

Operation Noel

Providing Abundant Holidays for All

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

Each year the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), in conjunction with FROST (the department's Fund Raising Operational Support Team), organize the purchasing and distribution of food and toys for these families. All items will be delivered the morning of Dec. 23 by the SVFD and FROST.

But this important program cannot happen without help from the community. Please consider making a donation of money, nonperishable food items or new toys to Operation Noel this year and give back to your community this Christmas season.

Families eligible for Operation Noel must live in the following communities: Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and Sherwood Road to the top of Sherwood Mountain (but not into Sherwood).

Every family needs to fill out a new application, even if they have received from Operation Noel before. An application ensures organizers have all the pertinent information so they can provide for everyone in need.

The deadline for returning applications is Monday, Dec. 11. The application is found on page 7.

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



Community members help Ken Taylor, far right, with the greening of the chapel event on Dec. 1. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Old School Project Closer to Being 'Source of Light'

by Kevin Cummings, Messenger Staff Writer

The renovation of the old Grundy County High School and planned rebirth as a center for community services is progressing after a long and winding road, with the next big step set for January.

The aim of the project's steering committee is to see the building house an array of community services such as health and social services, workforce development, and classes from Chattanooga State Community College.

Part of the plan is to include "community health ambassadors," who will greet people when they enter the "South Cumberland Learning and Development Center" and walk them where they need to go, whether that is back to college, a diabetes class, or to resources for caring for an elderly parent, said Emily Partin, the steering committee co-chair.

"Whatever it is that's causing stress, whether it's good stress or bad stress, that campus up there is going to be a source of light," Partin said.

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County Commission Approves Development Grants

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 4 meeting the Franklin County Commission approved two resolutions from the Industrial Development Board to apply for grants funding site development projects in the Industrial Park, costing in excess of \$800,000, with a 30 percent matching funds requirement from the county.

If the funds are received, the Tennessee Site Development Grants (SDG) will be used to create a construction-ready gravel pad on Site No. 9 on the Moon property, cost \$500,000, and to build an access road on Site No. 16 on the same tract, cost \$308,000.

Providing some background on the proposed projects, Industrial

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Housing Questions Dominate Village Update Meeting

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

Residents attending the Dec. 4 Sewanee Village update meeting raised a number of questions regarding housing costs for buyers and renters, citing the need for affordability. Hosting the meeting, Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor Frank Gladu stressed, "Developers won't build new construction if they can't rent or sell it."

Referencing an earlier discussion, Sewanee resident Chris Colane said, "\$250 per square foot is not affordable for staff and seminarians."

Gladu agreed. "Two hundred and fifty dollars per square foot is probably not sellable."

Noting the cost of rental units would be impacted by the same factors, Gladu said, "For developers to invest they must decide what investments will produce a return. They aren't there yet. They're still talking about site preparation."

According to Gladu, a developer interested in the Prince Lane tract "wanted us to open up the land a little to get a better look at it." Cottage court

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Annual Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar continues 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 8-9, at the Sewanee Senior Center.

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.

Tickets to enter the daily door prize drawing and a drawing for a homemade quilt or \$250 cash are \$2 each. The drawing will be on Tuesday, Dec. 19, during the Center's annual Christmas lunch.

The Center is open Mondays through Fridays. Please call 598-0771 with any questions.

Tracy City Holiday Events

The "Once Upon A Christmas" events and parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, in Tracy City. From 1-2:30 p.m., there will be cookie decorating at the Dutch Maid Bakery. Write your letters to Santa and join in the Christmas Coloring Contest at the Heritage Center, 2:30-4 p.m. The parade lineup begins at 5 p.m. To register to enter the parade, call (931) 592-6213. The parade begins at 6 p.m. There will be a \$100 cash prize for the overall best decorated themed entry. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate while visiting with Santa in the mini-park after the parade.

On Friday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m., prizes will be awarded in Tracy City's best decorated home and business contest. First and second place plaques will be awarded for the Best Decorated Home and Best Decorated Business in the Town of Tracy City (city limits). To enter your home or business please contact City Hall (931) 592-6213.

Monteagle Christmas Parade

The Town of Monteagle will host its annual Christmas Parade at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. The theme this year is A Disney Christmas.

Parade lineup is at 3:30 p.m. at the old VFW. Walkers will meet at The Depot.

Awards will be given for the best decorated float and the float best representing the theme. Tower Community Bank will provide refreshments during Santa's visit at Harton Park following the parade.



More holiday events on page 8!



Anna Wright Carlson was one of the readers during Lessons and Carols. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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Letters

OPPOSING THE COTTAGE COURT

To the Editor:

I strongly oppose the “Cottage Court” part of the Sewanee Village development. This concept is a developer-constructed crowd of tiny residences on Prince Lane with parking on the perimeter. As far as we’ve been told there are no actual people ready to buy or move in. The development on this site for this reason is a bad idea because:

a) The site is low, boggy and contains a spring. Structures built there will suffer drainage and storm water issues. Further, building on top of a spring is simply bad stewardship. (There are nearby cleared sites that are above water.)

b) The current fashion for tiny stand-alone residences is unlikely to last. People like to look at cute little cottages; people want to live in larger houses which can be heated and cooled reasonably and which they can “grow into.” Tiny houses are likely to be permanent ‘rental investments’ for whoever ends up with them or perhaps someone will buy two and lobby to join them together. They are unlikely to ever be any part of a village of homeowners interested in a downtown community.

I also worry about a mentality of “build it and they will come” with respect to structures expressly designed to house new businesses. People who live in and around Sewanee often prefer to shop online or drive to Chattanooga or Nashville to enjoy a day frolicking in the city. Recently I was in the downtown post office when a Sewanee resident stopped in to collect a 30lb package of cat litter cheaply obtained from Amazon!

I strongly urge the University reconsider to attract developers for this deeply flawed cottage court project.

Lucia K. Dale, Sewanee

LETTER TO SENATOR CORKER

I am a constituent that lives in Sewanee, Tenn. I’m an educator, retirement planner and civic leader. I make a point of reading news and editorial essays daily from, what I trust to be, publications of journalistic integrity, so that I can maintain my duty as an engaged and informed citizen.

I have grave concerns about the slow erosion of the morale and moral fiber within our federal agencies. Our current president appears to be grinding both down daily with his disregard for the core principles and missions of these agencies and their directives to carry out their duties to us and for us. In point, I share this article from The Atlantic “The Cost of Trump’s Attacks on the FBI.” <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/12/the-high-price-of-sessionss-failure-to-defend-the-justice-department/547382/?utm_source=eb>.

I am dependent on my elected officials and appointed federal agency personnel to conduct the business of my country honorably. I depend on you. When my senator is dismissed and bullied for speaking up in defense of or giving discussion to an item of concern, this sabotages the very spirit and intention of our constitutional design for a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Debate and discussion are necessary to give vitality to the policies and laws of this richly complex and diverse America. Those policies and laws are living documents, and what is spoken in the halls and meeting rooms of Congress and at the town-hall meetings at home, is their breath. Moreover, as you well know, democracies are messy if they are done right because they wear the heart and soul of the citizens.

If public servants and elected officials feel hampered in bringing forward a dissenting or alternative opinion or view for fear of being

subject to public ridicule or derision, how can you do your job? It might be my concern you happen to give voice to that is summarily slapped down, dismissed and trivialized.

As an educator, I would not tolerate bullies in the classroom or the faculty. It has always been important to model the society we wish to bring forward. I resent the continued attacks that happen now to quell any necessary discussion from both sides of the aisle to build thoughtful and comprehensive policy and consensus. Please know that I support you in your endeavors to represent the people of Tennessee in the well considered, honest and respectful ways you have. While I do not always agree with your voting decisions, I appreciate how you strive to maintain a caliber of conduct and discourse that distinguishes our government from kleptocracies and despotism elsewhere. When corporate interest drives policy decision, it is a slippery slope taking us away from what our founders intended. But I don’t need to remind you of that.

I am grateful for your service and for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Lynn Cimino-Hurt, Sewanee

HUTCHINSON KUDOS

To the Editor:

My compliments and thanks to Lyn Hutchinson for her countless high quality photos in the Messenger over the years. They are particularly striking in color in the digital copy.

Bill Kershner, Sewanee

SANTA’S HELPER NEEDS HELP

To the Editor:

I am Santa’s helper while he is visiting on the Mountain. I recently discovered that his big black belt, boot leggings and bells are missing! Santa has several stops to make on the Mountain and really needs these to pull his outfit together. Can anyone help locate these items? Please contact me at 598-5864.

Louise Irwin, Sewanee Santa Helper

BRATTON COMMENDED

To the Editor:

I would like to commend John Bratton for his excellent and historically accurate letter concerning the relationship of slavery and belief in state sovereignty to the vast majority of Southerners who fought for the Confederacy. (Messenger issue, Dec. 1, 2017.) His comments on Generals Kirby-Smith, Polk and other Confederate leaders who became leading founders and residents of Sewanee should be understood by all current Sewanee residents.

According to the well-known black historian, John Hope Franklin, at least 75 percent of white people in the South had no slaves and no economic interest in the institution of slavery, and fewer than 5 percent of white southerners actually owned slaves. The vast majority of those who did own slaves, owned fewer than 10, and these were mostly house servants who were often considered part of the family.

As Mr. Bratton stated, it is wrong to judge the past and an entire civilization because of the actions of the few who found slavery advantageous to their economic livelihood.

Glenn L. Swygart, Sewanee

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Messenger Break Ahead

There will be two more issues in December: Fridays, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22.

The staff will take a two-week break and return to the office on Monday, Jan. 8, with the first issue of 2018 on Friday, Jan. 12.

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

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Exempt Positions: Assistant Athletic Trainer, Athletics; Assistant Director of the Sewanee Fund, Sewanee Fund; Content Specialist, Marketing and Communications.

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For more information call (931) 598-1381. Apply at <jobs.sewanee.edu>.



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Letters to the Editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community’s conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with your letter. You may mail it to us at Sewanee Mountain Messenger, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee TN 37375, or come by our office, 418 St. Mary’s Ln., or send an email to <news@sewaneemessenger.com>. —KB

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

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Upcoming Meetings

Coffee with the Coach on Monday

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, continues at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, with University of the South Athletic Trainer Ray Knight. Gather at the Blue Chair Tavern for free coffee and conversation.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board will meet for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11, at the Franklin County Board of Education Building, 215 S. College St., Winchester.

La Leche League Meets Dec. 12

The December La Leche League meeting for breastfeeding support and information will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd. All pregnant women, mothers and babies are welcome. For more information call Pippa, (931) 463-2050.

International P.E.O. Sisterhood Lunch and Auction

Chapter Z Tennessee of the International P.E.O. Sisterhood Annual Christmas Luncheon and Auction will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12. All unaffiliated Members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood who are in the Middle Tennessee area are welcome. Call (931) 962-0202 for reservations.

FCDW Meeting

The Franklin County Democratic Women will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Fiesta Grill in Cowan. Please bring some items to replenish the bingo prizes for the Senior Center. Also annual dues may be paid at this meeting. Please let Pat Tabor know if you plan to attend the meeting <grannytish@united.net>.

EQB Club

Members of the EQB Club will meet at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Lunch will be served at noon.

DivorceCare

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 6–7:30 p.m., DivorceCare, a nationwide nondenominational support group for separated and divorced individuals will meet just off Main Street in Monteagle. Please go to <www.divorcecare.org> and type in your zip code for further information on the Monteagle location and how to register. This is a video and discussion group that features practical information on different issues. Contact Daniel or Becky Lehmann at <eaglesrest1517@gmail.com> or call (615) 294-4748.

Sewanee Civic Association, Dec. 13

The next meeting of the Sewanee Civic Association will be on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in St. Mark's Hall, Otey Parish. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m. with a free dinner at 6 p.m. There will be a 6:30 p.m. performance by the Sewanee Chorale. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays at Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 5–7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, for a Club Social at St. Mary's Retreat House. There will not be a breakfast meeting on Dec. 14.

FCRW Luncheon

The FCRW will have their Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 15, at the Franklin County Country Club, 912 Country Club Rd., Winchester.

FCDP Monthly Meeting

The Franklin County Democratic party will have its monthly meeting at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, in the Franklin County Annex Small Meeting Room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd. Directly following the meeting, FCDP members will be meeting at North Middle School, 2990 Decherd Blvd., Winchester, to clean all the trash from the FCDP's Adopt-a-Mile stretch of road between North and Grant Funeral Home. Garbage bags, gloves, and bright orange vests will be available. Meet for lunch at Las Margaritas after the cleanup.

Share your news!
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BEGINNING PILATES CLASSES

Starting January 8 at the Fowler Center in Sewanee
Gift Certificates Available!

The class will start with the fundamentals of healthy movement that aligns and protects your bones and joints and improves the balance. Then learn how to strengthen that pattern of healthy movement with the Pilates Mat exercises. You will look and feel like a new person!!

Beginner Classes will meet at 9 am on Tuesday/ Thursday.
Intermediate Classes will meet 10 am on Monday/Wednesday or 12 noon on Tuesday/Thursday.

Private and Duet sessions on Pilates Equipment available by appointment Monday through Friday.

Spinal Spa Fascial Release class at noon on Friday.
Classes are \$12 per single class, \$10 if purchased in monthly blocks. Discounts for attending 4 or more classes per week.

Contact Kim Butters, PMA Pilates Instructor and AFAA Personal Trainer
(423) 322-1443 or kim_butters59@hotmail.com

Rotary Pancake Breakfast

The Franklin County A.M. Rotary Club is having a free pancake breakfast for the community at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at San Miguel's event center in downtown Winchester. This is offered in conjunction with the Winchester Downtown Program's Christmas celebration.

Irwin Meet and Greet

The community is invited to meet with Patrick Irwin and his wife Kathy from Homer, Alaska, at 2 p.m., Dec. 10. The event is hosted by Louise Irwin at St. Mark's Hall, Otey Parish. Kathy will be telling stories of their many Alaskan adventures and experiences, including real bear stories. Some of their trips include being the first cyclists to venture above the Arctic Circle and along the entire coast of the Kenai Peninsula.

Hospitality Shop Sale Continues

All clothing and Christmas items will be 50 percent off through noon, Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Hospitality Shop. The Shop will close for the Christmas break, and reopen at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018.



The University Choir performed during the Sunday evening service of Lessons and Carols. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Need Health Care?

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) better known as Obamacare, is still available to help qualified people obtain affordable health care coverage. The enrollment period is limited and you must sign up by Dec. 15. If you already have coverage through <healthcare.gov>, return to the website to update your information and compare your options for 2018. Free in-person help is available if you have questions about signing up or want to talk through your options with an expert, call 1-800-318-2596, 1-844-644-5443, or visit <http://localhelp.healthcare.gov>.

This enrollment period is for ACA only. You can enroll in TennCare and Cover Kids at any time of the year.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Growing in Grace will resume Sunday evening, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in All Saints’ Chapel for our last meeting of the semester. Geoffrey Ward, University organist and choirmaster, will be the speaker. This informal worship service is designed for students and community members with student-led acoustic music, guest speakers, and Holy Communion. This Advent semester, our Growing in Grace speakers will address the times in life in which we are compelled to take “The Long Road.” What pushes us to take the more arduous path when a shortcut is readily available? What do we encounter when we take a “scenic route” on our journey? We hope to explore these questions and many more this semester at Growing in Grace. Email Lay Chaplain Kayla Deep at <kayla.deep@sewanee.edu> with any questions or for more information. We hope to see you there.

Christ Church

For centuries, the Second Sunday in Advent was known as “Bible Sunday” because of the Collect (Prayer) for the day which begins “Blessed Lord, who hast caused All Holy Scriptures for our learning...” Later, many churches moved this prayer to another Sunday, but the old name never meant it was only on a particular Sunday that the importance of the Bible was honored. Advent is an invitation to be reflective and prayerful as we approach the celebration of Christmas. Christ Church will have many of the Advent hymns and other hymns which seem appropriate for the season.

Lunch is always served following the morning service.

Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the parish hall of St. James Episcopal Church in Midway. All women are

invited to attend to learn more about the organization, the oldest Order for Lay Women in the Episcopal Church, established in 1855.

Otey Parish

This Sunday, Dec. 10, the Lectionary Class will explore Sunday’s gospel in the Claiborne Parish House, Adult Education Room. Children ages 3–11 are invited to meet their friends for Godly Play. Youth Sunday School will meet in Brooks Hall. Infants 6 weeks to children 4 years old are invited to the nursery beginning at 8 a.m. until after the second service.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, Jeannie Babb will lead the Adult Forum at Otey in a discussion titled “Barbara Brown Taylor and the Gospel in Everyday Life.” The Forum is held at 10 a.m. Sundays in St. Mark’s Hall at Otey Memorial Parish. Jeannie is the Director of Christian Formation at Otey and a graduate of the School of Theology. She interviewed Barbara Brown Taylor when Taylor came to Sewanee to deliver the 2011 DuBose Lectures, “Learning to Walk in the Dark.”

Bring your Bible and your lunch; join us for a 10-week study of The

Gospel according to Mark on Mondays, from noon–1 p.m., in the Adult Education Room of Claiborne Hall at Otey Parish. Led by Shelley Cammack <shelley@wardcammack.com>.

St. James

On Friday, Dec. 8, from 5–7 p.m., “The Celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas” will be at St. James Midway Community Park. There will be hot chocolate and cookies. Also two very special guests will make an appearance—St. Nicholas and Mrs. Nicholas, who will also have candy canes to share. The 9 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 17 service begins with Lessons and Carols followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Taizé Service in Winchester

An ecumenical meditative service of prayer and song from the Taizé Community will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 213 1st Ave. NW, Winchester, on the second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. beginning Sunday, Dec. 10. Sponsored by the Southeast Tennessee Episcopal Mission churches (STEM), the Rev. Matt

Farr, STEM Curate, extends an invitation to all.

Tullahoma Sangha

Tullahoma Sangha, a Zen Buddhist meditation and study group, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma. The service will consist of zazen (meditation), kinhin (walking meditation) and a short lesson and discussion. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information, or if you would like to be added to the email group, call (931) 455-8626.

Unitarian Universalist

The Unitarian Universalist Church speaker this week will be Chuck Morgret on “Our Third Principle: Acceptance of One Another and Encouragement to Spiritual Growth in Our Congregations.” The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. Call (931) 455-8626, or go to <www.tulahomauu.org>.

Obituaries

William “Bill” Forrest Finney

William “Bill” Forrest Finney, age 81 of Decherd, died on Nov. 15, 2017, at Bailey Manor. He was born on Oct. 24, 1936, in Decherd, to Jess Lee and Cora Shasteen Finney. He served in the Tennessee Army National Guard, was a life-long farmer and truck driver, and a 50-year member of Winchester Masonic Lodge. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Lee Finney; sister, Barbara Rendina; and nephew, Johnny Pugh.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Ann Finney of Decherd; son, William Jess (Susie) Finney of Decherd; daughter, Kristie (Mike) Bell of Belvidere; four grandchildren; and one niece.

Funeral services were on Nov. 19 in the Moore-Cortner Chapel with the Rev. Donald Gregory officiating. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Alzheimer’s Tennessee, 5801 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919, <www.alzTennessee.org>. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Robert “Bob” Larry Keele

Robert “Bob” Larry Keele, died on Nov. 25, 2017. He was born in Manchester, Tenn., on May 16, 1934. He graduated from The University of the South in 1956. After completing his M.A. and Ph.D. at Emory University in 1960, he returned to his alma mater to begin a teaching career in the political science department that would last for 42 years. He also served as a faculty trustee for six years, and was the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of the South from 1991–99. He was a longtime member of Otey Memorial Parish Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother, Anne Majors Keele; sisters, Ama Hodges and Polly Klipfel; and son, Robert Sullivan Keele.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Karen; daughter, Laura (Peter)

Quinn of Bainbridge Island, Wash., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, at All Saints’ Chapel, followed by a reception in Convocation Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family has invited memorial contributions to the Robert Keele Endowed Scholarship Fund of the University of the South, 735 University Ave., Sewanee, TN 37383, or Otey Memorial Parish, P.O. Box 267, Sewanee, TN 37375. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Jimmie Norman Sells

Jimmie Norman Sells, age 82 of Winchester, died on Nov. 23, 2017, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health Systems. He was born in Winchester on June 6, 1935, to Andy Gray and Mattie Sanders Sells. He served in the U. S. Army. Before his retirement, he was a Production Manager at Allied Tube in Harvey, Ill., and a Police Officer in Homewood, Ill. He was a member of Harvey Masonic Lodge 832, Harvey, Illinois, American Legion Post 697 in Lansing, Ill., 4th District Fire Department, and Liberty Baptist Church, where he was a Sunday School Teacher. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Andy, Lonnie and Boyd Sells.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joyce Swaim Sells of Winchester; daughter, Bonnie Lee Sells of Winchester; sons, Dale Keith (Joann) Sells of Cedar Lake, Ind., Mark Dwayne Sells of Schererville, Ind., and Dana Allen Sells of Lansing, Ill.; sisters, Jewel Sells of Winchester and June (Les) Wilkinson of Chattanooga; brothers Wayne “Tippy” (Thelberta) Sells and Shirley (Melissa) Sells, both of Winchester; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on Nov. 26 in the Moore-Cortner Chapel with the Rev. Johnny Ray Bradford officiating. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

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Holy Communion

January 7 at 10:30 am:
Epiphany Service

Weekday Services Dec. 8–15

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent (not Mon)
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Otey
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Augustine’s
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Christ the King (Tues)
11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Trinity, Winchester (Tues)
11:30 a.m. Prayer/Healing, Morton Memorial (1st/3rd Thur)
3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, St. Mary’s Sewanee (Tues)
4 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Augustine’s
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Otey
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent (not Mon)
7 p.m. Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary (Mon)

Saturday, Dec. 9

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

Sunday, Dec. 10

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Christ Episcopal Church, Alto

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

Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City

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

Christ the King Anglican, Decherd

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

Cowan Fellowship Church

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

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

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

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

Decherd United Methodist Church

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

Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 a.m. Mass

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church

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

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Midway Baptist Church

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

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

10 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Breakfast

11 a.m. Worship Service

Monteagle First Baptist Church

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

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish Church

8:50 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service (Rite I)

St. James Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass

Sewanee Church of God

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

6 p.m. Evening Service

Sisters of St. Mary’s Convent

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tracy City First Baptist Church

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

5:30 p.m. Youth Group
6 p.m. Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

7 p.m. Taizé service

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School, Worship Service

Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

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Sewanee. 3.4 acres. \$299,500



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Rd., Sewanee. 5.1 acres. \$549,000



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Sewanee. \$588,000



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8 Jackson Point Rd.	1734341	\$36,000

Old School Project (from page 1)

This year, construction workers finished the first phase of renovations on the 78-year-old building, which included a new roof, windows and outside doors.

The old library wing behind the main building has also been demolished and grass planted there.

With the assistance of the Southeast Tennessee Development District, the project has accrued a number of grants, and in January the bid process will begin for the next phase of renovations, which will include abatement of mildew, mold and some small areas of asbestos, Partin said. In addition, the overhaul will boast new HVAC units, lighting, painting, plumbing and electric.

If there is an acceptable bid, Partin said the committee hopes the facility will open by late summer or early fall 2018, prior to the beginning of Chattanooga State's fall semester. She said the college would like to offer core college courses on the second floor.

With the Development District now focused on securing grants and managing the bid process, construction and engineering, the steering committee is focused on bringing agencies into the building, she said.

A number of agencies are interested, some even to the point of signing memorandums of understanding to lease space, Partin said. A sample of potential agencies stem from

behavioral and other health-related fields, substance abuse and early home visiting programs and first aid.

Partin said organizers would like to see the building become a hub for nursing, social work and medical students to do rural rotations.

"Which would give them a better idea of what it's like to work in a rural area and give us some needed health care," she said.

The Grundy County Health Council will also have a presence there, Partin noted, adding that the state recently honored Tracy City as a "Healthier Tennessee Community."

Tracy City Mayor Larry Phipps said officials are open to suggestions about what should go into the building.

"I think it will be a positive thing because there will be resources and training that aren't available to the entire county unless you go off the mountain," he said. "...It's going to be a boon to the whole county."

The Alma Mater Theater, which closed about two years ago, is also scheduled to re-open when the renovated building opens. Partin said the movie theater needed an upgrade to digital and someone donated a digital projector over the summer.

Another part of the campus project is to renovate the school's gymnasium. Partin said organizers are finalizing funds for the gym before going out for bids on renovations, which will comprise a new HVAC system, lighting and windows.

There is a full basement in the gym that was once the school cafeteria, which will also be renovated, she added.

"Down the road we would like to put a kitchen back in and do some culinary training as part of the workforce development piece," Partin said.

The old high school re-invention project has crawled along for many years. In 2006, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) awarded a \$500,000 grant to rehab the school with matching funds required of \$100,000, but a series of delays and other obstacles hampered the project.

Some of those delays included changes in local government leadership, working to re-gain the original grant, securing donations and other grants, and construction bids that came in too high. Partin said the upcoming bid process set for January was also delayed after hurricanes in the U.S. drove up the price of construction.

"It's not for the faint-hearted," she said. "It's a lot of hurry up and wait and I've learned over the years, patience. I've learned that while we're waiting on this to happen, we can be doing this over here."

Partin, who grew up in Tracy City and whose family has a rich history there, said she loves the area.

"It's been my dream for a long time that the people on this mountain would have access to the resources they need," she said. "If I can get a doctor in the area, whether its primary care or counselor or whomever, if they can say, 'You go to the old high school.' There's not a soul on this mountain who won't know where that is."

Village Update (from page 1)

housing (800-1,200 sq. ft.) and multi-family homes (duplexes and fourplexes) are proposed for the site.

Vegetation thinning confirmed the site was low lying. "There's no established stream flow," Gladu said, but there appeared to be "random" stream activity.

Depot Branch and Rose Branch impact downtown, Gladu said. The University is conducting a study to determine how best to manage storm water.

The University has also retained Development Economist Randall Gross to access marketing conditions. "There won't be more retail expansion until there are more people," Gladu said citing Gross's preliminary assessment, which included visitors. "We have to create a visitor place. But can our hiking trail network handle triple the volume?" Gladu speculated, citing an example of the complexity of increased tourism.

Asked if hotel rental was part of the Village Plan, Gladu said it had been discussed. "If we create a visitor destination, we'll need a hotel. A compliment to the Sewanee Inn in downtown would facilitate tourism." Several sites were under evaluation for the proposed senior living facility, Arcadia, Gladu noted, and the town planner had suggested the sites passed over for the Arcadia project might accommodate a hotel.

Gladu proposed a possible location pairing of Arcadia and the Senior Citizens' Center when the present building is demolished.

He also suggested a possible site for the Sewanee Community Center between Angel Park and the American Legion Hall. "The community center board has been very proactive," he said. "They've even discussed moving the building."

Gladu gave updates on the major projects slated for completion by 2022.

From Kennerly Avenue to Kentucky Avenue where Highway 41A blossoms into multiple lanes will be reduced to two lanes with the goal of calming traffic by narrowing the highway. Gladu hopes to have a design plan from the Tennessee Department of Transportation in January.

Giving a timeline for completion of the new bookstore between the post office and Tower Community Bank, Gladu anticipates an architect being hired before the end of the year, with construction beginning in the summer, and the bookstore open for business by the fall of 2019.

A developer interested in constructing the grocery proposed for the corner of Hwy. 41A and Lake O'Donnell Road has hired an architect to assess the project, according to Gladu. The three-story structure planned for the site would have apartments on the top two levels.

The Village Green proposed for the location of the current market could not proceed until a new market was built, Gladu stressed. Funding of the project was part of the University's capital campaign, Gladu said. Some donations had already been received.

The next Village Planning Update meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m., Jan. 2, at the Blue Chair Café and Tavern.

STHP Downtown Project

Engaged in a project to honor downtown Sewanee's past and preserve that memory for posterity, the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation (STHP) has two programs underway: recording oral histories and scanning photographs and documents recounting downtown Sewanee's first 150 years.

STHP President Meg Binnicker Beasley has found maps and lease documents dating back to 1869 which layout leaseholds along University Avenue, include a merchant list, and even propose a location for the jail. For subsequent years, insurance maps provide a good record of where buildings were located, according to Beasley.

STHP's goal is to fill in the gaps in downtown Sewanee's history.

STHP has already recorded a number of oral histories, and they want more, not just from longtime residents, but anyone who has a handed-down story to tell. Participants will receive

a written transcript of the recording made.

To make it easy for people to contribute copies of photos and documents, STHP plans to offer a central location where people can have materials scanned while they wait, a process that will take just a few minutes, with materials returned immediately to the contributors. STHP also hopes to be able to visit contributors at home and scan the materials on site. Contributors will receive a copy of photos and documents scanned.

Beasley suggests those looking for historical material search family bibles, a frequent repository for photographs and other records.

STHP will hold an organizational meeting 2:30-4 p.m., Dec. 12, at Otey Parish Hall. Those interested in participating in the project are encouraged to attend.

For information contact Beasley at <m.beasley@sewanee.edu>.

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County Commission (from page 1)

Development Board Director Gene Seaton explained last year's SDG provide for a resistivity study on the property. "We knew there were karst features. We measured down 200 feet. All the property is suitable for industry."

Seaton acknowledged there were sinkholes on the property, but said, "We can fix the sinkholes. It may not be expensive. We may be able to put rock from our quarry in them."

Commissioner Dave Van Buskirk asked if the Industrial Board had any prospects interested in locating on the sites.

"We had some last year," Seaton said. "A pad for a 100,000 square foot building is what clients are looking for."

"Is our intention to build a building?" Van Buskirk asked.

"We've got to have something there for people to see," Seaton said. "If no-body builds in one or two years, we may consider building a spec building." Seaton noted Manchester and Lincoln County had followed this strategy to attract industry.

Van Buskirk asked if voting in favor of the resolutions committed the county to proceeding with the projects if the grants didn't come through.

"No," Seaton said. "Our goal is to continue development as cheaply as possible."

Commissioner David Eldridge asked where the county's match for the grants would come from if the projects moved forward.

"Our existing fund balance," Seaton said.

The commission approved both resolutions.

The commission also approved a request from Solid Waste to apply for a grant to purchase a wood chipper, total cost \$108,000, with a 33 percent local match required.

Following approval of the wood chipper grant, Solid Waste Director William Anderson presented a request to enter into a two-year contract with Heritage Environmental Services (HES).

Solid Waste would process wood waste from the Nissan Plant using the chipper, Anderson explained. HES would transport the wood waste to and from the processing site. "It could bring in \$100,000 a year," Anderson said.

The commission approved the contract with HES.

The commission also approved a request from the Franklin County Board of Education to enter into a lease purchase and maintenance agreement for 11 copiers.

The current copiers were not meeting the needs of the district, explained Director of Schools Stanley Bean.

Eldridge asked Bean about Rock Creek School being closed that day due to a water leak.

"The tile came down in four rooms, but we have good insurance with a \$500 deductible. The insurance will take care of all of it. Students will be back in school tomorrow."

The county commission meets next on Jan. 16.

Senior Center Menu

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

Dec. 11: Taco salad, dessert.

Dec. 12: White bean chicken chili, apple salad, dessert.

Dec. 13: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, roll, dessert.

Dec. 14: Ham, pineapple casserole, green beans, roll, dessert.

Dec. 15: Lemon pepper chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, roll, dessert.

Volunteers are needed at the Senior Center in the kitchen to help prepare lunches and clean up on Thursdays and Fridays in December. Please call 598-0771.

SUD Board Opening

The Sewanee Utility District board is seeking nominees to run for the office of SUD commissioner. SUD board member Karen Singer's term will expire in January; Singer is term-limited and cannot seek re-election.

SUD is an independent government agency. It is governed by a five-person board of commissioners who are elected by the customers. Any customer can run for office.

Water treatment and distribution and wastewater collection and treatment are the responsibilities of the board. They set the rates, set the budget, deal with regulatory agencies and plan for the future.

Prospective nominees should contact the SUD office for more information by calling 598-5611 by Friday, Dec. 15.



Celebrate the Holidays with Cambodian Silk

by Kim Green
Special to the Messenger

On Saturday, Dec. 9, from 2–6 p.m., at 482 Wiggins Creek Dr., Sewanee senior Clara Kim will co-host a holiday gathering to benefit village women on the far side of the world.

Clara grew up in tiny Sre Po village, in a remote province of northeastern Cambodia called Stung Treng. As a child, she played between rice fields and watched her parents raise a silk-weaving social enterprise from the forest floor—and change people's lives forever.

Clara's father, Chan Dara Kim, and her mother, Chantha Nguon, founded the Stung Treng Women's Development Center (SWDC) in 2001, after enduring decades of privation and loss. They escaped Cambodia before the Khmer Rouge took power, then fled communist Saigon, only to find themselves in a series of dismal Thai refugee camps. There, they lived in a terrible sort of limbo, waiting for their lives to resume.

When Chan and Chantha finally made it home to Cambodia, they found a country ravaged by war and genocide, and a desperate population in need of everything. Armed with training as nurses and translators, and a fierce survivors' resilience, they set their sights on helping others find a way out of poverty, as they had done for themselves. In restarting their own lives after so much hardship, Chan and Chantha have found purpose in helping families start their own lives of economic independence.

Today, the Stung Treng Women's Development Center is an oasis of opportunity in a place where women's choices are often stark: few attend school; most face poverty, early marriage, drudgery in a distant factory, or worse—in the sex trade. "It is very vulnerable to be a woman in Cambodia," says Chantha. But at SWDC, a cheery kindergarten teems with laughing kids; cooks peel vegetables in an outdoor kitchen; and women lean over wooden looms, threading together shimmering silk strands to make the gem-hued scarves sold worldwide as "Mekong Blue." SWDC employees learn basic literacy and earn a living wage. They support their families and send their children to school. They depend on themselves, which makes them less vulnerable and more free.

Clara is taking full advantage of her own educational opportunities as a math and economics scholar at Sewanee. She hopes to attend graduate school in the U.S., and along the way, to help her family keep their dreams for SWDC alive. She represents Mekong Blue at international craft fairs and pop-up sales all over the U.S. Every scarf sold makes a huge difference.



Weavers at the Stung Treng Women's Development Center, 2016.
Photo by Kim Green

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Sewanee Praise, the University Gospel choir, presents its Advent Semester concert under the direction of Kash Wright at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, in St. Luke's Chapel.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

Merry Little Downtown Christmas

The third annual Merry Little Downtown Christmas will be celebrated in Winchester at 5–8 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 8, and 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. Downtown merchants will be hosting special events including music and refreshments.

Saturday highlights include a 10 a.m. showing of "Polar Express" and "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" upstairs at the Oldham Theater with a one toy per family entry to benefit the North and Decherd schools' toy drive; free pictures with Santa at the Kiwanis Club Gingerbread House on North College Street, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; and a 2 p.m. Franklin County High School Band and Jazz Band Christmas performance on the square. Complete schedule available at <www.facebook.com/winchesterdowntown/>.



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A Mountain Christmas at Morton

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church invites the community to attend A Mountain Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m.

The choir will celebrate music of the mountain by performing Appalachian carols and southern spirituals. The choir will be joined by special guest musicians this year.

The Tracy City Jam has become an important part of Morton's Mountain Christmas. Their spirited Gathering Music and lively accompaniment to favorite Christmas carol "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" has truly set the tone for the celebration of local music during the Christmas season. "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" was written by dairy farmer Robert Fisher Boyce of Rutherford County in the early 20th century. The Tracy City Jam is a group of local musicians who love to play old time and bluegrass music.

Saxophonist Neal Ramsay has taken his saxophone from the dance hall to the concert hall. His ability to cross musical boundaries and to push his instrument into new arenas has resulted in national tours, recordings, and performances in some of America's most prestigious concert halls. In a continuing effort to expand the saxophone's repertoire, Ramsay has composed, commissioned, unearthed, adapted and arranged a multitude of works. His concerts feature an eclectic repertoire that embraces many genres, including classical, jazz, popular and folk. Ramsay has toured the United States eight times. He has given sold out concerts at the John F. Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall including his own three concert Carnegie Hall series that celebrated the 150th anniversary of the saxophone's invention. One of the few individuals to be awarded two soloist grants from the Nation Endowment for the Arts, he is also the winner of the Kansas City Young Artist competition.

Bob Townsend, acclaimed fiddler from Grundy County, has played fiddle for more than 40 years. He plays old time, bluegrass, country and gospel fiddle, and is a member of the Fiery Gizzard String Band.

Susan Ramsay, storyteller, folk musician and music educator will tell the delightful story "The Christmas Visitor" as well as perform several Appalachian carols on dulcimer with her husband, saxophonist Neal Ramsay.

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 322 West Main St., in downtown Monteagle.

Celebrate the holidays!

Festival of Trees at the Heritage Center

The seventh annual Festival of Trees has opened at the Heritage Center at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. A festival open house reception will be noon–4 p.m., today (Friday), Dec. 8.

The display of 12 decorated Christmas trees will remain through the month of December. The Heritage Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Several organizations have worked with the staff at the Heritage Center in developing the displays. Mountain Heritage Preservation Society and Discover Together have provided trees that reflect their respective missions. The anchor tree of the display was decorated by Cynthia Killian and the staff of the Heritage Center. Janelle Taylor of Pelham has contributed a tree with a Santa Claus theme and Barbara Myers of Tracy City has provided a tree with a patriotic motif. A tree depicting Tennessee Historical Commission historical site markers across the plateau was developed by The University of the South students of professor Margo Shea, as well as The Places Project banner with related materials that will be retained as permanent exhibits.

The displays extend from the Lulu Estelle Robbins and E.L. Hampton Assembly Hall to the Donald G. and Marian V. Savage Exhibit Hall.

The Festival of Trees has been organized by Cynthia Killian, Heritage Center Director of Exhibits. She may be reached at the Heritage Center, (931) 592-6008 by any organization or person who would like to participate in the project.

The Lulu Estelle Robbins and E.L. Hampton Assembly Hall is available for use by area organizations for meetings and other approved purposes. Contact the Heritage Center for scheduling and other information.

Christmas Meal at Senior Center

The annual Christmas meal at the Sewanee Senior Center will be at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 19. The menu consists of stuffed pork loin, green bean casserole, corn casserole, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad and dessert. Cost is \$8. Reservations must be in by Friday, Dec. 15. Call 598-0771 to reserve your meal.



Donna Barnes' second grade class at Sewanee Elementary enjoyed a special guest reader this week. Director of Schools Stanley Bean, right, visited with the students and read "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree." Student Carmen Green, left, talked about how reading and being able to read helped her to have empathy and care about other people.



Monteagle Elementary School participated in Operation Christmas Child (OCC). For the eighth year, teacher Natalie Burkard organized this shoe box drive for OCC, a nonprofit organization through Samaritan's Purse, that gives gift-filled shoe boxes to children all over the world. These boxes are filled with hygiene items, school supplies, and toys for children of all ages. This year more than 170 shoe boxes were turned in to Monteagle Elementary School from students, community members and local churches. Some Monteagle students pose with the supplies.

Angel Tree at Blue Chair

The Blue Chair Bakery is sponsoring an Angel Tree to benefit the women and children at the Blue Monarch. Please choose an "angel" and drop off the Christmas gift at the Blue Chair by Friday, Dec. 15.

Hanukkah Party Scheduled

A Family Hanukkah party sponsored by People of the Mountain, a humanistic Jewish community, will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, in Clifftops. Festivities will include candle lighting, dreidels, a potluck supper, latkes and singing.

Children are welcome. Space is limited, so for more information or to confirm early, email <w.william.melnik@gmail.com> for reservation and location.

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The students, faculty and staff of Palmer Elementary received a special treat on Dec. 1, when the Grundy County High School chorus came and performed a Christmas concert. We want to thank the students and their director Karen Dickerson for the wonderful concert and the great time that was enjoyed by all.

tnAchieves Exceeds Mentor Recruitment Goal

With nearly 9,020 volunteers completing a tnAchieves mentor application, the program has successfully exceeded its mentor recruitment goal for the TN Promise class of 2018. This is a testament to countless local advocates who have shared the opportunity with their networks, to many businesses and industries who discussed the program with their employees and to individuals who understood that our students often need an encourager to help them earn a college credential.

"On behalf of the tnAchieves board of directors and my team, I cannot thank our communities enough for their continued support of our program, our mission and ultimately our students," said Krissy DeAlejandro, Executive Director of tnAchieves. "The mentors are the heart of TN Promise and often are the difference makers as students transition from high school to college."

In its fourth cohort, TN Promise experienced a record number of applicants from the graduating class of 2018. TN Promise seeks to increase the percentage of students accessing college and ultimately earning a college credential as the state pushes toward 55 percent post-secondary attainment by 2025.

"The mentor program reflects our community-based approach to student success," commented Graham Thomas, Deputy Director of Community Partnerships and Outreach at tnAchieves.

tnAchieves plans to leave the mentor application open through Dec. 8 in an effort to assist those counties who have yet to meet their mentor need. The application can be found at <www.tnachieves.org>.

Launched in 2008, tnAchieves is a privately-funded scholarship and mentoring program that seeks to provide an opportunity for every Tennessee student to earn a post-secondary degree.

For information on tnAchieves, contact Graham Thomas at (615) 604-1306 or <graham@tnachieves.org>.



Dana Knight from Citizens Tri-County Bank, mother of student Gavin Knight, presented an interesting lesson to the Monteagle Elementary School fifth grade RTI (response to intervention) group. She discussed the importance of building a good credit rating. She showed the students how good credit could save you thousands of dollars. The students were impressed how quickly she rounded numbers, used percentages, and added numbers without a calculator. Dana also provided each student with a treat bag at the end of her presentation. Guest speakers such as Knight help enforce the idea that math is an important class that has many real life connections that will help you throughout life.

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SES Menus

**Monday-Friday,
Dec. 11-15
LUNCH**

Monday, Dec. 11: Barbecue or Mozzarella cheese sticks, baked beans, potato wedges, marinara sauce, fruit, hamburger bun.

Tuesday, Dec. 12: Chicken nuggets or steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, fresh veggie cup, fruit, dinner roll.

Wednesday, Dec. 13: Corn dog or hamburger, pinto beans, potato sidewinders, sandwich trims, veggie juice, fruit.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Barbecue rib or chicken rings, green beans, side salad, deli roaster potatoes, fruit, dinner roll.

Friday, Dec. 15: Pizza or chicken sliders, side salad, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, fruit, cookie.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

Monday, Dec. 11: Yogurt, pop tart or breakfast pizza.

Tuesday, Dec. 12: Biscuit, sausage.

Wednesday, Dec. 13: Egg patty, toast.

Thursday, Dec. 14: Beef sticks, gravy dip, biscuit or cinnamon roll.

Friday, Dec. 15: Pancake, scrambled eggs or sausage pancake stick.

Options available every breakfast: assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties. Menus subject to change.

FCHS Traffic Update

Beginning Thursday, Dec. 14, the road adjacent to the Franklin County High School Football Stadium will be one-way, exiting toward Georgia Crossing, from 2:55-3:15 p.m. each school day. We are going to allow two lanes of traffic to exit the FCCHS campus at the same time to help alleviate traffic congestion after school.

School Calendar

Dec. 15, Abbreviated Day, Grundy County

Dec. 18-29, Christmas Break, Grundy County, Marion County

Dec. 20, Last day of finals, University of the South

Dec. 20, Abbreviated Day, Franklin County

Dec. 20-Jan. 3, 2018, Christmas Break, St. Andrew's-Sewanee

Dec. 21-Jan. 3, 2018, Winter Break, Franklin County

Dec. 21-Jan. 14, 2018, Winter Break, University of the South

See the combined school calendar online at <themountainnow.com>.



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Members of the Major Minors choir performed at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Major Minors Debut Performance

PFLAG Winchester hosted the debut performance of a new youth chorus from Nashville, the Major Minors, for a capacity crowd at Trinity Episcopal Church in Winchester on Friday. An enthusiastic audience included local community members, young people representing Franklin County High School and St. Andrew's-Sewanee Gay/Straight Alliances as well as members of PFLAG-Nashville and the fledgling PFLAG-Tullahoma. Nashville in Harmony artistic director Don Schlosser explained the origins of the up-and-coming chorus. "Nashville in Harmony is a chorus in Nashville for LGBT people and their allies," he said. "It was formed 14 years ago as an initiative of the First Unitarian Universalist Church to try to bring the gay and straight communities together in some way. The first season they had a group not much larger than this, 19 singers. The first year they had no sopranos, but they got them off the ground and now we're singing with about 120, so we've had a glorious history of doing the work."

"Our mission through that time," he added, "has been to use music to build community and create social change." The organization, voted Nashville's favorite chorus by readers of Nashville Scene, has long dreamed to expand its circle of influence by reaching beyond Nashville as well as developing a performance unit to include younger generations. The concert in Winchester, the Major Minors first performance as a stand alone group, was a fulfillment of those goals. The musical selections ranged from seasonal tunes to Paul McCartney. Audience favorites included Nashville in Harmony's signature song, "Why We Sing" as well as Kelly Clarkson's "People Like Us."

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Sewanee Spoken Word—Between Two Moons

Sewanee Spoken Word will close the 2017 season with the event on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Laura Willis and Stephanie McCarter will be on the reading roster. Willis is a local social advocate and author of "Finding God in a Bag of Groceries." McCarter, a faculty member of the classical languages department at the university and author of numerous academic articles, is also an essayist. One of her latest essays, "My Grandmother, Too," inspired us to invite her to read. We always invite those spontaneous readers to an Open Mic. Come join us to finish out the year at 7 p.m. at The Blue Chair.

Please note that we are gathering work for our annual anthology, and encourage those who have read this year to send us something you would like to include. This third anniversary edition will be available in the new year at our Poetry and Prose Potlatch.

Arts Events

DanceWise

Under the artistic direction of Courtney World, Theatre Sewanee produces the fifth annual performance of DanceWise at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8-9 and 2:30 p.m., Dec. 10. DanceWise: Intersections will feature performances by 12 Sewanee students, as well as choreographic premieres by Courtney World, assistant professor of dance, and student choreographers Alyssa Holley, C'18, Danielle Silfies, C'19, and Robin Kate Davis, C'21.

William Ralston Listening Library Events

At 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, Caitlin Berends, C'20, will host a viewing of Handel's "Rodelinda at the Teatro Real." From 4–6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, Annie Bowers, C'20, will be playing chamber music.

The William Ralston Listening Library is located on the second floor of duPont Library. Keep up with the Ralston Listening Library's weekly schedule on the webpage <<http://www.sewanee.edu/ralstonlisteninglibrary/>> or <<https://www.facebook.com/theralstonroom/>>.

Artisan Depot

The Franklin County Arts Guild is showing the "Holiday" community art show at the Artisan Depot, 201 Cumberland Street East, in Cowan. The show will run through Dec. 24.

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BOOKMARKED

by Margaret Stephens

Sewanee Readers Recommend

Since the shop-clean-cook rush of Thanksgiving and the subsequent respiratory virus caught from my "Oh, we're not sick anymore" guests has had me re-reading books I'm a little embarrassed to review (nothing bad about them; just a little on the lightweight side). My plan to write about my picks for holiday gift books got back-burnered.

But, I have a list of some amazing titles from some of your neighbors. My question to them was, "What's the best book you read in 2017?" Here are some of the (edited) replies, in no particular order. Titles continue to come in, and I'll try to pass those on in a later column. Meanwhile, you'll find a complete list on my Facebook page.

Eva Malaspino writes, "I was lent a book this year that was tender and poignant and really touched my heart, 'Bodies of Water' by T. Greenwood, the best novel I've read in some time."

Valerie Lorenz suggests E. M. Forster's "Howard's End," "classic, penetrating."

Anna Watkins offers Thomas Mullen's mystery "Darktown," about the first five African-American officers on the Atlanta Police Department in the 1950s.

Kristin Sturgill has several: "A Man Called Ove" by Frederick Backman, an "overall feel-good book which seems unlikely given it's the story of a man's failed attempts at suicide." She also likes Gail Honeyman's "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" and Backman's "Beartown," "an excellent but a difficult read about the relevant issues of victim blaming and sexual abuse."

Sue Ridyard likes Sewanee alum Kelly Grey Carlisle's "We are All Shipwrecks," "a fascinating tale told beautifully."

April Alvarez recommends a book that made the NYT's list of 10 Top Books of 2017, "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward.

James Stephens calls Masnobi Fukuoka's "The One-Straw Revolution" "part philosophy, part agricultural treatise, part poetry. In 1930s Japan, Fukuoka began a lifetime experiment with what's now called permaculture. Even non-gardeners will find this an inspiring, accessible work about someone whose observations of nature on his mountain-side caused him to break from the constraints of both traditional and modern agriculture." He also recommends local writer Mark Edens' "Death Be Not Pwned," a "romping good read of a story." (If you're like me, you had to ask your millennial to know that "pwned," pronounced "poned," as in Southern cornbread, is a gamer word meaning "defeated.") Stay tuned for my review in 2018.

Judy Magavero suggests Dean Koontz's "Watchers," Dina Sachs' "The Secret of the Nightingale Palace," Jamie Ford's "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet," and the YA "The Running Dream" by Wendelin Van Draanen.

Maha Jafri says, "the best book I read this and every year would be George Eliot's "Middlemarch." More contemporary, "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen.

Flournoy Rogers likes Joseph Roth's "The Radetzky March," "a timely read in this centennial of World War I. It's a masterfully drawn picture of life in Europe—the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, in particular—just before the Great War with implications of the disasters to come. Roth was a German novelist whose writings were burned by the Nazis."

Allen Pahmeyer offers "The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O." by Neal Stephenson and Nicole Galland, featuring "a novel method of time travel and a very amusing yet accurate depiction of bureaucracy in action. Also witches."

Diane Nunn is impressed by Ta Nehisi Coates' "personal and powerful" "Between the World and Me," written "to prepare his 15-year-old son for life as a black man." She hopes "its warnings, concerns, hope and love will be read and discussed in classrooms as well as by the general public."

These suggestions give me no excuse but to put away my feel-good fiction and read some good stuff. I hope you find something here that appeals. And don't forget: books make the best gifts! Maybe next to fresh cookies.

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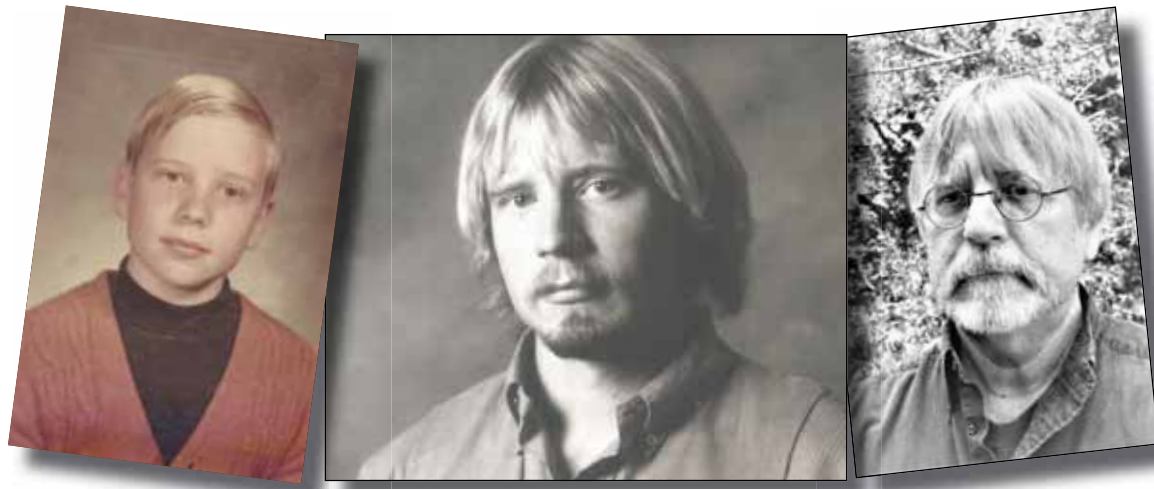
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

There are two “don’t” that stand out in Mark Edward Edens’ life—don’t look under the bed and don’t do a Groucho Marx impression on the first date.

Mark, a Sewanee resident originally hailing from Hendersonville, married his wife Amy VanTries 34 years ago, but their first date was nearly the end of the relationship. The two met briefly in high school, before running into each other again as freshmen at the University of Tennessee.

On their first date, he took her to see the Marx Brothers’ flick “A Night at the Opera”—they didn’t go out again until two years later when they both were on the University’s film committee.

“She says I wasn’t as weird then,” Mark recalls. “I wasn’t doing Groucho Marx impressions. In case you’re wondering, it’s not a good way to impress a girl.”

As we sit inside the couch-festooned back room at Stirling’s Coffee House, the prolific TV writer recalls growing up in Hendersonville, the son of a civil engineer and a mom who was a part-time accountant. The middle boy of three brothers, who all became writers, his talent started getting noticed in high school. He wrote a novella for an English class project on good and evil.

“The teacher made me read it to the class; it took four days,” he says. “I didn’t know she was going to do that or I might have done something else. I don’t know if she was encouraging me or discouraging me.”

Regardless, Mark went on to write more than 100 scripts for animated television shows, a few of which include “X-Men,” “The Real Ghostbusters” and “Exosquad.”

And then there was that other “don’t,” which was a better decision than channeling Groucho—Mark wrote “Don’t Look Under the Bed,” a movie still considered one of the scariest Disney Channel films of all time. The movie garnered a rare PG-rating for the Disney Channel, largely based on one scene where a child gets pulled under the bed by the boogeyman.

He originally wanted to be a novelist, and recently published a novel called “Death Be Not Pwned.” Pwned is a video game term that means to be dominated or defeated and the book centers on a teenage boy’s exploits in love and life as he chaperones Death to his appointments.

Mark studied ancient Roman history in grad school and plans to eventually finish his magnum opus, “Shadow of God,” which is narrated by the satiric poet Juvenal and set in Rome, A.D. 106.

“I was going to write novels and just

Mark Edens

sort of stumbled into TV as a way to make a living,” he says.

One of his first movie projects, with college friend Eric Lewald, was a rewrite of the 1981 horror movie “The Prowler.”

“Eric and I went up and spent two weeks in a cramped hotel room off Times Square, back when Times Square was still a trashy low-rent place,” Mark recalls.

They didn’t get paid much for the splatter film, which featured veteran actor Farley Granger, but they had fun writing during the day on a manual typewriter, eating at the cheap buffet in the Irish bar across the street, and watching movies at night, like “1900” at Carnegie Hall.

Eric moved to L.A. after that and lived in an apartment next door to a staff writer for Hanna-Barbera, who got him an animation job. At that time in the 1980s, animation was booming as production companies started rolling out toy-based cartoons in the afternoons after school, Mark recalls.

His college friend and writing partner used his connections to get Mark a job, and the first script he wrote was for “Challenge of the GoBots.” Within a year, Mark and Amy moved to Los Angeles.

“It was a lot of fun, real busy,” he says. “You do one animated show and then you do another one. The animated shows didn’t pay much, but the year before I’d been raising tobacco. Compared to that it paid a lot of money.”

Mark also wrote several TV movies, including Disney’s “Luck of the Irish” and a “Mike Hammer” film. In addition, he penned around six episodes of “Young Hercules” starring Ryan Gosling, and one episode each of “Falconcrest” and “In the Heat of the Night.” He had offers to be a staff writer on both shows but preferred the variety of TV movies.

Although his IMDB page is voluminous, Mark says he’s not crazy about a lot of the shows that were produced.

“It’s never as good as you envision it when you’re writing it,” he said. “You’re curious (to watch your work) but you kind of cringe while you’re watching. It makes sense that writers want to direct their own stuff because then you’re in control.”

After moving to Sewanee, he wrote

two plays and acted with the local theatre group, the South Cumberland Cultural Society. He also lent his talents to the group’s “Mountain Goat Radio Show.”

Mark, 61, just finished writing for the show “Snapped,” a true crime series on Oxygen Network, about women who turn murderous. When asked if writing for true crime shows gets him depressed, he says it helps him get to know villains better, which may help his writing.

“I don’t know a lot of horrible people,” he says. “It’s kind of the problem with having a happy childhood, being married for 34 years and having two children that you like. If your children were awful and you had a miserable childhood and you’d gone through three different marriages, you’d have all kinds of stuff to write about.”

The source of some of that detrimental-to-writing happiness is the couple’s two children. Their son Wilson is a teaching assistant in Richmond, Va., for students with severe autism, and daughter Forrest works at Vanderbilt University in the office of special programs.

UPCLOSE

Mark Edens

Favorite Color: Black

Favorite Cartoon Character:

Daffy Duck

Favorite TV Show: “The Wire”

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CINEMA GUILD

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Almost Christmas (2016) free

PG-13 • 112 minutes

Walter Meyer (Danny Glover) is a retired mechanic who lost the love of his life one year earlier. Now that the holiday season is here, he invites daughters Rachel (Gabrielle Union) and Cheryl (Kimberly Elise) and sons Christian (Romany Malco) and Evan (Jessie T. Usher) to his house for a traditional celebration. Poor Walter soon realizes that if his bickering children and the rest of the family can spend five days together under the same roof, it will truly be a Christmas miracle.

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SAS's Randy Paul competes in the backstroke on Nov. 30. Paul won the 100 backstroke and the 200 individual medley in the meet at the Fowler Center. Photo by St. Andrew's-Sewanee

SAS Opens Swim Season

On Nov. 30, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee's varsity swim team opened their season victorious against Lincoln County High School and Fayetteville High School. The middle school swim team beat Riverside Christian Academy and Highland Rim School.

Freshman Cole Palmertree stepped up for SAS by swimming the 500-yard freestyle for the first time and finishing second with a time of 7 minutes, 23.32 seconds. The Mountain Lions swept all relay events and a number of athletes had standout performances: Sarah Beth Hobby earned two wins in the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Senior captain Catherine Gray finished 1st in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Freshman Zolon Knoll placed first in the 100 butterfly and breaststroke. Sophia Patterson earned a win in the 500 freestyle.

Randy Paul finished first in 100 backstroke and the 200 individual medley. Aidan Smith won in the 200 freestyle. Freshman Myers Gorrell, in his first varsity meet, placed third in the 50 freestyle with a personal best of 30.44 seconds.

For the middle school teams, SAS sixth grader Reese Michaels finished the 200 individual medley with a personal record of 3:10.05. Jackson Frazier earned a first place finish in 200 freestyle and second in the 100 butterfly. Luca Malde placed second in both the 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Libby Neubauer finished first in the 100 backstroke. Namtso Norbu was first in the 200 freestyle. Katherine Perkins won in the 100 breaststroke and was second in the 200 freestyle.

"We are proud of the growth our athletes have shown already this year," said SAS swim coach Jake Miller. "Their commitment to the team and willingness to compete where their team needs them is really making a difference."

On Dec. 2, at Excel's Meet of Champs in Brentwood, Tenn., Catherine Gray earned a high school state cut in the 100 backstroke, and freshman Zolon Knoll earned high school state cuts in the 100 breaststroke, 100 fly and 200 individual medley. In addition to swimming for SAS, Catherine swims for the Manchester Makos team and Zolon swims for Tullahoma Swim Club.



SAS swimmers compete on Nov. 30. Photo by St. Andrew's-Sewanee

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Mountain Lions Top Berean, Lose Two

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team sandwiched a win over Berean County in between losses on Nov. 28 and Dec. 1.

In the low-scoring contest against Berean on Nov. 30, SAS's Blaise Zeitler scored 17 as the Mountain Lion's claimed victory, 35-33.

SAS's Jalen Tillman had a dominating performance on the boards, recording 10 rebounds to go with five points; Dustin Stensby chimed in with six points; Joe McDonough had four; and John Grammer added three.

"Our strong defensive effort gave us a chance to win this game, said SAS head coach Rob Zeitler. "I really appreciate our team's desire to compete and work hard."

Two days before, SAS fell to Riverside Christian Academy, 63-53. The Mountain Lions cut the lead to four with three minutes left, but could get no closer. Zeitler led SAS with 25 points; Tillman scored nine; Stensby added seven; Grammer posted five points; Larson Heitzenrater chimed in with four; and McDonough added one point.

On Dec. 1, SAS lost to Silverdale Baptist, 62-46. Tillman recorded eight rebounds and 12 points; Zeitler scored 17; Aubrey Black had six points; Stensby scored five; McDonough had four points; and Heitzenrater finished with two points. The loss moved SAS to 2-3 on the season.



The North Elementary School Lady Warriors won the Monteagle Elementary School Turkey Shoot-Out during the second week in November.

Monteagle Hosts Turkey Shoot-Out Tournament

Monteagle Elementary School hosted the MES Turkey Shoot-Out, a fifth- and sixth-grade invitational tournament, during the second week in November.

The tournament welcomed Swiss Memorial, North Elementary, St. Andrew's-Sewanee, Monteagle Elementary, Tracy City Elementary, Jasper, South Pittsburg and Pelham Elementary. Organizers said the tournament was a huge success, allowing the younger generation of upcoming basketball players to shine.

In the boys' division, Jasper and South Pittsburg battled it out for first place, with South Pittsburg beating Jasper after a hard fought game.

In the girls' division, North Elementary and South Pittsburg also had a tough back and forth game, but North came through victorious.

All teams showed tremendous talent, proving that the local basketball programs have upcoming players that

will strengthen varsity teams.

Monteagle Elementary plans on the Turkey Shoot-Out tournament becoming an annual event and hopes to welcome even more teams each year.

MES thanks everyone who participated in and supported the tournament and congratulates all of the players, parents, coaches and fans for their hard work, determination and great sportsmanship.

Middle School Boys' Basketball Edges Tracy City

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school boys' basketball team came away from Tracy City on Dec. 5 with a win in overtime, 37-35.

The game was close throughout, largely thanks to the post play of SAS's Mac Croom. SAS sixth-grader Cason Harmon drove in for a layup to send the game into overtime with 1.8 seconds remaining.

In overtime, Ethan Hargis hit a couple of key baskets to seal the win.

Sewanee Field Hockey Players Recognized

Three Sewanee field hockey players were selected as members of the Long-streth/NFHCA All-Great Lakes Region Team, the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) announced on Nov. 29.

Katie Wilson was tabbed to the First Team of the region, while Ceara Caffrey and Jo Jo Young represented the Second Team.

A three-time All-Region member, Wilson was selected to the First Team in consecutive years after earning a spot last season. The Chapel Hill, N.C., native scored four goals and assisted on three for 11 total points.

Named to the NFHCA Senior Game, the two-time NFHCA Scholar of Distinction netted a goal in the contest on Nov. 18 at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky.

Caffrey, after a freshman year with 10 goals and five game winners, netted 13 goals in 16 games for the Tigers. Finishing with 28 total points, the Scituate, Mass., native recorded three game-winners.

Her stick came to life in the first round of the SAA Field Hockey Tournament, where she completed a hat trick against Concordia Wisconsin.

Young was a major factor for the Tigers' midfield in 2017. The two-time All-Region team member scored one goal and helped on three others. In Sewanee's matchup at Earlham, the McLean, Va., native helped Virginia Barry net the game-winner in the 60th minute.

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Caldwell Earns Player of the Week Honor

Sewanee junior guard Cam Caldwell was selected as the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) Men's Basketball Player of the Week after his recent performances.

The Charlotte, N.C., native shot 52.4 percent (11-for-21) from the floor in two recent games en route to 35 points. The junior drained six shots from downtown, making 50 percent of his shots from beyond the arc. He also contributed 16 rebounds and four assists.

In Sewanee's contest against Piedmont on Nov. 29, he went a perfect 7-for-7 from the free throwline and finished with 18 points. He also blocked three shots and grabbed eight rebounds. Against Centre on Dec. 2, he scored 17 points on 7-of-12 shooting, while grabbing eight boards.

Sewanee Falls in Berea, Ky.

The Sewanee women's basketball team suffered a 76-63 road loss to Berea College on Dec. 5.

In the second half, Berea (5-2) used a 22-15 third quarter to ice the contest, despite the Tigers (2-5) trimming deficit down to 10 points late in the contest.

Sewanee's Bella Taylor, on 10-of-20 shooting and 7-of-7 from the charity stripe, scored 28. The junior is now one point shy of 1,000 in her career.

The Tigers' Sue Kim added 13, while Allison Hitchcock scored 12.

The Tigers will next host the Sewanee Holiday Classic, which begins Dec. 29 against Wooster at 5 p.m.

Home Games

Saturday, Dec. 9

2 p.m., SAS JV Boys' Basketball vs. Grace Baptist Academy

3:30 p.m., SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Grace Baptist Academy

5 p.m., SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Grace Baptist Academy

Tuesday, Dec. 12

5 p.m., SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Boyd Buchanan School

6:30 p.m., SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Boyd Buchanan School

Thursday, Dec. 14

6 p.m., SAS Middle School Girls' Basketball vs. Pelham

Wednesday, Dec. 20

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Thursday, Dec. 21

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11:30 a.m., SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Lookout Valley

Friday, Dec. 29

5 p.m., University Women's Basketball vs. Wooster, Sewanee Holiday Classic

Saturday, Dec. 30

3 p.m., University Women's Basketball vs. Covenant, Sewanee Holiday Classic



Sewanee's Hannah McCormack (center) battles down low against two Centre College defenders on Dec. 2. McCormack scored 27 points in the home loss. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Centre Squares up for 3 Early, Tames Tigers

The Sewanee women's basketball team outscored the Centre Colonels 32-24 in the second half, but were unable to complete the comeback, falling 70-63 on Dec. 2, inside Juhan Gymnasium.

Centre moved to 6-1 with the win, while Sewanee fell to 2-4.

Centre used a 9-of-19 opening quarter, including squaring up and drilling four shots from downtown to lead 23-10 after 10 minutes.

After a cold start, the Tigers came to life in the second quarter. Despite shooting 53 percent from the field in the quarter, the Tigers trailed 46-31 at the break.

Both teams struggled shooting in the third quarter. Outscoring the Colonels 13-9 in the quarter, the Purple and Gold trailed 55-44 headed into the final 10 minutes.

The Tigers used an 8-0 run in a five-minute span to cut the deficit to single digits. Trailing 66-58 with less than a minute remaining, Hannah McCormack, who made a trey on the Tigers' previous possession, nailed another 3-pointer to make the contest a two-possession game, 66-61 with 42 seconds to go.

With Centre not able to sink free throws on the next possession, the Tigers had a chance to make it a one-possession contest. Kelley Myers attempted a 3-pointer, but while in the process of shooting, she was fouled on the play. However, she was unable to make the free throws.

Sewanee's Sue Kim made a layup to cut the contest to five points, but that was as close as they would get.

"Give credit to Centre. They came out red hot," said Sewanee head coach Tracey Braden. "We talked about boards and execution being our focus for the second half. If we put a full game together, we get this win."

"I still believe it is a process and we will use this experience moving forward," she added. "Our team continues to progress, and I like the progress we are making."

McCormack shot 10-of-18 from the floor en route to a 27-point afternoon, missing her career of 28 by one point, which was set against Hendrix during her freshman year. Kim scored 15 points, which included three 3-pointers.

For Centre, Madison Rice scored 19 points and grabbed nine boards. Abigail Stewart was short of a triple double, scoring 12 points while collecting 10 boards and blocking seven shots.

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Sewanee Breaks Covenant Defense to Win Third Straight

The Sewanee men's basketball team saw five of its players reach double figures, as the Tigers defeated Covenant College, 92-86, to win their third game in a row.

The teams traded points and the lead for the majority of the first half, but the final 3:46 of the opening period belonged to the Purple and Gold. The Tigers (4-3), trailing 31-28, went on a 15-1 run to push the lead to 11 heading into the locker room.

Covenant (3-2) rallied to cut the deficit to one point in the first 10 minutes of the second half, 63-62, but the Tigers did not relinquish the lead back to the visitors.

Three-point shooting was a key factor in the contest, as each team made 10 shots from downtown.

Sewanee made less shots than Covenant, 34-31, but the Tigers had a 56.4 shooting percentage (31-of-55), the highest this season.

The Tigers also made shots where it counts the most: at the free throw line, making 20-of-25 shots.

"Although we did not have the start we wanted, I am proud of the resiliency our team showed tonight against a really talented Covenant team," said Sewanee head coach Mick Hedgepeth. "We maintained a balanced attack offensively with five guys scoring in double figures and made some huge plays down the stretch."

Sewanee's Luke Smith scored 23 points and grabbed six rebounds. The freshman, who shot 8-of-14 from the field and 5-of-8 from downtown, also earned five assists.

Adrian Thomas and Cam Caldwell each scored 17 points and collected six

rebounds. Thomas added three assists and two steals to his line.

Off the bench, Michael Barry made all four of his shots from the field and scored 15 points, a career-best for the sophomore.

Hunter Buescher also posted 13 points and four assists for the Tigers in the wins.

In an interesting aspect of the game, the Crumly brothers of Jonny (Sewanee) and Will (Covenant) played against one another.



Sewanee's Luke Smith scored 23 points in the Dec. 5 win over Covenant College. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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British Soldier Lichen

The British Soldier lichen is one of the easiest lichens to learn to identify. For one thing, the bright red reproductive structures, though tiny, catch the eye as they grow on old logs or on the ground. They are on the tips of the grey-green body of the lichen, often in a patch of mosses and other lichens. The name comes from the similarity to the red hats worn by British soldiers during the American Revolution.

Lichens are notoriously hard to learn to identify in the field. For one thing, they are neither fish nor fowl but an association between a fungus and an alga or a cyanobacterium (blue-green alga). The fungus, not a plant, provides the main mass of the body and absorbs water and provides shade and protection. The alga gives the lichen a greenish cast and provides carbohydrates through photosynthesis. The British Soldier lichen is part of a group of lichens in the genus *Cladonia*. Another lichen in this group, sometimes separated as *Cladonia*, is the reindeer moss (not, of course, a moss) and this one is also easy to spot in the field. It forms large patches among the rocks of sandstone outcrops and nearby areas, such as at Piney Point, and stands rather tall for a lichen, branching and shrubby and also grey-green. It is indeed eaten by reindeer in the winter when other food is not available. It is high in carbohydrates but low in protein. The reindeer compensate by reprocessing urea in their digestive tract to retrieve the nitrogen.

Hummingbird

Deryl Walker of Alto reports that she has two hummingbirds, one female Ruby-Throated and one possibly an Anna's, which are refusing to leave the area and coming to her feeder every day, including this morning, Dec. 6.

—reported by Yolande Gottfried

State Park Offerings

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Saturday, Dec. 9

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Saturday, Dec. 16

Winter Waterfall Hike—Join Ranger Jessie at 12:30 p.m. at Grundy Forest trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a 3-mile "moderate" hike (good boots with ankle support are strongly recommended) on the famous Fiery Gizzard Trail. See several breath-taking waterfalls. Learn more about the native flora and fauna as well as how Fiery Gizzard got its name. Dogs are welcome; must be leashed at all times. Bring plenty of water. Dress for the weather!

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Early next year, volunteers will also have a unique and historic way to participate. On certain upcoming work-days, volunteers will be asked to wear CCC-era clothing in order to help re-enact the lives of the Civilian Conservation Corps workers to a visiting audience.

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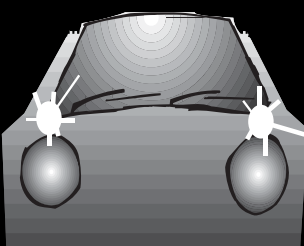
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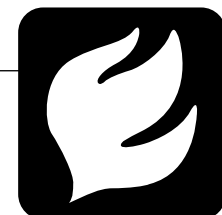
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Community Calendar

Today, Friday, Dec. 8

Last Day of Classes, School of Theology

- 8:30 a.m. Yin Yoga with Friends, Comm Ctr.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Senior Center Bazaar, 5 Ball Park Rd., until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Game day, Senior Ctr.
- Noon Festival of Trees Open House/reception, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy, until 4 p.m.
- Noon Spinal Spa with Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 5 p.m. Feast of St. Nicholas, St. James/Midway Community Park, until 7 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Merry Little Downtown Christmas, Winchester various locations, until 8 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Concert, A Festive Celebration, SSO, Guerry
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise performance, Proctor Hill Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Victoria and Abdul," SUT

Saturday, Dec. 9

- 7:30 a.m. FC Morning Rotary pancake breakfast, San Miguel
- 8 a.m. Merry Little Downtown Christmas, Winchester various locations, until 2 p.m.
- 9 a.m. Senior Center Bazaar, 5 Ball Park Rd., until 2 p.m.
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality shop open, 1096 Univ Ave., until noon
- 11:30 a.m. UDC K-S Chpt 327, Oak Restaurant, Manchester
- 1 p.m. Once Upon a Christmas events, Tracy City
- 2 p.m. Cambodian silk sale, 482 Wiggins Cr., until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Monteagle Christmas Parade
- 5 p.m. Christmas Parade lineup, Tracy City; parade, 6 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. DanceWise performance, Proctor Hill Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Victoria and Abdul," SUT

Sunday, Dec. 10

- 2 p.m. Irwin meet/greet, St. Mark's Hall, Otey
- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m. DanceWise performance, Proctor Hill Theatre
- 4 p.m. McCardell Open House, Chen Hall
- 4 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Community Ctr.
- 5 p.m. Ralston viewing, Handel's Rodelina, duPont
- 6:30 p.m. Concert, Sewanee Praise, St. Luke's Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Victoria and Abdul," SUT

Monday, Dec. 11

Deadline to return Operation Noel applications, SPD or Fire Hall

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/Athl. Trainer Ray Knight, Blue Chair Tavern
- 9 a.m. Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Ctr.
- 11:30 a.m. Sewanee Woman's Club, Strickland, DuBose
- 10:30 a.m. Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr.
- 5:30 p.m. FCBCE, 215 S. College St., Winchester
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga for Strength/Healing with Pippa, Comm Ctr
- 6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- 8:30 a.m. Yin Yoga with Friends, Comm Ctr.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates with Kim, beginner, Fowler Center
- 9:30 a.m. Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, 1096 Univ Ave., until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. PEO Sisterhood, Chptr Z, (931) 962-0202
- 10:30 a.m. Bingo, Senior Ctr.
- 10:30 a.m. La Leche League, Browne, Comm Ctr
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- Noon Pilates with Bruce, beginner mat, 91 University Ave.
- Noon Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 2:30 p.m. STHP, Adult Education Room, Otey, until 4 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Pilates with Bruce, beginner mat, 91 University Ave.
- 5:30 p.m. Daughters of the King, St. James parish house
- 6 p.m. FCDW, Fiesta Grill, Cowan
- 6 p.m. Tracy Acoustic Jam, old water bldg, Tracy
- 6:30 p.m. Social dancing with Valerie, beginner, Comm Ctr

- 7 p.m. Ralston Screening, duPont
- 7:30 p.m. Social dancing with Valerie, continuing, Comm Ctr

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Last Day of Classes, University of the South

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Art on Wednesdays, 301 Montgomery St., Cowan, until 12:30 p.m.
- Noon EQB, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 3:30 p.m. Tutoring K-5, St. James, parents pickup at 5 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Ralston Listening, Bowers, duPont, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Sewanee Civic Assn., St. Mark's Hall, Otey; social, 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 6 p.m.; Sewanee Chorale, 6:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr.
- 6 p.m. Divorce support group series, for location <www.divorcecare.org> or call (615) 294-4748
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Almost Christmas," (CG, free), SUT

Thursday, Dec. 14

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, Woods Lab G-10, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates with Kim, beginner, Fowler Ctr.
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, 1096 Univ Ave., until 1 p.m.
- 11 a.m. Tai Chi with Kathleen, ongoing, Comm Ctr.
- Noon Pilates with Bruce, beginner mat, 91 Univ Ave.
- Noon Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Ctr.
- 12:30 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home support group, 598-0303
- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle Sewanee Rotary club social, St. Mary's Sewanee, until 7 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Pilates with Bruce, beginner mat, 91 Univ Ave
- 6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults, 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Girls' Trip," SUT

Friday, Dec. 15

Drop off Blue Monarch Angel Tree gifts, Blue Chair (final day)

GC Schools Abbreviated Day

Last Day of Final Exams, School of Theology

- 7 a.m. Curbside recycling
- 8:30 a.m. Yin Yoga with Friends, Comm Ctr.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Game day, Senior Ctr.
- 11:30 a.m. FCRW Christmas luncheon, 912 Country Club Rd, Winchester
- Noon Spinal Spa with Kim, Fowler Ctr.
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Girls' Trip," SUT

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 7 p.m. Al-Anon, First United Methodist Church, Winchester

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