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SUD Pursues Amending Founding Act

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 10 meeting, the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners voted to ask the Tennessee legislature to amend the act that established the utility. The board also approved a slate of candidates for the upcoming commissioner election, and considered a bill adjustment request.

According to SUD manager Ben Beavers, a 1994 legislative act “recreated” the utility to allow for providing service to both Franklin and Marion counties. The act stipulates: “No member [of the board of commissioners] may serve more than two consecutive terms.”

“It’s a shame when you have people willing to serve who cannot stand for office,” said Board President Charlie Smith.

Tennessee Association of Utility Districts attorney Don Scholes advised the board the best course of action to follow to remove the term limit restriction was to ask the state legislature to amend the act and delete the term-limit language.

Smith will contact district representative Iris Rudder to make the request on SUD’s behalf.

Only eight Tennessee utilities elect commissioners, Beavers said, and most of those do not have term limits. The requested amendment will only affect SUD, since the act stipulates a number-of-residents range that applies only to SUD.

The board nominated the following slate of candidates for the upcoming commissioner election: Beeler Brush, Doug Cameron, and “Railroad” Bill Crescenzo. Voting begins Jan. 2 during regular business hours at the SUD office and continues until the Jan. 28 commissioner meeting.

The board took up a water bill adjustment request from a customer with a \$3,500 bill due to an irrigation line leak. The leak resulted in a 28,000 gallon-per-day water loss over 11 days. The customer’s written appeal stated a coupling coming unglued caused the leak. The customer maintained this occurred because of increased water pressure following SUD’s recent replacement of aging, constricted cast iron water lines.

“Changing the flow doesn’t change the pressure,” Beavers stressed. Beavers also noted SUD leak insurance does not cover irrigation meters. “I told the customer the only way the board could grant an adjustment is if SUD doesn’t follow the adjustment policy.”

The policy states: “If an investigation of the meter and meter record establishes that the meter was properly read and that there was no failure of utility equipment, the bill will remain valid and payable.”

“It’s unfortunate,” Commissioner Paul Evans said. “But it’s a straight black-and-white policy thing.”

“We reviewed the customer’s appeal, and nothing warrants policy changes,” Smith said. “The policy was followed.”



Volunteers at the Greening of the Chapel. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



If you attended the Tree Lighting in the village this past Friday, you saw the beautiful decorations on the Christmas tree in Angel Park. Thanks to Mandi Oakes and the Sewanee Business Alliance for giving the Sewanee Children’s Center the opportunity to decorate the Village tree this year. Every child hung their ornament on the tree, and we listened to the story of the Grinch with Rambles, the sweet therapy dog, and his owner Kathy Solomon. We enjoyed hot chocolate and dancing, and sang Christmas carols along our walk to Angel Park. If you haven’t seen the tree yet, we invite you to visit Angel Park and get into the holiday spirit.

Schools’ Cell Phone Policy Changes Likely

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 9 meeting, the Franklin County School Board considered altering the disciplinary action prescribed by the new cell phone policy. The board also reviewed and approved the request for a change order to cover the cost of repairing sinkholes at the South Middle School construction site.

The disciplinary procedures called for in the new cell phone policy approved at the November 11 meeting were largely unchanged from the prior policy. Students in violation of the policy could pay a \$25 fine or have their phones confiscated for seven days. Students refusing to relinquish their phones would be sent to the alternative school for 20 days. The new policy added phone confiscation for 20 days for the second offense.

The Tennessee School Board Association legal department and Franklin County Schools’ attorney Chuck Cagel both objected to the disciplinary procedures, said Assistant Superintendent Linda Foster.

Cagel took issue with charging a fine and with the school holding the students’ property, which could be lost or damaged while in the school’s possession resulting in liability.

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Sascha Comes Home

by Bailey Basham, Messenger Staff Writer

When Joey DiDomenico and his family relocated from Murfreesboro to the Mountain earlier this year, he did not anticipate the community rallying behind them so quickly.

However, on Thanksgiving, when his one-year-old German shepherd Sascha did not come home from her morning romp, DiDomenico said neighbors near and far did not waste any time in stepping up.

“We started posting stuff on community Facebook pages and on our personal accounts to see if anyone had seen Sascha. We went to the vet’s office, All Creatures, to let the staff know to be on the lookout for a German shepherd,” DiDomenico said. “The next morning, our male dog, Axel, came back, and I started combing the area for Sascha. We had not heard anything. We had started to give

up hope at that point.”

Sascha was missing for a full week before the family heard anything. It was a staffer at All Creatures Veterinary Clinic in Monteagle that helped the family reconnect with their pet. She had been on the lookout for a female German shepherd since Sascha had run away a week earlier. When a local family brought Sascha in for a well check, she connected the dots.

The family who initially found Sascha told DiDomenico that on Thanksgiving, their children and grandchildren had come for a visit. While they were there, Sascha showed up on her doorstep.

“They ended up falling in love with Sascha. Not knowing she belonged to anyone, they took her to the vet and gave her all new shots and a bath and proceeded to send

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Operation Noel

In just a few weeks, it will be Christmas. While many are already planning ahead about gifts to buy and food to eat, there are those not so fortunate. In our area, there are children who may not get presents and families that may not have an abundant holiday meal.

Sewanee Operation Noel is a group that was formed many years ago by the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) to provide help for families in need. They provide food and/or toys during the Christmas season. The SVFD in conjunction with FROST (Fund Raising Operational Support Team) organizes the purchasing and distribution of goods.

To be eligible, everyone must fill out an application. Every family needs to fill out a new application whether you have received from us before or not. An application will ensure that we have all the pertinent information so we can provide for everyone in need. The deadline for returning applications is Friday, Dec. 13. Families eligible for Operation Noel must live in the following communities: Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and on Sherwood Road. Please see the application on page 15 of this issue.

If you would like to make a donation of money, non-perishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Fire Hall or Police Department, located behind duPont Library or Print Services located in the old Beta House.

Goods will be delivered the morning of Dec. 23 by the SVFD and FROST members.

If you have any questions please call 598-3400 and leave a message.

P.O. Box 296
Sewanee, TN 37375



Ken Taylor, pictured with his wife Lynn, was honored during the Greening of the Chapel for his 35 years of service. Photo by the University of the South

Recognition of Ken Taylor

On this day, December 6, 2019, we recognize Ken Taylor and thank him for his service to the University over 35 years.

Ken has served to the Glory of God with his artistic vision, organization, and planning for the Greening of the Chapel since 1984. He has honored guests and members of the Sewanee family and community with his time and attention so that all who visit may be welcomed and all who worship may know God's presence in this holy place.

In addition, Ken has provided weekly flowers for the Chapel and for all holidays and special University occasions including Easter, Commencement, weddings and funerals. For each task he devotes his time and talent so that worship might take place in the beauty of holiness and that, in welcoming all who come here, as Hebrews reminds us, we "entertain angels unawares."

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Regional Brand Survey

County and city leaders, tourism partners and community agencies are partnering with the Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association to create a regional brand for the South Cumberland area of Grundy County, Monteagle and Sewanee.

It is our hope to help the community create an authentic and appealing brand that will help tell the story of the South Cumberland region and that will resonate with residents and visitors to the area.

A short survey has been created for your input into the process: <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PlacemakingSurvey>>.

The deadline to respond is Dec. 15.

Messenger Break Ahead

There is one more issue for this year, on Dec. 20. The staff will take a two-week break and return to the office on Monday, Jan. 6, with the first issue of 2020 on Friday, Jan. 10.

If your organization or church has a different schedule during the upcoming holidays than we normally post, please send the updates to <news@sewaneemessenger.com> or call the office at 598-9949.

Holiday Closings

The Hospitality Shop is closed through Jan. 14.

The Community Action Committee will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.

Federal holidays are Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The post office and banks will be closed.

The Fowler Center will be closed on Dec. 25.

Print Services will have regular hours through Dec. 11, 8 a.m.–noon, 1–4:30 p.m. On Dec. 12, open 8 a.m.–noon. Dec. 13, 10 a.m.–noon, 1–4:30 p.m. Regular hours Dec. 16–Dec. 20, and closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1.

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For more information go to <https://library.sewanee.edu/library_hours>.



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Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print 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>. —KB



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Upcoming Meetings

Skills Workshop: How to Talk Across the Political Divide

Better Angels, a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans to depolarize America, is conducting a workshop Saturday, Dec. 14, dubbed "How to Talk to Your Relatives Over the Holidays." The two-hour workshop, beginning at 9:30 a.m. CST, will be held in St. Mark's Hall at Otey Parish Church in Sewanee. Goals will be to learn about the perspectives, feelings, and experiences of someone you care about who differs from you politically; to have a sense of satisfaction about how you conveyed your own perspective, feelings, and experiences; and to discover some common ground, if it's there. Anyone interested in having better conversations with people on the other side of the political aisle is invited. RSVP: Rev. Tom Banks at <vernonbanks78@gmail.com> or Mary Priestley at <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>. For more information, go to <www.better-angels.org>.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, continues at 9 a.m., Monday, Dec. 16, with golf coach Nate Parrish. Gather at the Blue Chair Tavern for free coffee and conversation.

STHP Meeting

The Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, in the Hethcock Room at Otey Parish. All are invited to attend.

Rotary Club Meetings

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

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will not have a regular club meeting on Dec. 19. The club will celebrate its annual Christmas Social at McGriff Hall on the Sewanee campus from 5-7 p.m. On Dec. 26, there is no scheduled club activity.

Caregivers Groups

The Folks at Home's Caregivers Group meets weekly on Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall at Otey Parish. Contact Folks at Home at (931) 598-0303 or <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com> for more information.

FCDP Holiday Potluck

The Franklin County Democratic Party will have a potluck Christmas/Hannukah/Holiday Party at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, in lieu of a monthly meeting. The event will be at 263 University Ave., Sewanee.

United Daughters of the Confederacy

The UDC Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 Sewanee will meet at the Oak Restaurant in Manchester, on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 11:15 a.m. There will be an ornament exchange as part of the Christmas program.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, at the Franklin County Board of Education Building, 215 S. College St., Winchester.

Mobile Health Unit

St. Thomas | Ascension Health will be providing medical services every second Saturday of the month in their Mobile Medical Van at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church (MMUMC) in Monteagle. The next service is 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. No appointment is necessary for these services, which are open to all members of the community.

Services offered include primary care (treating acute illnesses; immunizations; well-child exams; and annual physicals). Patients under 18 must bring a parent or legal guardian.

Restorative Yoga Returns

Registered yoga teacher, Robie Jackson, will offer another peaceful and relaxing restorative yoga class on Sunday, Dec. 15, 6-7:15 p.m. at the Sewanee Community Center. To reserve one of the 10 spots available, email Robie at <robeyogamtn@gmail.com>.

We will use yoga props (blankets, foam blocks, bolsters, eye pillows, etc.) to support the body in resting poses. When the body feels supported it begins to release tension and enters a more relaxed state. Practicing restorative yoga can reduce high blood pressure and elevate or stabilize mood. The fee is \$20.

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MMUMC Choir Presents ‘A Mountain Christmas’

Join us for a wonderful evening of music at A Mountain Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m., presented by the Morton Memorial UMC choir. The Morton choir will celebrate music of our beautiful mountain by performing traditional Appalachian carols, southern harmony tunes and southern spirituals. The Tracy City Jam will play Gathering Music at 4:30 p.m. According the MMUMC Music Director Nancy Allsbrook, “We’re honored to have some of our favorite guest musicians return this year, as well as some new guest musicians.”

Susan Ramsay, storyteller, folk musician and music educator, will tell the delightful Appalachian story as well as perform several Appalachian carols on dulcimer with her husband, saxophonist, Neal Ramsay. “Susan has been a beloved part of our Mountain Christmas since its beginning, and we are thrilled to have her again as our guest,” said Allsbrook.

MMUMC is happy to welcome back saxophonist, Neal Ramsay. Neal has taken his saxophone from the dance hall to the concert hall. His ability to cross musical boundaries, and to push his instrument into new arenas, has resulted in national tours, recordings, and performances in some of America’s most prestigious concert halls. “In Ramsay’s hands the saxophone may have finally received its vital spark.” (Chicago Sun-Times) Ramsay has toured the United States eight times. He has given sold out concerts at the John F. Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall including his own three-concert Carnegie Hall Series that celebrated the 150th anniversary of the saxophone’s invention.

As former lead vocalist with Grammy nominated country group, Wild Rose, banjoist Pam Gadd has been featured on Hee Haw, Music City Tonight, Nashville Now, Crook & Chase, and the Joan Lunden Show. She performed as backup vocalist with Patty Loveless, including performances on The Tonight Show, and Late Night with David Letterman. In 2004, Gadd joined Porter Waggoner in weekly performances at the Grand Old Opry. They performed together until his death in 2007. Gunn resides in Nashville, enjoys teaching and doing music therapy for individuals with mental disabilities, and tours as a singer songwriter.

Allsbrook extends the invitation to the community at large, “We hope you can join us for this wonderful evening of music. A reception will follow the program in the Fellowship Center.”



Obituaries

Robby Benton Gass

Robby Benton Gass, age 59 of Winchester, Died on Dec. 9, 2019, at his home. He was born on Oct. 31, 1960, in Sewanee. He was a member of Oaklawn Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his sister Michelle Gass Shetters.

He is survived by his parents, Robin and Geraldine Gass of Cowan; wife, Jeanene Gass of Winchester; son, Philip Pendleton of Murfreesboro; sister Jerry (Randy) Sadler of Manchester; mother- and father-in-law, Bobby and Jean Hasty of Estill Springs; two grandchildren; several aunts and uncles; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and best friends, Bobby Arnold and Cecelia Cambron.

Funeral Services were on Dec. 12, 2019, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Bro. Ray Gardner and Rev. Larry Sanders officiating. Interment followed in Cowan Montgomery Cemetery, Cowan. Special thanks to Avalon Hospice for their wonderful care, as well as to Mark Gass and Jessica. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Julian Edward Winton Sr.

Julian Edward Winton Sr., age 78 of Winchester, died on Dec. 7, 2019. He was born in Decherd on June 10, 1941 to Raymond and Dessie DeanTaylor. He spent his younger years in Sewanee, attending the Townsend School. He was a custodian for the University of the South from 1965 to 1973. He was a Mason. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Helena Taylor, and companion Clara Mae Simmons.

He is survived by his children, Julian Edward (Angela) Winton Jr. of Winchester, Christie Renée Winton of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and James Edward Pryor Sr. of Winchester; brother, Gordon Niles Taylor of Jamaica Plains, Mass.; sisters Shirley Linda Taylor of Sewanee, and Victoria Taylor (Raymond) Dupree of Enterprise, Ala.; nephews, Gregory R. Taylor (Teresa) and Raymond Lamonte Taylor, both of Sewanee, Braeden Johnson of Decherd, Raymond R. (Nicole) Dupree II, Cayden and Cassius Dupree of Taunton, Mass., D. J. Taylor Etuks and Bryson Taylor Etuks of Estill Springs; nieces, Yolanda M. Taylor and Aspyn Gilmore of Round Rock, Texas, Crystal Nicole Dupree, Aezia and Arianna Dupree of Enterprise, Ala., Cecelia Dupree of Taunton, Mass., Latoya Taylor and Lola Taylor Etuks of Estill Springs; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many cousins and friends.

Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m, Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Pastor John Patton officiating, and with remarks from Pastor John Bonner and Pastor John Harris. Interment will follow in Franklin Memorial Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Death Notice

Julie Carol Hargis

Julie Carol Hargis, age 70 of Monteagle, died on Dec. 9, 2019, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health Systems, Sewanee. She was a daughter of Leo Mitchell and Roberta Gregory Alexander, both of whom preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Richard (Lindsay Roberts) Mayes, Hobart (Melody) Hargis, and Kimberly Hargis; sisters, Barbara Ladd and Linda Meeks, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services and arrangements will be announced. Arrangements are by Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle.

Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Growing in Grace’s last gathering of the semester will occur on Sunday night, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in All Saints’ Chapel. Nellie Fagan, a sacristan and president of the Order of the Gown, will share her story with us. For our semester-long series One Step Before Me, we’re asking each of our speakers to share about another person—from history or from their own life—who has impacted or shaped them. In reflecting on a “personal saint” who made their path clearer, our speakers allow us all the op-

portunity to experience gratitude for all who have given us strength to wander and learn. Contact Lay Chaplain Kayla Deep for directions or more information <kayla.deep@sewanee.edu>. We hope to see you there—and bring a friend!

Christmas Break Schedule—Beginning next Sunday, Dec. 22, there will only be an 8 a.m. Eucharist held on the Sundays during Christmas break. The 11 a.m. Eucharist will resume on Jan. 19, 2020. Daily services will end after Evening Prayer on Wednesday, Dec. 18, and will resume on

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, beginning with Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. The chapel offices will be closed starting Monday, Dec. 23, and will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020.

Christ Church

On this Third Sunday in Advent, sometimes called “Rose Sunday,” Fr. Wayne Lewis of Estill Springs, who is a clergyman in The Charismatic Episcopal Church, will be the preacher at Christ Church Monteagle. Fr. Lewis served in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years, including being deployed to Afghanistan. We rejoice in his ministry and we thank him

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Church Calendar

Weekday Services Dec. 13–20

- 7 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent, (Tu–F)
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Otey (M–F)
- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Mary’s Convent, (Tu–F)
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Augustine’s, (thru 12/18)
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Taylor’s Creek Greenway, Estill Springs (W)
- 9 a.m. Communion, Good Shepherd, Decherd (M,W)
- 9 a.m. Mass, Good Shepherd, Decherd (T/Th/F)
- 3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, St. Mary’s Sewanee (T)
- 4 p.m. Centering Prayer, McRae Room, adjacent to Anna’s House, St. Mary’s Sewanee (W)
- 4 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Augustine’s (thru 12/18)
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Otey (M–F)
- 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent, (Tu–F)
- 7 p.m. Centering Prayer, St. Paul’s, Otey (M)
- 7 p.m. Spanish Mass, Good Shepherd, Decherd (Th)
- 7 p.m. Worship Service, Christian Tabernacle, Decherd (Tu)

Saturday, Dec. 14

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent
- 10 a.m. Sabbath School, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
- 11 a.m. Worship Service, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent
- 5 p.m. Mass, Good Shepherd, Decherd

Sunday, Dec. 15

All Saints’ Chapel

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

- 10 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Service

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6 p.m. Evening Worship

Christ Church, Monteagle

- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christ Episcopal Church, Alto

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City

- 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (child care provided)

Christ the King Anglican, Decherd

- 9 a.m. Sunday Service

Cowan Fellowship Church

- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service

Cowan First Baptist Church

- 6:15 p.m. Choir Cantata, Christmas Party

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Worship Service

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

- 9 a.m. Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

Decherd United Methodist Church

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service

Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood

- 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

- 10 a.m. Mass
- 2 p.m. Spanish Mass

Grace Fellowship Church

- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church

- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Worship Service

Midway Baptist Church

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Service
- 6 p.m. Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

- 10 a.m. Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Morning Service
- 6 p.m. Evening Service

Monteagle First Baptist Church

- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 6 p.m. Evening Worship

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Mountain Christmas Service

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

New Beginnings Church, Pelham

- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish Church

- 8:50 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10 a.m. Lectionary Class
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Pelham United Methodist Church

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship Service

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

St. James Episcopal Church

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

- 8 a.m. Mass

Sewanee Church of God

- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Morning Service
- 6 p.m. Evening Service

Sisters of St. Mary’s Convent

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 5 p.m. Evensong

Tracy City First Baptist Church

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 6 p.m. Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

- 9:30 a.m. Advent Study Group
- 9:30 a.m. Christian Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

- 10 a.m. Sunday School, Worship Service

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- 6 a.m. Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship
- 9 a.m. Communion, Good Shepherd, Decherd
- 10 a.m. Bible study, Sewanee Cumb. Presb. Church
- Noon Holy Communion, Christ Church, Monteagle
- 5 p.m. KAs/Bible Study/meal, Monteagle First Baptist
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Bible study/meal, Monteagle First Baptist
- 6 p.m. Adult Bible study, Monteagle First Baptist
- 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible study, Midway Baptist
- 6 p.m. Evening Prayer, Trinity, Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Community Harvest Church, Coalmont
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway
- 6:30 p.m. Youth group, Tracy City First Baptist
- 7 p.m. Adult Formation, Epiphany, Sherwood
- 7 p.m. Bible study, Chapman’s Chapel, Pelham
- 7 p.m. Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

Church (from page 4)

for his service to our country. The Sunday services begin at 10:45 a.m. and are concluded before noon.

Chapel of the Apostles

The Sewanee community is invited to a Christmas Eve service at the School of Theology's Chapel of the Apostles on Dec. 24. The carol sing will begin at 6 p.m. and the Eucharist service will begin at 6:30 p.m. The chapel is located on Tennessee Avenue.

Cowan First Baptist

On Sunday, Dec. 15, the Choir Cantata and Churchwide Christmas Party, will be at 6:15 p.m. at Cowan First Baptist Church. The Celebration Choir will share the message of Christmas in music and song. Afterward we will continue our celebration with food and fellowship.

Morton Memorial UMC

As we continue our journey towards Christmas, we are reminded to slow down enough to receive the joy God sends our way. Join us at 11 a.m. Sunday at Morton Memorial UMC in Monteagle as we hear from Luke 1:26-35. We will ponder God's ways along with Mary, the God-bearer, whose experience is a reminder that our God moves in and among those whom society most often leaves behind. You can find out more about Morton Memorial and listen to past sermons on our website <www.mortonmemorialumc.com>.

The Hill Brothers will be performing at Shenanigans in Sewanee at 8 p.m., Dec. 13. The \$7 cover charge will go to help fund Christmas on the Mountain. This year, more than 300 children will have a much better Christmas due to the generosity of donors on the Plateau who join with Morton Memorial to purchase gifts, which their parents and grandparents can select this Saturday at greatly reduced prices.

Otey Parish

This Sunday, youth meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Hethcock Room in Claiborne Hall for Sunday Service Hour. Infants 6 weeks to children 4 years old are invited to the nursery beginning at 8:30 a.m. There will be nursery for both services and the Sunday School Hour. Children ages 3-11 are invited to join us in the Godly Play 2 room Claiborne Parish House.

Adult Forum—On Dec. 15, as part of the ongoing series Practicing Our Faith in a World of Need, Phebe Hethcock will present "Will the Real Vida Scudder Stand Up?, or Searching for Vida Scudder as a Person," a look at Vida Dutton Scudder, Episcopal laywoman and social reformer in the early 20th Century. Phebe Hethcock came to Sewanee in 1979 when her husband Bill was called to work at the School of Theology. She became a member of Otey at that time. She worked with the Adult forum for many years and has served on the vestry and many parish and diocesan committees. Phebe is a member of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross and from that membership she became interested in Vida Scudder.

The Otey Parish Adult Forum meets on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m., in St. Mark's Hall. A variety of speakers are drawn from across the Sewanee community. All are welcome.

On Dec. 15, at 4:30 p.m., there will be a Children's Pageant and Sewanee String Players. Refreshments to follow.

On Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 4:30 p.m., there will be a Crèche Service.

At 9:30 p.m., the Musical Prelude will start, followed by a 10 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist.

At 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 25, there will be Holy Eucharist with Carols.

Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian Church

The Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian Church will hold its Christmas brunch immediately following the worship service Sunday, Dec. 22. Worship service begins at 9 a.m. The brunch will begin following the service, and food will be provided by the Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Children attending will be given the chance to decorate their own ginger bread man and receive an ornament for their tree.

Holy Communion will be offered at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24.

St. Andrew's Chapel

St. Andrew's-Sewanee will hold its usual Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 11:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Chapel. Molly Short will be celebrating and preaching. Brenda Matthews will play piano.

Sunday Advent Series

Trinity Church in Winchester invites you to join us on Sunday mornings in Advent as we weave together the wisdom of the prophets of ancient Israel with our current challenges, longings, and joys. Using each of our four Advent readings from the prophet Isaiah, and joined by contemporary prophets and scholars Abraham Joshua Heschel and Walter Brueggemann, we will consider the advent of God's rule of justice and peace in our time. Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will be led by The Revs. Warren Swenson, JoAnn Barker, and Amy Lamborn. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and join in this enriching and informative discussion.

Unitarian Universalist

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma's speaker this Sunday is Doug Traversa on "If Christmas Were Really Based on the Bible." The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information, go to <www.tullahomauu.org>.

School (from page 1) - Sascha (from page 1)

According to Foster, Cagel observed "the courts like tiered consequences." Cagel recommended a tiered disciplinary procedure for cell phone violations: first offense, phone held for the remainder of the day; second offense, phone held for the parent to pickup at the end of the day; third offense, student is not allowed to have a cell phone for the remainder of the school year.

"The policy needs to have consequences beyond the third offense," said school board member Linda Jones.

School board member Chris Guess recommended the student be sent to the Alternative School for 20 days.

School board member Sara Marhevsky suggested the less severe consequence of in school suspension.

"Violations beyond the third offense indicate defiance and disrespect," Jones noted, echoing other board members.

Weighing in on the discussion, Franklin County High School Principal Roger Alsop said, "I've never been in a district that fined kids for cell phones...it's not that big of a problem. I haven't had any requests from teachers for in-class cell phone use since the policy went into effect."

Foster will incorporate the recommended changes and present them to the board for review at the next meeting, Jan. 13.

Repairing and grouting the three sinkholes discovered at the South Middle School construction site will cost \$465,813, Director of Schools Stanley Bean said in presenting the change order request. The \$5 million in uncommitted funds in the middle-schools construction budget will cover the expense. The sinkhole repair will not raise the cost of the two new middle schools above the \$48 million total budget approved by the county commission.

Raising a question brought by middle school alumni, Bean said the alumni had asked what would be done with the bricks from the demolished buildings. Bean will meet with them to discuss the possibility of using the bricks for a fundraiser and to seek input about involving the alumni in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the two new schools.



Sascha and Belle on the ride home.

her home to Pennsylvania for the grandkids," he said. "Apparently it didn't work out, and the family took her to a shelter in Pennsylvania. It was the nurse at All Creatures who helped to sort things out. The day after we'd let them know to be on the lookout, the nurse called the family and said, 'Hey, I think that's their dog.'"

After talking with the family and connecting with the couple in Pennsylvania, DiDomenico said he was prepared to make the 12-hour drive to retrieve Sascha. He and his 8-year-old daughter Belle, a second grader at Sewanee Elementary, piled up in the car and began the nearly 700-mile drive.

"The whole way up there, she was just chomping at the bit. We were standing in the gas station when we see this car pull up, and Belle said, 'Really, can we go?' She grabbed my hand, and we took off," he said. "She was so excited. She rubbed Sascha from her car seat the entire way home."

DiDomenico said as soon as he got home, he posted an update on social media to let neighbors who had been invested in the story know of Sascha's safe return.

"For us being kind of new residents, the amount of support from strangers who helped look for her made us feel really validated about the fact that we are supposed to be here in Sewanee," he said. "People would post that they were getting in their cars to drive around and look for Sascha and that they'd been asking their neighbors if they'd seen her. The whole community pulled together, and that just reaffirms why we are here."

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Walkers led by Allen Doyle, carrying the smudge pot.

Trail of Tears Walk

The second annual Trail of Tears Commemorative Walk in Franklin County was held on Oct. 26. The Bell Detachment of the Trail of Tears came through Franklin County in October of 1838. Signs have been erected depicting the original route through a partnership with TNTOTA (Tennessee Trail of Tears Association), the Franklin County Historical Society, and the National Park Service.

The Trail of Tears Commemorative Walk was to honor those who walked in the Bell Detachment, which included 650-700 men, women and children. At this year's event, more than 90 people made the 0.7 mile walk of the original Trail of Tears, including local residents and students from the University of the South. Before the walk started at the pavilion at the Old Cowan Road Park, each walker underwent a blessing ceremony by Lee Trevino and a prayer in Cherokee was given by Jeremy Meeks. The walk was led by University of the South student, Allen Doyle. Walkers commented that participation in the ceremony and walk was an emotional tie to the past.

The walk ended at the Franklin County Library and walkers enjoyed displays, demonstrations, hands-on activities, live flute music and authentic Indian food including fry bread and Indian Tacos. We also had a presentation by Vicki Rozema, author of "Voices from the Trail of Tears." A representative of the National Park Service from Russell Cave National Park was on hand with a display and demonstration of tools, weapons and musical instruments. Children and parents enjoyed activities which included making corn husk dolls and beaded Indian corn.

The Trail of Tears Commemorative Walk for 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24. Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there.

Stevens Graduates from the TN Public Library Management Program

The Tennessee State Library and Archives and Secretary of State Tre Hargett proudly recognize Tina Stevens with the Franklin County Library who recently graduated from the Tennessee Public Library Management Program with her Public Library Management Certification.

"The Tennessee Public Library Management Program equips local librarians with management, leadership, and partnership building skills, so they can better serve their communities," Secretary of State Tre Hargett said. "This certification is a significant milestone for Ms. Stevens and the Franklin County Library."

This year, 22 librarians across the state graduated from the program as Certified Public Library Managers. To earn this distinction these librarians completed three years of course work through the Tennessee Public Library Management Institute, more than 90 hours of continuing education, and completed a final project.

"These graduates are an impressive group. They sacrificed to complete this rigorous three-year program while still doing their full-time jobs. Their level of participation shows how dedicated they are to their libraries and communities," said State Librarian Chuck Sherrell.

The Tennessee Public Library Management Institute is an annual workshop that focuses on management, leadership, and community partnership building skills, hosted by the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The institute includes sessions on library values and governance, project management, staffing best practices, funding and budgeting, marketing, public speaking, and strategic planning.

This graduating class was the first to experience the addition of online/virtual training throughout the year including monthly meetings and projects.

For more information about the Tennessee State Library and Archives, please visit <<https://sos.tn.gov/tsla>>. For information about the Tennessee Public Library Management Institute visit <<https://tsla.libguides.com/plmp>>.



Vice-Chancellor John McCardell at the 60th annual Lessons and Carols.
Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Search Advisory Committee for Dean of School of Theology

Vice-Chancellor John M. McCardell announced the membership of the Search Advisory Committee for the dean of the School of Theology. The committee will be co-chaired by Bishop Rob Skirving, chancellor of the University, and Nancy Berner, provost. The committee will begin its work early in the new year.

Members include the following:

The Rev. Alberto Cutié, T'15, Rector, St. Benedict's, Plantation, Florida, Diocese of SE Florida, Trustee;

The Rev. Deborah Jackson, T'07, Associate Dean for Community Life, Admissions, and Recruiting, School of Theology;

The Rev. Gene Manning, T'01, retired Sub-Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, former Trustee, current Regent, parent of School of Theology graduate;

Everett Puri, C'82, current Regent, member of Preaching Foundation Board, Beecken Center Advisory Board;

The Rev. Leigh Spruill, T'96, Rector, St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, former Regent, former Trustee, former member Vice-Chancellor Search Committee;

Noah Stansbury, T'20, School of Theology student Trustee, Diocese of Pennsylvania;

The Rev. Rebecca Abts Wright, faculty member, School of Theology;

The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, H'13, Bishop of Atlanta, Trustee, Special Studies School of Theology, 2010, 2011.

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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.

If you would like to make a donation of money, non-perishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Fire Hall or Police Department, located behind duPont Library or Print Services located in the old Beta House. For more information call 598-3400 and leave a message.

Sewanee Community Chest

Since 1943, the Sewanee Civic Association has organized the Sewanee Community Chest, which has raised more than \$1 million for local organizations in the last decade. As a nonprofit organization serving three counties on the Cumberland Plateau, this year the Sewanee Community Chest will support 25 organizations that provide for basic needs in the community such as books, food, recreational spaces, elder care, childrens' educational needs, and more with its \$105,140 goal. The Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information, email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewanee.org>.

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 45 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. For more information contact the CAC at 598-5927.

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Upcoming Holiday Events

Winchester Holiday Event

The Downtown Winchester Program invites you to A Merry Little Downtown Christmas, Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14. The events start at 4 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, the events start at 7:30 a.m. For a complete schedule, go to <www.facebook.com/winchesterdowntown/>.

Tims Ford Christmas Event

On Saturday, Dec. 14, Tims Ford Park will host a Christmas event. The Friends Group will also host a Holiday Market from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Recreation Hall, featuring eight vendors. The Park's event will be 5–8 p.m. Other events include the letter writing station to ship out that last minute wish list to the North Pole, and a cookies and refreshments table.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting until 7 p.m. Please bring a completed gingerbread house for the decorating contest. At 7:30 p.m., "The Night Before Christmas" will be read. The winners of the gingerbread contest will be announced at the end of the reading.

Pancake Breakfast

Franklin County A.M. Rotary Club, free pancake breakfast, 7–10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Winchester First Baptist Church. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for the toy drive collection.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$4, regardless of your age. Please call 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Monday, Dec. 16: Goulash, Mexican cornbread, no dessert.

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Chicken strips, baked potato, slaw, roll, dessert.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, roll, no dessert.

Thursday, Dec. 19: BLT soup, pimento cheese sandwich, dessert.

Friday, Dec. 20: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, no dessert.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at 598-0771.

Regular Activity Schedule

Chair exercises, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the group plays bingo, with prizes; Wednesdays at 10 a.m., the writing group gathers at 212 Sherwood Rd.; Fridays at 10 a.m. is game time.

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.

REAL ID Law

The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes driver licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standards. Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, all persons must have a REAL ID license for accessing certain Federal buildings, entering nuclear facilities, and boarding commercial flights within the United States.

You do NOT need a REAL ID to: drive; vote; purchase alcohol or cigarettes; access hospitals; visit the post office; access federal courts; apply for or receive federal benefits such as social security or veterans' benefits. For more information go to <https://www.tn.gov/tnrealid/what-is-real-id.html>.



Map of proposed cell tower site.

University of the South Cell Tower Planning: Community Meeting Dec. 17

Update on Planning Process

The University, in partnership with Vogue Tower and Verizon, is considering a new location for the proposed cell tower, which would be south of the Lake Cheston pavilion parking area off Crosby Lane. (See map.) The purpose of the proposed tower is to expand and improve cell service and emergency communications on the Domain, beginning with Verizon as the first provider in addition to emergency communications. The tower would also have the capacity to serve other providers, such as Sprint and T-Mobile.

Tower Details

The proposed tower would be 240 feet tall and self-sustaining (a three-sided structure), with an 80 foot by 80 foot fenced area and a narrow gravel access road leading to it. The tower would be lit with a dual lighting system, meaning a white light during the day and a red light at night, as required by Federal Aviation Association (FAA) regulations. Lights would be in two locations—at the top of the tower and about mid-way down the tower. The tower would be more than 600 feet from any leaseholder's home, with significant tree cover between the tower and any residents.

Community Gathering

The University will conduct a community demonstration at the proposed site from 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, to visually demonstrate the actual height and precise location of the tower and to allow people to view it from all angles. The demonstration will be followed by a community gathering at 5 p.m. in Convocation Hall to share further details and to respond to questions.

Map

The newly proposed site is in red with a yellow border. Previous sites are also included on the map in purple. Many of the previously considered sites have failed to provide adequate propagation (cell service coverage) either due to their locations or due to the FAA's limitations on height given the tower's proximity to the airport. The height limitation impacts the effectiveness of propagation. (See this map online and in color at <www.sewaneeemessenger.com>.)



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BLUFF - MLS 1923054 - 1833 Laurel
Lake Dr., Monteagle. \$429,000



MLS 1995053 - 114 Maxon Ln., Sewanee.
\$399,000



MLS 2101257 - 149 Gudger Rd., Sewanee. 5 acres. \$269,000



MLS 2059512 - 148 Proctors Hall Rd.,
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MLS 2078548 - 246 Curlicue Rd.,
Sewanee. \$374,000



MLS 1983502 - 174 Carpenter Cir., Sewanee. \$460,000

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16 Laurel Lake Dr.	1989467	\$97,500
14 Jackson Pt. Rd 18.6 ac	1803643	\$129,500
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 13-18, Final Examinations, College of Arts & Sciences

Dec. 20, Abbreviated Day, Franklin and Grundy County

Dec. 20, 2019-Jan. 5, 2020, Christmas Break, St. Andrew's-Sewanee

Dec. 23, 2019-Jan. 2, 2020, No School, Franklin County

Dec. 23, 2019-Jan. 2, 2020, Christmas Break, Grundy County

Dec. 23, 2019-Jan. 3, 2020, Christmas Break, Marion County

Jan. 7, Franklin County classes resume



The Monteagle Spelling Bee Winners are Grand Champion, Mikaela Sampley; first runner-up, Danica Parmley; second runner-up, Morgayne Hunt; and third runner-up, Khloe Christian.



Tracy City Elementary Principal Paul Conry recognized the hard work and dedication of our Jr. Beta Club members. An officer election was held, and the candidates that won were President, Jack Thomas, Vice-President, Brady Gudger, Secretary, Christopher Gonzalez, Treasurer, Adrianna Doimo, and Reporter, Bella Layne. TCE is celebrating their hard work and success through the elections. Congratulations.



Anne Grindle, left, Director of Humane Education for MARC presents Kathryn Bruce, Librarian at SES with the book "Tippy Finds a Home."

MARC Donates Books to Libraries

MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection is donating a book, "Tippy Finds a Home" to schools and public libraries in Marion County, and surrounding areas. On Nov. 21, Anne Grindle, MARC's Education Director presented the book to Kathryn Bruce, librarian at Sewanee Elementary School and several students. Although this is a children's story book, adults will also find it engaging and touching.

"Tippy Finds a Home" is a wonderful story about a homeless dog in search of a forever home. He is a spunky fellow who travels a long way to find his perfect family. Love conquers all and there is a happy ending for Tippy.

Part of Tippy's new family and co-star in the book is Suzie, a little brown dog. Suzie was rescued by MARC from the South Pittsburg pound several years ago. She gave birth to puppies and they were all adopted up North in the Boston, Mass., area through MARC and Great Dog Rescue New England <GDRNE.com>. Suzie went through the long journey North, similar to Tippy, and found her forever home with the same family.

Author Mary Beth Stevens and her husband Robert adopted Suzie as they did Tippy. Mary Beth and Robert have continued to be strong supporters of MARC and all that we do to improve the lives of animals. We are so excited to be able to donate her book for young and not so young people to enjoy. (This book is also available through Amazon.)

"Tippy Finds a Home" is a realistic description of how the majority of MARC's rescued dogs and puppies get adopted. Many Southern rescue organizations must work with Northern organizations, to find homes for unwanted dogs. Why? The South is so over populated with strays that there will never be enough homes for them all. Most families already have more pets than they can care for properly.

Not all dogs end up like Tippy and Suzie. Many never find happy endings. Spay or neuter is the answer to stop dogs and cats from having more puppies and kittens. And this simple step will curb the huge number of strays.

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Sewanee Chorale Christmas Concert, Dec. 15

The Sewanee Chorale presents the annual Christmas Concert and community carol singing in All Saints' Chapel on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m. The concert features sacred and secular choral music, and congregational hymns, accompanied by Zachary Zwahlen, assistant university organist. A student vocal chamber group will perform selections including Peter Warlock's "Bulalow." The Chorale, comprised of community members, faculty and staff of the College and School of Theology, and students will join together to perform a classic arrangement of Clement Moore's "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Whether you want to sing "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" or David Willcock's arrangement of "O Come All Ye Faithful," this is your chance to lift your voice with the entire community. The concert is free and open to the public with parking on University Avenue. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Eco-Art at Stirling's

Stirling's Coffeehouse is hosting The Eco-Art Show through the new year. The Eco-Art Show is a celebration of all that can be done with recycled materials. We have all heard the adage: reduce, reuse, recycle, and this is now more important than ever. Annually, there are about 2.12 billion tons of waste generated, much of which is recyclable material. The process of recycling is a wonderful step towards a greener future but this option has been limited due to political and infrastructure issues. Because of these issues, much of our recycling is going into the landfill. It is time, then, to focus on reuse: how to continue to use materials either in their initial purpose or in a new form. Turning recyclables into art is a wonderful way to promote sustainability and promote creativity.

'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'

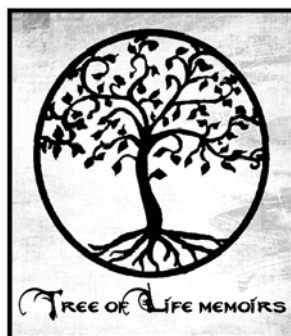
This new dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic, set in the land of Narnia, faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia. The intense action features chases, duels and escapes as the witch is determined to keep Narnia in her possession and to end the reign of Aslan. All the memorable episodes from the story are represented in this exciting dramatization: the temptation of Edmund by the witch, the slaying of the evil wolf by Peter, the witnessing of Aslan's resurrection by Susan and Lucy, the crowning of the four new rulers of Narnia, and more. The supporting characters are also here: the unicorn, the centaur and other forest animals, along with Father Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver and Tumnus the Faun. This story of love, faith, courage and giving, with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life.

The play will be at 2 p.m., Dec. 14, at the Arts Center of Canon County, Woodbury, Tenn. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online or by calling the box office Tuesday through Saturday at (615) 563-2787. For more information go to <www.artscenterofcc.com>.

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LOOKSATBOOKS

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Books as Gifts

I'll begin writing about books as gifts with a confession: Each year, I search for a book for a family of three generations whose ages now range from 6 to 78. Often I find one that oldsters can read and share with youngsters. Although the subject is not limited to dogs, some years ago a big hit was the replica of British illustrator Lucy Dawson's 1936 work, "Dogs as I See Them." Still in print, this charmer contains drawings and amusing notes about her canine subject's behavior as they posed for Dawson. This year's choice is "Dog Is Love: Why and How Your Dog Loves You" by Clive D.L. Wynne. Director of the Canine Science Collaboratory at Arizona State University, Wynne writes here for a general audience about human-dog interaction. According to one review, "He presents an extended argument about what makes dogs special -- not how smart they are but how friendly they are." But I have not read the book! I have not seen the book! Timing of the release requires direct shipment before I see my own copy. The family will wrap their unopened last-minute package and place it under their Christmas tree. I'm counting on enticing reviews, some with photos of Dr. Wynne with his beloved rescue dog Xephos, and comments from those fortunate enough to see advance copies. Let's hope that "heartwarming and entertaining" is accurate. Wish me luck!

'Tis the season to make wish lists, and Sewanee Elementary School fourth graders would like Messenger readers to know which Christmas books they'd keep forever if they could have just one. Not surprisingly, their enthusiastic replies closely approximate their predecessors' list from a decade ago: "The Bible story about the first one!" "Frosty!" "Rudolph!" "The Grinch!" "The Night before Christmas!" "The Nutcracker!" "The Mitten!"

Details for shoppers: Jan Brett's "The Mitten," a beautifully illustrated version of a Ukrainian folk tale, is not a Christmas story. Woodland animals find a lost mitten in the snow, all magically climbing into it with interesting results. Reviewers are less pleased with the board book for toddlers, as it departs far from the original.

Let's not replace the book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" with the excellent animated cartoon, which Dr. Seuss agreed to only if he co-produced and monitored its faithfulness to his book. Cartoon lovers of all ages still love this great read-aloud, even if it's impossible to replicate narrator Boris Karloff's voice. Enjoy both!

A new holiday book will delight fans of "The Day the Crayons Quit" and "The Day the Crayons Came Home" by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers. "The Crayons' Christmas" is gimmicky fun: Envelopes with such items as a Hanukkah card and paper dreidel (to be folded) alternate with conventional pages. Light on plot, the interactive tale portrays the crayons' preparation for Christmas. Some parents (and all librarians, I'd think) dislike how easy it is to lose contents of the envelopes, but children love it. Read the other books before this one. (Ages 3 to 7)

For families, I prefer Daywalt's "The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors," which opens with Rock's victory over Warrior Clothespin. When heroes Paper and Scissors show up, the plot thickens. Reviewers recommend employing theatrical talents for read-aloud time. Adults and kids can play the game over - and over - and over. On the list for the 2020 Vol State Award in the primary category, the humor appeals to older kids and adults.

An interesting gift idea for families new to Tennessee is Michael Shoulder's "V is for Volunteer." His alphabet book format with inserted expository text about our state appeals to a range of ages. We meet Wilma Rudolph, learn about Sequoyah, and admire the zebra swallowtail, our state butterfly. Nicely illustrated, this book is also ideal as a parting gift and souvenir for friends returning to their home countries. The Clarksville author's upcoming visit to SES will be a treat for students and teachers. I look forward to seeing his new book, "The Legend of the Christmas Pickle."

Remember that ages are flexible; no one is too old for a good picture book. Several titles here can be found in duPont Library, which closes Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. Merry reading!

Art Wednesdays at Artisan Depot

The Franklin County Arts Guild invites community members interested in the visual arts to come to the Artisan Depot Gallery & Gift Shop for Art Wednesdays. Anyone can participate. Age and skill level do not matter.

The group meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone brings their own art supplies and projects. Sometimes everyone works on individual projects and sometimes we get one of the members to do a mini-workshop for anyone interested. Art Wednesday is a great place to seek advice on technique, supplies, and get input on projects from the group. There are no fees. Artisan Depot Gallery is located at 204 Cumberland St. E., Cowan.

Upcoming Shows at the Princess Theatre

The Princess Theatre, located in downtown South Pittsburg, offers the following shows:

Very Marion Christmas, Jasper Lions Variety Show, 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13.

Schools Holiday Concert, SPES Chorus and SPHS Band, 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14.

John Schneider Christmas Show, 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21. For tickets go to <www.etix.com>.

Advance tickets for the programs may be purchased by contacting (904) 334-3222 or visiting <<https://www.eventbrite.com/>> for events in South Pittsburg. Princess Theatre is located at 215 Cedar Ave.



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Johnston Resigns as Women's Soccer Head Coach

Announced on Tuesday by Director of Athletics Mark Webb, Patrick Johnston will be stepping down as head coach of the Sewanee Women's Soccer program at the end of December.

The all-time winningest coach since the program became an NCAA sport in 1988, Johnston finished with a 100-82-17 record and one appearance in the NCAA Tournament after taking over the program in 2009.

Johnston, in 2019, led his team back to the semifinals of the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) Tournament with an 8-7-2 overall record.

"I am grateful for Pat's leadership and his numerous contributions to our successful women's soccer program. He has our very best wishes as he pursues a new business opportunity," stated Webb.

In 2015, Johnston led the Tigers to one of their best years in program history. Sewanee finished the season with an 11-4-3 overall record. During the regular season, the Tigers earned a share of their first SAA Regular Season Championship. The Tigers finished with an unbeaten 6-0-1 conference mark.

Also that season, seven Tigers were named All-Conference, tying the most in school history. While Erin Gill, C'19, earned Newcomer of the Year honors, Johnston was named the SAA Coach of the Year, becoming the second coach in program history to bestow the award, joining Margo Burns in 2002.

In total, Johnston coached 30 players to an All-Conference selection between the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) and the SAA. Since the SAA's inception in 2012, the team has garnered 21 student-athletes to All-Conference accolades. Additionally, Johnston saw three student-athletes earn All-Region honors.

A national search for a new women's soccer head coach will commence immediately.

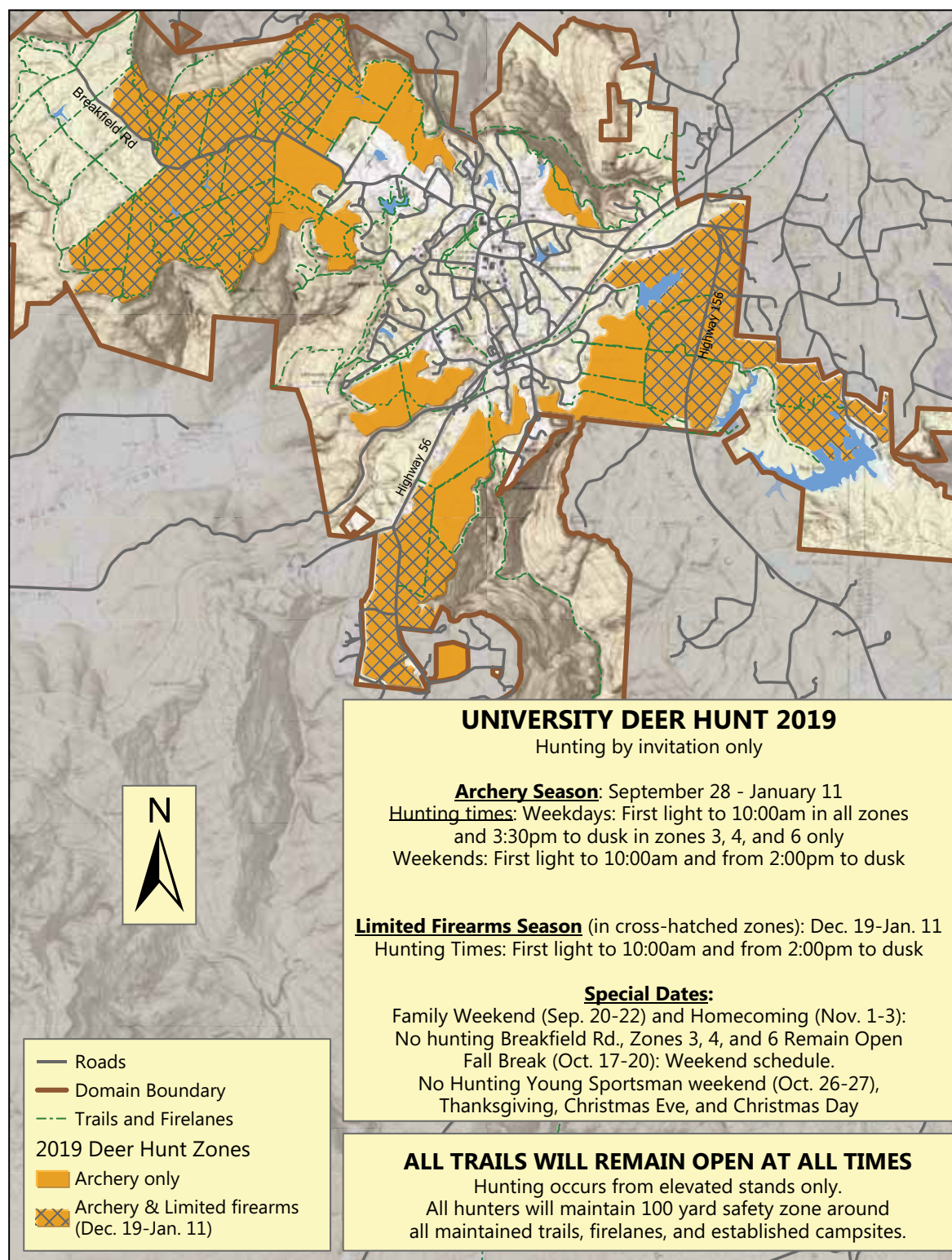
Brown Sets World Record

Decherd Mass Appeal Fitness owner Brittany Brown set a world record of 264.5 lbs. for her class in deadlifting in Las Vegas, Nevada at the WABDL World Competition. Accompanying Brown to Las Vegas was a team from Mass Appeal and several team members set best in class records and world records for bench press and deadlift.

Mass Appeal Fitness has a dedicated fitness team offering 40 classes a week and unique equipment to assist in helping everyone learn to lift weights properly. Planning to compete again in Wisconsin at worlds to defend her title, Brown can be found daily at Mass Appeal lifting weights or working with clients.



Brittany Brown



Sewanee Deer Hunt 2019-20

The 2019-20 hunting season in Sewanee runs discontinuously until Jan. 11, 2020. Areas on both sides of the water tower trail have been reopened to full season hunting. All trails and firelanes remain open to recreational use during the season

and hunters maintain a 100-yard safety zone around all recreational trails. There will not be hunting on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

This is an invitation only hunt. If you are interested in picking up a field-dressed deer for processing,

please email <domain@sewanee.edu>. For more information on the University hunting program and specific rules and times, go to <http://sustain.sewanee.edu/domain/ecosystem-management/deer-hunting/>.

Thomas Player of the Week

Announced by the Southern Athletic Association (SAA), senior forward Adrian Thomas has been chosen as the SAA Men's Basketball Player of the Week following his performance last week on the hardwood.

Thomas averaged 24 points per game in two wins over Emory & Henry and Centre this past week, posting a 68.8 percent mark from the field (22-of-32). Additionally, he totaled 13 rebounds and contributed four steals.

So far this season, the 2017-18 SAA Player of the Year is currently fifth in rebounds (6.7), sixth in field goal percentage (60.2 percent) and seventh in scoring (14.8).

Thomas and the rest of the Tigers return to the court for one more contest before final exams on Tuesday night at Johnson (Tenn.).

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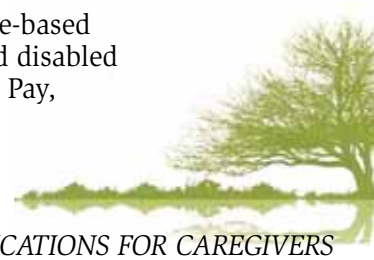
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7:30 p.m., SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. South Pittsburg

Friday, Jan. 10

4 p.m., University Swimming and Diving vs. Birmingham Southern

6 p.m., University Women's Basketball vs. Oglethorpe

8 p.m., University Men's Basketball vs. Oglethorpe

Saturday, Jan. 11

2 p.m., SAS Swimming vs. multiple teams

Sunday, Jan. 12

1 p.m., University Women's Basketball vs. Berry

3 p.m., University Men's Basketball vs. Berry

Tuesday, Jan. 14

5 p.m., SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Silverdale Baptist Academy

6:30 p.m., SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Silverdale Baptist Academy

Thursday, Jan. 16

7:30 p.m., SAS Swimming vs. multiple teams

Friday, Jan. 17

6 p.m., University Women's Basketball vs. Rhodes

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The SAS middle school boys' basketball team. Back row, from left to right: Head Coach William Seavey, Elijah Stark, Hatch McNabb, Raulston Barnett, Ethan Allen, Cecil Rodgers, Grant Shattuck, and Assistant Coach John Hargis; front row, from left to right: Isaac Simmons, Tyler Rundle, Samuel Goodpaster, Robie Johnston, Jack Shattuck, Eli McLaurin, and Emery Preslar. Photo by St. Andrew's-Sewanee

First Round Match-Up Earns Win for Mountain Lions

The SAS starters ran to an impressive second-quarter lead against a Palmett squad in a first round match-up of the Big-8 Tournament. With a halftime score of 31-7, the Mountain Lion bench played until late in the game. Palmer made an impressive run in the third, with 17 points, but were shut down 10-4 in the fourth quarter. Ethan Allen led all scorers with 11, followed by Robbie Johnston with 11 (including three treys in the first half alone), Raulston Barnett with eight, Cecil Rodgers six, Samuel Goodpaster and Jack Shattuck with four each, and Eli McLaurin came off the bench to hit a basket on his first touch in the third quarter. SAS plays Montecagle in the semi-final on Thursday.



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Mountain Lion Swim Team Victorious

On Dec. 5, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee swim team hosted swimmers from Fayetteville City Schools, Lincoln County High School, and Riverside Christian Academy. The SAS varsity swim team won the meet 119 to 77 versus Lincoln County, and 78 to 8 versus RCA. The SAS middle school team defeated a combined Fayetteville-Lincoln County team 172 to 58.

Two new team records were set at the meet. Sophomore Will Hanger set a new team record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01.20, breaking the previous record of 1:03.13 set by Ralph Long in 2006. Seventh grader Louie Frazier broke her own team record set earlier in the season in the 500 freestyle, with a new SAS best time of 6:32.82. Junior Zolon Knoll added a third State cut to his season performance, with a personal best time of 23.53 in the 50 freestyle, while Hanger also added a third State cut with a time of 51.19 in the 100 freestyle. Freshman AJ Clements qualified for Regions in the 200 Individual Medley, while senior Aidan Smith qualified for Regions in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 butterfly. Additionally, two more middle school swimmers qualified for the MTHSSA Middle School Championship, bringing the total number of middle school swimmers who have qualified for Championships in one or more events to 12. Sara Knight (eighth grade) qualified in the 100 breaststroke, while Caroline Neubauer qualified in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Additionally, the hard work that the team is putting in at practice is paying off, with many swimmers dropping significant time in their individual events including Sanaya Cody (5.37 drop on 50 freestyle), Ryan Eppenger (1.65 drop in 50 free), Lexi Taylor (3.94 drop on 100 freestyle), Jackson Frazier (6.18 drop on 200 IM), Jack Hale (2.35 drop on 100 backstroke), Maya Mauzy (2.83 drop on 200 IM and 2.01 drop on 10 backstroke), Sarah Russell Roberson (3.96 drop on 100 fly), Toby Van de Ven (2.32 drop in 200 freestyle), and Vie Virkhaus (3.77 drop in 100 freestyle).

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee swim team competes against Coffee County in Manchester on Friday, Dec. 13, in their final meet of this semester.



Lakeisha Phillips scored 11 points and had five rebounds in Sewanee's Saturday win over Centre. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Women's Basketball Uses Strong Fourth Quarter to Down Colonels

The Sewanee women's basketball team used a 23-13 fourth quarter to rally past the Colonels of Centre College in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) opener, as the Tigers snapped a two-game losing skid with a 57-50 victory on Dec. 7, from Juhan Gymnasium.

Centre got out to a 12-5 lead with 5:42 left in the first quarter, but the Tigers used a 7-4 run to cut the deficit to one point, 16-15. The Tigers made it a one-point game on a Kinsley Logan layup with seconds remaining in the period.

No team had more than a four-point lead at one point throughout the second stanza. However, the Tigers held the Colonels to nine

points in the period thanks to a 4-of-15 mark from the field. While out-rebounding the opposition, 10-8, each Sewanee player that played in the period collected a rebound.

Lakeisha Phillips sank a key layup with 1:33 left in the half to give Sewanee a 27-25 advantage.

Centre was able to make it a five-point affair in the third quarter, 37-32, but Sewanee trailed by just three points after 30 minutes of play.

To start the fourth quarter, the Tigers went on a 6-0 run to shift the lead back to the home team, 40-37, but a Madison Marcum triple from downtown evened the score again at 40 points apiece.

Later in the period, after three made free throws by Kat Wilson to give the visitors the 48-47 advantage, the Tigers went on a 10-2 run in the final 2:08 of the contest to not only retake the lead but also to seal the victory.

In the final stanza, the Tigers shot 7-of-15 from the field and 9-of-10 from the charity stripe. Additionally, Sewanee posted 11 rebounds, five on the offensive glass, to Centre's three.

The contest had nine ties and 10 lead changes in the victory for Sewanee.

Ellie Treanton led the Tigers with 12 points and added two offensive boards.

Kinsley Logan added 10 points and four assists.

Abby Young collected a team-high eight rebounds and added seven points.

Off the bench, Lakeisha Phillips totaled 11 points and five boards, while Ashley Stewart grabbed seven rebounds.

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Adrien Thomas, shown in a previous game, scored a career record 34 points and had five rebounds in a win over conference opponent Centre on Saturday. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Thomas Drops Career Best as Men's Basketball Soars Past Centre in SAA Opener

The Sewanee men's basketball team ended Centre's six-game winning streak and extended their own victory streak to four games with a key victory over Centre College in the Southern Athletic Association opener. The Tigers defeated the Colonels, 80-58, Dec. 7, from Juhan Gymnasium.

Despite the Tigers struggle to connect from downtown in the first 20 minutes, the hosts made up for it with 20 rebounds in the half and six blocks resulting in a 26-22 lead at the break.

Early in the second half, the visitors made it a one-possession affair, 31-29, but the Tigers went to work, pushing the lead to seven, 36-29.

After the Colonels made it a four-point contest again, 38-34, at the under-16 timeout, the Tigers put the contest away from there, outscoring the opponent 29-5 in an eight-minute span to lead 67-39 with 8:43 left in the contest.

After a 1-of-12 mark from downtown in the first 20 minutes, the Tigers dropped 54 points in the second half thanks to a 19-of-29 (65.5%) performance from the field and 9-of-15 from 3-point land.

Adrian Thomas led all scorers with a career-high 34 points on 15-of-19 shooting. In the second half, he was a perfect 8-of-8 from the field for 20 points. He also added five rebounds and three steals.

Off the bench, Mackie Garwood knocked down four 3-pointers to finish with 12 points. The sophomore added three assists.

Jordan Warlick totaled 11 points, while Joey Knox posted nine points and seven boards.

Ryan Starr dished out six assists while Jonny Crumly corralled eight boards and had three blocks.

Sportsmanship Teams

Announced on Dec. 10 by the Southern Athletic Association (SAA), the conference office released the Fall All-Sportsmanship Teams for the sports of cross country, field hockey, football, soccer and volleyball.

The SAA places a special emphasis on good sportsmanship, great character, and fair play among all competitors.

Men's Cross Country - Joseph Brown. A freshman from Cleveland, Tenn., Brown recorded a personal-best time of 31:09.1 at the 2019 SAA Championships in Rome, Ga. on Nov. 2.

Women's Cross Country - Elizabeth Chandler. A senior from Augusta, Ga., Chandler timed a personal best of 26:18.4 at the 2019 NCAA South/Southeast Region Championships on Nov. 16 in Memphis, Tenn.

Field Hockey - Buckley Norman. A sophomore from Warrenton, Va., Norman tallied 20 points thanks to seven goals and six assists for Sewanee during the 2019 season.

Football - Micah Maes. A senior from Pomona, Calif., Maes caught 33 passes for 413 yards and two touchdowns as a receiver for the Tigers this season. Adding punting duties as well, he averaged 37.4 yards per punt in 2019. Of his 37 punts, eight landed inside the 20-yard-line.

Men's Soccer - Reid Turner. A senior from Columbia, S.C., Turner notched a goal on two shots during the 2019 campaign.

Women's Soccer - Mena Kerrison. A senior from Charleston, S.C., Kerrison played in 10 matches for the Tigers during the past season, recording an assist.

Volleyball - Haley Gauthier. A junior from Milton, Fla., Gauthier played in 10 sets this season for the volleyball program, totaling three kills and digs each.

Track and Field Teams Open Indoor Schedule

The Sewanee track and field teams began the 2019-20 indoor season on Friday with the Sewanee Early Season Invitational. Additionally, one track athlete also competed in Birmingham, Ala. at the Birmingham-Southern Indoor Ice Breaker.

Ella Cobbs cleared 1.45 meters to take home the top spot in the high jump.

Alexis Vanwinkle (2.75 meters) and Brice England (8.94 meters) won the pole vault and triple jump, respectively.

Letherio Jones ran 53.01 seconds in the 400 meters to finish in second place.

From Birmingham, Ash Midyett finished as the leading runner from Division III in the 3,000 meters with an 8:49.45 time, missing the school record by two seconds.

The Tigers return to action on Jan. 24-25 at the Green and Gold Invitational at the Birmingham CrossPlex, hosted by the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).



Alexis vanWinkle took first place in women's pole vault in Friday's indoor track meet with a height of 2.75 meters. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



Letherio Jones took second place in the 400 with a time of 53.01 seconds on Friday. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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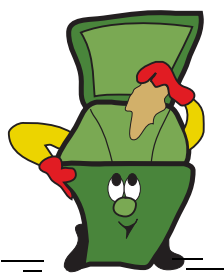
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by Yolande Gottfried



Carolina Wren

Wrens

I think I spotted a Winter Wren on our porch a few days ago, which led me to learn more about the wrens in the Sewanee area. Our most common wren by far is the Carolina Wren, also the largest wren in the East. This is the one you are most likely to see and hear around your house and to find nesting in your hanging baskets. It has a very loud three or four syllable repeated call, often described as teakettle-teakettle-teakettle. It is a very characteristic bird of the Southeast and ranges north as far as milder winters allow. Wherever it is found, it is a year-round resident and does not migrate. The House Wren is somewhat smaller than the Carolina Wren and lacks its reddish-brown and buffy coloring. It is a common summer resident in much of the U.S., but migrates south to the coastal plain and Mexico in the winter, so I am inclined to think it was not my porch visitor. The Winter Wren, on the other hand, nests in the coniferous forests of the North and of the Appalachian Mountains, so it is only here in the winter when it migrates south. It is much smaller than the other two, a round brown bird with a cocked stubby tail. It has a most beautiful, long, complex song, which I did not hear, alas. It is secretive, mostly creeping at ground level in the underbrush, mouse-like. If I am correct in my identification, I was lucky to see it!

State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/southcumberland/#/?park=south-cumberland>> or call (931) 924-2980.

Monday, Dec. 16

Denny Cove Waterfall Hike (Please pre-register!) (\$5)—Meet Ranger Ryan Harris at 1 p.m. at Denny Cove trailhead, 5949 Hwy. 150, Sequatchie, for a 3-mile difficult-to-strenuous roundtrip hike to Denny Falls, a 45-foot cascade. Dress weather-appropriate, and wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots, and bring water and snacks.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Winter Waterfall Hike (Please pre-register! \$10)—Meet Ranger Dan Wescoat at 8:30 a.m. at Grundy Forest trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a 3-mile hike around the Grundy Day Loop and to Sycamore Falls. You will see three waterfalls. The terrain is rocky and covered in tree roots, so strong, sturdy hiking shoes are strongly recommended. Bring plenty of water and snacks, and wear plenty of layers for the cooler winter weather.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Greeter Falls Nature Hike (free)—Join Ranger Spencer Baxter at noon at Greeter Falls parking lot and trailhead, 550 Greeter Falls, Altamont, for a 2-mile hike through the Greeter Falls Loop to experience some of the best waterfalls in South Cumberland State Park. Bring your camera! Hike is short but there is some steep and uneven trail, so appropriate footwear is a must. Please wear weather-appropriate layers. Bring water.

Sherwood Forest Trailbuilding—Join other South Cumberland trailblazers at 1 p.m. at Sherwood Forest Parking Lot, (take Jump Off Road to Old CCC Camp Road, turn right, go just past Coyote Cove Lane) to continue creating this brand new loop trail. Bring water, snacks, wear sturdy shoes, and if you have favorite trailbuilding (hand) tools or gloves, please bring them.

Thursday, Dec. 26

New Moon Hike to Stone Door (\$10)— **This hike is limited to the first 10 people to register; please pre-register!** Join Ranger Spencer Baxter at 6:45 p.m. at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for an after-Christmas 2-mile roundtrip new moon night hike to Stone Door overlook, sure to amaze. You will see several overlooks to experience the night sky in beautiful Savage Gulf. Bring your own headlamp, sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing for the weather, and the spirit of adventure.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information call (931) 924-2980.

2020 Savage Gulf Marathon

There is a reason race spectators chant “You Survived the Savage Gulf Marathon!” once you cross the finish line. This marathon is known to be one of the toughest marathons in the Southeast. The marathon features two steep descents and climbs into and out of the Savage Gulf on Tennessee’s Cumberland Plateau. Along the route you will encounter challenging terrain with a variety of beautiful scenery including large stone formations, waterfalls, historic sites, wildflowers and old growth forest. To qualify to participate in this race you must have completed a marathon or longer race, this isn’t your average trail run, with finishing times ranging between 4.5 hours to 8 hours.

Join us at the Savage Gulf Marathon at 8 a.m., March 21, for 26.2 miles of rugged terrain as you trek up and down the steep gorge

known as Savage Gulf, cross several streams, and run along the edge of the bluff. This is an Ultra you don’t want to miss.

This event is coordinated by the Tennessee Park Rangers Association. Proceeds are used for training scholarships available to State Park Rangers for professional development.

The course begins and ends at the Stone Door Ranger Station, with 26.2 miles of the most brutal, unforgiving, rocky, steep terrain you could imagine in between.

Race is limited to the first 100 registrations. To qualify, all entrants must have completed one marathon or longer race previously. Seasoned runners earn DNFs every year. This is not the place to break into the sport. Registration closes on March 9 or when all 100 registrations have been filled.

The registration fee is \$85. For more information go to <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/event_details/south-cumberland/#/?event=2020-savage-gulf-marathon>.



Zenyatta



Thelma & Louise

Pets of the Week

Meet Zenyatta, Thelma & Louise

My name is Zenyatta, a six-month-old gorgeous dilute calico kitten. I am the last kitten of my litter left at the shelter after all my siblings have been adopted. I am so happy for them, and I am thankful they found a forever home. Yet, I still feel it is my time to find my purrfect home. Every day someone comes in pets me but often overlook me because I am more reserved than the other kittens. I often sit in the viewing window hoping someone will come in and say, “oh that’s my kitten right there!” I love to play with toys, and I also could be taught to fetch. Yes, cats can play fetch! Would you love to have a beautiful and unique calico like me? I would love your home and heart. I am fully vaccinated, spayed, and microchipped. Please come give me a home for the holidays.

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DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 02	34	28
Tue	Dec 03	39	34
Wed	Dec 04	55	39
Thu	Dec 05	61	45
Fri	Dec 06	54	40
Sat	Dec 07	57	43
Sun	Dec 08	58	47

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Friday, the Thirteenth

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Community Calendar

Friday, Dec. 13

Last day to turn in Operation Noel application

- 8:30 a.m. Deep Stretch Yoga, Darrylann, Comm. Ctr.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Game day, Senior Ctr.
- Noon Spinal Spa, Kim, Fowler Center
- 4 p.m. Merry Little Downtown Christmas, Winchester
- 8 p.m. Hill Brothers, (\$7) Benefits Christmas on the Mountain, Shenanigans

Saturday, Dec. 14

- 7 a.m. FC Rotary Pancake Breakfast, First Baptist Church, Winchester, until 10 a.m. bring new unwrapped toys for toy drive
- 7:30 a.m. Merry Little Downtown Christmas, Winchester; Santa comes at 10 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga, Robie, Comm. Ctr. (\$8)
- 9 a.m. Mobile Health Unit, MMUMC, Monteagle, until 1 p.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Skills Workshop, How to Talk Across the Political Divide, St. Mark's Hall, Otey, until 11:30 a.m.
- 9 a.m. MGT 5K Parkrun, Pearl's parking lot
- 7 p.m. CCJP Movie Night, "It's A Wonderful Life," Community Ctr., free

Sunday, Dec. 15

- 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m. Sewanee Chorale Christmas Concert and community carol singing, All Saints'
- 4 p.m. Community Open House, 607 University Ave., until 6 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Comm. Ctr.
- 6 p.m. Restorative Yoga event (\$20), Robie, Comm. Ctr., until 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16

- 9 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, Monteagle City Hall
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee with the Coach, Nate Parrish, Blue Chair, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga, Darrylann, (\$8), St. Mary's Sewanee
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Ctr.
- 4 p.m. STHP, Hethcock Room, Otey
- 5:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga, Robie, DuBose Conference Ctr., upper room
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Strength/Healing, Pippa, Comm. Ctr.
- 6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- 7 a.m. Qi Gong on the Bluff, Wall, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 7:30 a.m. Godly Play/PMO, Otey, until 10:30 a.m.
- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Deep Stretch Yoga, Darrylann, Comm. Ctr.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 10 a.m. Crafters group, Morton Memorial UMC, Monteagle, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Bingo, Senior Ctr.
- 11:30 a.m. GC Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery
- Noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 3 p.m. Cell Tower demonstration, south of the Lake Cheston pavilion parking area off Crosby Lane, until 4 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Cell Tower Community Gathering, Convocation Hall
- 5 p.m. Yoga, Darrylann, (\$8), St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6 p.m. Acoustic Jam, Water Bldg., Tracy City

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, Artisan Depot, until 12:30 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Senior Writing Grp., 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Ctr.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Comm. Ctr.

Thursday, Dec. 19

- 7 a.m. Qi Gong on the Bluff, Wall, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, Monteagle City Hall
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, for location email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Judy, Monteagle City Hall
- Noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 1 p.m. F@H Caregiver Group, Brooks Hall
- 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Christmas Social, McGriff House, until 7 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. FCDP Christmas Party, 263 Univ. Ave.
- 6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults 7 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Acoustic Jam, Artisan Depot, Cowan, until 10 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 20

- 8:30 a.m. Deep Stretch Yoga, Darrylann, Comm. Ctr.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Game day, Senior Ctr.
- Noon Spinal Spa, Kim, Fowler Center

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

- 7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

- 7 p.m. NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

Sunday

- 6:30 p.m. AA, open, Morton Memorial, Wesley House, Monteagle

Monday

- 5 p.m. Women's 12-step, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

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Wednesday

- 10 a.m. AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7 p.m. NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 p.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

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- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Morton Memorial, Wesley House, Monteagle
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

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