

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The 52nd Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at All Saints' Chapel. The two Sunday services are open to the public. The first service begins at 5 p.m., and the second begins at 8 p.m.

The service is based on one that has been sung annually since 1918 at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. The service features the University choir under the direction of University organist and choirmaster Robert Delcamp and Jason Farris, assistant university organist. The music of the choir is complemented by readings from members of the community. The Nashville Brass quintet will also provide accompaniments for the hymns and carols.

The music for the 2011 Festival services includes a setting of "Adam lay ybounden" by Maryland composer Gary Davison, commissioned by the University choir. Other music includes the Advent prose "Drop down, ye heavens, from above" by prominent British composer Judith Weir; "Comfort ye, my people" arranged by Joseph M. Martin; the Medieval carol "I sing of a maiden" by English composer Herbert Sumsion; John Rutter's arrangement of the Medieval carol "Personent Hodie," and "Welcome all wonders," by American composer Richard Wayne Dirksen.

Seating for the services is limited and is on a first-come, first-seated basis. Requests for handicapped access and seating should be directed to the Chapel office at 598-1274.

CAST Tour Dec. 3-4

Craft Artists of Southern Tennessee (CAST) presents its 16th Annual Holiday Studio Tour on Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, noon-5 p.m.

CAST is the local chapter of the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA). Bright yellow signs mark the tour route and maps are available at all locations on the tour, as well as at all sponsor locations.

More than 30 local and regional artists will show their work in Sewanee, ranging from textiles, sculpture, jewelry, pottery and glass to paintings, cast bronze, metal work and woodwork. Local artists who will open their studios to the public during the tour include Bob Askew, Barbara Hughes, Dan Pate, Claire Reishman, Archie Stapleton, Merissa Tobler and Lynne Vogel. Other locations displaying work are the American Legion Hall, Locals Gallery, Shenanigans Gallery and St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, both in the Spencer Room and the SAS Art Gallery. The Artisan Depot in Cowan will also display the artwork of the Franklin County Arts Guild. Light refreshments will be available at many locations.

The SAS Gallery presents the "Full CAST 2011" exhibition featuring work from most Holiday Tour participants, CAST-TACA members, and SAS faculty and staff. Most works featured in the "Full CAST" exhibition are also for sale.



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SUD Passes Fixed Assets Policy, Reviews 2012 Budget

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Nov. 22 business meeting, the board of commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties voted to adopt a fixed assets policy in keeping with a new requirement by the state comptroller. The board also reviewed the proposed 2012 operations budget prepared by SUD manager Ben Beavers.

The new assets policy defines "fixed assets" as "all capitalized assets with an estimated useful life of at least one year and a cost of \$2,000 or more." The policy includes a depreciation schedule for five categories of capital assets: buildings and pipes, land improvement, infrastructure, equipment and vehicles. Beavers explained that SUD would continue to maintain an inventory of items costing less than \$2,000, such as laptops and cell phones, but these items would not be depreciated. The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts drafted the policy in response to the new requirement by the state comptroller.

The 2012 operations budget proposed by Beavers calls for a 0.5 percent increase from the 2011 budget. Beavers said he was able to avoid a steep increase in the budget by shifting some spending allocations. In the past two years SUD did not spend the allocation for pipes and fittings, and the increased allocation for energy costs in 2012 came from that category. Beavers has submitted the capital improvements budget and the operations budget to Raffetis Financial Consultants for evaluation, with a goal of avoiding a rate increase or keeping the increase to a minimum.

SUD president Doug Cameron reported that he talked with the Community Action Committee (CAC) director about the CAC vetting applications from low-income residents applying for assistance in paying the SUD tap fee. The CAC is "more than happy to help," Cameron said. The CAC will also provide SUD with a detailed accounting of the amount of SUD donations used to pay customer water bills through the Project Help program. (The SUD budget allocates \$5,000 a year to Project Help, in addition to approximately \$5,000 in donations from SUD customer gifts.)

The board also briefly discussed federal funding available for modifying SUD vehicles to operate on natural gas rather than gasoline. The board will revisit the topic at the next business meeting scheduled for 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the SUD office on Sherwood Road.

Curriculum Standards for the Classroom

by K.G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

Educators are evaluated on how students are taught and learn according to curriculum standards mandated by the state of Tennessee. They are also evaluated on how students progress according to standardized testing and achievement benchmarks.

At each grade level, K-12, there are specific curriculum standards to be taught. Within each of these standards there are grade-level expectations, assessment of the student or checks for understanding and the state performance indicators (SPIs) to be used for each graded and non-graded subject. Teachers also have a "pacing guide" they can use to teach and assess the designated state performance indicators. The pacing guide includes the recommended instructional practices and "I Can" statements.

One frustrated area educator said recently, "In the classroom you are now trying to meet objectives and not actually teaching. You try to meet the standards and the state performance indicators. We are now faced with a generation of test-based only students. That is why test scores are inadequate: because most of these children can't think for themselves."

The standard curriculum and the complete SPIs can be found at <www.tn.gov/education>. The pacing guides for Franklin County can be found at <www.fcstn.net>. What teachers have to teach at the third-grade level is discussed below.

Currently in third grade, there is an implementation plan for language arts, an English/writing pacing guide and three grading periods worth of "I Can" statements.

Students have eight standards to learn in language arts: language, communication, writing, research, logic, informational text, media and literature. Within these eight standards there are grade-level expectations, checks for understanding and the state performance indicators.

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Council Endorses Speed Limit Changes; Dog Park Site Announced

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At its Nov. 28 meeting, the Sewanee Community Council voted to endorse the speed limit changes recommended by Police Chief Robert White. In other business, Director of Physical Plant Services John Vineyard announced that the University had approved a dog park site. The council was also briefed on changes to the deer cull, business district security and safety concerns at the new University entrance.

Chief White proposed that the following changes to the speed limit be presented to the Franklin County Road and Bridge Commission for review: setting the overall speed limit at 20 mph unless otherwise posted; increasing the speed limit to 35 mph from Faculty Circle to Highway 41A; lowering the speed limit on Georgia Avenue and Finney Lane to 15 mph; placing appropriate speed limit signs on University Avenue, Finney Lane and Georgia Avenue. The council voted to endorse the proposed changes and asked White to forward the request to Road Commissioner Joe David McBee. White explained that requests presented to the Road and Bridge Commission must also be approved by the Franklin County Commission before final approval is granted.

Director of Physical Plant Services John Vineyard announced that the Natural Resources Advisory Committee had approved a dog park site adjacent to Brakefield Road on the way to Lake Cheston. Domain Manager Nate Wilson noted that water quality concerns at the lake were not expected to be an issue. Vineyard said the University would arrange for a public water tap connection at the site. Fencing will be the responsibility of the citizens group overseeing the project.

Reporting on the success of the deer pre-cull, Wilson said that up until the Thanksgiving break, the cull was 20 percent ahead of last year, but that the number of deer taken during the holiday was lower than last year's level (three in 2011 compared to 14 in 2010). Wilson said two hunting zones would be added in the main cull scheduled for Christmas break (zone 32 in the vicinity of Lake Cheston and zone 31, a wooded area in the vicinity of Tennessee Avenue). In keeping with state hunting season regulations, the main cull would be two weeks shorter than in prior years, Wilson added. He anticipates that the cull will fall 30-40 days short of the goal of 236. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has agreed to let the University host a deer drive on Jan. 7 and Jan. 13 to move the deer to a location near Morgan's Steep and a location between KA Point and Rutledge Point, where hunters will be stationed on elevated platforms. Community residents will be invited to participate in the drive, Wilson said; 60-80 people will be needed to walk slowly, unarmed, urging the deer to the target sites. The slaughtered deer will be taken to a designated area for dressing and distribution of the meat. Wilson stressed that the long-term goal of the University's deer management plan was to achieve a sustainable deer population by reducing the doe-buck ratio from 7:1 to 3:1.

Council representative Drew Sampson presented a request from village

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As part of American Education Week, SES students dressed up as their favorite book character or author on Nov. 18. Book Character Day supports the love of reading.

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Letters

CARBON IMPACT OF D.C. TRIP

To the Editor:

In his letter of Nov. 18, Mr. Gordon Lane raises an excellent point about taking responsibility for our use of fuel.

The bus trip to Washington, D.C., that he mentions used 3.8 gallons of diesel fuel per person, about the same as a round trip to Chattanooga, and 0.5 percent of the 22 barrels of oil that the average citizen of America uses every year. In total, the trip released 555 kg of carbon to the atmosphere.

During the first planning meeting for this trip, the group decided to measure this release of carbon and to plant trees to absorb the same amount (one small tree will do the job, but we've overshot the mark and bought several from the local Rotary Club fund-raiser).

This "offset" not withstanding, the question still remains as to whether the trip was worth it. We believe that it was.

Although the vast majority of our work should be locally based, there are rare moments when we're called on to act and to join with thousands of others to protest in Washington. The exploitation of the Tar Sands presents such a threat to our future and our present energy policy is so broken that we believe this was one such moment. Astonishingly, our president listened and has stood up to the oil company

lobbyists. We hope that this presages more progress in coming years.

In the meantime, let us plant more trees, be more thrifty with our fuel and bequeath to our children a planet with a livable atmosphere.

David Haskell, Charlie Williams, Jon Evans, Katie Qualls, Mark Preslar, Burki Gladstone, Erin Brahm, Jonathan Brenes Salazar, Ethan Evans, Bran Potter, Jack Parsons, Marvin Pate, Darlene Amacher, Tamás Kubik, Rachel Petropoulos, Patrick Berger, Heidemarie Huber-Feely, Marisa Wilson and Will Watson ■

CLOTH BAGS

To the Editor:

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace would like to help make disposable plastic bags a thing of the past in Sewanee. Americans use 12 billion bags a year—about 500 bags per person—and they never, ever go away. As we all know, they find their way into trees, creeks, rivers and onto beaches. Wildlife suffers.

By switching to reuseable cloth bags, by keeping plastic bags out of our immediate environment and out of the landfill, Sewanee could become an example to friends and neighbors in Franklin County and middle Tennessee.

To that end, Eileen Degen has donated 200 reuseable cloth bags which are being distributed to Shenanigans, Stirling's, the Community Center and the Senior Center. You will also find information folders which describe in succinct language this problem and what we can all do to help. This is a beginning.

Please help yourself to a bag (one for starters); please keep it in your car (or on your bike); support merchants who provide reuseable bags and support merchants who ask if you need a bag.

Lee Stapleton ■

Correction

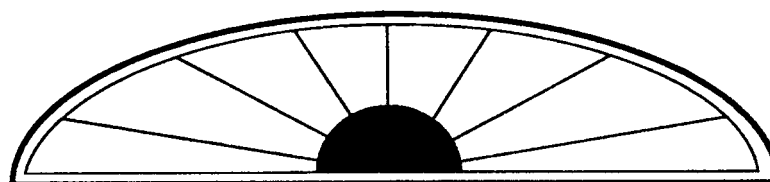
A number of Messenger readers brought to our attention that the wrong version of "Your State and Federal Elected Officials" ran on last week's back page. The updated version can be found in the same location this week. We apologize for the error.

Serving Where Called

Please keep the following individuals, their families and all those who are serving our country in your thoughts and prayers:

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



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Law enforcement officials from surrounding municipalities and counties met in Sewanee on Tuesday, Nov. 29, for what SPD Chief Robert White said he hoped would become a regular, perhaps quarterly, event. Members of the Franklin County, Grundy County, Jackson County, Ala., and Marion County sheriff's departments, plus the Monteagle, Sewanee and South Pittsburg police departments and the Tennessee Highway Patrol's Criminal Investigation Division plan to strengthen and deepen the agencies' information-gathering and -sharing abilities. Recent events are "multi-jurisdictional, and are of interest to more than just our local authorities," according to Chief White.

Lease Committee Meeting

The October minutes were approved. The following agenda items were approved: the request from Scott and Virginia Sloan to transfer Lease No. 801 (Gibson) located at 296 Sherwood Rd. and a request to put an addition on Lease No. 954 located at 144 Mimosa Circle.

Leaseholds reduced since the last meeting: Lease No. 987 (Alexander), 370 Curlicue Rd., reduced from \$295,000 to \$249,000.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 14. Agenda items are due in the lease office no later than Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m. Current policies, meeting dates, and other leasehold information are available online at <www.sewaneedu.edu/leases> or by calling 598-1998.

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Obituaries

Margaret Easter Caldwell Meeks

Margaret Easter Caldwell Meeks, age 71 of Tracy City and formerly of Sewanee, died Nov. 24, 2011, at Harton Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma. She was born in Grundy County, a daughter of Manual and Nancy Ann Gilliam Caldwell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Meeks; son, Allen Meeks; great-grandson Hunter Ladd; sister Sarah Dickerson; brother, Johnny Manuel Caldwell; and half-sister, Mary Lucy Caldwell.

She is survived by sisters Barbara Baker of Decherd, Margie Gilliam, Elsie Edwards and Lisa Cantrell, all of Sewanee, and Dorothy Mason of Sanford, N.C.; and one granddaughter, two great-grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Nov. 30 in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Barry Noland officiating. Interment followed in Harrison Cemetery in Sewanee. For complete obituary or to leave online condolences visit <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Timothy Leon Watts

Timothy Leon Watts, age 45 of Cowan, died Nov. 21, 2011, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center in Winchester.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon McGee Watts of Cowan; children, Marcus and Cassie Watts of Tullahoma; parents, Tommie and Thelma Watts; brother, Tyrone (Tina) Watts; and sister, Pamela Kight all of Tullahoma; and stepsons, Ricky McGee of Cowan and Nick McGee of Winchester.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Elmore Torbert, Jr. as eulogist. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro. For complete obituary visit <www.weltonfuneralhome.com>.

St. Mary's December Retreats

St. Mary's Sewanee will host two retreats in December. "Holy Waiting, Holy Joy: An Advent Experience" will be Friday–Sunday, Dec. 2–4. The Rt. Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley will be the presenter. The residential fee is \$275; commuter fee is \$175.

"The Practice of Lovingkindness: A New Year's Mindfulness Retreat" will be Friday–Sunday, Dec. 30–Jan. 1, 2012. The presenters will be the Rev. Gordon Peerman and Kathy Woods. The residential fee is \$275; commuter fee is \$190.

For more information or to register, contact St. Mary's Sewanee at 598-5342.

Otey Parish News

This Sunday, the second week in Advent, Otey Parish will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 8:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. Between services, there are a number of Christian formation classes for children and adults. Children have Godly Play classes (beginning with age 3), and middle school youth will have "Photography: Seeing God in Ordinary Time," led by Brittany Roper and Evan Jones.

The Adult Forum presents the second in an Interfaith Dialogue series: "A Peaceful Future? How? A Panel Discussion between Muslims and Christians." Panel Members include Sabina Mohyuddin and Tasneem Ahmed, members of the Islamic Center of Nashville; Daoud Abudiab, imam, Islamic Center of Columbia; the Rev. Benjamin King, associate professor of church history, School of Theology; Laurel Mathewson, middler, School of Theology; and Eric T. Thurman, assistant professor of religion, University of the South.

The Lectionary class, led by Pete Trenchi, explores Mark 1:1-8, which tells of John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness.

The Otey Women's Bible study meets at 4 p.m. Sundays in the Quintard Room of the parish hall. The Otey choir continues its regular weekly rehearsals at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the church.

Nursery care is available on Sundays for children from six-weeks-old to 3-years-old, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and again from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Coffee hour follows the 11 a.m. service.

Otey Parish continues its new weekly healing service at 11 a.m. on Thursdays. This is a ministry for the healing of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual distress.

Advent Evening of Prayer

Otey Memorial Parish will hold "An Advent of Evening Prayer" from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 9. All community members are invited to attend.

This contemplative service is a time for reflection and prayer in anticipation of the coming light of Christ. Organist Kathy Sturgis will play contemplative music, allowing for periods of silence. Votive candles will be placed on the altar for lighting. There will also be a service leaflet providing the printed word for music and scripture.

Fire on the Mountain

Fire on the Mountain will meet at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at Otey Parish. Dinner will be served. Work will also continue on art auction items. After dinner, Fire on the Mountain will walk to All Saints' Chapel for Lessons and Carols.

Fire on the Mountain is an Episcopal Youth Coalition sponsored by St. James and Otey Parish. All area youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Betty Carpenter 598-5926.

Church News

St. Mary's Advent Quiet Day

The Community of St. Mary will hold an Advent Quiet Day, titled "From the Womb of the Earth," from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Convent.

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated, and there will be two meditations, "Caves as Liminal Spaces—a Place to Encounter the Divine" and "Out of the Depths Have I Called to You, O Lord," and time for quiet and reflection.

Tradition tells that Jesus was born in a cave, the cave located beneath the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. For the Palestinians, caves are places associated with birth, life and death, and therefore they are places where God can be encountered.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 8, 598-0046. There is a suggested donation of \$40. All are welcome.

Nativity Exhibit in Tullahoma

First United Methodist Church in Tullahoma will host its eighth annual "And It Came to Pass" Nativity exhibit Saturday–Tuesday, Dec. 3–6. It is open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. each day except Sunday, when the exhibit will be open from 1–4 p.m. and after the 7 p.m. Christmas Cantata at the church.

The exhibit features diverse collections of more than 600 nativity scenes and Christmas angels—some rare and exquisite and others simple, cherished family keepsakes. From mud figures to fine porcelains, the represented crèche all serve a single purpose – to remind Christians of a miraculous birth more than 2,000 years ago.

Lunch is available on Monday, Dec. 5, for \$10 per person. Reservations are required and should be made by calling Mary Lee Hoge (931) 455-3367.

Advent at Christ Church

The playwrights at Christ Church, Monteagle, are readying a new play titled "He Lights the World," which will debut on Christmas Eve.

Each Sunday in Advent provides a special emphasis for the beautiful season filled with expectation. Hymns ranging from simple songs for children to more complex ones for everyone make for a musical delight. A Service of Lessons and Carols on a Sunday in Advent, once thought to need choirs and trained readers is now offered by more and more little parishes, including Christ Church, Monteagle. Books and short articles are available to help with Advent studies, and Christ Church is eager to spread the word that "Advent tells us Christ is near." That means the celebration of his birth is coming up soon, and the thought of his coming again to judge the world is also part of the Christian faith.

Visitors are always welcome at Christ Church.

Morton Memorial Lessons and Carols

The community is invited to hear the Morton Memorial United Methodist Church Choir perform a Christmas Lessons and Carols service. The "Holy Light—A Candlelight Service of Carols" service will be at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church.

Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St. in Monteagle. For more information please call the church office at 924-2192.

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HOLY WAITING, HOLY JOY: AN ADVENT EXPERIENCE
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THE PRACTICE OF LOVINGKINDNESS: A NEW YEAR'S MINDFULNESS RETREAT
Dec 30-Jan 1; The Rev. Gordon Peerman and Kathy Woods, presenters
Residential fee, \$275; Commuter Fee, \$190; Deposit, \$50

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday–Friday

7:00 am Morning Prayer and HE, St. Mary's Convent
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
8:10 am Morning Prayer, COTA (sung Thursday)
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's
12:10 pm Noon Day Silence, St. Mary's Sewanee
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's Convent
5:40 pm Evening Prayer, COTA (sung Monday)

Wednesday

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship Church
5:00 pm Rite III Eucharist, Healing, St. James
5:40 pm Evening Prayer in Spanish, COTA

Thursday

6:30 pm Worship Service, Church of God

Saturday

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

Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Rite of Admission
5:00 pm Lessons and Carols
8:00 pm Lessons and Carols

Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

11:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Children's Sunday School

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 am Holy Communion
10:45 am Children's Sunday School
12:50 pm Christian formation class

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, Sewanee

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

Sunday (continued)

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Children's Sunday School
12:50 pm Christian formation class

Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist

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

Jump Off Baptist

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

Midway Baptist

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Service
6:00 pm Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

10:00 am Bible Study
11:00 am Morning Service
6:00 pm Evening Service

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

8:50 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Christian formation classes
11:00 am Holy Eucharist

St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Children's Church School
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Godly Play

St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Evening Prayer

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

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regard every day as a
miniature life."*

From "Two-Liners Stolen From
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Lot 48 Jackson Pt Rd	1222785	\$96,000
Sarvisberry Place	1207077	\$83,000
Saddletree Lane	892954	\$38,000
Saddletree Lane	892958	\$35,700
Saddletree Lane	892961	\$28,700
Jackson Point Rd	686392	\$29,000



MLS 1257094 - 1811 Bear Court,
Monteagle. \$289,000



BLUFF - MLS 1101481 - 196 Oleander
Lane, Sewanee. \$859,000



MLS 1309177 - 238 Willie Six,
Sewanee. \$99,800



MLS 1312109 - 261 Bob Stewman Rd.,
Sewanee. \$115,000



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Community Council *from page 1*

merchants that the University install outdoor surveillance cameras in the business district. The request was prompted by recent burglaries in the village. Chief White said two suspects had been apprehended and charged with multiple counts of burglary, theft and vandalism. Indoor surveillance cameras helped in identifying the suspects, White acknowledged, but he also noted that the perpetrators had taken measures to shield themselves from camera identification by wearing hoods, etc. Sampson consulted with a security company that recommended outside cameras for their ability to identify license plates and vehicles. Council representative Annie Armour spoke against outside cameras as a violation of privacy.

Council representative Dennis Meeks read an email from a community resident expressing concerns about safety at the new University entrance. The correspondence cited driving hazards from black ice, vehicles exceeding the speed limit and impaired visibility due to sun glare, fog and the lights mounted on the stone wall. Prior to the council meeting, Meeks and Vineyard discussed the concerns; reflector lights on the deceleration lane coming from Monteagle were proposed as a means of improving safety at the entrance. Vineyard stressed that the new entrance was designed by a traffic engineer and approved by the state highway department, and no traffic safety issues have occurred since its completion.

Provost Linda Lankewicz announced that council representative Pam Byerly asked to be relieved of the duty of secretary. Council representative David Coe was nominated to fill the vacancy. Lankewicz will consult with Coe regarding his willingness to assume the position.

Vice-Chancellor John McCardell presented resolutions in appreciation of Lankewicz and the late Arthur Knoll. Concurrent with serving as provost for 10 years, Lankewicz has served on the council, charged with preparing the agenda and other administrative duties. Lankewicz will retire from the offices of provost and council member at the end of this semester. Knoll served on the council for 20 years, followed by service as a Franklin County Commissioner, devoted to improving the public schools. The council voted to adopt both resolutions, extending deep gratitude to Lankewicz and Knoll for their devoted service.

The Community Council does not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 9.

Curriculum Standards *from page 1*

For Standard 1-Language, a student has three grade-level expectations, including demonstrating the use of English, mechanics and spelling. There are 20 checks for understanding and 20 state performance indicators. When all eight standards in language arts are totaled, there are 21 grade-level expectations, 87 checks for understanding and 57 SPIs.

The third-grade implementation plan for language arts is a 28-page "Formative Instructional Practices" guide. These include the learning goals, the learning targets and the guiding questions. It also includes the SPIs to be used for that specific goal. In third grade, one of the learning goals is to demonstrate the knowledge of standard English usage. There are four SPIs to be used for just that one goal.

Students in third grade are expected to have knowledge of words including adjectives, nouns, adverbs, subjects and verbs and vocabulary. They should be able to identify nouns, use singular and plural nouns correctly, know verb tenses, understand adjectives and use adverbs. "I can" statements show mastery of the learning goal. For example, "I can identify/use nouns as subjects and objects." Students are assessed based on their mastery, including a base level of understanding such as "I

can identify a noun that is possessive," to beyond "I can identify/use subject, object and possessive pronouns."

In third grade, there is a math pacing guide, three grading periods worth of implementation plans and "I Can" statements.

For math, students are to learn five standards: mathematical process, number operations, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis, statistics and probability.

There are eight grade-level expectations for Standard 1-Mathematical Process, which includes learning mathematical language, symbols and strategies. There are 14 checks for understanding and eight SPIs. For all five standards in math, there are a total of 25 grade-level expectations, 52 checks for understanding and 36 SPIs.

The implementation plan for math in third grade for the first six weeks of school is an eight-page "Formative Instructional Practices" guide. As with language arts, the math implementation plan has learning goals, learning targets and the SPI for that specific goal. In third grade, one of the learning goals is to understand the place value of whole numbers. Students should understand terms such as equal, greatest, least and order. They should be able to process this information by using

such terms as change, put, read, use and write. The "I Can" statement for this specific learning goal includes "I can read and write up to 10,000 using numbers." There are three SPIs to be used for this one goal.

Teachers are to use the pacing guide for these two subjects, which shows specific units and pages in each of the textbooks that are to be completed by a certain time. Also included are specific "I Can" statements for each grading period and yearlong or ongoing "I Can" statements.

The reading pacing guide for third grade includes a specific story per week that corresponds to a specific skill to be learned, such as homonyms, character and setting and compound words.

There are curriculum standards, learning expectations and SPIs for non-tested grades and subjects. There are also curriculum standards, learning expectation and SPIs for science and social studies. Students take the TCAP test on those two subjects, but there are not adequate yearly progress benchmarks. Because of the First to the Top mandates, reading and language arts and math are the top priority for improvement across the state.

By 2011-12, 66 percent of all elementary and middle school students are to be proficient or advanced in reading and language arts. In math, 60 percent of those students are to be proficient or advanced.

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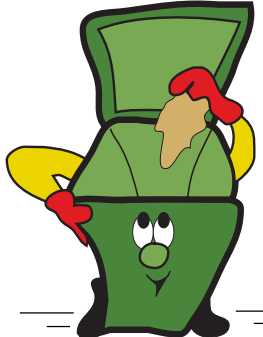
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Christmas in Cowan

“Twas the Night Before”

This Christmas event is sponsored by the Cowan Christmas Parade Committee on Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday Dec. 3, at Monterey Station. The event opens at 4 p.m. Friday, with Christmas shopping at vendors' booths.

Santa arrives at 6 p.m. each evening to visit with children; there will also be face painting, ornament making, cookie decorating and free photos with Santa available for all children until 8 p.m.

Hourly drawings will be held on Friday night for door prizes of \$100. Vendor space is still available.

47th Annual Christmas Parade

At 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, Cowan will host its annual Christmas parade. This year's theme is “Christmas in Tennessee” and more than \$2,100 in cash prizes will be awarded in six categories: best of parade, best theme representation, best church float, best civic group or club float, best animal entry, and best walking group. The parade committee is still accepting sponsorships and all proceeds go to offset parade expenses.

Christmas Lighting Contest

The Cowan Christmas Parade Committee is sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest in the City of Cowan. First, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded to the best lighting displayed on residential properties. Only those properties for which an entry form has been submitted will be considered in the judging. Entry forms are available at the Cowan City Hall.

For more information on all these events, including vendor space and entry forms for the parade, call 967-7318 or email <recordersherman@comcast.net>.

Sewanee Operation Noel Application

*Mail completed application by Monday, Dec. 12, to
Tracie Sherrill, 138 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375 OR
email all information to <tsherril@sewanee.edu>.*

FAMILY NAME:
NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS:
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Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Christmas Parade in Monteagle

“A Southern Christmas” parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3. The lineup for the parade begins at 3:30 p.m., starting at the Smoke House. The parade begins at 4:30 p.m. and ends at City Hall.

Registration for participants is at the event, when numbers will be assigned. Participants are to follow the signs between the Piggly Wiggly and the Smoke House to enter into one of 10 categories. The categories include best decorated, best car, best truck, best animal, most Christmas spirit, best ATV, funniest, best youth, most unique and best theme.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be at Harton Park on College Street offering free hot chocolate and cookies after the parade.

For more information, contact the Monteagle Chamber of Commerce at 924-5353.

Angel Tree

Morton Memorial Methodist Church in Monteagle is sponsoring an Angel Tree this year.

Names of children in need are available at the Piggly Wiggly in Monteagle and Morton Memorial.

For more information, contact Marietta Poteet at (931) 924-7666 or <nannietta@blomand.net>.

Senior Center News

Holiday Activities

Bonnie McCardell has graciously invited the Senior Center to a holiday gathering at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Chen Hall.

Dec. 12-16, the center will host its annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. Hours are 9 to 2 daily. Donations of crafts, handmade items and white elephant items are being accepted. The week of the bazaar, the center will be accepting goods for the bake sale.

On Dec. 20, the annual Christmas luncheon will take place at noon. Reservations can be made by calling 598-0771. Cost is \$6.00 per plate. On that day, a beautiful “Follow the Leader” quilt will be given away. Raffle tickets are now on sale at the center for \$2.

The center will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 22 thru Dec. 26. As a reminder, the center will not be open any day that the Franklin Co. schools are closed for weather.

Volunteer Thanks

Volunteer of the Week is Chris Colane, who has returned from Italy and is already back on the job. Volunteers are needed. Call 598-0771 or drop by the center at 5 Ball Park Road.

Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$3 (\$0 or older) or \$5 (under \$0). Please call 598-0771 by 10:30 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

Dec. 5: Philly steak sandwich, French onion soup, chips, dessert.

Dec. 6: Fried chicken, creamed corn, pinto beans, cornbread, dessert.

Dec. 7: Chili, pimento cheese sandwich, dessert.

Dec. 8: Pork chop, spinach, mashed potatoes, roll, dessert.

Dec. 9: Steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.

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

Operation Noel 2011

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

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 these families. All items are delivered Christmas Eve morning by the SVFD and FROST.

But this important program cannot happen without help from our community. Please consider making a monetary donation to Operation Noel this year and give back to your community this Christmas season.

Families eligible for Operation Noel must live in the following communities: Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and Sherwood Road to the top of Sherwood Mountain, (but not into Sherwood). Every family needs to fill out a new application even if you have received from Operation Noel before. The deadline for returning applications is Monday, December 12.

To make a donation of money, non-perishable food items or new toys, please take items to Fire Chief David Green's office located at the Sewanee Police Department or print services in Van Ness Hall. For more information call 598-3400 and leave a message.



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NCLB Waiver Request

The Tennessee Department of Education has officially requested a waiver from certain portions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). If approved, the waiver would allow Tennessee to adopt a new accountability model and be a significant driver for improving instruction and increasing student achievement.

The waiver is an effort to keep schools and districts focused on the ambitious goals of Tennessee's Race to the Top program, and much of the accountability framework is similar to the department's initial letter requesting a waiver, submitted on July 29. Tennessee's complete application and supporting documents can be found at http://tn.gov/education/doc/ESEA_Flexibility_Request.pdf.

In exchange for the unrealistic Adequate Yearly Progress goals Tennessee is held to under NCLB, the state is proposing to raise overall achievement by 3 to 5 percent every year for the next eight years, and cut the achievement gap in half during that same time.

"Drastically reducing the achievement gap and raising overall proficiency in Tennessee will put the state on a positive trajectory," said education commissioner Kevin Huffman. "If approved, our waiver would help align our First to the Top plan with our state accountability system by giving educators goals they feel they could actually help their students reach."

To track schools' progress, the U.S. Department of Education required that Tennessee identify three groups: 1) Reward schools—10 percent of schools throughout the state with the highest achievement or overall growth; 2) Focus schools—10 percent of Tennessee's schools with the largest achievement gaps; and 3) Priority schools—The bottom 5 percent of the state's schools in terms of academic performance. As described in the waiver, each group will receive additional focused support and resources.

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WED: Spaghetti/meat sauce, Texas toast, corn dogs, broccoli/cheese, corn, tossed salad.

THU: Chicken nuggets, beef sticks w/gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, tossed salad.

FRI: Pizza, chili & grilled cheese, au gratin potatoes, Popeye's spinach tossed salad, chocolate pudding.

Options available daily: turkey or ham sandwich, with or without cheese, variety of fresh and chilled fruit.

BREAKFAST

MON: Pancakes.

TUE: Egg & cheese biscuit.

WED: Pancake pup.

THU: French toast sticks.

FRI: Cinnamon rolls.

Options available every day: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuit, gravy, variety of fruit. Milk or juice served with all meals. Menus subject to change.

University is a Top Producer of Fulbright Students

The Fulbright Program, the government's flagship international educational exchange program, recently announced the complete list of colleges and universities that produced the most 2011–12 Fulbright students.

Four members of the class of 2011 and two recent graduates from the University of the South won Fulbright awards for 2011–12. The University's six recipients placed Sewanee in a tie for 18th in the list of top-producing liberal arts colleges, second among Southern colleges and second nationally in the percentage of applicants (50 percent) who received awards. Students receiving awards for this academic year applied through 600 colleges or universities.

The Fulbright competition is administered at Sewanee through Fulbright program advisor Sid Brown.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 44,000 students from the U.S., chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential, with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

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Gifts that Last

As we simultaneously shop and complain about the season's crass commercialism, let's consider lasting gifts to children and their families offered by writers and illustrators. Reliable review sources and awards lists can narrow our choices. Here is a survey of ideas for Messenger readers. Mention of online material is intended as supplemental.

The New York Times Sunday Book Review recently ran a pull-out section reviewing this year's outstanding work for young readers. For easy access, Google "children's books nov 13 new york times" or navigate the Times website. From this issue: for all ages, consult "Bookshelf: Holiday Songs," including Erica Silverman's energetic "The Hanukkah Hop!" illustrated by Steve D'Amico (ages 3-6; consider publishers' age listings as guidelines only.) Don't miss a new version of the family standby "The Twelve Days of Christmas," illustrated by Laurel Long. Elaborate page borders and stunning use of color make this a great choice for the holiday shelf. A variation on the delightful local "Nutcracker" performance is "Duke Ellington's 'Nutcracker Suite'" by musicologist Anna Harwell Celenza (Don Tate, illus.) Here is a magical jazz translation of Tchaikovsky; a CD is included. (6-9) The slide show on the same web page beautifully supplements the illustrations in the "Holiday Songs" review.

As we're all in a "Nutcracker" mood, some families may also want to acquire an interpretation of the E.T.A. Hoffman tale by Maurice Sendak, beloved creator of "Where the Wild Things Are." His distinctive style is reflected in the sets and costumes for Pacific Northwest Ballet's 2001 production. This rather pricey out-of-print treasure can be found online and in many stores that stock used books.

For this year's award books, I've chosen titles with themes of humor, hope and friendship.

Caldecott Medal for Best Illustration: "A Sick Day for Amos McGee" by Philip C. Stead. (Erin E. Stead, illus., 3-8). When their zookeeper doesn't appear, the residents take the bus to check on him. Woodblock prints and pencil drawings strengthen the humorous depiction of the animals' affection for Amos.

Newbery Honor book for Distinguished Writing for Children: "Dark Emperor and other Poems of the Night" by Joyce Kilmer. (Rick Allen, illus., 9-13). A captivating work brings us the night and its creatures through poetic imagery and appealing illustration, with an absorbing paragraph about the subject following each poem. For a closer look, put the title into YouTube.

Coretta Scott King Award for Books which best Reflect the African American Experience: Illustrator award—Bryan Collier for "Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave" by Laban Carrick Hill. (6-10) Watercolor and collage convey the intensity of the nineteenth-century artist at work. The story is strengthened by Hill's appended information about this talented man. It was also a Caldecott Honor book.

Jane Addams Children's Book Awards for Quality Literature with Themes of Peace and Justice—Older readers' award: "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park (9-13). The novel portrays Sudanese Nya's long walks for her family's water and Lost Boy Salva's journey which finally takes him to Nya's village, bringing hope for the future. Younger readers' award—"Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty" by Linda Glaser. (Claire Nivola, illus., 5-9). Readers meet Emma Lazarus, whose words, "... Give me your tired, your poor..." reflect her desire to welcome newcomers to her country.

ALA Notables: The American Library Association recognizes books of quality, interest, creativity and value. Consult <www.ala.org> for many more ideas for children and adults.

"Fiesta Babies" by Carmen Tafolla (Amy Córdova, illus., 2-5). Simple rhyme scheme and colorful illustration show multicultural babies and toddlers at a fiesta. It was also a Belpre Honor Book for Quality Literature Celebrating the Latino Experience.

"City Dog, Country Frog" by Mo Willems (Jon J. Muth, illus., 3-7). A city dog's visit to the country brings friendship with an entertaining frog.

"LMNO Peas" by Keith Baker (4-7). Tiny green peas lead a whimsical tour of the alphabet.

"How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships" by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page (5-9). This team introduces symbiosis by exploring unique relationships, such as the hunting team of a coyote and a badger.

Nic Bishop: Lizards (7-10; teens like it, too). The outstanding science writer uses photographs to bring us the lizard world. Curious about the skin of a thorny devil? Here it is, in close-up. Endnotes describe research and photography techniques.

You'll find many of these at duPont Library. Please remember that reading aloud works for almost everyone; older children often enjoy a work we assume too young for them, and good nonfiction interests many young readers.

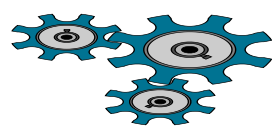
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New Bank Taking Shape in Monteagle

Citizens State Bank's new 3,000 square-foot building is scheduled for completion in January.

Ray Banks, president of the Monteagle Mountain Chamber, said recently, "It is impressive that Citizens State Bank (CSB) is building something besides a box, something that will have the look of a Mountain village. The community room that will be part of the bank is a much-needed resource, and the bank's outdoor plaza will enhance the Mountain Goat Trail. What a great gift this is to the Mountain."

The prominent 25-foot tower is currently being covered in mountain stone, and the arch-shaped entrances to the lobby are visible from the highway.

"CSB was founded on the idea that a local bank could make a difference in the quality of life of the families it serves," said Geoffrey J. Post, CSB president and CEO. "We had a perfect opportunity in Monteagle because of our location, because of exciting developments on the Mountain, and because of our commitment to providing something unique to this community."



The design of the new Citizens State Bank building, which is being built on the site of the old Monteagle train depot (above), incorporates elements of the bygone train station.

The design of the building was shaped by four factors. It is being constructed on the site of the old railroad depot; it is located in the heart of Monteagle and coincides with their planning for the Town Center Project; it sits at the entrance to the century-old Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, and it is on the route of the Mountain Goat Trail.

Beth Holt McCurdy of Landmark Design in Chattanooga is the designer. "We are using natural stone and echoing existing Mountain architecture," she said. "A tower with arches, similar in design to others in Sewanee and Monteagle, will serve as the entryway from the 400-square-foot plaza into a spacious community room." With a fireplace and comfortable seating,

this area will be an inviting lounge, a place for Rotary, Scouts and other organizations to meet and a venue for community events.

The trailer that has served as the temporary CSB bank was moved to the rear of the lot and will remain open for business while construction on the permanent facility commences. Once the new bank is completed, the parking area will be located in the back in order to make the site more attractive from Main Street, said Monteagle branch manager, Barry Rollins.

Citizens State Bank is looking for area train memorabilia. Plans call for displays of historical train documents and photos in the lobby and community space. For more information contact Rollins at (931) 924-7800.

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Ned (Paul Rudd) is a happy-go-lucky, peace-loving organic farmer whose life takes a wrong turn after he lands in jail. He lives with each of his sisters: Liz (Emily Mortimer), Miranda (Elizabeth Banks) and Natalie (Zooey Deschanel), but his commitment to complete honesty wreaks havoc in their lives. As each of their lives begins to unravel, Ned's sister comes to realize that maybe, in believing and trusting the people around him, Ned isn't such an idiot after all. One critic wrote, "The rhythms are gentle, the smiles plentiful, the chuckles frequent, with the overall effect about as pleasantly innocuous as the film's hero." Rated R for sexual content including nudity, and for language throughout.

Sewanee Union Theatre Next Week
Wednesday, Friday–Sunday, Dec. 7, Dec. 9–11, 7:30 p.m.
Margin Call
 107 Minutes • Rated R • Admission \$3

"Margin Call" blew through the major movie theaters this fall with few takers (is the current financial crisis really fodder for entertainment?), but most reports give it very positive reviews. "Margin Call" is based on the true story of one 24-hour period in 2008 at a Wall Street investment firm as the financial crisis is beginning to unfold. Because the story is compressed, it swiftly identifies the greed and dishonesty that is at the root of many of the financial institutions that failed (and some that survived). First-time director J.C. Chandor (who also wrote the script) has gathered an all-star cast including Kevin Spacey, Paul Bettany, Jeremy Irons and Stanley Tucci. Rated R for language.

—LW

Coming to SUT in December: "Elf"

Monteagle Chamber Holiday Open House

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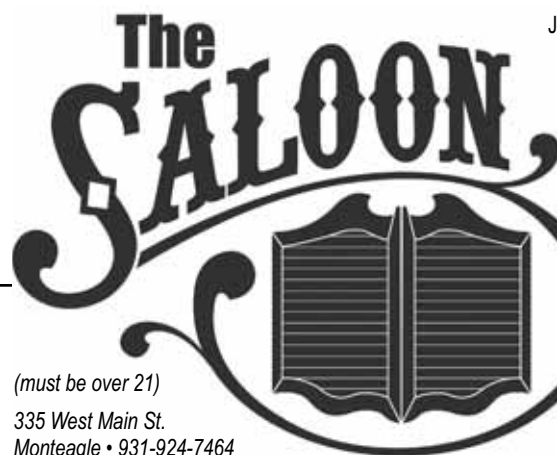
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More Ways of Giving This Holiday Season

by Mary Gray,

Sewanee Messenger Intern

There are many ways to give this holiday season, and there are a number of organizations on the Mountain working to give to those in need. Whether it is making a direct donation or honoring a friend or family member with a gift, plenty of important causes and ministries need extra support in the coming weeks.

The Angel Tree at the Blue Chair is just one of the ways to help women and children of Blue Monarch this season. Sponsoring an "angel" ensures that a child will have something under the tree on Christmas morning. "Angels" can be picked up at the Blue Chair.

Faires Releases Second CD

Jay Faires, a St. Andrew's-Sewanee sophomore, released his second CD in November. "Time" is a mix of blues, rock and folk songs. It includes four original songs by Faires and six covers. Faires also plays all the instruments on the CD. It is available for \$10 on <www.JayFairesMusic.com> and will also be available on iTunes, Spotify and other digital outlets.

The Jay Faires Band, featuring Herschel VanDyke on drums, Abe White on bass and Faires on guitar and vocals will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Belvidere Market in Belvidere.

The child's wish list and clothing sizes are provided. Sponsors may drop off gifts at the Blue Chair. Blue Monarch is also in need of particular donations during the holidays, including laundry detergent, trash bags or non-perishable food items.

For those who may want to find a creative and valuable way to honor a friend or family member, donations can be made to honor or remember someone. A card will be sent to the person being honored or to the family of the person being remembered. Anyone looking to make new charitable commitments this holiday season can also sign up to make an automatic,

German Celebration of Christmas

The community is invited to a double celebration of Christmas on Dec. 7. The University German department and the German House is sponsoring the event.

Festivities begin with a service in St. Augustine's Chapel featuring prayers in German, readings from the German Bible and German carols such as "O Tannenbaum." This service begins at 7 p.m.

A festive celebration in the German House begins at 8 p.m., featuring holiday treats and the traditional Feuerzangenbowle (a flaming punch).

For more information, contact James Davidheiser at 598-1544 or <jdavidhe@sewanee.edu>.

bank-drafted donation each month. "Any amount is appreciated. We are always in need of operating money and appreciate donations of any size," Blue Monarch Administrative Director Kim Seavey said.

The Community Action Committee also has an Angel Tree. The CAC will also gladly accept donations of canned goods and non-perishables. Particular needs this season are peanut butter, pasta and rice.

To make your local giving have a global impact, anyone can honor a friend or family member by donating to Heifer International. This can be done through the outreach office at the University. Heifer's mission is "to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth." Heifer empowers communities to become more sustainable and self-reliant by providing them with livestock and training. Stop by the outreach office or call 598-3201 for more information.



Walking in a winter wonderland: one view of the first snow at SAS.

Sewanee Symphony Concert

The Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, led by Joseph Lee, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, in All Saints' Chapel.

The concert will be preceded by flute ensemble Christmas music directed by Deanna Little. The orchestra will present Anton Dvorak's monumental "Symphony No. 8 in G Major," Alfred Reed's "Russian Christmas Music," and J.S. Bach's "Double Concerto for Violin and Oboe in C Minor."

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Academy for Lifelong Learning

The speaker for the December session of The Academy for Lifelong Learning at St. Mary's Sewanee will be Dr. Anderson Spickard Jr., who will present "What You Need to Know about Addiction." He will speak at noon on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Spickard is professor of Medicine and Psychiatry, Emeritus, at Vanderbilt University and holder of the Chancellor's Chair in Medicine. He founded the Vanderbilt Institute for the Treatment of Addiction in 1984 and was Medical Director of the Vanderbilt Center for Professional Health. Since his retirement, he has volunteered as an Internist at the Siloam Family Health Center in Nashville, a clinic devoted to the care of the poor and uninsured.

Spickard received both his undergraduate and M.D. degrees from Vanderbilt and was a resident at Vanderbilt, Johns Hopkins University and the National Institutes of Health. He is the author of "Dying for a Drink: What You and Your Family Should Know about Alcoholism" and "Stay with Me: Stories of a Black-Bag Doctor." Copies of these books will be available for purchase.

Reservations are not necessary to attend the lecture. However, to reserve a box lunch for \$10, email <stmarys.sewanee@bellsouth.net> by Friday, Dec. 2.

The Academy for Lifelong Learning at St. Mary's Sewanee sponsors a monthly luncheon lecture for members of the community interested in continuing their education on a variety of topics. New members are welcome at any time and annual dues are \$10. For more information, contact Anne Davis (931) 924-4465 or Elaine Goleski (913) 924-3227.

Woman's Club First Holiday Home Tour

The Sewanee Woman's Club is hosting its First Annual Holiday Home Tour from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10. Guests are invited to tour four beautifully decorated Sewanee homes.

Homes on the tour include Birdwood, Cead Mile Failte, Laurelwood and Plum Tree Cottage. The tour is self-guided.

The tour will end in All Saints' Chapel, where Ken Taylor will present how he coordinates the Greening of the Chapel for Lessons and Carols. Hot cider and cookies will be served.

The cost for the tour is \$15 per person, and proceeds will be used to benefit local charities. Tour sponsors include Clayton Rogers Architect, Cregor Adventures Travel, Gooch-Beasley Realtors, Taylor's Mercantile and Tea on the Mountain.

Tickets are available at Taylor's Mercantile in Sewanee and Lorena's in Monteagle. Tickets will also be available that day at each home. For more information, call 598-5869 or (931) 692-6289. Email questions to <peggy@cregoradventures.com>.



Congratulations to Laura Forster Knight of Sewanee, who earned a Mary Kay career car for outstanding achievements in operating her independent business.



The St. Andrew's-Sewanee Art Gallery's Full CAST exhibit is a great place to start the CAST-TACA Holiday Tour. A sample of works by the tour artists is on display in the Gallery through Dec. 9.

CCJP News

Winter Board Meeting Saturday

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace will hold its Winter Board Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Sewanee Senior Citizens' Center, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Agenda items include planning for the upcoming Martin Luther King Day Celebration and the spring Awards Banquet and establishing a memorial gift or scholarship in recognition of CCJP's founder, the Rev. Jack Gessell. CCJP board meetings are open to the public. Those interested in becoming involved with the work of the Center or in serving on the board are especially encouraged to attend. Three new board members will be elected in March 2012. For more information contact Leslie Lytle at 598-9979 or <sllytle@blomand.net>.

Peace Vigil Dec. 9

In the spirit of true peace on earth this holiday season, show support for a speedy end to U.S. military action in Afghanistan by joining in the CCJP Peace Vigil, at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9, on the corner of University Avenue and Highway 41A, across from the Sewanee Market.

Since the Afghanistan War began in 2001, more than 1,700 U.S. servicemen and women have lost their lives, and more than 13,000 U.S. soldiers have been wounded. The number of Afghans killed and wounded exceeds 4 million, almost one-third of the prewar population. Signs calling for peace will be available at the vigil site.

Participants may park in the Sewanee Gardener's Market lot at the corner of Highway 41A and Hawkins Lane. For more information contact Leslie Lytle at 598-9979 or <sllytle@blomand.net>.

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University Fall Athletic Honors

Field Hockey

Senior Elise Landau and sophomores Mary Kate McAlister and Caroline Williams all earned First-Team All-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) honors. Juniors Anna Morrow, Mallory Silver and freshman Zuie Billings received honorable mentions.

Landau, a senior captain, led the Tiger's offense. Landau ended her final year for Sewanee with a team-high 12 goals, 24 points and 49 shots. All three categories were personal bests for Landau. At the same time, her total for goals and points were the fourth highest among the conference.

Williams led the league with five defensive saves, while McAlister tied for the number of assists.

Morrow was chosen after the junior goalkeeper finished atop the league standings in saves and saves per game. For Silver and Billings, each player started all 15 matches for Sewanee, while being a part of a back-line defense that held opponents to a 0.134 shot percentage rate.

After an outstanding season, Sewanee field hockey senior Elise Landau was also named to the 2011 NFCA All-Region team.

Football

Led by head coach Tommy Laurendine, the Sewanee football team also took home SCAC postseason awards.

Laurendine was honored as SCAC Co-Coach of the Year. Seniors Alfonza Knight and Max Jones were awarded All-SCAC First-Team honors. Senior Zeke Wilson, junior Murphy Walters and freshman De'Nard Ford were recognized as All-SCAC Second-Team.

A Second-Team All-SCAC member last year, Jones paved the way for the Sewanee rushing attack. Behind Jones, the Tigers finished the season with 2,315 yards on the ground. Led by Jones, Sewanee was second in the league with an average of 231.5 rushing yards per game. As a unit, Jones and the Tigers' offensive line also allowed the fewest sacks in the conference.

On defense, Knight was selected to the first team for the second straight season. Knight ranked 16th in the conference with a total of 68 tackles. Knight was also third among all SCAC defenders with 45 solo tackles. Knight finished the season with two sacks and two interceptions.

On the second team, Wilson powered his way to 447 rushing yards and seven touchdowns. He finished ninth in the league in rushing and tenth in touchdowns. Wilson was also a 2010 Second-Team All-SCAC player.

Ford and Walters closed out the top awards for Sewanee. In his third season, Walters ranked 28th in the SCAC in total tackles (54). Along with three interceptions, Walters finished the season with three tackles for a loss, two pass breakups and one forced fumble.

As a true freshman, Ford recorded 22.5 tackles, two tackles for a loss, three pass breakups, one fumble recovery and one interception.

Sewanee also had five players named to the 2011 All-SCAC Honorable Mention Team. Juniors John Philip Boudreaux, Jase Brooks, J.D. Crabtree, sophomore Dave McKeithen and senior Andrew Walters were all recognized for their outstanding play this season.

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University women's basketball player Dana Middleton is the Tiger of the Week.

Tiger of the Week

University junior and women's basketball player Dana Middleton is the Tiger of the Week. Middleton led Sewanee to an 87-77 win at Agnes Scott. She scored a game-high 23 points. Middleton leads the Tigers with an average of 15.2 points per game.



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Lady Tigers Drop Game

After falling behind early, the Sewanee women's basketball team dropped a 98-70 non-conference decision to Emory Tuesday inside Juhan Gymnasium.

Early on, Sewanee (3-2) trailed the Eagles 42-21 after Emory's Katie Dickerson hit a jumper with 05:39 remaining in the first half. From there Sewanee used a 13-5 run the next 3:36 to pull within 47-34 just before the intermission.

Unfortunately, that would be as close as Sewanee got the remainder of the contest.

One key difference for the Tigers was their inability to stop Emory in transition. The Eagles finished with 24 fast-break points to go along with 50 points inside the paint.

A low shooting percentage and turnovers eliminated any comeback by the purple and gold. The Tigers shot only 26 percent the second half while committing 21 turnovers in the game.

Junior guard Dana Middleton led the Tigers with 15 points on 5-of-17 shooting. Senior guard Logan Miller added 12 points, while freshman guard Devon Gunn finished with 10. Freshman forward Kayla Sewell led Sewanee on the glass, with a game-high 11 rebounds.

The Tigers return to action with a 6 p.m. game at Rhodes Friday, Dec. 2.

Tigers Lose on the Road

Despite holding a lead with 15:10 left to play, the Sewanee men's basketball team fell at regional rival Covenant 81-71 Nov. 29 inside the Barnes Physical Education Center.

Sophomore guard Valentino Bryant led all scorers with 25 points. Forward Anvil Nelson (12) and guard Lewis Affronti (14) also finished in double figures.

After Covenant's Jon DeVries pushed the Scots' lead to 21 at the 7:40 mark, Sewanee closed out the first half on an 18-2 run.

Down only three at the intermission, the Tigers stayed hot early in the second period. Consecutive three-point baskets by Affronti gave Sewanee its first lead with 17:34 left to play.

After eight lead changes ensued, the Scots took control for good after DeVries connected on a three with 14:57 remaining.

DeVries finished the night with 15 points on a perfect 5-of-5 shooting. Four other Scots finished in double figures, which helped Covenant shoot 50 percent from the field.

Sewanee returns to action with an 8 p.m. game, Friday, Dec. 2, at Rhodes.



Shown are Isabel Butler (#3) and Mason Goodson (#14), SAS 8th-graders from Sewanee, in action Nov. 17 against Webb School. Photos by Bob Hoagland

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Senior Sadie Shackelford led all scorers in the victory over Berean Academy. Photo by Bob Hoagland

Mountain Lions Victorious

The Lady Mountain Lions improved their season record to 3-0 with a victory over the Lady Eagles of Berean Academy (Chattanooga) Nov. 29. The final score was 49-10.

Senior Sadie Shackelford had 11 points, and Allyson Hale and Madison Culpepper both finished with 10 points. Michaela Shackelford and Monica Molina both knocked down 3-pointers for the team in the contest. Defensive intensity again propelled the squad. Molina and Hale both tallied eight steals in the game.

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team defeated Berean Academy Nov. 29, 46-45. The Mountain Lions were down 32-18 at halftime but battled back with solid defense, sending the game into overtime at 40 all. James Beasley hit the game-winning shot with 13 seconds left in overtime.

SAS was led by Alex Tinsley's 14 points and 10 rebounds; Eric Baynard added 10 points and two steals; Kendall Kinslow had six points and 13 rebounds; Beasley had eight points and six steals; Tinashe Zimbwa had four points and four steals and Levi Higgins had four points. SAS is 1-2 on the year.



Home Games This Week

Saturday, Dec. 3

12:30 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball
v Webb School of Knoxville
2 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball
v Webb School of Knoxville
6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball
v Grundy County HS
7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball
v Grundy County HS

Tuesday, Dec. 6

4:30 pm GCHS JV Boys' Basketball
v Chattanooga Christian School
4:30 pm SAS JV Boys' Basketball
v South Pittsburg HS
6 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball
v Chattanooga Christian School
6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball
v Coffee County HS
6 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball
v South Pittsburg HS
6 pm Women's Basketball
v Hiwassee College

7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball
v Coffee County HS

7:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball
v South Pittsburg HS
8 pm Men's Basketball
v Johnson Bible College

Thursday, Dec. 8

4:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball
v North Lake at Cowan
5:30 pm SES Boys' Basketball
v North Lake at Cowan
6 pm SAS MS Girls' Basketball
v North Elementary School
7 pm SAS MS Boys' Basketball
v North Elementary School

Friday, Dec. 9

5 pm SAS V Wrestling
v Boyd Buchanan School
6 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball
v Lawrence County HS

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Cross Country

Led by national qualifier Clay Bond, four Sewanee cross country runners earned spots on the 2011 All-Region team by the USTFCCCA.

Senior John Gilmer and freshman Hudson Robb join Bond. Sophomore Willow Smith was the lone women's runner to earn all-region honors for the Tigers.

Bond, Gilmer, and Robb all finished inside the top 35 at the NCAA Southeast Regional Championship. Bond finished seventh in the 174-man field with a time of 26:42.2. With his top-seven individual finish, Bond became the 24th runner in program history to earn an invitation to the national meet.

Gilmer and Robb earned their all-region honor after they finished 28th and 29th, respectively. Gilmer ran the 8k course in 27:28.9, while Robb crossed the finish line two seconds behind the Sewanee captain.

On the women's side, Smith earned her first all-region award after she broke through with a 35th-place finish. Smith's time of 24:31.1 led all Tigers in the 6k race.

This season is only the second time that Sewanee has had three men finish inside the top 35 at a NCAA Regional Championship. The Tigers have now had at least one runner earn all-region honors for 16 consecutive seasons.

Bond also wrapped up an outstanding season with a strong performance at the 2011 NCAA Championship, finishing the 8k course in 192nd place.

Bond also just missed out on All-American honors by a 1:07 mark.

Men's Soccer

Three members of the Sewanee men's soccer team were honored with SCAC postseason awards.

Senior Matt Lightfoot earned a spot on the first team, while sophomore Brian Maloney and junior Sam

Edoung-Biyo were recognized on the third team.

Lightfoot, who previously earned a pair of third-team awards, was honored by the league's coaches after an outstanding final season. The Sewanee captain led the Tigers with 10 goals, five assists, 25 points and 45 shots. Additionally, Lightfoot had a team-high 24 shots on goal.

With his great play for the Sewanee defense, Maloney was honored after competing in all 17 matches. As a defense, Sewanee held opponents to 1.18 goals per match average. At the same time, Maloney was instrumental in holding the opposition to a 0.90 shot percentage.

Women's Soccer

Four members of the Sewanee women's soccer team were honored with SCAC postseason awards.

Sophomore Ellie Quinn, junior Bess Goodman and senior Faith Spencer earned first-team accolades, while senior Lilly Barnett was named to the second-team.

In her second season as a Tiger, Quinn played in all 19 matches. Despite playing the majority of the time as a defender, Quinn posted two goals and one assist.

Goodman finished the year with five goals and two assists. Spencer finished the year with five goals and three assists.

Barnett earned her second postseason award (2009 second team) after she finished the year with one goal and two assists for four points. At the same time, Barnett was one of two Sewanee players that started every match.



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OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



An assist this week to Rick Reilly, my all-time favorite sportswriter, for his column "Funny You Should Ask" that appeared in Sports Illustrated, April 12, 1999. It inspired what is written below.

We had barely cleared away the Thanksgiving decorations and eaten the last of the turkey casserole leftovers when my nine-year old asked me, "Dad, what do you want for Christmas?"

I looked at her and said, "I want to watch a team that is down eight games in the wild card race with only a month to go, win the World Series after being down to its last strike...twice. I want to watch the two most celebrated NFL franchises go head to head in the Super Bowl with my Packers prevailing behind a quarterback that makes everyone forget Brett Favre. I want the Duke and Carolina players to look at one another eye-to-eye, before tip-off and realize how lucky they really are. I want the Yankees to lose to a small-market team that drafts and develops its players. I want the NBA owners and players to realize that there is one more entity in the formula for solving their selfish work stoppage; it's the loyal fan that pays to park, then buys two tickets, a program and then takes out a loan to buy his hot dog and soda.

"I want a guy to win the Masters who stays with his wife through breast cancer treatments. I want the best high school athletes to choose a college for its English department or for the study-abroad programs offered, not for the type of offense the new coach is promising to include them in. I want Joe Paterno to say, 'I'm sorry. I should have done more.' And I want someone to tell Pat Summitt, 'Thanks, you couldn't have done more.'"

"I want you to know what it feels like to hit a game-winning shot, and run off the court with your arms around your best friends. I want you to hit a slice backhand up the line into a space that a supermodel couldn't squeeze into. I want you to drop a putt that curls 15 feet across a sloping green and hit a drive that sprouts wings. I want you to bike up a mountain and just when your legs feel like they have no more to give, you feel the wind at your back and grind up another half mile. I want you to see the orange and gold leaves on the trees instead of the mile markers on your way up and be glad that you did it as the sun was still coming up. I want you to lose a game and shake your opponents hand and mean it when you say, 'Wow, great job!' I want you to bend a bowling ball down 60 feet of oiled wood and pick up the impossible spare. I want you to play catch with your daughter and realize you are already in heaven, and then make sure she remembers to do the same thing when it is her turn. I want you to look at the pictures on the wall and realize that those that came before you lived lives that meant something, and that you are just borrowing the world for a little while. Please take care of it.

"I want you to go to Churchill Downs and see a horse that seemed to miss the bus, run everyone down in the homestretch and win by a nose. I want you to appreciate how difficult it must be for Tony Stewart to drive 200 mph through the curve at Homestead with Carl Edwards hanging on his bumper, but then you remember to wear your seat belt and drive 20 mph down University Avenue. I want you to taste a fish that you cooked on an open fire after reeling it in and sitting on a boat with a friend all day. I want you to feel a wave under your surfboard and taste the mixture of salt and Coppertone on your cheek. I want you to fly down a snowy slope with nothing but white powder in front of you and when you hit the hidden bumps realize that is what mountains are made of.

"I want you to do yoga on a mat made of moss with only pines to show you what straight is and the moon to teach you how to be open. I want you to run a race in the rain with hundreds in front of you and dozens more behind, carrying the knowledge that just as in the Nike commercial, 'There is no finish line.' And I want you to read books and authors that inspire you and articles and opinions that enrage you."

I looked at her and said, "What do you want for Christmas? 'Just some boots,'" she said. And off she went.

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NATURENOTES

By Harry and Jean Yeatman

Winter Roosting Spots

Where do Sewanee birds spend cold winter nights? Songbirds need food, water and shelter to survive. Rain and snow can add to their troubles. The Yeatmans recently brought a hanging plant basket into their house, and out flew a Carolina wren, and then another one, possibly its mate. They were hiding in the dry vegetation.

Birds that nest in holes in trees and birdhouses put out by kind people use these for winter protection. Purple martin nesting boxes are used in winter by bluebirds. Woodpeckers, tufted titmice, nuthatches and Carolina wrens.



Some of our Carolina chickadees do some of their wintering at night in holes, while some of them peck out their own holes in rotting trees for nesting and protection. Boston Ivy vines are frequently used for winter roosting by house finches, cardinals, robins and grackles.

Crows prefer to spend the winter nights in thick evergreen trees and in cedars and pines. Waxwings (pictured here) flock up at night in trees and are protected by the warming of large numbers, even in blowing snow.

Large owls use summer-constructed nests of sticks high in trees. Screech owls use old woodpecker holes, but sometimes use wood duck nesting boxes put out near water by people. Bobwhites (quail) gather in circles on the ground with their heads pointing out, to make a quick get-away from enemies. Jean Yeatman has seen the imprints of their bodies and tracks in the snow.

Our white-throated sparrows, field sparrows, towhees and winter wrens stay in underbrush and bushes on the ground. Our juncos and goldfinches prefer to roost in boxwood bushes. Hawks, eagles and vultures roost in trees and shiver through the snowstorms or cold windy weather.

Try to observe and record birds in winter late in the day and at night. You might add to the knowledge of bird behavior.

South Cumberland State Park Offerings

Saturday, Dec. 3

Snakes of Tennessee—Meet at 2 p.m. at Stone Door ranger station to learn about indigenous snakes, both venomous and non-venomous. Touch one if you dare (non-venomous, of course).

Sunday, Dec. 4

Pinecone Bird Feeders—Join the ranger at 2 p.m. at Stone Door ranger station to make bird feeders to take home to attract native songbirds to your back yard. Peanut butter will be used.

Slideshow—Meet at 3 p.m. at Savage Gulf ranger station for an informative slideshow on the Savage Gulf/Stone Door area.

Friday, Dec. 9

Moonlight Hike—Meet at 5 p.m. at Foster Falls parking lot for a three-mile exploration of the twilight woods.

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KILLINGTHYME

by Buck Gorell



Thanksgiving has come and gone. Christmas is not far away. Our first snow is on the ground. And I have yet to conquer the autumnal chores in the garden. The ravages of the first killing frost have not been ushered to the compost pile, nor the few bulbs planted.

But all is not lost. We will still see plenty of weather suitable for gardening in the coming months. When forced indoors by inclement conditions, there is always the winter standby: catalogues and planning. More can be accomplished in these categories while nestled in front of the fire than outside suffering in miserable cold and wet. So what are the priorities when the sun does peak out, and the thermometer climbs reluctantly into the tolerable zone?

First and foremost is a good tidying. Removing frost-killed annuals is first. Not only is the garden more visually appealing afterwards, it is also less likely to foster pathogens into the next season. The winter kill on perennials can be cut down should the winter form not be of use. I will leave some things standing, like Sedum "Autumn Joy," as its seed heads provide interest during the season. Other plants, such as ornamental grasses, also pull some weight even when "dead."

Once one "brings out the dead" (I can't help but think of Monty Python), a good weeding and mulching is in order. There is no better time of the year for applying a good layer of mulch. The empty places allow access to all the nooks and crannies. Getting a good mulch down in the winter, besides saving the sweat of doing it later in the year, will pay huge dividends in the future. If you have the leaves, mow them up and use them as you mulch. My second choice is pine bark mini-nuggets.

As to planting, this is the best time of the year. Almost anything can be moved right now. Woody plants (trees and shrubs) are at the top of the list. Moving them now allows for a good period of time to get established before the inevitable hot, dry late summer. Perennials are also happy to be divided and relocated. The concern here is frost heave. As soil temperatures consistently get well below freezing and frequently thaw in the sun, this freeze/thaw cycle can push plants out of the ground. A good layer of mulch can prevent damage. There is also still time for bulbs. Daffodils and tulips need a period of temps below 40 degrees, which they will get if planted before Christmas. There are even some annuals which can be seeded: Love in a Mist and larkspur are two favorites.

Pets Pictures with Santa for Animal Harbor

The Franklin County Humane Society will be hosting Pet Pictures with Santa at Tractor Supply in Winchester for the fifth year. Pet Pictures will be taken from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, and from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11.

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Pictured is Nate Wilson, Domain manager, with a group of landowners who met for a workshop on sustainable forest management on Nov. 30.

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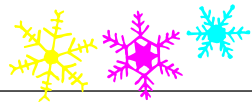
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Thu	Nov 17	52	32
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Sat	Nov 19	61	39
Sun	Nov 20	64	54

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	61
Avg min temp =	44
Avg temp =	51
Precipitation =	0.00"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 21	63	59
Tue	Nov 22	64	60
Wed	Nov 23	60	43
Thu	Nov 24	60	35
Fri	Nov 25	62	42
Sat	Nov 26	66	51
Sun	Nov 27	65	56

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But he doesn't know I'm fishing—
He doesn't know I'm fishing.
That's what I'm doing—
Fishing.

No, I'm not, I'm newting.
Don't cough, anybody, don't come by!
Any small noise makes a newt feel shy.
He thinks I'm a bush, or a new sort of tree;
He thinks it's somebody, but doesn't think it's Me,
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No, he doesn't know I'm newting.
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Community Calendar

Friday, Dec. 2

Curbside recycling, by 7:30 am

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7:00 am AA, (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle
8:30 am Yoga with Rebecca, Community Center
9:00 am Greening of All Saints' Chapel
12:00 pm Men's Bible study, Otey
5:15 pm Modern dance, adults, Community Center
6:15 pm Dance class, Exploring the Sacred, Comm. Center
7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
7:30 pm "Our Idiot Brother," SUT
9:00 pm Live Jazz, TigerBay Pub

Saturday, Dec. 3

8:30 am CCJP quarterly board meeting, Senior Center
10:00 am CAST Artist Studio Tour, till 5
10:30 am Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm. Center
11:30 am Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm. Center
1:00 pm Cowan Christmas Parade
4:30 pm Monteagle Christmas Parade, lineup at 3:30,
Smoke House
7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall
7:30 pm "Our Idiot Brother," SUT

Sunday, Dec. 4

Noon CAST Artist Studio Tour, till 5
4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
4:00 pm Women's Bible study, Otey
5:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols, All Saints'
6:00 pm Fire on the Mountain, Brooks Hall, Otey
6:00 pm Sewanee Praise gospel concert, St. Luke's Chapel
6:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle
7:30 pm "Our Idiot Brother," SUT
8:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols, All Saints'

Monday, Dec. 5

10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Otey parish hall
6:30 pm FC Board of Education work session, Winchester
7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary
7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale rehearsal, Hamilton Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 6

8:30 am Sewanee Business Alliance meeting, Locals
8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Community Center
9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
10:30 am Bingo, Senior Center

10:30 am Beginning Tai Chi with Kat, Community Center
4:00 pm Centering Prayer, St. Mary's
7:00 pm NA, Dechard United Methodist
7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall
7:30 pm Al-Anon, Otey parish hall
7:30 pm Sewanee Symphony Orchestra Concert, All Saints'

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Last day of College classes

7:00 am Monteagle Rotary, Smoke House
9:00 am CAC pantry open, till 11
10:00 am Senior Center Gathering, Chen Hall
12:00 pm Sewanee Woman's Club reservation deadline
1:30 pm Sewanee Garden Club, Pixie Dozier residence
3:00 pm Otey children's choir, Otey sanctuary
4:30 pm Lease agenda deadline, Lease Office
5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
6:00 pm Otey adult choir rehearsal, Otey
6:30 pm Catechumenate, dinner, Women's Center
7:00 pm German House Christmas
7:00 pm SAS Choir Holiday Concert, McCrory Hall
7:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday, Dec. 8

10:30 am Advanced Tai Chi with Kat, Community Center
10:30 am Chair Exercise, Senior Center
12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location
12:00 pm Academy for Lifelong Learning, Spickard,
St. Mary's Sewanee
12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey Quintard
3:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm. Center
3:30 pm Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
4:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm. Center
4:30 pm Monteagle Mountain Chamber Open House,
till 7:30, Monteagle City Hall
5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish house, weigh-in 4:30
6:30 pm Civic Association, Sewanee Inn, social time 6 pm
8:00 pm AA (closed), book study, St. James

Friday, Dec. 9

7:00 am AA, (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle
8:30 am Yoga with Rebecca, Community Center
12:00 pm Men's Bible study, Otey
5:15 pm Modern dance, adults, Community Center
6:15 pm Dance class, Exploring the Sacred, Comm. Center
7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
8:00 pm Taizé Service, St. Luke's Chapel

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