

## SUD Prioritizes Alto Road Station Repair

by Leslie Lytle  
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 26 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties, SUD Manager Ben Beavers said SUD has declared a temporary moratorium on adding sewer customers to the area served by the Alto Road pumping station on Roarks Cove Road.

In an inspection by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the Alto Road station was flagged for exceeding the allowed number of overflows. The facility was already scheduled for repairs, Beavers said. Since the inspection, SUD has replaced two of the pumps and more than half of the pipe. SUD plans to replace additional sections of broken clay pipe identified in a video camera inspection last year.

Commissioner Ken Smith asked if there were any lead pipes in SUD's service lines. Lead residue in drinking water can result in serious health issues.

Beavers said there were no lead

pipes in SUD's water mains, but some of the cast iron pipe laid in the 1920s had lead fittings. SUD tests for lead residue every three years, and test results have been well within acceptable limits.

A visitor asked if SUD had a policy providing for customers to make interest-free payments in the event the customer received a high water bill. In December, many customers received unusually high bills due to a longer than customary billing cycle. Beavers said in cases of hardship SUD has given customers up to 18 months interest-free to pay their bill.

The visitor recommended SUD notify customers by email in the event of billing anomalies in the future. SUD plans to update its email database to facilitate communication.

Continuing a discussion about leak insurance, Beavers estimated the cost to the customer at \$1.55 per month. If SUD chooses to implement the program, all customers will be automatically enrolled. Customers will have the option to opt out by contacting the insurance company.

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"Beyond," 2014, oil on paper, by Christina Renfer Vogel

## "Encounters" Opens at University Gallery

The University Art Gallery presents "Encounters," an exhibition of recent figurative paintings by Christina Renfer Vogel. In this body of work Vogel concentrates on chance meetings, observing quiet moments within larger, more complex situations. Dense fields of color press against placeless figures, threatening to swallow them. With her depictions of ordinary encounters, Vogel both revels in her medium and investigates physical and psychological connections between viewers and subjects.

The exhibition will be on view in the University Art Gallery from Feb. 5 through April 10. The artist will discuss her work at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5, in Convocation Hall, with a reception to follow. On Saturday, Feb. 27, Vogel will lead a figure-drawing workshop in the gallery. Space is limited; to reserve a place email <smaclar@sewanee.edu>.

Christina Renfer Vogel lives and works in Chattanooga. She joined the faculty at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2013, after teaching at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and working in development at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts. She has exhibited nationally in solo and group shows, and has been an artist-in-residence at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, the Vermont Studio Center and the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts.

Vogel is a recipient of awards including a 2015 Professional Development Support Grant from the Tennessee Arts Council, a 2014-15 UTC Research and Creativity Activity Grant, a Nebraska Arts Council Independent Artist Fellowship and a grant from the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation. She earned a BFA in painting from the Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, and an MFA in painting from the Massachusetts College of Art, Boston.

Sewanee's University Art Gallery is located on Georgia Avenue; the gallery is free, accessible and open to the public. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and noon-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Please call 598-1223 for more information or go online to <www.sewanee.edu/gallery>.



Angela and Paul Jordan, arriving back at the Tullahoma Airport where their flying boat is hangared when lake levels are low.

## Holiday Island-Hopping in a Flying Boat

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Like many folks, Sewanee Spanish professor Angela Alvarez Jordan and her husband, Paul, traveled to visit relatives over the holidays, but the Jordans did things a little differently: they traveled to Columbia, South America, island-hopping in a four-passenger flying boat known as a lake amphibian.

It's long been the couple's tradition to visit Angela's mother and other relatives in Columbia at Christmas time. And several years ago "this daunting idea" occurred to Paul. Rather than flying in a commercial plane, they could fly to Columbia, South America, in the flying boat they kept docked in a hangar at their home on Tims Ford Lake.

But when Paul mapped a route through the Caribbean, he discovered the amphibian's 40-gallon fuel capacity was inadequate. Four hundred miles was the most they could travel on a single fill-up. With strong headwinds, they could run out of fuel on the 363-mile jaunt from La Romana to Aruba. After searching more than a year for auxiliary tanks, Paul settled for all he could find: two under-wing tanks salvaged from a wrecked plane.

The next hurdle came when the insurance company refused to insure the plane unless Paul acquired his instrument rating and upgraded the amphibian with GPS instrument navigation equipment. Paul turned 70 last year and with the instrument rating challenge behind him, he decided to put the amphibian Christmas trip at the top of what Angela calls his "bucket list."

Months of careful planning followed, but there were still risks. Their fuel capacity was sufficient, but didn't provide much wiggle room if bad weather dictated a route change. And while the amphibian was equipped for landing on calm inland water like a lake, the small craft could easily be capsized by seven-foot ocean waves. Angela's mother, Elena Gomez, advised her daughter, "Don't do it!" Paul suggested that Angela could fly in a commercial jet and meet him there. Undaunted, Angela insisted on flying with him.

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## Voter Registration Deadline on Feb. 1

Tennesseans who want to vote in the March 1 presidential preference primary or "SEC Primary" must register to vote by Monday, Feb. 1. This election cycle, the Volunteer State will join six other southern states on March 1 to help decide who could be the next president of the United States.

"It's important to ensure you are properly registered now so there won't be any surprises during early voting or on Election Day," Secretary of State Tre Hargett said.

Early voting begins Wednesday, Feb. 10, and runs Mondays through Saturdays until Tuesday, Feb. 23. Election Day is Tuesday, March 1. Please note that some counties will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, for Presidents Day.

Hargett urges voters to take advantage of early voting if possible because of unpredictable winter weather and an incredibly long ballot.

"When you consider the number of presidential candidates, as well as the number of delegates, some voters across the state will have many choices," Hargett said.

Early voting takes place at local election commission offices or at another location designated by the election commission. Some counties also offer early voting at satellite locations. For early voting locations, hours

and sample ballots, contact your local election office. Contact information for election offices can be found at <[http://tnsos.org/elections/election\\_commissions.php](http://tnsos.org/elections/election_commissions.php)>.

Tennesseans voting early or on Election Day should remember to bring valid state or federal photo identification with them to the polls. For information about what types of ID are acceptable, visit <[GoVoteTN.com](http://GoVoteTN.com)> or call (877) 850-4959.

Voters can also download the GoVoteTN app, available in the App Store or Google Play. Voters can find early voting and Election Day polling locations, view sample ballots, see names of elected officials and districts, as well as access online election results through the application.

## Community Funding Project Invites Proposals

The Sewanee Community Funding Project Committee invites individuals and groups to submit proposals for projects that enhance the community and improve the quality of life for area residents.

Application forms are available at the Sewanee post office or by sending an email to <[SewaneeFundingProject@gmail.com](mailto:SewaneeFundingProject@gmail.com)>. The deadline for submissions is March 1.

In the summer of 2014, the Sewanee Community Council approved increasing the municipal service fee paid by all leaseholders to generate funds to be used by the Community Council for physical improvements and amenities on the Domain. Charged with the task of deciding how those funds will be used, the new committee will receive and evaluate proposals. The Council makes the final approval of the committee's recommendations.

The \$10,000 in funds can be used for "practical, functional or educational purposes or somewhere in between," said Sarah Marhevsky, chair of the committee. "Do you want the sidewalk that goes almost to Wiggins to go all the way? Do you want to see a bike repair kiosk downtown or some more flowerers somewhere? What else is on your wish list?"

Applicants submitting proposals can identify new projects, as well as projects that are part of an already existing initiative undertaken by a group or organization.

Seven projects were approved last year, the first year of the program. \$10,000 was awarded in 2015.

Four of last year's projects have been completed: creation of the Robin Room at the Sewanee Community Center for free activities; installation of a special-needs swing at the Woodlands Park; assistance with improvements at Thurmond Library in Otey Parish House; and support for the new playground in Elliott Park.

Projects yet to be completed include a Girl Scout Silver Award project to update kiosks at three Perimeter Trail locations; a Little Free Library and butterfly garden planned for Sewanee Elementary School; and improvements at the Sewanee pound.

The application form asks how the project will benefit Sewanee and its residents, the estimated cost and budget, who will be doing the work and who will be accountable for completion. For more information email <[sewaneeprojectfunding@gmail.com](mailto:sewaneeprojectfunding@gmail.com)>.

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# Letter

## SEWANEE ANGELS

### To the Editor:

To all the people who were out the night of Jan. 21 and the morning of Jan. 22 looking for Cindy Tate, I want to give you my most heartfelt thank-you.

I especially want to thank the Sewanee Police Department officer (you know who you are) for taking my call and the matter that Cindy was missing so urgently.

Thank you to the Sewanee Police Department and the Sewanee Fire Department: you all are truly Sewanee Angels. Thank you also for your generous help Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Without all of you working together, we might not have found Cindy safe. God bless you all!

LaShawnda Rollins  
Sewanee ■



College students in Sewanee's sororities and fraternities welcomed new pledges on Shake Day on Jan. 24. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

## MORE MOUNTAIN TOP THANK-YOUS

### To the Editor:

I would like to thank the more than 50 volunteers and local businesses (Smokehouse, Piggly Wiggly, Subway of Winchester and Decherd, Mountain Valley Bank and Mellow Mushroom in Murfreesboro) that made our St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Mountain Top Wrestling Tournament another huge success.

At the tournament we had 15 schools represented, and 160 wrestlers participated. None of this would have been possible without each of our volunteers.

A special thank-you goes out to Dan Barry for his continued dedication to our team and the tournament. He selflessly has given more than 100 hours of his own time to organizing and running the tournament for many years. Thank you.

Rob Zeitler  
SAS Director of Athletic ■

## Curbside Recycling Next Friday

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Feb. 5, 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 and Community Relations Office, 400 University Ave. (the Blue House), or at the Physical Plant Services office on Georgia Avenue.

## Fat Tuesday Celebration at Otey on Feb. 9

All are welcome to come and let the good times roll for a New Orleans-themed celebration at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish house. Fat Tuesday festivities and a feast will be hosted by the Otey Parish Crewe.

Master Chef Gary Sturgis will return as Otey's chef extraordinaire. The menu will include Cajun jambalaya, and red beans and rice. For the kids, there will be options of less spicy fare. Lemonade and coffee will be provided; feel free to bring your own beverage of choice. Entertainment will include music and dancing. Costumes of all kinds and Mardi Gras beads are strongly encouraged.

Tickets are \$7 per adult in advance (with no family paying more than \$20); \$8 per adult at the door; and children up to the age of 5 are \$2. To help with the event, or if you have questions contact Lynn Stubblefield, email <lynnstubblefield@gmail.com> or call (423) 838-8201; or Claudia Porter, email <porter45@bellsouth.net> or call (931) 636-6548.

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## Police Department Issues 2015 Summary

The Sewanee Police Department recently issued its report on activities in 2015. For the year, the SPD patrolled 68,044 miles, investigated 39 vehicle accidents and issued 153 moving violations. It also issued 4,777 non-moving traffic violations and 173 warnings.

In 2015, SPD made 73 arrests for drug law violations, 196 arrests for liquor law violations, and filed 75 theft reports. It made 48 arrests for unspecified actions. SPD offered mutual aid 54 times last year. There were 289 dispatches for fire calls and 190 dispatches for EMS calls.

SPD physically checked buildings on 11,227 occasions and assisted with locking or unlocking buildings 1,235 times. In 2015, SPD responded to 911 dispatches 20 times, handled 12 animal control calls and assisted 186 motorists.

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Woman's Club Reservations Due Today

Reservations for the February meeting of the Sewanee Woman's Club are due today (Friday), Jan. 29. Lunch (\$13.25) will be butternut squash soup, three-cheese quiche, baked tomato and dessert. The Woman's Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 8, at the DuBose Conference Center, when the speaker will be Robin Gottfried, professor of economics emeritus, who will discuss "Contemplation of Nature and Why It Matters."

Reservations can be made by calling Pixie Dozier at 598-5869 or by emailing Marianna Handler at <mariannah@earthlink.net>. Vegetarian meals and child care are available; please request these when making a reservation.

### ECW Reservations Due Today

Reservations for lunch (\$10) for the Feb. 1 meeting of the Episcopal Church Women should be made by today (Friday), Jan. 29. To make a reservation, call Jennifer Janeway at 598-5065 or e-mail her at <jejane way99@gmail.com>. A vegetarian meal will be provided, if requested, at the time the reservation is made.

The Rev. Robert MacSwain will be the speaker at the noon meeting, Monday, Feb. 1, in St. Mark's Hall of Otey Claiborne Parish House. He will address questions such as: What are the implications of the recent primates' meeting of the Anglican Communion in Canterbury, England? How will it affect the Episcopal Church?

A priest canonically resident in the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, MacSwain is an associate professor at the School of Theology. He teaches courses in theology, Christian doctrine and ethics. He was research assistant to Archbishop George Cary at Lambeth Place, London, in 2000–2001.

### Coffee with the Coach on Monday

Coffee with the Coach will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 1, at the Blue Chair Tavern. The guest will be Larry Majors. Come and enjoy good conversation and free coffee.

### Birders Meet on Tuesday

The Highland Rim Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Moore County Building in Lynchburg. The business meeting will begin at 6 p.m., with light refreshments at 6:30 p.m., and the program at 7 p.m. Sunny Fleming and Andrea Bishop, botanists for the State of Tennessee, will discuss "The Endangered Plants of Tennessee." For more information contact Lisa Trail at (931) 728-6045.

### Area Rotary Club Meetings

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

The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club meets 8–9 a.m., Thursdays, at the Sewanee Inn. On Feb. 4, the group will have a club assembly.

### Food Bank in Winchester on Feb. 6

Winchester's First Baptist Church is hosting a food bank from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6. The event is open to Franklin County residents only. Current identification is required, and organizers will ask for the number of adults and children in the household and which city they live in. The church is located at 108 South High St., Winchester; for more information call 967-0622.

### Lifelong Learning Meets on Feb. 11

The Academy for Lifelong Learning will meet at noon, Thursday, Feb. 11, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Bring your iPad or other digital device for this special presentation by Erin Cassell, director of strategic digital infrastructure at the University. Cassell will lead the group in learning about the functions and uses of these devices. She is a graduate of Sewanee and received a master's degree in computer science at Ball State University. A box lunch may be reserved by calling 598-5342. Lunch choices are mixed greens with balsamic chicken or tropical shrimp salad.

For information call Debbie Kandul at (931) 924-3542.



Franklin County Mayor Richard Stewart signs the proclamation of School Board Appreciation Week with Amie Lonas, director of schools, on Jan. 21.

## State & County Honor School Board Members

Governor Bill Haslam declared Jan. 24–30 as School Board Appreciation Week in Tennessee. This week helps build awareness and understanding of the vital functions our locally elected boards of education play in our community. Franklin County Schools is joining public school districts from across the state to celebrate School Board Appreciation Week and honor local board members for their commitment to Franklin County and its children.

Franklin County Mayor Richard Stewart issued a proclamation for School Board Appreciation Week on Jan. 21.

"Our school system is the backbone of our community, and these men and women devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child," said Amie Lonas, director of Franklin County Schools. "They spend countless hours studying the issues and regulations and make the tough decisions when called upon to ensure the type of accountability people expect."

The school board members currently serving on the Franklin County School Board and their years of service are: Kevin Caroland, chairman, seven years; CleiJo Walker, vice-chairman, seven years; Chris Guess, seven years; Gary Hanger, one year; Christine Hopkins, four years; Sara Liechty, one year; Adam Tucker, one year; and Lance Williams, four years.

"Our local school board gives Franklin County citizens a voice in the education decision-making process. Their contribution is a year-round commitment," Lonas said.

Stewart's proclamation said, "School Board members represent a tremendous resource as local decision-makers, diligently working to meet the challenges of a dynamic world while ensuring that every child receives the services needed for a quality education."

Lonas said the key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by creating a vision for what the community wants the school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority; establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;

Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels; being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results; creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;

Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement.



## Sewanee Hearts & Grocery Carts

The second annual Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts event to support the Community Action Committee will be 2–4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Hearth Room of the Bishop's Common. This is a canned food drive and fund-raising event sponsored by Kappa Omega sorority. Last year's event raised almost \$1,000; this year's goal is \$1,500.

The event will include a silent auction, face-painting for kids, Valentine's Day card-making, and cookie decoration.

Sponsors and/or donors to the event include the Sewanee Inn, High Point restaurant, Papa Ron's, Crossroads Cafe, Chick-fil-A in Tullahoma, Monteagle Florist, Sewanee Dining, Mountain Goat Market, Mountain Outfitters, Ivy Wild, Taylor's Mercantile and Sandy's Sweet Cakes.

For more information or to make a donation go to <www.freewebstore.org/Kappa-Omega>.

## Forum on Drug Abuse Prevention

A public forum about Franklin County's problem of drug abuse and the best ways to combat it will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, in the community room of the Franklin County Annex, 855 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. The event will begin with a chili supper.

Panelists at the forum will include Franklin County Sheriff Tim Fuller; Buddy Perry and Ron Bailey from the Drug Court Program; Mary Beth Best, who runs a local rehab center; Tabatha Curtis with the Prevention Coalition; and Nicole Dossett, who is a recovering addict and counselor. There will be time for questions from participants. This event is sponsored by the Franklin County Democratic Party. It is free and all are welcome.

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## SUMMA Debate Camp in Sewanee

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At SUMMA Camp, students learn skills for debate, public speaking and theological exploration. Campers stay in dorms, eat in the University dining hall, and attend lectures and seminars on campus. There is also time to swim, play sports, watch movies, go bowling, and have summer fun.

At the beginning of camp, a resolution is introduced, and each student argues both sides of the issue. Past resolutions include: “Euthanasia is morally justified,” Summer 2015; “Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God,” Spring 2014; “Outside the Church, there is no salvation,” Summer 2013. At the end of camp, the SUMMA prize is awarded to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of SUMMA camp: speaking the truth in love.

For all students, the cost of SUMMA is partially defrayed through donations, grants and an endowment. The cost is \$750, which includes room, meals and materials. A limited number of scholarships are available for students with demonstrated need.

For more information and to apply go online to <summa.sewanee.edu>.

## McCardell to Preach at Otey on Sunday

On Sunday, Jan. 31, University Vice-Chancellor John McCardell will offer the sermon at both the 8:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. services at Otey Memorial Parish in Sewanee. Jan. 31 has been designated Bishop Otey Sunday, an annual observance at Otey Parish marking the birthday of Bishop Hervey Otey, who served as the first bishop of Tennessee and was one of the original founders of the University of the South.

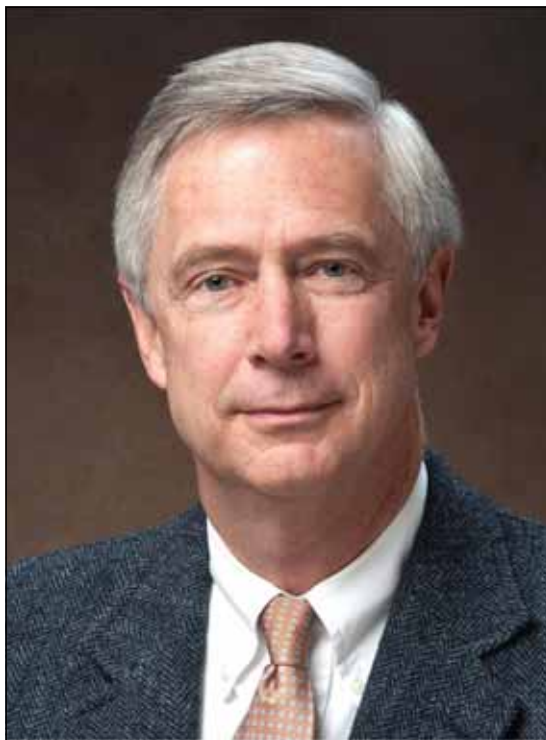
The observance and celebration will include a reception following the 11 a.m. service, sponsored by the Bishop Otey Society.

McCardell’s remarks will reflect on the faithful vision and leadership of Bishop Otey that set the stage for his legacy to be sustained by those who followed him. McCardell is a historian of the American South and is one of the contributors to a volume of essays on the laying of the cornerstone of the University in 1860.

The Bishop Otey Society promotes philanthropic support for the parish through planned gifts and bequests. Members of the society are those who have provided for the future of Otey Parish by leaving a legacy gift to Otey Parish in their wills or other planned giving or testamentary instruments.

During the spring, the society will sponsor a number of practical and spiritual discussions relating to end-of-life issues.

For more information about the Bishop Otey Society or end-of-life planning issues, please contact Rob Lamborn at Otey Parish.



John McCardell

## Church News

### All Saints’ Chapel

Growing in Grace, All Saints’ Chapel’s contemporary worship service, will meet at 6:30 p.m. in All Saints’ Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 31.

Catechumenate will meet at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3, for dinner and conversation. The group meets in the Mary Sue Cushman room of the Bairnwick Women’s Center.

For more information about either program, contact lay chaplain Rob McAlister by email, <rob.mcalister@sewanee.edu>.

### Otey Memorial Parish

At 10 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, Otey Parish’s Adult Forum meets in St. Mark’s Hall of Claiborne Parish House. Sewanee history professor Kelly Whitmer will give a presentation about “German Pietism and its Fruits in the Age of the Enlightenment.” The Lectionary class will also meet in Claiborne Parish House.

Children ages 3–11 can attend Godly Play at 10 a.m. At the same time middle and high school Sunday School will meet on the second floor of Brooks Hall.

Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks to 4 years old, from 8:30 a.m. until after coffee hour.

Vice-Chancellor John McCardell will offer the sermon at both the 8:50 and 11 a.m. services as Otey celebrates

Bishop Otey Sunday, marking the birthday of Bishop Hervey Otey. A reception will follow the 11 a.m. service.

The Women’s Spirituality group meets 3:30–5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, on the first floor of Brooks Hall at Otey. They are reading “Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint” by Nadia Bolz Weber. Please feel free to come if you are interested, but have not read the book.

### Unitarian Universalist of Tullahoma

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma’s speaker this Sunday, Jan. 31, will be Trudy Northway. The talk is entitled, “For Want of a Nail, the Kingdom Was Lost.” The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is at 3536 New Manchester Hwy. in Tullahoma. For more information, call Doug Traversa at (931) 455-8626, or visit the church’s website at <tullahomauu.org>.

Tullahoma Sangha, a Zen Buddhist meditation and study group, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the church. The service will consist of zazen (meditation), kinhin (walking meditation) and a short lesson. Newcomers are welcome; please call ahead for orientation at 5:45 p.m. For more information call (931) 455-8626.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Weekday Services, Jan. 29–Feb. 5

7:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary’s (not 2/1)  
7:30 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary’s (not 2/1)  
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey  
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine’s  
12:00 pm Noon Office, St. Mary’s (not 2/1)  
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine’s  
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey  
5:00 pm Evensong, St. Mary’s (not 2/1)  
7:00 pm Taizé, St. Luke’s (2/5)

### Saturday, Jan. 30

7:30 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary’s  
10:00 am Sabbath School, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist  
11:00 am Worship Service, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist  
3:00 pm Shabbat, Sons of Tzadok, Monteagle  
5:00 pm Mass, Good Shepherd Catholic, Decherd

### Sunday, Jan. 31

#### All Saints’ Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
6:30 pm Growing in Grace

#### Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

#### Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

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

#### Christ Church, Monteagle

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

#### Christ the King Anglican, Decherd

9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:40 am Sunday School

#### Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Sunday School

#### Cowan Fellowship Church

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

#### Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

#### Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship

#### Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Children’s Sunday School

#### Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 am Mass  
10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

#### Harrison Chapel Methodist

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

### Midway Baptist Church

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

### Midway Church of Christ

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

### Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

### New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

10:45 am Worship Service

### Otey Memorial Parish

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

### Pelham United Methodist Church

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

### St. Agnes’ Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 am Sunday Service (Rite I)

### St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Children’s Church School  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist

### St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8:00 am Mass

### St. Mary’s Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
5:00 pm Evensong

### Sewanee Church of God

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

6:00 pm Evening Service

### Tracy City First Baptist Church

9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Morning Worship  
5:30 pm Youth

6:00 pm Evening Worship

### Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 3

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle  
5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle  
6:00 pm Prayer and study, Midway Baptist  
6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist  
6:30 pm Community Harvest Church of God, Coalmont  
6:30 pm Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway  
7:00 pm Adult Formation, Epiphany, Sherwood  
7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

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## Senior Center News

### Volunteers Needed

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen before and after lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you can help please call 598-0771.

### Lunch Menus

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

**Feb. 1:** Ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, roll, dessert.

**Feb. 2:** Chili, grilled cheese, dessert.

**Feb. 3:** Chicken stir fry, rice, egg roll, dessert.

**Feb. 4:** Salmon patty, white beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

**Feb. 5:** Hamburger steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert.

### Weather Policy

The Senior Center follows the schedule of the Franklin County School System when the weather is bad. If the Franklin County schools are closed due to snow or ice, the Senior Center will be closed, and no meals will be cooked, served or delivered on that day.

### Center Participation

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members. The center is located at 5 Ball Park Rd., behind the Sewanee Market.

To reserve a meal or for more information, call 598-0771.



The Sewanee Inn was recently named fifth among U.S. hotels for service by <TripAdvisor.com>. Inn General Manager Michael Beutel (standing, far right), and his management team gathered to celebrate the honor.

## VITA Free Tax Assistance Begins

Area residents who make less than \$54,000 or who are disabled or elderly will have the opportunity to get free Internal Revenue Service-approved assistance with preparing and filing their federal income tax returns this year, thanks to a program sponsored by the Babson Center for Global Commerce at the University of the South. Residents of Franklin, Grundy and Marion counties are eligible.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be available at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Monteagle, at the Sewanee Senior Center and at Otey Parish Church in Sewanee.

VITA begins at Holy Comforter Church, noon–5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31. The program will be at Holy Comforter at the same times on future Sundays, and 5–7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The VITA program will not operate on March 13, 15 or 20.

VITA will be available 1–4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12, at the Sewanee Senior Center.

Times and dates for Otey Parish will be announced soon. The deadline for filing income tax returns is April 15.

The VITA volunteers, who include University students and community members, have received IRS-approved

training and will help taxpayers fill out their returns via computer and file them electronically with the IRS. With electronic filing, tax refunds can be processed more rapidly and can be deposited electronically.

People visiting VITA should bring with them the following items: photo ID; Social Security card or IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number assignment letter; wage and earning statements (W-2, 1099, etc.); dividend and interest statements; birth dates of the filer(s), spouse and dependents; and banking account and bank routing numbers.

For more information contact Ben Carstarphen via email, <carstjb0@sewanee.edu>, or by phone, (704) 675-1025. Funding for the program is provided by the Canale Endowment.



## OUTSIDEIN

by Patrick Dean

It has been a time of hawks.

Everywhere I turn, it seems, these thrilling, strong raptors have been pushing themselves into my field of vision.

As we rode mountain bikes recently on the trail beside the water tower, a smaller hawk—perhaps a Cooper's Hawk, perhaps a juvenile Red-tailed—zipped suddenly across my line of sight from left to right, mere feet above Brian's red helmet in front of me. The bird continued straight across the pasture toward the University Farm, as we dropped into the woods onto the Perimeter Trail.

Some days after that, while walking the dogs in town, I spotted a large Red-tailed Hawk perched high in a tree on Willie Six Road. As Susan and I drew near, it swooped off only a little way and landed in an immense old maple. We slowly walked closer, getting surprisingly close before it launched away back toward University Avenue.

At that moment I remembered my drive back from Chattanooga two days previously, when my eye caught a hawk on the ground in the interstate median, probably enjoying some road kill. Only its head was visible, making it seem to peer over the embankment while traffic hurtled past.

In her astonishingly good book "His for Hawk," published last year, Helen Macdonald describes a European goshawk, a larger and fiercer relation of our Red-tailed hawk. The hawk, which is in a rehab facility, suspected of being injured, was "Beautiful like a granite cliff or a thundercloud. She completely filled the room. She had a massive back of sun-bleached grey feathers, was as muscled as a bull, and intimidating as hell, even to staff who spent their days tending eagles. So wild and spooky and reptilian."

(Another mysterious part of this hawk-time: just before all these incidents occurred, I had randomly come across Macdonald's book while searching best-books lists. Did her vivid prose make me more attentive to hawks?)

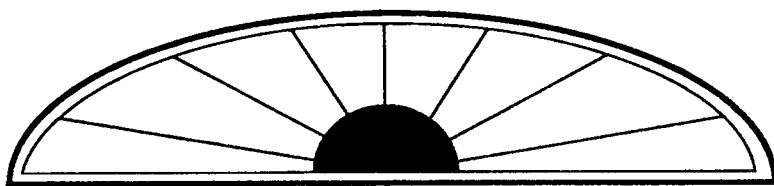
I don't know whether there's any meaning in this cluster of hawk sightings: it could be a random statistical grouping, or something could be going on in hawk-world to make them more actively visible. Perhaps the lack of foliage and of other creatures in midwinter, the dropping of the screen of green life that complicates the view and clutters the senses, reveals these athletes of the air to my eyes more often during this bleakest of seasons.

Another possibility: in some forms of Native American animal medicine, Hawk is the Messenger. According to one source, "Hawk is akin to Mercury, the messenger of the gods. Hawk medicine teaches you to be observant, to look at your surroundings... Life is sending you signals."

Whether Hawk is Messenger or not; whether hawks are actually more visible now or merely the rewards of my paying closer attention, the expansion of my world which is gained by sharing space with these fierce predators only happens because I am out in the winter world, visiting their environs. The winter air is their domain, and I am a privileged guest.



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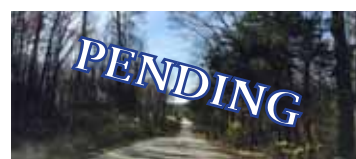
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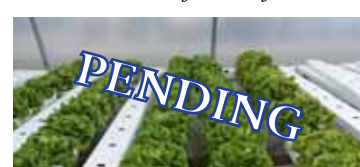
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**SUD** (from page 1)

Under the plan, the customer will not be required to pay for leaked water if the leak occurs on the line between the house foundation and meter, and if the customer can verify repairing the line. The cost of repairing the line and leaks inside the house will not be covered.

Under SUD's present adjustment policy, SUD forgives half the cost of leaked water when the leak is between the foundation and meter. If SUD implements an insurance program, SUD will no longer offer adjustments. Customers who opt out will be responsible for the full cost of leaked water.

Tracy City and South Pittsburg water utilities plan to adopt a leak insurance program. Customers with questions should contact the SUD office or attend the next board meeting.

The board approved purchase of a new truck for the manager, cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$26,000. Beavers said the truck he was driving, a 2006 Chevy Silverado, is no longer serviceable. The board declared the Silverado salvage. It will be offered for sale with the stipulation it must be towed from the premises due to faulty brakes and transmission problems.

Incumbent Art Hanson was declared winner of the commissioner election. Hanson will be sworn in at the next commissioner meeting on Feb. 23.

## Collect Box Tops

There is an easy way to support Sewanee Elementary School. Take a few minutes and clip the "Box Tops for Education" from many of the groceries you already buy at the store.

The deadline for the spring collection is Friday, Feb. 19. Please keep clipping! You can drop them off at SES, in the box in the entry area of the Sewanee post office, or SPO them to Emily Puckette.

Please note that Box Tops coupons have expiration dates on them, so we need to get these in while they are still valuable. SES also collects Labels for Education. Drop them off at SES or place them in the collection box at the Sewanee post office. You can find a complete list of participating items online at <www.bboxtops4education.com>.



View from the air departing Puerto Rico



Packing the plane in Ft. Lauderdale

**Flying** (from page 1)

The Jordans count Dec. 18 as the day their journey officially began, flying from Ft. Lauderdale to the Bahamas. On day two they traveled to Turks and Caicos. Day three they planned to land at La Romana in the Dominican Republic, but "things didn't work out," Paul said.

Anticipating fair weather, Paul didn't file an instrument plan. When cloud cover forced them to fly below the clouds, headwinds gobbled up their precious fuel. Using the GPS, they found a nearby airport of entry and received permission to land. They spent the next two days in El Catey waiting for the weather to clear. On Dec. 22 they set out for La Romana a second time. When cloud cover moved in again, they veered off course and followed the coast rather than risk flying below the clouds at a mere 500 feet above the mountaintops. They arrived in La Romana without incident.

On Dec. 23, they completed the longest leg of the trip from La Romana to Aruba, and they were back in the air again early on the morning of Dec. 24. "There it is," Paul announced triumphantly, just 45 minutes after they'd taken off. "You can see Columbia!," Angela recalled, the memory of the excitement bright in her voice. A little over two hours later they landed in Barranquilla, Angela's place of birth. When they touched down, they were both yelling, "We made it!"

Angela kept her family informed of their progress via group messaging. She said her mother "stayed close to the computer," anxious about their safety. "You should never get it in your mind that you need to get to a place by a certain day," Paul insisted. Safety trumps timeliness.

An electrical engineer specializing in cable car inspection and repair, Paul has frequent business in Puerto Rico, and the Jordans stopped there to visit friends on the return trip. The detour added a 400-mile leg to their journey.

"We used 42 gallons of fuel," Paul said, more gas than the amphibian held before he modified the craft adding two extra tanks.

In mid-January the Jordans celebrated Paul's 71st birthday and their 35th wedding anniversary. It was an especially joyous occasion for the couple.

"The trip brought us closer," Angela said. "Getting to each country was an accomplishment we shared."

## Community Chest Nears its \$100,000 Goal

Less than \$14,000 is left to be raised for the 2015-16 Sewanee Community Chest fund drive. This week's feature shines the spotlight on the final area organizations that help the community.

Blue Monarch is requesting \$1,000 to apply toward their Proverbs 22:6 Children's Program. This focus area utilizes students from the University of the South and many volunteers from the Sewanee community. Many of the children who come to Blue Monarch have lived with significant dysfunction, possible abuse or neglect, exposure to drugs or violence and—at the very least—a missing sense of security. By offering a nurturing environment that offers a structured routine in a safe, loving Christian home, the children thrive and heal in this predictable setting.

The Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA) is a rail-to-trail community outdoor recreation project to convert an abandoned right-of-way into a multi-use recreational corridor between Franklin and Grundy Counties. The MGTA is fully supported by grants and donations. The MGTA will use \$3,000 for the construction of the trail between Monteagle and Tracy City.

The Sewanee Fourth of July organization will use \$4,000 to purchase fireworks and help pay for the band that plays on July 3. Its mission is to celebrate Independence Day with the entire community.

St. Mark's Community Center serves the community by offering a space for dinners, meetings, receptions, benefits and family reunions. St. Mark's is requesting \$700 to help pay for utility bills and the upkeep of the building.

The goal of the SCC is to help citizens by funding the community. The SCC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible.

Send your donation or pledge to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information or to make a donation through PayPal, contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> or go to <www.sewaneeccivc.wordpress.com>.

## Safe Driving in the Fog

Wintery weather is here, and that means more of the Mountain's infamous dense fog. And with fog comes greater concerns about traffic safety.

The Sewanee police department reminds folks of the following safety recommendations for driving in the fog.

"People need to really slow down, turn on their headlights and use extreme caution," said Sewanee Police Chief Marie Eldridge. Traffic accidents increase in the fog, whether it is because of deer in the roadways that are hard to see or vehicle collisions.

Tennessee state law requires that car headlights be turned on for rain, fog or precipitation. "When in doubt," she said, "turn those headlights on."

Other safety tips for driving in the fog include:

When visibility is limited, turn off any music, roll down your car window and listen for traffic you cannot see. Stay on the roadway by following

the white stripe adjacent to the right shoulder of the road. This is easier to see than the middle stripes in dense fog, and oncoming headlights are not in your eyes.

Remember that other drivers have a limited sight distance, and fog can leave roadways slick. Use your turn signals, and when you use your brakes, don't stomp on them.

If an accident occurs, pull as far off the road as possible and turn on your flashing emergency lights. If there is no safe place to stand, stay inside your car.

Before getting in to drive, make sure your car is defrosted and the interior windows are defogged.

When in doubt, turn on your car lights, but make sure your high beams are not on. High beams direct light up into the fog, making it difficult for you to see. Low beams direct light down onto the road and help other drivers to see you.

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## Duck River EMC Seeks Early Memories

Do you remember when the lights first came on? Duck River Electric Membership Corporation is looking for DREMC members to feature in the Tennessee Magazine as part of the celebration of its 80th anniversary.

Plans are underway to celebrate this remarkable milestone called "80 years of Light." The DREMC 80th anniversary logo will be used throughout 2016, as the cooperative commemorates the past, celebrates the present and looks to the future.

With the help of the Rural Electrification Administration and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), DREMC started to electrify the rural areas of southern Middle Tennessee in 1936.

By November of that year, DREMC had 386 members and was purchasing power from the TVA. Eighty years later, the co-op still purchases wholesale power from TVA, but provides electricity to more than 72,000 homes and businesses, making DREMC the fourth largest cooperative in the state of Tennessee.

Anniversary banners to be used on <www.dremc.com> and social media have been designed to showcase "DREMC Then & Now." Each month a new banner will be featured. Also, fun facts about the cooperative will be featured in the Tennessee Magazine.

"This is a celebration year," said Michael Watson, DREMC president and CEO. "We are looking forward



to observing this milestone with our members in very special ways. Eighty years is a long lifetime for a business. Generations of co-op members have made this possible."

To share your story about when the lights came on, call Claire Sellers at DREMC at (931) 685-6125.

Duck River EMC, a Touchstone Energy cooperative, is a not-for-profit, member-owned organization providing electric and other services to more than 72,000 homes and businesses in southern Middle Tennessee.

Duck River EMC serves an area of approximately 2,500 square miles in Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Grundy, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Rutherford and Williamson counties in southern Middle Tennessee.

## THE VILLAGE IDIOT

by Peter Trenchi



### Feudility

The other day, a man who had been something of a bully when I knew him in school died. I was neither relieved nor felt safer hearing this news. About ten years ago, he told me, "I was going through a rough time back then. My mother took up with a truck driver, and they didn't want me around." I got it. He knew it. Children unknowingly act out the scripted narratives of their lives. Bullies exert power to overcome their powerlessness. This is a subset of the adage "Misery loves company." In this subset, misery creates its own company of fellow sufferers. Logic fails, because nobody wants to keep company with the source of their suffering. That's why people who are knowledgeable and helpful try to create community instead. Before he died, this man I had known as a bullying adolescent came to understand his actions and was able to ask others for understanding. His subsequent act joined him in community. That does not mean we had to condone the behavior.

A student group has formed at the local county high school and goes by the name Gay-Straight Alliance. Their basic aim is to prevent bullying by promoting understanding and by providing a protective peer group for all students whose gender and sexual identity is something other than heterosexual male/female. They are not asking that anyone necessarily condone any associated implied behavior, only that these persons be rightfully treated with the same respect as all high school peers. This respect includes protection from bullying. Not surprisingly, some public response to their existence amounted to bullying and some met

the criteria for hate speech. Fortunately, we live in a democracy and such overly negative responses are proscribed by law. The law also defines their absolute right to form and assemble as a group.

In the realm of community policing, I had a recent encounter with abuse of power and while it wasn't my first one, it was disturbing since it occurred in my community. It was a parking lot incident, which, in and of itself, would have or should have no meaning at all. Because my road was icy, as I usually do, I parked at the gym, planning to walk the mile-and-a-half to my house.

On this particular day, after I backed my car into a spot at the gym, a Sewanee Police Department truck stopped. It is useful to note here that my car, a convertible, has limited rear vision, so I back in so I can safely see to leave the parking place. The officer, one with a local reputation for lack of consideration, instructed me to park facing in. I explained how I could not see to back out because of the rear window. I also explained I intended to leave my car there overnight and walk home because of icy conditions. He threatened to have my car towed instead of accepting my explanation. This is not community policing. This is not an officer building community support by being helpful. Not surprisingly this is the individual often identified by people who have lived here for a while as one who, dare I say it, appears to enjoy his power over the minor details of our daily life. If this were a school, we would call him a bully. In a community where such behavior is not democratically addressable, is the biggest failure of policing or community?

## State Opens Survey About Rural Broadband

Thousands of people in rural Tennessee don't have access to broadband internet, and across the state, rural broadband availability is a hope, rather than a reality. The Department of Economic and Community Development wants to find out how many Tennesseans don't have broadband access and the cost of solving this problem.

A statewide online survey is underway through March 15 to gauge household and business access to broadband. Residents can go online to <www.tn.gov/broadband> to take the 20-minute survey or go to local libraries and Tennessee workforce centers.

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) regularly receives inquiries from members about what role the co-op might play in making broadband internet available. Electric co-ops in Tennessee are currently prevented under state law from offering internet service, but this could change.

"We urge our members to spare the time to complete the state survey. Officials need information about the scope of the access problem and what it would take to fix it," said Michael Watson, DREMC president and CEO.

"We believe electric co-ops eventually will be involved in the solution. This is the first step, however."

Some see the proliferation of rural broadband as being similar to the early days of rural electrification. The power companies would not extend lines into the countryside, because lower customer density affected profits.

"Education and economic development are dependent on access to broadband. It affects our quality of life. We are glad this statewide survey has been undertaken as a means of beginning to address the problem," Watson said.

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# Summer Camps Offered at SAS

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is offering a variety of summer camp opportunities on the campus of SAS. Registration is now open.

SAS Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon, May 31–June 3. This day camp is for boys and girls in grades one–eight. The cost is \$90. Players will work on fundamentals, participate in dribbling and shooting contests, and play full-court games. The philosophy of the camp is to build a solid foundation of the fundamentals of the game, along with an emphasis on teamwork. Rob Zeitler, SAS director of athletics and basketball coach, will direct the camp.

SAS Soccer Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 6–10. The cost is \$200 for peewee (rising second–third-graders), junior (rising third–fifth-graders) and youth (rising sixth–eighth-graders). Soccer camp offers players instruction and drills to promote better ball-handling skills and game strategy. The camp also includes the opportunity to swim at the DuBose Conference Center pool in the afternoons. The fee includes a camp T-shirt. Campers are expected to bring their own ball. Coach Margot Burns and Coach Harrison Camp may place children in camp divisions by skill level rather than strictly by grade level.

Choir Camp, formerly held at DuBose Conference Center, will be held on the SAS campus this year under the direction of SAS music teacher Katherine Anderson. This camp is geared toward boys and girls in grades one–seven. The camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 13–17, and costs \$200. Children will learn a variety of songs, which will be performed for family and friends the final afternoon of camp. In addition to singing, there will be musical games and a daily swim at the Fowler Center.

SAS Arts and Outdoors Camp is a full-day camp for boys and girls in grades four–eight. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 20–24. Combining art, education and the outdoors, this camp will engage students in the expansive natural environment of the St. Andrew's-Sewanee campus. Students will explore, imagine and create by working with a variety of techniques and materials, including traditional art media, found objects and natural fibers. Cost is \$250. SAS faculty member and artist Natasha Brunton directs the camp.

To register for any of these camps or for more information, go to <www.sasweb.org/summer>.

Shakerag Workshops is a group of one-week arts classes for adults held in June each year on the St. Andrew's-Sewanee campus. Session one will be June 12–18. Session two will be June 19–25. For more information about these workshops, go online to <www.shakerag.org>.

## State Unemployment Rate in December at 5.6%

Tennessee Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Burns Phillips announced on Jan. 21 that the Tennessee preliminary unemployment rate for December was 5.6 percent, a one-tenth percentage point increase from the November revised rate of 5.5 percent. The U.S. preliminary rate for

December was 5.0 percent, unchanged from the prior month.

Over the past year, Tennessee's unemployment rate decreased from 6.6 percent to 5.6 percent, while the national rate declined from 5.6 percent to 5.0 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased 19,400 jobs from November to December. The largest increases occurred in administrative/support/waste services, trade/transportation/utilities and education/health. Over the year, nonfarm employment increased by 64,900 jobs. The largest increases occurred in trade/transportation/utilities, professional/business services and leisure/hospitality.

## Mountain T.O.P. Seeks Comments

Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) of Grundy County is applying for a USDA Housing Preservation grant that would provide funds to do home repair using volunteers.

To qualify for this grant, it is necessary to announce its potential to the area in which it will serve and receive feedback from the community.

If you have any comments on whether Mountain T.O.P. should receive this grant and why, please mail to P.O. Box 128, Altamont, TN 37301, or drop them off at the camp on old Highway 56 in Cumberland Heights. The deadline for submitting supporting letters is Feb. 5.



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Sewanee student Worth Hudson (left), president of Kappa Alpha Order fraternity, presents a check to Sewanee Elementary School principal Kim Tucker (right) after KA raised \$1,000 from a golf tournament in October to support the school. Hagi Bradley (center), associate dean of students at Sewanee, participated in the ceremony.

## Driver's Ed Available in Manchester in February

Interested in a driver's education course? Champion Driving School is offering classes in Manchester on Feb. 6 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, and on Feb. 7, 13 and 14 at the County Plaza in Manchester. All times are 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Deadline for sign-up is Thursday, Feb. 4.

Make-up days are available. The program consists of 30 hours of in-class instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel training. The classes are limited to 12 students. The cost is \$395.

The program is open to all students who are at least 14-1/2 years old. A learners' permit is not required. Students 15 years or older may take the

written test with Champion Driving School. Students 15-1/2 or older may take the driving test with Champion if he or she passes the written test.

Champion Driving School does not guarantee a permit or class D license.

For more information email Kiki Beavers at <kiki\_beavers@att.net> or go online to <www.champion-driving.com>.

## SES Menus

Feb. 1–5

### LUNCH

**MON:** Chicken tenders, steak, gravy, cheese stick grab-and-go, mashed potatoes, carrots, green peas, roll.

**TUE:** Taco, yogurt, cheese stick, refried beans, salsa, buttered corn, lettuce cup, chips, cinnamon roll.

**WED:** Macaroni and cheese, corn dog nuggets, fresh salad, pinto beans, turnip greens, roll.

**THU:** Breakfast for lunch: steak or sausage, eggs, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, potato sidewinders, veggie juice, biscuit, gravy.

**FRI:** Chicken quesadilla, hot dog, ranch potatoes, fresh salad, black beans and corn, hot dog bun.

### BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items

**MON:** Pancake, French toast sticks, syrup.

**TUE:** Biscuit, sausage or steak, gravy, jelly.

**WED:** Buttered toast, jelly, or breakfast bun.

**THU:** Poptart or cinnamon twists.

**FRI:** Chocolate muffin or build-your-own breakfast parfait.

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# THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis



The Sewanee Union Theatre features lengthy but intriguing films this week, starting with an Oscar-nominated historical thriller set during the Cold War, and then from the battlefield into the endless majesty of space, and finally ending in the not-too-distant future with the conclusion of "The Hunger Games" series.

Every good critic needs a good rating system, and there's nothing on the planet more critical than cats, so one feature each week is rated from one to five Tobys. The more Tobys there are, the better it is!



Sir Toby

## Bridge of Spies

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday, Jan. 28–31  
2015 • Rated PG-13 • 142 minutes

Based on true events, this latest Steven Spielberg hit (nominated for Best Picture this year) takes us right into the heart of the Cold War. Tom Hanks plays lawyer James B. Donovan, who in 1957 finds himself in the unenviable position of defending an accused Soviet spy, Rudolf Abel, whom many in the country believe should be executed without a trial. When Abel is convicted, Donovan convinces the judge to keep him as a prisoner, in case they need to use him as leverage when negotiating with the Soviets. A complicated game of cat-and-mouse ensues, when the CIA notifies Donovan three years later that a U.S. spy pilot has been arrested by the Soviets, and Abel may be the pawn to get their man back. With his permanent scowl and intense blue eyes, Hanks carries the suspense in this satisfying thriller that sheds light on an unsavory chapter of American history. Rated PG-13 for violence and brief strong language, it is best suited for adults and older children accompanied by parents.

## 2001: A Space Odyssey

7:30 p.m. • Wednesday • Feb. 3  
1968 • Rated G • 149 minutes



Widely considered one of the best sci-fi films of our time, this powerhouse helmed by Stanley Kubrick focuses on both where mankind has come from and where we might be going. In an alternate reality, Kubrick poses the theory that some higher intelligence placed two computer stations, one on the moon and one on earth, in order to encourage the evolution of mankind. When the one placed on the moon is discovered in 2001 by astronauts, it sets off a chain of reactions between humans and artificial intelligence that no one could have predicted—and not all of them favorable. Best known for its use of classical music setting off majestic scenes in space, it won the Oscar for best visual effects and it is well worth one's time to take advantage of this opportunity to see it on the big screen. Despite the G rating, parents of very young children may want to take into account the lengthy running time, scenes of tension and peril, and heavy philosophical subject matter. Cinema truly at its best.

## The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday • Feb. 4–7  
2015 • Rated PG-13 • 137 minutes

The final, somewhat drawn-out conclusion to this series based on the popular young adult novels by Suzanne Collins takes our heroine Katniss Everdeen into the eye of the storm, as the battle between the Capitol and the Districts reaches its zenith. Jennifer Lawrence has fully taken on the mantle of Katniss, and while her hair and makeup is a bit too on-point most of the time to be realistic for the battles she undergoes, her character's complex emotions on the state of her world and her personal relationships are genuine enough to carry the stumbling plot along. All the old favorites are back. Woody Harrelson and Elizabeth Banks are flawless in their portrayal of Haymitch and Effie, Katniss's old coaches, bringing a welcome wry charm to lighten the heavy notes of the film's overall tone. The limited scenes featuring the late Philip Seymour Hoffman are bittersweet, as viewers are reminded what a loss the world suffered with his passing in 2014. Donald Sutherland, with his imperious ice-cold gaze and leonine features, embodies President Snow's namesake—a worthy adversary, indeed. Come for the action, stay for the acting. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, this feature is best suited for older children and adults.

For more reviews and fun go to <[www.theinsatiablenritic.blogspot.com](http://www.theinsatiablenritic.blogspot.com)>.

# Renowned Ragtime Pianist at Sewanee

Renowned ragtime pianist Bob Milne will be on the Sewanee campus Feb. 12–15. Milne, one of the best ragtime piano players in the world, is an amazing musician who can play multiple complex rhythms simultaneously while carrying on a conversation, lecturing on ragtime music, and cracking jokes. The community is invited to two public events showcasing Milne's talent.

Milne and Penn State neuroscientist Kerstin Bettermann will demonstrate Milne's "four-track mind" at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12, in Convocation Hall. Bettermann, who has studied Milne's ability for several years, says our brains just aren't wired to use both sides simultaneously as Milne does.

Milne is also considered to be the best ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist in the world. He will give a performance at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in Guerry Auditorium. The performance is free, and the public is welcome.

Since childhood, Milne has had the prodigy-like ability to hear any musical



Bob Milne

score and replicate it on the keys. Once Milne hears a song, he remembers every note, whether it's a ragtime song or a Beethoven symphony. "I've never practiced piano a day in my life," he says. "I always thought everyone could just play like this."

He was filmed and documented for future generations in 2004 during three days of interviews at the Library of Congress and was declared a "national treasure" at the conclusion. Milne can play in three different time signatures at once—3/4, 4/4, and 5/4 times, playing one on his left hand, another with the thumb of his right hand and the last with the rest of his right hand. MRIs have shown that Milne can hear four distinct orchestral symphonies in his mind at once.

Bettermann, a physician and associate professor of neurology at Penn State University's medical school, believes Milne experiences a type of emotional synesthesia, a neurological condition in which the stimulation of one sensory pathway leads to involuntary experiences in another pathway. Her primary research centers on stroke victims and the ways people can learn to tap into other areas of their brains. Studying Milne's gift may help teach stroke victims how to relearn functions they've lost.

In addition to the Friday afternoon talk and Saturday performance, Milne will visit classes and meet with students and faculty in the neuroscience, psychology, and music departments.

Milne's visit is sponsored jointly by the University Lectures Committee, the Music, Psychology, and Neuroscience Departments, and the Office of the Vice-Chancellor.

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# SAS Players Present "Cinderella"

The SAS Players will present "Cinderella" Feb. 5–7 in McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts on the campus of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School.

SAS Performing Arts Coordinator Robie Jackson will direct the show, with technical direction by John Holleman and musical direction by Katherine Anderson. Show times will be 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, Feb. 6, with a 4 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Feb. 7. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

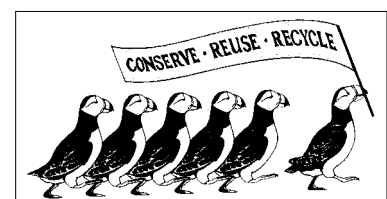
The 43-member cast will bring the 2013 Broadway version to the McCrory Hall stage. This version has all the beautiful and familiar Rogers and Hammerstein music, but has been updated, adding new characters and putting twists on old characters.

"Let's just say that Ella has a bit more spunk, and Prince Tophers learns a thing or two," said Jackson.

The faculty and staff of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School are a talented group with additional talents in realms outside of their designated position.

"Who knew that our school nurse could also be a theatrical scenic designer?" said Jackson. "Cheryl Lankhaar, one of our wonderful healthcare professionals, is also a visual artist. When she was asked if she might be willing to assist the tech theatre students with a little scene painting, not only did she agree, she invested herself with gusto."

For more information go to <[sasweb.org](http://sasweb.org)>.



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## Sorkness Shares VA Battle Story

Amazon Kindle Publishing has recently released the book by former Monteagle resident, mother of former Sewanee resident Logan Jones and veteran's widow E. Denise Caldon Sorkness, in which she shares her almost two-decade battle with the Veterans Administration for her VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Spousal Benefits.

The book chronicles the events following the death of her husband from exposure to Agent Orange—the cause was certified by the VA. Their children were just 2, 4 and 6 years old. After years of denials, Denise flew to Washington, D.C., in 2008 to attend a hearing at the Board of Veterans Appeals.

As she walked down the hall, the Disabled American Veteran representative said to her, "Denise, the VA will never admit the mistake they made in your VA-DIC Spousal Benefits claim, as their admission would open a Pandora's Box to countless other erroneous VA Spousal Benefits Claims. You do know what the VA's unwritten policy is? The VA's unwritten policy is 'stall, deny and hope they die.'"

Sorkness said, "The serious issues within the VA claims system being barely mentioned at the recent presidential debates is disheartening. Each veteran and their families have a story to tell. My recently released book is one story of thousands. For our family, because of the VA, the Vietnam War is not over. Our nation's freedom is not free."

Sorkness was the recent guest speaker on GCTV6 with co-host Iva Michelle Russell. Her ultimate goal is to speak before the U.S. House and Senate VA committees on behalf of all veterans and their families.

As actor Reese Witherspoon wrote to Denise in an email to her after reading her manuscript, "My grandmother always said, 'If you want something done, ask a Southern woman to do it.'"

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*Peony Perfection, by Laura Ellen Truelove*

## Franklin County Arts Guild Begins 2016 with Two New Shows in New Venue

The Franklin County Arts Guild opened a new community show and a new member show on Jan. 28. In addition, the show opened at the new location for the Artisan Depot and Gift Shop at 204 Cumberland Street in Cowan.

The theme for the first Community Arts Show of 2016 is "Botanicals" and includes a variety of works in oil, acrylic, paper and watercolor. All works are contributions from artists from the area.

The member show features the work of Tom Boughan, a longtime active member of the Franklin County Arts Guild. Tom's work is highly expressive folk art expressing impressions on wide-ranging topics from space to rural landscape.

The Guild will celebrate the opening of these new shows in a new venue with a reception at 5 p.m., today (Friday), Jan. 29, at the new location. All Franklin County residents are cordially invited to attend the reception.

The Franklin County Arts Guild invites original contributions from Franklin County artists of all ages in any media for inclusion in its Community Arts Shows at the Artisan Depot.

The Guild will be announcing the community show themes for 2016 in the coming weeks. All work must be submitted ready for display. In addition, all work must be submitted at

the Artisan Depot in Cowan during the intake period during business hours. Membership in the Guild and gallery fees is not required for these shows.

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

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



*It Can't Be Beet by Nancy Wallace*

## "Why All the Fuss About the Body?" Program Schedule

The following is the program schedule for the "Why All the Fuss About the Body?" conference, April 11–16 at the University of the South.

April 11—Keynote lecture, "The American Walk: Global Contact, Gesture, Rhythm and Poetry" by Dr. Haun Saussy (University of Chicago, Comparative Literature and South Asian Languages and Civilizations), 4:30 p.m., Gailor Auditorium;

April 14—Keynote lecture, "The Mortal Body: Russian and American Ways of (Not) Knowing" by Dr. Jehanne Gheith (Duke University, Slavic and Eurasian Studies, Women's Studies and International Comparative Studies), 4:30 p.m., Gailor Auditorium; and

April 15–16—Sewanee faculty and student conference presentations, EQB. As part of the program, there will be other events in advance of the conference including:

Through April—"About The Body: A World Film Series," selected Mondays and Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the SUT;

April 5—A reading of Cheri Magid's play "The Gaba Girl," 7:30 p.m. (location TBD). Cheri Magid is the 2015–16 Tennessee Williams Playwright-in-Residence at Sewanee; and

April 8–10—"Function and Fetish," an exhibition of paintings by Pippa Browne about breastfeeding (Greenspace). Opening remarks by the artist and reception, 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 8; exhibition open for viewing, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, April 8, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10.

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by Debbie Gamache,  
M.S. CCC-A Audiologist

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Wyatt Lindlau (left) of SAS measures his opponent in the meet with Tullahoma and Oakland. Photo by Beth McLean

## Mountain Lions Grapple

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School wrestlers competed in the Central Invitational—the state's oldest invitational tournament—on Jan. 9.

The Mountain Lions competed well, with Wyatt Lindlau, Michael Schaerer and Christian Taylor scoring wins before dropping matches in the consolation semifinals. Senior Jake

Wiley was the sole medalist for the Mountain Lions, placing fourth in the 195-pound weight class.

On Jan. 12, the Mountain Lions traveled to Tullahoma to face the home team and Oakland. SAS dropped both matches, but individually senior Michael Schaerer won both matches, and Wyatt Lindlau split on the day.



SAS wrestler Michael Schaerer (top) fights to control his opponent in the meet with Tullahoma and Oakland. Photo by Beth McLean

## SAS Hosts Mountain Top Wrestling Tourney

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School hosted its annual Mountain Top Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 16, featuring more than a dozen teams.

In girls' action, SAS junior Zaferah Fortune went undefeated on the day, while senior Abby Mainzer went 2-2, and junior Kia Whitman went 2-1. In the guys' brackets, SAS senior Michael Schaerer placed third, as did junior Wyatt Lindlau. Both wrestlers pinned their opponents in the third-place match.

Mountain Lion wrestlers Jake Wiley and Christian Taylor fought well, but both fell in the consolation semifinals.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School would like to thank all teacher, parent, student and community volunteers who made the Mountain Top tournament possible.



Meghan Mulhern won the women's 200 and 1,000 freestyle races in the Jan. 16 meet against Birmingham-Southern College. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson.

## Sewanee's Mulhern & Rice Lead Team Against Birmingham

Despite great performances from Meghan Mulhern, Carolyn Rice and numerous Tiger divers, the Sewanee swimming and diving teams dropped dual meets to Birmingham-Southern College, Jan. 16, inside the Fowler Center.

The visiting Panthers earned a 173-108 win in the women's meet and

then took the men's competition with a score of 208-78.

Like she did against rival Rhodes last weekend, Mulhern continued her outstanding season. The Tiger freestyle swimmer won the women's 200 and 1,000 freestyle events. Mulhern first won the 200 with a winning time of 2 minutes, 3.08 seconds. The sophomore then won the 1,000 free with a time of 11:20.03.

Along with Mulhern, Rice won the women's 400 IM. After swimming in numerous other strokes, Rice won the race with a time of 5:02.09. That just edged out teammate Emily Gay, who touched the wall in 5:04.50.

Outside the swimming events, Sewanee dominated the diving board. Sewanee swept the one- and three-meter dives.

In the women's one-meter event, freshman Fiona O'Brien defeated classmate Jessica Zahn with 162.27 points.

Courtney Moore then edged out teammate Winston Westbrook in the men's one-meter with a winning score of 206.47.

Then in the three-meter, Zahn and Moore won with 143.85 and 206.62 points, respectively.



Sewanee's Katie Wayne looks to score against Birmingham-Southern.

## Women Tigers Fall to BSC

Four players in double figures led Birmingham-Southern College (BSC) to a 71-51 victory over the Sewanee women's basketball team on Jan. 24 in Birmingham.

The loss dropped Sewanee to 10-7 overall and 2-4 in conference action. The Panthers are now 15-1 overall and 5-1 in league play.

Early on, the game was close. Sewanee took its first lead of the contest when freshman Katie Wayne hit a three with 3:35 left in the first quarter. After BSC tied the game at 7-7, Wayne hit another three to give the lead back to the Tigers. Unfortunately, that would be the last time Sewanee led. A three by Jameice Holmes with seven seconds left in the opening quarter pushed the Panthers back in front.

Sewanee pulled to within one, 16-15, midway in the second quarter, when Wayne stayed hot from outside with another three. However, Jasmyin Batts answered back with a three for BSC on its next possession. From there, the Panthers never looked back. BSC eventually built its lead to the final margin by outscoring Sewanee in the third and fourth quarters by 22-12 and 20-14, respectively.

Overall, Sewanee's offensive struggles continued. The Tigers made only 32.0 percent of their attempts, while BSC answered with a 50.0 shooting percentage. Individually, Wayne led Sewanee with 16 points on 5-of-10 shooting. Freshman Bella Taylor added 12 points, while senior Jamie Chauvin finished with 10 points and six rebounds.

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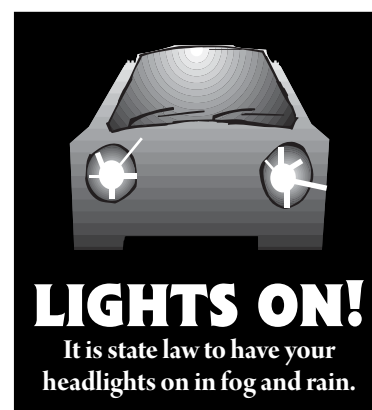
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## Sewanee Students Earn All-Region Honors

After a great season on the field, two Sewanee women's soccer players, Elizabeth Eidson and Shelby Meckstroth, were honored for their hard work in the classroom, when it was announced that both earned a 2015 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Region Scholar-Athletes award.

To receive this accolade, both had to achieve a GPA of 3.30 or higher during the first semester of the 2015-16 academic year.

On the field, Eidson was named to both the All-Conference and NSCAA All-Region Teams. In her junior season, Eidson continued to anchor the top defense in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA). Eidson played and started in all 15 regular season matches. Along with her teammates, Eidson helped Sewanee finish with seven shutouts and allowed only 11 goals all season. With that, Sewanee outscored its opponents 43-11.

Meckstroth continued to be one of the top offensive threats in the SAA prior to being injured midway through the season. Despite the injury, Meckstroth had two goals and two assists in 2015. Overall, the junior forward has 27 career goals and 12 career assists.



Elizabeth Eidson



Shelby Meckstroth

## Home Games This Week

### Today, Jan. 29

3:30 pm FCHS JV Girls' Basketball  
v Lawrenceburg  
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v Lawrenceburg  
6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball  
v Lawrenceburg  
7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Lawrenceburg

### Saturday, Jan. 30

12:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball  
v Webb School of Knoxville

### Thursday, Feb. 4

6:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball  
v North Lake at Cowan Gym  
7:30 pm SES Boys' Basketball  
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### Friday, Feb. 5

3:30 pm FCHS JV Girls' Basketball  
v Coffee County HS  
4:30 pm FCHS JV Boys' Basketball  
v Coffee County HS  
6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball  
v Coffee County HS  
6 pm GCHS V Girls' Basketball  
v Signal Mountain  
6 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball  
v King's Academy  
6 pm Tigers Women's Basketball  
v Millsaps  
7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Coffee County HS  
7:30 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball  
v Signal Mountain  
7:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball  
v King's Academy  
8 pm Tigers Men's Basketball  
v Millsaps



Sewanee's Keshonn Carter shoots over a defender from Birmingham-Southern.

## Birmingham-Southern Edges Sewanee in Men's Basketball Tilt

A strong second-half comeback helped Southern Athletic Association (SAA) rival Birmingham-Southern College (BSC) to a 74-73 victory over the Sewanee men's basketball team on Jan. 24 in Birmingham.

The loss is the second for the Tigers in SAA action. Sewanee has not won at Birmingham-Southern since the 2007-08 season. Sewanee is now 11-6 overall and 4-2 in conference play. BSC improved to 11-6 overall and 6-0 in league play.

Sewanee played well the opening 20 minutes. The Tigers led 23-21, when senior Keshonn Carter hit a layup with 5:50 left in the first half. That opened a quick 7-0 run by the Tigers over the next three possessions.

Eventually, Sewanee led by six at halftime, 37-31, after late baskets from junior Clay Born and freshman Cody Jones. The Tigers continued their strong shooting to start the second half. A layup by Born and a jumper by Jones pushed the Sewanee advantage to 10 with 18:59 to play. Sewanee built its lead to as much as 11, 54-43, after a Carter jumper with 13:08 left. However, BSC did not go away. The Panthers cut their

deficit to two points twice over the next five minutes.

With Sewanee up 56-54, junior Brody Stone extended the Tiger advantage when he completed a traditional three-point play. The score then remained close down the stretch. Neither team led by more than six points the final five minutes of play. With BSC ahead 74-68 with 1:33 left, Carter kept Sewanee within two possessions with another layup. After Jacob McCullough blocked Ross Welch's next BSC shot, Stone made another traditional three-point play which brought Sewanee to within one, 74-73, with 42 seconds remaining. After Jones stole the ball with 12 seconds left, a last-second three by Born and a jumper by Stone both missed as time expired.

Overall, Sewanee's offense continued to roll, making 48.1 percent of its attempts. BSC made 52.8 percent of its shots. Individually, Carter led Sewanee with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Stone joined his fellow post player with an 18-point, 10-rebound double-double. Born added a career-high 18 points, while Jones finished with 10 points, two assists and a rebound.

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## OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



One of the joys of being a tennis coach is the ability to interact with a wide cross-section of people in our community. I'm lucky that, in addition to working with the University's talented varsity athletes, I am able to coach 8-year-old beginners in the summer and watch 70-year-old veterans play tennis daily on our courts. You don't often see a group of our retired faculty meeting for a morning game of lacrosse or an afternoon of baseball on the diamond, but tennis is one of those great lifetime activities that takes all comers.

Jason Abraham graduated from Sewanee in 2003. He was raised in a small town in Mississippi and was one of those you knew was "raised right." He now teaches religion and morality at McGill-Tolen High School in Mobile, Ala. If we had practice at 1 p.m., he was always standing there waiting at 12:58 p.m., ready to go, and he wasn't going to leave until the last ball was picked up. He began his sophomore year by winning the first 26 matches he played without a loss. His teammates nicknamed him "The Train." When I asked them why, they said it was "because he was always moving straight ahead." We often play morning matches when we travel as a team, and if you know anything about waking 15 college kids up on a Saturday morning and getting them all moving in the right direction by 8 a.m., you know it can be a daunting task. Not with Jason. He would shower in his hotel room the night before the match, put on his uniform, his socks, slip on his shoes without lacing them up and lay flat on his back on top of the bed, crossing his hands across his belly and going to sleep. At 7:57 a.m., he stood up and walked straight ahead to the van with no fuss.

Today, one of my favorite people in the whole world is Laurence Alvarez. I see him almost every morning battling with John Solomon in singles, hitting with Woody Register or playing doubles on a Sunday afternoon with a variety of friends. These last few months I have seen less of him. Laurence (C'59) is a loyal alumnus of the University, a retired faculty member, a capable administrator, a devoted and faithful Episcopalian, loving husband to Gay, proud father, and even prouder grandfather. I imagine he has occasionally offered his business expertise to his wife, Gay, in the running of the Lemon Fair in downtown Sewanee. The essence of the Lemon Fair suggests a world of soaps and lotions scented with flowers, jewelry crafted by New Age artisans, clothes and cards from sources around the globe, and surprises that are wonderfully unpredictable. Clearly Laurence is not the buyer in Gay's shop, more likely the bookkeeper. But, much like Jason Abraham, Laurence is a train. He is always moving straight ahead. In 2007 when our women's tennis team was playing in the NCAA final eight in Fredericksburg, Va., at Mary Washington University, as we stood at the courts waiting for the matches to begin, who should walk up and offer their support? Only our most loyal fan: Laurence Alvarez. His faithfulness was as predictable as an Amtrak schedule.

As his beautiful wife, Gay, has battled leukemia the past few months, she has dealt with needles, invasive chemicals, doctors, hospitals and all the aftereffects like endless nausea that come with treatment. Being a patient is no easy assignment. It helps to have a train: someone to drive to doctor visits and chemo treatments, comfort you on long nights in the hospital, be there when you just need someone to be there and someone to say a prayer who you know is in good standing.

When life makes you wonder if you should veer left or turn right, buy the soap that smells like gardenias or lilacs, to forge ahead on the trail or take a pass on the uncertainty, it is nice to have an engineer who always keeps the train moving straight ahead. That is why I love Laurence Alvarez. I know which way he is moving, and many of us are happy to catch a ride behind an engine that will always be right on time.

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## NATURENOTES



*Snowdrops, aka Fair-Maids-in-February. Photo by Yolande Gottfried*

### Snowdrops

There is tradition of snowdrops being in bloom by Feb. 2, Groundhog Day or Candlemas Day, reports **Yolande Gottfried**. This also coincides with the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. "Ours were starting to open earlier this week, so they will make it by then, I'm sure. Abbo's Alley is a good place to look for them if you don't have any in your yard. The scientific name, *Galanthus nivalis*, can be translated as Snowy Milkblossom, a nice description of the flower." Other old names are Fair-Maids-in-February and Candlemas Bells.


### Brown Creeper

On Jan. 25, as she walked down Gudger Road, Yolande noticed a brown creeper or possibly two, first by their high, thin call and then by their typical behavior of flying to the base of a tree and spiraling up, staying close to the bark and probing for insects with its slender, decurved bill, then flying to the base of another tree and beginning again. They are small birds, streaked brown above and light below. "Since they nest in mostly evergreen forests, I would imagine they are only winter residents here, and I haven't seen any in a number of years," she said.



*Brown Creeper*

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## State Park Offering

*Friday, Feb. 5*

**Grundy Forest Nature Hike—** Meet Ranger Park at 10 a.m. at the Grundy Forest parking lot, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a moderate two-mile hike on the northern terminus of the Fiery Gizzard Trail.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City.

## Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jan 18	36	11
Tue	Jan 19	23	09
Wed	Jan 20	32	29
Thu	Jan 21	34	29
Fri	Jan 22	38	33
Sat	Jan 23	36	18
Sun	Jan 24	39	14

**Week's Stats:**  
Avg max temp = 34  
Avg min temp = 20  
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*Skeeter*



*Stormy*

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## Lodge Cast Iron Kicks Off 20th Annual Cornbread Cook-Off

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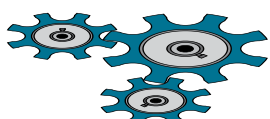
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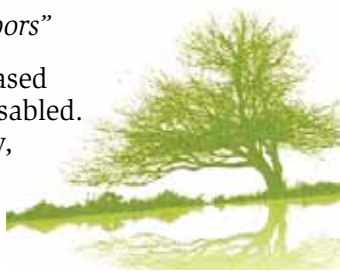
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# Community Calendar

### Today, Jan. 29

Reservations due for ECW Feb. 1 meeting

Reservations due for Sewanee Woman’s Club Feb. 8 meeting

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm CAC food with Friends, St. Mark’s Hall, Otey
- 12:00 pm Spinal spa with Kim, Fowler
- 3:30 pm Dance with Debbie, age 4–6, Comm Ctr
- 4:15 pm Dance with Debbie, age 7 and up, Comm Ctr
- 4:30 pm Art talk/reception, Whittle, Carlos Gallery
- 5:00 pm Reception, Artisan Depot, Cowan, until 8 pm
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:00 pm Concert, Anima Baroque, SAS McCrory Hall
- 7:30 pm Movie, “Bridge of Spies,” SUT

### Saturday, Jan. 30

- 9:00 am Yoga with Richard, Comm Ctr
- 10:00 am Baseball/softball sign-ups, Monteagle City Hall, till 2 pm
- 7:30 pm Movie, “Bridge of Spies,” SUT

### Sunday, Jan. 31

- 12:00 pm VITA tax assistance, Holy Comforter, until 5 pm
- 2:00 pm Knitting circle, instruction, Mooney’s, until 4 pm
- 3:30 pm Women’s Spirituality Group, Otey
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 7:30 pm Movie, “Bridge of Spies,” SUT

### Monday, Feb. 1

Voter Registration Deadline

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Coffee with Coach, Majors, Blue Chair
- 9:00 am Pickleball with John, Fowler Center
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm ECW, MacSwain, St. Mark’s Hall, Otey
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 5:30 pm Yoga for healing with Lucie, Comm Ctr
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall; adults, 7 pm
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale, second floor, Guerry

### Tuesday, Feb. 2

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 9:30 am Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 12:30 pm Carillon concert, Shapard Tower
- 3:00 pm Tai Chi with Kathleen, beginners, Senior Ctr
- 3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, water bldg next to old GCHS
- 5:00 pm VITA tax assistance at Holy Comforter, until 7 pm
- 6:30 pm Prayer/Study, 7th Day Adventist, Monteagle
- 7:00 pm Trivia Night, Blue Chair

### Wednesday, Feb. 3

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pickleball with John, Fowler Center
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler

- 10:00 am Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:00 am Story time, May Justus Library, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 1:00 pm Dream group, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 pm Catechumenate, dinner, Women’s Center
- 6:30 pm Folk music collective, St. Luke’s Chapel
- 7:30 pm Movie, “2001: A Space Odyssey,” (free), SUT

### Thursday, Feb. 4

- 8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 9:00 am Gentle yoga with Becky, Comm Ctr
- 11:00 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, inter/adv, Comm Ctr
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 12:30 pm Carillon concert, Shapard Tower
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home Support Group, 598-0303
- 3:00 pm Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 5 pm
- 5:00 pm Art reception, Core, SAS Gallery, until 7 pm
- 6:30 pm Bible study, Cowan Fellowship Church
- 7:30 pm Movie, “Hunger Games: Mockingjay,” SUT

### Friday, Feb. 5

Curbside recycling, before 7 am

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Spinal spa with Kim, Fowler
- 3:30 pm Dance with Debbie, age 4–6, Comm Ctr
- 4:15 pm Dance with Debbie, age 7 and up, Comm Ctr
- 4:30 pm Art talk, Vogel, Convocation Hall, reception follows
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:00 pm Play, “Cinderella,” SAS Players, McCrory Hall
- 7:30 pm Movie, “Hunger Games: Mockingjay,” SUT

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- Friday**  
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Saturday**  
7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist  
7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
- Sunday**  
6:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Monday**  
5:00 pm Women’s 12-step, Claiborne Parish House, Otey  
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**  
7:00 pm AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont  
7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey  
7:30 pm CoDA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Wednesday**  
10:00 am AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493  
4:30 pm AA, “Tea-Totallers” women’s group, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493  
7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist  
7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Thursday**  
12:00 pm AA, (931) 924-3493 for location  
7:00 pm AA, open, St. James  
7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Dysfunctional Families, Claiborne Parish House, Otey



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