

Reincarnation of Old GCHS in Tracy City

A Dream on the Verge of Coming True

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

What had seemed like a lost cause may soon become a reality with reincarnation of the old Grundy County High School building in Tracy City as the South Cumberland Learning and Development Center. The center will focus on workforce development, helping local people get ready for local work by providing the skills needed to fill jobs in Grundy County and the surrounding vicinity. Julie Willems Keel, associate executive director of Mountain T.O.P., a local nonprofit agency, and Emily Partin, a Grundy County native, serve as project co-chairs. But the story that gave birth to the initiative, an effort plagued with obstacles and misfortune, began long before Partin and Keel became involved.

In 2006, the Southeast Development District of Chattanooga applied for a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) on behalf of Tracy City to establish a trade school in the old high school building. Grundy County mayor LaDue Bouldin spearheaded the effort on the local level, along with Tracy City mayor Barry Rollins. ARC awarded Tracy City \$500,000 with the city required to supply \$100,000 in matching funds.

With the grant in place, oversight fell to the Tracy City mayor, but Rollins was not re-elected, and his successor died in office. The onset of the 2008 recession left Grundy County struggling with day-to-day survival, and efforts focused on programs meeting immediate needs, such as the Grundy County Food Bank.

Keel's work with Mountain T.O.P. stresses capacity-building for groups awarded grants for community development.

"It's not uncommon for small communities to be granted large sums without a mechanism in place for planning and implementing the project," Keel said.

Keel credits Emily Partin with reviving the ARC grant and getting the project back on track.

As a mental health professional, Partin worked off the Mountain until a job with the Grundy County School system brought her back home. Partin first learned about the ARC grant in 2011 from Tracy City mayor Jimmy Campbell. Campbell didn't know the status of the grant. He was in ill health and soon after, resigned from office. Then in early 2012 at a Grundy County Rotary Club meeting, a visitor asked if Tracy City intended to pursue the project outlined in the ARC grant. The visitor was Tara Nichols, a representative from the Southeast Development District (SDD), the organization that had originally applied for the grant on Tracy City's behalf.

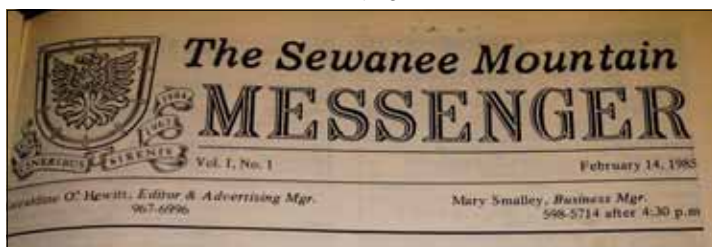
Partin met with Nichols and took her to visit the old high school. The original grant was to cover the cost of a roof for the library wing of the school and to purchase equipment to teach carpentry skills. In the six intervening years, water damage to the library wing rendered it irreparable. Nichols insisted the money could not be used for other purposes, but Partin persuaded her to request the grant be refocused to fund renovation of the front portion of the building for use in technical education rather than as a trade school.

Unfortunately, Nichols left SDD, and her successor served only a short time, relocating to another state before he succeeded in getting authorization to repurpose the grant. But, finally, in the summer of 2014 the granting agency,

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Finalists Named in Franklin County Director of Schools Search

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

The Franklin County Board of Education will continue its quest for a new director of schools on Feb. 17, with the search narrowed down to five candidates.

Rebecca Sharber, director since 2009, is retiring June 30. The Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) started the search for a new director of schools last fall, and Tammy Grissom, TSBA executive director, announced the five finalists at the Jan. 9 school board meeting. The five

candidates are:

- Embril Edwards, superintendent of Guntersville City Schools in Alabama since 2009.
- Stanley Bean, a lifelong Franklin County resident and principal at North Middle School since 2012.
- Tammy Shelton of Fayetteville, Tenn., executive director of content and resources at the Tennessee Department of Education.
- Michael Murphy, superintendent of St. Clair R-XIII School District in St. Clair, Mo., since 2004.
- Larrie Reynolds, superintendent



Lunch at St. Mary's on Feb. 7

St. Mary's Celebrates 150 Years

It was standing room only for the Festival Eucharist at St. Mary's Convent Chapel on Feb. 7. People of all ages gathered for the sesquicentennial celebration of the founding of the Community of St. Mary.

With the Rev. Jo Ann Barker as celebrant and the Rev. Robert Hughes as preacher, members of the congregation shared the Eucharist while accompanied by the organ and a five-piece ensemble of community musicians.

In his sermon, Hughes told the congregation about the origins of the Community of St. Mary. It began at the dedication of the Mother Harriet Cannon and four other sisters at St. Michael's Church, Bloomingdale, New York in 1865, as the first Episcopal Benedictine monastic community for women in the United States.

The sisters went to Memphis in 1871 during the yellow fever epidemic, and four of the sisters were among "the martyrs of Memphis."

Sisters arrived in Sewanee in 1887 with the founding of St. Mary's on-the-Mountain, a school for impoverished children. Hughes said that "these events established the religious life in the Episcopal Church in the United States, Tennessee and Sewanee, respectively."

Currently, as part of the Southern Province in Tennessee, the sisters continue their ministry of addressing the spiritual and temporal needs of society with a special emphasis on connecting faith with the stewardship of the environment. After the service, everyone shared a meal and their memories of their life at St. Mary's.

—Reported by Harriet Runkle
Special to the Messenger

Love is in the Air

Magical Meetings of Four Local Couples

Dee and Stephen Eichler

Dee and Stephen met in 1978 at a Boy Scout meeting. Stephen was Scoutmaster for Dee's sons, where she taught the First Aid merit badge, but their first few encounters involved little more than "hello."

As a divorced mom, Dee encouraged her sons to be in Scouts so they would have good male role models, and between going to school during the day, working all night and keeping up with her boys, she was very busy, almost too busy for a social life.

Stephen's life was also demanding. He was very involved in Scouting, working and preparing for Roman Catholic seminary. Her boys loved their Scoutmaster and asked if they could invite Stephen over for dinner. Dee said it seemed like the right thing to do since he had been so good to her sons.

Stephen accepted the invitation because he thought it was the right thing to do for the boys. After dinner, they talked and laughed for hours. The two had so much in common and didn't want the night to end. As they stood outside by her sunflowers, stardust seemed to come down and they fell in love. That night, Oct. 22, 1978, was magic.

On Feb. 22, 1979, Stephen and Dee were married, and all the Scouts were there in their uniforms. Now, after 36 years, the stardust is still working.



Dee and Stephen Eichler

Veronica and David Meola

Veronica was working in Vancouver, B.C., when her duties expanded to include coordinating with a manager in the company's office in Princeton, N.J. Their first contact was an email late on a Friday afternoon in May 2003, when David needed her to take care of something right away. In her response, Veronica wished him a good weekend and, though they had never spoken before, asked what he was up to. That started a string of emails. The following week, what should have been a one-minute phone call turned into a 45-minute conversation. After that, David asked for her personal phone number, and they began talking for hours every evening.

One month later, on one of their nightly calls, David said, "I was going to ask you this in person, but I can't wait. Will you marry me?" Veronica

responded with "Yes, but you have to ask me in person, and you have to ask my dad." On July 4, 2003, David arrived in Vancouver. Their first date involved whirlwind introductions to family and friends and ring shopping. Everyone wanted to know whether they were sure, and the response was always a clear "Yes."

Naturally concerned that his daughter might be making too rash a decision getting engaged to someone she'd never met, Veronica's father describes his conversation with David like this: "I kept trying to ask him all the hard questions, but the damn guy kept getting the answers all right."

Now, after almost 11 years of marriage, three beautiful children, one Ph.D., and three countries of residence later, they both agree it was the best rash decision they could ever have made.



Veronica and David Meola

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Letters

LETTER TO BOWLING

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to Tennessee State Senator Janice Bowling.

Dear Sen. Bowling,

I was so hoping that you would support Gov. Haslam's efforts to Insure Tennessee.

You have turned your back on 280,000 Tennessee constituents who need health care insurance. So many in our district work in the service industry, where no health care benefits are paid by employers and their salaries cannot cover the cost of health insurance.

Thousands of jobs will be lost in the health care industry. Hospitals and clinics will be closing. Health care personnel—those who are dedicated to meeting our needs—will become unemployed. Our premiums will have to go up to cover emergency room costs for those who lack insurance. How short-sighted can we be?

And, what about the thousands of students enrolled in health care curricula? Have Tennessee taxpayers, and their parents, invested millions of dollars educating them, only to have them go out of state for jobs? What a waste!

The "absence of a clear, written agreement between the government and the state of Tennessee" is the reason expressed for failure to act. What a cop-out! Other states have successfully provided health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or through their own plans. Why is Tennessee unable to do so?

Gov. Haslam has worked for two years to get a plan for Tennessee compatible with ACA standards. Please do not blame the federal government for your lack of leadership.

*Leila Blizzard
Monteagle* ■

CAC THANK YOU

To the Editor:

The Community Action Committee (CAC) sends a huge thank-you to all who participated in the first "Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts" event on Feb. 10. It was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of Kappa Omega sorority and its community outreach chair, Katie Snyder. We thank all of the participating local businesses who gave donations: Julia's, Blue Chair/Village Tavern, Sewanee Inn, Mountain Goat Market, Crossroads Café, IvyWild, Taylor's, Chef Rick and Sewanee Dining. In addition to Kappa Omega, many thanks to Kappa Delta, Alpha Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Zeta, Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Epsilon, Theta Pi and to Otey Parish for the use of St. Mark's Hall. We live in an amazing community, and it is with deep gratitude to all who make the work of CAC possible.

*Betty Carpenter, Director
Community Action Committee* ■

HELP GILDA'S CLUB

To the Editor:

Have you heard of Gilda's Club? It is a nonprofit organization in Nashville and throughout the U.S. providing emotional support to those with cancer, their family and friends. We are dreaming of this type of organization in Tullahoma that would serve Coffee, Franklin, Grundy and five other

surrounding counties. We, as Friends of Gilda's Club Tullahoma, are promoting a new documentary, "No Evidence of Disease" that will be shown at 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Regal Cinema 8 in Tullahoma *provided* we have 51 more tickets reserved by the Monday, Feb. 16, deadline. Reservations can be made at <www.tugg.com/events/13152>.

Please reserve your ticket today, join us for this film, and afterward, we will share the dream for our local communities to bring a Gilda's Club to Tullahoma. Here is an additional link to a five-minute video to give you a glimpse of what a Gilda's Clubhouse is all about: <www.gildasclubnyc.org>; click on the red box to the right "No one should face cancer alone" to view. Visit our Friends of Gilda's Club Tullahoma Facebook page at <www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Gildas-Club-Tullahoma/1530744007199532>.

I was raised in Tullahoma, but these communities are all close to my heart. I have a love for the Mountain and so many fond memories as a child and beyond of Sunday afternoon drives spent at a roadside picnic table, lunch at the Sewanee Inn, hikes on trails, visiting the Cross or just driving through the campus. Please join me with your voice on the Mountain.

*Julia Logan-Mayes
Tullahoma* ■

LEGION POST 51 UPDATE

To the Editor:

We've had the State of the Union and the State of the State. Of some local interest may be the State of Sewanee's own American Legion Post #51.

The Legion Post building itself has never been in better shape. Over the last few years, we've replaced the roof. Thanks to the support and generosity of the community, the Legion Auxiliary and many friends of the Legion, we have been able to replace the ancient original windows with energy-efficient ones. We have also improved the gas heating system, and for the first time, installed modern air conditioning.

However, the state of Legion post #51 membership is not good. Not good at all. Three of our loyal World War II members died last year, and we have had to scramble to find the minimum number of members for 2015 to have a viable post. Without enough members, we can lose our charter and cease to be a post.

The post building is a great boon to the people of Sewanee as a meeting place for clubs, classes and celebrations. But, the American Legion itself is much more: as one of the oldest and largest veteran's organizations in America, we are able to act as a watchdog for the right and benefits earned by and promised to veterans.

Come and see for yourself.

We will meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Legion Hall, located across from the Blue Chair in Sewanee. I urge all local veterans to consider joining Post #51. The Desert Storm and Desert Shield veterans are poorly represented in our membership. If you fail to get involved in supporting veteran's issues now, the benefits you may later need will not be there.

Charley Watkins, Sewanee ■



Mary Ming Lynch and her mom, Rachel, won brunch for two at the Sewanee Inn during the Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts event on Feb. 10. Photo by Trudy Cunningham



AWORDFROM THEEDITOR

by Laura L. Willis

Happy 30th Birthday, Sewanee Mountain Messenger

Is the printed newspaper on its death bed? Will we read all our news online in the future? I'm no prognosticator, but I know one thing: I believe in community newspapers. And I believe in the Sewanee Mountain Messenger.

Thirty years ago this week, the Messenger published its first issue. Geraldine Hewitt Piccard had great writing and editing skills, plus a typewriter, so she could begin a community paper. She'd planned on it beginning in early February, but the catastrophic ice storm of 1985 slowed her plans. With the help of Mary Smalley as business manager, Geraldine sold the ads, wrote the copy, and produced that eight-page issue on 9x12 white paper. The University press did the actual printing and she distributed it to post offices and businesses in the area.

On page 1 under the headline, "Community Spirit," she described the many people who helped Sewanee and her residents survive that historic storm: Carl Reid, Doug Seiders, Dwight Sholey, Ernie Butner, Galon Sherrill, Jim Franklin, Dan Rather, Bob Ayres, John Kildoo, Tom Watson, Doug Cameron, John Greeter, Lisa and Tim Keith-Lucas, and the members of the Sewanee Fire Department. If you're new to Sewanee, you might recognize only a few of these names; if you've been on this Mountain for awhile, reading this list of names may stir memories for you.

In that first issue there are advertisements, many of which remain the same today. For their continuing support, I want to thank the Lemon Fair, Rob Matlock Construction, Monteagle Florist, Sewanee Auto Repair, the Sewanee Inn, the Sewanee Market, Shenanigans and Taylor's Mercantile.

Also in Vol. 1, No. 1, were many of the very same things that appear in our paper today: a notice of the Otey Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, the obituaries of esteemed community members, birth announcements and wedding announcements, descriptions of meetings and gallery openings, a call for singers to join the Sewanee Chorale in its spring production of "H.M.S. Pinafore," reviews of the SUT movies, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's headmaster's honors list, and a couple of letters to the editor (which are really letters to the community-at-large). The back page was, even then, devoted to the community calendar.

Looking back at its beginnings, the Messenger has always been dedicated to supporting the greater Sewanee area by providing news and information that affect residents' lives and encourage meaningful community engagement. We are more explicit about this mission now, especially as we watch the number of newspapers decline and the news business change dramatically. Our mission hasn't changed, but we are very clear about our role in this community. You won't learn about the votes scheduled in the State Senate; you won't read stories that "shout" at you or provoke you; and you won't be embarrassed if your name appears on our pages. We are, with only the tiniest hint of irony, the Good News Newspaper.

Geraldine brought to life the Sewanee Mountain Messenger from the Sewanee Siren, the community newspaper from 1967 to 1984. We haven't changed its name, but the paper continues to evolve. While we dabble in an online presence, we know that most of you still like to hold the Messenger in your hands and read it on paper, whether standing at the table in the post office or sitting with a cup of coffee at the Blue Chair or pushing a cart through the Piggly Wiggly.

The printed newspaper is not dead, especially on this Mountain. I believe in our little free, weekly community newspaper. And I think you do too. May the Sewanee Mountain Messenger continue to be of service to the people of this Plateau for another 30 years.

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



Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community's conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines.

Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with your letter. You may mail it to us at Sewanee Mountain Messenger, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375, come by our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your email to <news@sewaneemessenger.com>.—LW



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Monteagle's Fog Fest Friday-Sunday

Monteagle Chamber of Commerce is hosting Fog Fest 2015 today (Friday) through Sunday, Feb. 13-15, with lots of fun activities, learning opportunities and open houses. There will be a variety of hands-on experience opportunities, hikes, tastings and musical performances, many of which are free. For the complete schedule go to <www.monteaglechamber.com>.

American Legion Meets Saturday

American Legion Post 51 will meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Legion Hall on University Avenue.

Herbarium Valentine's Event

The Sewanee Herbarium is hosting a Valentine's Day Mountathon, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, facilitated by Mary Priestley. Come spend the morning mounting pressed plants, and take home a simple handmade card for your valentine, as well as a guide to mounting pressed plants. Meet in the Herbarium on the first floor of Spencer Hall, 64 Alabama Ave. The main entrance is across from duPont Library.

Free Income Tax Assistance on Sundays

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is open 1-5 p.m., Sundays, at Church of the Holy Comforter, 16 First St., Monteagle. VITA will file basic income taxes for residents with family income of \$53,000 or less. There is no charge for this program. For more information email <vitasewanee@gmail.com> or call (704) 770-1971.

Presidents' Day Closings

Presidents' Day is Monday, Feb. 16. All federal, state and county offices will be closed, including schools, banks and post offices.

Reservations Due for Outreach Dinner

Reservations are due by Feb. 16 to attend the "All Around the Nations, Back to Convocation" dinner. During the three-course dinner on Tuesday, March 31, students will talk about their Outreach Break Trips to: Jamaica, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti, New Orleans, Miami, and New York. RSVP to <cosadler@sewanee.edu>; seating is limited!

The event is sponsored by the Cornerstone Initiative, the Outreach Office and the Community Engagement House.

Coffee With the Coach

Coffee with the Coach will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 16, at the Blue Chair Tavern for free coffee and conversation. This week's guest will be Michele Dombrowski, coach of women's lacrosse. For more information call 598-0159.

Sewanee Book Club Meets Monday

The Sewanee Book Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16, in the home of Marion Kearley. Connie Kelley will review "The Illuminator" by Brenda Vantrease. For more information or directions contact Debbie Racka by email, <debbie811@comcast.net> or contact Flournoy Rogers at 598-0733 or email <sem-rogers@gmail.com>. Visitors are always welcome!

Tennessee Democratic Party Chair Visits

Mary Mancini, the newly elected chair of the Tennessee Democratic Party, will be the featured guest at a dinner at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16, in the Franklin County Annex building in Winchester.

Sewanee Trip to FCA Banquet

Shaun Alexander will be the speaker at the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes banquet at 6:30 p.m. (EST), Tuesday, Feb. 17, in Chattanooga. To travel with the Sewanee FCA group or for more information, contact Dennis Meeks at 598-0159.

EQB on Wednesday

EQB will meet for lunch at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 18, at St. Mary's Sewanee. They will also meet at 3:30 p.m. that day at Crossroads Café for three cameo presentations, which are open to the public.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

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

The Monteagle Sewanee Club meets 8-9 a.m., Thursdays, at the Sewanee Inn. On Feb. 19, the speaker will be Kevin Cummings, staff writer for the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and one of the organizers of Community Poetry Night.

Franklin County Republican Women

The Franklin County Republican Women Federated will meet at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Franklin-Pearson House in Cowan. Lunch is served at noon, and the business meeting follows lunch. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. For more information contact Sheila M. Williams at (931) 924-3000 or by email, <tennesseans2@blomand.net>.

Conversations About Health Continue

The Community Conversations on Health continue across the Plateau. This event is free, dinner is provided by the Smoke House Restaurant, and everyone is welcome. Conversations and dinner will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the following locations: Thursday, Feb. 19, Monteagle/Sewanee, at the Smoke House Restaurant; Thursday, Feb. 26, Altamont/Beer-sheba Springs, at Three Crosses at Calvary; Thursday, March 5, Coalmont, at the Coalmont Community Center; and Thursday, March 12, Pelham, at the Pelham United Methodist Church.

On the day of the event, if schools are closed due to inclement weather, then that Community Conversation will be rescheduled.

These conversations are sponsored by the South Cumberland Plateau Health Network and Grundy town mayors; they are made possible through the support of the Grundy County Health Council, the South Cumberland Community Fund and the South Cumberland Plateau VISTA Program. For more information contact Katie Goforth at (615) 417-7258 or email <goforth.SCPHN@gmail.com>.

UDC Meeting on Feb. 21

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 Sewanee, will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Franklin-Pearson House in Cowan. All are welcome.

Sewanee Garden Club Gathers on Feb. 23

The next meeting of the Sewanee Garden Club will be at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, at the home of Flournoy Rogers. Kevin Hiers, the University's director of environmental stewardship, will talk about the use of fire in maintaining a vigorous environment. All are welcome.

Community Council Meeting on Feb. 23

The Sewanee Community Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, in the Sewanee Senior Center. For more information contact Tabatha Whitsett at 598-1182 or email <trwhitse@sewanee.edu>.

Fourth of July Planning Begins on Feb. 24

It may be chilly outside right now, but soon the Fourth of July will be here and we'll all be wishing for a cool breeze. Please come help plan this year's events at the first meeting for the 2015 July 4 celebration. The group will gather at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the Sewanee Senior Center. It takes many volunteers to make our community celebration so special.

ECW Reservations Due Feb. 27

Reservations are due by 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, for the March 2 meeting of the Episcopal Church Women. They will gather at noon in the St. Mark's Hall of Otey's Claiborne Parish House. Lizzie Duncan will present a monologue about Miriam; this year's program is focused on biblical women, based on the book by Katerina Katsarka Whitley. To make a reservation for lunch (\$10), call Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or email <plines@sewanee.edu>. A vegetarian meal is available if requested at the time of reservation. All are welcome.

Community Proposal Deadline March 1

The Sewanee Community Funding Project Committee is accepting proposals for projects that enhance the community and improve the quality of life for area residents until March 1. Application forms are available at the Sewanee post office and the Sewanee Community Center. For more information email <sewaneeprojectfunding@gmail.com>.

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Obituaries

Norman Dale Brimhall Jr.

Norman Dale Brimhall Jr., age 42 of Cowan, died on Feb. 7, 2015, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health System in Winchester. He was preceded in death by his father, Norman Dale Brimhall Sr.

He is survived by his fiancée, Anna Partin of Cowan; mother, Debra Brimhall of Cowan; daughters, Felicia Partin of Winchester, Terri Ann Stephens of Cowan, Amber Brimhall of Cowan and Shelby Brimhall of Tullahoma; son, Eric Colleran of Cowan; sister, Shawna Haney of Manchester; brothers, Jerry (Melissa) Brimhall and Larry (Kay) Brimhall, both of Manchester, and Tracy (Linda) Brimhall of Cowan; and eight grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were on Feb. 10 at Franklin Memorial Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Imogene McMahan Champion

Imogene McMahan Champion, age 87 of Sewanee and formerly of Stevenson, Ala., died on Feb. 7, 2015. She was born on Nov. 24, 1927, in Stevenson, to Robert Taylor and Bessie Hackworth McMahan. She was retired from Avondale Carpet Mills. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jesse Elbert Champion; and brother, Jack.

She is survived by her son, Jack (Julia) Champion of Sewanee, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Feb. 10 in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Paul King officiating. Interment followed in Stevenson City Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.rudderfuneralhomes.com>.

Charles Hannah Jr.

Charles Hannah Jr., age 86 of White, Ga., died on Feb. 3, 2015, at

his residence. He was born on Oct. 21, 1928, in Cowan, to Charlie Hannah and Annie Lynch Hannah. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church and served in the US Air Force. He was retired from Lockheed-Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sue Hannah; her children, Pam Brooks, Kim (Alan) Crowder, Wayman (Ginny) Cunningham, Jeff Cunningham and Jamie (Laurie) Cunningham; sister, Sue Todd; and brother, Don Hannah.

Funeral services were on Feb. 6 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Ralph Jenkins officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Memory Gardens. For complete obituary go to <www.owenfunerals.com>.

Dessie Dean Taylor

Dessie Dean Taylor, age 88 of Sewanee, died on Feb. 7, 2015. She was born on Oct. 13, 1926, in Hillsboro, to Davis and Dessie Winton.

She was a member of Otey Memorial Parish, was a Stephen Minister, and was a member of the Red Hat Society. She retired from the University of the South in 2000.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Taylor; daughter Helena Taylor; and brother, Willie H. Winton.

She is survived by her children, Julian E. Winton, Sr. of Winchester, Gordon N. Taylor of Jamaica Plain, Mass., Shirley L. Taylor of Sewanee and Victoria T. (Raymond) Dupree of Enterprise, Ala.; and six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. today, Friday, Feb. 13, in All Saint's Chapel with the Rev. Tom Macfie, the Rev. Elizabeth Carpenter and the Rev. Joe Porter officiating. Interment will be in the University Cemetery in Sewanee. For complete obituary go to <moorecortner.com>.

Otey Hosts Shrove Tuesday at Cravens

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler — Let the Good Times Roll—on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Cravens Hall for the annual Otey Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Entertainment Extravaganza. It will be a lively evening of delicious food and wonderful music and entertainment. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Pancakes will be served as soon as folks get seated, and the entertainment will begin at 6 p.m.

The menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes with syrup, compotes, milk, coffee and more. There will be Dixieland Jazz and other entertainment surprises. Ticket prices are \$2.25 for children ages 5 and under; \$5.25 for ages 6–89, and folks over the age of 90 eat free!

Shelley Cammack is coordinating volunteers for the event. Contact her at (615) 289-2453 or email <shelley@wardcammack.com> to help. Costumes are encouraged and the community is welcome.

Church News

All Saints' Chapel

Growing in Grace will meet at 6:30 p.m. in All Saints' Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 15. The speaker will be Anne Carter Stowe, C'15.

All Saints' Chapel will have Eucharists with imposition of ashes at 7 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. Childcare will be provided at the 5:15 service. The Catechumenate will meet in the Women's Center at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18. A light dinner will be provided, following the Ash Wednesday service.

Christ Church, Monteagle

On Sunday, Feb. 15, Christ Church, Monteagle, will complete the Gesima Sundays in preparation for Lent. Ash Wednesday services at Christ Church will be at noon and 6:30 p.m.

CAC Volunteer Training

Community Action Committee (CAC) is having volunteer training at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 16, in St. Mark's Hall. Lunch will be provided. For more information call 598-5927 or email <cacoteyparish@gmail.com>.

Cowan Ministerial Assn.

Cowan Ministerial Association will have a community Ash Wednes-

day service at 6 p.m., Feb. 18, in the Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Rev. Joshua Haun will be the speaker. For more information go to <www.cowanchurches.org>.

FBC Monteagle

First Baptist Church of Monteagle is having a waffle supper to benefit Women on Mission, 4–7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26. The all-you-can-eat meal is available for dine-in or carry-out. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for age 12 and under, and \$20 for a family.

Otey Memorial Parish

Cassie Meyer will talk to Adult Forum at 10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 15, in St. Mark's Hall, as part of the "Blessed are the Peacemakers" series. Meyer works with college faculty around the country involved in interfaith studies. The Lectionary Class will meet, children ages 3–11 can attend Godly Play and young people will meet in Brooks Hall. Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks old to 4 years old.

St. James, Midway

St. James Episcopal Church will have its Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 18.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services, Feb. 13–20

7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's (not 2/16)
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
8:10 am Morning Prayer, Chapel of Apostles
8:30 am Morning Prayer, Christ the King, Decherd (Tu)
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel of Apostles (Wed)
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of Apostles (M-Tu-F)
12:30 pm Noon Prayer, St. Mary's (not 2/16)
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (not 2/16)
5:10 pm Evening Prayer, Chapel of Apostles (not 2/19)
6:30 pm Catholic Mass, confession, Chapel of Apostles (2/17)

Saturday, Feb. 14

8:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's
10:00 am Sabbath School, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
11:00 am Worship Service, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
5:00 pm Mass, Good Shepherd Catholic, Decherd

Sunday, Feb. 15

All Saints' Chapel

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

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

Christ Church, Monteagle

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

Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

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

Christ Church Episcopal, Tracy City

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

Christ the King Anglican, Decherd

9:00 am Worship Service
10:40 am Adults' and Children's Sunday School

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Cowan Fellowship Church

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

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

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

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 am Mass

Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist

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

Midway Baptist Church

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

10:00 am Bible Study

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

10:30 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

8:50 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes' Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8:00 am Mass

St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm Evensong

Sewanee Church of God

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

6:00 pm Evening Service

Society of Friends

9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

Tracy City First Baptist Church

9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Morning Worship

5:30 pm Youth

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal, Winchester

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

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

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

5:00 pm Evening Service

Wednesday, Feb. 18 • Ash Wednesday

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship
7:00 am Ash Wednesday liturgy, All Saints High Altar

7:30 am Ash Wednesday liturgy, St. Mary's Convent

11:00 am Ash Wednesday liturgy, All Saints'

12:00 pm Ash Wed liturgy, Christ Church, Monteagle

12:15 pm Ash Wednesday liturgy, Otey

5:15 pm Ash Wednesday liturgy, All Saints Nave'

5:30 pm Ash Wednesday liturgy, St. James

5:30 pm Ash Wednesday liturgy, Christ Church, Tracy

Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle

Community Ash Wednesday service, Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian

Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist

Ash Wed liturgy, Christ Church Monteagle

Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway

Adult Christian Formation, Epiphany Episcopal, Sherwood

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service, Otey

7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

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7 Saddletree Lane	1417538	\$70,000

Finalists (from page 1)

because if I were going to be your superintendent, I would want to have all your votes," she said. "Remember, you're trying to get a candidate to want to come to Franklin County, as well. They are seeking the job, but you also need to put your best foot forward so they want to come here."

The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 to review the candidate list and develop questions for the interviews. Interviews, which will be conducted in public, are scheduled to begin Feb. 23.

Grissom said 22 candidates applied for the position.

Lucianna Sanson, an English teacher at Franklin County High School and president of the Franklin County Education Association (FCEA), said she personally would like to see the new director of schools come from Franklin County.

"I believe that someone who has spent a lifetime teaching and learning and being a part of Franklin County will be the best fit for our students, teachers and schools," she said on Feb. 10. "I also hope that we gain a director who is student-centered and community-school focused rather than education-reform driven."

Sanson said Franklin County teachers would welcome a director who values input from teachers and

will support less student testing.

"We would also welcome a director who supports teacher autonomy and is willing to support parents and students who are refusing to take the state-mandated assessments," she said. "FCEA is a member of the Tennessee Education Association, and we support the state association's belief that less time should be spent on testing and more time spent in the classroom teaching. FCEA believes that our students, teachers and administrators are more than a score, and we hope that our new director of schools will support this sentiment."

Among numerous other items at the Jan. 9 board meeting, board members also discussed some issues they would like to see considered in the 2015-16 budget.

Board member Adam Tucker told Sharber to ponder the possibility of adding more academic interventionists in schools.

Chairman Kevin Caroland said the amount for coaching supplements should be examined since Franklin County schools appear to pay less than schools in surrounding counties.

Board member Chris Guess said adding parking lot space is a concern, especially at North and South middle schools, where there is not enough parking for school events.

Love is in the Air (from page 1)**Regina and Keith Childress**

It was March 2006. Keith and a friend had just left Michigan heading for Bike Week in Daytona, Fla. Keith gave up riding when his kids were young, but they were grown now, so he bought a new Harley Wide Glide and hit the road.

Keith's friend suggested they spend the night with his friend, Leslie, in Tennessee, about midway on their trip. Leslie had some business to conduct in Sewanee, so they all rode up the Mountain to the University of the South. It was a nice day, so Keith stayed outside while they went into the University library.

As he sat on a stone bench taking in the beautiful surroundings, a strange feeling of being "at home" came over him. Although he'd traveled some and lived in a few different states over the years, nowhere but southeastern Michigan had ever felt like home. So this was a new and unusual feeling.

Little did he know that later that evening he would meet his future wife, Regina, who was a member of a local band with Leslie. Within five years, Keith was living just down the street from the stone bench where he sat in March 2006 experiencing the strange and wonderful feeling of being "at home."



Regina and Keith Childress

Stephanie and Jimbo Faxon

Stephanie, 18, and her sister went into a café in Tullahoma where their aunt worked to grab a bite to eat; another customer was waiting on a to-go order.

The sisters decided to play pool. Two quarters sat on the table, but they didn't touch the money. After they racked the balls and started the game, an older man confronted them because apparently the quarters meant the table was occupied.

Another customer heard the commotion and told the pool shark that the two ladies made an innocent mistake, and he could have the table back when they were done. They thanked him, got their food and they went separate ways.

A couple of weeks later, Stephanie's mom started babysitting a 3-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy for a single father. The dad was Jimbo Faxon, the man who settled the pool squabble. Stephanie was still living at home; she was also a single parent of a little girl.

Stephanie's mom watched the children every day for about two weeks while Jimbo worked on a construction job. Stephanie's daughter was so excited every morning to see Jimbo's vehicle pull in the driveway, but heartbroken when the kids left.



Stephanie and Jimbo Faxon


One Saturday morning, Stephanie's daughter woke and looked out the window. "Where is Jimbo and his kids?" she asked. She moped about and wouldn't eat lunch. By chance she ran into Jimbo, whose kids had also been moping all morning. They had play dates almost every day that Jimbo was off work. Stephanie's best friend would tease her about Jimbo being the one she would marry, but she insisted they were only friends.

A friend of Jimbo's helped Stephanie alter a wedding dress she'd bought at a thrift store, intending to resell it but never did. When Stephanie tried it on, their friend only needed to fix the zipper.

Stephanie and Jimbo married by candlelight on the front porch as the sun set on the hillside of the huge farmhouse they were renting.

Their three kids—two flower girls and one ring bearer—clung to the couple while they said their vows. A few years later, the Faxons had twin daughters. This Valentine's Day marks their 19th wedding anniversary.

— Collected and edited by Kevin Cummings, Messenger Staff Writer



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Emily Partin in one of the old GCHS classrooms.

A Vision for the Old High School

Plans are in place to renovate the old Grundy County High School for use as a technical school.

Project co-chair Emily Partin anticipates the instructional emphasis will be on preparing area residents for jobs in medical technology, as well as “soft skill” training to help people learn communication skills, interviewing tactics and good work ethics.

Co-chair Julie Keel credits Sewanee’s Bonnie McCardell with inspiring her to put her energy behind the effort. At a planning meeting, McCardell, a self-described cheerleader for the project asked, “Who will keep the conversation going?” Keel rose to the challenge, well-positioned for the role. Keel also serves as the associate executive director of Mountain T.O.P., a local nonprofit organization whose mission emphasizes “meeting the physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs of the Tennessee Cumberland Mountain People.”

In addition to fostering technical skills, Keel’s vision for the center includes health care, citing a need in the community for behavioral health services and for a dentist offering sliding-scale treatment.

Partin graduated from the old Grundy County High School which, coupled with her background as a mental health professional, makes her particularly sensitive to the difficulties area residents often face when seeking to further their education.

Partin cites nationwide statistics showing that half the students starting out at community or technical colleges never return for the second year. These students face far more hurdles than students at four-year colleges, Partin said. They often work part-time or full-time in addition to attending classes, juggling family responsibilities and making a long commute.

To ease the burden on commuting students, Partin hopes to see adjunct professors from area community and technical colleges teaching core curriculum classes in English and math at the center. Partin also wants the center to function as a student union with computers and a café where students can commingle with others who share their particular challenges.

—Reported by Leslie Lytle,
Messenger Staff Writer

GCHS (from page 1)

ARC, gave permission for the funds to be used to renovate the front portion of the building.

Bid requests went out for the project for window repair; upgrading the wiring, technical specifications, and heating and cooling unit; and installation of a required sprinkler system. Then doom again reared its head. All the bids came back dramatically over budget. There just wasn’t enough money.

Almost coincidentally, though, another door opened. Grundy County officials completed a Community Development Block Grant project, making the county eligible to apply for another grant. On Jan. 26, 2015, the County Commission voted to apply for a \$315,000 Block Grant to flesh out the budget for the old high school project. Partin also plans to apply for a grant to help offset the cost of window repair and the heating and cooling unit.

Partin and Keel have secured pledges to cover 100 percent of the \$100,000 in matching grant money, with donors ranging from the South Cumberland Community Fund to individuals pledging in-kind contributions in the form of labor.

December and January Lease Committee Reports

The following items were approved in the December 2014 meeting of the Lease Committee: November minutes; request for a fence on Lease No. 1050, located at 71 John Allin Dr.; request to extend the existing fence on Lease No. 730, located at 195 Tennessee Ave.; request for a fence on Lease No. 759, located at 125 Louisiana Circle.

The following items were approved in the January 2015 meeting of the Lease Committee: December minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 867 (Martin), located at 195 Faculty Circle, to Haynes M. and Anne P. Burnett; and request to transfer Lease No. 973 (Sherwood) located at 98 Winn’s Circle to Suzanne L. DeWalt and Charles W. and Florence W. Atwood.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling the lease office at 598-1998. Please remember that the Lease and Community Relations office is now located at 400 University Ave., also known as the Blue House.

A county building permit is required for structures with roofs; call (931) 967-0981 for information.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 17.

KILLINGTHYME

by Buck Gorrell



February. If I could leave the Mountain for a month, February would be my first choice. Although we have some beautiful, sunny, 40-degree-plus days, 30 years ago was the Great Ice Storm of 1985. Generally, February is unpredictable at best, violent at worst and gray as a given.

Around now, evergreens earn their keep. I could invoke my litany of valuable evergreen options, but I choose to focus on one. Around now, one of the great benefits is that Downton Abbey, the TV series on PBS, is back in season. Stay with me, and I will weave the two together in a very interesting tale.

The first things you see at the beginning of a Downton Abbey episode are the rumps of a country gentleman and his waggy-tailed dog, the castle (Highclere Castle in the real world) and the trees. What are those magnificent specimens?

If you aren’t familiar with the Cedar of Lebanon (*Cedrus libani*), please allow me to introduce this amazing tree. It has a robust stature, capable of growing 120 feet tall and 100 feet wide. The stratified branching structure results in something of which Dr. Seuss would be proud. The photo below helps illustrate what I mean.



This is a spectacular specimen tree, given hundreds of square feet and a couple centuries. The reason I call Highclere Castle out as an example, is they have cultivated one, if not the only, collection of these trees. The current castle is sited on the Earl of Carnarvon’s estate that dates from the 8th century. The First Earl of Carnarvon had his park laid out according to a design by Capability Brown in 1774–77.

Capability Brown was the premier designer of his time, bringing into fashion the “landscape gardener,” a designer who took in the whole picture of the landscape, adding trees, follies and bodies of water where he felt moved. Among his most famous achievements are the waterfall and vistas at Blenheim Palace, home of the Marlboroughs and Sir Winston Churchill. What’s more, the Lebanon Cedars are believed to be descended from seed brought to England from Lebanon by the 17th-century seed collector Edward Pococke.

If you have the space, I highly recommend this plant. I have seen it flourish in Memphis, which is much hotter than here, heat being a limiting factor.

For good reading about Downton Abbey and the Cedar of Lebanon, go to <www.architecturaldigest.com/decor/2012-03/highclere-castle-downton-abbey-article>.

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From left: Michelle Calhoun with daughter Eleanor, Diane Fielding with baby Conrad and Sarah Marhevsky with son Benjamin. Photo by Jeannie Babb

First Meeting of La Leche League

On Feb. 10, a group of mothers gathered at the Sewanee Community Center with their young children, including a newborn just 2 weeks old, for Sewanee's first La Leche League meeting. La Leche League (LLL) is a nonprofit organization that promotes breastfeeding through mother-to-mother support, encouragement, information and education. The vision to launch LLL was realized after Pippa Browne met Michelle Calhoun. Both women had recently moved to Sewanee—Browne from Shelbyville, Tenn., though she is originally from Zimbabwe, and Calhoun from Wichita, Kan.

Calhoun has been involved with LLL for eight years. "La Leche League is such a beautiful support for women who are pregnant and nursing," she said. "In today's modern world of ever-changing information, it is a graceful mother-to-mother jewel of wisdom." Sewanee La Leche League will meet every second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center. "All mothers are welcome," Calhoun said, "whether you are pregnant or nursing a newborn or a toddler, or you just want to support other nursing mothers." For more information contact Calhoun at (316) 321-9400 or email <juliahsmother@yahoo.com> or Browne at (931) 463-2050 or email <pippabrowne@hotmail.com>.

—Reported by Jeannie Babb, Special to the Messenger

Senior Center News

Activities Update

Chair exercise, led by Ruth Wendling, meets at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays at the center. This is an effective workout, done while mostly seated or using a chair for support while standing. The Thursday class, which was at the same hour, is no longer meeting. For more information call the center.

Other activities each week include:

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

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

Fridays at 10 a.m., game day.

Volunteers Needed

Substitutes are needed to help in the kitchen on the following days: Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.–noon, preparing lunch; 12:30–1:30 p.m., dishes; and Friday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.–noon, preparing lunch. Please call the center at 598-0771 if you can help.

Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon on weekdays. The suggested donation is \$3 (\$0 or older) or \$5 (under 50). Please call by 9 a.m. to order lunch. If you make a reservation for lunch but do not come eat, please be prepared to pay for your meal. Menus may vary.

Feb. 16: Pork and pinto salad, dessert.

Feb. 17: Chuck wagon sandwich, French fries, dessert.

Feb. 18: Turkey, dressing, baked sweet potato, green beans, roll, dessert.

Feb. 19: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, dessert.

Feb. 20: Vegetable soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, dessert.

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. Remember: if Franklin County schools are closed, the Senior Center will be too.

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

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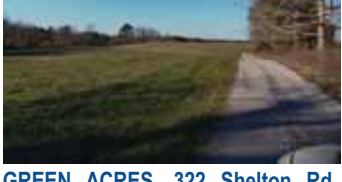
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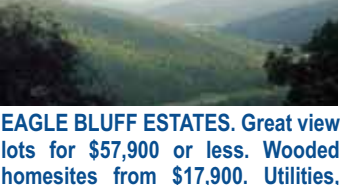
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SES Menus

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LUNCH

MON: Presidents' Day—no school.

TUE: Hamburger, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, baked beans, potato smiles, peaches, fruit juice, Doritos, hush puppies or bun.

WED: Spaghetti, yogurt/cheese stick, Caesar salad, baked potato, green beans, fruit, peaches, garlic bread-stick, graham crackers.

THU: Corn dog nuggets, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, pinto beans, turnip greens, garden salad, canned pineapple, fresh fruit, macaroni and cheese.

FRI: Hot dog, chili (optional), ham or turkey chef salad, potato smiles, garden salad, carrots, dip, fresh fruit, fruit juice.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items

MON: Presidents' Day—no school

TUE: Breakfast bar, breakfast pretzel super stick, ham slider.

WED: Biscuit, egg patty, ham slice, condiments: gravy, jelly.

THU: Cheese stick, Dutch waffle, condiment: syrup.

FRI: Biscuit, sausage, condiments: gravy, jelly.

Options available every breakfast: Assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties.

Menus subject to change.



The students of Sewanee Elementary School show their Paw P.R.I.D.E. by being Polite, Respectful and Including others. They also Don't bully so Everybody wins. These qualities have been celebrated during the school's kick-off of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.



Students from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School joined with Franklin County Animal Harbor to share stories about animal welfare. They performed skits at Franklin County elementary schools and delivered books to the school libraries. The project is funded in part by the Templeton Foundation.

Local Students on Sewanee Dean's List

The following local students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of the South for the Advent 2014 term:

Laurel Elise Anderson, of Monteagle, who is the daughter of Katherine M. Anderson; Helen Langdon Bartlett, of Monteagle, who is the daughter of Mary Ann Strobel;

Marianne True Sanders, of Sewanee, who is the daughter of Andrea and Tom Sanders; and Pierce Myers, of Sewanee, who is the son of Annwn and Dixon Myers.

To earn a place on Sewanee's Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum GPA of 3.625 on a 4.0 scale.

39th Friday School Seeks Volunteers

The Sewanee Elementary School Parent Organization is set to host the 39th annual Friday School series.

The organization is seeking volunteers to run a program of their choice for four Fridays: March 27, April 10, April 17 and April 24. The children are divided into two groups by grade (K–2 and 3–5), and the course could be offered to one or both of the age groups.

To learn more contact Abby Colbert at <abbycolbert@gmail.com> or Veronica Meola at <vlmeola@yahoo.com> or call (931) 636-1152.

The deadline to sign up is Saturday, Feb. 28.




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Masters Will Earn Two Degrees in May

When the results of interest surveys paralleled the things that Emily Masters enjoyed, the Monteagle resident knew that her career goal would include helping others. Now, she will be graduating not only from Grundy County High School but also from Chattanooga State with 64 college credits and a 4.0 GPA.

Emily is the daughter of Elizabeth and Brian Masters of Monteagle.

In May 2015, Emily will receive an associate of science degree as a general transfer student before she receives her high school diploma. This gives Emily a distinct advantage and advanced standing placement as a college sophomore or junior at some of the five colleges where she has already been accepted.

Chattanooga State's Early College program has grown in popularity and is offered throughout high schools in the area. The program is known for its quality and the ability to save thousands of dollars in tuition and expenses while accelerating students toward degree completion.

"Early College is a great bargain," said Emily. "It allowed me to take classes at a significantly lower cost than at a four-year college or university," she said.

"My parents pushed me to take these classes, but I'm glad they did," she said. "It has challenged me, and I would encourage everyone to take these classes because it will really prepare them for life after high school."

Emily has also received assistance from Chattanooga State's high school program coordinator Juliette Biondi. "Juliette was especially helpful to me in answering all of my questions and making sure I was taking the right classes to get my degree," says Emily.

Emily's goal is to start a company that designs curricula to run workshops that promote self-respect and a healthy body image in teenagers. Her employment and volunteer choices reflect this long-term goal. Emily works the front desk and kids' zone at Tenacity Adventure Fitness in Tracy City.

She is an active volunteer with a local youth group in the Sewanee area focused on faith, Fire on the Mountain. Activities include delivering cookies to shut-ins and hosting Halloween parties at Blue Monarch's long-term residential program for women and their children recovering from abusive situations. While her current work and volunteer experiences have helped prepare her for her career goal, her educational plan to major in English and minor in women's and gender studies or business will ensure mastery of communication and critical thinking skills.

Emily is deciding which college to attend for the next phase of her education. Sewanee has awarded her a Wilkins Scholarship, and East Tennessee State University has offered her a Presidential Scholarship. She also earned a Buchanan Fellowship to attend the Honors College at Middle Tennessee State University, which is the highest merit scholarship MTSU offers. Emily has also been accepted to Berea College, Berry College and Oglethorpe University.

For more information about the Early College program and its benefits, go to <www.chattanooga.state.edu/high-school/early-college> or call (423) 697-3349.



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THE INSATIABLE CRITIC

by Elizabeth Ellis

The Sewanee Union Theatre brings us a veritable grab bag of love, heartbreak and humor this week. Valentine's weekend kicks off with a biopic about the life of Stephen Hawking and his wife, Jane, followed by an Indian film showing the struggle of a young student with some very adult decisions to make, a documentary about sex crimes within the U.S. military, and ends on a light note with the heartwarming story of a grizzled veteran who learns some valuable life lessons from a young boy.

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



Sir Toby

The Theory of Everything

7:30 p.m. • Friday–Sunday, Feb. 13–15
2014 • PG-13 • 123 minutes

The best love is nerd love. Just in time for Valentine's Day, this touching true story about the life of the renowned physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife is currently nominated for five Oscars, including Best Picture. Eddie Redmayne takes on the role of a lifetime portraying Hawking as we see him succumb to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which gradually paralyzes him over the years. Felicity Jones plays his wife, Jane, and we follow the couple from their budding romance at Cambridge to their life together as a family with three children, coping with their father's progressive disease. The film could have been a bleak look at Hawking's fate, but director James Marsh focuses on the strength of their love and Hawking's extraordinary scientific achievements despite his physical handicaps. Rated PG-13 for some thematic elements and suggestive material, this film is best suited for older children and adults who enjoy a good biopic romance about the strength of the human spirit.



The World of Apu

7:30 p.m. • Feb. 17
1959 • Unrated • 105 minutes

This classic Indian film is the third in a trilogy following the life of Apu, a young man who is struggling to become a writer. It is based on the celebrated Bengali novel "Aparajito" by Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay. Each film, though part of a larger whole, can stand alone, as well. In this chapter of Apu's life, he finds himself unexpectedly becoming the groom in a wedding that he has been invited to, when it turns out that the husband-to-be is mad. He and his new wife, Aparna, return to Calcutta, but when she dies in childbirth, Apu finds that facing single parenthood and the adult responsibilities suddenly thrust upon him too difficult to bear. The "World of Apu" was nominated for a BAFTA Award in 1962 and director Satyajit Ray won the Sutherland Trophy at the 1959 British Film Institute Awards. Though unrated, due to the emotionally heavy themes discussed throughout (mental illness, death, child abandonment), this film would best be appreciated by older teens and adults.

The Invisible War

7:30 p.m. • Feb. 18
2012 • Unrated • 93 minutes

A highly charged documentary about rape within the U.S. Armed Forces, this film is definitely not for the kiddies. Nominated for an Oscar for best documentary in 2013 and winner of Best Documentary in the 2013 Independent Spirit Awards, it alternates between the personal stories of the victims and the institutions that aid in the cover-up of such horrific crimes. Director Kirby Dick, known for the critically acclaimed "Twist of Faith," unflinchingly interviews high-ranking military officials and members of Congress about why these sex crimes keep occurring and what is—or isn't—being done to prevent future instances. An emotional and important eye-opener, it is best appreciated by adults who fully understand the ramifications of such acts against those who serve our country.

St. Vincent

7:30 p.m. • Feb. 19–22
2014 • PG-13 • 102 minutes

On the lighter side, king of wry humor Bill Murray stars in this slice-of-life comedy as disillusioned war veteran Vincent, who doesn't take kindly to his new neighbors, a single mom, Maggie (funny girl Melissa McCarthy), and her 12-year-old son, Oliver (Jaeden Lieberher). Short on cash and patience, Vincent grudgingly agrees to babysit Oliver for a fee, and an unexpected friendship forms between the two. Critics panned it for its sentimentality, but Murray has been playing the bad guy with the good heart for so long (e.g., "Scrooged," 1988) that he walks the line between sappy happy and scathing jokes expertly. The plot holds no surprises, but it is well-intentioned if you like stories about regular folks helping each other out amid life's inevitable trials. Rated PG-13 for sexual content, alcohol, language and tobacco use, this is a feature that both parents and older children can enjoy.

Look for more reviews and fun at
<http://theinsatiablenritic.blogspot.com/>



Rory Block. Photo by Sergio Kurhajec

Rory Block in Concert Feb. 20

Rory Block, a five-time Blues Music Award-winner, will perform at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, in Guerry Auditorium.

Heralded as "a living landmark" (Berkeley Express), "a national treasure" (Guitar Extra), and "one of the greatest living acoustic blues artists" (Blues Revue), Rory Block has committed her life and her career to preserving the Delta blues tradition and bringing it to life for 21st-century audiences around the world. A traditionalist and an innovator at the same time, she wields a fiery and haunting guitar and vocal style that redefines the boundaries of acoustic blues and folk.

Aurora "Rory" Block grew up in Manhattan in a family with Bohemian leanings. Her father owned a Greenwich Village sandal shop, where musicians like Bob Dylan, Maria Muldaur and John Sebastian made occasional appearances. The rich and diverse Village scene was a constant influence on her life. She was playing guitar by age 10, and by her early teens, she was sitting in on the Sunday jam sessions in Washington Square Park.

Rolling Stone said, "Some of the most singular and affecting country blues anyone, man or woman, black or white, old or young has cut in recent years."

Tickets for each performance are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. For more information go to <www.sewanee.edu/performingarts>.

The Mountain Messenger Critics

It is time for the Oscars! If you love movies as much as we do, you probably already have your list of winners. The Sewanee Mountain Messenger is running a contest to see how movie-savvy you are. Just pick who you think will win the Academy Award from the categories listed below.

The person who most closely replicates the selections of the Academy will win dinner and a movie for two, sponsored by Crossroads Café and the Sewanee Union Theatre. There is also a spot on the ballot for your own write-in candidate. Sometimes the Academy does not always get the nominations right. So, we have two SUT movie tickets for the most interesting write-in votes.

Clip your ballot and send it to the Messenger, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375. Or you can e-mail your votes to <kiki_beavers@att.net>. In the subject line put "Oscar 2015" and include your name and phone number.

Send your picks in by 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19. The winners will be announced in the Feb. 27 edition of the Messenger. (Messenger staff, columnists and families are not allowed to participate.) The Academy Awards will be televised on Sunday, Feb. 22.

My Oscar Picks 2015

Name _____
Phone _____

Best Picture:

American Sniper
Birdman
Boyhood
The Grand Budapest Hotel
The Imitation Game
Selma
The Theory of Everything
Whiplash

Write-in:

Actor in a Leading Role:

Steve Carell, Foxcatcher
Bradley Cooper,
American Sniper
Benedict Cumberbatch,
The Imitation Game
Michael Keaton, Birdman
Eddie Redmayne,
The Theory of Everything

Write-in:

Actress in a Leading Role:

Marion Cotillard,
Two Days, One Night
Felicity Jones,
The Theory of Everything
Julianne Moore, Still Alice
Rosamund Pike, Gone Girl
Reese Witherspoon, Wild

Write-in:

Actor in a Supporting Role:

Robert Duvall, The Judge
Ethan Hawke, Boyhood
Edward Norton, Birdman

Mark Ruffalo, Foxcatcher
J.K. Simmons, Whiplash

Write-in:

Actress in a Supporting Role:

Patricia Arquette, Boyhood
Laura Dern, Wild
Emma Stone, Birdman
Keira Knightley,
The Imitation Game
Meryl Streep, Into the Woods

Write-in:

Directing:

Alejandro González Iñárritu,
Birdman
Richard Linklater, Boyhood
Bennett Miller, Foxcatcher
Wes Anderson,
The Grand Budapest Hotel
Morten Tyldum,
The Imitation Game

Write-in:

Tie-breaker: Writing-Original Screenplay

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Nicolás Jacobone, Alexander
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Foxcatcher
Wes Anderson and Hugo Guinness, Grand Budapest Hotel
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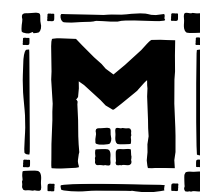
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Shakespeare's "All's Well" by Theatre/ Sewanee

Theatre/Sewanee will present William Shakespeare's comedy "All's Well That Ends Well" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 25–28, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m., March 1. Admission is free, but reservations are suggested by emailing <mcook@sewanee.edu>.

The play is directed by senior theatre major Chase Brantley, with scenery by senior major Mary Morrison, costumes by senior major Josie Guevara-Torres and lighting by sophomore Chynna Bradford. They are joined by a large cast of students and faculty. Theatre faculty David Landon and Marcia Mary Cook, as well as School of Theology faculty member Christopher Bryan, take leading roles.

Student actors include Megan Quick, Tia Strickland, Sarah High, Emily Riedlinger, Anna Burklin, Madison Jones, Charlotte LaNasa, Will Johannsson, Walter Chiarella, Robert Walker, William Burton-Edwards, Ben McKenzie, George O'Neill and David Provost.

Two Piano Concert in Tullahoma

Tullahoma musician Vicki Collinsworth will be joined on stage by her sister, Gay Grosz, for "An Evening of Classical and Jazz" at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, in South Jackson Civic Center in Tullahoma. They will be accompanied by Kyle Copeland on drums and Tisha Simeral on bass.

Two Steinway pianos will be opposite one another on stage. Vicki and Gay will switch pianos after the first half of the show so that the audience will have seen all performing hands!

The evening will open with a Mozart Two-Piano Sonata followed by Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Piano Suite No. 2." In the second half they will perform Claude Bolling's "Piano Sonata No. 1" as well as some other numbers, which they want to keep as a surprise.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. For more information or to make reservations call (931) 455-5321 or go to <www.southjackson.org>.

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Robert Maynard (above), son of Greg Maynard and Susan Holmes of Sewanee, has been awarded one of four full-tuition fellowships to the master of fine arts program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Robert earned a bachelor's degree in dance at Eugene Lang College of the New School University in New York in 2012 and has been working as a dancer and choreographer in New York City.

Sewanee Monologues in Guerry

The Wick, also known as the Bairnwick Women's Center, will present "Sewanee Monologues," at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, in Guerry Auditorium. This is the fourth year of this unique compilation of narratives from real Sewanee students, mirrored after the famous "Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler.

In its first year of performance, it was the winner of Best New Educational Program. The monologues cover a wide range of issues, from race to sexuality to Shake Day to familial problems.

Dressed in black, students read the monologues, maybe do a little dance to it or jam on some drums, and the audience watches in amazement as the stories unfold before them. Completely anonymous and one of the only chances to—openly, freely, without a face attached to it—share experiences and thoughts with the community.

Poetry Night on Tuesday

A Social Worker, a Scientist and Southern Confetti

Community Poetry Night at the Blue Chair Café & Tavern returns at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, featuring an aerospace scientist, a psychotherapist, a poetry scholar and a handful of other characters.

Jack Russell's parents claim they named him in earnest. He is from Brentwood, Tenn., and writes fiction, poetry and columns for the "Sewanee Purple," of which he is entertainment editor.

Bennett Bridgers-Carlos is a poet with an MFA from the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa, as well as a licensed clinical social worker providing psychotherapy at Stillpoint.

Robert Addison Walker was raised in Huntsville; he is a senior English major and a Walter E. Dakin Poetry Scholar. Robert struggles with Sisyphian madness for order and understanding, as he tries to learn the craft of poetry.

Kevin Cummings is a poet and national award-winning journalist, and a staff writer for the Sewanee Mountain Messenger. Kevin tries to bleed on the page and often gets paper cuts, but luckily sometimes he finds himself in need of a transfusion. A native Georgian and adopted North Dakotan, his poems scratch at love, frustration and ethereal truths.

Tom Bentley is the founder of the Not Yet Dead Poets Society, which has met at the Celtic Cup every Thursday since 2005. He is also a physicist, an engineer, an aerospace research scientist and a sailor, who has authored more than 32 technical papers in electro-optics, plasma physics and diagnostic instrumentation.

Diane Nunn is a lifelong poetry collector who has enjoyed careers in education, promotion and arts administration. She is a past participant in the Austin International Poetry Festival. A native Texan, Diane has led a Nomadic life with residences in 11 cities, including a three-year stay in Japan.

Michael Cimino-Hurt is making his second appearance at Poetry Night. He has worked as a professional musician, a designer of electronics for major recording studios, a martial arts instructor and a history teacher.

Sara Kachelman returns with her Southern confetti, honest, self-deprecating ridiculousness. Kachelman, editor-in-chief of "The Mountain Goat," Sewanee's student literary journal, is also the founder of the Sewanee Poets Society.

If you are interested in reading at a future Poetry Night, email Kevin at <FogPoets@gmail.com>. An open "mic" will follow the scheduled readers each session.

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TINTIN NABULATIONS

by John Bordley



Brought to you by the letter "M"

À la Sesame Street, this column is brought to you today by the letter "M".

"M" is for "moving". As I mentioned in a column last fall, the carillon studio and my office must move from Van Ness so that the building may be torn down and be replaced by a new dormitory. We are moving to Guerry 3, perhaps while you are reading the column! The move is scheduled for 9 a.m., Friday, Feb. 13. Like many things in life, the new location has pluses and minuses. A minus is the ease of parking. A plus is that the carillonners can walk from the new studio to the tower without ever going outside!

"M" is also for "music". Well, not just "music", but "Music, music, music." That is to say there is a lot of sheet music in the studio. There are three filing cabinets filled with music. A work study student spent a school year entering all the information about the music into a database. We are still fine-tuning the process of having good access to all the titles, but at least there is a computer file with the information. As we packed boxes to move, I discovered even more music in another filing cabinet. One particularly exciting find was the original versions of the music that Laura Whipple had composed over a period of years. These pieces were printed and bound into a booklet in her honor as she retired in 1998. There are, however, a couple of questions that have popped up in the printed version. Now we can look back at the originals and see exactly what she wrote!

"M" is also for "mobile carillon". We will have a mobile carillon here from June 20 to July 20, and most of the summer carillon programs will be played on that instrument. It will reside on its truck bed on the small section of asphalt paving in front of St. Luke's Hall. I will write more about that in another column. Stay tuned.

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Sarah Beth Hobby of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School pulls up against North Elementary on Feb. 6 in the Big 8 Tournament in Grundy County. Photo by Paul Klekotta

SAS Middle School Girls Earn Third Place at Big 8

After finishing the regular season 9-7 and co-runners-up tied with several Big 8 members, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school girls' basketball team finished in third place at the Big 8 tournament at Grundy County High School.

In the quarterfinals on Feb. 5, SAS knocked off Tracy City, 30-22, a team that they had split games with during the regular season. Anna Post led the way with 16 points. Kate Butler and Mariel Rinck were part of the offensive success, and Tessa Shackelford controlled the glass.

In the semifinals the next day, North Elementary from Altamont dominated the Mountain Lions with a final score of 36-9. Ty Klekotta was two-for-two from the charity stripe, and Jenna Black nailed an outside jumper in the waning minutes, as the SAS girls refused to give up to the taller

squad from North.

SAS then faced Monteagle on Feb. 7 in the finale in a match-up of two teams that had also split games this season. As the most improved team in the league over the final month, Monteagle jumped to an early lead and led by 15 in the third quarter and by 12 to start the fourth.

Three straight tournament games left the Eagles winded, and the Mountain Lions capitalized with a frenzied fourth-quarter press. Mary B. Smith pulled up and knocked down a 15-footer to knot the score at 27. Butler followed with a layup that kissed the glass after a no-look bounce pass from a streaking Post to seal the win. Post had 15, and Rinck added 11.

Post, Rinck and Butler were all named to the All-Tournament Team and Post was also named All-Conference.



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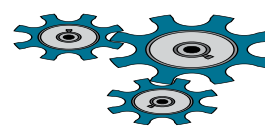
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SAS Exits in Round Two of Tourney

Beasley Tops 1,000

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's varsity basketball team advanced to the second round of the district tournament as the No. 2 seed, but lost on Feb. 6 to the No. 3 seed, Ezell-Harding Academy, 52-46.

On Feb. 7, the Mountain Lions played The Kings' Academy in the consolation game, losing by the same score, 52-46. SAS finished the season 16-8.

In that last game of the season, James Beasley surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his career.

"James is one of the hardest working individuals that I have coached in my career," said head coach Rob Zeitler. "He spent countless hours in the gym working to improve his game, but the thing that stands out for me is how badly he wanted this team to win. He pushed his teammates as hard as he pushed himself."

Beasley was also voted to the Division II-A East/Middle All-District Team and the All-Tournament Team. Senior Eric Baynard was voted to the All-District Team.

After the tough loss, assistant coach Osei Hill said, "This one loss does not define our season. It is the hard work and commitment we made to each other that stands out. Every game, we gave our best effort and should be proud of that."

Zeitler said, "The seniors' (Eric, James, Andrew Heitzenrater, Levi Higgins and Will Pratt) positive attitude and commitment will be carried on through our younger players. They showed the underclassman what it takes to be good at the game of basketball and life."

Home Games This Week

Today, Feb. 13

1 pm Tigers Men's Lacrosse
v Colorado College

1:30 pm Tigers Men's Tennis
v Piedmont

4 pm Tigers Women's Tennis
v Piedmont

7 pm Tigers Women's Tennis
v Covenant

Saturday, Feb. 14

9 am Tigers W/M Track and Field
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Ella Masters (left) and Eliza Masters of Monteagle played on a 4v4 U15 indoor soccer team in Manchester the weekend of Feb. 6 and won the U16 Championship. Edie Paterson from Sewanee and Ella also played on a U10 SvS team that reached the U11 finals, where they lost in overtime to a U11 Manchester/Murfreesboro combo team. Both teams are part of the Camp Forest Football Club based in Tullahoma. Brian Masters of Monteagle is the coach.

Rhodes Women Hold off Sewanee

In front of an energetic crowd, the Sewanee women's basketball team fell just short to Rhodes, 49-46, on Feb. 8 in Sewanee.

After honoring seniors McKenzie Jones and Kayla Sewell, Sewanee came out of the gate slowly. Rhodes opened a 5-2 lead over the first two minutes.

That changed when Sewell made a layup at the 15:05 mark and opened an 18-5 run by the Tigers over the next 10 minutes. After a three by Kelley Myers, Sewanee led by 10, 20-10, with 4:59 left in the opening half. Rhodes rallied back after a jumper from Erin Deery. The Lynx closed the half on a 13-0 run.

The second half was close throughout, but the Tigers were undone by 20 turnovers, including eight in the second half.

Individually, Jamie Chauvin led Sewanee with 13 points and six rebounds. Savannah Rose and Casey Hassett also finished in double figures with 10 points each.

Dy'Nelle Todman led Rhodes with 12 points.

Tigers Move Into First After Toppling Rhodes

In front of a standing-room-only crowd inside Juhan Gymnasium on Feb. 8, the Sewanee men's basketball team defeated rival Rhodes College, 64-61, to move into first place in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) standings.

The Tigers have an 8-2 conference record and are 14-7 overall, having won four straight games. They are 10-1 at home. Rhodes, who is tied for second in the league with Centre, is 14-6 overall and 7-3 in the SAA.

Early on, things did not look good for the Tigers. Rhodes came out of the gate strong. En route to making 57.1 percent of their attempts in the first half, the Lynx led by as much as 13, 26-13, after Drew Miller connected on a three.

Down 10, 28-18, with 7:12 left in the first half, Sewanee chipped away at its deficit. A four-point play by Jorden Williams and a jumper by Marcellus Caldwell cut the Lynx lead to seven, 28-21.

The Tigers then pulled to within three after a jumper from Leo Born and two free throws by Clay Born. However, Rhodes closed the half on a 4-0 run to lead by seven, 34-27.

Out of the locker room, Sewanee was more efficient on offense. Back-to-back threes by Williams trimmed the Rhodes lead to 37-33.

A mini run by Rhodes pushed the Lynx lead back to seven, before Caldwell made a layup with 17:23 to play. That opened a 12-2 run by the Tigers. Sewanee took the lead for good when Brody Stone made a pair of free throws with 10:12 remaining. After another three by Williams, Stone hit a jumper which extended the Tiger advantage to six, 50-44.

Rhodes would battle back to within a possession after an 8-4 run. However, ahead by two, Keshonn Carter made a statement with an explosive dunk with 3:58 left. On the play, Caldwell drove to the center of the paint and then sent a bounce pass over to Carter. The junior forward then grabbed the ball, took one step and slammed home the dunk over Geoff Livsey.

From there, Sewanee would lead by as much as five, 60-55, before some late free throws by Rhodes kept the final score close.

Overall, Sewanee made 46 percent of its attempts. The Tigers were also successful in the paint and off the bench. Sewanee outscored Rhodes 28-22 inside and outrebounded the Lynx 33-26. That included a combined 18 boards by the Tiger reserves.

Individually, Williams led Sewanee with 17 points on five-of-11 shooting. Carter added 10 points and seven rebounds, while Caldwell pitched in nine points and four boards. Seth Brown (eight points/seven rebounds), Stone (eight points/two rebounds), and Leo Born (eight points/seven rebounds) also played well.

Miller led all players for Rhodes with a game-high 24 points.



Sewanee senior captain Marcellus Caldwell (No. 20) scores on Rhodes College in the big Feb. 8 conference win. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



My wife, Conchie, who I fell for at age 18 and still makes me feel like I got hit by a thunderbolt (plus she does laundry and vacuums like it's her job). Our four daughters who turned everything upside down and then helped me realize that the view is much better from there. Best friends who listen long past their turn and hold advice until you ask for some.

Teachers, policemen and policewomen, waiters and waitresses. Moms and their sons who should have listened more carefully. Dogs who seem to smile with their tongue hanging to the ground and wag their tails to a funky beat only they can hear. Custodians who arrive early and finish the things you never saw.

Groundskeepers who work outside on the hottest days and salt the walkways on icy mornings. A carpenter who can turn a 2x4 into sculpture with the right tool. The kid who practices hardest even if they play the least. The kid who includes all their teammates even if they play the most.

Grandparents who know that they are the ones receiving the gift. Volunteer firemen. A barber with a striped pole who still knows what "high and tight" means. A coach who hugs more than she yells and a referee who pats the player on the back when the kid needs more than a whistle.

All those who give more than they get.

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A day on the beach with a novel that lasts long past sunset, until small waves finally reach my feet. Pushing your kid down a steep hill on their sled during the first snow of winter. Looking at your yard and knowing that the raking is finished, at least for the month of November or the smell of grass after a fresh cut in June. Watching a football game in front of a warm fire when it's cold outside and much colder in Green Bay on a snow-covered field. A best friend from your childhood who still calls when the Packers are in the playoffs.

Text messages from your children who are away in college when everything is right in their world.

Reading a bedtime story until you are the one who falls asleep beside your kid. A hike in the woods to a place where there is no cell service and you sit on that big rock and be thankful. An amusement park where you gasp and ask, "How did they do that?" Sweating so much in a workout that you feel like you lost five pounds. Riding a bike with the sun coming over the edge of the plateau. A Seinfeld rerun when nothing new on TV even comes close. A great movie where nothing blows up or was born in outer space.

Watching a lefty take a curve ball deep. Seeing a perfect spiral split two defenders. Witnessing true joy on a game-winning play. Feeling the tension of the moment just before it happens. A 3-pointer that brings rain while spinning like a wagon wheel in an old western. A dunk that started in Kansas and finished in Chapel Hill, an Olympic moment that took a lifetime of practice and 10 seconds to earn gold.

A mother's tears of joy and a dad's hug at the edge of the stands. A putt in front of a bank of azaleas that breaks 15 feet and then gains speed like it is chasing the hole. A strike in bowling when you have no idea what you are doing and the ability to laugh when you put it in the gutter instead.

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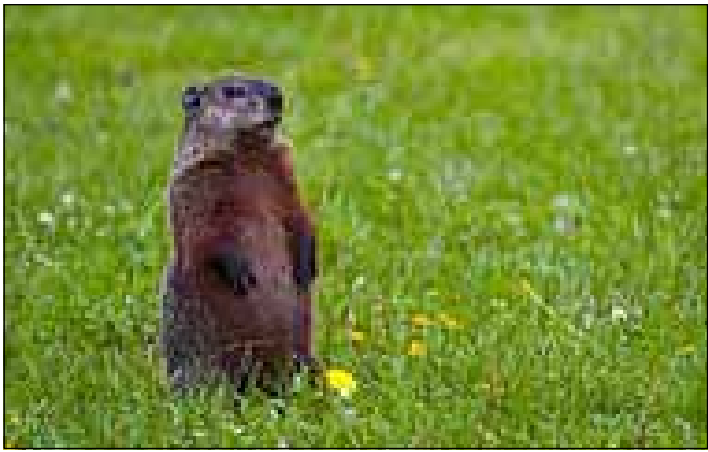
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NATURENOTES



Groundhog, also known as a woodchuck.

Olde Groundhog Day

February 2 was Groundhog Day (or Candlemas), **Yolande Gottfried** reminds us, and she recalls the old saying for the day, which this year predicted an end to winter in Sewanee:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright
Come winter have another flight.
If Candlemas bring cloud and rain
Go winter and come not again.*

Early settlers brought this European tradition, which probably had its roots in the Celtic mid-season festival of Imbolc, associated with various fertility rites and fire/light imagery, to our shores.

When Pope Gregory adjusted the calendar in 1582, 11 days were skipped, so that Feb. 2 in the old Julian calendar fell on Feb. 14 in the new Gregorian calendar, a reform that was accepted in the colonies in 1752. Some old settlers in isolated areas, notably the Appalachian, Cumberland and Ozark mountains, still celebrated Olde Groundhog Day on Feb. 14 (and Olde Christmas on Jan. 6, for that matter). So, if you didn't like the weather prediction on Feb. 2, you can get a second opinion on Feb. 14.

February 14, of course, is Valentine's Day, with its own association with courtship practices. There was a medieval belief that birds chose their mates on this date and indeed birds seem to be more active and vocal now than they were in the depths of winter.

Early Bloomers

Leonard King and **Daniel Williams** report seeing hepatica in bloom last week in the Sherwood Cove area.

Annual Hunt for the First Hepatica

Meet Yolande Gottfried at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, to go into Shakerag Hollow to see what might be blooming early: maybe some hepatica, pepper-and-salt or star chickweed. If flowers are scarce on the ground, we'll look at mosses, liverworts, lichens, club mosses, and even some ferns, which are not fazed by winter weather.

Gather at the trailhead parking area near the University gates. It will be an in-and-out hike, about two hours depending on weather and hikers, with some steep inclines that may be icy or muddy and definitely will be rocky.

For more information on this or other Sewanee Herbarium events, please contact Yolande Gottfried at the Herbarium at 598-3346 or by email to <ygottfri@sewanee.edu>. Directions are available on the Herbarium website, <lal.sewanee.edu/herbarium/> under the calendar of events.

State Park Offerings

Friday, Feb. 13

Stone Door Hike—Meet Ranger Aaron at 1 p.m. at Stone Door parking lot for an easy two-mile hike to the gorgeous Stone Door overlook. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day Hike—Join Ranger Park at 9 a.m. at Grundy Forest Pavilion (Fiery Gizzard) for a moderate three-mile hike to Sycamore Falls and back. The trail is rocky, so wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Stone Door Hike—Meet Ranger Jessie at 10 a.m. at Stone Door ranger station for an easy two-mile, out-and-back hike to experience the Great Stone Door.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information call (931) 924-2980.



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One perfect rose.
I knew the language of the floweret;
'My fragile leaves,' it said, 'his she heart enclose.'
Love long has taken for his amulet
One perfect rose.
Why is it no one ever sent me yet
One perfect limousine, do you suppose?
Ah no, it's always just my luck to get
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Community Calendar

Today, Feb. 13

Grundy Co. Schools no classes; staff professional development

Monteagle Fog Fest through Feb. 15

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, Old GCHS, until noon
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Contract/release stretching with Kim, Fowler
- 3:30 pm Creative movement, 4-7, Comm Center
- 4:00 pm Cultural Expressions of Identity, St. Luke's Chapel
- 4:15 pm Creative movement, 8/up, Comm Center
- 5:30 pm World healing meditation, Farmer, CommCenter
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm Film, "The Theory of Everything," SUT

Saturday, Feb. 14 • Valentine's Day

Monteagle Fog Fest through Feb. 15

- 8:30 am Yoga with Richard, Comm Center
- 9:00 am American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall
- 9:30 am Herbarium Event, first floor Spencer Hall
- 10:00 am Hospitality Shop open, until noon
- 7:30 pm Film, "The Theory of Everything," SUT

Sunday, Feb. 15

Monteagle Fog Fest through Feb. 15

- 1:00 pm VITA tax assistance, Holy Comforter, until 5 pm
- 3:00 pm Caregiver workshop, Banchoff, Claiborne Parish House
- 3:00 pm Knitting circle/instruction, Mooney's, until 5 pm
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist
- 7:30 pm Film, "The Theory of Everything," SUT

Monday, Feb. 16 • Presidents' Day

Public schools closed; Federal, state and county offices closed

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Coffee with Coach, Dombroski, Blue Chair Tavern
- 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 Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 1:30 pm Sewanee Woman's Club Book Club, Kearley home
- 5:30 pm FCDD dinner, meet new chair, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd.
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee, until 7 pm
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale rehearsal, Hargrove Aud
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Monologues, Guerry
- 7:00 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 17 • Shrove Tuesday

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Center
- 9:30 am Crafting Ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 9:30 am Hospitality Shop open, until 2 pm
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 11:00 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, beginners, Comm Center
- 11:30 am Grundy Co. Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler Center
- 3:30 pm Centering Prayer support group, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, old GCHS annex, until 6:30 pm
- 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Claiborne Parish House
- 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 6:15 pm Sewanee Monologues, Guerry
- 6:30 pm Prayer and study, 7th Day Adventist, Monteagle
- 6:30 pm Weight Watchers, Morton Memorial, weigh-in 6 pm
- 7:00 pm Community Poetry Night, Blue Chair
- 7:30 pm Film, "The World of Apu," (free), SUT

Wednesday, Feb. 18 • Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am; and 1-3 pm
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 10:00 am Senior Center writing group, Kelly residence
- 12:00 pm EQB lunch, St. Mary's Sewanee

- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Center
- 1:00 pm Dream group, Stillpoint, until 3
- 3:30 pm EQB, cameos, Crossroads Café
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 pm Catechumenate, dinner, Bairnwick Women's Ctr
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church
- 7:00 pm Folk music collective, St. Luke's Chapel, until 8:30
- 7:30 pm Film, "The Invisible War," (free), SUT

Thursday, Feb. 19

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, Old GCHS, until noon
- 8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Nature journaling, Spencer Hall, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Center
- 9:30 am Hospitality Shop open, until 2 pm
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, advanced, Comm Center
- 11:30 am FCRW, Franklin-Pearson House, Cowan
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home Support Group, 598-0303
- 1:30 pm Horticultural Seminar, Coalmont
- 2:00 pm Knitting circle, Mooney's until 4 pm
- 5:30 pm Grundy Health conversation, dinner, Smoke House, until 7
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 7:00 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall
- 7:30 pm Film, "St. Vincent," SUT

Friday, Feb. 20

Curbside recycling, before 7 am

Marion County Schools no school; staff development

- 8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, Old GCHS, until noon
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Contract/release stretching with Kim, Fowler
- 3:30 pm Creative movement, 4-7, Comm Center
- 4:15 pm Creative movement, 8/up, Comm Center
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:15 pm Meditation with Dotty, Comm Center
- 7:30 pm Film, "St. Vincent," SUT
- 7:30 pm Performing Arts, Rory Block, Blues, Guerry Aud

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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



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