



Each year, Sewanee Elementary students raise money to help make the holiday season a little brighter for families in the community in need. The money collected goes to help FROST (Fund Raising Operational Support Team) and the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department purchase food and toys to deliver to area families to enjoy during the season. This year students presented a check for \$1,216 to this worthwhile cause.

From Cowboy's to Fire Engines: 33 Years of Operation Noel

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

It was Christmas Eve 1983, and two Sewanee firemen and a music club in Tullahoma decided to play Santa for families struggling to make the holidays bright.

Cowboy's, a club known for bringing in big name acts such as George Jones and Ray Charles, asked customers to donate toys. They called Sewanee Fire Chief David Green, who is also a musician, and asked if the department would like to distribute the goodies. In the fire engine, Green and fellow fireman Randall Henley drove three bags of toys to three families in Sewanee—and Operation Noel was born.

The Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) and FROST, its Fund Raising Operational Support Team, are still helping Sewanee area people. Last year about 40 families received food and toys for Christmas.

"What started it all was the good feeling of helping people at Christmas," Green said. "It feels just as good as it ever did."

People donated used toys in the early years, some needing to be fixed,

Green said. Through word of mouth, folks started donating money and new toys. When the ladies of FROST got involved, the program continued to flourish.

Henley said the fire department also placed boxes in Sewanee dorms to collect canned goods.

"It's great to be able to help," he said.

Now through the Community Action Committee (CAC), the program orders food from Second Harvest Food Bank. This year about 33 families in Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and on Sherwood Road will receive boxes of food and toys thanks to donations and the work of firefighters, their wives and friends of the department.

Like fighting fires, helping people in car wrecks and other emergencies, the SVFD family has a passion for Operation Noel, Green said.

"That's all we do this for, deep down in our hearts, is to help people," he said.

Families that need food or toys send in an application, which is printed in the Sewanee Mountain Messenger, and the goods are delivered on Dec. 23. Anyone wishing to help in future years can contact any member of the Fire Department.

Civic Association Meets Partner in Community Engagement

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Director Jim Peterman described the grassroots energy driving the University's Community Engagement program as students and community members "working together as citizen's with a common cause." Addressing members and guests at the Dec. 14 dinner meeting of the Sewanee Civic Association (SCA), Peterman praised the organization's support of community initiatives drawing a parallel to the Community Engagement program's outreach mission. In the business portion of the meeting, SCA officers reported on the Community Chest fund drive and plans to refurbish the ballpark.

Dating from the University's founding in 1858, the vision included improving conditions for the local people, Peterman said. He cited the examples of St. Andrew's and St. Mary's schools for local youth. In the 1930s, nearby Highlander Folk School ushered in a shift in the model.

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Council Approves Revised Nepotism Amendment

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 19 special called meeting of the Montegale Town Council, the council revisited consideration of an amendment to the Personnel Policy addressing nepotism. The council approved a revised version of the amendment proposed at the Dec. 8 meeting. Preliminary to the vote, the council vetted concerns about grandfathering in employees and adherence to the Sunshine Law.

The amended policy reads, "No city employees who are relatives shall be placed within the same direct line of supervision whereby one (1) relative is responsible for supervising the job performance or work activities of another relative; provided, that to the extent possible, this shall not be construed to prohibit two (2) or more such relatives from working for the town of Montegale as long as they are not employed by the same department."

"The revised amendment is basically the same as the state statute," said Alderman Rusty Leonard who drafted the amendment.

The stricter original policy, adopted in 2014, prohibited the town from hiring immediate family members of existing employees.

"In a small town, it's hard to find two people who are not kin," said Mayor David Sampley, explaining the need for amending the policy.

Noting state nepotism law may supersede city government statutes, Leonard expressed concerns about grandfathering in employees and asked if the city attorney Harvey Cameron had been consulted.

"If the original ordinance is just paper because the state law governs us, employees we considered grandfathered in after adopting the original ordinance in 2014 more than likely aren't grandfathered in," Leonard said.

Sampley directed City Recorder Debbie Taylor to consult attorney Cameron on the question.

A visitor observed the council had obviously put a lot of thought into the amended ordinance and asked when the decision was made to change the language. Two or more council members discussing city business is a violation of the Sunshine Law, the visitor stressed.

"We did not violate the Sunshine Law," Sampley said.

Alderman Delores Knott pointed to an instance when she, Leonard and former mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman discussed hiring a young man for a city position when they were riding in the 2014 Christmas parade. "Were we breaking the Sunshine Law?" Knott asked.

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Burn Ban Lifted

The burn ban issued on Oct. 26 by the Governor's office has been cancelled. Recent rains have started to replenish the water table and lessen dry forest conditions. While the ban has been lifted, caution should always be exercised.

Please remember that campfires off of leaseholds may only occur in approved fire rings. The locations of those rings can be found at <<http://www.sewanee.edu/offices/oess/the-domain/recreation/camping/>>.

Fires on leaseholds are subject to state burn regulations and may require a permit. State permits can be applied for online at <<https://agriculture.tn.gov/OnlineBurnPermitPublic/default.aspx>>.

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Hair Depot Plans to Stay in Area

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

The Hair Depot salon will remain in the area, said owner Karen Throneberry, even when she ultimately leaves the current location off Highway 41A in Sewanee.

The University of the South purchased the building in November for future renovation and on Dec. 1, Throneberry signed a one-year lease with the University.

"There may come a time when I have to move somewhere, but it'll be in the area. Since we can't see into the future, that's what I'm perceiving I'll do. Or I'm going to go to work in (Sewanee resident) Louise Irwin's garage," she joked.

Under the previous owner, Throneberry had a handshake agreement with no set terms. Since the University purchased the building, she said customers ask her everyday about when she is leaving.

The Hair Depot salon has a fiercely loyal following, with people booking appointments months in advance, many women wanting to be prepared for special events such as weddings, concerts and parties. Throneberry currently has bookings into July 2017 and can't get anyone in at all until late January.

Frank Gladu, University vice president for administrative services, said the Hair Depot site will eventually be a grocery store as part of the longterm Sewanee Village Implementation Plan, but there is no set timeline on the project.

"We extended an offer to work

with her as closely as possible to find a place here in Sewanee. That would be our preference," he said. "Karen has a vibrant business with lots of activity and we're focused on trying to create activity in the Village, so if we could figure out a way to have Karen stay here we would try to facilitate that as much as we possibly can."

The University also owns the adjacent Sewanee Market building, which is slated to eventually become a village greenspace. Gladu said new development depends largely on the progression of narrowing Highway 41A at the intersection with University Avenue. University officials are working with the Tennessee Department of Transportation on a plan to narrow the street and slow down traffic to give it more of a Main Street than a highway feel, Gladu said.

"Until I see heavy equipment, I'm not really worried about losing a place to work," Throneberry said.

After the one-year lease expires, the agreement will continue on a month-to-month basis with a 90-day notice to vacate required by Throneberry or the University.

"We have no intention of displacing her unless we have an opportunity to develop this space," Gladu said.

The Village plan has generated both controversy and rumors, and Gladu said he understands the trepidation. He noted that he plans to have another public meeting in January to discuss the village plan.

"There's a lot of charm to the way the Village is right now," he said. "I recognize that. The University's interest

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The deer hunt information and map is located on page 13.

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Letters

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Sewanee Senior Citizens Bazaar Committee, we want to thank all of you that contributed baked goods, homemade items, crafts, items for the white elephant sale, and prizes for our door prize drawings. Without your generosity our Bazaar would not have been the success it was. We appreciate all of you.

Barbara Dykes and Judy Rollins, Co-Chairs, Bazaar Committee ■

COMMUNITY CHEST PLEA

To the Editor:

The community needs you! As you contemplate your yearend charitable giving, I respectfully ask that you consider a gift to this year's Sewanee Community Chest (SCC). There are many charitable needs, but one gift to the Community Chest helps to fund 26 organizations with basic needs funding.

At last count, the SCC has reached 51 percent of the overall goal, which is something to be thankful for. To fully fund all of this year's requests, another \$58,000 is needed.

To reach the goal of \$116,850, if you have given in the past but not made your gift this year, please do so now. If you have not ever given to the SCC, we ask you to donate to this worthy cause. Every gift matters.

Gifts may be made with PayPal, or by sending a check to the Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

On behalf of the Sewanee Civic Association Board, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you.

Lynn Stubblefield, SCA President ■



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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

by Kiki Beavers

What a year! I left the security of my punch the clock desk job in April to take over the ownership of the Sewanee Mountain Messenger. My family took a leap of faith and their support means the world to me. I am grateful.

I appreciate the good words of the Messenger columnists. Phoebe Bates continues the long standing "Bard to Verse" and Yolande Gottfried reports for "Nature Notes." Both of these columns have appeared in the pages of the Messenger for as long as I can remember. An old but new to us column is "Sewanee Now and Then," with articles from the Keystone publication produced by the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation. Many should remember that wonderful column with the same name by the Chittys. Ray Gotko took over another longstanding column started by Laura Hewitt Whipple's "Tower Tidings" and cared for by John Bordley with "Tinnabulations." The Pat Wiser "Looks at Books" and Margaret Stephens "Bookmarked" columns remind us books should be shared, books should be savored and books should be read. Virginia Craighill's "Angel with an Attitude" is a witty and razor sharp fun poke at our community. Patrick Dean shares the love of the great outdoors in "Outside In." All these folks write as volunteers, receiving only your good words as appreciation. Please let them know you read their columns.

Near and dear to my heart is the movie review column. I bid farewell to Liz Ellis and her marvelous "The Instatiable Critic" as she takes her leap of faith and moves across the world. Her movie reviews were fun, insightful and spot on, and a contributing factor to why the SUT is the most fun place on campus. I will miss her words in this newspaper.

Reporting on community events and people is one thing that will never change at the Messenger. I am grateful for the words from the staff writers Leslie Lytle and Kevin Cummings. They report and share accurate insights on what makes our community work—meetings, events and people we should know better. Their reporting is important to the main tenant of the Messenger mission statement "to support the greater mountain community by providing news and information that affect residents' lives." I am richer for knowing them.

Photographer Lyn Hutchinson captures so many wonderful moments in our community and the newspaper would not be the same without her photos. Who else could capture an athlete mid-stroke, mid-stride, mid-shot so beautifully, or point the camera just at the right second so the incoming freshman class looks as if they have halos around their heads? Her work is fantastic.

This newspaper would not run without three people and I mean this. Thank you to proofreader Sandra Gabrielle, circulation manager Ray Minkler and office manager April Minkler. I am grateful for each of you.

The Sewanee Mountain Messenger was founded in 1984 because of the foresight and generosity of the Sewanee Community Chest, the Sewanee Woman's Club and the University of the South. The Messenger continues to receive assistance from two organizations—the University's contributions pay for a portion of the printing costs each week and the Community Chest's donation ensures your local newspaper can remain a free source of information each week. Thank you.

And thank you to our advertisers. The Messenger published 48 issues this year, free to more than 3,700 weekly readers across the Plateau, and hundreds more online, because of the paid advertisements of local businesses and eateries. I am forever grateful for the continued patronage that keeps the Messenger afloat.

Thank you to our contributors and our readers. Without your input, suggestions and ideas, the Messenger would not be a community newspaper. Together, we share good news to spread good news.

I offer my warmest best wishes to you this holiday season! I look forward to another new year together. The Messenger will be back in print on Jan. 13, 2017.

**We're glad you're reading
the Messenger!**

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Area Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays at Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club meets at 8 a.m., Thursdays at the Sewanee Inn. There will not be a breakfast meeting on Thursday, Dec. 22. Instead, the Club social will be 5–9 p.m., at the Sewanee Inn. On Thursday, Dec. 29, the Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club will not meet. On Jan. 5, there will be a club assembly. Rotary Youth Leadership Award delegates from St. Andrew's-Sewanee will review their experiences at the recent leadership conference for the Jan. 12 meeting.

duPont Library Hours

The University's Jessie Ball duPont Library, located at 178 Georgia Ave., will be open during the following dates and times:

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 22, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.;

Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2, closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 3–Friday, Jan. 13, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Garbage Pickup

Joe B. Long reports he will run his regular garbage pickup on Friday, Dec. 23 and will resume the normal garbage pickup on Monday, Dec. 26 following Christmas.

Convenience Center Hours

Franklin County Convenience Centers holiday hours are closed Saturday, Dec. 24 for Christmas, and closed Saturday, Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve.

Blood Drive

Help to meet the critical need for blood in our community. Please join Blood Assurance 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 26, at the CVS in Monteagle. To schedule an appointment call (423) 756-0966 or go online to <bloodassurance.org>. Appointments are preferred but not required; walk-ins are welcome. All donors receive a T-shirt and a snack.

Lease Agenda Items

Lease Committee agenda items are due Thursday, Jan. 5. All proposed agenda items, including requests to transfer leases, must be submitted to the Lease Office by the fifth of each month. If the fifth falls on a weekend, agenda items are due in the Lease Office the following Monday. Items submitted after the fifth of the month will be placed on the next agenda.

Messenger Holiday Schedule

The Messenger will be on hiatus during the holidays. The Dec. 21 is the last issue for 2016. The staff will take a two-week break and return to the office on Monday, Jan. 9, with the first issue of 2017 on Friday, Jan. 13. Deadlines for the Jan. 13 issue are display advertising Monday, Jan. 9, at 5 p.m.; news/calendar, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10; and classified ads, noon, Wednesday, Jan. 11.

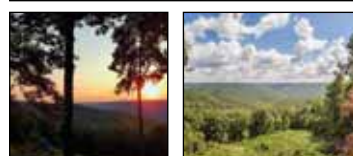
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Jan. Meeting at Life Long Learning

On Thursday, Jan. 12 at noon, the Academy for Lifelong Learning at St. Mary's Sewanee will welcome Paula Sedita of Plant City, Fla., and Sewanee as its speaker. Her topic will be "Guide Dog 101." Learn what it takes for a puppy to go from a cute, wiggly, mischievous ball of fluff to a four-legged superhero, a dog that will serve as eyes for the visually impaired—a guide dog. Come and meet Paula's current little superhero in training.

Paula is a passionate puppy raiser for Southeastern Guide Dogs; one of the hundreds of invaluable volunteers that help the organization provide sound, reliable guide dogs to the visually impaired and veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder. She will explain the two-year training process, who can receive a guide or service dog and the way these extraordinary animals transform lives. She will share stories from people who have received a guide dog, how guide dogs differ from other service animals and proper guide dog etiquette.

Paula has raised three pups for Southeastern Guide Dogs and will share her personal adventures helping a puppy grow into a superhero. She will answer any questions you might have about guide dogs, the requirements for becoming a puppy raiser and other ways you can help in the mission to give confidence and independence to a visually impaired person at absolutely no cost.

The Academy for Lifelong Learning is a year-round program offering stimulating talks every month on a wide range of topics. The membership fee to join the Academy is \$12 annually or one may pay \$2 per session. A box lunch can be ordered by calling Debbie at (931) 598-5342 or by emailing <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>.

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Church News

All Saints' Chapel

On Christmas Day, we will celebrate the incarnation with festive hymns at the 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

Beginning next week, Dec. 25, there will only be an 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist held on the Sundays during Christmas break.

The 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist will resume on Jan. 22. Daily services will end after Evening Prayer on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 17, beginning with Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. The chapel offices will be closed starting Friday, Dec. 23, and will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Christ Church

Join Christ Church in Monteagle on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. for Holy Communion with Carols. The Christmas Feast will follow the service. There will be Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m., Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Epiphany Service will be at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 8.

Otey Parish

On Friday, Dec. 23, will be the Greening of the Church, at 9 a.m.

Special services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 24, with the Crèche Service, at 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 24, Carols & Instrumental Music, 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 24, Holy Eucharist, 10 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 25 will be a Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Christmas Gifts, 10 a.m. There will be no Christian Formation.

St. Andrew's Chapel

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School welcomes the public to attend an 11:30 p.m. candlelight Eucharist Service on Christmas Eve in St. Andrew's Chapel. The Rev. Drew Bunting, SAS Chaplain, will preach and officiate.

St. James

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., there will be a Holy Eucharist followed by a "Cookie Fest." Please bring goodies to share.

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma's speaker at 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25, will be Janet Hill on "The History of Christmas Traditions." The service is followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626, or go to <www.tullahomauu.org>.



Wesley Smith, Kyra Wilson, and Hannah Powell help to decorate the Christmas tree in St. Andrew's Chapel. Built in 1913 by the Order of the Holy Cross and recently restored, the Chapel is St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's center for worship. SAS welcomes visitors to attend its Christmas Eve Eucharist Service at 11:30 p.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services, Dec. 21–Jan. 13

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Mary's (not 12/26, 1/2, 1/9)
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Chapel, Otey
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (not 12/26, 1/2, 1/9)
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (12/27–31)
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Christ the King (12/27, 1/3, 1/10)
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's (ends 12/21)
4 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's (ends 12/21)
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Paul's Chapel, Otey
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (not 12/26, 1/2, 1/9)

Saturday, Dec. 24; Dec. 31; Jan. 7

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's
10 a.m. Sabbath School, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
11 a.m. Worship Service, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
4 p.m. Crèche Service, Otey (12/24)
4 p.m. Mass, St. Agnes Episcopal, Cowan (12/24)
4:40 p.m. Christ the King Anglican (12/24)
5 p.m. Mass, Good Shepherd, Decherd
6 p.m. Communion, Cowan Fellowship Church (12/24)
6 p.m. Communion, Cowan First Baptist (12/24)
8 p.m. Communion, Goshen CP Church (12/24)
10 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Otey (12/24)
10:40 p.m. Christ the King Anglican (12/24)
10:45 p.m. Festival HE, St. Mary's Convent (12/24)

Sunday, Dec. 25; Jan. 1, 2017; Jan. 8

All Saints' Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
12:50 p.m. Christian Formation Class

Christ Episcopal Church, Alto

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

Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City

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

Christ the King Anglican, Decherd

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Cowan Fellowship Church

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

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9 a.m. Fellowship
11 a.m. Worship Service

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

Decherd United Methodist Church

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

Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 a.m. Mass
Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church

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

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Service

6 p.m. Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Morning Service

6 p.m. Evening Service

Ministry Baptist Church, Old Co-op Bldg., Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Breakfast

11 a.m. Worship Service

Monteagle First Baptist Church

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish Church

8:50 a.m. Holy Eucharist (not 12/25)

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation (not 12/25)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (12/25 only)

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service

St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service (Rite 1)

St. James Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist (not 12/25)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service

6 p.m. Evening Service

Sisters of St. Mary's Convent

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist (not 12/25)

5 p.m. Evensong (1/1)

5:30 p.m. Evensong (12/25 only)

Tracy City First Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday, Dec. 21; Dec. 28; Jan. 4, 2017; Jan. 11

6 a.m. Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle

5 p.m. KA's, Bible study, meal, Monteagle First Baptist

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle

5:45 p.m. Youth, Bible study, meal, Monteagle First Baptist

6 p.m. Bible study, Monteagle First Baptist

6 p.m. Prayer and study, Midway Baptist

6 p.m. Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist

6 p.m. Prayer, Trinity Episcopal, Winchester

6:30 p.m. Community Harvest Church, Coalmont

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway

7 p.m. Adult Formation, Epiphany, Sherwood

7 p.m. Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

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9 Jackson Point Rd.	1734307	\$39,000

Civic Assoc. (from page 1)

Outreach workers sought to teach people to make the changes they identified as key, as opposed to outside “experts” deciding what communities needed, Peterman explained.

In the late 1980s, Dixon Myers picked up the torch, launching the Community Chapel Outreach Program, which focused on student and community volunteers building homes for the economically disadvantaged and student mission trips to impoverished countries during holiday breaks.

The University began offering a few courses addressing the outreach concept, and in 2006, the Canale Internship program established stipends for students who undertook semester-long outreach projects in the local community. Professor of philosophy at the University, Peterman became director of the Community Engagement program in 2010. In 2011 he brought the Bonner Leader Program to campus.

Bonner student interns make a four-year commitment to engage in eight to ten hours of community service weekly. In 2014, the Community Engagement program became an AmeriCorps VISTA affiliate, bringing full-time community outreach workers into the local network. VISTA workers focus on partnership and capacity building within their assigned organization, drawing on Bonner and Canale interns for assistance.

At present, the Community Engagement program has 19 VISTA workers and 65 student interns working at 33 sites in the South Cumberland Plateau region. The University offers 10-12 related academic courses each semester. Student interns frequently enlist student volunteers to aid with programs. Last year, 1,444 undergraduate students engaged in some sort of community service, more than three-fourths of the student population.

Programs where Community Engagement workers have a collaborative presence include the Beersheba Springs free medical clinic, the Coalmont Elementary after-school program, the Grundy County Sheriff’s prisoner re-entry program, lunches for low-income children during the summer, and numerous others.

Prior to coming to Sewanee, most students regarded community service as a resume building strategy or a church affiliated endeavor, Peterman said. “We want students to grow into a sense of service that’s connected to social justice,” he stressed. “We want them to learn how to become responsible, engaged citizens of the world.”

Reporting on the Community Chest fund drive, Susan Holmes said \$59,000 has been raised so far towards the \$116,850 goal of funding 26 local programs. Holmes cited the Community Chest for being unique as a funder for providing operating expenses, a category of needs most funders refuse to accommodate. “An organization can’t do the job it sets out to do without basic funding,” Holmes said. “When you contribute to the Community Chest, you’re providing that kind of support.” Donate by mail, Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375, or online <<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.

Updating the group on the campaign to refurbish the ballpark, President Lynn Stubblefield outlined pressing needs identified in meetings with soccer and Little League parents. Priorities include replacing bleachers, lighting, repairing the restrooms, and maintenance for the playing fields.

“Having a viable ballpark for the children in Sewanee is a quality of life issue,” Stubblefield insisted. A 10-year capital improvement plan being drawn up by Nicholas Barry will be used to define long-term goals and funding requirements.

Nominations for officers are due by the next meeting in March. Top on the list is identifying an individual to serve as Director of Classifieds. For information contact <sewaneecivic@gmail.com>.

Hair Depot (from page 1)

is to try to create as vibrant a place as possible so that it can continue to attract students, continue to attract new faculty and staff to the area. And a vibrant downtown simply enhances that value proposition of coming to Sewanee.”

He said, in addition, the University wants to make the Village more of a destination spot for people to shop and visit.

Throneberry started cutting hair in 1986 between having four kids. She started at Hair Gallery in Sewanee in 2007, before opening Hair Depot five years ago. Tobbin Beasley is the other stylist at the salon.

For more information on future plans for the Village, visit <Sewanee.edu/village>.



Karen Throneberry styles Pearl Sparks’ hair at the Hair Depot on Dec. 16. Sparks, 99, gets her hair styled once a week, said her daughter, Jo-Ann Stevens of Sherwood. Vivian Collins, a family friend from Sewanee, often joins them because she says Pearl reminds her of her own mother. Photo by Kevin Cummings

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Amendment (from page 1)

“If that’s what happened, we did,” Leonard said, “but I don’t remember that. We’re not supposed to discuss what we’ll bring up at meetings. That’s why we had workshops in the past.”

The council approved the amended policy unanimously. The council meets next on Jan. 30.

SPD**Increase DUI Enforcement During the Holidays**

The Sewanee Police Department (SPD) is partnering with the Tennessee Governor’s Highway Safety Office (THSO) to enhance DUI enforcement through Jan. 1, surrounding the holiday season. The statewide Booze It and Lose It campaign is part of a national mobilization to prevent drunk driving.

Increased state and national messaging about the dangers of driving drunk, coupled with sobriety checkpoints and increased officers on the road, aims to drastically reduce the toll of drunk driving.

“This time last year, there were 233 lives lost to impaired driving across Tennessee,” said THSO Director Vic Donoho. “Our partnership with local law enforcement is vital to combat drunk driving this holiday season.”

A single DUI conviction can cost an individual \$5,000 or more, in addition to jail time. Offenders could also be required to attend drug and alcohol treatment or to install an ignition interlock device in their vehicle. Any penalty imposed by law pales in comparison to the injury or death of a loved one.

For more information on traffic safety, go to <www.tntrafficsafety.org>.



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Burn Ban (from page 1)**What We Learned from the Tennessee Fires**

While Sewanee was spared the devastation from recent forest fires in the state, many residents have been wondering whether something similar could happen in Sewanee. The answer is yes. First, a very brief forest history, and then some tips for minimizing the risk of wildfire.

The oak hickory forests that dominate our campus and surrounding Domain do burn from time to time. In fact, many scientists and land managers feel that they require periodic fire for their establishment, and without continued periodic fire, they are likely to decline.

According to the United States Forest Service, the forests of the Cumberland Plateau, like the Smoky Mountain forests to our east, are thought to have burned every 2-14 years between the late 1700s and the early 1900s. Some charcoal fragments found in Appalachian soils have been dated to fires 3,000 years ago. These periodic fires favored many of the species that we see today in and around our homes here in Sewanee.

During the early 1900s, fire suppression greatly reduced the number of fires in our forest. Without these fires, leaves combine with fallen limbs and dry grasses and accumulate in the forest. Over time as these fuels accumulate, the forest composition shifts toward species that are less able to tolerate periodic fire. On Sewanee's Domain, it is likely that you have seen or smelled a prescribed fire in the last several years. Several faculty members research the role of historic fire in the creation of our forests, and periodically conduct a controlled (formally known as a prescribed) fire to reduce our wildfire risk and perpetuate our current forests for future generations.

A prescribed fire is generally not feasible however near homes and businesses, and in many parts of the community of Sewanee. Similar to Gatlinburg, Sewanee's homes and businesses are built within a matrix of forest that is by nature meant to burn. To minimize our risk of such a devastating natural phenomenon, there are many things that we as a community of homeowners and business owners can do. Here's how we all can help.

Adhere to the fire ban and alert the police if you hear, smell, or see any questionable activity.

For homeowners: clear needles, leaves, and other debris from the roof, gutters, eaves, porches, and decks. This reduces the chance of embers igniting your home.

To reduce ember penetration, replace or repair loose or missing roof shingles or tiles, and caulk any gaps or openings on roof edges.

Cover exterior attic vents, and enclose under-eave and soffit vents

with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8-inch to prevent embers from entering the home.

Remove items stored under decks or porches; for more protection, owners can replace vegetation in these areas with rock or gravel.

Remove flammable items within 30 feet of all structures, including firewood piles, portable propane tanks, and dry and dead vegetation.

Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire, so keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, trim it to reduce fire intensity, and don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.

Fire can spread to tree tops. If you have tall trees on your property, prune low-hanging branches 6 to 10 feet from the ground; for smaller trees, prune low-hanging branches up to a third of the tree's height. Remove tall grasses, vines, and shrubs from under trees.

Avoid placing dry wood against your home.

Lastly, if any of us were to be in close proximity to a fire, please communicate to the appropriate authorities, namely the police and to your family, that you are safe and clear from the danger, especially if you are visiting family or on vacation.

Unlike many areas of the state, the

Domain contains many fire lanes built for prescribed fire and control of any wildfire outbreak that might occur. Sewanee maintains a crew of certified wildland firefighting students that reduce fuel loading in our forests with regular fire prescriptions and stand ready to serve if a wildfire were to occur. On top of all this, Sewanee is blessed with a well-equipped and trained Volunteer Fire Department.

Other strengths of our community include the University's emergency measures that would be enacted if necessary, for example, evacuation plans, partnerships with local agencies for support, and a close network of health professionals and services in the area. Our regional medical hospital system (STRHS) has a network of medical professionals who already serve our emergency needs quite well. Finally, we also have redundant water supply systems as part of our utility infrastructure—another reason to be grateful to our Sewanee Utility District.

—reported by Eric Hartman. Special thanks to Ben Beavers, Nate Wilson and Ken Smith for their contribution to this.




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Dec. 21: BLT soup, toasted cheese, dessert.

Dec. 22: Ham, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll, dessert.

Dec. 23: Center closed

Dec. 26: Center closed.

Dec. 27: Cheeseburger, french fries, dessert.

Dec. 28: Fish, baked potato, slaw, hushpuppies, dessert.

Dec. 29: Chili, pimento cheese sandwich, dessert.

Dec. 30: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, dessert.

Jan. 2: Sweet potato chowder, BLT sandwich, dessert.

Jan. 3: Chicken, broccoli and rice casserole, carrots, roll, dessert.

Jan. 4: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, slaw, roll, dessert.

Jan. 5: Fried potatoes, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, dessert.

Jan. 6: Stuffed peppers, green beans, corn on cob, roll, dessert.

Jan. 9: Salmon patty, white beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

Jan. 10: Bacon cheeseburger soup, grilled cheese, dessert.

Jan. 11: Ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, roll, dessert.

Jan. 12: Gyro sandwich, chips, dessert.

Jan. 13: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, dessert.

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

Daily Activity Schedule

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

Center Participation

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Boy Scout Troop 14 at the Court of Honor. Back row, from left: Ryan Val, Andrew Bachman, Jack Simons, Sam Smith, Aidan Smith and Calem Knight; Front row, from left: Jon Wert, Myers Gorrell, Porter Neubauer, Eli Thompson and Harrison Hartman.


Boy Scouts Advancement and Achievement

Boy Scout Troop 14 recently held its winter Court of Honor to recognize Scout advancement and achievement. Thirteen Scouts advanced rank: Mac and Gus Croom to Scout; Eli Thomspen, Ryan Val and Jon Wert to Second Class; Myers Gorrell, Calem Knight and Porter Neubauer to First Class; and Harrison Hartman, Jack Simons and Aidan Smith to Star. Andrew Bachman and Sam Smith recently earned scouting's highest honor, Eagle Scout, and will be recognized at a later ceremony. Scouts also garnered a total of 31 merit badges.

Troop 14 is chartered by St. Andrew's-Sewanee School and has been active for 22 years. Currently, the troop has 16 active Scouts. Recent activities included summer camp at Camp Comer, Alabama, local caving, a canoe/camping trip at Lake Dimmick, and hiking at Stone Door. The troop's annual Thanksgiving backpacking trip was cancelled due to fire danger. The troop is looking forward to more camping, hiking, and other outdoor opportunities, including a Spring Break trip. For more information about Troop 14, contact Alex Neubauer <alex@hiddenhollownursery.com>.

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Community Chest Spotlight: Community Action Committee

The 2016–17 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal is \$116,850 for 26 organizations that have requested basic needs funding for elder care, food, books, children's programs, animal care and recreational spaces. Currently, 51 percent of the goal has been reached in donations and pledges.

This week we shine the spotlight on the Community Action Committee.

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is Otey Parish's primary outreach ministry, and has been in existence for more than 40 years. The mission of the CAC is to provide assistance to persons in crisis with services related to basic human needs, to identify ways those persons can break out of the cycles of poverty and need and ultimately present the love of Christ in our community.

The CAC has a client base of approximately 200 households in the community. The CAC distributes over 1,000 pounds of food monthly. In addition to groceries, they also assist with water, gas and electric bills, medical and dental needs, emergency housing and transportation. Almost 94 percent of the CAC clients live below the poverty line.

The CAC will receive \$10,000, if the SCC goal is met, to help support its mission and continue its work among the poorest of the poor in the community. The CAC does receive other income from the community, including businesses, Otey Parish, grants and individuals. The SCC funds approximately 37 percent of the CAC's budget.

Since 1908, the goal of the Sewanee Community Chest has been to help citizens by funding the community. Through Community Chest funding, local organizations help those caught in the cycle of poverty, improve quality of life through outreach and community initiatives, and provide support for children with a variety of programs. The Sewanee 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, or to make a donation through PayPal, contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewanee civic.wordpress.com>.



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Huber-Feely Admitted to Columbia

Local homeschool student, Noah Huber-Feely, received a full scholarship to Columbia University in New York following his many professional and academic successes. He currently leads CoWorking Night, a Huntsville group with nearly a thousand members, who hold weekly mini-conferences to work on projects and learn from the many workshops. He also attended the Governor's School for Emerging Technologies this past summer and exited the program at the top of his class.

Earlier this year, Noah made headlines both locally and in Alabama for his work with the Huntsville transit system where he developed an app to track their bus network. He is currently the lead developer for a startup called LifeTriage, which connects students with influencers and professionals who can help with their career path.

While at Columbia, Noah plans to pursue computer science with a focus on artificial intelligence and bioinformatics. He plans to take advantage of the many research opportunities Columbia provides.

"There is a large deficit of talent in computer science and STEM in general," Noah said, stating that anyone can learn to code with the many free online resources available. Although his unconventional homeschool education helped him gain acceptance to one of the top five universities in the U.S., he feels strongly that any self-motivated student can reach their goals.

Substitute Teachers Needed

The Franklin County School System is actively seeking qualified substitute teacher applicants for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Please contact the central office at 967-0626 or visit the Human Resources page at <fcstn.net> and click on the link How to Become a Substitute Teacher.

'Thankful Project' at MES

MES had its annual "Why I am Thankful" Project sponsored by the Grundy County Herald. The children in grades one through eight wrote an essay on why they were thankful. Some of the things the winners were thankful for included our veterans, our country, and their families. Winners were chosen by an anonymous donor and each winner received \$25.

The anonymous donor sponsors winners each year from MES and continues to be an avid supporter of MES events and activities. The winners were Dharvi Patel, first grade, Enzley Hargis, third grade, Deacon Buchanan, third grade, and Taylor Cunningham, sixth grade. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to our anonymous donor.



Franklin County Chief Deputy Brent Perry spoke to the SES fifth graders about his career in law enforcement and the tools he uses to help him perform his job.



Each month, Montecagle Elementary School recognizes one student per homeroom for outstanding character. The character trait for the month of November was perseverance. Students were selected for their ability to keep trying, even when things get tough. These students have the drive and determination they need to reach their goals and be successful. Front row, from left: Trenton Dickinson, Ashlynn Findley, Cheyenne Haid, Siennah Miller; middle row, from left: Jaycee Jackson, River Condra, Alia Dixon, Kyla Colston; back row, from left: Lilly Gipson, Traci Foshee, Jacob Dixon, Corbin Gipson.

Season's Greetings





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THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis



As I sit around my room in my friend's house, surrounded by bits and pieces of my life tucked away in boxes and bags awaiting the next chapter, it seems entirely surreal, almost impossible, that in a few short weeks, I will be starting a new, clean slate, with my husband in Hong Kong. It is thrilling, frightening, and utterly wild to think about being on the other side of the world in the not-too-distant future. It is an opportunity that I am deeply grateful the universe has afforded us. As such, this is my last column (at least for a little while—who knows the deep workings of fate?), and I waited until the last minute because for the longest time I didn't know what to say. What was I to review? And then it came to me.

This column started as an extension of a blog that I began to write in 2009 as an exercise in creative writing. Little did I know what doors "The Insatiable Critic" would open for me along the way. I moved here in the summer of 2014 on a wing and a prayer when my companion, now my husband, accepted a job opportunity in Sewanee at the University of the South. I spent most of my childhood and adult life in the Northeast. I had only been to Tennessee once before to visit Elvis at Graceland, but other than that, knew precious little about what this community had in store for me. Little did I know how much being here would shape me not only as a writer and a professional, but also as a person.

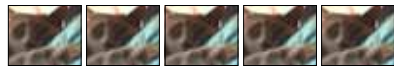
Laura Willis, the former editor of this fantastic publication whom many of you know and love, was one of the first people I reached out to for writing opportunities when I moved here. I sent her a link to my blog, and soon I was thrown head first into being the designated town movie reviewer. I met Kate Stucke, who at the time was the coordinator for the Sewanee Union Theatre, and she and I would become the best of friends. I got to meet and interview Michael Dunaway, esteemed filmmaker and alumnus of Sewanee, Lucy Alibar, screenwriter for the Oscar-nominated "Beasts of the Southern Wild," and of course, our very own Kevin Wilson, whose best-selling novel "The Family Fang" was treated to a big screen film adaptation and celebrated its premiere this April at the beloved SUT. Experiences that I could only dream of having and yet, here they happened, on this somewhat remote mountaintop in the heart of the South.

Professionally in my full-time job as a Faculty Technology Coordinator for the Science and Math Departments for the college, I was able to co-coordinate Scholarship Sewanee this past spring as well as format Mary Priestley's new book "What If Trees Could Walk?" on behalf of the Sewanee Herbarium (and during both ventures, wrangle the intricacies of Adobe InDesign into submission). This is only a small number of experiences large and small I was thankful to have here that will be assets to me as I continue my career overseas.

Over the last several weeks as word has leaked out about my next adventure, I have had many people tell me how much they have enjoyed reading my column, or appreciated all the work I've done for the university and how much I will be missed. More than one person used the word "irreplaceable." Hearing these earnest sentiments from so many fills my heart near to bursting. While I know there will be other competent individuals to fill my shoes for this column and beyond, I know, deep within my bones, that I have become a part of Sewanee, and that I was able in my time here to make a difference.

I have made friends here that will last a lifetime. And I will forever be grateful to Casey, my caring and devoted husband, who has provided me opportunities of a lifetime that I would have been too scared to have made on my own. And, of course for Kiki Beavers, my editor and friend, who allowed me to continue on with my column and always dealt with my late submissions with grace and kindness.

And for you, dear readers. The Insatiable Critic blog will continue on, as will the SUT in the New Year with "The Magnificent Seven"—a highly auspicious way to begin 2017. May your holidays be bright, whatever you celebrate, and the road will lead me back to you, Sewanee. You've given me a home in my heart that will keep me warm, wherever I roam.



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visit <http://theinsatiablenecritic.blogspot.com/>!

American Spiritual Ensemble to Perform in February

The American Spiritual Ensemble will visit Sewanee for a multi-day residency in February, 2017. The American Spiritual Ensemble (ASE), with a mission of keeping the African American spiritual alive, was founded in 1995 by Everett McCorvey, professor of voice and director of opera at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. McCorvey and César Leal, conductor of the Sewanee Symphony and assistant professor of music, have been colleagues since Leal received a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. The ensemble's repertoire includes classic spirituals, jazz, and Broadway numbers highlighting the Black experience.

Terry Papillon, dean of the College at the University of the South, has announced that a collaboration of five University partners and a friend of the College will allow all performances to be free and open to the public. The partners include All Saints' Chapel, the Office of the Dean of Students, the School of Theology, the Office of the Dean of the College, the Performing Arts Series, and Dr. François S. Clemmons. The University has also received a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission in support of the project.

Papillon notes the importance of this offering to the greater community, "I believe that this residency can be a vital part of the University's goal to do something that engages us in active participation for diversity and inclusion. Three performances are planned for 'town and gown' to hear, consider, and sing about the role of the



The American Spiritual Ensemble Sewanee residency will be in February 2017 and is sponsored by University partnership. Photo by Jonathan Palmer

African American spiritual through slavery, emancipation, and the civil rights movement. This repertoire has relevant themes in the present day."

The first performance is a community welcome assembly at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, in Guerry Auditorium, with students from Sewanee Elementary School presenting a brief play and joining the ASE in a sing-along. The Sewanee Symphony Orchestra will join forces with the ASE at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, in a performance in Guerry Auditorium featuring selections from George Gershwin's Porgy

and Bess. The residency concludes at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, in All Saints' Chapel with the American Spiritual Ensemble in concert. Vocal ensembles from the University, including Sewanee Praise, Sewanee Chorale, the University Choir, and the Schola of the School of Theology, will join in a final selection, "Keep Marchin' til I Make it Home," a piece written for the ASE by Raymond Wise. A detailed schedule for the residency will be available in January at artssewanee.sewanee.edu.

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Sewanee's Source

In his 1965 novel "The Source," James Michener uses the device of the archaeological excavation of Tell Makort to dramatize centuries of human activity around a precious well in the Middle East. Among other things, it's a great story of the importance of a reliable water supply.

Sewanee has its "source," too, a perennial spring near what is today the junction of University and Texas avenues.

Sitting close to the site today are the Fowler Sport and Fitness Center (1994); a half-timbered Tudor-style house occupied during the 1920s by Dean George M. and Mrs. Baker (now housing Career Services); and the stone-with-brick trim Gass house, built in 1920 for Major and Mrs. Henry Markley Gass (now housing the Phi Delta Theta fraternity).

Other structures and people have come and gone. Certainly the springs were used by Indians who hunted here.

In the 1840s this site was the approximate location of Lanson Rowe's stagecoach inn. Rowe's was a stop on the Old Stagecoach Road, and the perennial spring behind it was called Rowe Spring. The spring provided welcome refreshment for those traveling between Nashville and Chattanooga via Brakefield and Jump Off roads.

In 1858, Col. Charles R. Barney, the Baltimore surveyor who mapped and named various points on the Domain, had a small cabin in this area.

During the Civil War abandonment of 1861-1865, most Sewanee buildings were burned, but movement continued back and forth and the spring drew bivouacking soldiers. In 1863 the spring was the approximate site of a skirmish between retreating Confederate cavalry and advancing Union cavalry. Twelve Confederate soldiers were killed; a row of broken stones in the University Cemetery is popularly thought to mark their graves.

When the University started up after the War, the first dormitory was located on the site. Tremlett Hall, built in 1869, was named for the Reverend Francis W. Tremlett, an English clergyman who aided Bishop and Vice-chancellor Charles Todd Quintard in his early fund-raising efforts in England. Rowe's Spring thus morphed into Tremlett Spring, and became a major water source for Sewanee students and residents.

Springs are most often found on the sides or at the base of a mountain, but the nature of Sewanee's geology results in several near-surface mountaintop springs that produce good drinking water at the interface of the permeable sandstone cap and the impermeable shale layer not far below.

The flat area along University Avenue provides a sponge-like collection area, and the dense shale beneath the surface is a natural barrier. Water percolates through the sandstone, is stopped by the shale, and flows out into Abbo's Alley ravine.

The first houses (including Rebel's Rest and the old Powhatan - see Keystone, Nov. & Dec. 2004) were clustered along a line of springs, of which Tremlett spring (also called Polk's spring) and nearby ATO spring (also called Otey's Spring), behind the Alpha Tau Omega house, were considered the finest. The championship football team of 1899 is said to have attributed its success to the two barrels of Sewanee spring water that they always carried with them on road trips.

Until the 1930s, the springs were Sewanee's main source of water. Water from them was stored in a tank in Breslin Tower of Convocation Hall, then in a large standing tank behind St. Luke's Hall.

Spring water flow is limited, however, and water was sometimes in short supply. During the post-war years of the 1950s and 1960s, when Sewanee experienced unprecedented growth, several artificial lakes were created to impound spring and rain water. Professor Charles E. Cheston of the Forestry Department oversaw the ambitious project; a major lake off Brakefield Road bears his name. The several lakes are unlined and their leakiness was of initial concern, but the lakes of Sewanee have been successful in securing its drinking water supply and diminishing the risk of devastating losses by fire. The lakes also provide opportunities for swimming, boating, fishing, research projects and general enjoyment, and have undoubtedly increased Sewanee's population of waterbirds, turtles and frogs.

—Jill Carpenter, June 2005 Keystone Newsletter



Emmy Award-winning actress Elaine Bromka will present "Tea for Three" an Inauguration Eve Special Performance.

'Tea for Three'

"Tea for Three," an Inauguration Eve special performance will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, at Guerry Auditorium. Admission is free.

Particularly pertinent in an era of heightened politics, "Tea for Three" humanizes the political scene with a story both whimsical and deeply moving – a behind-the-scenes look at three First Ladies, Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon and Betty Ford.

Share the journey of each as she deals with the fishbowl of First Ladydom.

Emmy Award-winning actress Elaine Bromka, with more than 30 years in film, television, Broadway and Off-Broadway, starred as eight First Ladies opposite Rich Little in the PBS show "The Presidents." Intrigued by their stories, she went on with playwright Eric H. Weinberger to create this one-woman show.

The performance is presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Performing Arts Series.

'Anything Goes' at Artisan Depot

Amongst a festival of lights and handcrafted Christmas ornaments and gifts, the Franklin County Arts Guild is closing the 2016 year with two great art shows. The community show, "Anything Goes" features a wide variety of watercolor, acrylic, and oil pieces as well as fiber pieces. The traditional end of year Member Show features work from contributing artists at the Artisan Depot. Members have chosen works which reflect their artistic voice. Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer and see these two great shows and other arts and crafts in the gallery.

Both shows will run through Dec. 24.

The Artisan Depot is operated by the Franklin County Arts Guild and is located at 204 Cumberland St. East in Cowan. Gallery hours are noon–5 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays and 11 a.m. –5 p.m. on Saturdays. The Artisan Depot will be open on Christmas Eve.

For more information about upcoming community art shows, the gallery or the guild go to <www.fcaguild.wordpress.com> or <www.facebook.com/artisandepot> or contact Diana Lamb at (931) 308-4130.

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Arts Calendar

Jessica Wohl: Love Thy Neighbor on display through Jan. 27, University Art Gallery

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Homeless at Home: Growing up LGBT in Rural Tennessee, Carlos Gallery

Thursday, Jan. 19

Out My Window, Community Art Show, Artisan Depot <https://fcaguild.wordpress.com>

Thursday, Jan. 19

Tea for Three, Inauguration Eve Special Performance, Guerry Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 3

Zanele Muholi: Faces and Phases, The University Art Gallery

Thursday, Feb. 9

Community Welcome Assembly, Guerry Auditorium

Friday, Feb. 10

American Spiritual Ensemble and the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, Guerry Auditorium

Friday–Sunday, Feb. 10–12

"The Robber Bridegroom" SAS Players, McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts <www.sasweb.org>

Thursday, Feb. 23

Craig Crawford—exhibit opening speaker, University Archives

Thursday, Feb. 23

Jazz Ensemble Concert, St. Luke's Chapel

Friday–Sunday, Feb. 24–26

DanceWise: From the heART, Proctor Hill Theatre, Tennessee Williams Center

Saturday, Feb. 25

Annual Step Show, Guerry Auditorium

Sunday, March 26

Exhibitions of works by art minor students, Carlos Gallery

Thursday, April 6

Perpetual Motion, Guerry Auditorium

Tuesday, April 11

Honors Show, Carlos Gallery

Friday, April 21

Exhibition of works by senior art majors, University Art Gallery

Friday, April 21

Opening Reception, University Art Gallery

Friday, April 28

Artists' talks, Convocation Hall

Friday, April 28

Spring Concert with Scholarship Sewanee, Guerry Auditorium

Saturday, April 29

Gospel Choir Spring Concert, St. Luke's Chapel

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In-town Deer Hunt Opens Dec. 23

The 2016 University deer hunt regular season begins Friday, Dec. 23, and continues through Jan. 13, 2017.

The in-town segment of the hunt allows for a broader hunting program after students leave for winter break. The hunt is by invitation only and is not open to the general public. To view the map and the full list of rules and requirements of hunters go to <<http://www.sewanee.edu/offices/oess/the-domain/ecosystem-management/hunting/>>.

The University deer management program continues to move toward its goal of a more socially and ecologically sustainable herd size. In 2016, the University changed its sampling methodology for deer population. Rather than focus exclusively on spotlighting as in the past, a new protocol using digital wildlife cameras was employed that allowed us to calculate different population densities for different areas of the Domain.

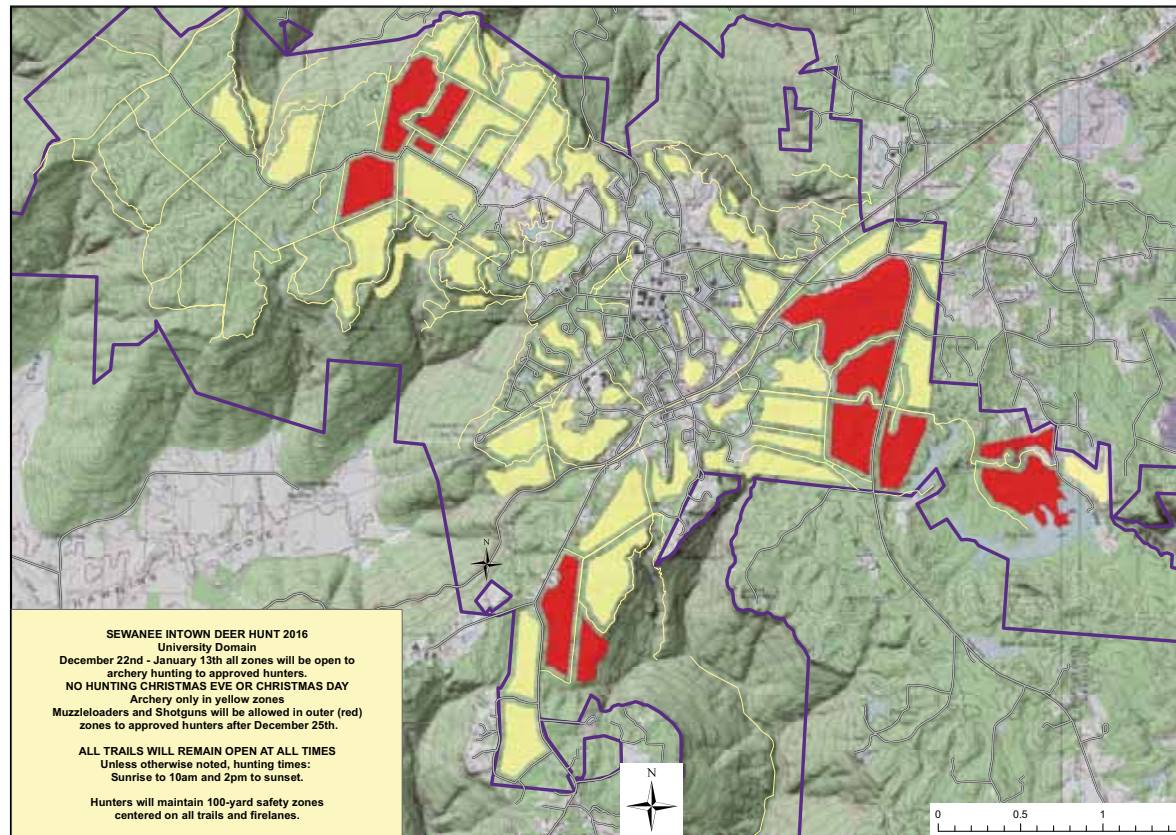
This spatially explicit sampling taught us something new: in areas where regulated hunting had occurred for several years, the camera surveys verified that we have reached our goal of a balanced sex ratio and are approaching our target population densities. This herd reduction was also verified in the vegetation in those areas, where browse evidence is decreasing and the number and density of traditionally overbrowsed species is increasing. However, in areas where population sampling occurred outside of hunting areas, the camera survey showed deer densities more than eight times greater than our target density, in one instance exceeding any density ever recorded by spotlight. This corroborates the story told by the understory vegetation sampling in that area, where browsing by deer in the understory is extreme. It also helps us to better understand why some areas of the Domain seem to have almost no deer damage while

others nearby still seem over-run with deer after several years of intense management.

All this is reinforcing what was already known and adding new data points to our management plan. Look for changes to the hunting program next year that will shift hunting pressure away from areas of success in the past and toward unhunted areas where population densities are higher.

Work is still happening on the in town herd as well. Problems in town persist, but this year, for the first time, a majority of respondents to the community survey reported no deer damage in the last year. Also 72 percent of respondents reported that the hunt did not adversely affect their recreational use of the Domain.

Rules for this year's hunt are unchanged from last year. Hunting is allowed on most days from sunrise to 10 a.m., and from 2 p.m. until sunset. As in previous years, there is no hunting on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. A limited firearms hunt will start the day after Christmas. For specific locations of firearms and archery hunting, please go to the online map link <<http://www.sewanee.edu/offices/oess/the-domain/ecosystem-management/hunting/>>.



The in-town deer hunt map. See it online at <<http://www.sewanee.edu/offices/oess/the-domain/ecosystem-management/hunting/>>

This year's map has an added feature: it is a geoPDF. It can be downloaded into PDF Maps or a similar smartphone app and can be used for navigation in the field.

In order to participate in the hunt, all hunters must: be a member of the faculty or staff of the University of the

South, or a direct relative (parent, child, or sibling) of same; be a full-time student of the College or School of Theology; pass a background check by Sewanee Police Department; possess a valid Tennessee Hunter Safety Certification; possess a valid Tennessee big game archery hunting

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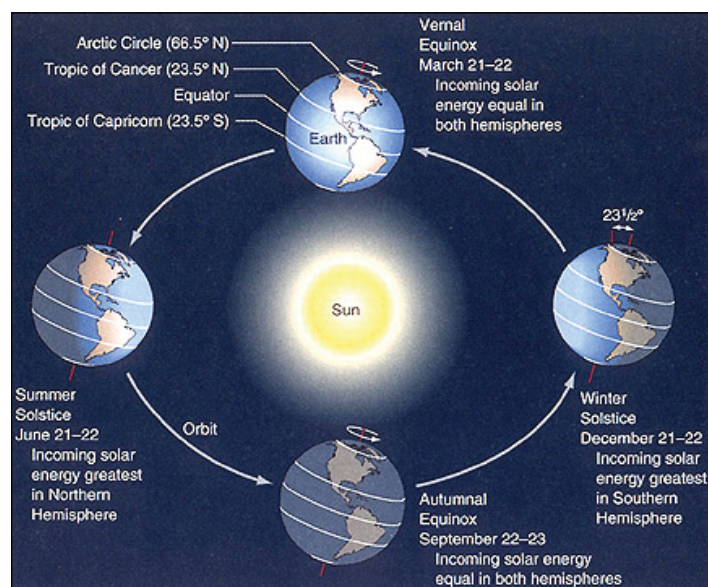
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NATURENOTES



The four solstices from earthsky.org

Winter Solstice

This issue of the Messenger comes out on the actual date of the Winter Solstice this year, December 21, 2016. The exact time of the solstice was 4:44 a.m. CST. On this shortest day of the year, (9 hours, 43 minutes) you are also reading the shortest nature note. Oddly, the latest sunrise and earliest sunset of the year do not occur on this day. This is due to something astronomers call the equation of time and has to do with a discrepancy between how we keep time and how time is measured using the sun. Latitude also has an effect. It would take an astronomer to explain all this, so suffice it to say that the latest sunrise occurs a few days after the Solstice and the earliest sunset occurs a few days before the Solstice. Of course, many of our seasonal celebrations and customs of this time of year have ancient roots associated with the solstice. Enjoy the celebrations and customs of your choice!

—reported by Yolande Gottfried

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State Park Hikes

Savage Falls Day Loop Hike

10 a.m.–2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 1

Join Ranger Jessie McNeel on a 5.5 mile moderate hike to see one of Savage Gulf's many waterfalls, Savage Falls, and also get a chance to see the scenic Rattle Snake Point overlook as well. This will be a moderate hike so please wear comfortable shoes and bring plenty of water and snacks. Weather is unpredictable this time of year so please take a look at the forecast ahead of time and dress for the weather.

Meet at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, located at 3177 State Route 399, Palmer, TN 37365.

South Cumberland State Park Hike for Recovery

10 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 1

There is a tremendous unmet need for addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services in the United States and it affects Grundy and surrounding counties. As a result, most kids are no longer receiving drug prevention messages in schools, teens no longer see broadcast media messages urging them to be "above the influence" and 90 percent of adolescents with a drug problem do not receive the help they need.

Join S Double A Recovery Ranch and South Cumberland State Park on a Hike for Recovery in an effort to raise awareness and support recovery in our community on Sunday, Jan. 1 at Denny Cove.

The hike will be an approximately 4-mile round trip that will include some very rugged terrain. Bring plenty of water and dress for the weather. The entrance to Denny Cove is located approximately 2 miles south of the Foster Falls entrance and is across the street from the Foster Falls Volunteer Fire Department building. For more information call (931) 592-5483.



Charlene



Goldie

Pets of the Week

Meet Charlene & Goldie

Animal Harbor offers these two delightful pets for adoption.

Charlene is a princess, and she can be the most affectionate, lovable kitty. She prefers the company of her human companions over other kitties, but she will put up with feline housemates if they respect her space. Charlene is a Halfway Home pet whose adoption fee has been reduced to \$40. She is negative for FeLV and FIV, house-trained, up-to-date on shots, microchipped and spayed.

Goldie is an active, fun-loving little Chihuahua mix who loves to play. She is very sweet and she likes other dogs. Goldie would love a fur-ever home for the New Year. She is heartworm-negative, up-to-date on shots, microchipped and spayed.

Animal Harbor offers substantial adoption fee discounts for veterans and seniors. Every Friday is Black Friday at Animal Harbor. On Fridays, adoption fees will be reduced 50 percent for black or mostly black pets more than 4 months old who have been at Animal Harbor for more than a month. Pets adopted from Animal Harbor qualify for a free post-adoption wellness exam by local veterinarians.

Animal Harbor is located at 56 Nor-Nan Road, off AEDC Road, in Winchester. Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information and check out the other pets at www.animalharbor.org. Enter the drawing on this site for a free spay or neuter for one of your pets. Help Animal Harbor continue to save abandoned pets by sending donations to Animal Harbor, P.O. Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398.

*Welcome,
holiday visitors!*

Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 05	44	44
Tue	Dec 06	51	50
Wed	Dec 07	54	37
Thu	Dec 08	32	29
Fri	Dec 09	33	17
Sat	Dec 10	41	24
Sun	Dec 11	52	51

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	44
Avg min temp =	36
Avg temp =	40
Precipitation =	2.59"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 12	50	40
Tue	Dec 13	55	41
Wed	Dec 14	50	19
Thu	Dec 15	47	18
Fri	Dec 16	48	27
Sat	Dec 17	50	19
Sun	Dec 18	28	19

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	47
Avg min temp =	18
Avg temp =	24
Precipitation =	0.00"

*Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger*

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by Phoebe Bates

‘Twas the night before Christmas, and up on the moon
The earth was as bright as a big blue balloon;
The stockings were hung in the station with care
In hopes that Saint Nicholas could find his way there
The kids were all snug in their pneumatic sacks,
While visions of mooncycles raced up their backs,
And Mom in her curlers and I in my phones
Had just settled down like a couple of drones,
When over the radar there rose such a ringing,
I hopped from my hammock to see what was swinging.
To the airlock I flew and unfastened the catch,
Adjusted my helmet and opened the hatch.
The earth on the layers of meteor dust
Gave a heavenly glow to the crater’s rough crust,
When what should appear like a vision from Mars
But a miniature spacecraft and eight tiny stars
With a miniature pilot, so cheerful and quick,
I knew it could only be “Outer-Space Nick!”
More rapid than rockets his comets they came,
And I heard him by radio call them by name
“Now, Castor, now, Pollux, now, Phoenix and Pharus!
On, Isaac! On, Tycho! On , Pi and Polaris
To the top of the tanks! To the nuclear boom!
Now, blast away! blast away! blast away! ZOOM!”
As sailplanes before the low stratus clouds fly
When they meet with a thermal, rise up to the sky,
So up to the dome-top the comets they soared
With the capsule of toys and its pilot aboard.
And then in a moment, I heard on my set
The fizzing and whizzing of each little jet.
As I closed up the hatch and was turning around,
Down the fuel shaft Saint Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in metal, impeccably shined
And his outer space jacket with stardust was lined;
In a pack on his back he had toys without measure,

And he looked like a skin-diver loaded with treasure!
His eyes--how they sparkled! His teeth, how they shone!
His cheeks were like novae, his nose like a cone!
Like the bow of the Archer, his mouth it was drawn,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the Swan;
His belt was be-jeweled like the belt of Orion,
And his mane was as frosty as Leo’s the Lion;
From his shoulders guide rockets projected like wings,
His eyes were so bright, and his smile was so mellow
There never was ever a farther-out fellow!
A wink of his eye and a wave of his hand
Soon gave me to know he had everything planned:
He said not a word, but went straight to his job,
And filled all the stockings; then turning a knob
And pressing a switch on his oxygen hose,
And giving a spring,up the fuel shaft he rose;
He jumped in his ship, gave a buzz to his team,
And away they shot off like a nuclear stream.
But as I turned back to our little moon station
I spied in the heavens a new constellation;
There was spelled out in space, in great letters of light,

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A SPACE FLIGHT

-The Night before Christmas on the Moon, by Scott Bates

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Community Calendar

Today, Wednesday, Dec. 21 • Winter Solstice

FC Schools Christmas break begins, through Jan. 1, 2017

Last day U of S final exams

Messenger office closed through Jan. 8, 2017

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.; also 1–3 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesdays, 104 Monterey St., Cowan
- 10 a.m. Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr

Thursday, Dec. 22

- 11 a.m. Tai Chi with Kathleen (advanced), Comm Ctr
- 12:30 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home support group, 598-0303
- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, Mooney’s, until 4 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club Social, Sewanee Inn, until 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 23

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9 a.m. Greening of Otey Parish Church

Saturday, Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 25 • Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 26 • Boxing Day (Canada)

- 11 a.m. Blood drive, CVS, Monteagle, until 4 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec. 27

- 9:30 a.m. Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 a.m. Bingo, Sewanee Senior Ctr
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga with Richard, Legion Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 28

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.; also 1–3 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesdays, 104 Monterey St., Cowan
- 10 a.m. Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr

Thursday, Dec. 29

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 11 a.m. Tai Chi with Kathleen (advanced), Comm Ctr
- 12:30 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home support group, 598-0303
- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, Mooney’s, until 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30

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

Saturday, Dec. 31 • New Year’s Eve

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Richard, Comm Ctr

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 • New Year’s Day • CAC Pantry Sunday

- 10 a.m. Hike for Recovery, (931) 592-5483 for directions

Monday, Jan. 2

GC Schools building level in-service

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 6:30 p.m. FC School Board work session
- 7 p.m. Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 3

FC Schools Staff development day all certified employees

GC students return to classes

MC Schools inservice

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 a.m. Bingo, Sewanee Senior Ctr
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga with Richard, Legion Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 4

MC Schools students return to school

SAS class resumes at 8 a.m.

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.; also 1–3 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesdays, 104 Monterey St., Cowan
- 10 a.m. Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr

Thursday, Jan. 5

FC Schools students return to school

- 8 a.m. Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 11 a.m. Tai Chi with Kathleen (advanced), Comm Ctr
- 12:30 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home support group, 598-0303
- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, Mooney’s, until 4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6 • Epiphany

- 7 a.m. Curbside recycling
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Richard, Comm Ctr

Sunday, Jan. 8

- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, instruction, Mooney’s, until 4 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Community Ctr

Monday, Jan. 9

Messenger office reopens

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults, 7 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. FC School Board Mtg., Clark Memorial
- 7 p.m. Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Jan. 10

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 a.m. Bingo, Sewanee Senior Ctr
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga with Richard, Legion Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 11

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.; also 1–3 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesdays, 104 Monterey St., Cowan
- 10 a.m. Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr

Thursday, Jan. 12

- 8 a.m. Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 11 a.m. Tai Chi with Kathleen (advanced), Comm Ctr
- 12 p.m. Lifelong Learning, Sedita, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 12:30 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home support group, 598-0303
- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, Mooney’s, until 4 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, “Magnificent Seven,” SUT

Friday, Jan. 13

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, “Magnificent Seven,” SUT

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

- 7 a.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- 7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

- 7:30 p.m. NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 p.m. AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey

Sunday

- 6:30 p.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 7 p.m. AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7:30 p.m. AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
- 7:30 p.m. CoDA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 12 p.m. AA, Claiborne Hall, Otey

