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On the eve of its sale, Ben and Kiki Beavers have owned Shenanigans longer than any other owner in the restaurant's 36-year-history.

## Sale of Shenanigans Marks End of 15-Year Chapter in Restaurant's History

When Kiki and Ben Beavers sign the papers to sell Shenanigans next week, they will have owned the beloved Sewanee restaurant for almost half its existence. But don't expect them to disappear from town. "It's not like we're moving, we'll still be around," Kiki said in a recent interview. Ben will continue as manager of the Sewanee Utility District, and Kiki said she'll still be coaching basketball at the Sewanee Elementary School.

"I'm really glad to have been part of the tradition of this community, to have been part of one of the oldest establishments in town," Kiki said.

Shenanigans will close on Dec. 10 for the Christmas break. Shelley and Ward Cammack will be the new owners and will reopen in January.

"We've loved Shenanigans for a long time," Kiki said. She and Ben were both students at the Sewanee Academy and loved eating there then. There have been many slow, subtle changes since Shenanigans was founded in 1974.

Ben and Kiki bought Shenanigans on July 12, 1995, and over time have made a number of improvements. The biggest came last year when they fixed the leaning structure to straighten out the building and ensure its future. But initially, they did simple things like add commercial refrigeration (replacing a hodge-podge of refrigerators, freezers, and ice tubs). And with all this equipment, they quickly realized the need to air-condition the building. Kiki and Ben moved the Gallery into the newly expanded back space (briefly a coffee shop started by a previous owner). At one point, they made their own bread for the restaurant because they were unhappy with the quality of what they could get.

"We wanted the food to be the best it could be, as homemade as possible, as fresh as we could get it," Kiki said. "The food is better now than it has ever been. Shenanigans has become

a destination point for students, the community and visitors, not because of any big promotional campaign but because of word-of-mouth."

"Our primary goal has been to be consistent. We didn't want to reinvent ourselves every time something changed," she said. "We also wanted it to be a place where you could bring your kids." Kiki and Ben's two children, Sarah (14) and John (10) have grown up in the restaurant. "People come back and mark time by seeing how much our kids have grown," she said. "They wonder, 'Is Sarah driving yet?'"

Over the years, Kiki has taught many of her employees how to cook. "Some people come to work here because they love to cook, but many don't even know how to cut an onion or make rice. Before it is all over, they really learn a lot.

"I'm so proud that

more than 15 of our former staff have gone on to cooking school and are chefs, many with their own restaurants," she said.

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## SUD Board Approves Dam Repair and Myers Point Contract

At its Nov. 30 business meeting, the board of commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District voted to authorize funding for repairs to the Lake Jackson Dam and to approve the contract for supplying service to the Myers Point development. They also reviewed the proposed 2011-15 capital expense budget, cost factors related to water recycling and the regional drought plan proposed by area utility managers.

Commenting on the recent heavy rainfall, SUD manager Ben Beavers said Lake Jackson rose five feet in three-and-a-half hours and was almost overflowing. Near drought conditions in October had slowed the leak in the Lake Jackson dam, but with the rain the leak had returned to the normal pool water loss level of 65 gallons per minute. The board approved Beaver's authorization request for \$60,000 to repair the leak. The initial estimated cost was \$32,000, but Beavers cautioned that he did not want to run out of money on the project.

The board also voted to approve the contract for supplying service to the Myers Point project being developed by John Goodson. In keeping with SUD policy, the new contract grants a LEED (Leaders in Energy and Environmental Design) credit for each water-tap connection because the development covenants stipulate all homes must be LEED-certified. (LEED-certified homes use substantially less water.) The contract stipulates that if a home fails to meet LEED certification requirements, the homeowner must pay SUD the amount of the credit.

Reporting on finances, Beavers said year-to-date income was 10 percent above 2009 and expenses were down 13 percent. Beavers based the 2011 budget on the 2010 budget figures.

Beavers reviewed the capital improvements budget, which anticipates capital needs through 2015. Among the items included in this budget are: inflow and infiltration repairs over five years (\$675,000), lift station rehabilitation over three years (\$155,000), replacing grinder pumps over five years (\$120,000), new vehicle for the meter readers in 2011 (\$20,000), new vehicle for the wastewater treatment plant in 2012 (\$22,500), replacing the excavator in 2014 (\$45,000) and repainting the farm water tank in 2015 (\$60,000).

Inflow and infiltration (I&I), when rainwater enters the sewer system, puts undue strain on the wastewater treatment plant and wastewater collection system. During the recent heavy rain, two lift stations overflowed. Emphasizing the need for I&I repairs, Beavers said the \$675,000 budgeted would reduce I&I by 20-30 percent. He estimated it would cost another \$1 million to substantially reduce I&I in the system.

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## Area Holiday Happenings

### Sewanee

The Sewanee Senior Center will host its ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR through Dec. 21, when it will close with its holiday luncheon. The snowball quilt will be given away at that time. It is also hosting its CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE Dec. 13 through Dec. 17. The center is located at 5 Ball Park Rd., behind the Sewanee Market and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information call 598-0771.

John and Bonnie McCardell invite members of the community to a HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT CLEMENT CHEN HALL from 4 to 6 p.m.

on Sunday, Dec. 19. There will be music by Noel Workman and light refreshments.

### Monteagle

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT will be the service at Christ Church Monteagle at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 12. Lunch will be served afterward. For more information, call (931) 924-3488.

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church's choir is offering "A CHRISTMAS CANTATA" at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12. The church is located at 322 Main Street.

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## Letters



### VISITING YOUNG WRITER BUILDS FORT

#### To the Editor:

My name is Ryan Winn. I am 7 years old, and I live in Toms River, N.J. I was visiting my grandma and grandpa, Shirley and Mike Winn, for Thanksgiving. They live in Sewanee.

On Sunday, I built a pile of leaves to jump in. I thought it would be more fun to make something out of the leaves. I took all the leaves out of the center of the pile and made a

volcano. Then, I thought it could be even bigger and made a fort to attack my brother Aidan's pile of leaves. I kept piling leaves on top and to the sides and it got even bigger. It's about 4 feet high and 4 feet wide and 6 feet long. It's even bigger than I thought it would be. I had lots of fun playing in the fort.

The fort has been there since I built it. I thought the wind would blow it away or the rain would make it go away, but it is still there. I'm glad I built such a strong fort.

Ryan Winn  
Toms River, N.J. ■

(Ryan is pictured above in the fort he built at his grandparents' home.)

### ARTISTS THANK KIKI AND BEN BEAVERS

#### To the Editor:

As noted in the Shenanigans Gallery announcement that appeared in last week's Messenger, this month the gallery marks the end of one era and the beginning of another. Kiki and Ben Beavers have sold Shenanigans to Ward and Shelley Cammack, and the change in ownership will occur this week.

The artists of Shenanigans Gallery would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to Kiki and Ben for their unwavering support and friendship. Throughout their years as owners, they treated us and our work with courtesy and respect, always seeking to accommodate our needs, even when doing so demanded extra work on their part. We will miss working with them, and we wish the

entire Beavers family well in their new endeavors.

We would also like to welcome Ward and Shelley to the Shenanigans family. We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership with them.

The artists of  
Shenanigans Gallery ■

### MORE PRAISE FOR PICCARD

#### To the Editor:

I add my gratitude to all who have written about Geraldine Piccard. She was fair and sometimes she had to stand up to "the powers that be" to be fair. She gathered a good staff around her and helped many people over the years. Janet's graphic work has been beautiful, and I express my gratitude for that, too. I am very glad she is continuing this. I look forward to seeing the Messenger each week.

William Millsaps  
Monteagle ■

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## New Arrival



### Robin Elizabeth Mathewson

Robin Elizabeth Mathewson was born on Dec. 1 at Southern Tennessee Medical Center to Laurel and Colin Mathewson of Sewanee. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is the couple's first child. Maternal grandparents are the late Elizabeth Shaw and Reed Stewart. Paternal grandparents are Penny and Peter Mathewson.

## Masons Meet on Monday

The Summit Masonic Lodge #497 F&AM, a member of the Sewanee community since 1878, meets on the second Monday of every month. The next scheduled meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, in the Lodge Hall.

For more information call Brian Masters, (931) 924-3389, or Joe Milner, 598-0711.

## STHP Final 2010 Meeting

The Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation will hold its final meeting of the semester at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the University Archives building, next door to duPont Library.

After election of officers and new board members, John Tilford will lead a walk-through of the new facility, which is nearly ready to receive the archive material currently stored on the third floor of duPont.

Guests will learn how much historical material the University has collected and how well it is cared for. The most convenient parking is in the lot behind the library. Copies of Waring McCrady's book about the Order of the Sisters of St. Mary and Breslin Tower notecards will be for sale. Refreshments will be served, and the meeting is open to all.

## Community Projects Highlighted by Interns Today

College students who have been Canale interns will be making presentations about their semester-long community service projects at 3 p.m. today, Dec. 9, at the EQB building, located behind the University Bookstore.

The Canale internship is a local effort that gives University students the opportunity and resources to carry out service-oriented projects in the community. This semester's interns have tutored and offered college counseling to students at Grundy County High, built a playground for North Lake Elementary, taught environmental education classes at Sewanee Elementary, done writing therapy with Blue Monarch clients, provided mentors for Sewanee Elementary students and foster children in Franklin County, and promoted healthy eating through the Community Action Committee. The presentations are open to the public, and warm drinks and light snacks will be provided.

## CCJP Hosts Peace Vigil on Friday

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace is organizing a peace vigil at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, at the corner of University Avenue and Highway 41A. This vigil's focus is to call for a halt to U.S. military action in Afghanistan. Participants are encouraged to wear black and to display a sign expressing their opposition to the war.

According to CCJP, the U.S.-Afghan conflict, which began in October of 2001, is the longest war in U.S. history. 1,260 members of the U.S. military have died as a result of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, and at least 11,000 Afghani civilians have died as a direct result of the conflict. Afghani civilian deaths attributed to indirect causes (like starvation) are estimated at 14,000-34,000. The war continues even though, accord-

ing to most foreign policy experts, al-Qaeda—the declared enemy of the U.S.—is no longer an active presence in Afghanistan.

Signs will be available at the vigil site. Participants may park in the Sewanee Gardener's Market lot at the corner of Highway 41A and Hawkins Lane. For more information, contact Leslie Lytle at (931) 592-6594 or <sllytle@blomand.net>.

## American Legion Meets Saturday

American Legion Post 51 holds its regular monthly meeting on the second Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Dec. 11 in the Legion Hall on University Avenue in Sewanee.

## Happy birthday, Jennie!

Jennie Gardner celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday, Dec. 6, with a small gathering of family and friends. Her son, David, came for the occasion from Portland, Ore., as well as family members from as far away as California. Jennie moved to Sewanee in 1972 with her husband, Andrew; she always wanted to return to Tennessee where she was born. When asked what has been the greatest innovation in her lifetime, she quickly answered, "Air-conditioning! That might seem silly to some, but not if you grew up in Memphis!" Jennie's party included a birthday cake with numeral candles for "100," and she blew them out entirely on her own. "It's been a great day!" she exclaimed.

## Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$3 (50 or older) or \$5 (under 50). Please call 598-0771 by 10:30 a.m. to order a lunch. Menus follow:

**Dec. 13:** Pork chop, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.

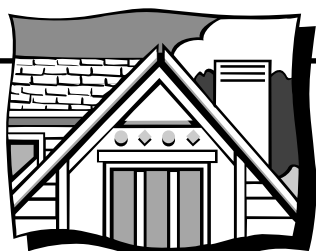
**Dec. 14:** Homemade chicken noodle soup/crackers, salad, dessert.

**Dec. 15:** Meat loaf, pinto beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

**Dec. 16:** Baked fish, baked potato, slaw, roll, dessert.

**Dec. 17:** Cream of broccoli soup/crackers, ham and cheese sandwich, assorted desserts.

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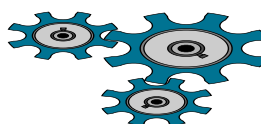
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## Sale of Shenanigans *from page 1*

Kiki and Ben have had more than 400 employees over their 15 years. “We’ve employed a lot of kids here. I get postcards from our former employees from all over the world. And, I get touching letters from their parents saying things like, ‘Thank you for raising my child’ and ‘Thank you for letting them be part of your family.’ We go to their weddings, visit them on vacations and watch them raise their own families,” she said. “It is pretty amazing. We’re going to miss this part of the work.”

The Shenanigans building was erected in 1870 and was, for most of its life, a general store that at times included a tin shop, a shoe shop and a place for horse and wagons to pass behind the building. It has been a roller rink, a mortuary and laundry for the ROTC on campus. EQB Club met upstairs in the early days of the building and the Odd Fellows society met upstairs for a time. It was Winn’s General Store until 1972 and then sat vacant for two years until it was reborn as Shenanigans in 1974. Founders Merissa Tobler and Richard Riddell opened Shenanigans in 1974. They had moved to Sewanee from California and wanted a place where they could have fresh, healthy food: they began the tradition of a fresh carrot with a sandwich in place of a pickle. The distinctive light covers on the pendant lights were handmade by Merissa, whose pottery is still available in the Gallery.

Tom Brown, who owned the restaurant for many years, came aboard next and added the grill. Katherine and Todd Kaderabek bought it after

graduating from the college in the late 80s. They expanded the menu to include many favorites: the Cool Cucumber Sandwich, the Skinny Bob Meat Melt and pizzas. Britt Brantley owned it briefly after the Kaderabeks, and he renovated a storage room at the back of the building into a small coffee shop.

But how did the shrine to Elvis come about?

“Somebody brought in the Hawaiian Elvis on Velvet painting when Todd and Katherine were the owners, and it has just evolved. Grateful Dead posters, bike jerseys, and the memorabilia from the New Orleans Jazz Festival: people bring things in and we hang them up,” she said.

Kiki said the only part that she’s had in decorating the place was putting some of these interesting artifacts into frames and hanging up all the postcards they receive from friends and former staff.

In thinking about what to do next, Kiki said first, “I’m going to have to learn how to cook small now. Even Sarah makes things in huge batches.” She said she’s going to take the spring to consider her options, clean her house and enjoy being at home. Ben will continue his work at SUD, and Kiki is involved at both schools which her children attend (SES and St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School), coaches the SES girls’ basketball team, and spends time with her parents, who have retired to Winchester.

She added, “I’ve loved Shenanigans since I was a kid. I always will love it.”

## SUD Board Approves Dam Repair *from page 1*

Raftelis Financial, Inc., a water and wastewater consulting firm, is in the process of reviewing SUD’s rates.

In discussing water recycling research, SUD Board President Doug Cameron pointed out that the pump system for water reuse would cost \$25,000, suggesting this was a reasonable investment given that SUD is paying the University \$10,000 a year for the right to use Lake Dimmick in the event of a water shortage. Beavers stressed that a cost analysis of SUD’s water supply options was necessary in order to evaluate the efficacy of water recycling. Beavers added that the 2010 budget included \$50,000 for water-recycling research and only \$15,000 of that amount was spent thus far; moving the unspent sum to next year’s budget would increase the 2011 allocation for water-recycling research to \$55,000.

Beavers updated the board on the regional drought plan he drafted with the managers of the Tracy City, Monteagle and Big Creek water utilities. The managers used the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) template. The draft plan stipulates that if any two utilities impose drought conservation measures, the other two utilities will impose water-use restrictions as well. The individual utilities will designate the water-shortage trigger level for mandating conservation in their district. Beavers said TDEC wants the utilities to hold a public meeting to discuss the plan.

The next meeting of the SUD board will be at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the SUD office building on Sherwood Road.

—Reported by Leslie Lytle

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## Church News

### All Saints’ Daily Services Update

The last daily services of Morning and Evening Prayer for the Advent semester, offered Monday through Friday in All Saints’ St. Augustine’s Chapel, will be Thursday, Dec. 16. Services will resume on Monday, Jan. 17.

### Daughters of the King to Meet

The Daughters of the King meet at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the parish hall of St. James Episcopal Church, 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. The next meeting is Dec. 14. All women are invited to attend and learn more about the organization.

### Otey Parish This Sunday

All are welcome at Otey Memorial Parish this Sunday, Dec. 12, Advent III, for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 8:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. During the Sunday School hour at 10 a.m., children ages 3–10 are invited to attend Godly Play. Middle school youth are invited to join April and Stephen Alvarez for “Grateful Reflections.” High school youth are invited to attend “Text and Teach,” led by Betty Carpenter. Nursery care is available 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Adult opportunities at 10 a.m. include the Bishop Otey Society’s discussion with Dr. Roy Elam on “Caring for the Living and the Dying,” “Saving Jesus,” led by Julie King Murphy and Elizabeth Wilson, the Lectionary Class led by Pete Trenchi, and the “No-Class Class” will meet in the Parish Hall for fellowship.

Coffee hour follows the 11 a.m. service.

### New Church in Monteagle

Gloryland Independent Church of God is offering services in Monteagle at 86 Fairmont Street. Church services will be at 3 p.m. on Sundays and all are welcome to participate. The church is looking for Christian musicians to offer their talents at services and is seeking church pews for its space.



### CAC Hosts Breakfast, Seeks New Food Items

The Community Action Committee will host its Christmas breakfast for clients and friends at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Otey parish hall. Schoolchildren from Sewanee Elementary will sing Christmas carols at the event. In preparation for this event, CAC will sort and pack groceries at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the CAC office.

To supplement the canned goods that CAC can purchase through Second Harvest Food Bank in Nashville, Kana Goldsmith announced that CAC is asking for food donations from the community. Specifically, CAC needs self-rising flour, corn meal, shortening, vegetable oil, coffee, toilet paper, laundry (powder) detergent, dish soap, salt and pepper, canned and powdered milk, sugar, chocolate chips and hot cocoa mix. For more information contact Kana at 598-5927.

### Harrison Chapel Benefit for Daniel

Harrison Chapel Church in Midway will host a benefit chili and hot dog supper from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, to help Ronnie Daniel Jr. with medical bills associated with his recent illness. The meal includes dessert and a drink for \$6. Dine in or carry out available.

### Midway Church of Christ

At 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, Minister Keith Hamilton will preach a sermon titled “Great Statements About Faith.” The 10 a.m. Bible study that morning will be a continuation of a study of “The Life of Christ.” At the 6 p.m. service, he will preach on the subject “Is Hell Eternal?” At 7:30 on Sunday mornings Hamilton conducts a radio program called “Ask and the Bible Answers” on FM 94.5, AM 1440 or online at wzyxonline.com. Anyone having a Bible question they would like answered can contact Hamilton at (931) 454-2196 and leave a message. He will answer the question on the radio program. Located at 151 Otter Falls Rd. in the Midway community of Sewanee, Midway Church of Christ welcomes visitors at any of its services. CD recordings of all sermons are available by contacting Hamilton.

### Episcopal Peace Fellowship

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship invites you to its weekly meetings for prayer, study and work, directed toward reconciliation and peace. The Fellowship meets at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Quintard Room in Otey parish hall. Celebration of the Eucharist is held on the second Thursday of each month.

### Fire on the Mountain

Fire on the Mountain will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday at Brooks Hall. Alex Haralson, a gifted musician and youth coordinator for the Diocese of East Tennessee, will join the group for its program. Alex has led many workshops in the southeast and currently teaches religion at the Webb School of Knoxville. Fire on the Mountain is the Episcopal Youth Coalition sponsored by St. James and Otey Parish. It is open to youth in grades 6–12. For more information, contact Betty Carpenter 598-9090.



## Obituaries

### Elbert Milton Guess

Elbert Milton Guess, age 81 of Winchester, died on Dec. 1, 2010, at Harton Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma. He was born Sept. 19, 1929, in Sherwood to John and Jennie Stubblefield Guess. He was preceded in death by his parents. He worked as a contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Lacrede Ann Guess of Winchester; sons, David (Arlene) Guess of Claremont, Fla., and Elbert (Cindy) Guess Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter, Linda (Tom) Pawelek of Homewood, Ill.; sister, Diane McIntosh of Orland Park, Ill.; stepchildren, Sherry (Gary) Oradat of Houston, Texas, Susan (Dr. Thomas) Helenowski of Glenview, Ill., and Jeffrey (Connie) Clark of Beech Grove, Tenn.; nineteen grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Brian Nave officiating. Interment followed in Franklin Memorial Gardens, Winchester. Arrangements were by Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, Winchester.

### Charles E. “Fats” Winton

Charles E. “Fats” Winton, age 79 of Winchester, died Nov. 25, 2010. He was born June 16, 1931, in Hillsboro to James and Lucille Jones Winton. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Mildred J. Cannon, Daisy M. Robinson and Thelma R. Vanzant; and brother Willie James Winton.


He is survived by his wife, Rose Mae Winton; two sons, Robert Winton and Kenny Winton, of Winchester; brothers J.C. (Lorraine) Winton of Dayton, Ohio, Harold (Stella) Winton of Cowan, Robert Winton of Winchester, Larry (Betty) Winton of Winchester, Paul D. (Jenny) Winton of Decherd; sister Mary A. (Larry) Vanzant of Smyrna, Tenn.; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Nov. 30, in the funeral home chapel. Interment followed in Farris Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements were by Watson-North Funeral Home, Winchester. Online condolences may be sent to <www.watsonnorth.com>.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Vickie Arnez Pendergrass Simmons

Vickie Arnez Pendergrass Simmons, age 50 of Stevenson, Ala., died Dec. 7, 2010 at Highlands Medical Center, Scottsboro, Ala. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, at Sherwood Church of Christ. Interment will be at Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rudder Funeral Home, Stevenson. A complete obituary will be published in next week’s issue of the Messenger.



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The Rev. Thomas Morris



# St. Mary's Quiet Day Location Changed

The Community of St. Mary is offering an Advent Quiet Day open to the general public, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Dec. 18, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton will be the presenter.

To register for the Quiet Day contact Sr. Madeleine Mary or Sr. Elizabeth at 598-0046. The suggested donation is \$30 for the day, and lunch is included.

## Animal Alliance Offers Gift Idea

Having a difficult time buying the perfect present for someone who has everything? Make a donation to the Animal Alliance Spay Neuter Program in honor of your family member or friend, and a Christmas card will be sent notifying them of your generous gift.

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honor of the pet lover on your Christmas list. AASC, P.O. Box 627, Tracy City, TN 37387. Phone (931) 235-9006 or visit the website, <www.AnimalAllianceSouthCumberland.org>.

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## Sewanee Woman's Club Meets Monday

Reservations are due by noon on Friday, Dec. 10, to attend the Sewanee Woman's Club upcoming meeting on Monday, Dec. 13, at St. Mary's Sewanee. The social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon.

The middle school chorus from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will present the program. Katherine Anderson is the director of the chorus. This meeting is also the club's fund-raiser, with baked items and gifts for sale. The luncheon menu is turkey Florentine artichoke bake, autumn mixed green salad with cranberries and apples,

kalamata olive rolls, sweet potato pie, tea and coffee.

For reservations, call Caroline Shoemaker (598-0982), Marietta Poteet (931-924-7666) or email Marianna Handler at <mariannah@earthlink.net>. Members with standing reservations are asked to cancel by Dec. 10 if unable to attend. When making a reservation, please request child care or a vegetarian meal if either is needed.

Annual membership dues are \$5 and lunch is \$13. Revenues from the annual fund-raiser and dues are used to support community projects.

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From "Two-Liners Stolen From  
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Lot 36 North Bluff	1064111	\$ 99,900
Saddletree Lane	836593	\$ 75,000
Raven's Den	1015362	\$129,000
Jackson Point Rd	850565	\$ 80,000



## Composting System Launched by University Students

Sewanee students have formed a new organization to reduce food waste on campus. Team Compost is composed of 10 students who daily collect and weigh all the food waste from the McClurg Dining Hall loading dock, drive the collected waste to the composting area and mix it with decomposing leaves from campus leaf collections, then wash and return containers to McClurg.

The relevant state regulators and the university's Physical Plant Services staff have inspected the system.

Daily compost pickups have averaged 200 pounds so far this semester, which means that the group will divert approximately 6,000 pounds of food waste from the landfill per month. Ultimately, this waste will turn into usable compost for campus plantings. The team hopes to increase the percentage of waste recovered in campus dining areas and kitchens and hopes to reduce the amount over time as low-waste practices are adopted in kitchens and dining areas.

Team Compost contributes approximately 100 hours of volunteer work per month in support of this effort.

Students interested in composting and waste reduction also are monitoring and testing the progress of the current wire bin-based compost system and are researching composting operations at other schools and municipalities. They will make recommendations about the best future composting plans for Sewanee. In addition, they are working to raise awareness about food waste among McClurg diners, and considering how best to include composting from Stirling's and residence halls.

Past composting efforts received little or no institutional support. This semester, due to the concerted volunteer efforts of students, staff and faculty members, this composting system surpasses previous efforts and establishes an official composting site and mechanism on the Sewanee campus.

Team Compost grew out of the food working group of the university's sustainability steering committee and is organized and run by student volunteers. The biology department provides logistical support through use of its truck for evening transportation of compost. Marvin Pate and David Haskell are informal advisors to the group; Rocco Calandruccio and Laurie Kianka provide additional advice and support. Team Compost has coordinated its work with Aramark executive chef Rick Wright.

## Monteagle Welcomes New Businesses

Two new Monteagle businesses will host ribbon cuttings this week. Serenity Salon and Day Spa will hold an open house at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15. Refreshments will be served, and guests can register to win a variety of spa and salon services. Serenity Salon and Day Spa is located at 337 W. Main St. For more information call (931) 924-5000.

The Depot Deli will have its open house at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18. They will serve sample sandwiches and refreshments, and guests can register to win a \$25 gift certificate. The Depot Deli is located at 403 W. Main Street. For more information call (931) 924-2806.

## University Job Postings

EXEMPT POSITIONS: Associate Vice President for University Relations; Creative Writing Programs Manager; Director, Babson Center for Global Commerce; Head Field Hockey Coach.

NON-EXEMPT POSITIONS: Database Specialist; Coordinator of Marketing and Public Relations/Sewanee Summer Music Festival.

## Alzheimers Support Group

The Franklin County Support Group of the Alzheimer's Association will meet at 3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Willows at Winchester. This meeting will be a time of caring and sharing.

The group can be beneficial to anyone caring for a loved one suffering with memory impairment and confusion. The Willows at Winchester is located at 32 Memorial Drive. If you would like more information about the meeting or about Alzheimer's please call the Alzheimer's Association at (931) 455-3345.

## SUD Candidate Petitions Due Monday

Persons interested in running for a seat on the Sewanee Utility District board must submit a petition signed by 10 SUD customers by Monday, Dec. 13. Petitions are available at the SUD office. Prospective candidates must be SUD customers, and candidates for the Marion County seat must reside in Marion County.

Two commissioners will be elected—one representing Marion County for a full four-year term, and one representing the entire district for a partial three-year term.

Early voting will begin Jan. 3 in the SUD office during regular business hours. Voting ends at 5 p.m. on Jan. 25, the date of the annual meeting. SUD commissioner Karen Singer will serve as election officer.

The newly elected commissioners will be sworn in at the Feb. 22 meeting. The SUD Board of Commissioners also includes Doug Cameron, Ken Smith and Rick Sommer.



Debbie Cleek of Monteagle was honored recently as the Paul Turner Democrat of the Year presented by the Marion County Democratic Party. Cleek is a life-long Democrat who first became involved in politics while living in Chattanooga and working on Al Gore's U.S. Senate race. Since then, she has been involved at all levels of the party, working on the Obama presidential campaign and most recently on the Marion County elections. Cleek has served two terms as secretary of the Marion County Democratic Party board on which she currently sits. Pictured with Cleek is State Senator Andy Burke of Chattanooga.

## Moonlight/Firelight Labyrinth Walk

St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center is honoring the longest night of the year on Tuesday, Dec. 21, with a labyrinth walk under the full moon. This longest night is the turning point when the days begin to slowly lengthen until the time of the longest day in June. The group will meet briefly inside the center at 6 p.m. Weather permitting, a fire will be lit in the center of the outdoor labyrinth at 6:15 p.m. and maintained until 8 p.m. for those who would like to experience the labyrinth with both moonlight and firelight. For more information, contact Kathleen Ambrose at 598-5348 or Hadley Morris at 598-5342.

## Donate to Heifer Project

The Outreach Office of the University of the South is collecting donations for Heifer International. Purchase honor cards for friends and loved ones and give a gift that brings promise to hungry families and the opportunity for a better life to the less fortunate. Giving a Heifer gift takes the stress out of shopping while putting the meaning back into giving.

Since 1944, Heifer has helped 12.5 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture. To participate, contact Brittany Roper in the Outreach Office at 598-3201.

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**Upcoming Events**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER**  
Friday, December 31, at 6:30 p.m.  
Four courses, house wines, \$65 per person.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**  
Saturday, January 1, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Six sparkling wines with paired appetizers, \$25 per person

Phone 931-924-3869 for reservations.  
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Stephen Burnett, President of the Sewanee Leaseholders, kneels beside one of 27 house markers that were provided at cost to local residents by the leaseholders group. The signs, approved by the Lease Committee and University Public Safety, were designed to be both attractive and readily visible to emergency service workers.





PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY. Forrest Edens (left) and Angie Evans were among the many college students and community members who decorated All Saints' Chapel for the Festival of Lessons and Carols last weekend.

### Raising the Roof in Tracy City

The building roof that shelters the Grundy County Food Bank (GCFB), the Adult Education Center (home to free GED classes) and the Clothing Bank in Tracy City is leaking and can no longer be repaired. These groups, housed in a building at the old Grundy County High School, provide services for the entire mountain community. Darlene Seagroves and other concerned community members have established accounts at Citizen's State Bank and Citizen's Tri-County Bank for contributions toward this effort. If you write a check, make it payable to the Town of Tracy City (because it owns the building) and put "Raising the Roof Campaign" on the memo line (because the funds are just for fixing this space). As it gets closer to the actual work time, volunteers will be asked to help purchase building supplies and provide skilled labor. Sign-up sheets will be available at local building supply stores.

GCFB serves about 200 families per month. In addition, GCFB distributes food to agencies that feed people across this mountain, including the CAC. More than 64 tons of food from Walmart has been distributed by GCFB this year. Scores of volunteers work to distribute food through GCFB under the able direction of long-time volunteers Glenn and Carol VandenBosch. Glenn and Carol will soon step down from GCFB and make

room for new leadership.

Grundy County sponsors the other services housed in the building and has always provided maintenance. However, the property was deeded over to the Town of Tracy City with the understanding that Grundy County could continue to use the building for free. A new roof is a major investment and because of this unique owner/user arrangement, there are no county or city funds available for this project. For more information, contact Seagroves at (931) 592-6803 or Barbara Camm at (931) 592-3256.

### Garden Club Welcomes Ken Taylor

Ken Taylor, owner of Taylor's Mercantile, will be the speaker for the holiday meeting of the Sewanee Garden Club at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the home of Pixie Dozier.

The hostesses for this meeting are Hope Baggenstoss and June Miller. Members are asked to bring canned goods for the CAC to this meeting. Anyone who wishes to carpool should meet at the old pharmacy at 1 p.m. For more information, call Pixie Dozier at 598-5869.



### Sewanee Children's Center

Two spaces available in each of these classes after Christmas:  
**\*3- to 5-year-old class \*After-school program**  
Call Maggie Hanson at 931-598-5928 or  
sccenterbiz@bellsouth.net for more information.

### Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 11, 8 am to 11 am

Children under 10 years eat FREE when accompanied by parent.  
Buffet for parents, \$7.95, including coffee (no carry-out).

### Open House

Dec. 10 & 11, 7 to 5

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### Sewanee Operation Noel 2010 Deadline is Friday, Dec. 10

The Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department and FROST (Fund Raising Operational Support Team) announce Sewanee Operation Noel 2010.

Sewanee Operation Noel, formed many years ago by the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) to provide help for families in need, offers food and/or toys during the Christmas season. The SVFD, in conjunction with FROST, organizes the purchasing and distribution of gifts.

Everyone must fill out an application to be eligible, whether you have received from Sewanee Operation Noel before or not. An application will ensure that all the pertinent information is provided so everyone in need may receive. (See application form below.) The deadline for returning applications is Friday, Dec. 10. Only families living in the following areas on top of Sewanee mountain are eligible—Sewanee, Midway, Jump-Off and Sherwood Road to the top of Sherwood mountain (not into Sherwood).

If you would like to make a donation of money, nonperishable food items or new toys, items can be delivered to Julia's Fine Foods on University Avenue, to Fire Chief David Green's office located in the Sewanee Police Department building, or to Tracy Hall's office in Guerry Hall, room 114.

The gifts will be delivered Christmas Eve morning by the SVFD and FROST members. If you have any questions please call 598-3400.

### Sewanee Operation Noel Application

Mail completed application by Friday, Dec. 10, to

Tracie Sherrill, 138 Lake O'Donnell Road, Sewanee, TN 37375

FAMILY NAME:

NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

DELIVERY ADDRESS:

CITY:

FOOD ONLY: ☐ Yes ☐ No

FOOD AND TOYS:

(Please fill out information below for each child age 16 yrs.  
& under to receive toys.)

CHILD'S NAME:

AGE: GENDER: ☐ Male ☐ Female

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Attach additional sheet if necessary.

[www.sewaneemessenger.com](http://www.sewaneemessenger.com)



### Paws for Pennies Benefits Needy

The annual Paws for Pennies campaign at Sewanee Elementary School has begun. Students are encouraged to bring in their pennies for needy children in the area. This project is in collaboration with the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department and FROST (Fund Raising Operation Support Team).

The campaign runs through Tuesday, Dec. 14. Donations can be given to elementary school students or dropped off at SES. For more information, contact Gail Sherrill, Paws for Pennies coordinator, at 598-5951.





## Sewanee Union Theatre

*Cinema Guild Tonight (LAST Cinema Guild film until 2011!)*

**Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Fantasia**

120 minutes • G • Admission FREE

This is a rare opportunity to see a masterpiece on the big screen. "Fantasia" was incredibly modern when it came out in 1940, with movie theatres installing new sound systems to accommodate the beautiful music. This marriage of animation and music features eight segments set to the music of Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Stravinsky, Beethoven, Ponchielli, Bach, Dukas and Schubert. Some of the pieces are less interesting than others, but once you've seen "Night on Bald Mountain" or "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," you never hear those pieces quite the same way again.

*Sewanee Union Theatre This Week*

**Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, at 7:30 p.m.**

**The Other Guys**

1 hour, 47 minutes • PG-13 • Admission \$3

While this may appear to be another of those forgettable Will Ferrell movies, "The Other Guys" is a delightful surprise in the genre of PG-13 comedies. Director Adam McKay ("Talladega Nights" and "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy") teams up with his favorite star, Ferrell, to offer a charming and well-developed action-comedy.

Allen Gamble (Ferrell) and Terry Hoitz (Mark Wahlberg) are New York desk cops who quarrel frequently as rival superstar detectives Highsmith (Samuel L. Jackson) and Danson (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) take to the streets and solve crimes. To make a name for themselves, Gamble and Hoitz try to bring down a Ponzi scheme. Eva Mendes, Damon Wayans Jr. and Michael Keaton co-star, and there are a number of celebrity cameos. Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content, language, violence and some drug material.



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## Area Holiday Happenings from page 1

All are welcome at this festival service.

The Town of Monteagle will host a HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Dec. 13. Refreshments will be served.

Lorena's will host an EVENING OF LIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC and great food along with a free wine tasting from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18. The staff will be pairing the wines with the food so that you can learn some ideas for your own Christmas festivities. The event is free, but reservations are required; call (931) 924-4438.

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The adult choir of the Tracy City First United Methodist Church will host a CHRISTMAS CANTATA at 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 19, and at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 20. For more information or directions contact the Church office at (931) 592-6135 or online at <www.TCFUMC.com>.

**Pelham**

The Community Christmas Choir for the Pelham-Hillsboro area will present "THE CHRISTMAS SONG," at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Chapman's Chapel Church of the Nazarene, 273 Chapman Chapel Road.

**Winchester**

Riva Lake Baptist Church will present its annual LIVE NATIVITY AND BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec 10-11. Come stroll the streets of "Bethlehem" and interact with the

villagers and children in the marketplace. Free admission, parking and refreshments. Riva Lake Baptist is located at the corner of Bible Crossing Road and Old Tullahoma Road (Hwy 130) in Winchester. For more information, call 967-0194.

Franklin County Library is hosting "ROCK AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE with Kevin Kidd and Imaginary Larry" at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14. For more information, call 967-3706 or go to <www.franklin-countylibrary.org>.

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Actor Mark Cabus brings his one-man staging of "A Christmas Carol" to St. Andrew's-Sewanee School at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10, at McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts on the SAS campus.

### A Christmas Carol at McCrory Hall on Friday

Actor Mark Cabus brings his one-man "A Christmas Carol" to the McCrory Hall stage at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 10. Cabus plays 34 distinct characters from ghosts to Scrooge and Tiny Tim during the show, a perennial favorite on stages around Nashville. The performance is free and open to the public.

Kevin Nance, the former theatre critic for The Tennessean, said of the show, "Cabus delivers a tour de force, acting out all the parts in Charles Dickens' holiday classic and making it seem as if that's the only way it should be done." Other critics have raved about Cabus' interpretation of the classic nineteenth century tale, calling it "the most electric performance of the season" and "destined to be a cult classic."

Cabus will offer a program for local elementary school students in the morning.

### Local Talent in Chattanooga's "Nutcracker"

Ballet Tennessee is pleased to announce its 2010 performance schedule for "The Nutcracker" with music by Tchaikovsky. Four Sewanee residents will be dancing parts in the ballet.

Cate Bachman will be dancing the role of "Toy Soldier" in the battle scene. Phoebe-Agnes Mills will be dancing in the Party Scene. Charlotte Stephens, in her second "Nutcracker" with Ballet Tennessee, is dancing as a mechanical doll in the Act Two variations, is a parent in the party scene, and also dances a wild and wacky role as "Assistant to the Mouse King."

James Stephens, Charlotte's father, makes his debut on the ballet stage, appearing as a mouse in the Battle Scene, a parent in the party scene, and an attendant in the Arabian variations.

Jenifer Ringer and Jared Angle, principal dancers of New York City Ballet, and Fredrick Davis of Dance Theater of Harlem ensemble will be guest artists for this production.

Performances will be at 8 p.m.

### Belvidere Market hosts Dixie's Finest

Quickly becoming known as a premier Saturday night music venue, the Belvidere Market is offering a night with Charlie Pate and his band, Dixie's Finest, on Saturday, Dec. 18. Featuring Herschel VanDyke on drums and Geoff Henderson on stand-up bass, Dixie's Finest offers original new country-swing (think cross between Hank Williams and Dwight Yoakam), along with Charlie's special arrangements of old classics like "I Fall to Pieces." The band currently lives in Nashville, where they are busy recording a CD in Carnival Studios.

Charlie Pate and Dixie's Finest will be joined in one set by Bude VanDyke and Regina Rourke to perform some songs by Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Townes vanZandt, John Conlee, and a couple of originals by Bude Van Dyke. The Belvidere Market is an old country store located in the town of Belvidere about 5 miles west of Winchester on the Old Davy Crockett Highway. For more information call 598-5428.

### Contradance Friday Night

Eddie Doss will be the caller for the upcoming Contra Dance on Friday, Dec. 10. Lessons are available at 7:30 p.m., and the dance begins at 8 p.m. Bob and Cathy White will provide music for the event, located in the Mary Sue Cushman Room at the Women's Center. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Stephanie Loria at <loriasf0@sewanee.edu>.

### Sewanee Chorale Performs Christmas Music

The Sewanee Chorale will perform a concert of Christmas music at 7 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17, in St. Luke's Chapel. This will be the debut of Gary Sturgis as conductor of the Chorale. After 35 years in Florida as a musical director, Gary retired to Sewanee and is now directing the chorale, as well as the adult choir of Otey Parish in Sewanee.

Steven Shrader joins the chorale as piano accompanist and Rebekah Heinz will be the guest harpist for Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols." The second half of the program will be a series of John Rutter's Christmas music. The Sewanee Chorale is comprised of more than 30 community members who gather to offer the finest musical experience.

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

### MES to Create Unique Pour-Cast Aluminum Mural

Monteagle Elementary School welcomes the Traveling Foundry of Solsberry, Ind., as it begins planning for an aluminum pour-casting mural for the school and community. MES art teacher Jacqui Maycann will assist students and interested persons in carving their designs into sand blocks. After the blocks have been completed, the Traveling Foundry will set up on the MES campus and pour the molten metal into each block while on-site. Students will get to watch as the artists work with their carvings. The blocks will be mounted on the front of the school building as a school and community mural.

Traveling Foundry has worked collaboratively with a number

of schools in our area, including Whitwell Elementary School, Jasper's elementary and middle schools, and the McCallie School in Chattanooga.

For the project to succeed in Monteagle, 100 blocks must be pre-ordered. Blocks are \$35 each. MES hopes that community members will sponsor a student by providing the cost of a block or by participating in the project themselves. After the first 100 blocks are purchased, there will be 50 extra sand blocks available for "Make and Take" carving at the same price.

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## Advice for Safe Heating on Cold Days

Tennessee Fire Marshal Leslie A. Newman wants to remind Tennesseans to keep safe and warm, as winter sets in across the state. But she urges residents to be cautious in the use of alternative heat sources.

"The winter weather means many people will begin to heat their homes with fireplaces, woodstoves and space heaters," said Newman. "Cold weather months typically have a higher number of accidental fire injuries and deaths due to the use of these alternative heat sources."

Following a few safety tips can greatly reduce the risk of fires:

- Make it a "house rule" to test your home's smoke alarms before using a space heater or fireplace. All smoke alarms should additionally be tested once a month. Doing so could save your life.

- Space heaters need space. Never put a space heater within three feet of anything combustible, including furniture, bedding or aerosol cans. Look for models with automatic shutoff features when purchasing space heaters. Never use extension cords with space heaters.

- Before you use your fireplace, make sure the chimney has been professionally cleaned to remove the buildup of combustible materials that accumulate inside the flue.

- Be sure any kerosene-fueled heating device is installed with proper ventilation. A portable kerosene heater must be filled in a well-ventilated area, free of flame and other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely.

- Never leave a fire, space heater or flame unattended.

Additionally, make sure furniture, clothing and other combustible materials are not placed in front of permanently mounted heaters.

## Collaborative Arts On Exhibit

In-Town Gallery announces its January exhibit: "pARTnership." This creative collaboration pairs artists working in different media and encourages them to create a piece using both skills. It has resulted in exciting and innovative designs in paper, wood and metal. These will be displayed on the front wall during the month of January. The artists will be discussing their work with visitors at the opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m., Jan. 7, in the gallery.

In-Town Gallery is located at 26A Frazier Avenue, between the Market Street and Walnut Street bridges, adjacent to Coolidge Park in Chattanooga. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays. For more information, call (423) 267-9214 or visit its website, <[www.intowngallery.com](http://www.intowngallery.com)>.

## "Sanders Family Christmas" at Cannon County Arts Center

The 1940s roll into Woodbury with this year's Christmas dinner show "The Sanders Family Christmas." In this family-friendly sequel to the ever-popular hit "Smoke on the Mountain," the Sanders family returns to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church just in time for the holidays with a nostalgic evening of bluegrass gospel music and yuletide cheer.

It's Christmas Eve, 1941, four years after the events of "Smoke on the Mountain." The Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe has invited the Sanders family to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church to sing and witness. It is a time of anxiety, and Rev. Oglethorpe wants to get the congregation into the down-home holiday spirit before the boys, including one of the Sanders' own, are shipped off to World War

## Music Festival Receives NEA Matching Grant

The Sewanee Summer Music Festival has received a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in the amount of \$10,000. The grant will be used to support the festival's Artist in Residence program, allowing the hosting of two visiting artists/ensembles during the 2011 Festival (June 25–July 24, 2011). One will be a classical artist or ensemble for a multiday residency and performance; the other will be an artist or ensemble to expand the festival horizons—either jazz or world music. Katie Lehman, SSMF managing director, said, "This valuable support from the NEA will allow us to expand audience appeal and test the appetite for more diverse offerings." The festival will seek matching funds during the spring.

II. More than two dozen Christmas carols, many of them vintage hymns, and hilarious yuletide stories from the more or less devout Sanders family keep the audience laughing, clapping and singing along with bluegrass Christmas favorites.

Directed by Matt Smith, the cast includes Karen Wainwright, David Cummings, John Blankenship, Debbie Winton and David Blankenship.

Performance dates are Dec. 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19. Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner, drink, dessert and the show. The Arts Center is located on 1424 John Bragg Highway, just west of the town of Woodbury. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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# School Scoop



Members of the PEN (Partners in Education) Foundation presented a check to Rebecca Sharber, director of Franklin County schools, to purchase technology equipment for the school system. From left are Dan Maher, PEN board member; Alan Clark, PEN foundation liaison; Sharber; Eva Austin, PEN president; and Dave Lowe, PEN board member.



The St. Andrew's-Sewanee Upper School Choir and Orchestral Ensemble performed for the Nashville Centennial Club on December 1. About 200 club members enjoyed the performance arranged by SAS Trustee Carole Sergent. (Photo by Robie Jackson)

## SAS Offers "Short Courses" in January

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, working through its Parents' Council, will offer four "SAS Short Courses" in January, an opportunity for adults and interested high school students to enjoy Friday night classes with members of the extended SAS community.

Confirmed courses include: Creative Writing/Character Development with author David Coe, Understanding Contemporary China with political scientist Scott Wilson, Conservation of Biological Diversity with biologist Jon Evans, and Discovering the Anglo-Saxons with English teacher Alex Bruce. Watch for full descriptions of these courses in next week's Messenger.

For more information, contact Beth Wiley at <bewiley@sewanee.edu>. The cost will be \$75 for each course. Gift certificates are available for the holidays.

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**THU:** Spaghetti/meatballs, green beans, sliced peaches, whole grain bread stick; or grilled cheese sack or yogurt tray.

**FRI:** Hamburger on whole wheat bun, baked sweet potato fries, banana half; or chef salad or grilled cheese sack.

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**MON:** Mini pancakes, cereal.

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**WED:** Chicken biscuit, cereal.

**THU:** Steak biscuit, cereal.

**FRI:** Breakfast pizza, cereal.

*Milk or juice is served with all meals. Menus are subject to change.*

## duPont Library Hours

The Jessie Ball duPont Library announces extended hours for the coming week of exams on campus. Today (Dec. 9) and Friday, Dec. 10, the library will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 2 a.m. On Saturday, Dec. 11, the library will be open from 7:45 a.m. until midnight. On Sunday, Dec. 12, the library will be open from noon until 2 a.m. The library will return to its regular hours, 7:45 a.m. to 1 a.m., for Dec. 13-15. For more information, call 598-1664.

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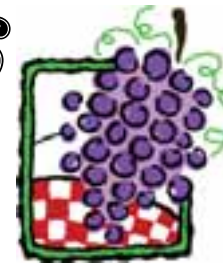
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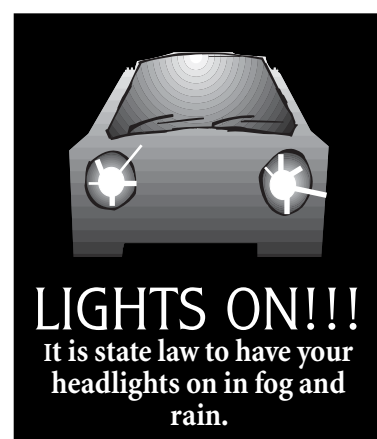
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# Sports Scoreboard

## 5K Reindeer Walk/Run Dec. 11

The North and South Middle School cross-country teams will host a "Reindeer Run" 5K run/walk on Saturday, Dec. 11. The event will benefit the teams for their upcoming seasons. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.; the race will start at 8:30 a.m. on the Winchester downtown square. First-place medals will be awarded for the age groups of: 10-15, 15-25, 25-45, 45-65 and 65 and over. Awards will also be given for "Most Christmas Spirit" in each age group. Registration forms are available at the schools, various businesses in Winchester or can be found at <www.fcstn.net>. For more information contact Adrienne Cowan at 967-5323.



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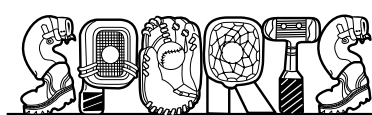
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## HOME GAMES THIS WEEK

**Today, Dec. 9**  
5:30 pm SAS V Swim Meet  
v Zion Christian and Columbia HS

**Friday, Dec. 10**  
4:30 pm SAS JV Boys' Basketball  
v Donelson Christian Academy  
6 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball  
v Donelson Christian Academy  
7:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball  
v Donelson Christian Academy  
8 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Lawrence Co HS

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
4:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball  
v North Lake @ Cowan  
5:30 pm SES Boys' Basketball  
v North Lake @ Cowan  
6:30 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball  
v Warren Co HS  
8 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Warren Co HS

## SAS Boys' Basketball Wins First Game in Regional Action

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School varsity boys' basketball team defeated Davidson Academy 54-58 for its first regional win on Friday, Dec. 3. There was never more than a five-point difference during the first three quarters. SAS sealed the game with clutch free throws down the stretch. John Fisher controlled the tempo of the game, captain Justin Thomas added physical play in the paint, and Kendall Kinslow came off the bench to spark the offense. As a team the Mountain Lions committed only four turnovers for the game. Fisher led SAS with 22 points and was 10 of 12 from the free-throw line; Kinslow had 11 points; Alex Tinsley added six; Sam Howick had five; Jonathan Jones had 10 rebounds and three points; Tilghman Myers had five points; Josh Owens had two points and a strong defensive effort. SAS is 3-1 on the season.

Earlier in the season, the team defeated Berean Academy by a score of 69-57 on Tuesday, Nov. 30. SAS was down by three at halftime, but tightened up their defense in the second half, giving up only 23 points. SAS had four players score in double figures, led by John Fisher (19 points), Jonathan Jones (17 points), Tilghman Myers (12 points), Alex Tinsley (11 points). Also scoring were Josh Owens (six points) and Sam Howick (four points). SAS earned its first road win and improved to 2-1 on the season.



SAS freshman Michaela Shackelford of Sewanee in early season action versus Ridgeland High School. Photo by Bob Hoagland

## SAS Girls' Basketball Dominate Berean

The Lady Mountain Lions basketball team of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School defeated the Eagles of Berean Christian Academy, 56-25, on Nov. 30 in a non-region contest. The SAS team took control from the first quarter and did not look back. All varsity players contributed to the team victory with eight of the nine scoring, and all nine girls pulling down a rebound or a steal. The team record stands at 2-1.

Junior Sadie Shackelford led the way for the Lady Lions with 19 points including one 3-point shot. Allyson Ridley (16 points) and Michaela Shackelford (13 points, including four 3-pointers) also finished with double-figures. Nora "The Beast" Krahnefeld, Johnston, Howard, Burris and the "Wonda from Down Unda" Courtney Clark also scored. Madison Culpepper was a fierce weapon and had three of the teams' 29 steals. The team tallied 10 assists, 27 rebounds and two blocked shots.

## Fowler Center Pool Closed Dec. 9-17

The University Fowler Center pool will be closed Dec. 9-17.

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## SES Girls' Basketball Defeated by Clark

The SES Lady Tigers took on conference leader Clark Memorial in elementary basketball action Thursday, Dec. 2. Leading scorer Blake Collins and leading rebounder Alesha Gray got into foul trouble early, and had to ride the pine for most of the game. Their teammates stepped up to fill in the void, and did a nice job.

Clark Memorial went on a 13-2 run in the first half. SES had many a shot by driving the lane and looking for the open teammate, but could not find the inside of the basket. SES then went on a scoring spree in the second half, but fell short, losing 21-16.

Blake Collins managed to score 11 points in her limited playing time. Kate Butler scored one point, and Calie Cantrell and Lucy Lancaster scored their first baskets for this season.

## SES Boys' Basketball Takes First Loss

The Sewanee Elementary School boys' basketball team lost a close game to Clark Memorial on Thursday, Dec. 2. The game was tied until the last minute, when Clark dropped in two from the free-throw line to seal the game. The final score was 24-26. High scorer for the Tigers was Blaise Zeitler with 12 points. Sam Green helped out with six points, and Ryan Toomey scored four points.



## Sewanee Men's Basketball Wins Two

Sewanee's men's basketball team went 2-1 on the week, picking up wins over Johnson Bible College and Free Will Baptist early in the week before falling to Oglethorpe in their SCAC opener on Saturday. The Tigers topped Johnson Bible on Tuesday at home, 83-60, behind 19 points from sophomore Brett Bouldin. Bouldin was five of seven from the 3-point line to lead host Sewanee, as 11 different Tigers found the scoring column in the win. Bryan Beviacqua chipped in 12 second-half points, and Sam Martin led with seven rebounds. On Thursday, the Tigers traveled to Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, where they picked up a 69-56 victory over the Flames. Freshman Anvil Nelson recorded his first collegiate double-double in the contest, scoring 18 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the win. Matt Cowan led all scorers with 22 points on 50 percent shooting from the field. Tony Marelle dished out seven assists and didn't turn the ball over once for the Tigers. On Saturday, Sewanee dropped its first SCAC contest of the season to host Oglethorpe University. Lewis Afronti led the Tigers in the loss with 13 points, while Nelson chipped in eight points and four rebounds.

The Tigers have a nearly two-week break now before hosting the Lon Varnell Classic at Juhan Gymnasium Dec. 17-19. Sewanee will open the tournament on Friday night with a rematch against Webster University at 6 p.m. Webster topped the Tigers 67-60 earlier in the season. Sewanee is now 4-2 overall and 0-1 in SCAC play.



## University Swim Teams Compete at Asbury

The Sewanee Tigers swim team finished third in the women's competition and fourth in the men's at last weekend's Asbury Invitational hosted by Asbury College. The Tigers gained crucial points in the women's one-meter diving competition as they edged out Union College, 415 to 412.5, for third place in the women's race. On the men's side, Sewanee squeaked out a three-point edge over Lindsey Wilson College for the fourth spot. Host Asbury won both competitions, tallying 1,005 points in the women's meet and 815 in the men's.

The teams now approach their mid-season break and won't be back in action until Saturday, Jan. 8, when they will compete in a three-way meet with Gordon College and Rollins College.

## Sewanee Women Lose Basketball Opener

Sewanee's women's basketball team opened its SCAC schedule on Saturday with a 79-54 loss to the Stormy Petrels of Oglethorpe University. Oglethorpe jumped out quickly and led by as many as 16 in the first half, but Sewanee used an 11-0 run to help cut the differential to just four at the half. The Stormy Petrels came out of halftime with a 16-8 run, however, to extend their lead back to 14, and the Tigers were never able to recover, eventually falling 79-54. Dani Kabbes led the Tigers with 18 points and six rebounds on 6 of 16 shooting. Claire Elliott added 10 for visiting Sewanee, while Alex Ginsburg pitched in eight. The Tigers are now 1-5 on the season and 0-1 in SCAC play.

## Overtime with Coach Shack

By John Shackelford

My daughter Tessa and I had a great father-daughter date on Saturday night. We drove down to Huntsville after her sisters' basketball game and went to see Disney's "Princesses on Ice." We got to see Jasmine, Mulan, Ariel, Snow White and Belle—all her favorite Disney stories twirling around the ice to songs she had memorized over the years. After the intermission the show was solely dedicated to the story of Cinderella, the true "queen" of all princesses.

On the way home Tessa asked me why this was so. "Why is Cinderella the most important of all the girls?" My thought was that everyone loves that story. Rags to riches. We fight to protect the "American dream" where the little guy has a chance to make it to the castle. Those are always my favorite moments in sports, as well. When the underdog pulls off the improbable and wins the title. As I think back on my most fond memories of coaching, they usually involve an upset win over a big school like an Emory University that may have an advantage over us of a few more thousand students and a few billion dollars in the bank. A coach can't ever concede when the odds are against his team. You just have to look for new ways to overcome the problem. You have to look for a way to level the playing field.

If you are looking for a good game to watch this season, the real blood sport being played is in Washington, D.C. The gladiators in politics are grappling over that Cinderella story. Arguing over that gap between the wealthiest Americans and those that are struggling. It is more certain that you and I will have to pay taxes next spring than the fact it will snow on the Packers in Lambeau Field. I am not sure if you have glanced at the scoreboard lately, but we are behind. Those two teams up in D.C. are battling over who is going to pay more and how we get back into this game. Any volunteers? Anyone want to pay more? I didn't think so. How about good roads, better pay for our teachers and police, making sure everyone can go to the doctor and that our children get the best possible education? Those are all games worth winning, better than any trophy, a championship for all.

In major league baseball the New York Yankees live in the castle. They have a moat made of money, the fan base, the TV contract and the market to get richer. Meanwhile, the Florida Marlins have a guy standing on the street corner spinning a cardboard arrow and hawking a cheap seat to the game. The NFL owners share their revenue and have rules designed to create parity where everyone has an equal shot at the throne. This year, for the first time, an NFL team may make the playoffs with a losing record. That too, is not a workable model. The success we crave is based on hard work, achievement, overcoming the odds.

Sports are not about balance. The opposite is true. Sports are imbalance. Winning and losing. A championship season versus "wait till next year." It is a fact, however, that the gap between the "haves" and "have nots" is growing in this country and if we want David to take his shot at Goliath, we need to at least give him a pebble and sling.

So if I am coaching this game, I am in the locker room looking for a path to victory. I am looking at Peyton Manning and Drew Brees, my \$10 million-a-year-guys, players who have worked hard, done all the right things, made it to the top, and I am going to ask them for more. I am telling them that the gifts they have been given are rewarded not only with titles, but also with responsibility. You and I might be on different teams here, but we both need a home run in the ninth, or a last second free throw. Those all-stars on the team are our best bet to cross the goal line. They have the most to give, and we all need to work to insure that the gap is closing so that my eight-year-old, who as the daughter of coaches was born closer to the maids' chambers than the castle, has her shot at being Cinderella.



Brett Bouldin was the top scorer in Sewanee's win over Johnson Bible College on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



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## Nature Notes

### Loggerhead Shrike

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are jet black with a few light spots near the edge. Its tail is black with some white outer feathers. This is a very unusual bird because it is hawklike with sparrowlike legs, unfit for catching prey and tearing flesh. Its hooked, powerful beak impales the prey on long thorns, barbed wire points or even wooden spikes. These sharp pointed "tools" enable the shrike to hold its prey for butchering and also for storing in case of bad weather.

Back in 1933, Harry watched a shrike attack an adult cardinal at his bird feeder and peck open its hind skull. It was wintertime, and the shrike was hungry. Harry photographed the shrike stomping over its prey on a board in the snow (below).

Swallowed victims can be butchered or swallowed whole. Even mice can be swallowed, with the flesh digested along with bones and fur or feathers. Undigested parts are ejected from the mouth as pellets, similar to the pellets of hawks and owls. Shrikes build a nest of twigs and vegetable fibers, with finer material at the center. The shrike lives in low trees, tall shrubs, etc. Its three to five eggs are creamy with brown spots. The voice of the Loggerhead Shrike consists of harsh gurgles, creaking noises, etc., as if the bird were trying hard to sing.

Unfortunately, pesticides sprayed on crops and fields by farmers have poisoned many of our interesting shrikes, and they have become scarce.

This taking of bird prey is not usual, so forgive the shrike. They eat mice and grasshoppers, too.



### Pets of the Week Meet Barney & Jinx

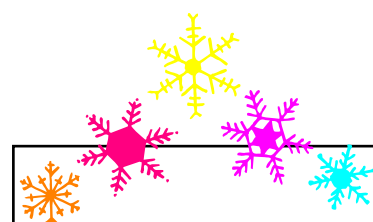
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DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 29	50	29
Tue	Nov 30	59	45
Wed	Dec 01	49	26
Thu	Dec 02	40	26
Fri	Dec 03	48	30
Sat	Dec 04	50	35
Sun	Dec 05	49	26

#### Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	49
Avg min temp =	31
Avg temp =	37
Precipitation =	4.68"

#### November Monthly Averages:

Avg max temp =	62
Avg min temp =	43
Avg temp =	48
Total Precipitation =	7.90"

#### November 52-Year Averages:

Avg max temp =	57
Avg min temp =	40
Avg temp =	48
Precipitation =	5.34"

YTD Rainfall = 53.86"

YTD Avg Rainfall = 55.31"

Reported by Nicole Nunley  
Forestry Technician

## State Park Offerings

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### EVENTS

#### Today, Dec. 9

#### Senior Center Bazaar (8:30-2:30 till 12/21)

- 12:30 pm EPF, Otey parish hall
- 3:00 pm Canale Interns, EQB
- 3:30 pm Little League mtg, Otey
- 3:30 pm Mtntop Tumblers, Sew Cmty Ctr, ages 5–7, till 4:30
- 3:30 pm Yoga w/Hadley, St Marys Sewanee
- 4:30 pm Mtntop Tumblers, Sew Cmty Ctr, ages 8/ up, till 5:30
- 6:30 pm FC Bd of Ed reg mtg, Board of Ed ofc
- 6:00 pm Buddhist sitting grp, St Augustines
- 6:30 pm Martial arts w/Raven, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 6:30 pm NA, Otey
- 7:30 pm Young People AA, St James

#### Friday, Dec. 10

#### Operation Noel application deadline

#### Woman's Club reservation deadline

- 7:00 am AA, (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle
- 8:30 am Yoga w/Carolyn, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC open, Otey, till 11:30
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Ctr, till 11:45
- 12:00 pm Men Bible study, Otey
- 12:00 pm Womans Club resv dline
- 3:30 pm Peace Vigil, corner Univ Av/Hwy 41
- 5:00 pm Messenger display ad deadline
- 7:00 pm "A Christmas Carol," McCrory SAS
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 8:00 pm Contradance, Bairnwick Wom Ctr, lessons 7:30

#### Saturday, Dec. 11

#### Deer pre-cull, sunrise to sunset

- 8:00 am Tai Chi w/Lance, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 9:00 am American Legion, Legion Hall
- 10:30 am Mtntop Tumblers, Sew Cmty Ctr, beginners, till 11:30
- 11:30 am Mtntop Tumblers, Sew Cmty Ctr, intermediate, till 12:30

- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall

#### Sunday, Dec. 12

#### Deer pre-cull, sunrise to sunset

- 4:00 pm Adult yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 4:00 pm Fire on the Mtn, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 4:00 pm Women Bible study, Otey
- 6:30 pm AA (open), H Comforter, M'eagle

#### Monday, Dec. 13

#### SUD candidate petitions due

#### Senior Center Bake Sale (through 12/17)

- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Ctr, till 11:45
- 12:00 pm Sewanee Woman's Club, St Marys Sew, social /bake & gift sale 11:30
- 4:00 pm Girl Scout Daisy Trp, Otey
- 5:00 pm Messenger news/calendar deadline
- 5:00 pm Women 12-step, Otey parish hall

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- 5:15 pm 12-step meditation mtg, Stillpoint
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:00 pm Centering prayer, Otey sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale, Hamilton Hall
- 7:30 pm Masons Meeting, Lodge

#### Tuesday, Dec. 14

#### Paws for Pennies collection ends

- 8:30 am Yoga w/Carolyn, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 9:00 am Yoga w/Hadley, St Marys Sew
- 10:30 am Bingo, Senior Ctr, till 11:45
- 10:30 am Tai Chi w/Kat, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 12:00 pm Messenger classified ad deadline
- 3:00 pm CAC sort/pack groceries, Otey
- 4:00 pm Centering prayer, St Marys
- 6:00 pm Daughters of the King, St James
- 6:30 pm Martial Arts w/Raven, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon, Otey parish hall

#### Wednesday, Dec. 15

#### College last day of classes

#### Lease Committee meeting

- 9:00 am CAC Christmas breakfast, Otey
- 9:30 am CAC open, Otey, till 11:30
- 10:00 am Sewing/quilting class, Senior Ctr
- 1:30 pm Garden Club, Taylor, Dozier home
- 5:00 pm Historic Preserv. Mtg, Archives
- 5:30 pm Adult yoga w/Helen, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 7:30 pm AA (open), H Comforter, M'eagle

#### Thursday, Dec. 16

#### College final exams end

#### Final Messenger of 2010

#### S of T last day of classes

- 9:30 am CAC open, Otey, till 1:30
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Ctr, till 11:45
- 12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location
- 12:30 pm EPF, Otey parish hall
- 3:30 pm Mtntop Tumblers, Sew Cmty Ctr, age 5–7, till 5:30
- 3:30 pm Yoga w/Hadley, St Marys Sewanee
- 4:30 pm Mtntop Tumblers, Sew Cmty Ctr, ages 8/up, till 5:30
- 6:00 pm Buddhist sitting grp, St Augustines
- 6:30 pm Martial arts w/Raven, Sew Cmty Ctr
- 6:30 pm NA, Otey
- 7:30 pm Young People AA, St James

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### This Evening, Dec. 9

- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St Marys
- 5:45 pm S of T Community HE, COTA
- 6:30 pm Worship svc, Church of God

#### Friday, Dec. 10

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St Marys
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, St Augustines
- 8:10 am Morning Prayer, COTA
- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, COTA
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, St Augustines
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St Marys
- 5:40 pm Evening Prayer, COTA

#### Saturday, Dec. 11

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St Marys

#### Sunday, Dec. 12

- All Saints' Chapel
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist
- Chapel of the Apostles
- 8:00 pm Complines

#### Cumberland Presbyterian

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

#### Grace Fellowship

- 10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

#### Harrison Chapel Methodist

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

#### Jump-Off Baptist

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

#### Midway Baptist

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

#### Midway Church of Christ

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

#### Otey Memorial Church

- 8:50 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Christian Formation
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### St. James Episcopal

- 9:00 am Worship and Fellowship
- 9:00 am Children Church School

#### St. Mary's Convent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Sewanee Church of God

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

#### Society of Friends

- 9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

#### Monday, Dec. 6

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St Marys
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, St Augustines
- 8:10 am Morning Prayer, COTA
- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, COTA
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, St Augustines
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St Marys
- 5:40 pm Evening Prayer, COTA

#### Tuesday, Dec. 7

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St Marys
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, St Augustines
- 8:10 am Morning Prayer, COTA
- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist in Spanish, COTA
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, St Augustines
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St Marys
- 5:40 pm Evening Prayer, COTA

#### Wednesday, Dec. 15

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, St Augustines
- 8:10 am Morning Prayer, COTA
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, COTA
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, St Augustines
- 5:40 pm Evening Prayer in Spanish, COTA

#### Thursday, Dec. 16

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St Marys
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer, St Augustines
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, St Augustines
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St Marys



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