

SUD Rate Increase Probable in 2015

Nominees Needed for Marion County Seat

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Nov. 24 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties, SUD manager Ben Beavers proposed reducing the 2015 budget by \$110,000 to avoid a sharp rate increase.

To comply with Tennessee Utility Management Review Board standards, SUD must show a net positive income in 2015, since SUD didn't show a net positive income in 2014 due to the cost of installing automated meter reading technology. SUD's consulting firm, Raftelis Financial Inc., recommended SUD increase rates 9–10 percent in 2015.

Beavers suggested putting off painting the water tank until 2016 and reducing by half the amount allocated for wastewater collection system repair in 2015; these two changes would reduce the proposed 2015 budget by \$110,000.

On the recommendation of the board, Beavers will revise the budget and send it to Raftelis for review. Beavers estimates only a 3 percent rate increase will be necessary with the budget revision. In the past four years, SUD raised rates twice, in 2011 and in 2013.

Another possible savings in 2015 could come from a reduction in office staff. Currently, the office staff consists

of Beavers and two office employees. One employee is leaving in mid-December. Beavers said a part-time employee might be sufficient to maintain the level of segregation of duties required by the comptroller to provide oversight for authorizing expenses and making deposits. Beavers will wait until February to make a decision about hiring to see how efficiently the office operates with a staff of two and what the needs are. Hiring a part-time employee instead of a full-time employee could save SUD \$20,000 or more per year.

Beavers revisited the issue of ownership of the trial wetlands slated for construction at the SUD wastewater treatment plant in conjunction with a research project undertaken jointly by the University of the South and the University of Georgia. Beavers consulted with SUD attorney Don Scholes, who said a deed transferring ownership of the constructed wetlands to SUD upon completion is not necessary since SUD already owns the land. Scholes recommended a document licensing the University of the South to proceed with construction. Scholes will consult with University attorney Donna Pierce and draft a document for the board's review.

In regard to the related question of project funds being set aside to decommission the wetlands site if the project did not continue, Beavers said

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South Cumberland Community Fund board member Barry Rollins with SCCF holiday gifts cards at Citizens State Bank, one of the many Mountain merchants that has the cards available. For complete information see story on page 10.

Holiday Concerts in Sewanee

The Sewanee Symphony Orchestra will present its second concert of the 2014–15 season at 7:30 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 5, in Guerry Auditorium. "Celebrate the Season" is the theme of the concert, an opportunity to hear favorite Christmas tunes. The program will include three dances from "The Nutcracker" by Tchaikovsky; "Sinfonia Pastorale" by Tartini; "Christmas Around the World," a medley of Christmas melodies; and "Christmas Festival," a medley of Christmas music arranged specially for the Boston Pops.

The Sewanee Praise Gospel Choir will have a Christmas concert at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in St. Luke's Chapel on campus. Come hear this amazing group of talented college students and community members sing praise and gospel music.

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Winter Concert will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, in McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts on the school's campus. Join the middle and upper school choruses and the upper school chamber ensemble for an evening of seasonal music, classical, jazz and rock performances.

The Sewanee Chorale will perform its holiday concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, in All Saints' Chapel. For more details see page 14.

All of these events are free and open to the public.

SES Teachers & Parents Meet with Tucker

Many Concerned that Testing Has Gone Too Far

by Kevin Cummings, Messenger Staff Writer

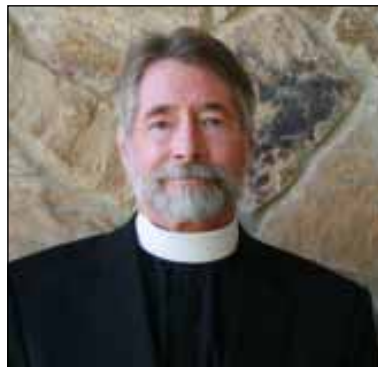
"I'm feeling mandated to death," said Rachel Reavis, a fourth-grade teacher at Sewanee Elementary School. During a Dec. 2 forum with Adam Tucker, Franklin County Board of Education District 5 representative, Reavis said it is a juggling act for teachers to give students a well-rounded education and meet the overwhelming testing requirements. About 30 attended the event, hosted at the school by the SES Parent-Teacher Organization. The topic of greatest concern was the amount of mandated testing.

Parent Janna McClain, a former academic interventionist in Murfreesboro, said her son will take nine mandated tests this year in pre-K. "Who thought that was a good idea? As a parent it would be helpful to know what it is our teachers

are being forced to do," McClain said. "I think the rationale is to prepare for these tests that are connected to dollars, so we have to do more and more tests," she added. "I understand mandated testing, but I don't want my child tested nonstop."

Tucker, who lives in Sewanee and was elected to the school board in August, is an attorney for the city of Murfreesboro. Tucker said he welcomes ideas from the public and wants to see what can be done at a local level to reduce excessive or unnecessary testing.

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The Sewanee Community Council welcomed two new members at its Dec. 1 meeting: Bill Barton (left) and Pixie Dozier. For a full report, see story on page 7.



55th Festival of Lessons & Carols at All Saints' Chapel

The 55th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, and at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in All Saints' Chapel.

Through the ticketing procedure introduced in 2013, seats are reserved in advance. Based on this year's reservations, all three services are expected to be at or near capacity.

However, people who do not have reservations, but who would like to try to attend a service in the event that any seats are available, may have the opportunity to attend the service as a walk-up guest.

Walk-up guests can register for the onsite wait list in Convocation Hall two hours prior to the start of each service. The seating of walk-up guests will begin 30 minutes prior to each service, and guests must be present to receive tickets. Tickets will be issued based on the number of no-shows and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Seating is not guaranteed for walk-up guests. For walk-up guests not receiving seats, the service will be live-streamed in Guerry Auditorium.



Preparing for the Festival of Lessons & Carols. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Grundy County Chosen for Local Foods, Local Places Program

The White House Rural Council announced on Dec. 3 that Grundy County/Tracy City was among 26 communities in the United States named to its Local Foods, Local Places initiative.

This effort is designed to help rural communities as they seek creative approaches to integrating entrepreneurship, environmental management, public health and other place-based considerations into successful economic planning. Local food development is often a key part of the strategy.

Local Food, Local Places will provide technical support to integrate local food systems into community economic action plans, help revitalize struggling downtowns and preserve farms and undeveloped land.

The local effort was developed and submitted under the auspices of the municipality of Tracy City and Grundy County, and builds on the work of South Cumberland Community Development Partnership, Grundy County Health Council and

Diabetes Coalition, Tracy City Farmer's Market, South Cumberland Food Hub, Downtown Sidewalk/Mountain Goat Trail Connector Project, Tennessee Main Street program, the University of the South's program and the Chattanooga Area Regional Council of Governments-Southeast Tennessee Development District.

"This award means that in the coming months, a team of experts will visit

and have workshops to help us design concrete steps to improve our community," said Emily Partin of the Tracy City Business Club. Among the pieces of the project will be local food, tourism and travel, and health issues.

The 26 communities were chosen from among 316 applicants.

A team of agricultural, transportation, environmental, health and

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Lighting Sewanee's Christmas Trees

Today (Friday), Dec. 5

4 p.m. Snacks and music in the University Quad
4:30 p.m. Quad tree lighting
5 p.m. Cookies, cocoa and caroling at Angel Park
5:30 p.m. Angel Park tree lighting

Santa and the Grinch will be available for photos. Everyone is encouraged to bring food and/or unwrapped new toys. All donated items will go to the Community Action Committee or Operation Noel. In case of inclement weather, the Quad tree lighting will be cancelled; the Angel Park post-tree-lighting activities will move inside to the Blue Chair Bakery & Tavern.

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Letters

PARTY FOR PAWS THANKS To the Editor:

The Animal Harbor staff and board of directors would like to thank everyone for attending the Party for Paws on Nov. 22. It was a great night for the Harbor, raising more than \$5,000, which will go toward fulfilling the overall mission of our organization.

In addition to the money made from the event, we were able to meet the goal for the spay/neuter matching grant from an anonymous donor, and we will receive an additional \$1,000 from them.

We want to thank Ellen Woods for being the member host at the Clifftops Lake Club House. Bravo and thanks to Keri Moser and staff at Ivy Wild for the delicious food and gracious service, always going the extra mile! A big thanks to Cricket and Snail for their beautiful music; Heath Automotive in Winchester for giving each party-goer a \$20 coupon; Taylor's Mercantile for the lovely centerpieces; all those who gave items sold in the silent auction; and all of the volunteers who helped set up and clean up.

Last but not least, we appreciate the continued show of support from Joseph's Remodeling Solutions and Joseph's funny story about Prince Charming, the saved kitten that was stuck in and behind their family car's dashboard.

*Gail Castle, Executive Director,
Animal Harbor ■*

MESSENGER Break Ahead

Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner. The Messenger will be on hiatus during the holidays.

We will publish two more issues in December: Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. The staff will take a two-week break and return to the office on Monday, Jan. 5, with the first issue of 2015 on Friday, Jan. 9. Please remember that the Dec. 19 issue will contain three weeks worth of news and calendars.

Our deadlines: 5 p.m., Monday, for display advertising; 5 p.m., Tuesday, for news and calendar information; and noon, Wednesday, for classified advertising.



Sewanee Elementary School students dressed as their favorite character for the school's annual Book Character Day, including (from left) Sienna Barry ("Claudia: The Accessories Fairy" by Daisy Meadows), Freya Colville and Julia Calhoun ("Little House in the Big Woods" by Laura Ingalls Wilder).

CURTIS FAMILY GRATITUDE To the Editor:

Recently, we lost our home to a fire and would like to say thank you to the Sewanee community for all that they have done for our family.

We are very grateful for the clothes, shoes, household items and money that have been given to us. We will never forget the kindness that everyone has shown during this difficult time.

We want to especially thank the Sewanee Fire Department, St. James Church and the Rev. Linda Hutton.

A special thank-you to our Sewanee Elementary School family who did so much for Kaylie! Also, thank you Jim and Angela Jacobs, John and Holly McBee and Chris McBee for the super fund-raiser. Blessings to all of you.

*Daniel, Sheena,
Kaylie and Micah Curtis
Sewanee ■*

IS THIS THE COUNTRY YOU WANT? ANOTHER VIEW To the Editor:

I read with interest Faye Walter's information-packed letter [Nov. 21, 2014] on the Republican Party and its intentions. Did she research the Democratic Party and its intentions, as well?

Hillary Clinton did her college

thesis on Saul Alinsky's writings and President Obama writes of him in his books. Alinsky died in 1972 but his books, "Rules for Radicals" and "Revolution for Radicals" contain his thoughts on creating a socialist state. His rules: Health care—Control healthcare and you control the people.

Poverty—Increase the poverty level as high as possible: poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.

Debt—Increase the debt to an unsustainable level: that way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.

Gun Control—Remove the ability to defend themselves from the government; that way you are able to create a police state.

Welfare—Take control of every aspect of their lives (food, housing and income).

Education—Take control of what people read and listen to. Take control of what children learn in school.

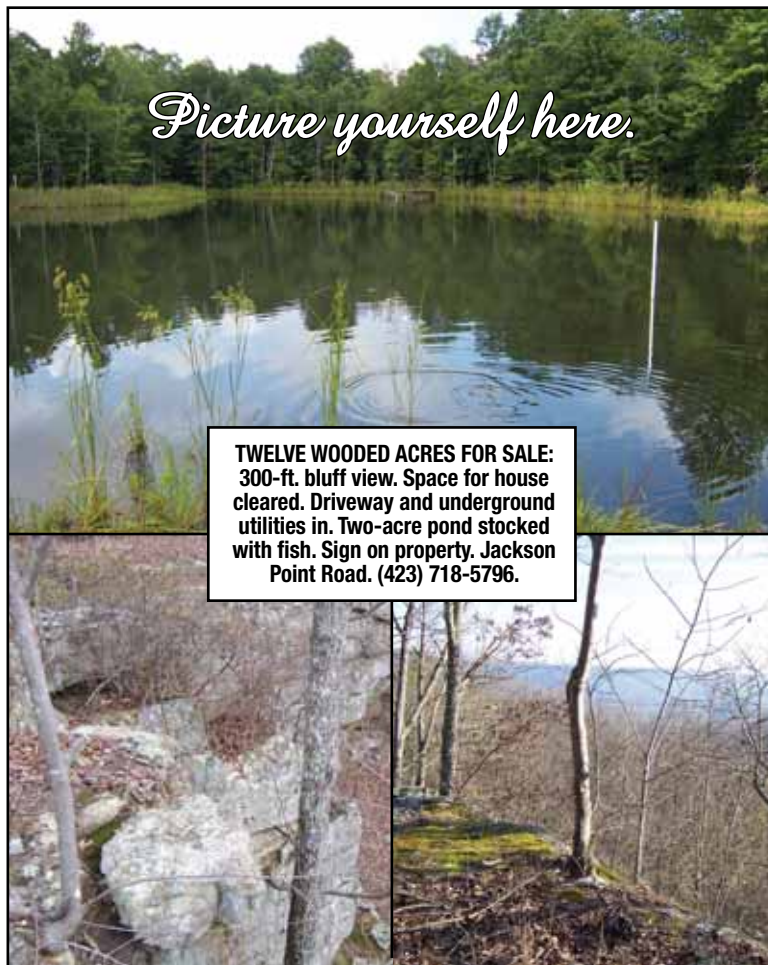
Religion—Remove the belief in God from the government and schools.

Class Warfare—Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent, and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with support of the poor.

Does this sound like what is happening now? Is this the country you want?

*Owen E. Moore
Sewanee ■*

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Senior Center Bazaar Opens on Monday

The annual Christmas Bazaar at the Sewanee Senior Center begins on Monday, Dec. 8, and continues through Saturday, Dec. 13.

The bazaar will be open 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday–Friday, Dec. 8–12, and 8:30 a.m.–noon, Saturday, Dec. 13.

The bake-sale items will include cookies, cakes, pies and candies. There will also be crafts, canned goods (jams and jellies), handmade items and white elephant items for sale.

A handmade quilt in the Crown of Thorns pattern will be given away at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16. Tickets for the quilt raffle are \$2 each and are available at the Senior Center. You do not need to be present on Dec. 16 to win.

Donations for the bazaar are welcome and greatly appreciated. Please bring any white elephant items, needlework or other non-perishable items any day before the bazaar begins. Baked items, home-canned foods, preserves, jellies and jams should be brought the week of the bazaar.

Please call 598-0771 with any questions.

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Upcoming Meetings

Reservations Due Today for EQB Christmas Party

Reservations are due by 5 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 5, for the Dec. 12 EQB Christmas party. The event will start with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., in the Spencer Room at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. in Langford Hall. Tickets are \$25 each for members and guests. Reservations can be made by contacting Anne Lorenz at 598-0205 or email to <alorenz@sewanee.edu>.

World Healing Meditation Today

A world healing meditation will be at 5:30 p.m. today (Friday), Dec. 5, at the Sewanee Community Center. The meditation is designed to decrease stress, boost immunity and relax the body. There is no fee for attending, and donations are accepted for Haitian outreach. For more information email Peggy Farmer at <drpeggyfarmer@gmail.com>.

Coffee With the Coach

Coffee with the Coach will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Dec. 8, at the Blue Chair Tavern for free coffee and conversation with Sewanee baseball head coach David Jenkins and assistant coach Phil Betterty. For more information call 598-0159.

Woman's Club Meeting on Monday

The Sewanee Woman's Club will meet on Monday, Dec. 8, at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle for a program by professor Dan Backlund, who will talk about "World War I's First Christmas: The Truce of 1914 and A Song It Inspired." Award-winning musician John McCutcheon first heard about the truce from a janitor backstage at a Birmingham concert hall in 1984. He was so taken with the story, he wrote the song "Christmas in the Trenches." During Backlund's talk, the group will listen to the song, which also led to the creation of a book for children, and explore some of the actual history of the truce.

Lunch is served at noon. Programs begin at 12:30 p.m. For more information call Pixie Dozier at 598-5869 or email Marianna Handler at <mariannah@earthlink.net>.

Lease Committee Agenda Deadline Tuesday

The next meeting of the Lease Committee will be on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Agenda items are due in the Office of the Superintendent of Leases in Carnegie Hall by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9.

EQB Meeting on Wednesday

Following the EQB luncheon at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 10, Ray Gotko and Wayne Maxson will present a lead on "Consciousness." Gotko's interest in consciousness is more with the brain itself, whereas Maxson's has been with the area often called "philosophy of the mind" or "the mind-body problem."

Gotko retired once as professor of music at the University of Georgia and then as a priest in the Diocese of Atlanta.

Maxson joined the duPont library reference staff in the fall of 1989 and retired in 1999. He has had an interest in philosophy since graduate school and has read "haphazardly" in philosophy since then. The group meets at St. Mary's Sewanee.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

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

The Monteagle Sewanee Club meets 8-9 a.m., Thursdays, at the Sewanee Inn. At the Dec. 11 meeting, the group will have its quarterly social. Members should RSVP by email to <lciminohurt@gmail.com>.

GCHS Christmas Meeting Thursday

The Christmas luncheon and quarterly meeting of the Grundy County Historical Society will be at noon, Thursday, Dec. 11, at the parish house of Christ Church in Tracy City. Christ Church is located at 530 10th St. in Tracy City. For more information call (931) 592-6088.

Cameron at Lifelong Learning on Thursday

The Academy for Lifelong Learning will gather for lunch at noon, Thursday, Dec. 11, at St. Mary's Sewanee for lunch and its monthly speaker. Doug Cameron of Sewanee will give a presentation about his polar expeditions.

Doug moved to Sewanee with his parents when he was 1 year old; he graduated from Harvard University. He returned to Sewanee and was the University's first director of the outing program. He served on the Volunteer Fire Department for 42 years and was one of the founders of Housing Sewanee. He builds and sails in wooden boats and has worked in a summer camp in Western North Carolina for many years.

The Academy continues to offer yearly memberships for \$12. Lunch is available (\$12) and should be ordered in advance by calling 598-5342. For more information contact Stephen Burnett at 598-5479.

UDC Christmas Meeting on Dec. 13

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

Jump Off Fire Hall Holiday Bake Sale

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

Births

Elliot Hinton Graham

Elliot Hinton Graham was born on Nov. 20, 2014, in Alexandria, La., to Hailey Hatchett and David Graham. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Tim and Janet Graham of Sewanee.

Beatrice Bahia King

Beatrice Bahia King was born on Nov. 29, 2014, in Chattanooga to the Rev. Leyla King and the Rev. Benjamin King of Sewanee. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Affordable Care Re-Enrollment Open Now

People who enrolled in the Affordable Care Act insurance plans last year will need to re-enroll this year to keep their insurance.

According to Jim Peterman, director of Community Engagement at Sewanee, "Even if you were happy with your current policy, you still need to examine its new price, which will likely be increased."

Peterman said that there are new low-cost alternatives to this year's plans.

He said that first, enrollees need to go and change their plan at <healthcare.gov>, and then inform their insurance company that they have changed plans.

To change plans for a new insurance start date by Jan. 1, 2015, changes should be made by Monday, Dec. 15.

For more information, go to <www.healthcare.gov/keep-or-change-plan>.

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Obituaries

Ruth Cook Benson

Ruth Cook Benson, age 73 of Se-
wanee, died on Nov. 28, 2014, at her
home. She was born in Louisville, Ky.,
to Elmer Caywood Cook and Martha
Watkins Cook. She was preceded in
death by her parents. She was a gradu-
ate of Vanderbilt University and taught
Latin for many years at St. Andrew's
School and St. Andrew's-Sewanee
School. She retired in 2004.

She is survived by her husband
of 50 years, Robert George Benson
of Sewanee; sons, Robert George
(Lisa) Benson Jr. of Lillian, Ala.,
and Andrew Cook (Amy) Benson
of Birmingham, Ala.; and two grand-
children.

The funeral mass was Dec. 2 at
Our Lourdes Catholic Church, with
burial in the University Cemetery in
Sewanee. Memorial contributions
may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church, P.O. Box 288, South
Pittsburg, TN 37380, or to Univer-
sity Catholic, 2004 Terrace Place,
Nashville, TN 37203, or to St. An-
drew's-Sewanee School, <sasweb.org>.
For complete obituary go to <www.
moorecortner.com>.

Carl Junior Caldwell

Carl Junior Caldwell, age 67 of Al-
tamont, died on Nov. 29, 2014, at his
home. He was born Aug. 8, 1947, in
Palmer, to Marcus Caldwell and Myra
Jeanetta Layman Caldwell Scroggins.
He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was
preceded in death by his parents; and
sister Treva Lois Bean.

He is survived by sisters Anita
(Tony) Campbell, Liz Ryder, Delta
(George) Burkowitz and Linda (Lar-
ry) Burnett; brothers, Ray (Joyce)
Caldwell and Larry (Lisa) Myers;
stepchildren Lorie and Wendy; and
several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Dec. 1
in the funeral home chapel with Dal
Barrett officiating. Interment followed
in Fall Creek Cemetery with military
honors provided by Sequatchie Valley
Honor Guard. For complete obituary
go to <www.laynefuneralhome.com>.

Charlie G. Curtis

Charlie G. Curtis, age 69 of Estill
Springs, died on Nov. 28, 2014, at Cen-
tennial Medical Center in Nashville.
A native of Sherwood, he was a 1964
graduate of Franklin County High
School. He was preceded in death by
his parents, Ella Mae Bradford Curtis
and Harvey Curtis; sisters Stella Payne
and Josephine Bailey; and brothers
Jackie, George and Henry Curtis.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley
Harper Curtis; children, Tommy (Sha-
ron) Curtis, James (Michelle) Curtis,
Karen (Fred) Shetters, James (Louise)
Curtis, Gary Brewer, Bradley Brewer

and Nicholas Brewer; sisters Mary
(Paul) Payne of Sherwood and Pris-
cilla Payne of Decherd; brother David
(Patsy) Curtis of Georgia; and 14
grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren
and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Dec.
2 at Decherd Mission Church with
Bro. Bill Morgan and Bro. Chuck
Wilkerson officiating. Interment fol-
lowed in Owens Chapel Cemetery.
For complete obituary go to <www.
watsonnorth.com>.

Danny Ray "Skinny" Kilgore

Danny Ray "Skinny" Kilgore, age
63 of Decherd, died on Nov. 25, 2014,
at his home. He was a retired coal
miner and had worked in the lawn
care business. He was born to Barney
Glenn Kilgore and Clara Elvia Marie
Caldwell Kilgore. He was preceded in
death by brothers J.B., Norman and
Joe Kilgore.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia
Ann Kilgore of Decherd; children,
Christopher Ray Kilgore, Melody
Kilgore, David Nathan Kilgore and
Rachel Miranda Kilgore, all of Whit-
well, Kimberly Odell Marie Kilgore
of Sequatchie, Elisa Dawn (John)
Frith of Estill Springs and Christopher
James Randall Caldwell of Decherd;
brothers George, John Ed and Phillip
Kilgore, all of Sequatchie Mountain;
sisters, Mary Jane Gilliam and Wilma
Clark, both of Sand Mountain, Ala.,
Iva Lee Saynes of Whitwell and Carol
Rhea of Athens, Tenn.; and 10 grand-
children and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Nov. 29
in the funeral home chapel with the
Rev. John Westerfield and others of-
ficiating. Burial was in Eastern Star
Cemetery in Sewanee. For complete
obituary go to <www.cumberland
funeralhome.net>.

Esther Pack Terry

Esther Pack Terry, age 94 of Her-
mitage, Tenn., died on Nov. 25. She
was born in Sherwood to the late Wil-
lie and Elizabeth (Morris) Jackson.
She was also preceded in death by her
husbands, Fred H. Pack and John C.
Terry; and son, Fred W. Pack.

She is survived by her daughters,
Phyllis (Wendell) Knight of Hermit-
age and Jean (Robb) Estes of Somer-
ville; stepdaughter, Christine Barggren
of Nashville; stepson, Fred (Shirley)
Terry of LaVergne; and 13 grandchil-
dren, 12 great-grandchildren and four
great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Nov. 29
at Sherwood Emmanuel Apostolic
Church conducted by Walter George
and Danny Hunt. Interment followed
at Mt. View Cemetery in Sherwood.
For complete obituary go to < www.
moorecortner.com>.

German Christmas Service and Party

This year's German Christmas
service will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday,
Dec. 10, in St. Augustine's Chapel.
The service offers traditional German
Christmas songs and readings and
is followed by the Weihnachtsfest
(a Christmas party) at the German
House with its popular flaming punch.

Guests and friends are welcome at
both events.

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Church News

All Saints' Chapel

Members of the Sewanee commu-
nity are invited to join in the Greening
of All Saints' Chapel today (Friday),
Dec. 5, in preparation for the 55th
annual Festival of Lessons & Carols,
Dec. 6-7.

Work begins at 9 a.m. Ken Taylor
of Taylor's Mercantile will direct the
day's activities.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community
Action Committee (CAC) is Sunday,
Dec. 7, for participating churches. Please
bring your food offerings to Sunday
services. The typical bag of groceries in-
cludes: rice, beans, pasta, macaroni and
cheese, peanut butter, and cans of veg-
etables, fruit, and soup. The cost for a
complete bag is less than \$15.

The CAC is an outreach ministry
of Otey Parish, with generous support
from the Sewanee Community Chest
and individuals across the Mountain.

For 40 years, the CAC has provided
food, financial assistance and educa-
tional support for persons in the greater
Sewanee community.

For more information contact the
CAC at 598-5927.

Clery Support Group

The Clergy Support Group will meet
at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 9, at St. James
Episcopal Church. This group meets
on the second Tuesday of each month.
For more information contact the Rev.
Linda Hutton at (931) 636-2377. All
clergy are welcome.

Otey Memorial Parish

To accomodate its annual Parish
Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7, Otey Parish
will have one service on Sunday, which
will begin at 11 a.m.

The Parish Meeting will begin at
9:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in Claiborne
Parish House. This is the opportunity
for parishioners to get updates on pro-
grams and happenings at Otey, as well
as vote for three vestry openings.

During the meeting, children ages
3-11 can attend Godly Play. Nursery
care is available for children 6 weeks old
to 4 years old from 8:30 a.m. until after
the 11 a.m. service.

St. James Episcopal

St. James is hosting Friday Family
Fun night, today (Friday) Dec. 5. The
fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a
dish to share and prepare to laugh and
enjoy fellowship with friends.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services

7:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's Convent (12/5, 12/9-12)
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
7:30 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (12/9-12)
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's Convent (12/5, 6)
8:10 am Morning Pr., Chapel of the Apostles (12/5, 12/8-12)
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's (12/5, 12/8-12)
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles (12/5, 8-10)
12:30 pm Noon Prayer, St. Mary's Convent (12/5, 12/9-12)
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's (12/5, 12/8-12)
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Pr., St. Mary's Convent (12/5, 12/9-12)
5:10 pm Evening Pr., Chapel of the Apostles (12/5, 12/8-10, 12)

Saturday, Dec. 6

7:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's Convent
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's Convent
10:00 am Monteagle 7th Day Adventist Sabbath School
11:00 am Monteagle 7th Day Adventist Worship Service
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle
5:00 pm Lessons and Carols, All Saints' Chapel
5:00 pm Mass, Good Shepherd Catholic, Decherd

Sunday, Dec. 7 • Pantry Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Lessons and Carols
8:00 pm Lessons and Carols

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10:00 am Morning Service
5:30 pm Evening Service

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:45 am Children's Sunday School
12:50 pm Christian Formation Class

Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

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

Christ Church Episcopal, Tracy City

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

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Cowan Fellowship Church

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

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:45 am Holy Eucharist

First United Methodist Church, Tracy City

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Bible study, prayer meeting

First United Methodist Church, Winchester

8:30 am Worship Service
9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Youth Activities

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 am Mass

Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Evening Worship Service

Midway Baptist Church

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

10:00 am Bible Study

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

10:30 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

10:00 am Godly Play

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

St. Agnes' Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8:00 am Mass

St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm Evensong

Sewanee Church of God

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Society of Friends

9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

Tracy City First Baptist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Morning Worship

5:30 pm Youth

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal, Winchester

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Children's Sunday School

Wednesday, Dec. 10

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle

5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle

5:30 pm Youth Fellowship, 1st United Methodist, Tracy

6:00 pm Evening Worship, Midway Baptist Church

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

6:30 pm Evening Prayer, Trinity Episcopal, Winchester

7:00 pm Evening Worship, Harrison Chapel, Midway

7:00 pm Adult Christian Ed, Epiphany, Sherwood

7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

7:00 pm German Christmas service, St. Augustine's

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Smith Rd. 8.12ac	1570390	\$90,000
5 ac Montvue Dr	1524863	\$59,000
Big Springs Rd. 5.83ac	1497419	\$70,000
Taylor Rd., Sew., 29ac	1470665	\$179,000
36 Azalea Ridge Rd.	1378840	\$34,000
First St., Monteagle	1325122	\$16,800
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Sarvisberry Place	1244981	\$85,000



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Sewanee. \$179,000

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Raven's Den	1015362	\$79,000

Sewanee Operation Noel Application

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

FAMILY NAME _____

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Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Operation Noel Information

Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) in conjunction with FROST (the department's Fund Raising Operational Support Team) organizes Operation Noel, which purchases and distributes food and toys for families in need. All items are delivered the morning of Dec. 23 by the SVFD and FROST. To make a donation of money, nonperishable food items or new toys, please take items to Fire Chief David Green's office, located in the Fire/EMS building or to Print Services in Van Ness Hall. For more information call 598-3400 and leave a message.

SUD (from page 1)

the amount could not be determined until the design was finalized.

University forestry professor Scott Torreano, the wetlands project construction manager, said he planned to have a design for SUD to review by mid December. Torreano anticipates the wetlands will be ready for planting by graduation.

The SUD board is seeking nominees to run for the office of SUD Marion County commissioner. SUD President Cliff Huffman's term will expire in January; Huffman is term-limited and cannot seek re-election. Nominees must be SUD customers and must reside in Marion County. Prospective nominees should contact the SUD office by calling 598-5611.

In December, the board will meet a week early, on Dec. 16.

Local Foods (from page 1)

regional economic consultants will work directly with the communities to develop local food projects they proposed.

Local Foods, Local Places is a federal initiative providing direct technical support and expertise to community partners integrating local food systems into regional economic action plans. Under this effort, a team of federal agricultural, transportation, environmental, public health and regional economic experts will work directly with communities to develop specific local food projects. These efforts will make a significant impact in the communities participating in the Local Foods, Local Places initiative.

Local Foods, Local Places is a unique partnership among the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the Delta Regional Authority (DRA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The initiative draws on the Administration's Partnership for Sustainable Communities, USDA's Seven Strategies for Economic Development, and other place-based strategies to address regional challenges.

Local Foods, Local Places will provide direct technical support to selected communities to help them develop and implement action plans promoting local food and downtown revitalization.

SES Meeting (from page 1)

Reavis noted that even as a teacher it is difficult to understand what political body is requiring what testing program.

Some of the tests are mandated by the local school district as part of reading and math programs, while other tests are state-mandated but co-opted by the federal government to determine allocation of funding and judge performance levels of schools, teachers and students, Tucker said.

"The pendulum has swung to excessive testing," said SES principal Mike Maxon. "There needs to be a balance." Certain programs that involve mandated testing also require additional interventions in specific areas, which can be detrimental because it draws students away from other core subjects and creative learning.

"With many of these kids the way to reach them is through art, through something that is the nontraditional classroom and [you can't reach them if] you're pulling them from that class," Tucker said.

Not only are students pulled away for interventions, but teachers are spread thin, as well. The need for education interventionists at SES was a popular sentiment for many in attendance.

"If this is the future of education with federal and state mandates, we're going to need reading specialists, math specialists, interventionists, not calling on the music teacher, the art teacher, the guidance counselor to be offering these interventions," Maxon noted. "You only have so many hours in the day."

Erin Cassell, vice president of the Sewanee Elementary PTO, has four children in school and said over-testing impacts their self-esteem. It "makes some of my children feel less than others," Cassell said. "That's an issue for me, because they're not less, they're just different and have different strengths and weaknesses. Their value as a student is tied to a number on a test, and that's not true."

Tucker said there is valuable data generated that can help students and teachers improve, but there is more to a person than a test score.

"I would hate to see a student reduced to a number, with that number representing their value as a student, as a person, or their ability to achieve, to perform, to have a career, to be happy, and it shouldn't come to that," he said.

Other topics at the forum included: Tucker briefly discussed the need for an increase in funding for schools from the Franklin County government. County Commissioner Helen Stapleton, who represents District 5, said she fully supports increasing funding. The county has not increased school funding for more than 10 years, and the school board does not have the authority to generate money through taxes or referendums. Tucker said Tennessee is one of only 11 states that does not allow school boards' funding control.

One parent said there was too much waste of food during the Thanksgiving lunch at Sewanee Elementary last week and suggested using the leftover food for compost and implementing a program similar to Project Green Fork in Memphis.

Tucker talked about the state's report card for Franklin County schools and said Sewanee Elementary outperforms the average school in Tennessee on the TCAP.

He also spoke about the search for a new director of schools. Current Director Rebecca Sharber is retiring this summer. The Tennessee School Board Association is conducting the search and had received 10 résumés prior to Thanksgiving. The school board will begin the interview process in late February or early March.

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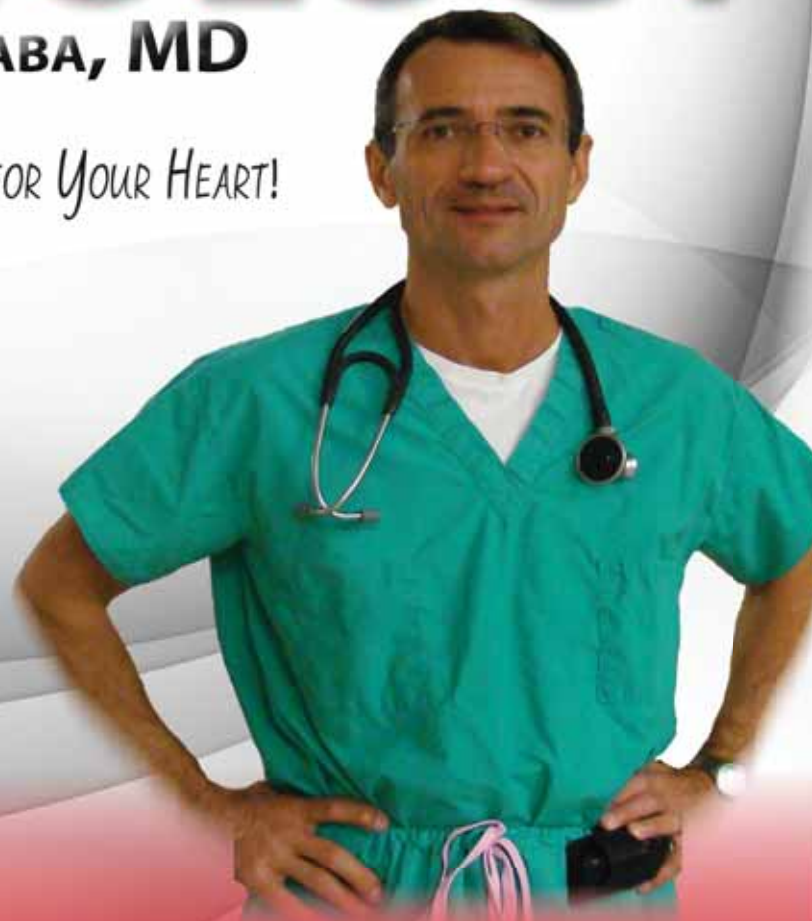
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Council Welcomes New Members

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The Sewanee Community Council welcomed four new council members at its Dec. 1 meeting. Police Chief Marie Eldridge updated the council on changes in ambulance service to the community which will take effect following the Christmas break.

Bill Barton (District 2) and Pixie Dozier (District 3) were selected to the council at the Nov. 4 election; and Vice-Chancellor John McCordell recently appointed two University students to serve as council representatives: BJ Heyboer (C'16) and Nathan Stewar (C'16). Community members David Coe (District 1), Theresa Shakelford (District 2), Annie Armour (District 3), Dennis Meeks (District 4) and Andrew Sampson (District 4) were re-elected to serve on the council for another term.

Eldridge announced plans to integrate Sewanee Emergency Medical Service (SEMS) and Franklin Emergency Medical Service (FEMS), a branch of Grundy Emergency Medical Service (GEMS). Until August 2014, SEMS responded to calls for an ambulance on campus, Eldridge said. FEMS responded to off-campus calls in the Sewanee area.

Staffed by University student volunteers trained as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), SEMS is equipped to offer Basic Life Service (BLS). FEMS offers Advanced Life Service (ALS), with a paramedic or physician on board and the equipment and pharmaceuticals available in an emergency room setting.

Recent changes in the law replaced the EMT license with an advanced EMT license requiring student volunteers to take 400 hours of coursework, 15 hours a week in addition to their academic studies, Eldridge said, twice as many hours as previously required for licensing. Concerns about the additional commitment students will be required to make, a desire to keep the students involved and "an obligation to offer the highest level of care" led to the decision to integrate SEMS into FEMS.

This fall the Sewanee Police Department paged both SEMS and FEMS when an ambulance was needed on campus. Following Christmas break, FEMS will respond to all calls in the Sewanee area. University students trained as EMTs will serve on the FEMS ambulance, "increasing the opportunities for student-patient contact," Eldridge said. Previously, students were paged from class. Under the new system students will sign up for blocks of time to be on call at the FEMS facility in the Mabel Ward building next to Southern Tennessee Medical Center/Emerald Hodgson Hospital.

Eldridge praised SEMS, citing the last audit which said SEMS "excelled in training and response." Likewise, GEMS received high marks, with the auditors calling GEMS "a leader in this region."

GEMS has two ALS ambulances docked in Coalmont and one ALS unit docked in Sewanee, along with a BLS unit, said GEMS owner Don Hutcheson. To date, GEMS has never needed to call for backup support from an outside ambulance service, Hutcheson said.

Council representative David Coe called attention to the recent posting of a 55 mph speed limit sign on the short section of Hwy. 156 from Hwy. 41A (at the gates of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School) to the point where Hwy. 156 intersects with Airport Road. The Mountain Goat Trail crosses the highway on this short spur. Coe said 55 mph seemed reasonable for the rest of Hwy. 156, but suggested reducing the speed limit to 35 mph for the spur. The Council agreed with the recommendation. Eldridge will bring the issue to the attention of the Franklin County Highway Department.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for Feb. 23.

Animal Harbor Moving to New Location

Animal Harbor has begun moving to its new shelter building, located at 56 Nor-Nan Rd. in Winchester. The shelter will officially open its doors on Friday, Dec. 12.

"We couldn't be more thrilled to be moving to this new building," said Gail Castle, executive director of the Franklin County Humane Society, which operates Animal Harbor. "We want to thank everyone who supported this effort. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our community members and animal welfare partners. The new facility will be a great place to proudly serve our residents and to care for animals in need in our county."

The primary moving day will be Saturday, Dec. 6. The group will need volunteers with vehicles on that day. People who are willing to help should call the shelter at 962-4472 or send an email to <animalharbor@gmail.com>. Loading will begin at 9 a.m., at the old shelter location at 25 Walnut Grove Rd. in Belvidere. Not all the animals can be loaded at the same time, so to avoid a long wait, it is best to call to get a time to arrive.

Earlier this week, 21 dogs and puppies were sent on a Rescue Waggin' transport, and several pets are in foster care. Because of this, and because of some recent cat adoptions, there are only 13 dogs, 14 cats and one rabbit that need to be transferred. In order to complete this operation, Animal Harbor will be closed to the public from Dec. 6 until Thursday, Dec. 11. The new facility will open with regular hours, noon-5 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 12.

The new building will have 23 healthy dog kennels and 10 healthy cat cages, three community cat rooms and a small animal room. In addition, there will be adoption areas, quarantine areas to safely house sick and injured animals, storage and office areas, outdoor dog runs and exercise yards and a screened outdoor porch for cats.

According to Castle, staff and volunteers are greatly anticipating the move into the new facility. "The new facility will have more usable space to house animals than the current shelter, and will provide a better environment to prevent and control disease," said Castle. "Our new facility will not only allow us to better house and care for the animals, but it will also be a much nicer place for us to assist the public and for community members to come, visit and adopt animals."

Animal Harbor, a limited-admission, no-kill shelter, opened in 2003 in Belvidere in a building that was formerly a hog auction barn. Construction on the new facility began in June 2014. Funding for the \$600,000 shelter has come from donors and supporters, and the group has raised \$515,000 of the needed total. Financing for the construction and remaining debt has been provided by Citizens Community Bank.

Animal Harbor plans to hold open house days this winter, and to host a grand opening celebration in the spring. For questions about the move or for more information, call 962-4472 or go to <www.animalharbor.com>.

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CAC Seeks Donations to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

The Community Action Committee will celebrate 40 years of meaningful service in the greater Sewanee community at a celebration luncheon at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14.

In honor of this occasion the CAC not only requests the presence of all community members to celebrate this special day, but also requests donations of 40 pounds of nonperishable items like peanut butter, tuna, canned soup, or even 40 pounds of dollars, quarters, dimes, or pennies!

Did you know that the CAC not only helps provide nutritious bags of groceries, but also provides community members with opportunities to grow their own vegetables through container gardens?

Did you know that the CAC received a grant to provide chicken coops to neighbors who will then share their eggs with other families?

Did you know that the CAC has a quilting group in Sherwood that provides both fellowship and vocational skills to the participants?

Did you know that the CAC provides groceries to an average of 375 individuals every month?

Every dollar and can of food helps to support these ministries, so please consider donating to the CAC and joining the celebration of 40 years of service on December 14!

The lunch and celebration will be in St. Mark's Hall in Claiborne Parish House, at Otey Memorial Parish. For more information call 598-5927.



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ANGELWITH AN ATTITUDE

by Virginia Craighill



Dear Angel,

First I saw Christmas decorations in Dollar General before Thanksgiving, and now I notice there are two big Christmas trees: one on campus and one downtown. Are we not overdoing things, considering it's only the first week in December?

Bah, Humbug!

Dear Bah,

You are not alone in noticing the Xmas Xcess. The Little Debbie Christmas Tree Snack Cakes display replaced the Halloween candy bins at the DG with no lag time, and even as turkey dinners were being digested, an army of Shelf Elfs transformed the Sewanee Inn overnight into a Christmas wonderland. On Saturday morning, Nov. 29, Santa Claus (or perhaps a white-bearded professor emeritus) was seen lurking in the lobby stealthily stalking Thanksgiving visitors to remind them that "Christmas is right around the corner." This was, of course, only when he wasn't tossing back eggnogs at the bar to keep his cheeks rosy and his eyes twinkling. It is particularly cruel, though not unusual, that December follows November so quickly and relentlessly, and no one is ever ready.

Today, Friday, Dec. 5, as you have noted, our little town of Sewanee will have not one but two Christmas tree lightings, in order to outdo Rockefeller Center. There were plans to turn the quad into an ice-skating rink, but that idea was scratched as not in keeping with the University's risk-averse policies. However, both Santa Claus and the Grinch will make an appearance at the Angel Park. Although we don't know which Sewanee resident will be playing the Grinch, it could be any number of dour, small-hearted University professors who are in no mood to be jolly during the last week of the semester. Those folks will soon be loading up their sleighs with hastily written student papers and illegible final exams, and for that matter, the students don't exactly have time to deck the halls or go wassailing if they expect to get out of the semester with passing grades. So, Christmas cheer might be a little premature this weekend for the locals.

Still, the lovely lights and festive greenery, along with the angelic sounds of the University choir wafting out of All Saints' during Lessons & Carols might start making dampened spirits bright ... until you discover that all the parking spaces have been taken by the out-of-town visitors. But remember, the Grinch's heart eventually grows three sizes, but it might not happen until after Dec. 17.

"Scrooge" with an Attitude

Dear Angel,

I spent the entire Thanksgiving holiday with my extended family watching football and eating, often simultaneously. How can I stop this from happening during the Christmas holidays?

Perpetually Pigged Out on Pigskin

Dear Miss Piggy:

Your relatives, and I will venture a politically incorrect guess that they are male, are descendants of the Romans, not of the brave gladiators, but of the toga-wearing guys eating nachos in the nosebleed

seats at the Coliseum. It is genetic, and you will be hard-pressed to change them. Here, though, are a few alternative activities for Christmas:

1) Get some heavies from your neighborhood to tie them up and throw them in the minivan, then take them to a performance of "The Nutcracker." Let them have their cell phones during the show, so they can look at scores. You have to wean football fans the same way you wean heroin addicts. Slowly. Very slowly.

2) Cut all the wires to the televisions and gather 'round the fireplace for a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations." Promise them they can chug a beer every time Pip's name is read.

3) Since the television is now defunct, suggest caroling. Hint that they might be able to catch a glimpse of the game through the windows of the houses where you're singing.

To be honest, none of that is going to work. You're just going to have to settle into a coma and watch 40 more hours, give or take, of football over Christmas and New Year's.

Here's how it's going to go: After every 3 to 4 minutes of violence and mayhem, referees will throw up a yellow flag, and you'll be treated to commercials illustrating attractive, laughing families having cerebral conversations around an elegantly decorated Christmas dinner table that have nothing to do with tight-ends or time-outs. You'll see a handsome mother and father and their two high-functioning children drive their brand new Lexus SUV through the snow to a 20-room log "cabin" where they will hang heirloom ornaments on a 25-foot fir tree the parents planted when they were first married. You'll witness a group of friends bringing bright gifts, delicious food and a fully decorated tree over to the elderly widowed shut-in's house to surprise her. You'll view so many hours of Kay Jewelers commercials of husbands or boyfriends surprising their delirious wives/girlfriends with diamond bracelets-necklaces-rings that you'll start singing, "Every Kiss begins with Kay" in your sleep.

Accept that these commercial fantasies will never happen to you.

Once resigned to real life, you might as well make the best of it. Feign interest and start asking annoying questions like, "How do you pronounce that guy's name?" and "Why does that football player have such long hair? Won't someone on the other team pull his dreadlocks?" "If you put that entire team on a gigantic scale, how much do you think they'd weigh?" "What do you think the coach is saying to him right now?" "What do you guess his major was in college?" As the cheerleaders used to yell (at least those who could spell), "B-E A-G-G-R-E-S-S-I-V-E!" Be aggressive. You will eventually wear them down, they'll turn off the game and you'll have your silent night.

Angel

Have a question of etiquette or ethics? Ask "Angel With An Attitude." Email <news@sewaneemessenger.com> Confidentiality promised.

Big A for Autism Sets Hike to Raise Money and Awareness of Disorder

A five-mile hike on Saturday, Dec. 13, is designed to raise awareness and support families of children with autism.

"If reports are true that one in 68 kids are diagnosed with autism, then the likelihood is high that everyone knows someone affected by it," said Aaron Welch, owner of Big A Designs & Printing in Sewanee. Welch has formed a new organization, Big A for Autism, to support families and businesses affected by autism.

He is also working with Blessings Unleashed, a nonprofit organization that provides guide dogs for people with autism.

"Blessings Unleashed is a company that rescues dogs that are then trained by prison inmates to become service

dogs to autistic people," he said. "They needed my services to promote and build their business. I figured that I could give them significant discounts and help them raise funds. When they hand out brochures about its collaboration with us to its network, those people may bring their printing and design needs to us. Eight percent of those proceeds return to Blessings Unleashed."

The Dec. 13 hike will begin at 9 a.m. at the Sewanee Market and go through Sewanee and on the Perimeter Trail and the Mountain Goat Trail.

"My business livelihood centers around communicating ideas in print; my personal livelihood is enriched on the trails," he said. "On the spectrum of those victim to autism, some are

high-functioning, others can barely talk or walk. We want to help these families to see that they're not alone, that their well-being matters. And what better way to find perspective, healing, community and hope than in a forest?"

Big A for Autism has a goal of raising \$5,000 to give to Blessings Unleashed and the local chapter of TACA (Talk About Curing Autism). Welch is seeking donations of healthy snacks and water for hikers.

Big A for Autism is not a legally nonprofit organization yet. Until then, donations can be made to Big A Designs & Printing (memo Big A for Autism); P.O. Box 214, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information contact Welch at (931) 463-3055 or email <aaron@bigadesigns.com>.

Discover what's happening at www.TheMountainNow.com.

Community Chest Spotlight: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

The 2014-15 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is underway. The power of people helping people makes a difference in the life of the community. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal is \$101,000. To date, 58 percent of the goal has been reached.

For the next few weeks, the Sewanee Mountain Messenger will focus on some of the organizations supported by the Community Chest. This week we shine the spotlight on the local Scouting groups.

The Sewanee Civic Association is the sponsoring organization of Cub Scout Pack 152. The purpose of the pack is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law. Cub Scout Pack 152 uses yearly funds from the Community Chest to provide a high-quality scouting program. Funds are used to buy awards, finance the annual Pinewood Derby, and hold the Blue and Gold Banquet. In addition to money received from the Community Chest, the Cub Scouts receive money from popcorn sales and den dues. The Cub Scouts are requesting \$800, which is half of the Pack's income.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is the chartering organization of Boy Scout Troop 14. The mission of the Boy Scout Troop is to provide leadership training, outdoor recreation opportunities and skill development for boys in the com-

munity. The Troop is requesting funds to replace worn-out camping equipment, and to help underwrite travel and canoe rental costs for the outing trip in the spring. The troop receives additional funds through annual dues and fund-raising events. The Boys Scouts have requested \$300, all of which is used for their annual outing trip.

Girl Scout Troop 2107 builds girls of courage, confidence and character. They are requesting funds from the Community Chest to buy supplies, badges and take field trips. The troop receives money from cookie sales and troop dues. They are requesting \$200, which is 10 percent of the Troop's income.

Girl Scout Troop 621 helps girls to build confidence and courage and believe in themselves by doing. They are requesting funds from the Community Chest to help buy camping equipment and craft materials. The troop receives money from cookie sales and troop dues. They are requesting \$200, which is 10 percent of the Troop's income.

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, or to make a donation through PayPal, contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewanee.org>.

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Grant Awarded to Animal Harbor

The Franklin County Humane Society, which operates Animal Harbor, has received a \$5,000 grant from the Patricia & Edward J. McGavock Humane Treatment of Animals Fund, part of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. The grant is to provide spay and neuter surgeries to maintain 100% alteration of all shelter pets before adoption.

The Community Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the 40 Middle Tennessee counties it serves, awarded more than \$1.65 million in grants to 265 nonprofit organizations as part of the foundation's annual discretionary grant-making process.

Animal Harbor is a limited-admission animal shelter facility serving Franklin County.

"We continuously work to reduce the supply of homeless pets," said Patricia Thompson, president of the Franklin County Humane Society, "and we are grateful to the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and to the McGavock Fund for supporting this important work."

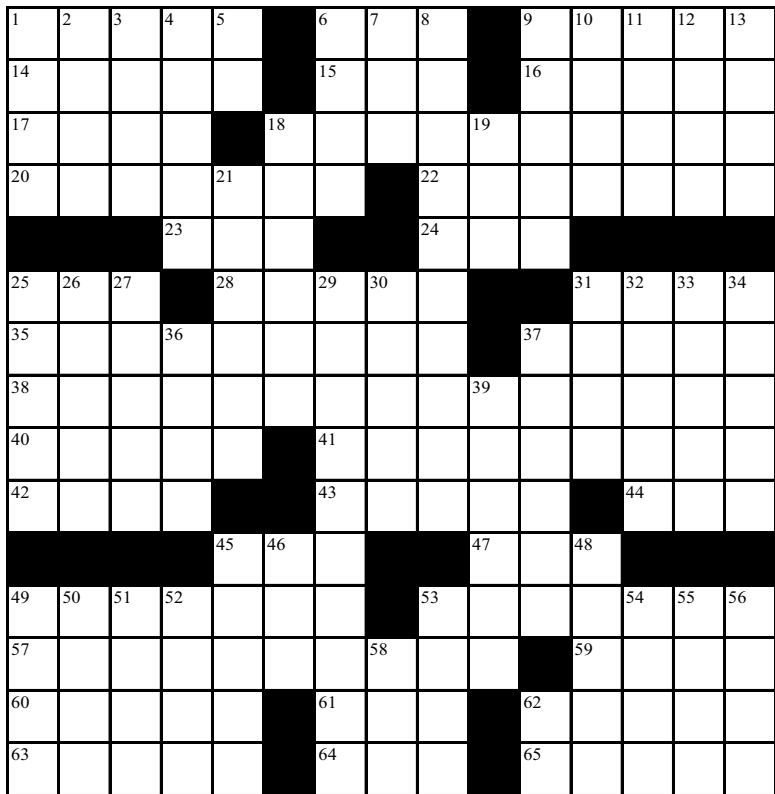
The Community Foundation awards discretionary grants annually from its unrestricted and field-of-interest funds through an open application process to Middle Tennessee nonprofit organizations addressing community needs and benefiting the well-being of citizens through valuable programs and innovative services. More information on the grant process is at <cfmt.org/request/grants>.

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee oversees more than 1,050 charitable funds, providing customized philanthropic solutions with flexibility for donors, nonprofit organizations and the community. In the past 23 years, The Community Foundation has distributed more than \$715 million to community programs and institutions.

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Holiday Crossword Puzzle

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1. Nike rival
6. Honest ____
9. Revises ____
14. Some babysitters
15. Bud
16. Virtuous
17. "Jabberwocky" starter
18. Spontaneous opening at maturity of a plant structure
20. They're left behind
22. Run
23. Instant
24. Café alternative
25. WW II arena
28. Dusk to dawn
31. Home to the third Marine Aircraft Wing
35. Johnson & Daal and Guidry & John
37. Sicilia, per esempio
38. Pre-holiday?
40. Others, in Madrid
41. Places for preparing food
42. "Say ____"
43. "All I Ever Need ____" (Sonny & Cher hit)
44. Low island
45. ____ Cruces, N.M.
47. Everyone
49. Done with
53. Took in, perhaps
57. Furry rodent
59. Vintners' valley
60. Viper
61. 1990s Indian P.M.
62. "Cagney and Lacey" actor, Harvey ____
63. Academy freshman
64. Everyday article
65. Fraternity or Sorority

DOWN

1. Deal starter
2. Maxims
3. ____ the finish
4. Barcelona abodes
5. Gilligans' boat, "____ Minnow"
6. Goons
7. "____ Humbug!"
8. "The Waste Land" by ____; "The Flaming Terrapin" by Campbell, ____
9. Host
10. Go-getter
11. Soap opera creator Phillips

12. Diplomacy
13. Cunning, in Britain
18. Get off the fence
19. Geom. solid
21. Six wks., eight mos., ____
25. Macaroni shape
26. Choppers
27. Supply, in Paris
29. Gift for Antonio
30. Yuletide sounds
31. Chess Champ.
32. "Luann" or "Blondie"
33. Hawaiian salt
34. Fresh
36. Means ____ end
37. Tristram's love
39. Australian internet retailer
45. Profit
46. Kabul coin: Abbr.
48. Slowly, on a score
49. Tenn. schoolchildren's test
50. Dalai Lama, acronym
51. Take the bus
52. First-floor apartment
53. Skin soother
54. Japanese pottery
55. Prot. denomination
56. Hamlet, e.g.
58. "Well, ____ di-dah!"
62. "Indeed!"

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South Cumberland Community Fund Offers Holiday Giving Cards

For the second year, the South Cumberland Community Fund is offering holiday cards for purchase at many area businesses. For a \$10 donation, the donor will receive a Lighting Up Lives card that reads: "A gift to the Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau has been made in your honor." The donor then signs the card and sends it as a gift to the honoree.

"This is truly a way to give the gift of community," said Bonnie McCardell, the Lighting Up Lives project chair. "A donation to the Community Fund is a simple way to remember people during this season while investing in those who live on the Cumberland Plateau."

Lighting Up Lives cards will be available for purchase at businesses across the Plateau. The Community Fund wishes to thank these partners for making this project possible. Look for cards at the Blue Chair Café and Tavern, Citizens State Banks, Citizens Tri-County Banks, Dutch Maid Bakery, the Grundy County Courthouse-Register of Deeds Office, the Grundy Heritage Center, Hallelujah Pottery, Julia's Fine Foods, Monteagle Inn, Mooney's Market, Mountain Goat Market, the Sewanee Inn and Taylor's Mercantile.

"We are pleased with the many donors who give to the Community Fund," said Community Fund chairman Scott Parrish. "And we believe that even though \$10 is a small amount, when you use it to purchase a card, it makes



Swiss Elementary students work in the school garden funded in part by the South Cumberland Community Fund. Photo by Belinda Morgan

a big statement about our community and how we care for each other."

The South Cumberland Community Fund has provided nearly \$300,000 in grant dollars since 2012 to projects across the Plateau, ranging from garden projects to walking tracks.

For more information go to <southcumberlandcommunityfund.org>. Cards can also be ordered by sending an email to <holidaycards@southcumberlandcommunityfund.org>.

Senior Center News

Volunteers Needed at Center

Volunteers are needed to help prepare lunch and do dishes on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Call 598-0771 and leave a message if you can help.

Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon on weekdays. The suggested donation is \$3 (50 or older) or \$5 (under 50). Please call by 9 a.m. to order lunch.

If you make a reservation for lunch but do not come eat, please be prepared to pay for your meal. Menus may vary.

Dec. 8: White beans, sausage, slaw, cornbread, dessert.

Dec. 9: Chicken pot pie, salad, dessert.

Dec. 10: Cheeseburger, french fries, dessert.

Dec. 11: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes, cornbread, dessert.

Dec. 12: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert.

Daily Activity Schedule

The Senior Center has something fun to do each day of the week. Join them for any of these activities:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m., there is chair exercise.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the group plays bingo with prizes.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m., the writing group gathers.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., there is chair exercise.

Fridays at 10 a.m. is game day.

Participation at the Center

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members.

The center is located at 5 Ball Park Rd., behind the Sewanee Market. To reserve a meal or for more information, call 598-0771.

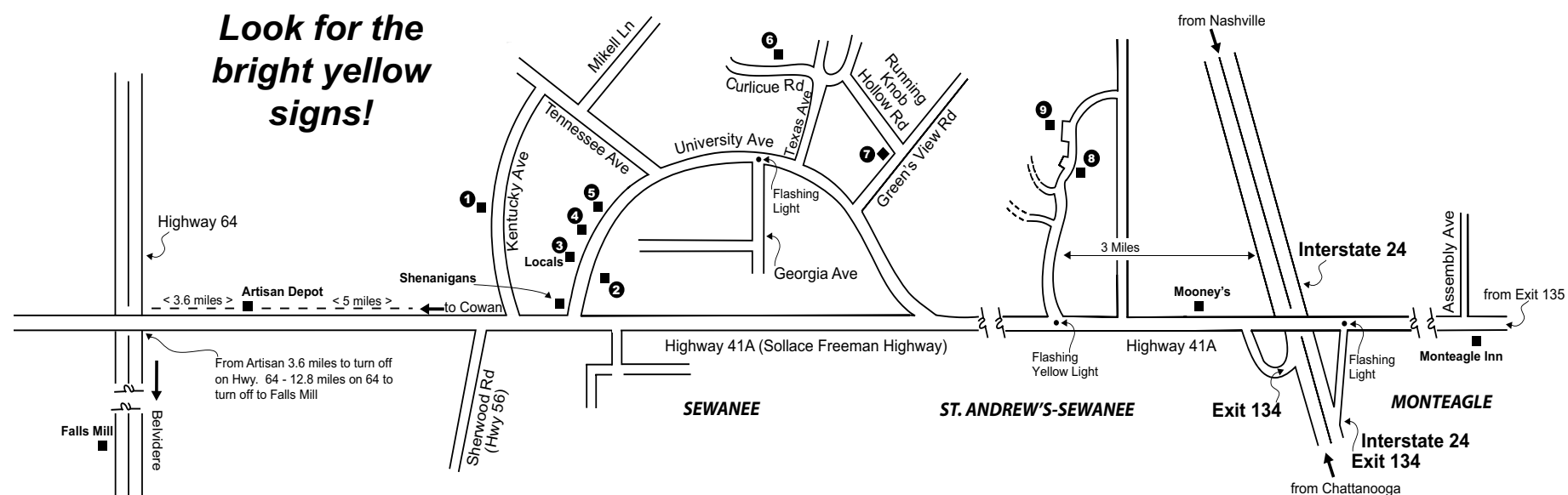


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As part of reading the story, "Dear Juno," Sewanee Elementary School second-graders studied letter writing. They wrote a friendly letter to a person of their choice. To conclude their study, the students, including Austin Cash (above) visited the Sewanee post office to mail their letters.



The second- and third-grade students at Sewanee Elementary recently performed the musical "United We Stand" for students, faculty and families. The program included several patriotic songs. The national anthem was led by staff member Misty McGee, and the production was directed by SES music teacher Teresa Brown. In this scene are (back row, from left) Samantha Eklund, Ivy Moser, Zachary Anderson and Autumn Milford, and (kneeling) Austin Elliott and Julia Sumpter.

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WED: Taco, cheese cup, turkey chef salad, pinto beans, fries, salsa, lettuce and tomato cup, fresh fruit, dried cranberries, tortilla chips.

THU: Chicken fajita, ham chef salad, roasted vegetables, buttered corn, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, canned pineapple, tortilla shell.

FRI: Pizza, mozzarella cheese sticks, marinara sauce, garden salad, potato wedges, frozen fruit cup, canned pears, cookie.

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Holiday Parades & Events

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A number of area businesses in neighboring communities are rolling out the holiday red carpet, starting today, for Christmas shopping and festivities.

In Monteagle on Friday, Dec. 5, Monteagle-Sewanee Realtors' open house is 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; Monteagle Florist, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; Citizens State Bank and Citizens Tri-County Bank, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. (both banks will have local arts and crafts vendors); New Wave Tan and Salon, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.; Serenity Salon, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.; Soothing Souls Salon and Day Spa, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; Monteagle Inn and Retreat Center, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.; Depot Diner, 8 a.m.–10 a.m.; Eagle's Landing, 8 a.m.–11 a.m.

On Monday, Dec. 8, Monteagle City Hall will host arts and crafts vendors and small business exhibits, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

In Tracy City, Dutch Maid Bakery offers hospitality 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Friday–Sunday, Dec. 5–7. For more information call (931) 924-5353 or email <mmtchamber@blomand.net>.

Cowan Christmas Parade & Market

Monterey Station is the site for this year's Cowan Christmas Market, from 4–9 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 5, and 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. There will be vendors selling art, jewelry, crocheted items, doll clothes, pottery, mosaics, wreaths, cosmetics, ornaments, purses and much more. There will also be food vendors selling chili, soup, hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, pizza and drinks.

Santa will arrive at Monterey Station at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 5, for photographs and conversation with children. Face painting, live music and other entertainment are also part of the fun both Friday and Saturday.

The Cowan Christmas parade will line up at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at Cookie's Corner and proceed back through town, concluding at the Cowan Elementary School. Singer-songwriter Bo Bice is this year's parade marshal and will be available for conversation and autographs before and after the parade. This year's theme is "Celebrate Christmas." Refreshments will be available after the parade, and Santa will visit, but you will need to bring your own camera.

Monteagle Christmas Parade of Lights

The 2014 Christmas Parade of Lights in Monteagle will be at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6. This year's theme is "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." This event is co-sponsored by the Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Monteagle. Registration will be at 4 p.m., between the Smoke House and the Piggly Wiggly. Lineup and judging for the parade will take place behind the Smoke House.

The parade will end at Monteagle City Hall. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be in Harton Park after the parade for hot chocolate and cookies. For more information contact the Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce at (931) 924-5353 or by email, <mmtchamber@blomand.net>.



Blue Monarch Angel Tree

The Blue Chair and the School of Theology have partnered together to create an unforgettable Christmas for the women and children of Blue Monarch by organizing an Angel Tree. The tree (pictured above) is located in the Blue Chair Bakery and will be up until Dec. 18. Wrapped, new items must be returned to the Blue Chair by Friday, Dec. 19.

"It's always very moving to see the tremendous support we get from the community during Christmas," says Susan Binkley, founder and director. "Christmas at Blue Monarch is sometimes the first one that is filled with joy for many of our families. It's just too bad the kind folks who provide such a memorable Christmas are not able to see it firsthand."

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THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis

Every good critic needs a good rating system, and stars are so overused. There's nothing on the planet more critical than cats, so one or more movies each week is rated from one to five Tobys. The more Tobys it has, the better it is.



Sir Toby

If I Stay

7:30 p.m., Friday–Sunday, Dec. 5–7
2014 • Rated PG-13 • 107 minutes

What would happen if your entire existence changed in an instant, but you had the chance to change it back again? Would you? Teen actress Chloë Grace Moretz, who first made us sit up and notice during her super-charged and controversial performance as Hit-Girl in “Kick-Ass,” plays Mia Hall, a young girl who has a future at Juilliard competing with her dreams of staying with her boyfriend, Adam. When a car accident leaves her in a coma, we begin to experience her “outside” of herself as she begins to see how deeply the people in her life care for her, yet she feels inexplicably drawn to the afterlife. While critics panned the film at large, calling it “mushy” and “superficial,” audiences had a much stronger reaction to the storyline, connecting with its moments of genuine sincerity as the viewer gets a unique view on the grieving process. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and some sexual material.

21 Years: Richard Linklater

Special FREE Monday Show with director Michael Dunaway
7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8
2014 • Unrated • 78 minutes

This documentary examines the first 21 years of the man who has come to be known lovingly as “the godfather of indie,” director Richard Linklater, whose latest film, “Boyhood,” “is being shown later in the week (keep reading for the synopsis). Michael Dunaway, director of this documentary and a Sewanee alumnus, will be present for a Q&A after the showing! Linklater has explored a variety of genres over the years, adding his own unique fingerprint to each. In romance, he created the wildly successful “Before Sunrise-Sunset-Midnight” trilogy of films. His early films “Slackers” and “Dazed and Confused” continue to be cult favorites. He turned the true story of a wholly sympathetic murderer into the sleeper hit “Bernie,” and has plumbed the depths of sci-fi, as well as animation in “A Scanner Darkly.” Keanu Reeves, Jack Black, Ethan Hawke and others weigh in on the impression Linklater has left on them, and how he has influenced moviemakers that have come after him. Unrated, but for mature audiences.

Paprika

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9
2006 • Rated R, 90 minutes

In this Japanese animated film, therapists can enter patient's dreams to treat mental disorders with the use of a machine. The lead researcher on this form of psychotherapy is Atsuko Chiba, whose alter ego, Paprika, enters into her patient's dream world during treatment sessions. Paprika, with the help of a detective and a scientist, takes a wild journey into the subconscious to help contain the havoc wreaked when the dream machine is stolen. Director Satoshi Kon, who died in 2010 at the young age of 46, is known for his psychological thrillers in the anime genre. “Paprika” is a bombardment to the senses, with fascinating and disturbing montages unfolding in a kaleidoscope of color and light. Rated R for violent and sexual images, this is definitely not one for the children, however it is incredible eye and mind candy for adult viewership.



A Christmas Story

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10
1983, Rated PG, 94 minutes

“You’ll shoot yer eye out!” No holiday season is complete without experiencing the trials and tribulations of the holiday with little Ralphie and his neurotic family in the 1940s. This refreshingly irreverent comedy has become a holiday tradition for many, becoming endlessly quotable and generating a whole slew of merchandise, including the infamous leg lamp. The late New Orleans director Bob Clark explained in interviews that the inspiration for the film was based off the chaos of the holidays created by his own family growing up. Rated PG for some rude humor, it reminds us that sometimes, if we are persistent enough, our Christmas dreams can come true.

Boyhood

7:30 p.m., Thursday–Sunday, Dec. 11–14
2014 • Rated R • 165 minutes

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

The party doesn't stop here! Look for more reviews and fun at <theinsatiablenecritic.blogspot.com> or follow me on Twitter @TheInsatiCritic.

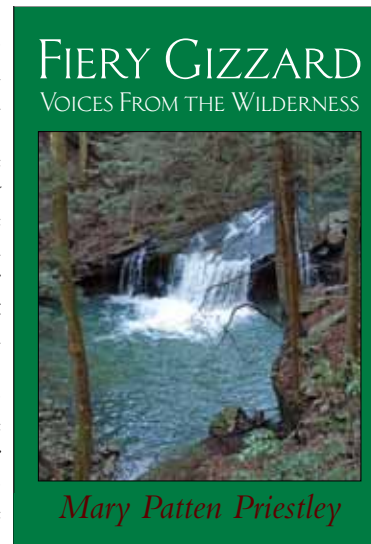
Priestley Publishes New Book About Fiery Gizzard

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

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

“It is not easy to convey a sense of place through one's writing. Mary has this gift, and through her narrative and marvelous illustrations, the Gizzard comes alive,” said Jon Evans, director of the Herbarium and assistant provost for environmental stewardship and sustainability at the University.

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



Michael Dunaway

Alumnus & Director at SUT Monday

Director Michael Dunaway, C'91, will be in Sewanee on Monday, Dec. 8, for the screening of his new documentary film, “21 Years: Richard Linklater.”

Dunaway is editor of the film section of Paste Magazine (2013 Gamma Winner for Best Online Magazine), and founding partner of Gasoline Films.

“21 Years” stars Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy, Zac Efron, and many others talking about their experiences with, and the influences of director Richard Linklater. The movie was selected as a New York Times Critics Pick.

He was also the producer and director of “The Man Who Ate New Orleans,” with Oscar-nominee Morgan Spurlock, Emmy-winner Natalia Livingston, and James Beard winners John Currence and John Besh. Previously he was a producer and director on several shorter projects, including serving as segment director on Frank Kelly's groundbreaking film “140,” which won the Bronze Palm at the Mexico International Film Festival. His short film “Bread” won Best US Narrative short at the 2011 Rome International Film Festival, where it premiered.

He was an associate producer on 2011 Independent Spirit Award nominee “An African Election.”

Chorale Performs Holiday Music Dec. 14

The Sewanee Chorale will perform its Christmas concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, in All Saints' Chapel. The concert will feature the music of John Rutter, one of the most prolific 20th-century Christmas composers. The concert will be under the direction of Gary Sturgis, his fifth year as conductor for the Sewanee Chorale.

The chorale will begin its 50th year on the Mountain next year. It welcomes singers to join from all over the area.

Kathy Sturgis joins the chorale as piano accompanist. Also performing will be Jane Hawkins of Ft. Lauderdale, FL., on the bowed psaltery.

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

Outdoor Ice Skating in Chattanooga

Chattanooga will be getting a riverfront ice skating rink for the first time this winter. Located under the open sky of the waterfront setting of Ross's Landing, people of all ages will now be able to experience a classic winter tradition—outdoor ice skating—as a new seasonal festivity in Chattanooga.

The 50-foot by 70-foot rink opened Nov. 28 and will remain in place until Jan. 4.

Skates will be available for rent (\$10 for adults; \$8 for children); individuals may bring their own skates. The rink is located at Ross's Landing across from the Chattanooga Pier, 100 Riverfront Pkwy.

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18th Annual Holiday Studio Tour of Artists

Tennessee Craft-Southeast invites the public to the 18th annual Holiday Studio Tour on the Mountain. The tour will be 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, and 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. Tennessee Craft-Southeast is the regional branch of Tennessee Craft, the statewide organization that supports and promotes all handmade crafts in Tennessee. At its inception, the local studio tour ranged from Chattanooga to Tullahoma, but gradually, the tour focused on the Sewanee and Monteagle area because of the concentration of artists and exhibition spaces here on the Mountain.

Thirty local and regional artists will show their work, ranging from textiles, sculpture, jewelry, pottery and glass to paintings, cast bronze, metal work and woodwork. Sewanee artists who will open their studios to the public during the tour include Bob Askew, Claire Reishman, Archie Stapleton and Merissa Tobler. Other Sewanee locations displaying work are the Potter home, the American Legion Hall, Locals Gallery, and the Spencer Room at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. Light refreshments will be available at most locations. Additionally, there is a group exhibition of all artists' work in the St. Andrew's-Sewanee Art Gallery, located in the center of the Simmonds Building at SAS. Most sites host several different artists showing their work, while the SAS Art Gallery presents an exhibition from all members of the group, in addition to SAS faculty and students. Most works featured in the Studio Tour are for sale at the SAS Gallery.

There are six sponsors for the Holiday Studio Tour this year, all of whom have supported the tour in the past. The Monteagle Inn, Mooney's, Shenanigans and Locals are joined by Falls Mill in Belvidere and the Artisan Depot in Cowan in sponsoring this year's event. Bright yellow signs mark the tour route, and maps are available at all locations on the tour, as well as at all sponsors' locations and on the Tennessee Craft-Southeast website at <tennesseecraft.org/members/chapters/southeast>.



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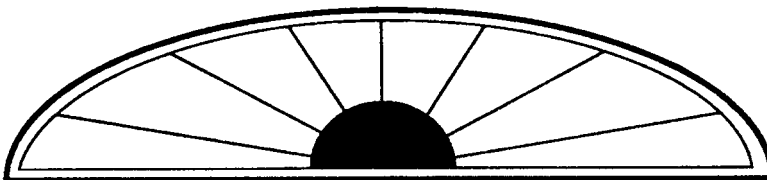
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by John Bordley



Lessons & Carols 2014

When I was in college, I took a philosophy of religion course. On the first day of class, the professor said that on one day during the semester he was going to state a false premise and then develop that idea for the rest of the class. Did he ever follow through and carry out that promise? I don't think so, but then I was never really sure!

This weekend is the time for the three Lessons & Carols services. Before I started playing in 2001 and since I have been playing, the tradition has been to play the carillon before and after each of the services. With a long line starting by 2:30 p.m. on Sunday and the doors not opening until 4 p.m., my predecessors and I played for over 90 minutes to a captive audience. What to do for the Saturday service was not quite so clear, as the people gathered in various buildings and, starting at 4 p.m., the groups were escorted to the chapel one by one. No group was outside more than five minutes.

This "gather and then walk in groups" procedure was extended last year to all three of the services. There are no longer any lines of people waiting outside, no people to hear a variety of Advent pieces. The question then is: What music do you play for groups of people who are only outside, and probably not even listening to the carillon, for five minutes or less?

Ray Gotko is planning a 30-minute program when he plays before and after the Saturday service. Charlene Williamson is planning a 30-minute program before the 5 p.m. Sunday service. I am playing Sunday after the 5 p.m. service and before and after the 8 p.m. service. I am considering just playing one, five-minute piece over and over again. Each new group, as the people head toward the chapel, would hear the same piece!

The question becomes: Will I follow through and carry out that promise? Will anybody notice or know for sure?

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Emory Gives Sewanee Women Their First Loss

Regional-rival Emory University handed the Sewanee women's basketball team its first defeat of the season on Dec. 2, as the host Eagles topped the Tigers, 68-45, inside the Woodruff P.E. Center in Atlanta.

Sewanee is now 4-1 this season, while the Eagles improved to 4-2.

Neither team started off well. Kennede Miller made the first shot of the game for Emory at the 16:44 mark. Sewanee would finally get on the scoreboard two minutes later, as Kayla Sewell's three sparked an 8-0 Tiger run. During the stretch, freshman Rebekah Faulkner and Sewell paced Sewanee. Unfortunately, Emory responded back when Khadijah Sayyid's three-point play opened a 17-3 run by the Eagles. Eventually, Emory would take a 13-point lead, 31-18, into halftime.

The Eagles would then add to their advantage out of the locker room. Layups by Sayyid and Miller made the score 35-21 in favor of Emory with 18:21 to play.

Two threes by Savannah Rose and another by Haley Lyerly cut the Sewanee deficit to 16, 44-28, four minutes later. With 10:10 remaining, Faulkner would pull the Tigers to within 18, 51-33, after Emory scored seven straight points.

The Eagles would then add another 7-0 run to stretch their lead to 25. The score would remain around that margin for the final six minutes.

Overall, the Tigers made only 31.2 percent of their shots. Sewanee also finished with a season-high 27 turnovers. Dec. 2 also marked the first time Sewanee has not scored at least 60 points. Individually, Rose led the Tigers with 12 points, while Sewell pitched in 10 rebounds. Sewanee continues its December road trip with a 2 p.m. contest at Hollins on Dec. 6.



SAS wrestler Michael Schaerer, left, maintains control of his opponent from Boyd-Buchanan on Dec. 2 at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. The match was a nail-biter, and Schaerer lost in overtime. Photo by St. Andrew's-Sewanee School

FCCHS Names New Football Coach

Scott Smith has been named the new head football coach for Franklin County High School.

Smith graduated from David Lipscomb University in Nashville with a bachelor's degree in American studies. He completed a master's degree in education curriculum at Tennessee State University.

Smith began coaching football in 1989 and has coached consistently since that time. He has held the head coaching position in six high schools. His first head coaching position was at Greenbrier High School in Greenbrier, Tenn., where his teams made two straight TSSAA football playoff appearances, and four new school records were established.

His next head coaching job was at Ezell-Harding in Antioch, Tenn., where his team won the TSSAA single A state championship in 2001. Many records were broken in the Blue Cross Bowl that year, and the national high school record for the most touchdown passes in one game was tied.

In addition, in 2001 and 2002 his teams won the Region 5-1A championship with undefeated regular seasons. He was also named the Region 5-1A Coach of the Year for both of those seasons.

From Ezell-Harding, Smith moved to Independence High School to begin their football program. In his third year there, Independence finished with a winning record and participated in a playoff game.

Next, Smith coached at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Tenn., where his team made the first round of TSSAA state playoffs in 2008. In 2010, he became the head coach of Moore County High School. At Moore County, he was once again a very successful coach. His 2012 team was 10-0 during the regular season and became the Region 9-1A champions.

He was named the Region 9-A Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2012. He is coming to Franklin County from Warren County, where he was the head coach this past season.

Smith has also successfully coached both softball and soccer. In addition, he has written several books about coaching, lectured about coaching and developed a website about football.

"Scott Smith's accomplishments are extensive," said FCCHS principal Greg Mantooth. "He has the knowledge, background and experience that will fit well with our athletes at Franklin County High School. We believe his coaching will infuse excitement and expertise in our football program."

Smith will begin as head football coach and teacher at Franklin County High School on Jan. 5.

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SAS guard James Pitts (left) looks for an opening in the Dec. 2 loss to Altamont.
Photo by Paul Klekotta

North outpaces SAS in Altamont

St. Andrew's-Sewanee's middle school boys' basketball team fell to North Elementary on Dec. 2 in Altamont, 48-18. Nathaniel Myers, at 6 feet 3 inches, led the North team with 18 points, and was helped by the smooth play of point guard Tyler Patrick, who added 17 points. For SAS, James Pitts successfully drove around the taller North squad for seven points and was assisted by Isaac Smith with five, while Larson Heitzenrater, Nathan King and Brock Peterson chipped in two points each.



St. Andrew's-Sewanee's Kate Butler (right) goes for the block against a North Elementary School player in the Dec. 2 middle school girls' game in Altamont. North Elementary won, 30-13. Photo by Paul Klekotta



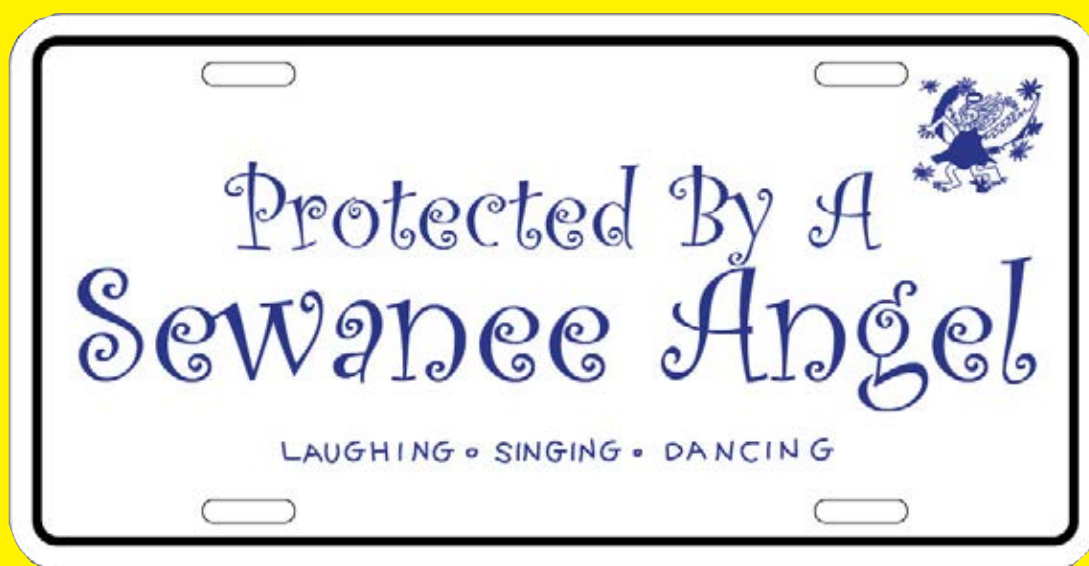
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Every time SAS student Isabelle Sutherland leaves the Mountain for her home in Michigan she is asked, "Where do you go to school?" She often responds, "The middle of nowhere."

It is difficult to explain St. Andrew's-Sewanee School to those who don't instantly recognize this hidden Tennessee gem, and Isabelle habitually finds herself resorting to a story to express the school's unique charm. These anecdotes describe campus-wide events, classroom experiences, and personal interactions with students and faculty. It seems that only through descriptive imagery and first-hand accounts can one truly explain the individual nature of an SAS experience.

In October veteran English teacher Claire Reishman returned home to Virginia to attend her mother's funeral. Her Writing Workshop class gathered to compose and compile notes of personal gratitude in hopes of easing her grief. The students felt the need to give back to their mentor in the same way Claire gives to them, every class and every meeting. Her loyal group of 14 eclectic high school juniors and seniors collaborated to compose a book of poems, notes and creative letters that she could read upon her return.

The following week, when Claire received the book from the students, she paused for a moment. She then said to her class, with tears in her eyes, "You guys... you wrote!" The class may have written weekly assignments for Mrs. Reishman, but they wanted to say more: "We are more than a class, and you are more than our teacher. We are all family."

When Margaret Wilson of Sewanee (with her mother, Elizabeth, and her older sister, Helen) took a trip around the world, Margaret received immense support from her teachers at SAS, who helped her plan her online courses, her schedule for the following year and made sure that she would have access to all the materials that she would need to complete her schoolwork. Margaret found that while she would be away from the school for an entire year, she was given extraordinary assistance and encouragement from SAS without hesitation. Although it can be incredibly difficult to live on a different continent while attempting to be a successful student, Margaret felt it would not have been possible without the patience and aid she received from the faculty at SAS.

Vanessa Moss first heard of SAS from a brochure mailed to her by her grandmother Sarah Carlos, another longtime St. Andrew's-Sewanee teaching legend. At the time the school seemed like a dream far out of Vanessa's reach. When she felt dissatisfaction at her much larger and

less personal school back home, she often resorted to visiting the SAS website and considering the opportunities that seemed impossible. After two years on the Mountain, she now insists that real life exceeds her expectations. The theater program has been welcoming, instructional and rewarding. What she found in Sewanee was not something hidden in the smiles of the photographs she yearned for two years ago. She found herself.

Isabelle is from Michigan, Margaret traveled the world, and Vanessa came at the invitation of her grandmother, but what students find at SAS is more than just variety. The school is a homespun quilt constantly being reweaved by the small but diverse student body and everybody gets to bring their own yarn. Students come from all over the United States, and indeed, from across the globe. This school that some might think is in the middle of nowhere actually attracts teenagers from Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Within weeks of each school year, they somehow become a family. There is also variety in classes, afternoon programs and athletic teams.

Almost every student at SAS is involved in more than one or two afternoon programs. Matthew Baranco does swimming and mountain biking. Isabelle Sutherland is heavily involved in the theater program and is an SAS Ambassador. Tommy Oliver plays golf, soccer, runs cross country and wrestles. Fey Shen is committed to volleyball, basketball and tennis.

Will Pratt came from a public school with more than 2,000 students and believes the small, tight community of St. Andrew's-Sewanee makes it both easy and fun to learn. "At St. Andrew's-Sewanee, I am not just another kid in the classroom of 20 to 30, I am Will Pratt who is trying to do his best to succeed, and the teachers know and care about what I am doing."

Mpilo Ngomane also came from a public school in Nashville and initially believed the small school setting was not for him. After a short time he realized how much he enjoyed being able to really know his teachers on a personal level. Mpilo calls some teachers by their first names and loves eating lunch or dinner with a faculty member. He says that his teachers are invested in his successes and also in the learning moments of his failures.

When SAS students are asked the question, "Where do you go to school?" the answer is different for each person. Some may even say, with a knowing smile, "It's in the middle of nowhere." But SAS is also a school in the middle of somewhere: a place where everyone is family. A place that you may not know now, but once you're there, it will remain part of you for a lifetime.

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Witch Hazel in November

Hiking on the Perimeter Trail below Morgan's Steep on an unexpectedly lovely Sunday afternoon after Thanksgiving, **Yolande Gottfried** reports that she and her companions came upon bright yellow flowering shrubs! They were surprised to find this on the last day of November! These are the late-flowering witch hazel, with four long, narrow yellow petals.

"Although we were not close enough to see them, these shrubs also bore the seed capsules from the previous year, which wait to release their seed until the shrub blooms again at this time," she said. "When conditions are just right, these capsules burst open with a force that shoots the seeds some distance and makes a popping sound, something I would love to witness. This gives the shrub another of its common names: snapping alder. The closest relative to witch hazel in our flora is sweet gum, a tree that also has distinctive fruits.

"Blooming so late in the season, witch hazel must look for insect pollinators that may still be active on warmer days and so it stays in bloom for a long period of time. These insects may include small gnats, wasps and flies, something else to look for on warm fall days."

This plant is indeed the source of the witch hazel lotion sold in drug-stores, distilled mainly from the twigs and mildly astringent, containing tannic and gallic acid. Its forked branches were also used for "water witching," although the common name does not come from that use but from the Anglo-Saxon word "wych," meaning bending, which may refer to the usual growth form, with several stems that may lean and branch crookedly. So, look for witch hazel brightening the woods on walks on these late fall days—and listen for the exploding fruits. Let us know if you hear them!



Honeybees. Photo courtesy of University of Tennessee

Winter Plans of Honeybees

With the recent cold weather snap, many of our wild animals are taking cover. We know that bears hibernate in caves and birds fly south for the winter, but have you ever wondered what honeybees do to survive the chilly temperatures? **Harriet Runkle** notes that with the honeybee population in peril worldwide, it is important to know this part of their life cycle. Once the temperatures drops below 50 degrees, honeybees stop flying and crowd into the lower central part of their hive, forming a "winter cluster." The queen bee stays in the middle of the cluster, while the worker bees huddle around her. They shiver to keep the center of the hive around 80 degrees and rotate throughout the cluster from the outside to the inside to make sure that no bee gets too cold. Honeybees have been known to eat up to 30 pounds of stored honey during the winter months. Eating helps the bees produce body heat and it is circulated by the worker bees fanning their wings—they never get a break! On warmer days, the bees leave the hive for short trips to eliminate waste. They don't venture too far, or else they may get too cold to make it back to the hive.

If you would like to learn how to protect and grow our honeybee population, now is the time to start preparing. The spring is the best time of year to start a hive. They will need to make plenty of honey to stay warm in the winter. You can attend a meeting of the Elk Valley Beekeepers, the local chapter of the Tennessee Beekeepers Association (TBA). They meet the second Monday of each month throughout the year at 406 Joyce Lane in Winchester. Contact David Jacobs for more information at (931) 467-3868. Also, you can visit the TBA's website and learn more about beekeeping by going to this link: <tnbeekeepers.org>.

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Sunday, Dec. 7

Miners Loop Hike—Join Ranger Katie at 10 a.m. at Grundy Lakes parking lot for an easy one-mile hike along Miners Loop. Hike through history.

Winter Survival Strategies—Come to the Visitors' Center at 3 p.m. to learn how chipmunks and other animals make it through the winter.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Buggytop Cave Hike—Join Ranger Katie at 10 a.m. at Carter State Natural Area on Hwy. 156 south of Sewanee for this moderate five-mile hike to one of the largest cave openings in Tennessee.

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Thursday, Dec. 11

Forest Night Hike—Come to Grundy Forest pavilion at 6 p.m. for an easy one-mile ramble with Ranger Katie to the CCC campsite and back, viewing the evening creatures.

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Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 24	55	49
Tue	Nov 25	61	49
Wed	Nov 26	52	35
Thu	Nov 27	47	30
Fri	Nov 28	44	29
Sat	Nov 29	45	20
Sun	Nov 30	50	36

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 51
Avg min temp = 35
Avg temp = 42
Precipitation = 1.10"

Reported by Nicole Nunley
Forestry Technician

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BARDTOVERSE

by Phoebe Bates

TREE LIGHTING, DECEMBER 5

O Tannenbaum

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!
In beauty green will always grow
Through summer sun and winter snow.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
You are the tree most loved!
How often you give us delight
In brightly shining Christmas light!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
You are the tree most loved!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Your beauty green will teach me
That hope and love will ever be
The way to joy and peace for me.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Your beauty green will teach me.

—German Christmas song
“O Tannenbaum,” anonymous translator

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Light Up The Village FESTIVAL

Sewanee Angel Park

DECEMBER 5 • 5:00 PM

Santa Claus is coming!

Don't forget your cameras!

Please bring unwrapped toys, food and money gifts for charity.



Join other Sewanee families and our firemen to light the town Christmas tree, sing carols with the Sewanee Chorale and gather food, presents and financial gifts for **CAC and Operation Noel**. Even Santa Claus is coming to the Sewanee Angel Park!

Welcome, holiday
visitors!

Community Calendar

Today, Dec. 5

Curbside recycling, before 7:30 am

Reservations due for EQB Christmas Party

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, old GCHS, until noon
- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Community Center
- 9:00 am CAC office open until 11 am
- 9:00 am Greening of All Saints' Chapel
- 9:00 am Chestnut planting, meet at Lake Cheston parking lot
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 3:30 pm Creative movement, 4–7 yr., Community Center
- 4:00 pm Cowan Christmas Market, Monterey Stn, until 9 pm
- 4:30 pm University tree lighting, Quad
- 4:15 pm Creative movement, 8–12 yr., Community Center
- 5:15 pm Santa comes to Angel Park on SVFD fire engine
- 5:30 pm First Friday Family Fun, St. James
- 5:30 pm Tree lighting, Angel Park
- 5:30 pm World healing meditation, Comm Ctr
- 7:30 pm Film, “If I Stay,” SUT
- 7:30 pm Sewanee Symphony Orchestra concert, Guerry

Saturday, Dec. 6

- 8:00 am Yoga with Richard, Community Center
- 9:00 am Chestnut planting, meet at Lake Cheston parking lot
- 9:00 am Housing Sewanee open house, 18535 S. Pittsburg Mtn.
- 10:00 am Cowan Christmas Market, Monterey Stn, until 4 pm
- 10:00 am TN Craft-Southeast Studio Tour, until 5 pm
- 11:00 am Dedication Housing Sewanee house
- 1:00 pm Cowan Christmas Parade
- 4:30 pm Monteagle Christmas Parade
- 5:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols, All Saints' (carillon concert, Gotko, before and after service)
- 7:30 pm Film, “If I Stay,” SUT

Sunday, Dec. 7

- 9:30 am Otey annual parish meeting, St. Mark's Hall
- 11:00 am TN Craft-Southeast Studio Tour, until 4 pm
- 3:00 pm Knitting circle/instruction, Mooney's, until 5 pm
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr
- 5:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols, All Saints' (carillon concert, Williamson before, Bordley after service)
- 6:30 pm Concert, Sewanee Praise, (free) St. Luke's Chapel
- 7:30 pm Film, “If I Stay,” SUT
- 8:00 pm Festival of Lessons & Carols, All Saints' (carillon concert, Bordley, before and after service)

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Monday, Dec. 8

- 8:30 am Sewanee Seniors Christmas Bazaar, until 2 pm
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Coffee with Coach, Blue Chair Tavern
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Ctr, until 11:15 am
- 11:30 am Sewanee Woman's Club, DuBose, Monteagle
- 5:00 pm FC DP, Courthouse annex, Winchester
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer support group, Otey sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Film, “21 Years: Richard Linklater,” (free) SUT
- 7:30 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 9

- 8:30 am Sewanee Seniors Christmas Bazaar, until 2 pm
- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Crafting Ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Clergy Support group, St. James
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 3:30 pm Lease Committee agenda deadline, Lease office
- 4:30 pm Centering Prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, old GCHS annex, until 6:30 pm
- 6:30 pm Weight Watchers, Morton Memorial, weigh-in 6 pm
- 7:30 pm Cinemalypmics film, Paprika,” (free) SUT

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Last day of College classes

- 8:30 am Sewanee Seniors Christmas Bazaar, until 2 pm
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 12:00 pm EQB Luncheon, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 12:40 pm EQB Lead, Gotko/Maxson, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 1:30 pm SWC Garden Club, 133 Carriage Lane
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr
- 6:00 pm Celtic Christianity, Eichler, Christ Church, TC
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church
- 7:00 pm German Christmas Service in St. Augustine's Chapel and Christmas party, German House
- 7:00 pm SAS Winter Concert, McCrory Hall, SAS
- 7:30 pm Film, “A Christmas Story,” CG, (free) SUT

Thursday, Dec. 11

- 8:30 am Sewanee Seniors Christmas Bazaar, until 2 pm
- 8:00 am GC Clothing bank open, old GCHS, until noon
- 8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9:00 am CAC office open until 11 am
- 9:00 am Nature journaling, Stirling's, until 11 am
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr, until 11:15 am
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, (advanced), Comm Center
- 11:00 am Body Recall with Judy, Monteagle City Hall
- 12:00 am ALLL, Cameron, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 12:00 pm GC Historical Society luncheon, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey Parish House
- 2:00 pm Knitting circle/instruction, Mooney's, until 4 pm
- 3:30 pm Mntop Tumblers, beginners, 5–8 yr., Comm Ctr
- 4:30 pm Mntop Tumblers, intermed/adv, Comm Ctr
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 7:00 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall
- 7:30 pm Film, “Boyhood,” SUT

Friday, Dec. 12

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, old GCHS, until noon
- 8:30 am Sewanee Seniors Christmas Bazaar, until 2 pm
- 9:00 am CAC office open until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 3:00 pm Book signing, Priestley, Univ Bookstore, until 4:30 pm
- 3:30 pm Creative movement, 4–7 yr., Community Center
- 4:15 pm Creative movement, 8–12 yr., Community Center
- 6:00 pm EQB Christmas Party, SAS
- 7:30 pm Film, “Boyhood,” SUT

Please Join Us!

Christmas Open House at Monteagle Sewanee Realtors



10 a.m. to
2 p.m.

Friday,

December 5

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