

## Ways to Help Our Mountain Community

The Mountain offers many ways to make a difference in the lives of others during the holiday season. Whether it is giving a direct donation or honoring a friend or family member with a gift, plenty of important causes and ministries need extra support in the coming weeks.

**Operation Noel** will make Christmas Eve deliveries in Sewanee this year, thanks to the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) and FROST (the department's Fund Raising Operational Support Team). Donations of toys, money and non-perishable food items should be taken to print services in Van Ness Hall. The application form to participate, due Dec. 12, is on page 5.

**Santa on the Mountain** will be Friday, Dec. 16, at Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministry, at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Monteagle. Parents are asked to call the church office at (931) 924-3380 to sign up for a time to visit the church and select two presents per child. Donations of toys and money are still being accepted for this program.

The **Community Action Committee** has an Angel Tree at its office in Otey parish hall. The CAC also accepts monetary gifts or donations of canned goods and non-perishables for its Christmas program. The **Blue Monarch Angel Tree** at the Blue Chair helps the children at this residential facility for women in crisis and their children. "Angels," which include the child's wish list and sizes, can be picked up at the Blue Chair.

The **Sewanee Outreach Office** is collecting donations for Heifer International. Last year, they donated an entire ark of animals by raising more than \$5,000. Donations will be collected locally until Dec. 21. For more information, call Brittany Roper at 598-3201.

## Beta House Library to Honor Brown Patterson

By Rebekah Hildebrandt, C'13, Messenger Intern

Sewanee's Beta Theta Pi fraternity recently announced plans for the W. Brown Patterson Jr. Library, an addition to its current house that will honor one of its founding members.

A fraternity building as a library may be a surprise, just as studying at a fraternity house may seem an oxymoron.

But Patterson, who is a retired professor of history and dean of the college, addressed this notion when he spoke to the Betas at a Homecoming gathering.

"It does seem out of character for a fraternity [to build a library], until one learns more about the Betas. The members of this fraternity collectively have the second highest GPA of any fraternity on the campus," Patterson said.

"I don't know of another fraternity or sorority that has done anything like this," said Will Stanley, C'12, about having a library as part of a Sewanee Greek house. "This library," Stanley said, "will be a way of affirming to the community, other students and alumni our commitment to our studies."

In 1959, the Gamma Chi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity designed and built its chapter house behind Gailor



A portrait of Brown Patterson by artist Trilby Wood, commissioned by Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Hall at the base of the hill on Mitchell Avenue. In 2011, the chapter's housing corporation purchased the building from the University. Upon transfer of ownership, the Betas proceeded with much-needed renovations, spearheaded by Alex Harris, C'11.

In discussions during the renovations, alumni members and students conceived of plans for building a library, as well as a chapter room in

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Marisel Rinck drives down the court at a recent Sewanee Elementary School girls' basketball game, followed by Lucy Lancaster (#25) and other members of the SES team. For the full story, see page 12. Photo by Buck Butler

## 2011 TCAP Results Out County Not Achieving "Adequate Yearly Progress;" Sewanee Elementary Well Above State Targets

by K.G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

The 2010-11 Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Achievement Test scores were made public on Dec. 2. These results show that the Franklin County School system as a whole is a "target status" district, because the school system did not make adequate yearly progress.

Adequate yearly progress (AYP), according to the state's Department of Education website, is the measure of whether a school system or school is making progress in academic achievement based on student performance on annual tests. Each state, school district and school must meet the specified AYP benchmarks as a whole and for each of nine student subgroups (white, black, Hispanic, Native American, Asian/Pacific Islander, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students and students with disabilities).

Schools in good status for 2010-11 are Broadview, Cowan, Clark Memorial, Huntland, North Lake and Sewanee.

North Middle School is at "corrective action" status because this is the fourth year the school did not meet the AYP. Decherd Elementary, Rock Creek Elementary, South Middle School and Franklin County High School are "target schools" because these schools did not meet the AYP for 2010-11.

The state's testing goals for 2010-11 for elementary/middle school students were: reading-language arts target of 49 percent proficient/advanced and math target of 40 percent proficient/advanced.

At Sewanee Elementary, in reading-language arts, 80 were proficient/advanced; in math, 67 were proficient/advanced.

For all elementary and middle school students, 54 percent met the proficient/advanced target in reading-language arts. By subgroup, only one met the target of 49 percent: white.

Three schools did not meet the AYP target of 49 percent proficient/advanced for reading-language arts. By school, the proficient/advanced percentages were Broadview, 59; Clark Memorial, 48; Cowan, 51; Decherd, 48; Huntland (grades 3-8), 53; North Lake, 66; North Middle, 52; Rock Creek, 48; Sewanee, 80; and South Middle, 56.

For all elementary and middle school students, 39 percent were proficient/advanced in math. By subgroup, only two met the target of 40 percent: white and Asian.

Three schools did not meet the AYP target of 40 percent proficient/advanced for math. By school, the proficient/advanced percentages were Broadview, 63; Clark Memorial, 41; Cowan, 46; Decherd, 47; Huntland, 35; North Lake, 59; North Middle, 32; Rock Creek, 45; Sewanee, 67; and South Middle, 26.

In 2011-12, the testing goals for elementary/middle school are 66 percent to be proficient/advanced in reading-language arts and 60 percent to be proficient/advanced in math.

For complete information, see <[www.tn.gov/education](http://www.tn.gov/education)>.

## Wheel Tax Referendum Voted Down

by K.G. Beavers,  
Messenger Staff Writer

In a meeting of the Franklin County Commissioners on Dec. 5, the proposed wheel tax was defeated by a vote of 10-2.

Commissioners feared that voting to put the wheel tax on the March primary ballot would legally bind the county to initiating the tax.

Commissioner Johnny Hughes said, "Yes, the commission would have been legally voting for passing the wheel tax. But then it would have ultimately been up to the people to decide if the wheel tax was voted in."

A wheel tax was under consideration to help address the mounting debt faced by Franklin County; the proposal was for new monies to have been split between education and the road department. Franklin County is facing a \$4.6 million deficit in its overall budget for 2011-12. Education accounts for approximately \$2.7 million and highway/public works accounts for approximately \$263,000 of the budget deficit.

"The county is faced with the real issue of major cuts to the budget, including cutting programs or jobs," Hughes said. "Or, the county is going to have to figure out a way to raise revenue to keep up with the debt." He said that the county and each board would probably have to start "nickeling and diming" their way out of the deficit instead of taking care of the real problem.

Hughes encourages Franklin County residents to contact their representative on the County Commission to express their opinion about the budget deficit. Hughes can be reached at 598-5350. For the complete county budget, go to <[www.franklincountyfinance.com](http://www.franklincountyfinance.com)>.



College student and sacristan Michael Sahdev lights the candles on the Advent wreath in All Saints' Chapel for the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



June Weber's home, "Céad míle fáilte!" (A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!) is just one of five sites on the Sewanee Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Taylor's Mercantile, Lorena's and at each of the homes. Also on the tour are "Birdwood," Pixie and Lewis Dozier; "Laurelwood," Flournoy Rogers; "Plum Tree Cottage," Louis and Anne Rice; and All Saints' Chapel.

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# Letters

## KNOLLS OFFER THANKS

### To the Editor:

We would like to send our sincerest thanks to all those who gave us so much support during Arthur Knoll's time of sickness and death. This is a reaffirmation of why we hold dear this wonderful place called Sewanee.

*The Knoll Family  
Sewanee* ■

## CAC HELPS FOR HOLIDAYS

### To the Editor:

Since 1974, the Community Action Committee (CAC) has been dedicated to assisting our neighbors within the Sewanee community. During this time of year, the cold weather brings escalating utility bills and a broader spectrum of clients seeking and needing help. Thanks to the generosity of the Sewanee Community Chest, we should see significant financial relief in the spring. Yet in the meantime, please be reminded that CAC could really benefit from your financial gifts and support at this time of the year and throughout the winter months.

Our hats are off to Aramark and many joyous volunteers who partnered with us in hosting the annual Thanksgiving luncheon. The Aramark food service provided enough delicious food that we were able to send additional meals home along with the CAC-purchased turkeys and trimmings for a family feast. Last week, we purchased 3,606 pounds of food costing just over \$2,870 from Second Harvest Food Bank, as we will again provide food for Operation Noel. Next week, CAC will host a Christmas breakfast with hams and groceries for our clients to take home for their own holiday gatherings.

CAC wishes to thank all of our generous partners who honor us with the ability to continue our 37-year legacy of feeding the hungry and tending God's sheep within Sewanee. Together with you, we do it all in and through His spirit, the One who came from God to be one with us. Christmas blessings to all.

*Luwin Lewis  
CAC Director* ■



*It's beginning to look a lot like ... winter! The snow on Dec. 7 dusted Sewanee Elementary School and area roads.*

## THANKS FOR HELP

### To the Editor:

The Monteagle Cemetery Association would like to thank several people for helping provide historical research for the Grundy County Historical Society. Many thanks go to Bill and Carol Bennett, Joyce Ladd, Julia Pirtle, Danna Byers, Ellen Alexander, John Bennett and family, Kay Ramsey and Janie Stewart. MCA would also like to thank Jonathan Bretz for helping put up the new flag for Veterans Day this year. Anyone wanting to get involved in historical research on the cemetery or be a part of the beautification committee for next year, please contact us. Everyone is welcome.

*Monteagle Cemetery Association  
DBA Monteagle Cemetery Inc.* ■

## STAY INVOLVED WITH KIDS

### To the Editor:

Just say "no" to drugs, abstain from sexual activity, don't drink and drive and on and on—a long list of "what not to do's." While these declarative statements may help, they don't always provide the safety net we need to protect our kids. We need to supply our kids with opportunities for involvement, not just a list of things to avoid. The odds are currently stacked against them.

There is a word used to describe someone who succeeds against all odds. That word is "resilient." Resiliency is defined as the ability to "bounce

back." Our kids are faced with some of the most devastating realities imaginable: broken homes, drugs, violence, poverty and mental illness, to name just a few. Can we really expect them to just bounce back?

Prevention approaches, like the Just Say No campaign, and intervention strategies, like after-school tutoring and parent education, have been around for years. One, without the other, and sometimes even both together, can fall short of promoting resiliency. Research now shows that it is a balance between the above two approaches and the addition of a third approach called process-focused, that can truly make a difference. Process-focused simply means investing in and strengthening positive, long-term relationships in a child or family's life.

Positive, long-term relationships involve people helping people, which sometimes feels like a threatening process. It means stepping out of comfort zones and crossing cultural, socioeconomic, political and even religious boundaries. It's what is missing. It's me and you. Be watching for ways to get involved.

*Emily Partin  
Director, Grundy County Family  
Resource Center* ■

## USE COMMON SENSE

### To the Editor:

Traffic engineers notwithstanding, the new Sewanee exit is dangerous and inconvenient. Numerous times I have avoided serious accidents only by anticipating outcoming vehicles—with vision obscured by vehicles in the turn lane—which would pull out right in front of me on the bypass. The old exit was just fine.



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A little common sense in town would enhance safety in lieu of ever-decreasing speed limits—e.g., look both ways before stepping off curbs into traffic. Don't dart out between parked cars into traffic. Pull to the curb when discharging/picking up passengers. Use sidewalks for conversations. Leave on time instead of speeding ... just a little common sense.

*Don Shannonhouse  
Sewanee and Monteagle* ■

## MAKING NEW FRIENDS

### To the Editor:

I had the wonderful opportunity to meet a very charming couple at a local café the other day. They spoke so richly of their vision for the Sewanee community, including everything from greater levels of local organic food to educational offerings for children that nurtured emotional literacy. They had introduced themselves as John and Bonnie. It was only later that I realized I had been visiting with the vice-chancellor and his wife. I have heard so many of my fellow residents speaking about how our greater community was shifting and transforming in so many beneficial ways due to the coming of this new leadership to Sewanee.

The greater Sewanee community is a truly wonderful place to live, and John and Bonnie's wise and heart-filled stewardship is moving things in a very positive direction. I also see many others in our community who are just brimming with talent and resources to grow our community to be an even richer, vital and more dynamic place. So I end this letter of celebration with the very familiar quote, "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." John and Bonnie's vision will not be fulfilled unless we all step in and acknowledge what gifts we have to share, as well as listen with a heart-filled openness to the creativity and vision that lies brimming with vitality in our fellow residents. Together, we all are the solution we have been waiting for.

*Dr. Bonnie Templeton  
Monteagle* ■

## MESSENGER Break Ahead

After the Dec. 16 paper is in your hands next week, the Sewanee Mountain Messenger staff will take a two-week break.

We will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 2. The Messenger will be back in print Friday, Jan. 6.

Deadlines for the final 2011 issue are: display advertising, 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12; news/calendar, 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13; and classified ads, noon on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Thank you for your continued support of our community newspaper.  
—JG & LW


## Serving Where Called

Please keep the following individuals, their families and all those who are serving our country in your thoughts and prayers:

**Michael Evan Brown  
James Gregory Cowan  
Tanner Hankins  
Kimberly Jacobs Holen  
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Jeffery Alan Wessel**

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 Events

### Hospitality Shop Wraps Up for 2011

The Hospitality Shop, located at 1096 University Ave. in Sewanee, invites guests to visit from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 10, to pick up last-minute Christmas bargains and help Emerald-Hodgson Hospital. The shop will reopen at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. The Hospitality Shop wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Democratic Women's Cleaning Drawing on Saturday

The Franklin County Democratic Women drawing for eight hours of professional house cleaning will be at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" in Winchester. Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5. For more information or to buy a ticket, call Helen Stapleton at 598-9731.

### Woman's Club Hosts Luncheon at St. Mary's-Sewanee

The Sewanee Woman's Club will meet at St. Mary's-Sewanee on Monday, Dec. 12. The social hour is 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The student chorus from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will perform holiday songs, and Rachel Lynch will be selling scarves and jewelry.

### County School Board Meeting Monday

The Franklin County School Board will meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12, at the Board of Education, 215 S. College St. in Winchester. Chris McDonough is Sewanee's representative on the board. These meetings are open to the public.

### Franklin County Democrats Gather Tuesday

The Franklin County Democratic Party and Franklin County Democratic Women will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Franklin County Annex Building. For more information about participating, call chairman Raymond Council at 967-7077.

### Monteagle Rotary Club Meets Wednesday

The Rotary Club of Monteagle will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Rotary meets every Wednesday at the Smoke House in Monteagle. Coffee begins at 6:50 a.m.; breakfast and the meeting begin at 7 a.m. and end by 8 a.m. To learn more, go to <monteaglerotary.org>.

### Satellite Rotary Club Meets at EQB Thursday

The Monteagle Rotary Satellite Club will meet at noon, Thursday, Dec. 15, at the EQB building on the University campus. Lunch will be available for \$12. This will be the last meeting of 2011 for this group.

### Peace Fellowship Gathers on Thursday

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship meets at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays for prayer, study and work directed toward reconciliation and peace. The fellowship meets in the Quintard Room in Otey parish hall.

### Curbside Recycling Next Friday

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Dec. 16, will be a pickup day. Recyclable materials must be separated by type and placed in blue bags by the side of the road no later than 7:30 a.m. Please do not put out general household trash on this day. Blue bags may be picked up in the University Lease Office, 110 Carnegie Hall, at the Physical Plant Services administrative office on Alabama Avenue or at the PPS warehouse on Georgia Avenue.

## Birth

### Jayden Joseph Parson

Jayden Joseph Parson was born Nov. 30, 2011, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center in Winchester to Brittany Blalock and Cody Parson of Monteagle. He weighed 8 lbs., .5 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Teresa and Jay Blalock. Paternal grandparents are Franny Owen and Doug Parson.

## Kirby-Smith UDC Hosts Dedication

The Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is among the hosts for the dedication of a monument and markers to Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne's division, defenders of Liberty Gap, June 24-26, 1863, who died during battle and their stay at Wartrace in Bedford County. The event begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10. There will be Confederate re-enactors, infantry and artillery, a bagpiper, and the ladies of Kirby-Smith 327 UDC will host a reception in period dress. To reach Wartrace Memorial Park from I-24, take exit 97 go west on State highway 64 to Wartrace. Cross the railroad tracks and turn right. Go one block, and the monument will be on the right.



*Acolytes lighting their candles before the Festival of Lessons and Carols, December 2011. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson*

## Tree Planting at Community Center

A tree planting will take place at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Sewanee Community Center (across from Ivy Wild, behind the Sewanee Market). Trees will be planted to reabsorb the carbon released by the Sewanee Green Action trip to Washington to protest the Tar Sands pipeline.

The trees will remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, provide shade for the playground and habitat for animals and serve as a symbol of a desire to live more responsibly.

## GOP Primary Ballot Set

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett released the list of Republican candidates that will be on the ballot in the state's March 6 Presidential Preference Primary. The candidates that will be included are Michele Bachmann, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Gary Johnson, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Charles "Buddy" Roemer, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum.

Tennessee voters will go to the polls on "Super Tuesday," along with voters in Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont and Virginia.

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## Obituaries

### Jimmy Ray Eslick

Jimmy Ray Eslick, age 52 of Cowan, died Dec. 6, 2011, at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. He was born June 20, 1959, in Sherwood, the son of Buford Ray and Mary (Rackley) Eslick, both of whom preceded him in death. He was employed by Blankenship Grocery.

He is survived by his son, Justin Eslick; brother, J.D. (Debra) Eslick; sisters, Katherine McClure and Betty Finchum, all of Cowan; two grandchildren, two nieces and four nephews.

Funeral services are at 2:30 p.m. today, Friday, Dec. 9, in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. L.Z. Johnson and Johnny Hand officiating. Interment will follow in Jackson Cemetery, Cowan. For complete obituary visit <www.moorecortner.com>.

## Memorial Service

### Luther Leibensperger

A memorial service for Luther Leibensperger, who died Aug. 11, 2011, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, at Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City.

Leibensperger was a graduate of Columbia University, New York. In 1984, he retired from his engineering career and moved to Sewanee to be closer to his family.

He is survived by a sister, Caroline Shoemaker of Sewanee, and two brothers, Elmer (Maxine) Leibensperger of Timonium, Md., and Howard (Sylvia) Leibensperger of Stephentown, N.Y.

### Ranée Green Pruitt

Ranée Green Pruitt, age 64, died Dec. 5, 2011, in Huntsville, Ala. She was born March 9, 1947, in Sewanee. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Green; her husband, Kelly Pruitt; and her sister, Henrietta Green.

She is survived by her son, James Pruitt; her brother, David Green of Sewanee; her aunt, Barbara Blevins of Evansville, Ind., one niece, and two nephews.

She was an archivist at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library and the author of "Eden of the South, A Chronology of Huntsville, Alabama, 1805–2005." She earned numerous awards for her contributions to local history. In 2010, she was presented the Eminent Librarian Award by the Alabama Library Association.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8 in the Valhalla Funeral Home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heritage Room, Huntsville/Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe St., Huntsville, AL 35801. For complete obituary visit <www.valhallafunerals.com>.



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**INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP**  
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Fee, \$35

## Church News

## Area Church Celebrations for Advent and Christmas

### Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, Monteagle

The community is invited to hear the Morton Memorial United Methodist Church choir perform a Christmas Lessons and Carols service. The "Holy Light—A Candlelight Service of Carols" will be at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church.

Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main Street in Monteagle. For more information call the church office at (931) 924-2192.

### Tracy City First United Methodist Church

The Tracy City First United Methodist Church Adult Choir, under the direction of Emily Partin, will present a 2011 Christmas Cantata, "The Night Before Christmas" at 11 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 18, and at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19. All are welcome to attend.

### Riva Lake Baptist Church

Riva Lake Baptist Church will present its annual Live Nativity and Bethlehem Marketplace, 6–8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9–10. Dozens of adults and children will be dressed in costumes. Come and interact with people in the marketplace. There will be refreshments. The event is free and open to the public.

Riva Lake Baptist Church is located at the corner of Bible Crossing Road and Old Tullahoma Road (Hwy. 130) in Winchester. For more information call 967-0194.

## Christ Church

At Christ Church, Monteagle, on Sunday, Dec. 11, they will celebrate "Gaudete" Sunday. Bp. William Millsaps said, "In some churches a portion of Paul's Epistle to the Philippians is read. In many churches the hymns pick up the theme of rejoicing that Christmas is nearly here.

Sometimes this Sunday is called "Rose Sunday," which is also the name of a Sunday at the halfway point in Lent.

"In the case of Advent," Millsaps said, "it has to do with the lighting of the pink candle in the Advent Wreath. On both Rose Sundays the vestments have some dark pink color in them, and in some churches pink roses are placed on the altar. There are carols which refer to "Rose trees," and the beautiful obedience of Jesus' mother."

## Otey Parish

On Sunday, Dec. 11, Otey Parish will offer two adult Christian formation offerings. Adult Forum will continue its series "What Would Father Abraham Desire for His Children? A Dialogue on Muslim-Christian Relations." The lectionary class will also meet.

The Epiphany Pageant at Otey is approaching. If a child is interested in participating, they (or their parents) need to complete a sign-up sheet, located under the mailboxes in the parish hall. Mary Beth or Jay Williams are directing this year's program.

Practice for the pageant will be at 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 11 and 18, and on Saturday morning (time to be determined) on Jan. 7.

## Fire on the Mountain

Fire on the Mountain, the Episcopal Youth Coalition, will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, in the lobby of Emerald-Hodgson Hospital for Christmas carols with the patients.

Then they will go back to Otey Parish for hot chocolate and cookies. Parent pick up is at Brooks Hall at 3:45 p.m.

All area youth in grades 6–12 are invited to participate. For additional information contact Betty Carpenter at 598-5926.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Weekday Services, Dec. 12–16

#### Monday–Friday

7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's Convent (not Wed)  
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey  
8:10 am Morning Prayer, COTA (not Dec. 15, 16)  
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's (not Dec. 16)  
12:10 pm Noon Day Silence, St. Mary's Sewanee  
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's (not Dec. 16)  
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's Convent (not Wed.)  
5:40 pm Evening Prayer, COTA (not Dec. 14, 15, 16)

#### Wednesday

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship Church  
5:00 pm Rite III Eucharist, Rosary, St. James

#### Thursday

6:30 pm Worship Service, Church of God

#### Saturday

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

### Sunday Services, Dec. 11

#### All Saints' Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

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

#### Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 am Holy Communion  
10:45 am Children's Sunday School  
12:50 pm Christian formation class

#### Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Cowan Fellowship Church

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

#### Cumberland Presbyterian, Sewanee

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

#### Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Children's Sunday School  
12:50 pm Christian formation class

#### Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

### Sunday Services (continued)

#### 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

#### Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

#### Otey Memorial Parish

8:50 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Christian formation classes  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Children's Church School  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am Godly Play

#### St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer

#### 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

*If your church is in our circulation area and would like to be listed in this calendar, please send service times, church address and contact information to <messgr@bellsouth.net> or phone 598-9949.*



# Senior Center News

### Christmas Bazaar Begins

The Sewanee Senior Center's Annual Christmas Bazaar is this week! From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, Monday–Friday, Dec. 12–16, they will sell handmade crafts and quilts, jams, jellies and baked goods, as well as items on the “white elephant” table. “Favorites from our Table,” the center's new cookbook, will also be available.

Come support the center, shop locally for the holidays and stay for a delicious lunch.

### Seeking Volunteers

The Sewanee Senior Center is currently looking for volunteers for three jobs: prep work in the kitchen, washing dishes and delivering meals to shut-ins. Please drop by or call the center to learn more.

### Holiday Plans

The annual Christmas luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec. 20. Make reservations now for the \$6 per plate lunch. The center will be closed Dec. 22–26.

### Senior Menus

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

**Dec. 12:** Barbecue plate, baked beans, slaw, bread, dessert.

**Dec. 13:** Meat loaf, white beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

**Dec. 14:** Chicken and dumpings, peas, cornbread, dessert.

**Dec. 15:** Black-eyed peas, fried sweet potatoes, stewed cabbage, cornbread, dessert.

**Dec. 16:** Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert.

Menus may vary. The center is located at 5 Ball Park Rd. (behind the Sewanee Market). To reserve a meal or for more information about any of the programs, call the center at 598-0771.

# CCJP Seeks Nominees, Board Members

As the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace looks ahead to 2012, it is seeking nominations for its annual award and offering community members the opportunity to participate in CCJP as board members.

CCJP is seeking nominations for the award it gives each year to recognize individuals and organizations whose work furthers the mission of bringing a measure of justice and peace to the Cumberland Plateau area.

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 20. This year's banquet is scheduled for Feb. 26. To make a nomination, submit the name of the award candidate, along with a short explanation (100 words or less) of why the individual or group deserves recognition.

Past award recipients have included Susan Binkley and Blue Monarch; the Community Action Committee; Jess Wilson and the Cumberland Farmers' Market; Carol and Glenn Vanden Bosch and the Grundy County Food Bank; the Sewanee Mountain Grotto for preserving the Russell Cave watershed; Elizabeth Clark Duncan for establishing the Sewanee Community email list serve; and Christine Hopkins for establishing the Franklin County Community Re-entry program to help the formerly incarcerated become productively integrated in the community.

CCJP will elect three new members to the board of directors in March 2012. Applications for these positions are currently being accepted.

CCJP board members are responsible for strategic planning to further the organization's goals and mission, budgetary oversight, hiring and supervising the executive director, fund raising (either through a financial contribution or active support of fund-raising projects) and acting as ambassadors for the organization. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, board members are expected to attend quarterly board meetings and to actively participate on at least one committee.

Serving on the CCJP board of directors is an opportunity to become an agent for positive change. To apply, submit a letter of interest, noting any skills or past experiences that might assist you in fulfilling the role of board member.

Deadline for applying is Jan. 20.

To make a nomination for the CCJP annual award or to submit a letter of interest for a board position, write to Leslie Lytle, CCJP executive director, via email at <sllytle@blomand.net> or by postal mail to CCJP, P.O. Box 307, Sewanee, TN 37375.

CCJP played an active role in founding a number of institutions that have become an integral part of the community, including the Sewanee Community Council, Housing Sewanee, the Sewanee Gardeners' Market and the Sewanee Community Center. Current CCJP projects include promoting the use of reusable shopping bags, helping voters to acquire the photo identification necessary to be eligible to vote, sponsoring a weekend diversity retreat for high school age youth, and hosting an Earth Day festival this coming April.

For more information about either opportunity, contact Lytle at 598-9979.

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To register for a class, or for more information, call Al Bassett at (931) 636-5577.

## Sewanee Operation Noel Application

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## Yoga at Community Center

Morning yoga continues at the Sewanee Community Center, with a new direction.

On Friday mornings, Rebeca Allred will offer a 90-minute Vinyasa Flow class.

On Tuesday mornings, Carolyn Fitz will continue to teach a 90-minute Yin Yoga class. Both classes meet from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Beginners are welcome. Weekly yoga offerings are posted in the community calendar in the Messenger. Questions may be directed to Fitz at 598-0597.

Vinyasa Flow links movement with breath. It is a form of moving meditation. Each pose can be varied to suit individual student levels. Vinyasa Flow improves circulation, muscle strength and balance.

Yin Yoga consists of connective tissue stretching, which targets joint mobility and the flow of chi (prana) through the vital tissues and organs of the body.

Allred completed her teacher training in 2009 at Sanctuary for Yoga in Green Hills. She is a certified 200-hour Registered Yoga Teacher with Yoga Alliance and is certified in Prenatal Yoga and Vinyasa Flow.

Fitz has been teaching yoga since 2005. She received her yoga teacher certification through the Asheville Yoga Center in 2009. She practices and teaches a variety of styles of yoga. She is a certified 200-hour Registered Yoga Teacher with Yoga Alliance.



Carolyn Fitz (left) and Rebeca Allred in the partner tree pose. Photo by Greg Petropoulos

## STMC Welcomes Walker and Maze

Southern Tennessee Medical Center welcomes Dr. Sherri Walker, family medicine, and Karen Maze, family nurse practitioner. Dr. Walker will care for medical needs, including acute illnesses and chronic diseases.

Dr. Walker attended medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her residency at Millcreek Community Hospital in Erie, Penn. Dr. Walker is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians. She practiced family medicine in Titusville, Penn., before relocating to Winchester with her husband, Gary.

Karen Maze, FNP, has served the community for the past 17 years as a nurse at STMC and for Dr. Thomas Smith. She will focus on well exams, sick visits, disease prevention and maintenance. Maze resides in Winchester with her husband, Toby, and their two children, Reagan and Logan.

Dr. Walker and Karen will be working together at Wellstream Family Medicine, 186 Hospital Rd., Suite 300, Winchester. For additional information, or to schedule an appointment call 967-9680.

## Reiki Offered on the Mountain

Reiki practitioner Lucie Carlson has started her practice at Stillpoint and St. Mary's-Sewanee.

Carlson is a certified Reiki practitioner (two levels) and studied with well-known Reiki master Eva Mettler in Switzerland and healer Raisa Yushina in Israel. For more information about holiday specials or to set up a free consultation, email <Lucie.carlson@gmail.com> or call her at (865) 591-0012.

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## Alzheimer's Warning Signs

The holiday season is a time families gather and spend quality time with loved ones. It is also a time that can raise questions about the cognitive health of aging family members. The Alzheimer's Association provides the following list, 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, and urges concerned family members to seek professional help if they think someone they love is having cognitive problems.

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life.
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure.
4. Confusion with time or place.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing.
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.
8. Decreased or poor judgment. People with Alzheimer's may experience changes in judgment or decision-making.
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities.
10. Changes in mood and personality.

For more information contact the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 toll-free helpline at (800) 272-3900 or go to their website, <alz.org>.

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Bob Askew's painting of the planned addition to the Beta house.

## Beta Library *from page 1*

a style reminiscent of the Beta symbol, an octagonal lantern. Architect Charles Sholten, C'86 and a Beta, has designed the addition.

"I am convinced that this library can be for the common good ... a place for serious, reflective conversation — not far from the coffee pot," Patterson said.

As a senior, Stanley and his classmates will not see the fruit of their labor, yet he has confidence in the

future of the plan: "We are trusting the younger guys to keep things in a spirit of education."

Patterson professed high hopes for the project and said he believes the Betas "can help the University of the South to reach its goals: to be a model university within the broad spectrum of higher education in this country and beyond."

The Beta housing corporation plans to raise \$100,000 for the addition, which will total 800 square feet. The hope is that alumni will donate the

necessary funds, as well as books for the library.

According to chapter advisor Joe Wiegand, C'87, who is also the president of the Beta housing corporation, donations to the project are tax-deductible.

Donations may be sent to the Designated Education Area Fund for the Gamma Chi (Sewanee) Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, in care of the Beta Theta Pi Foundation, Sewanee Beta DEA Fund, 5134 Binham Rd., Oxford, OH 45056. Donors will receive a receipt for their tax-deductible donations," Wiegand said.

"The Gamma Chi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has long been known for producing men who believe in the highest ideals of service and scholarship," said Wiegand. "We've had no better example of this than Brown Patterson. Hundreds of Sewanee Betas around the country are happy to invest in a house addition that will promote serious scholarship and that will provide a reminder of the service that Brown and so many others have given to Beta and the broader community. We welcome those who love Sewanee and Brown Patterson to join us in this worthy effort."

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# Third Grade Promotion Policy Under Review

*State Law Mandates No "Social Promotion"*

*by K.G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer*

The Franklin County School Board is discussing the state's policy on promotion and retention in third grade, based on reading grades and standardized reading test scores.

Franklin County Director of Schools Rebecca Sharber presented a revision for "Policy 4.603 Promotion and Retention" at the Nov. 10 board meeting. New wording had to be added to the current policy because of a new state law about "social promotion."

Social promotion means that a child is advanced to the next grade level regardless of mastery of skill.

The school board has not approved the new policy yet.

Policy 4.603 currently states that "students normally progress annually in sequential order from grade to grade that best suits them academically, socially and emotionally." Retention is made if a teacher and principal thinks it is in the best interest of the student.

Because of a state law passed this summer, third-graders will not be able to move to the next grade unless they can demonstrate a basic knowledge of the reading curriculum through standardized test scores or daily grades. This law does not affect special education students. Children will be promoted to the fourth grade based on academics or test results in reading; they will not be socially promoted.

"If the student is above basic on the TCAP but has an "F" on the report card for reading, the student would be promoted," Sharber said. "The student would be considered to have demonstrated by the student's standardized test results sufficient skills in reading. It is likely that if the student scored proficient or advanced on TCAP that they would also make a passing grade in class."

On the 2010–11 TCAP test, 9.8 percent of the county's third-graders were below basic in reading/language arts. At Sewanee Elementary School in 2010–11, only 2 percent of third-graders were below basic. If those students were in special education or what their letter grades were is not publicly available.

Franklin County is developing a plan for students who will be affected by this new law. If a child is identified early in the school year as having a problem with reading or other subjects, the county is planning on offering a research-based summer program. If the student attends the program, the student will be promoted.

Chris McDonough, school board member from Sewanee who represents the Fifth District, said there are problems with having TCAP results factored in for third grade promotion/retention, teacher evaluations and student's final spring semester grades.

"How can we factor those results into a report card that comes out in May? The state will have to get the scores back in sufficient time to allow for those decisions to be made. How do we precisely factor the TCAP score into a letter grade? The state hasn't told us that either."

The 2010–11 TCAP tests were given in April and reports to school systems were not available until the summer. Individual TCAP tests were not sent to students until the beginning of this academic year. Public reporting of the TCAP tests became available on Dec. 2.

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## BOOKMARKED

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

by Margaret Stephens

### Before Bella, Harry and Edward

Before “Twilight,” before Harry Potter, before most people had books, we had King Arthur and his knights. Stories of Camelot were told and retold by the troubadours, those 13th-century court poets credited with inventing the love story (though without Bella’s vampire). But the legend of Arthur was already an ancient one by the time they got hold of it and may have been based on an actual sixth-century king whose story was first fully developed in Geoffrey of Monmouth’s “History of the Kings of Britain.”

Which concludes your history lesson for today.

Centuries of audiences and readers have found the Arthurian tales of heroic quests and rescued maidens, wise enchanters and wily enchantresses so exciting that new versions keep popping up. Tennyson’s “Idylls of the King,” T.H. White’s “Once and Future King,” Mary Stewart’s Merlin books and the movie “Camelot” are only a few of the more modern examples.

Now we have Gerald Morris and his wry, witty take on the Arthurian world in his 10-book series, “The Squire’s Tales,” books that would make an impressive stack under anyone’s Christmas tree.

Morris begins the series where you wouldn’t expect: not with Arthur or even Merlin, but with a character who in the original tales would have been mere background. If he were mentioned at all. “The Squire’s Tale” introduces us to Terence, a young man raised in the woods by a hermit. In a typical hero’s story, we’d expect Terence to become a great knight, the court’s favorite hero. In Morris’s version, he becomes nothing more than a squire.

At least, that’s all Terence seems to be. To human eyes. As you’ll discover over the course of the series, for he’s one of the characters Morris uses to tie the books together.

Morris tweaks the Arthurian legends so we see them in a fresh way. The books often focus on squires or servants or the lesser-known knights. And, oh, yes, fair maidens, who, in Morris’ versions, rarely need rescuing and usually outsmart any knight foolish enough to try. In “The Lioness and Her Knight,” it’s 16-year-old Luneta who craves adventure, lamenting that she’s stuck in the boondocks of Orkney with her two very boring parents. (Who just happen to be Sir Gaheris and the Lady Lynet of Arthurian fame.)

Better-known characters are turned on their ear. Lancelot is not Arthur’s greatest knight; Gawain is (a return to the way he was portrayed way, way back). This Lancelot is a tad foolish and freely admits he learned everything he knows about being a knight from the troubadours’ poetry. Tristram, great tragic lover of the fair Iseult, is shown as downright silly: he roams the country bellowing out to anyone unfortunate enough to encounter him, “I have sworn a vow of silence! I will tell no one of my love!”

Morris writes fantasy, but he creates characters who seem very real. Teenagers talk back to their parents; knights grumble and complain and get lost and instead of speaking flowery chivalric language, use phrases like “wet-nosed brat.” Luneta’s father, caught between headstrong teenage daughter and equally stubborn wife, points out, “I have sometimes noticed in other families that a certain amount of friction is to be expected between mothers and daughters.” Does this sound at all familiar?

You’ll want to start with “The Squire’s Tale” and read in order right up to “The Legend of the King,” partly so you don’t get confused by the ongoing development of the characters, partly because these books are so much fun, you’re not going to want to miss one. How can you resist a title like “The Princess, the Crone, and the Dung-Cart Knight”?

You might find yourself so intrigued by the Arthurian world that you’ll find yourself hunting up the older versions, all the way back to medieval Sir Thomas Malory.

These books are young adult, but Morris created a series for younger readers, “The Knights’ Tales.”

As promised: a Christmas gift.

My mother, English teacher to the end, red-penciled every letter we wrote home from college (back when people wrote letters). Which is how I learned that “separate” isn’t “seperate,” “judgment” doesn’t have two e’s and a comma splice is a fate worse than death. In short, grammar was dinned into us along with our animal crackers and cocoa.

If you, reader, find an error in this week’s column, send me an email. If there are several (emails, not errors), I’ll draw names from my sorting hat. The winner gets a Blue Chair muffin. (I’m not counting sentence fragments. Like this one. It’s the way I write.)

Email me at <govols516@gmail.com>.

Merry Christmas! Happy reading!



Sewanee Elementary School students, families and faculty got the holidays off to a great start by enjoying a meal together recently. Thank you to Chasity Williams and her staff for providing the delicious food.

## SES Teacher Workshops

A number of teachers at Sewanee Elementary have been participating in professional development workshops and programs.

The kindergarten teachers attended the 2011 Conference for Tennessee Kindergarten Teachers in Franklin. They attended several seminars, including two presentations by Dr. Jean Feldman, whose songs include favorites such as the “Tooty-Ta” about phonemic awareness and “Macarena Math” that helps skip-count while dancing. Mrs. Trisha and Mrs. Whaley also attended a seminar presented by Tonia Holmes Sutton to help integrate and enhance the use of sign language in their classes.

Physical education teacher David Gilliam attended the 42nd annual Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention in Murfreesboro in November. The theme was “Learn It. Live It. Do It.”

Guidance counselor Bo Jackson attended a conference titled “The Impact of Meth on Children and Families” as part of her professional development this fall.

## University Job Opportunities

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Director of Field Education and Lecturer in Contextual Education; Assistant Director of Marketing and Admissions (Sewanee Summer Music Festival).

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

## Barry Earns Valedictorian Honors Again

Ryan Barry has the distinction of being the valedictorian at the three schools he has attended, an “academic hat-trick.”

Barry recently graduated as valedictorian from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Barry was the class valedictorian from St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School and the class valedictorian from the University of the South.

Barry is putting his law degree to good use, working with Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C. in Chattanooga as a member of the firm’s estate planning and elder law team.

Barry is the son of Dan and Arlene Barry of Sewanee.

## SES Menus

Dec. 12–16

### LUNCH

**MON:** Vegetable beef soup, 1/2 grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, crackers, applesauce.

**TUE:** Corn dog, potato wedges, baked beans, tossed salad, jello.

**WED:** Pizza, buttered corn, tossed salad, orange slices.

**THU:** Chicken noodle soup, crackers, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

**FRI:** Half day—no lunch.

*Options available daily: turkey or ham sandwich, with or without cheese.*

### BREAKFAST

**MON:** Pancakes.

**TUE:** Egg & cheese biscuit.

**WED:** Pancake pup.

**THU:** French toast sticks.

**FRI:** Cinnamon rolls.

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

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## SAS Receives Arts Grant

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School has received a grant of \$1,900 to help offset expenses for a concert by the Blair String Quartet in February 2012 at the McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts. The concert will be free and open to the public.

The grant is part of the Arts Build Communities (ABC) program, a matching grant program funded by the Tennessee General Assembly and administered in cooperation with the Tennessee Arts Commission and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

ABC grants provide funds for a variety of arts projects with grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 in matching dollars. Nonprofit organizations, schools, libraries and governmental entities are eligible to apply.

The Blair String Quartet is a faculty ensemble of the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University.

Widely acclaimed in performances across the country, the quartet has enhanced its national reputation through appearances at the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, New York's 92nd Street Y and Merkin Concert Hall. This will be their second appearance at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's McCrory Hall.



Aiken Taylor award-winner, poet Billy Collins, reading on Tuesday, Nov. 29.  
Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## AT THE MOVIES

Sewanee Union Theatre This Week

**Friday–Sunday, Dec. 9–11, 7:30 p.m.**

**Margin Call**

107 Minutes • Rated R • Admission \$3

"Margin Call" blew through the major movie theaters this fall with few takers (is the current financial crisis really fodder for entertainment?), but most reports give it very positive reviews. "Margin Call" is based on the true story of one 24-hour period in 2008 at a Wall Street investment firm as the financial crisis is beginning to unfold. Because the story is compressed, it swiftly identifies the greed and dishonesty that is at the root of many of the financial institutions that failed (and some that survived). First-time director J.C. Chandor (who also wrote the script) has gathered an all-star cast including Kevin Spacey, Paul Bettany, Jeremy Irons and Stanley Tucci. Rated R for language.

Sewanee Union Theatre Next Week

**Friday–Saturday, Dec. 16–17, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m.**

**Elf**

97 Minutes • Rated PG • Admission \$3

Buddy the Elf (Will Ferrell), an orphan who was left as a baby at the North Pole with Santa, travels to New York City in search of his real father, Walter Hobbs (James Caan). Combining the archetypal stories of the journey home, the orphan's search for his parents, and the delights of falling in love, "Elf" is darn near perfect. There are terrific performances from old favorites such as Bob Newhart, Edward Asner and Caan. Zooey Deschanel is lovely as Buddy's co-worker Jovie, and Ferrell is a delight. "Elf" could be my favorite Christmas movie and is chock-full of wonderful, memorable, quotable lines. "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." Rated PG for some mild rude humor and language.

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## Frist Center's New Shows

The Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville announces its exhibitions that will open in early 2012. On Feb. 3, "To See as Artists See: American Art from the Phillips Collection" opens in the Ingram Gallery. This impressive exhibition features over 100 different works by 75 profound American artists, and surveys art from late 19th-century Romanticism to mid-20th-century Abstract Expressionism. In the Gordon CAP Gallery, "Answers to Questions: John Wood and Paul Harrison" also opens to the public on Feb. 3. This exhibition showcases video installations by British artistic duo John Wood and Paul Harrison. Their videos feature simple physical stunts that comically and practically explore the nature of making art and, on the whole, living life.

On Feb. 24, "Fairy Tales, Monsters and the Genetic Imagination" will open in the Upper Level Galleries. This pensively whimsical exhibition has been curated by the Frist Center's own Mark Scala. "Fairy Tales" features over 60 paintings, photographs, sculptures and video works by various contemporary artists who gravitate toward the creation and/or re-appropriation of fantastic creatures from both myth and science fiction in their work.

Each new show has a host of accompanying lectures, workshops and events associated with it. For more information call (615) 244-3340 or go to <www.fristcenter.org>.

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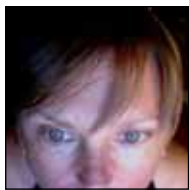
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## I LIKE TO WATCH

by Kiki Beavers



With the holidays approaching, television networks are replaying all the old holiday cartoon favorites such as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." These TV shows are considered classics in their own right and should be watched. They are shows not just about the holidays, but about overcoming obstacles, the lore behind beloved legends and lasting friendships, set in a snowy wonderland. These shows do not appeal to everyone, especially the preteens and teens of today who find them lacking in cartoon expertise. Burl Ives as a claymation snowman? What were they thinking?

Just like the old song on the radio that takes you back to a place or a time, there is a holiday show that does the same. The only holiday show not to miss is "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Nothing says Christmas and holiday and tradition like this cartoon.

As a child, the highlight of the holiday season was watching this show. My brother Kris and I would delight again and again at how Charlie Brown ended up with the worst Christmas tree in history for the play. The sad Christmas tree was quite the joke at our house, cumulating with the year Dad, for the first (and the last) time, went by himself to get a tree. That tree was little and misshapen and needed love. We had to tie it to the curtain rods in the corner of the living room to make sure the tree stood up straight. Mom still put every handmade ornament on it, placed lights, and we strung it with popcorn and cranberries, laughing the whole time. To this day we remind ourselves not to get a Charlie Brown Christmas tree. We take pictures of our respective trees and send them to each other via the Internet or cell phone, making sure it is not even close to a Charlie Brown tree. And we laugh out loud.

As youngsters, we marveled at the piano playing of Schroeder. Just hearing those songs on the radio, or in an elevator or as an advertisement jingle for life insurance would make us smile and promise to take piano lessons some day. Even now when the music of "Für Elise" or "Linus and Lucy" plays randomly on our iPods, we journey back to when we first heard the songs under the covers on the couch, eating popcorn, toes tapping. We watched this show without fail together for years, give or take a few when we lived overseas or were at different schools in different places.

My younger brother and I have slowly grown apart. Now living in other parts of the country, with different lives and new additions to our family, we still rely on the phone call or email to each other with a reminder to watch the show. "A Charlie Brown Christmas is on at 7!" It is one of the lasting childhood memories that we can agree upon. We each own the VHS tape, the DVD and the CD. We make sure other family and friends have the show and the music or at least know about them. We play the Vince Guaraldi music loud. And we dance to it in our own houses.

Charlie Brown's tried and true friend, Linus, tells Charlie Brown the true meaning of Christmas, of which we all need a gentle reminder (Luke 2:8-14). But, Charlie Brown is in despair toward the end of the show. The play is ruined, the little tree slumps over when he tries to decorate it, and he stomps off screaming, "AARRGGHH, I've killed it." I think we all can empathize with his plight, because life does not always go according to the best-laid plans or best intentions. As with all TV happy endings, Charlie Brown's friends help to save the day and make the little tree and the holiday be all that they can be.

The little kids eating popcorn while they were supposed to be making garlands were not as worried as Charlie Brown was about the commercialism of the holiday. Kris and I learned at a young age that this holiday is about sharing. Charlie Brown is known for his mishaps and for always having the worst luck, but good guys do win out in the end. The message is clear in this show. Sometimes it takes friends and family to help you realize the true meaning of the holiday.

The unedited version of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" will be playing Dec. 15 on the ABC network. If you miss the televised show, do yourself a favor and get the DVD. I like to watch that any time.

## Anders' New Book on Catholic Best Seller List

Isabel Anders' latest book "Blessings and Prayers for Married Couples: A Faith Full Love" (Liguori, 2011) has been named to the Catholic Best Seller List for hardbacks for 2011.

The seven sections of the wedding vows serve as the framework for the book, which includes a variety of quotes old and new, original reflections and questions for group use. "Blessings and Prayers for Married Couples" is a gift book as well as a resource for engaging in the spiritual discipline of daily prayer together.

It is designed for newlyweds, couples celebrating their anniversaries, or Marriage Encounter participants. As the Rev. M. C. Baker wrote, "Amid all the chaos and confusion found in everyday life, this book can be a strength and blessing for any marriage and especially for any Christian marriage."

Anders is the author of more than 20 inspirational books, including the award-winning "Becoming Flame: Uncommon Mother-Daughter Wis-



dom" with a foreword by Phyllis Tickle. Its sequel, "Spinning Straw, Weaving Gold: A Tapestry of Mother-Daughter Wisdom" will be published by Circle Books in 2012. Isabel and her husband, Bill, have been Sewanee residents since 2006.

## Natural Instincts

### New Members Show at In-Town Gallery

Five new members of In-Town Gallery are being featured in a special exhibit during December.

Potters Ted Reeder and Roger Harvey, woodturner Jim Roche, and painters Marie Miller and Victoria Pearmain all share "Natural Instincts" about their artwork. Creating with nature's bountiful resources of clay and wood or representing scenes of natural beauty, these five talented artists are presenting a collection of their new work during the month of December. The public is invited to meet them and discuss their specialties at the opening reception on the First Friday, December 2, from 5-8 p.m. at the gallery.

In-Town Gallery is located at 26A Frazier Ave. in Chattanooga, between the Walnut Street and Market Street bridges, adjacent to Coolidge Park on the trendy "Hip to Historical" North Shore of the Tennessee River.

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## ACA Awards Faculty Fellowships

Two Sewanee faculty members have been awarded Faculty Fellowships by the Appalachian College Association. Kathryn Mills, associate professor of French, and Woody Register, professor of American studies and history, were awarded fellowship support for 2012-13.

Mills will use her sabbatical year to organize and archive the papers of her late husband, Wilmer Mills. Only 41 when he died last summer after a short battle with liver cancer, Mills, C'92, T'05, had already established himself as one of his generation's foremost poets. In addition to organization, Mills' time will be spent sending individual unpublished poems to journals, editing Wil's third book and writing on themes that evolved in his poetry.

Register will work on "True and Loving Friends: A History of Obligation, Ambition, and Love in American Social Reform, 1890-1930" and a pilot research apprenticeship program for history majors.

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Anyone interested in hearing about this Hebrew- and Greek-based translation is invited to attend the discussion and then join the Morfords for lunch.

Morford is also the translator/editor of "The Power New Testament," as well as "God's Rhythm of Life: Seasons of the Lord" and "This God We Serve: Names and Characteristics of God." He resides in Seneca, S.C., with his wife, Gwinda.

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Sewanee senior football players with the Orgill Cup after defeating Rhodes. Photo by Bob Gerzanick

# Sewanee's Defeat of Rhodes Earns Prized Orgill Cup

Sewanee won the Orgill Cup this year after defeating Rhodes College in football in late October.

The Orgill Cup is named after Edmund Orgill (1899–1983), who had close ties to both schools. He was a trustee at Rhodes and the chairman of the Board of Regents at Sewanee from 1951 to 1953. A 1920 graduate of Virginia, Mr. Orgill received honorary degrees from Rhodes and Sewanee in 1954. He also served as mayor of Memphis in 1956.

The following is engraved on the trophy. "The Edmund Orgill Trophy is presented annually by Southwestern of Memphis (Rhodes) and the University of the South at Sewanee to the winner of each year's football game as evidence of their esteemed gratitude to a man whose benefactions to them are measureless. Initiated on November 13, 1954."

Rhodes won the inaugural Orgill Cup game in 1954. Rhodes has won the Orgill Cup 29 times; Sewanee, 28. The Tigers and Lynx tied 14-14 in 1991. Sewanee leads the all-time series 42-35-3. This season was the first time Sewanee has won the Orgill Cup since 2005.

# SES Basketball Action



The SES girls' basketball team took on top-ranked Clark Memorial on Dec. 1. The lead seesawed in the opening period, with Clark in the lead 5-3. The SES team played some really nice basketball in the opening minutes. Then Clark put on the defensive press and cranked up the points. SES lost 22-7.

SES did a fantastic job rebounding, with Tessa Shackelford and Lucy Lancaster showing a lot of strength against the opposing team. Mariel Rinck and

Kate Butler had a couple of well-timed steals. Butler also had a blocked shot for the night.

Anna Post scored five points, and Shackelford added two. On Dec. 1, the SES boys' basketball team played Clark Memorial. The Tigers fought a tough battle, but lost to Clark Memorial 26-13.

Leading scorers for the Tigers were Larson Heitzenrater with four points, Isaac Smith with four points, Kobe Coker with two points, Tommy McCullough with two points and Rivers Jenkins with one point.

Despite the final score the team played very hard and demonstrated their skill against Clark Memorial. The Tigers had tremendous help from Porter Neubauer with a steal, Sam Patton with a steal and Nathan King with solid defense late in the second half. Other players with outstanding games were Evan Fox, Aidan Smith and Jenkins, all of whom played very well both offensively and defensively. Harrison Hartman played very well defensively late in the second half.

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The Purple Haze Rugby Club of Sewanee played Lee College on Dec. 3, winning 33-3 in their last game of the fall season.  
Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## Home Games This Week

**Today, Dec. 9**  
5 pm SAS V Wrestling  
v Boyd Buchanan School  
6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball  
v Lawrence Co HS  
7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Lawrence Co HS  
**Saturday, Dec. 10**  
8 am SAS Middle & High School  
Invitational Swim Meet  
12:30 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball  
v King's Academy  
2 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball  
v King's Academy  
**Tuesday, Dec. 13**  
4 pm SAS V Wrestling  
v Multiple Teams  
4:30 pm GCHS JV Boys' Basketball  
v Notre Dame  
6 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Notre Dame  
6:30 pm SAS Middle & High School  
Swim Meet v Multiple Teams  
**Thursday, Dec. 15**  
6:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball  
v Cowan @ FCHS  
7:30 pm SES Boys' Basketball  
v Cowan @ FCHS  
**Friday, Dec. 16**  
7 pm FCHS V Football  
v Columbia Central HS  
6 pm Women's Basketball  
v Oglethorpe University  
8 pm Men's Basketball  
v Oglethorpe University

## 2011 SAS Wrestling Wins Season Opener

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School wrestling team had their season opener on Dec. 2 at Whitwell High School wrestling Whitwell and Sequatchie County. The varsity Mountain Lions won both matches: 30-15 against Whitwell and 36-24 against Sequatchie County.

Highlights of the matches came with captain Myles Kincaid (125 lb.) pinning both his opponents and Charlie Woodlief (182 lb.) pinning Sequatchie County. Intense action also took place with the Mountain Lion middle school team taking the mats to register wins by Jacob Hanson, Alex Hanson, Fritz Stine and Michael Schaerer against a well-trained Whitwell program.

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## OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



December is a critical recruiting time for University coaches. Prospective students who have chosen to apply early decision are anxiously awaiting word from our admissions office, and many others are completing their applications or being encouraged to do so. It is apparent that Sewanee's 2011 tuition reduction plan has been a huge success with potential students. An increase in visits, applications and prospect interest are all indicators that families are responding to cost-cutting measures. There was a time when my recruiting pitch was something along the lines of, "The cost of a Sewanee education is \$48,000, but the value of four years on the court with Coach Shack is priceless." Inexplicably, students now seem to be responding more enthusiastically to a bottom-line cost that is 10 percent lower and holding steady. CNN ran a story this week asking the question, "Is the cost of a college education too high?" The report informed us that the Occupy Wall Street movement is now taking aim at that question and additionally asking for forgiveness on certain student loans.

It is a tricky question, cost vs. value. What makes the small, private, liberal arts experience such a valuable one? Is that large investment worth the price tag assigned by our peer institutions? I watch closely what our student-athletes do while on this campus so that I can answer that question honestly when talking with a recruit and their family. When you read the résumé of Carrie Ryan, Sewanee's 26th Rhodes scholar, the question answers itself. I have no doubt that Carrie would have been a success if she had chosen to attend a community college in her native Pasadena, Calif. But undoubtedly her Sewanee experience gave her room to grow, explore, research and question the world she so selflessly works to make better.

My coaching experience has allowed me to coach hundreds of different college athletes, teach 4-year-olds how to kick a soccer ball, fourth-graders how to shoot a basketball, and I have worked with tennis campers from age 8 through 85. One of my favorite students, however, is now of retirement age.

He came to Sewanee in 1973 to teach English and as a result there are thousands of Sewanee students who understand a little more about Shakespeare, a lot more about the verse and meter of a poem and how that rhythm transfers into the patterns of life. Bill Clarkson is a fixture in the stands of every Sewanee soccer game, and he knows well that even if our goalie is not six feet tall, she may be able to quote Wallace Stevens with very little effort. Bill and Marcia Clarkson have lived on this mountain for 38 years and this past Wednesday Bill gave his final lecture in Gailor Hall. DeDe DuBose and Rob Matlock's children, who spent many hours traveling with the Clarksons, call him "Professor Man" when they know a story is coming that may or may not be completely true. Every one of Bill's students knows well to use their dictionary and be sure to do the required reading, but they also know they are counted as some of his best friends and that he cares what they are doing outside the walls of his classroom. He knows my tennis players by their first names and understands that when they double fault it may be that they pulled an all-nighter in duPont Library the preceding evening.

So when I answer that question about what you get when you pay for a Sewanee education, it is an easy answer. When I tell them that they are getting a personal education, it is not just lip service from a coach trying to con a prospect with a 120 mph serve. I am telling them about learning from a teacher like Bill who is their professor, their friend and their biggest fan.

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## NATURENOTES

By Harry and Jean Yeatman



### Wild Turkeys

Early on Dec. 1, **Jean Yeatman** looked over the frost-covered horse pasture and saw two male Wild Turkeys; she called Harry. These bearded gobblers were eating clover and felt safe, with the presence of the horse to keep out coyotes and hunters. Their tuft of long hair-like feathers hanging from their breasts indicate they are fully grown, old and associate with each other and away from females and young males called “jakes” by hunters. They survived this Thanksgiving. Five subspecies of turkeys occur in North America—Eastern, Gould’s in Mexico, Osceola in Florida, Merriam’s in New Mexico, and Rio Grande from Oklahoma and states bordering the Rio Grande River. Recently, the beautiful ornate Ocellated Turkey in the Yucatan region of Mexico was added to the list of distinct species. The subspecies differ from each other in plumage.

The turkey was domesticated in Mexico long before Columbus arrived in the Caribbean and was taken to Spain and then spread over much of Europe and the Middle East. Wild Turkeys differ from the domesticated ones by being slimmer, darker and more streamlined. Wild Turkeys in Sewanee prefer open woodland and roost in trees at night. The tip of the tail is light brown rather than white-tipped, as is the domestic turkey’s, some of which have been bred to white all over. Food consists of acorns, clover, berries, beechnuts and even hickory nuts that are cracked in the powerful gizzard. They nest on the ground. Eight to 12 buff-colored eggs are laid and hatch in 21 days. Both males and females share in incubating the eggs. Later in the year, males flock together, away from the females, and engage in fights with each other for dominance. The Yeatmans have watched these neck-to-neck tussles in previous years, and hope you enjoyed your turkey dinner.



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The Animal Alliance-South Cumberland has a great gift idea for animal lovers. Having a difficult time deciding what to buy your friends or family this Christmas? Tired of buying trinkets, ties, or clothes that will only end up in a drawer or the back of a closet? This year give a gift from your heart! Give a tax-deductible donation in the name of that person on your list and help save lives. All of your gift will go to spay or neuter pets in our community. Animal Alliance will send a personalized Christmas card to that individual acknowledging your thoughtful gift, and you will receive a tax receipt. Send your donation, along with the name and address of the person you want to honor, and your address to AASC, P.O. Box 627, Tracy City, TN 37387.



“Pet Pictures with Santa,” hosted by the Franklin County Humane Society will be 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, and 1–4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at Tractor Supply in Winchester. Pictures in gift card frames will be \$10 each or three for \$25. All proceeds will be used for the care of the homeless dogs and cats at Animal Harbor.

## Pets of the Week

### Meet Kitty Purry and Zel

The Franklin County Humane Society’s Animal Harbor offers these two delightful pets for adoption.

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

Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information and check out their other pets at <[www.animalharbor.com](http://www.animalharbor.com)>. Please help the Humane Society continue to save abandoned pets by sending your donations to the Franklin County Humane Society, P.O. Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398.



Kitty Purry



Zel

## State Park Offerings

### Friday, Dec. 9

**Moonlight Hike**—See the forest under the light of the full moon. Meet Ranger Jason at 5 p.m. at the Foster Falls parking lot for this three-mile exploration of the moonlit woods.

### Saturday, Dec. 10

**Snakes of Tennessee**—Meet Ranger Brent at 2 p.m. at the Visitors’ Center to learn about indigenous area snakes, venomous and harmless, and how to tell the difference between them. You will get an opportunity to touch a live non-venomous snake.

**Animal Tracks**—Join the ranger at 2 p.m. at the Stone Door Ranger Station. You will make an animal track ID book to use to find out what animals have been in the park or in your backyard when you see their tracks.

### Sunday, Dec. 11

**Pinecone Bird Feeders**—Join the ranger at 2 p.m. at the Stone Door Ranger Station to make feeders to take home and attract native songbirds to your backyard. Seeds and peanut butter will be used.

For more information on these or other programs call (931) 924-2980 or visit the website at <[www.friendsofscsra.org/activities.htm](http://www.friendsofscsra.org/activities.htm)>.

## Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 28	56	39
Tue	Nov 29	40	31
Wed	Nov 30	36	31
Thu	Dec 01	38	26
Fri	Dec 02	54	28
Sat	Dec 03	58	33
Sun	Dec 04	60	41

### Week’s Stats:

Avg max temp =	49
Avg min temp =	33
Avg temp =	36
Precipitation =	3.51”

### November Monthly Averages:

Avg max temp =	60
Avg min temp =	43
Avg temp =	48
Total Precipitation =	7.61”

### November 53-Year Averages:

Avg max temp =	57
Avg min temp =	40
Avg temp =	48
Precipitation =	5.38”
YTD Avg Rainfall =	55.39”
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Reported by Nicole Nunley  
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That glorious Form, that Light unsufferable,  
And that far-beaming blaze of majesty,  
Wherewith he wont Heaven's high council-table  
To sit the midst of Trinal Unity,  
He laid aside, and, here with us to be,  
Forsook the Courts of everlasting Day  
And chose with us a darksome house of mortal clay.

—From "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity"  
by John Milton

Three poets, in three distant ages born,  
Greece, Italy, and England did adorn.  
The first in loftiness of thought, surpassed;  
The next in majesty; in both the last.  
The force of nature could no further go;  
To make a third, she joined the former two.

—"On Milton" by John Dryden

**"Trying to define yourself is like trying  
to bite your own teeth."** —Alan Watts

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# Community Calendar

### Today, Dec. 9

CCJP Peace Vigil, 4:30 pm, corner of University Ave & Hwy 41A  
7:00 am AA, (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle  
8:30 am Yoga with Rebeca, Community Center  
12:00 pm Men's Bible study, Otey  
5:15 pm Modern dance, adults, Community Center  
6:15 pm Dance class, Exploring the Sacred, Comm. Center  
7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City  
7:00 pm St. Andrew's-Sewanee Holiday Concert, McCrory Hall  
7:00 pm Taize service, St. Luke's  
7:30 pm "Margin Call," SUT

### Saturday, Dec. 10

Sewanee Woman's Club Holiday Home Tour, 2-5 pm  
10:00 am Bible discussion, Morford, Modern Dave's, Monteagle  
10:30 am Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm. Center  
11:30 am Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm. Center  
7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall  
7:30 pm "Margin Call," SUT

### Sunday, Dec. 11

2:00 pm Fire on the Mountain, meet at EHH  
3:00 pm Tree planting at Community Center  
4:00 pm Women's Bible study, Otey  
4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center  
6:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle  
7:30 pm "Margin Call," SUT

### Monday, Dec. 12

Senior Center Christmas Bazaar, 9-2, through Dec. 16  
Operation Noel applications due  
10:30 am Chair Exercise, Senior Center  
12:00 pm Woman's Club, St. Mary's Sewanee (social at 11:30)  
5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Otey parish hall  
6:30 pm Franklin Co. Board of Education meeting  
7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City  
7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary  
7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale rehearsal, Hamilton Hall

### Tuesday, Dec. 13

8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Community Center  
9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee  
10:30 am Bingo, Senior Center  
4:00 pm Centering Prayer, St. Mary's  
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. 14

Lease Committee meets  
7:00 am Monteagle Rotary, Smoke House  
9:00 am CAC pantry open, until 11  
3:00 pm Otey children's choir, Otey sanctuary  
5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center  
6:00 pm Otey adult choir rehearsal, Otey  
6:30 pm Catechumenate, dinner, Women's Center  
7:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle

### Thursday, Dec. 15

10:30 am Advanced Tai Chi with Kat, Community Center  
10:30 am Chair Exercise, Senior Center  
12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location  
12:00 pm Satellite Rotary Club, EQB  
12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey Quintard room  
3:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm. Center  
3:30 pm Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee  
4:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm. Center  
5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish house, weigh-in 4:30  
8:00 pm AA (closed), book study, St. James

### Friday, Dec. 16

Curbside recycling, by 7:30 am  
Santa on the Mountain, Mid-Cumberland Mtn. Ministries  
Last day (half-day) classes for Franklin County Schools,  
Grundy County Schools, Monteagle Elementary  
College final exams end; last day of classes at SoT  
7:00 am AA, (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle  
8:30 am Yoga with Rebeca, Community Center  
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**Bear Den Lots**—3 lots in Monteagle bluff subdivision. City water, electric, paved road frontage. All 3 for **\$30,000.**

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