more open areas in the non-breeding season, we have the pleasure of their company in our yards and around our feeders.

"The Sibley Field Guide to Birds" classifies all North American juncos as subspecies of the dark-eyed junco. The common subspecies in our area is the slate-colored junco. Although it is a winter resident in Sewanee, it can be found year-round in the Appalachian mountains, where a preferred habitat is rhododendron thickets. One field guide Gottfried consulted says they like to bathe in dry snow. If we get any dry snow this winter, watch for this behavior—and report it to Nature Notes!

State Park Offerings

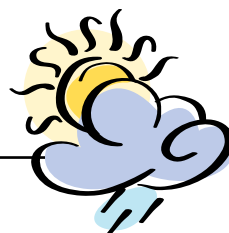
Tuesday, Dec. 16

Lone Rock Trail Hike—Meet Ranger Katie at 9 a.m. at Grundy Lakes parking lot for an easy hike around Grundy Lake to look for wildlife and to see the historic coke ovens that once helped fuel the steel industry, trains and the economy of the region.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Grundy Forest Loop Hike—Join Ranger Katie at Grundy Forest pavilion at 1 p.m. for a moderate two-mile hike to see Blue Hole Falls, Haines Hole Falls and several ancient hemlock trees. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

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Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 01	65	48
Tue	Dec 02	65	47
Wed	Dec 03	56	43
Thu	Dec 04	55	46
Fri	Dec 05	64	44
Sat	Dec 06	61	53
Sun	Dec 07	58	43

Weekly Averages:

Avg max temp =	61
Avg min temp =	46
Avg temp =	49
Precipitation =	1.14"

November Monthly Averages:

Avg max temp =	52
Avg min temp =	34
Avg temp =	39
Total Precipitation =	4.21"

November 56-Year Averages:

Avg max temp =	57
Avg min temp =	40
Avg temp =	48
Precipitation =	5.25"
YTD Avg Rainfall =	55.30"
YTD Rainfall =	51.13"

Reported by Nicole Nunley
Forestry Technician



Issy



Lacy

Pets of the Week

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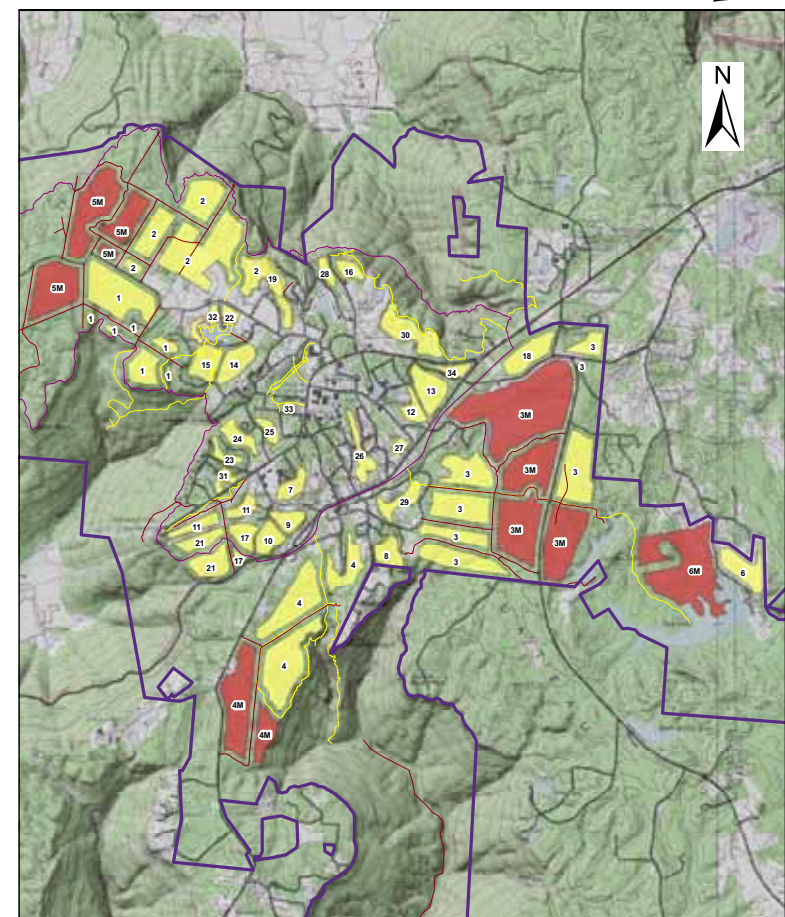
Issy is a lovely, affectionate kitten with so much love to share. She's very petite for her 6 months of age, and she has lovely Ginger Tabby stripes. Issy should be kept as an indoor kitty because she has one eye with slightly impaired vision. She is negative for FeLV and FIV, house-trained, up-to-date on shots and spayed.

Lacy is a very sweet large-breed dog who probably has Golden Retriever and Shepherd in her mix. She looks to be around 2 years of age. Lacy has a lot of affection and fun to share with her new family! She is heartworm-negative, up-to-date on shots and spayed.

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1. Stigmatize cursorily (a) Queen Mary; (b) Judge Jeffreys' asides.
2. What convinces you that Henry VIII had VIII wives. Was it worth it?
3. In what ways was Queen Elizabeth a Bad Man but a Good Queen?
4. Which do you consider the stronger swimmer, (a) The Spanish Armadillo. (b) The Great Seal?
5. Cap'n, are you sleeping there below?*
6. Why on earth was William of Orange?
7. How can you be so numb and vague about Arabella Stuart?

*Do not attempt to answer this question

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Community Calendar

Today, Dec. 12

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, old GCHS, until noon
- 8:30 am Sewanee Seniors Christmas Bazaar, until 2 pm
- 9:00 am CAC office open until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 3:00 pm Book signing, Priestley, Univ Bookstore, until 4:30 pm
- 3:30 pm Creative movement, 4–7 yr., Community Center
- 4:15 pm Creative movement, 8–12 yr., Community Center
- 6:00 pm EQB Christmas Party, SAS
- 6:00 pm Celebration of Water, St. Mary's Convent
- 7:00 pm Film, "Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1," Alma Mater, Tracy City
- 7:30 pm Film, "Boyhood," SUT

Saturday, Dec. 13

- 8:00 am Yoga with Richard, Community Center
- 8:30 am Sewanee Seniors Christmas Bazaar, until noon
- 9:00 am Big A for Autism Hike, meet at Sewanee Market
- 10:00 am Hospitality shop open, until noon (last day until 1/13/15)
- 10:00 am Kirby-Smith chapter UDC, Franklin-Pearson House
- 3:00 pm Jump-off VFD Bake Sale, until 5 pm, 107 Blackberry Ln
- 5:30 pm Classical vocal recital, St. Luke's Chapel
- 5:30 pm Broadway/Jazz vocal recital, St. Luke's Chapel
- 7:00 pm Film, "Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1," Alma Mater, Tracy City
- 7:30 pm Film, "Boyhood," SUT

Sunday, Dec. 14

- 12:30 pm CAC 40th Anniversary celebration, St. Mark's Hall
- 3:00 pm Film, "Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1," Alma Mater, Tracy City
- 3:00 pm Knitting circle/instruction, Mooney's, until 5 pm
- 3:00 pm Concert, Sewanee Chorale, All Saints'
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr
- 5:30 pm Christmas Music, Morton Memorial Church, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm Film, "Boyhood," SUT

Monday, Dec. 15

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Coffee with Coach, McCarthy, Blue Chair Tavern
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Ctr, until 11:15 am
- 5:30 pm Yoga for Healing with Lucie, Comm Ctr
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:00 pm Ebola town hall meeting, FCHS auditorium
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer support group, Otey sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 16

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Crafting Ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 4:30 pm Centering Prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, old GCHS annex, until 6:30 pm
- 5:00 pm Sewanee Utility District board meeting, SUD office
- 6:30 pm Weight Watchers, Morton Memorial, weigh-in 6 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Last day of School of Theology classes

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center

- 12:00 pm EQB luncheon, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr
- 6:00 pm Celtic Christianity, Eichler, Christ Church, TC
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, Dec. 18

Deer Cull begins

- 8:00 am GC Clothing bank open, old GCHS, until noon
- 8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9:00 am CAC office open until 11 am
- 9:00 am Nature journaling, Stirling's, until 11 am
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr, until 11:15 am
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, (advanced), Comm Center
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey Parish House
- 2:00 pm Knitting circle/instruction, Mooney's, until 4 pm
- 3:30 pm Mntop Tumblers, beginners, 5–8 yr., Comm Ctr
- 4:30 pm Mntop Tumblers, intermed/adv, Comm Ctr
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 7:00 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall
- 7:30 pm Film, "Frozen," SUT (cartoons start at 7 pm)

Friday, Dec. 19

Curbside recycling, before 7:30 a.m.

Last day of classes in 2014 for Franklin, Grundy & Marion counties

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, old GCHS, until noon
- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open until 11 am
- 9:00 am Santa on the Mountain, Morton Memorial Methodist, 337 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 1 pm
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 3:30 pm Creative movement, 4–7 yr., Community Center
- 4:15 pm Creative movement, 8–12 yr., Community Center
- 5:30 pm World healing meditation, Comm Ctr
- 7:30 pm Film, "Frozen," SUT (cartoons start at 7 pm)

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

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

Saturday

- 6:30 pm AA, women's group, (615) 454-7799 for location
- 7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey

Sunday

- 6:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Monday

- 5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
- 7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

- 7:00 pm AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey

Wednesday

- 10:00 am AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 4:30 pm AA, "Tea-Totallers" women's group, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday

- 12:00 pm AA, (931) 924-3493 for location
- 7:00 pm AA, open, St. James
- 7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Dysfunctional Families, Claiborne Parish House, Otey

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