



Members of the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (above) packing more than 60 boxes of nonperishable food for Operation NOEL's Christmas Eve deliveries to families in need. New toy donations can still be made at the Fire Hall.

SUD Hears From Concerned Residents About Fluoridation

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The Board of Commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties invited SUD customers to comment on the issue of fluoridation at the Dec. 18 business meeting. More than 15 visitors attended, a record in his six years of service, according to SUD president Cliff Huffman.

Huffman provided background on the topic. In keeping with a revised recommendation from the Center for Disease Control, in March 2011 SUD reduced the amount of fluoride it added to .7 ppm (parts per million), the minimum CDC recommendation, Huffman said. The CDC supports fluoridation of public water supplies because it reduces tooth decay; however, too much fluoride is toxic and can lead to fluorosis, the developmental disturbance of dental enamel. In some areas of the world, toxic levels of fluoride occur naturally in the water, Huffman said. Consequently, the World Health Organization advises healthcare providers to monitor local populations for excessive exposure.

Huffman consulted Sewanee pediatrician Dr. Amy Evans, who reported that she has not seen fluorosis in children in our community.

Area dentists Dr. Bruce Baird and Dr. Bob Childress likewise reported seeing little to no evidence of fluorosis. Baird said the lowered CDC recommendation takes into account the amount of fluoride most people receive in toothpaste. SUD manager Ben Beavers said untreated water on the Plateau contains .06 ppm of fluoride.

Visitors commented on evidence of negative health effects, in addition to fluorosis, and on the benefits that corporations reap from the practice of fluoridation. (Fluoride is a byproduct of manufacturing fertilizer.) One visitor's comment about toxicity dif-

ferences between naturally occurring and manufactured fluoride prompted another visitor to observe that both compounds were toxic at excessive levels. Several visitors stressed that they wanted to have a choice about whether to ingest fluoride. One guest pointed out that a filter system to remove fluoride costs more than \$400. Visitors presented the board with a petition signed by more than 100 SUD customers asking SUD to stop adding fluoride.

In response, Dr. Baird said there are many "indigent mouths" in the area, estimating that roughly 25 percent of the population did not receive adequate dental care and would be penalized by removing fluoride.

SUD Commissioner Ken Smith said evidence from communities that had stopped adding fluoride would provide new data in the near future, but until such evidence prompted the CDC to revise its recommendation, he could not support eliminating fluoride from SUD's water treatment practices.

A visitor asked if SUD added other chemicals besides fluoride which were not for purification. Smith answered affirmatively, noting that SUD also adds phosphate to the water. (Phosphate prevents the leeching of copper and lead from pipes and fixtures.)

Another visitor questioned SUD's authority to add fluoride to the water. Beavers will research the issue and report at the next meeting on Jan. 22.

In discussion, the commissioners voiced agreement with the current policy, but said they would continue to review new evidence.

Huffman thanked the visitors for their insight and input.

Voting in the SUD commissioner election will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 2-22, at the SUD office on Sherwood Road.

Security Procedures in Place at Local Schools

by K.G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

Because of the shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Dec. 14, local parents have expressed concerns about the safety of their children in schools. While some safety measures are visible to all, such as school driving zones, there are other invisible security measures in place.

The Franklin County school district emergency and crisis response plan can be found at <www.fcstn.net>.

"The Franklin County School System is committed to the safety and security of students, faculty, staff, and visitors on its campus," according to the plan. This includes "ongoing training, exercises and maintenance required to keep the plan current."

"Although there is no way to prepare for every possible situation, I do think we have addressed and continue to address security in our schools," said Rebecca Sharber, director of schools for Franklin County. "If anyone has additional ideas about how to increase safety for our children, please let me know," said Sharber.

Parents may also bring concerns to their local school board representatives. Chris McDonough is the fifth district school board member.

All Franklin County Schools have buzzers at the front entrance, and in some instances the back door, in order for visitors to be allowed in the school. Doors remain closed and locked during the school day. There are also sign-in and sign-out procedures for visitors, staff and students. Some of the local schools are also equipped with security cameras.

Each school within the system has an emergency operation plan. These plans include evacuation (leaving the building), reverse evacuation (staying in the building in safe areas), lock down, shelter-in-place (for severe weather or hazardous material release outdoors) and drop, cover and hold procedures. All students, faculty and staff go through required safety drills. Safety checks such as making sure doors are closed and locked are done throughout the day by faculty and staff.

"We have been proactive in our approach to safety and security at the school," said Mike Maxon, principal of Sewanee Elementary.

At SES, teachers and staff are visible at the beginning, during and at the end of the school day. The doors are locked at 8 a.m. Visitors have to be buzzed in

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School board member Chris McDonough demonstrates the security camera and buzzer that is used at Sewanee Elementary School.

Community Chest Spotlight

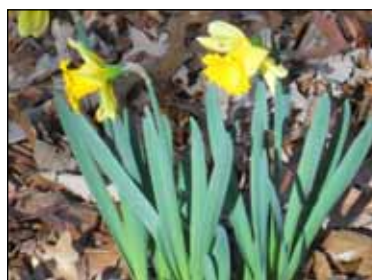
The 2012-13 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is nearing its close. The power of people helping people makes a difference in the life of the community. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area.

As of Dec. 19, the drive had raised \$75,675 toward its \$90,000 goal. (84 percent of the total). This is the final article in a series about organizations that benefit from the Community Chest.

Campora Family Resource Center is an organization that provides and coordinates services to aid in the empowerment, proficiency and development of cohesive family units. Campora is requesting \$1,000 to purchase food from Second Harvest Food Bank for the Backpack Program. The Backpack Program is designed to bridge the food gap for local schoolchildren (pre-K through high school) during the week-ends. The Backpack Program serves more than 350 students weekly from all of the Franklin County schools. The cost to provide a backpack for one child is \$2.70 for one weekend, or \$97.20 for one school year. Volunteers are always needed for this program. To help, contact Eric Vanzant at 967-7825.

The Community of St. Mary,

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Daffodils on the Mountain in December? These blooms were photographed at the Clifftops home of Carylton and J.B. Baker on Dec. 14.



Sara Beth Turner displays her hand-painted ornament that honors Grundy County. See page 10 for story.

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AWORDFROM THEEDITOR

by Laura L. Willis



Two years have passed since Janet Graham and I took over publishing the Sewanee Mountain Messenger. It has been delightful to share good news and to encourage community engagement. After our first year with its steep learning curve and lots of changes, 2012 was fairly calm. We still want to know what you think about the paper: we listen and take to heart the suggestions you offer.

Kudos to our staff: writers Leslie Lytle and K. G. Beavers, photographer Lyn Hutcheson, proofreader Sandra Gabrielle, circulation manager Ray Minkler and office manager April Minkler. There would be no paper without their fine work.

A big thank-you to the dedicated columnists who have written for the paper for years: Jean and Harry Yeatman, Phoebe and Scott Bates, John Bordley, John Shackelford and Pat Wiser. And congratulations to our newer columnists, each of whom is finding their audience and their voice: Annie Armour, Kiki Beavers, Daniel Church, Virginia Craighill, Buck Gorrell, Margaret Stephens, Peter Trenchi and Francis Walter. I remind you that all these folks write as volunteers, receiving only your good words as appreciation for their effort. Please let them know you read their columns.

The Messenger was founded because of the foresight and generosity of the Sewanee Community Chest and the University of the South. We continue to receive assistance from the University for the printing of the paper, for which we are very grateful. We no longer request support from the Community Chest, but try to work tirelessly on its behalf so that all the wonderful groups it supports continue their good works.

And thank you to our advertisers. We publish 47 issues a year, free to more than 3,500 readers across the Plateau, and hundreds more online, because of the paid advertisements of local businesses and eateries. We are grateful for the continued patronage that keeps the Messenger afloat.

This newspaper is a long-term, collaborative endeavor that Janet and I carry on with gratitude and appreciation. Without the paths cleared by Phoebe Bates and her staff at the Sewanee Siren, and Geraldine Hewitt Piccard and her staff, you wouldn't hold this paper in your hands. It is testimony to our community's commitment to shared information and public service that the Messenger continues to hold an important place on this Mountain.

The coming year offers new adventures. Look for a new series of feature stories called "The People in Your Neighborhood." Write me and nominate someone who you'd like to see us spotlight: a person you'd like the community to know more about. These will begin in January. Our website continues to evolve as our online readership grows. And there might be a few other surprises down the road.

As Wendell Berry wrote, "A proper community, we should remember also, is a commonwealth: a place, a resource, an economy. It answers the needs, practical as well as social and spiritual, of its members—among them the need to need one another."

I am grateful that we live in such a "proper community." I need you. We need one another. Let us move into 2013 remembering Berry's words.

I offer my warmest best wishes to you this holiday season! We look forward to another new year together. We'll be back in print on Jan. 11, 2013.

Letters

HEALTH RISKS OF CHEMICALS To the Editor:

Mr. Winton's Dec. 14 letter asserted that people who oppose fluoridation are in the Dark Ages. He defended his position with "studies, done with scientific rigor, supported by a legion of professional and government entities."

I write to disagree. I assure you, that while I am new to the Sewanee area, I have not lived in the "Dark Ages" since January 1987.

The Monsanto Corporation and Dow Chemical spread more than 20 million gallons of Agent Orange in 1961–71, even though officials knew dioxin (the toxic compound in Agent Orange) could cause cancer, birth defects and organ dysfunction.

Vietnam veterans are still being diagnosed with cancers, diabetes, Parkinson's disease and other illnesses associated with Agent Orange and other defoliants that were all approved with "scientific rigor." My husband of 16 years, a Navy Seabee, was one of these veterans. He was diagnosed in 1987 with Stage IV non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. His death in 1996 was certified by the VA as "service-related due to his exposure to Agent Orange." "Professional and scientific" approval by the Centers for Disease Control or the Environmental Protection Agency is not an assurance of public safety or reduction in health risks. It is simply a guarantee that the manufacturer's lobbyists succeeded.

Research the facts: Are you willing to wait until government agencies finally take a stand—as they did with Agent Orange—and then watch your family suffer the devastating consequences for years as my family and thousands of others have?

Denise Caldon
Monteagle ■

DRILLING RISKS WATER SUPPLY To the Editor:

Is methane coming to a water tap near you?

Industry statistics from the past three years reveal that 6–7 percent of the wells drilled to produce natural gas by hydraulic fracturing experience structural integrity failure related to the casing. Both the water and the nitrogen-gas fracturing method (used in Tennessee) are subject to these flaws. Most common is disbonding of the cement that allows methane to migrate outside the casing up to the aquifer. Once in the aquifer, the methane enters drinking water wells and is released into homes when residents turn on the tap.

Natural gas is primarily methane. Methane is deadly poisonous and highly flammable. By Tennessee state law, all hydraulic fracturing wells currently under production in Tennessee and all hydraulic fracturing wells slated to be drilled are exempt from oversight monitoring hazards related to methane migration. Residents whose health and homes are put at risk by migration of methane into their water supply have no recourse. Two-thirds of the state is targeted for natural gas production by hydraulic fracturing. Write Governor Haslam today and ask him to call a moratorium on horizontal fracturing in the state of Tennessee.

Joe Pierce
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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.

MESSENGER Holiday Break and Deadlines for January

After this issue, the Sewanee Mountain Messenger staff will take a two-week break.

We will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 7. The Messenger will be back in print Friday, Jan. 11.

Deadlines for the Jan. 11 issue are: display advertising, 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7; news/calendar, 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8; and classified ads, noon on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

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Meetings & Events

World Healing Meditation Today

Peggy Farmer will host a guided meditation focusing on world healing at 5:30 p.m., today, Dec. 21, at the Sewanee Community Center. There is no charge for the event, but a \$5 donation to benefit Haiti projects is requested. For more information contact Farmer at (423) 315-7659.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, at the Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. It will not meet on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

The Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club meets at the Smoke House Restaurant on Wednesday mornings. Coffee begins at 6:50 a.m.; breakfast and the meeting begin at 7 a.m. and end by 8 a.m. It will not meet on Dec. 26.

The Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club also hosts a noon Thursday meeting. While the college is on break, the group will meet at the Blue Chair Tavern. Its next meeting will be on Jan. 3 when Gerald Richardson will discuss the Rotary Foundation; on Jan. 10, Steve Blount, assistant district attorney for Franklin County, will be the speaker.

Holiday Class & Meeting Schedule Changes

The women's 12-step group that meets at 5 p.m. on Mondays in Brooks Hall will not meet Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, or New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

The centering prayer support group that meets at 7 p.m., Mondays, in Otey Memorial Parish Church sanctuary will not meet on Dec. 24, but will meet on Dec. 31. The centering prayer support group that meets at 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, at St. Mary's Sewanee, will not meet on Dec. 25, but will meet on Jan. 1.

Rebecca Allred's Flow Yoga classes at 6:15 p.m. on Thursdays will meet uninterrupted during the holidays. Her 8:30 a.m. Friday classes at the Community Center will meet Dec. 21, Dec. 28, Jan. 4 and Jan. 11.

Lucie Carlson's Naam Yoga classes will not meet on Mondays, Dec. 24, Dec. 31, and Jan. 7, 2013. The Tuesday Yin yoga classes Lucie had been teaching for Carolyn Fitz will not meet again until Jan. 15.

Hadley Morris' classes will not meet from Monday, Dec. 24 until Wednesday, Jan. 2, when they will resume at 5:30 p.m.

Helen Stapleton's yoga classes at the Sewanee Community Center will not meet on Sunday, Dec. 23, or Wednesday, Dec. 26, but will meet all other dates.

Garbage and Curbside Recycling Schedule

Due to Christmas falling on a Tuesday, there will not be garbage pickup on Tuesday, Dec. 25. Pickup will resume on Wednesday, Dec. 26, for both Tuesday and Wednesday customers.

Residential curbside recycling pickup will be today (Friday), Dec. 21, and Friday, Jan. 4. Recyclable materials must be separated by type and placed in blue bags by the side of the road no later than 7:30 a.m.

Southern Tenn. Ladies Hear Malakasis Jan. 2

The Jan. 2 meeting of the Southern Tennessee Ladies' Society will hear Tasia Malakasis, owner and president of Belle Chevre, an award-winning cheese producer in Elkmont, Ala. The reservation deadline is noon, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

For more information call Tina at 967-4813 or Iris at 967-6095, or email <reply2stls@att.net>.



Libby and Porter Neubauer

Local Kids Collect Gifts for MGTA

When Porter and Libby Neubauer, children of Amy and Alex Neubauer, celebrated their birthdays earlier this month, they decided to raise money for the Mountain Goat Trail instead of receiving presents. Altogether, they raised \$400, which they presented recently to Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA) board member Barry Rollins at Community State Bank in Monteagle.

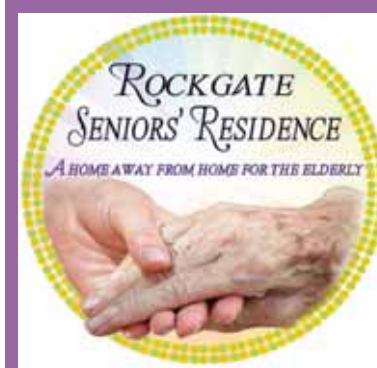
"I think the thought of getting so much at Christmas time bothered some part inside of them," Amy Neubauer explained.

"This way they were able to celebrate with lots of friends and feel like they were doing something important. The Mountain Goat Trail was a natural fit because we use it so much and so many of their friends do, too. It's 'real' to them."

According to MGTA board president Janice Thomas, "We were all so impressed by Porter and Libby's maturity to think outside themselves and help a cause they support."

Porter and Libby are students at Sewanee Elementary School.

For more information about MGTA, go to <mountaingoattrail.org>.



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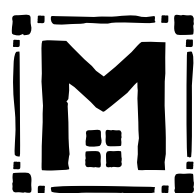
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Obituaries

Mary Bertram Motlow

Mary Bertram Motlow, age 62 of Lynchburg, died on Dec. 11, 2012, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. She was born April 29, 1950, in Nashville to Cliff Conner and Rose-lind Handley (Slater) Motlow. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Lemuel Oscar and Ophelia (Evans) Motlow; maternal grandparents, Ed Bertram and Addie (Bowen) Slater; and her partner, Morris Edward Parker.

She is survived by her daughters, Margaret Walker Armour and Mary Alexandra Motlow Richman, both of Lynchburg; and sisters, Catherine Powell, Elizabeth Motlow of Sewanee and Melinda Killcreas. Memorial contributions may be sent to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 1100 Kermit Drive, Suite 022, Nashville, TN 37217; The American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, Suite 2700, New York, NY 10006; or the charity of your choice. For complete obituary <www.moore cortner.com>.

Terry E. Nunley

Terry E. Nunley, age 57 of Lebanon, Tenn., died on Dec. 10, 2012, in University Medical Center in Lebanon. He was born May 19, 1955. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Nunley.

He is survived by his wife, Crysty Cross Nunley; mother, Mamie Campbell Nunley of Franklin County; sons, Timothy Nunley and Tracy Nunley; brothers, Kenny (Sonna) Nunley and Donnie (Lori) Nunley; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 13 in the funeral home chapel, with Jonathan Richerson officiating. Interment followed in Conatser Cemetery, Lebanon. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mr. Nunley's memory to Sherry's Run, P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088. For complete obituary visit <www.partlowchapel.com>.

Bob R. Stephens

Bob R. "Pookie" Stephens, age 81 of Chattanooga, died on Dec. 17, 2012. He was born in Sinking Cove, Tenn., and lived in Franklin County for several years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis and Ethel Champion Stephens; daughter Velma Marie Stephens; former wife, Juanita Hughes Stephens; brothers, J.D. Stephens and Earl Stephens; and sisters, Nellie Evans and Evelyn Roark.

He is survived by daughters Paula (Paul) Hurt, Sharon Stephens Vess and Daphne Stephens; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and other extended family.

Funeral services were held Dec. 19 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Grady Cooper officiating. Interment followed in Crownover Cemetery in Anderson. For complete obituary visit <www.turnerfamilyfuneralhome.com>.

Death Notices

Carolyn Carter Hatchett

Carolyn Carter Hatchett, age 79 of Sewanee, died Dec. 17, 2012, at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee. Details about memorial services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Cumberland Funeral Home.

Homer Bernard Kunz

Homer Bernard Kunz, age 99, of Tracy City, died Dec. 20, 2012, at his home. Details about funeral arrangements are not yet available. Arrangements by Foster & Lay Funeral Home.

Ansel M. Sharp

Ansel M. Sharp, age, 88, of Springfield, Miss., died Dec. 14, 2012. Sharp was Frank W. Wilson Professor of Political Economy, *emeritus*, at the University. Details about memorial services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Greenlawn Funeral Home South.



Pantry Sunday January 6

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is Sunday, Jan. 6, for participating churches: St. James, Otey, Cumberland Presbyterian and All Saints' Chapel. Please bring your food offerings to Sunday services. The typical bag of groceries includes: rice, beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, and cans of vegetables, fruit, and soup. The cost for a complete bag is less than \$15.

The CAC will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1.

In case of an emergency, contact Betty Carpenter at 598-5926.

Church News

Christ Church, Monteagle

Christ Church will have a special Lessons and Carols service at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 23, followed by a covered-dish luncheon.

On Christmas Eve, their service will begin at 5 p.m., with a children's play followed by Holy Communion, caroling and a Christmas feast.

On Christmas Day, services will be at 10:30 a.m. Christ Church will celebrate Feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6.

Otey Parish

Otey Parish will celebrate Holy Eucharist Rite II at 8:50 a.m. and 11 a.m., on Sundays, Dec. 23, Dec. 30 and Jan 6.

On Dec. 23, the Rev. JoAnn Barker will conclude her series on "The Theology of Handel's Messiah," in the Brooks Hall Conference Room. Pete Trenchi will lead the Lectionary Class.

Youth will meet with Alex and Kathryn Bruce. Children ages 3-11 will practice songs in the church for the Jan. 6 Epiphany Pageant.

Nursery care is available from 8:30

a.m. until after coffee hour, which follows the second service.

On Christmas Eve, there will be two services: the Christmas Eve Crèche service with the Otey choir at 4:30 p.m. and a service at 10:45 p.m. The Epiphany Pageant will be at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 6.

St. Mary's Chapel and Convent

St. Mary's Chapel and Convent announces the following services:

Monday, Dec. 24: Evensong at 5 p.m., and the first Eucharist of Christmas with hymns at 10:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 25: Holy Eucharist with hymns at 8 a.m., and Evensong at 5:30 p.m.;

Wednesday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 6: 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist; 12:30 p.m., Noon Prayer; 5 p.m., Evening Prayer.

There will be no services in the Chapel and the Convent will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 2, and Monday, Jan. 7.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, Dec. 21

7:00 am Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
12:00 pm Noonday Prayer, St. Mary's
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

Saturday, Dec. 22, Dec. 29, Jan. 5

8:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's
5:00 pm Mass, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

Sunday, Dec. 23, Dec. 30, Jan. 6

All Saints' Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10:00 am Morning Service

5:30 pm Evening Service

Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Children's Sunday School

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 am Lessons and Carols, 12/23

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, 12/30

10:30 am Feast of the Epiphany, 1/6

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 Church, Sewanee

9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday School

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

10:50 am Worship

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Children's Sunday School

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 am Mass

Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Midway Baptist Church

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

10:00 am Bible Study

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

10:30 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

8:50 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

4:30 pm Epiphany Pageant, 1/6

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

St. Agnes' Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Children's Church School

9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Lessons and Carols

10:15 am Godly Play

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8:00 am Mass

St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm Evensong

Sewanee Church of God

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Society of Friends

9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

Tracy City First Baptist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Morning Worship

5:30 pm Youth

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Monday, Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve

8:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, St. Agnes, Cowan

4:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Crèche Service, Otey

5:00 pm Holy Communion, Christ Church Monteagle

5:00 pm Evensong, St. Mary's Convent

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, St. James

10:30 pm First Eucharist of Christmas, St. Mary's

10:45 pm Christmas Eve Service, Otey

11:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Chapel

Tuesday, Dec. 25 • Christmas Day

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

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Otey

10:30 am Holy Communion, Christ Church Monteagle

12:30 pm Noon prayer, St. Mary's

5:30 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

Wednesday, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, Jan. 9

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (12/26 only)

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle

5:00 pm Healing service (1/2); Anglican Rosary (1/9), St. James

5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle

6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist

6:30 pm Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway

7:00 pm Adult Christian Formation, Epiphany Episcopal, Sherwood

7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

Monday-Friday

Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jan. 7-11

7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's (not 1/2, 1/7, 1/9)

7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey

12:30 pm Noon Prayer, St. Mary's (not 1/2, 1/7, 1/9)

12:05 pm Healing Service, Otey (Thursday only)

4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey

5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (not 1/2, 1/7, 1/9)

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Security (from page 1)

to the school, and sign in at the front office.

"On Dec. 18 we practiced our lockdown procedures with the new Sewanee chief of police, Marie Eldridge, and two of her officers," said Maxon.

"We are revisiting our evacuation plan with Otey Parish," Maxon said. "Chief Eldridge has offered to review our safety plan at the Jan. 3 SES faculty meeting. There is a plan to have a safety walk-through with the sheriff's department during the Christmas break.

"The Sewanee police department is planning to be more visible during the school day with a new 'Police Buddy' program at Chief Eldridge's suggestion," said Maxon.

At the county's high schools, there is one Special Resource Officer (SRO) from the Franklin County sheriff's department assigned to Huntland and two assigned to Franklin County. One SRO splits their time between North and South middle schools. These officers, in part, attend school functions and provide classes on law enforcement topics to the students. They also assist in developing emergency plans and strategies "to prevent and/or minimize dangerous situations such as hostage situations, armed person(s) on campus, student disturbances, and natural/manmade disasters," the plan states. As they are deputy sheriffs, the SROs can take law enforcement action as required.

At St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, "Parents should know that there is always a safety plan in place," said Pratt Paterson, chair of the SAS Safety and Security Committee, which is responsible for "creating best practices for the campus and community, crisis prevention and how we handle crises.

"With the support of the SAS trustees and administration, an increased focus on campus safety and security began this summer," said Paterson.

Some new changes to visitor check-in begin next month where each visitor will be required to wear a visitor badge, in addition to signing in with school personnel. An outdoor siren should be in place by January. There will be two tones to the siren, one for weather alerts and one for lockdown.

SAS conducts fire drills monthly. In case of severe weather, students, faculty and staff go to designated safety zones. When a lockdown has been issued, students are directed to the nearest securable safety zone and

issued specific instructions. Students may not use cell phones during a lockdown situation.

"We do not want noises to tip off intruders as to our whereabouts. That is the reason for no cell usage during lockdown. It is a safety concern," said Paterson.

There are check-in and check-out procedures for all SAS students during the school day and on the weekends. Suspicious cars and people on campus are to be reported to the dean of students, the discipline coordinator, a houseparent, the administrator on duty or the teacher in charge. A security detail also checks all campus buildings at night.

SAS also has three emergency medical service members and one Sewanee volunteer firefighter on staff.

"We are always in direct contact with the Sewanee police dispatcher and have emergency radios," said Paterson.

In all emergency situations, the proper authorities are notified. Each school's faculty and staff follow standard operating procedures until the appropriate emergency official arrives. These officials include the local and county police departments, EMTs and local fire departments.

In case of emergencies, parents at the Franklin County schools are notified via a mass phone messaging system. SAS notifies parents by e-mail and its website. SAS students, faculty and staff also use text and email for campus alerts.

Parents should always notify SAS if they take their children off campus by emailing <studentinfo@sasweb.org> or by calling the school at 598-5651. SES parents should contact their school at 598-5951.

At the University of the South, if a situation arises either on or off campus that "in the judgment of the chief of police constitutes an ongoing or continued threat, a campuswide Security Bulletin will be issued."

Campus safety policies can be found at <www.sewanee.edu>. Sewanee police officers provide patrol protection to the campus, University property, parking lots and dorms, and are vested with full law enforcement powers and responsibilities. Potential emergencies and criminal actions can be reported directly to the police department. In emergencies, call 9-1-1; in non-emergencies call 598-5111.



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Community Chest

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Southern Province is a vowed religious order of the Episcopal Church. The sisters are requesting \$1,000, or one month of aid, for the People-In-Need (P.I.N.) program. P.I.N. supports local people in economic difficulty by providing financial assistance, and offering prayer and emotional support. The goal of P.I.N. is to serve those in need while living into a baptismal covenant of respecting the dignity of every human being. P.I.N. supplements resources through organizations such as CAC by discreetly serving a population that might not otherwise be eligible for or willing to seek aid.

The Grundy County Food Bank provides food monthly to those in need in Grundy County and the surrounding areas. The Food Bank is requesting \$1,000 to help purchase extra food items for the holiday food boxes.

The goal of the Sewanee Community Chest is to help citizens by funding the community. 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, contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

[Editor's Note: The Sewanee Mountain Messenger was founded in part by the Sewanee Civic Association; however, the Messenger no longer requests Community Chest funding.]

Ways to Help the Newtown Community

Donations are being accepted to help the Sandy Hook School and Newtown, Conn., community. Checks may be mailed to Sandy Hook School Support Fund, c/o Newtown Savings Bank, 39 Main Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

Donations are also accepted through the American Red Cross, <<http://www.redcross.org/>>.

The United Way of Connecticut has set up this site for donations at <<https://newtown.uwwesternct.org/>>.

Watson-North Funeral Home in Winchester is collecting money to help with funeral expenses. Make checks payable to Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund and mail to Watson-North Funeral Home, 405 Sharp Springs Road, Winchester, TN 37398.

University Job Opportunities

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For more information contact Christy Owens, human resources coordinator at 598-1381 or email <ctowens@sewanee.edu>.

*Merry
Christmas
to All*

THE VILLAGE IDIOT

by Peter Trenchi



Super-latency

Once again the world is going to end, either on the 21st or 22nd of this month. I never pay close enough attention to the exact details of these predictions, since, unlike tornado warnings, hiding in the hall closet will do no good. I am (always) suitably impressed with the precision of these forecasts. Out of the billions or thousands of years (depending on whether you rely on geologists or theologians for your baseline data) the universe has been in existence, it has picked my lifetime to end. This is absolutely the greatest feeling ever; to be alive in such special times.

A statement claiming something to be "absolutely the greatest," is identified as hyperbole and should be saved for such rare instances as the ending of the universe. Such is not the case in our daily exposure to various media. Recently when many of us were blessed with a four-day weekend, the retail sales media felt a need to designate it with the same kind of absolute special identity as the bubonic plague, thus, we had Black Friday. Sales and marginal discounts that can only appeal to folks who cannot do the math are announced with great fanfare and seemingly rational individuals were encamped like the Continental Army at Valley Forge in order to save tens of dollars.

These thoughts were first assembled with a design toward combining them with the recent rash of fluoridation emails and conclude that our current culture seems to condone a certain maudlin incivility, where the stridently uninformed feel freely permitted to attack one another.

Then a different sort of Black Friday happened. Fluoride became momentarily meaningless. Bargain Christmas gifts lost their luster. One small piece of the world ended, horribly. Then, that quietude of shock, like the time I learned I couldn't roller skate and waited while my breath returned or like the several days after Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and saltwater encroachment killed all the mosquitoes, ended. We began to breathe again, the tinny pestilent buzzings returned, and incivility returned.

Now, the stridently uninformed are hotly debating the escalated use of weaponry as a means to end the escalated use of weaponry. Others are advocating for more effective recognition and treatment of mental illness. Some have even obliquely or directly implicated God. All of this has been done with some form of extreme hyperbole or exaggeration.

Have we all become so fear-crazed that even our ordinary moments are adrenaline-producing events? Must we believe so hard that each dinner is the best ever, such that there is no joy in dessert? Can those of us who still believe in normal and cordial discourse even be heard above all the shouting? Does it all end in some dervish frenzy? Should we all begin this Friday with milk and cookies?



Second-grade students at Sewanee Elementary School had pajama day before the Christmas break, enjoying wearing their sleepwear, having special treats to eat and watching a movie. Each student also received a hand-knitted hat, an early Christmas gift, made by the mother of one of the students.

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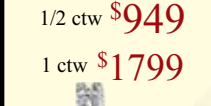


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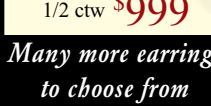
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TUE: Hamburger, meatball sub, baked fries, baked beans.

WED: Beefy nachos, barbecue, baked potato, roll, refried beans, vegetable blend.

THU: Chicken nuggets, beef stick, gravy, roll, mixed vegetables, pinto beans.

FRI: Pizza, Korean barbecue chicken, brown rice, spinach, Mediterranean-blend vegetables.

Options available every day: turkey or ham sandwich, with or without cheese; peanut butter and jelly. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served.

BREAKFAST

MON: French toast sticks.

TUE: Breakfast pizza.

WED: Breakfast on a stick.

THU: Egg and cheese biscuit.

FRI: Waffles.

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

Menus subject to change.

“Discover Together” Calendars Available

Filled with pictures from Tracy City and the surrounding area, the “Discover Together 2013” calendar is now available. It contains a collection of photos that documents the adventures of 24 kindergarten through 2nd-grade students participating in a two-week summer camp, Camp Discover, at Tracy Elementary.

Share in their adventures as they explore the South Cumberland State Park (Fiery Gizzard, the Natural Bridge, and Grundy Lakes) and other notable local landmarks, including the University of the South, the Grundy County Historical Society and more. Tips for families and children that highlight ways to connect with one another and the community are featured each calendar month.

Calendars are available at several community locations, including the Cumberland Farmers’ Market, <www.sewanee.locallygrown.net>; Grundy County Courthouse in Altamont; Mooney’s Emporium in Monteagle; and at the Dutch Maid Bakery, Grundy County Heritage Center and Tracy City Elementary School in Tracy City. A donation is requested for each calendar. All proceeds from the calendars will be used to fund future Camp Discover activities in Grundy County. For more information about Discover Together programs, email: southcumberlandfamilies@gmail.com.

Camp Discover is designed to foster resilience by helping schoolchildren and their families feel connected to each other, their community and the world. During the two weeks, a significant emphasis was placed on exploring, sharing and celebrating the community’s stories and heritage. A key part of each trip was introducing the children to community members who shared their unique stories. To help reinforce the camp themes and visits, children also enjoyed literacy-based activities such as read-alouds, original songs and journaling.

Sherry Guyear, Tracy City Elementary School teacher and camp leader, helped turn every moment into a learning opportunity. As she noted, “For many of the children and families, it was the first time they visited these places. They were learning alongside of each other. These experiences will long be remembered.” The Discover Together calendar was made possible in part by a generous donation from Scholastic. Discover Together and Camp Discover are part of an ongoing collaboration between Scholastic, Yale Child Study Center and the University.



Jaime Driver

SAS Alum Helping Women in Memphis, Delta

Jaime Driver, a pre-med student at the University of Mississippi, is a rebel with a cause. Along with completing her challenging coursework, she has taken part in several high-adventure activities, including earning her open water diving certification in Belize and kayaking down the entire Ocoee River without rolling.

The St. Andrew’s Sewanee alumna who grew up in the Sewanee area thinks her most noteworthy activity, however, is not her hobby of photography or her love of fashion magazines. Rather, it is striving to make a difference in the world and community by being involved in the Half the Sky Movement at Ole Miss.

“I’m naturally passionate and vivacious,” Driver said. “I learned the hard way that it’s best to channel my energy into positive, enriching things rather than imploding with frustration and boredom.”

The Half the Sky Movement aims to use a range of multimedia educational tools to promote the change needed to end the oppression of women and girls worldwide. The movement, based on the book by the same name written by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, strives to not only raise awareness of women’s issues, but to also provide concrete steps to fight these problems and empower women.

The Ole Miss chapter of Half the Sky Movement is a group of students trying to do just that. Their goal is to spread awareness and call others to action as they work on local gender inequalities. Driver has a vision for Half the Sky Movement and created a committee to develop awareness and implement local efforts to end sex trafficking in Memphis and boost maternal mortality in the

Mississippi Delta.

“I’m still learning how to balance all of my activities,” Driver said. “I think the easiest way to keep a positive outlook is maintaining curiosity and staying grounded in the present moment.”

For more information go to <www.halfttheskymovement.org>.

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Engagement



Drakopoulos – Street

Nicole Maria Drakopoulos and Derek Lee Street have announced their engagement to be married. The future bride is the daughter of Peter and Georgia Drakopoulos of Rocky Hill, Conn. Parents of the future bridegroom are Daryl and Patricia Street of Tracy City.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 27, 2013, at the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Knoxville, where the bride-elect is a member.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Alex Pseftoudis and the late Maria Pseftoudis of Hartford, Conn., and Eve Drakopoulos and the late Nicholas Drakopoulos of Alfousa, Greece.

Drakopoulos is a graduate of Rocky Hill High School. She received a bachelor's degree in audiology from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and is currently pursuing her doctorate in audiology at University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Virginia Morrison of Tracy City and the late Oscar Morrison and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Street.

Street is a graduate of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. He received a bachelor's degree in natural resources from the University of the South and a Master of Science in planning from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He is currently employed at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and is pursuing a master's degree in hydrogeology. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Tracy City.



ANGEL WITH AN ATTITUDE

by Virginia Craighill



Dear Angel:

Based on past experience, I know my family is going to run out of things to do during the holidays and start driving each other crazy, so could you recommend some classic holiday films for us to watch together?

Worried about Cabin Fever

Dear Worried:

Much like Hallmark commercials, classic holiday films only wind up making you cry and making you wish you lived a better life. If I were to recommend "It's a Wonderful Life," which you've seen one hundred times already, you'd just be depressed because the whole town didn't come to your house to give you money while your adoring family stood around hugging you. If I were to recommend "Miracle on 34th Street," your children would insist on going to the mall to see the "real" Santa, and that too would leave you in deep despair. Truly, the reason people look so sad around the holidays is they spend too much time watching sappy holiday films.

So here's my list of more appropriate movies to watch over the holidays: "Grey Gardens" (either the documentary or the more recent film version). Watching crazy Big Edie and Little Edie Bouvier verbally duke it out while feeding the cats and raccoons that infest their deteriorating house in the Hamptons will make you appreciate what a good relationship you have with your mother. Another family favorite is "The Shining" with Jack Nicholson, based on the Stephen King novel. Snuggling up in front of a fire to watch this film will make you realize why it's important to get dad out of the house more often and show the kids why it may be best not to have a White Christmas. A few episodes of "The Wire" will also leave your family feeling excessively grateful that they live in Sewanee.

However, if your family prefers lighter film fare, I'd recommend the Christmas episode of the Brit-com "Mr. Bean," starring Rowan Atkinson, where he abuses a department store creché and ends up with a raw turkey stuck on his head. And while Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is a perennial favorite, if you're looking for film versions, go for Bill Murray's adaptation "Scrooged." It's much hipper, funnier and will still make you cry, though you may have to explain the reference to the Kama Sutra to younger family members.

Dear Angel:

My holiday anxiety tends to focus around Christmas cards. Every year, I cannot manage to get mine in the mail before Christmas, and every card I receive from friends, especially those with letters outlining the yearly successes of the family, sends my blood pressure skyrocketing. What can I do?

Photo-Sensitive

Dear Photo-Sensitive:

I feel your pain, but not being among the hyper-organized does not make you a bad person. It's true that some people obsessively plan their Christmas cards all year long, booking family vacations to exotic locales only because it will make a great background for this year's photo. When you start to receive pictures of perfect-looking children, try to imagine what had to happen to make them look that way: lots of screaming and cursing and changing of outfits. Is it really worth it?

As for the Christmas letters, you might try reading between the lines. For every sports victory listed, you can chalk up a few unmentioned defeats; for every fabulous trip or stellar event detailed in agonizing prose, remember they're not telling the whole story. If you must write a letter, try a different tack: tell them about how Johnny totaled the pickup truck right after his 16th birthday, or that your dog has a rare skin disease, or list how many detentions Molly received during the school year. Perhaps it is better to inspire pity than envy.

Better yet, leave out the letter and remain mysterious. You are much more likely to have friends call to see how it's going if you haven't already provided the Glamour Shot version of your life in holly-berry bullet-points.

As for sending out your cards late, think of it this way: you're giving the early birds the gift of making them feel superior, and if the picture of your children makes them look simply normal, well, all the better.

Happy Holidays!



Rebecca Sharber, Franklin County director of schools (far left), accepts a donation of \$10,000 from the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, a program of the Monsanto Fund, on Dec. 13. The grant will be used for a pilot project using the "Full Option Science System," an inquiry-based laboratory program. "The hands-on science kits that are being purchased with these funds will help our students improve their science knowledge and skills," said Sharber. "We greatly appreciate the members of the agricultural community who nominated us to receive these funds and improve the science experiences of our students." Also pictured (from left): science teachers Diane Gipson, Brandi Danley and Staci Sons, North Middle School principal Stanley Bean, and Randy Morgan, the local Monsanto representative

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Senior Center News

Holiday Schedule

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Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon weekdays. The suggested donation is \$3 (\$0 or older) or \$5 (under \$0). Please call by 10:30 a.m. to order lunch.

Dec. 24: Closed—Christmas Eve

Dec. 25: Closed—Christmas Day

Dec. 26: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dessert

Dec. 27: Meatloaf, pinto beans, turnip greens, cornbread dessert

Dec. 28: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert

Dec. 31: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert

Menus may vary.

For the menus in the first two weeks of January, call the center. The center is located at 5 Ball Park Rd. (behind the Sewanee Market). To reserve a meal or for more information, call the center at 598-0771.

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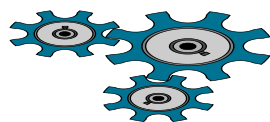
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by Debbie Gamache,
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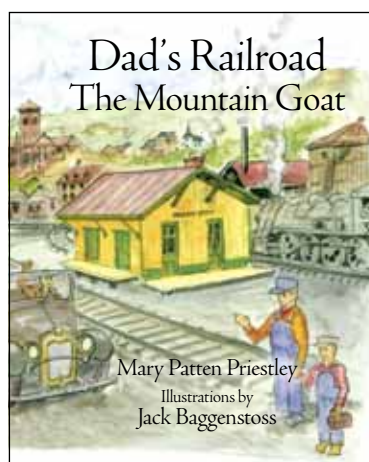
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"Dad's Railroad" Book Signing

Mary Priestley and Jack Baggenstoss will sign copies of their new book, "Dad's Railroad: The Mountain Goat," 10 a.m.–noon, Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Heritage Center in Tracy City. Priestley wrote the book that Baggenstoss illustrated.

"Dad's Railroad" is a child's narrative of the Mountain Goat Railroad, which was the backbone of the heritage of the Plateau. The books may be purchased for \$12.87, sales tax included, at the Heritage Center, which is underwriting the sales and distribution of the book. The center is located at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City.



Longtime Sewanee resident Barbara King (front row, second from the right) celebrated her 80th birthday recently. All eight of her living children (pictured here) and most of her grandchildren celebrated the occasion with her.

Area Artist Featured on Governor's Christmas Tree

Sara Beth Turner was asked a few months back by Grundy County mayor Lonnie Cleek and the Grundy County Arts Council to hand-paint a Christmas ornament that would be part of the decorations at the "Tennessee's Home for the Holidays" open house that took place in Nashville Dec. 3–14.

First lady Chrissy Haslam sent invitations to each of the state's 95 counties asking for artists to decorate a five-inch

gold ornament however they wished, keeping in mind that it should reflect a feature that makes their county unique.

"I felt so honored to have been asked and given an opportunity to show others how special Grundy County is. There are so many wonderful and historic things about our county, it was difficult deciding what to paint," Turner said. "Grundy County is known for its scenic bluffs and beautiful hiking trails and since I am a nature lover, I decided to paint one side of the ornament with a scene from the Fiery Gizzard Trail and a depiction of the 'Mountain Goat' train on the other side because the coal industry played such an important part in the beginning of our county."

Turner is a 2012 graduate of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. She is the daughter of Travis and Sharon Turner of Tracy City. Her grandparents are Marie and William Turner of Tracy City and Marguerite Childers of the Flatbranch community.

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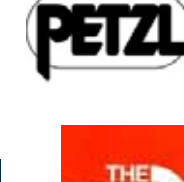
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Joel Lee (left) and Johannes Leonhardt

SAS Students Selected for Mid-State Orchestra

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School student cellists Joel Lee and Johannes Leonhardt were selected for the Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association's Mid-State Orchestra. They will spend two days in mid-January preparing with other top student musicians in Middle Tennessee for a concert in Murfreesboro on Jan. 19. Lee ranked number two out of all cellists who auditioned and will advance to the All-State Orchestra in the spring for his second time.

Lee is a senior boarding student at SAS. He is the son of the Rev. Thomas Lee and Jung Lee of Antioch, Tenn. He is a member of the SAS Chamber Ensemble and participates in the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra. He received the highly coveted invitation to the Tennessee Governor's Schools for the Arts in 2010. Lee is a member of the school's Cum Laude Society and serves in leadership positions as a proctor and an Honor Council member.

Leonhardt, a junior boarding student, is the son of Christina and Peter Leonhardt of Bonn, Germany. He was recently named to the school's Honors List. In addition to his outstanding academic achievement, Leonhardt is also a member of the SAS Chamber Ensemble and the varsity tennis team.

If your holiday travels take you to a bigger city, consider these options at these art museums.

The Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, <www.hunt-ermuseum.org>:

"Exploring the Land: Landscapes From the Hunter Collection" through April 28. This exhibit documents American artists' fascination with the American landscape.

"Beauty Beyond Nature: The Glass Art of Paul Stankard" through April 21. Stankard's works are painstakingly detailed, intricate botanical compositions, with roots that are often figurative. He meticulously lampworks each piece in sections that are then encased in clear glass.

The Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, <<http://fristcenter.org>>:

"Carrie Mae Weems: Three Decades of Photography and Video" through Jan. 13. Weems' work invites contemplation on issues surrounding race, gender and class. This retrospective includes more than 200 objects.

"German Expressionism from the Detroit Institute of Arts" through Feb. 10. This exhibition features major works by Wassily Kandinsky, Otto Dix, Max Beckmann, Paula Modersohn-Becker, Franz Marc and Ernst Ludwig Kirchner.

Huntsville Museum of Art, <www.hsvmuseum.org>:

"Object of Devotion: Medieval English Alabaster Sculpture from the Victoria and Albert Museum, London" through Jan. 20. With 58 alabas-



At the High Museum of Art: "Girl With Ball" by Roy Lichtenstein, 1961.

developments reflected by 165 great works of art drawn from the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The exhibition includes iconic pieces from 1913, 1929, 1950, 1961 and 1988, including works by the past century's greatest and most famous artists: Picasso, Dali, Matisse, de Kooning, Warhol, O'Keefe, Lichtenstein, Rothko and many others.

"American Encounters: Thomas Cole and the Narrative Landscape" through Jan. 6. The exhibition explores the birth of American landscape painting through the works of Thomas Cole and Asher B. Durand. In addition, the installation includes an earlier painting by Pierre-Antoine Patel the Younger that inspired Cole's work after Cole saw it in Paris.

"Hard Truths: The Art of Thornton Dial" through March 3. Depicting the tragedies and triumphs of humanity, Dial's work moves the discourse of contemporary art-making into new territory and offers an unflinching vision of the world that invites the viewer to examine even the hardest truths.

"Howard Finster: Paradise Garden" ongoing. Although many people became familiar with Finster through his 40,000 late-20th century paintings, the centerpiece of his work was Paradise Garden. This outdoor museum was built to celebrate all the inventions of mankind, but dedicated to the glory of God. His oeuvre is best considered as an installation and performance piece, of which the paintings are the extant artifacts.

ter panels and free-standing figures, this exhibition offers a rare glimpse inside the spiritual lives and religious customs of medieval Christians.

"Face-Off: Portraits from the Collection," through Jan. 20. With works spanning more than 300 years, this exhibit provides a special view of portraits from classical to abstract that are part of the museum's permanent collection.

The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, <www.high.org>:

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A Column for Young Adult Readers and Adults Who Appreciate The Genre

by Margaret Stephens

“Breakfast at Sally’s”

You know how those bell ringers outside the store with their big red kettle sometimes seem like just one obstacle too many when all you want to do is rush in and out with your groceries before it gets any darker-colder-wetter?

Here’s a book that can change forever your perception of those guilt-inducing silver bells. Not to mention highlighting the absurdity of us complaining about the weather when we have the money and the means to get out of it.

I picked “Breakfast at Sally’s” up off the New Books shelf at the Chattanooga Public Library because I have a friend named Sally, and breakfast with her sounded like a great idea.

Surprise! The Sally of Richard LeMieux’s 2008 book is the Salvation Army, and this is not a book about two women friends having a cozy chat in a pleasantly cinnamon-sugar-scented coffee shop.

Subtitled “One Homeless Man’s Inspirational Journey,” “Breakfast at Sally’s” is about a 59-year-old man who loses his six-figure-plus career, his 5,600-square-foot beach-front house, his three cars, three boats and “all the toys any man would want” when his business goes under. He ends up living in his van with the only family member left to him, a tiny white fluff-ball named Willow the Wonder Dog. She keeps him warm during the cold nights in Bremerton, Wash., lifts his spirits during the long days, and at least once, is directly responsible for preventing him from jumping off the nearest bridge.

You’ve probably already figured out that this isn’t exactly a young adult novel. But it’s a book I know I want my children to read. It puts a personal face on that amorphous, seemingly hopeless mass, “the homeless,” a population Sewanee doesn’t see much of.

We get to see the author, of course. But we also meet those LeMieux encounters at and around Sally’s. A few alcoholics and addicts; a group of teens living in the woods; a number of families. Like the two little girls bunked down in their parents’ station wagon in the same church parking lot as LeMieux, who squeal with delight when they spot Willow sleeping in the next car over. And the single mother living with her two young boys in a storage unit, who still manages to serve LeMieux and his friend a home-cooked spaghetti supper.

But then, this is a book filled with acts of generosity. Above all, the stunning kindness of one homeless person with next to nothing who still, like that mother, gives what he or she has to someone worse off. A dollar bill. A few cans of food or other treasure from a recent “dumpster dive.” A listening ear.

Despite the setting, despite the many, many struggles Richard and his friends endure and the fact that others of his friends don’t survive them, you are left with an amazing sense of hope as you read. For one thing, it’s a miracle the book was finished and published at all. Unlike other accounts about the homeless written by reporters or others who intentionally take to the streets for a set amount of time, “Sally’s” is written by one who is already there and doesn’t expect to leave. When LeMieux sets his battered typewriter and stack of paper—gifts—on a park picnic table and starts to write, he has no more idea than the reader how his story is going to end up. Because this isn’t really a “story” at all, or even a memoir “about” homelessness. It IS homelessness, as it is happening, with all the despair and uncertainty that involves.

Yet hope keeps breaking through. The reader discovers, along with LeMieux, the incredible generosity of some people. A woman who upends her purse into his hands. The elderly woman who doesn’t just rally her fellow church members to feed over a hundred people every weekend, she welcomes her homeless diners with tablecloths and seasonal place settings and little bowls of appetizers. As LeMieux says, “It was so nice that if the Lord himself had shown up, he would have been proud. And he would have been welcome, too, even if he were dirty and smelly—as long as he didn’t swear, stayed upright, ate all his food, and behaved himself.”

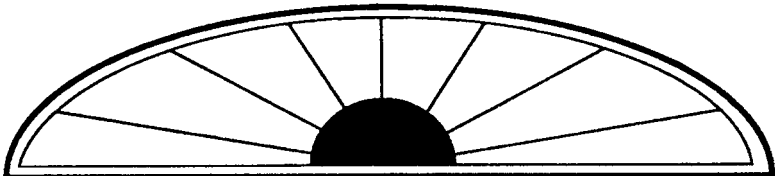
One note: there’s still a lot that’s grim in this book. Suicide attempts, drug and alcohol abuse, language. Read it through before you hand it on to a younger teen. But the book deserves to be read and re-read by those willing to take a step into a world we mostly close our eyes to.

If you’d prefer a lighter version of the same topic, inspirational author Neta Jackson’s “House of Hope” series portrays life in a women’s shelter in Chicago through the eyes of an affluent middle-aged mother whose chance encounter with a homeless woman leads to a new job and then to—but that would be a huge spoiler, so I’ll leave it for you to discover. You need to read these in order, starting with “Where Do I Go?” (Note: readers who weren’t offended by the gritty language in “Sally’s” may object to the occasional prayer found in these books.)

Meanwhile, the happiest of holidays to you, and may those of us with more than we deserve learn to appreciate and share.

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Chef Mike Osborne (right)

Culinary Classes Begin in January

Culinary classes will be offered by Tennessee Technology Center at McMinnville, <<http://www.ttcminnville.edu>>, starting on Jan. 2. This is a year-long program of study and work. Full financial aid is available for those who qualify. The classes will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–2:40 p.m., with additional hours on nights and weekends as needed.

Food service is one of the main industries/employment opportunities on the Mountain. Last February leaders from the Technology Center met with members of the University food service and a number of local restaurant owners to determine what instruction would be most useful. The Technology Center then worked to put a curriculum together and to get it approved on the state level. In the meantime the search was on to find a kitchen large enough for these classes. None were available on the Mountain.

The conference center in Manchester was chosen as the site for the classes and its executive chef, Mike Osborne, was selected to be in charge of the program, <www.mccc.com/chef.php>.

Students may join this program at the beginning of any term as offered by TTC McMinnville. Local assistance in applying for admission and financial aid is available at the Grundy County Adult Education Center in Tracy City, (931) 592-4332.



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The SES girls' elementary basketball team in action against Cowan Elementary on Dec. 13. Photo by Christie Pierce

Safety Tips for Driving in Fog

With the prediction of cooler, wet weather in the coming days, the Mountain's infamous dense fog is likely to return. And with fog comes greater concerns about traffic safety.

"People need to really slow down, turn on their headlights and use extreme caution," said Marie Eldridge, Sewanee police chief. Traffic accidents increase in the fog, whether it is because of deer in the roadways that are hard to see or vehicle collisions.

Tennessee state law requires that car headlights be turned on for rain, fog or precipitation. "When in doubt," she said, "turn those headlights on."

Other safety tips for driving in the fog include:

When visibility is limited, turn off any music, roll down your car window and listen for traffic you cannot see.

Stay on the roadway by following the white stripe adjacent to the right shoulder of the road. This is easier to see than the middle stripes in dense fog, and oncoming headlights are not in your eyes.

Remember that other drivers have a limited sight distance, and fog can leave roadways slick. Use your turn signals, and when you use your brakes, don't stomp on them.

If an accident occurs, pull as far off the road as possible and turn on your flashing emergency lights. If there is no safe place to stand, stay inside your car.

Before getting in to drive, make sure your car is defrosted and the interior windows are defogged.

When in doubt, turn on your car lights, but make sure your high beams are not on. High beams direct light up into the fog, making it difficult for you to see. Low beams direct light down onto the road and help other drivers to see you.

SAS Middle School Boys' Now 6-6

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school boys' basketball team faced Swiss Memorial in Big 8 action, Dec. 10.

After a tense first half when the Wildcats capitalized on missed shots and forced their own tempo, the Mountain Lions came out and calmly put the game to rest in the third quarter. Suddenly, SAS was up 10 points, then just as suddenly, by 20 points. SAS won the contest, 59-43.

The Mountain Lion defense, balanced scoring attack and pinpoint shooting left the Swiss team reeling.

Sam Thomas hit key shots throughout the contest, including a 3-pointer, to score a season-high 17 points; Sam Smith added 19 from the low post; Ryan Toomey slashed and shot for 13 points; Blaise Zeitler fought for eight points; and Thomas Goldsmith contributed two points off the bench.

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Smith Named Lacrosse Preseason All-American

Sewanee men's lacrosse sophomore Hal Smith has been named to the 2013 Inside Lacrosse NCAA Division III Preseason All-American Team, the publication announced on Dec. 18.

Smith, a 2011 SCAC First-Team All-Conference player, is coming off an outstanding season as a freshman. Last year, he took over face-offs for Sewanee as the season moved into

conference play.

Smith led the Tigers in face-off wins (131) and face-off win/loss percentage (67.9). His 67.9 win percentage ranked fourth nationally and first among all SCAC players.

Smith was the only Southern Athletic Association player named to the Preseason All-American team.

Fowler Center Holiday Hours

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Saturday, Dec. 29 and Sunday, Dec. 30: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

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Saturday, Jan. 5 and Sunday Jan. 6, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

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Belted Kingfisher (female at top, male at bottom), illustrated by R. Bruce Horsfall from "Birds of the South."

Belted Kingfisher

"While walking by our lake in winter," **Jean Yeatman** reports, "what a cheerful sound it is to hear the rattling call of the Kingfisher: 'kuk-kuk-kuk-crock-crock-crock.' That means this beautiful and unusual-looking bird is nearby, fishing for its dinner. If you are lucky you might spot it hovering above the lake, then making a dive into the water and coming up with a small fish in its mouth. Then it will fly to a tree branch, bang the fish on it until it is dead, and swallow it headfirst so that the fins and scales don't stick in its throat.

"This awkwardly-shaped bird is grayish blue on the upper parts, and the male's throat, collar and breast are white with a grayish-blue band or belt across the upper parts. The female has a brown belt on her chest, which has caused the bird to be called the Belted Kingfisher. Its large beak and head, with a long bristle-like crest reaching back to the nape, its short tail and small, weak-looking feet give the Kingfisher a badly-proportioned look.

"As a child," Jean concluded, "I was fascinated by the Kingfisher, as I thought it looked like a dinosaur. In truth it is a very ancient bird."

Good Ideas For a Green Christmas

If you're looking to do some good this holiday season why not have a green Christmas by making a few simple substitutions? There are lots of places where you can make greener choices. Here are just a few.

Carpool: Doing some holiday shopping? Grab some shopping buddies and reduce carbon emissions.

Recycle: Look for recycled gift wrap and cards. If you really want to go green, send an ecard to family and friends. And if you're feeling crafty, make your own gift boxes out of cereal boxes. Make sure you recycle gift wrap materials from Christmas morning. Save bags, bows and ribbon for next year.

LED lights: Use LED Christmas lights this year. LED lights are up to 90 percent more efficient than incandescent bulbs. LED lights are also safer because they do not produce heat, and they last much longer than incandescent bulbs.

Meals: Buy local and organic. Reduce burning of fossil fuels by supporting local farmers and businesses.

Use non-disposable: Think less trash. By using real plates and cloth napkins for holiday gatherings, you can reduce the amount of trash your household produces.

The tree: Recycle your tree. It can be ground up for mulch or composted and help to make many more green things grow. Or buy a live tree with roots. Keep it watered and it will be less of a fire hazard because the needles won't dry out. Then plant the tree in your yard. It can shade your house from the hot sun in summer and block the cold winds in winter.



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Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information and check out their other pets at <www.animalharbor.com>. Enter their drawing on this site for a free spay or neuter for one of your pets. Please help the Humane Society continue to save abandoned pets by sending your donations to the Franklin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398.

State Park Offerings

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Hike to Savage Falls—Meet Ranger George at 9 a.m. at Savage Gulf ranger station to start your year off right, with this moderate four-mile round-trip hike to see beautiful Savage Falls. Dress warmly, bring water and a snack for the trail, and after the hike

warm up at the ranger station with some hot chocolate!

Friday, Jan. 4

Winter Film Series: "Tapped"—Join Ranger Brent at South Cumberland Visitor's Center for an educational documentary about the bottled water industry.

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by Scott and Phoebe Bates

Letter from the Moon

Dear Friends
Greetings to you—
But what are we to do?
Nick has the flu!

Well, at least I'm alive.
And I can drive. . .
So it's up to me to find
Some Presents of Mind—

All those toys
For girls and boys,
But what about the others?
Especially their mothers!

Aha!
Ta-da!
Here's MY Prejudiced
FEMINIST List:

- 1) Jane Austen's bevy
Of maidens heart-heavy;
- 2) Emily D's
Transcendent birds and bees;
- 3) Edna Saint Vincent Millay's
Tumultuous nights and days;
- 4) Oh, and I almost forgot
Louisa May Alcott. . .

And, furthermore,
When I come back,
My big empty sack
Will be filled with Gallipots
Of anti-flu shots. . .
End of story—
With Best Wishes,
Rory
(Aurora Borealis, Ms. S. Claus)

—SB, 2012

Christ Church Monteagle



wishes you

Christmas Blessings
and a
Good New Year.



December 23 at 10:30 am:
Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve at 5 pm:
Christmas Play: "A Little Gospel
Narrative"

Holy Communion with Carols
Christmas Feast Following

Christmas Day at 10:30 am:
Holy Communion

December 30 at 10:30 am:
Holy Communion

January 6 at 10:30 am:
The Feast of the Epiphany

Community Calendar

Today, Dec. 21

Curbside recycling, before 7:30 a.m.

First day of winter

- 8:30 am Yoga with Rebeca, Community Center
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until noon (reopens 1/2/13)
- 5:30 pm Guided meditation, Farmer, Community Center

Saturday, Dec. 22

- 9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until noon
- 10:00 am Silver Threads, St. Mary's Convent

Sunday, Dec. 23

- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist

Monday, Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve

No deer hunting

University offices closed until Jan. 2

Tuesday, Dec. 25 • Christmas Day

No deer hunting

- 3:30 pm Carillon Concert, Ray Gotko, Shapard Tower

Wednesday, Dec. 26 • Kwanzaa

Garbage pickup for Tuesday & Wednesday customers

No deer hunting

- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, Dec. 27

- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, Community Center
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until 5 pm
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish hall, weigh-in 4:30
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 6:15 pm Flow Yoga with Rebeca, Community Center
- 6:30 pm Acoustic jam, Miss Gracie's Restaurant, Cowan
- 7:30 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall

Friday, Dec. 28

- 8:30 am Yoga with Rebeca, Community Center
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center

Saturday, Dec. 29

- 9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until noon
- 10:00 am Silver Threads, St. Mary's Convent

Sunday, Dec. 30

- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist

Monday, Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve

- 10:30 am Chair Exercise, Senior Center
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer support group, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 1 • Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan. 2

University offices reopen

Voting in SUD elections begins, through Jan. 22

- 7:00 am Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Smoke House
- 9:00 am CAC pantry day, until 11 a.m.; 1–3 pm
- 10:00 am Writers' group, Kelley residence, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Hadley, Flow, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, Jan. 3

Franklin County Schools staff development day

Grundy County Schools reopen

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; 1–3 pm
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, Community Center
- 12:00 pm Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Blue Chair Tavern
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until 5 pm
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish hall, weigh-in 4:30
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 6:15 pm Flow Yoga with Rebeca, Community Center
- 6:30 pm Acoustic jam, Miss Gracie's Restaurant, Cowan

- 7:30 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall

Friday, Jan. 4

Curbside recycling, before 7:30 a.m.

Franklin County Schools staff development day

- 8:30 am Yoga with Rebeca, Community Center
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center

Saturday, Jan. 5

- 9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until noon
- 10:00 am Silver Threads, St. Mary's Convent

Sunday, Jan. 6 • Same as Dec. 30

Pantry Sunday for Community Action Committee

- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist

Monday, Jan. 7

Franklin County Schools reopen

Marion County Schools staff development day

Messenger office reopens; advertising deadline 5 p.m.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School reopens

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 3 pm
- 10:30 am Chair Exercise, Senior Center
- 5:30 pm Gentle Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer support group, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Marion County Schools staff development day

Messenger news deadline 5 p.m.

- 9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:30 am Bingo, Senior Center
- 11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 3:30 pm Centering Prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee

Wednesday, Jan. 9 • Same as Jan. 2

Marion County Schools reopen

Thursday, Jan. 10 • Same as Jan. 3

Friday, Jan. 11 • Same as Jan. 4

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

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

Saturday

- 7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Brooks Hall, Otey

Sunday

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

Monday

- 5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Brooks Hall, Otey
(no meeting Dec. 24 or Dec. 31)
- 7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

- 7:00 pm AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon, Brooks Hall, Otey

Wednesday

- 7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday

- 12:00 pm AA, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 7:00 pm AA, closed, Big Book study, St. James
- 7:30 pm ACA, Brooks Hall, Otey



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