

School Board Weighs Middle School Options; Donates Land for College of Applied Technology

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Property taxes would increase," if new middle schools were built on the existing sites, said Director of Schools Amie Lonas at the Feb. 13 meeting of the Franklin County School Board, addressing questions raised in November when the board grappled with the problems posed by the county's two aging middle schools. The board also approved transferring the deed for the old Franklin County High School property to the Franklin County Commission for construction of a Tennessee College of Applied Technology.

In the scenario of options developed by the engineering firm Oliver, Little, and Gipson, the cost of building new middle schools on the existing sites (\$48 million to \$55 million) was significantly higher than the cost of renovating the schools (\$35 million to \$37 million) or building a new combined middle school (\$32 million to \$37 million). The debt for the new high school would be paid in full in the 2020–21 school year, Lonas said, meaning funds for that debt could be put toward the middle school project. But the available amount would not be sufficient to cover the cost if the board decided in favor of building new middle schools on the existing sites.

Lonas also responded to several other questions raised by the board in November.

"Historically, enrollment has been decreasing," Lonas said. Current combined enrollment at North and South middle schools is 1,068, which is 107 less students than in the 2010–11 school year.

Looking to utility expenses, Lonas said current heating and air conditioning costs average \$1.39 to \$1.44 per square foot, which does not include heating the gym and support areas. At Coffee County Middle School, which has a newer, more efficient HVAC system, the average cost is \$1.29 per square foot, including heating and cooling for the gym and support areas. East Lincoln Elementary in Tullahoma uses a geothermal system, which costs significantly less, \$1.05 per square foot.

"With geothermal, up-front costs are quite a bit higher, though," Lonas pointed out.

Turning to a request from the Franklin County Commission, the board unanimously approved transferring the deed for the 8.5 acre site of the old high school to Franklin County.

"Franklin County has been awarded more than \$4 million in community block grants for construction of a Tennessee College of Applied Technology," said board member Christine Hopkins, who worked behind the scenes to see the project to fruition. Franklin County will contribute \$1 million towards the construction of the facility. When the facility is completed, the Tennessee Board of Regents will assume ownership and responsibility for maintenance and operation.

In other business, Lonas proposed salary supplements for certified teachers meeting educational specialist requirements, coaches and coaching staff, and administrators.

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Harbingers of spring on the Mountain Goat Trail. See page 10 for more first blooms.

Panelists Discuss Farm Life and Challenges

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

Protein was the main topic, but regional farmers also delved into environmental stewardship, healthy livestock and a variety of other topics in a panel discussion on Feb. 9 at the Sewanee Community Center.

Rooted Here, an organization that envelops the South Cumberland Farmers Market and Food Hub, sponsored the discussion. The panelists were unified in stating a desire to be good environmental stewards and raise livestock and produce without using hormones, pesticides or GMOs.

Lynn Blankenship of Dayspring Farm raises grass fed beef cattle and other livestock on 250 acres in the Skymont community near Altamont.

"We wanted to know exactly what we were eating and that's why we got onto our farm," she said. "We wanted

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Hoosier Appointed Deputy Fire Chief for SVFD

The University of the South has announced that Ronnie Hoosier has accepted an appointment as deputy fire chief for the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), a position which was created last fall. Hoosier is employed in the University's Physical Plant Services Department.

As deputy chief, Hoosier will assist Chief David Green in all aspects of the organization and direction of the SVFD, and will act in the chief's stead if the chief is unable to perform his duties. He will work closely with Vice President for Risk Management Eric Hartman and Chief Green to undertake a full assessment of SVFD capabilities to ensure that the department continues to operate at peak efficiency.

"Ronnie is extraordinarily well respected by the community of first responders across the Plateau and beyond. His service to SVFD has been of a very high order. I have no doubt that he possesses both the necessary skills and, equally important, the respect of his peers, to assume these new duties," said University Vice-Chancellor John McCardell, who made the appointment.

The deputy chief will be responsible for ensuring that all firefighters have adequate training; that equipment is monitored on a regular basis and is in good working order; and that policies and procedures concerning firefighting are in accord with local ordinances, state law and federal laws and regulations.



On Feb. 9, Sewanee Elementary fifth grade students had the opportunity to perform in Guerry Hall, alongside the American Spiritual Ensemble and the choir from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. The fifth graders sang with the two groups and also presented a portion of their school skit "The Dream of Highlander." Photo by Cynthia Gray, SES Music Teacher

St. James' Program Benefits Teachers and Students

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

One student wanted to learn computer coding. Voila, there's a tutor for that.

Another needed help with reading. There's someone for that, too.

The new tutoring program at St. James Episcopal Church in Midway started in January and is proving to be good for both pupils and the assortment of teachers and college students who volunteer there.

Ann Seiders taught elementary and middle school for 40 years in places such as Wilmington, Del., Chattanooga and here in Sewanee. She's retired professionally, but life goes on, she said, and she's happy to be teaching again.

"It's just a joy working alongside so many experienced, high-powered teachers," Seiders said. "It's like walking in a beautiful garden."

The program is near capacity with about 16 students attending on Wednesdays, said Betty Carpenter, director of Community Action Committee (CAC), the group that spearheaded the project.

"Sewanee is full of retired school teachers who love kids and love to teach, but they're done with teaching school," Carpenter said. "This after-school tutoring program just gives them a chance to practice their craft and give of their time to make children's lives better."

In addition to retired teachers, at least four University of the South students help tutor at St. James. Senior Alyson Carr, a music and economics major, has worked at public schools in Sewanee and Alabama.

"Tutoring was just the natural way to help and give back to my commu-

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Allison Bruce, Bonner Leader and Sewanee sophomore, tutors a student at St. James Episcopal Church in Midway.

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Plastic Recycling

William Anderson, the Director of Franklin County Solid Waste/PAV/REC Department in Winchester reports which plastic items can still be recycled. These include plastic containers, #1-#7. Plastics that cannot be recycled include styrofoam, plastic grocery bags, packaging wrap, food containers, clam shells, buckets or hard plastics (coolers, gas jugs, etc.), toys, garden hose, PVC pipe and vinyl siding.

"We will still take clam shells and process them but are trying to get people to stop sending them as the new ones being made today are bio degradable and can be thrown in the trash," Anderson reports. "We cannot process hard plastics like coolers, buckets, chairs and toys at our facility. These items are recyclable; we currently do not have the means to process them though. PVC and vinyl is a big "No No" in the recycle community for most vendors because it emits chlorine gas when melted. All other #1-#7 items not listed we accept."

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Letter

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To the Editor:

To refer to me as "a director of spiritual formation at the School of Theology" gives the wrong impression of my power and authority, of which I have little. In fact, I am one of several people who meet monthly with seminarians who choose to discuss prayer and worship, their classes, and continuing discernment of their vocations. It is an informal, and very rewarding, ministry.

Remington Rose-Crossley,
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UDC Meets Feb. 18

The Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Franklin Pearson House in Cowan.

Senior Citizen Pot Luck

There will be a potluck lunch at the Sewanee Senior Center at noon, Saturday, Feb. 18, with music by Bazzania. All are welcome.

Franklin County Chamber Casino Night

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Casino Night from 6–10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, at the National Guard Armory, 313 Wilton Circle, Winchester. The evening is open to the public. Tickets are \$50 per person, and can be purchased in person at 44 Chamber Way, Winchester, or by phone (931) 967-6788. For more information email <info@franklincountychamber.com>.

Coffee with the Coach on Monday

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, continues at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 20, with University of the South alum and former Tiger football and baseball athlete George Horton, C'71. Gather at the Blue Chair Tavern for free coffee and conversation.

Sewanee Book Club Meeting

The Sewanee Book Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, at the home of Pixie Dozier. Sally Hubbard will review "Flight Behavior," a novel by Barbara Kingsolver. For more information or directions contact Debbie Racka at 692-6088, email <debbie811123@gmail.com> or Flournoy Rogers at 598-0733, email <semmesrogers@gmail.com>.

STHP Meeting Feb. 20

The following was written by a layman in New Orleans: "Bishop Otey is here on a visit, to raise means for the establishment of an Episcopal College, some where on the border of Tennessee and Alabama." Can you guess when this might have been written? Come to the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation meeting at 4:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, at the Senior Citizens Center to learn the answer.

Fourth of July Planning Meeting Feb. 20

It is time to start planning for Sewanee's 31st Annual Fourth of July celebration. The Fourth of July Planning Committee invites everyone in the community to help in planning for the best celebration yet.

Committee meetings are at 5 p.m. at the Sewanee Senior Center. The first meeting is on Monday, Feb. 20. Subsequent meetings will be on April 17, May 8, and June 5, 12, 19 and 30.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate the food vendors and the children's games. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jade Barry at <jademcbee@gmail.com> or Erin Kunz at <erinckunz@icloud.com> or attend the meeting on Feb. 20.

EQB Club Meeting

The EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays at Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Sewanee Inn. James Pierce and Mike Bowden will give a presentation on Scotland.

Fall Festival Planning Meeting

A planning meeting for the Cowan Fall Festival will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at Cowan City Hall. All are invited to attend.

Sewanee Garden Club

The Sewanee Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27, at the home of Yolande Gottfried. The program will feature Verna Mae and Sam Lapp. They are the owners of the Lapp Nursery located outside of Cowan, which, in season, is a gardener's delight and a gathering place for the beauty and bounty of the plant world. The Garden Club always welcomes visitors and new members.

For questions contact Flournoy Rogers at <semmesrogers@gmail.com> or 598-0733.

SUD Meeting Feb. 28

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners will have its regular meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. Your board members are Art Hanson, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier and Karen Singer.

Meeting on Tennessee Promise

The Franklin County Democratic Party invites you to come hear Dr. Anthony Kinkel, President of Motlow State Community College, speak about the Tennessee Promise program. Learn how Tennessee Promise can help you, your child, community colleges and Tennessee. The meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Franklin County Annex Community Room (football stadium side), 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. All are invited to attend. A free chili dinner will be served. Donations are accepted.

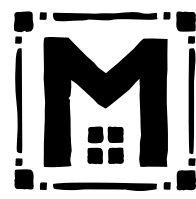
Allen to Speak on William & Mary's 'Lemon Project' For Reconciliation

The University of the South is pleased to welcome Jody Allen, Lemon Project co-chair and managing director at the College of William and Mary, to speak on her institution's multifaceted attempt to rectify wrongs perpetrated against African-Americans by the College. She will speak on "The Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation" at 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, in Gailor Auditorium.

In 2009, after student and faculty resolutions calling for a full investigation of the College's past, the William and Mary Board of Visitors acknowledged that the College had "owned and exploited slave labor from its founding to the Civil War; and that it had failed to take a stand against segregation during the Jim Crow Era." As a result, the Board offered its support for the establishment of The Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation. The Project is named for Lemon, a man who was once enslaved by the College of William & Mary. The full dimensions of Lemon's life and his relationship with the College are unknown. In many ways, Lemon stands in the place of the known and unknown African-Americans who helped to build, maintain, and move the College forward.

Jody L. Allen, a native of Hampton, Va., earned a doctorate in U.S. history at William and Mary (Williamsburg, Virginia) in 2007. African-American history is her area of specialization, including Reconstruction, the Jim Crow Era, school desegregation, and women and gender. Her dissertation considers the consequences of and responses to the 1902 Virginia constitution revisions that disfranchised most African-Americans and some whites. She is also working with a colleague to produce The Green Light, a documentary film on the school desegregation case, Charles C. Green v. the School Board of New Kent County, Virginia. This little-known 1968 Supreme Court decision led to the integration of public schools throughout the South. She co-authored "Recovering a 'Lost' Story Using Oral History: The United States Supreme Court's Historic Green v. New Kent County, Virginia, Decision," which appeared in The Oral History Review. Currently, Allen is a visiting assistant professor at William and Mary and the co-chair and managing director of The Lemon Project: A Journey of Reconciliation. Through her work on The Lemon Project, she is exploring the history of William and Mary's role as slaveholder and proponent of Jim Crow.

Allen's talk is sponsored by Universities Studying Slavery at Sewanee, the University Lectures Committee, the Departments of History and Politics, the American Studies and Pre-law Programs, and the Office of Civic Engagement.



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Keen Presents Research on Whales

Eric Keen, Sewanee Eco-Bio major, C'08, presents his dissertation research from Scripps Institution of Oceanography: a 3-year voyage with whales in the fjords of British Columbia to understand why they are there, and what might be at stake if a queue of proposed shipping lanes is introduced to the north coast. The event will take place at 4:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, in Blackman Auditorium. The talk is sponsored by Sewanee's Department of Biology.

The ocean's largest predators are famous for their ability to cross hemispheres, invoking highly sophisticated search strategies to somehow track down unpredictable prey resources in the immensity of the ocean. They are masters of vagrancy and foraging improvisation. So what are they doing, returning every year to the closed channels of a rainforest fjord? How do their refined search strategies transfer to this strange setting? How important is this place to their recovery from a century of whaling? And how important might these whales become, if given the chance, to this place?

For more information go to the research website < www.rvbangarang.org>.

Blood Assurance at SAS

On Friday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m., the St. Andrew's-Sewanee senior class will host a blood drive with Blood Assurance, Inc. The community is invited to participate.

Every pint of donated blood saves three lives. Additionally, all donations made through Blood Assurance remain in our middle Tennessee area. For more information, go to <https://donor.bloodassurance.org> or contact Lizzie Duncan at SAS <eduncan@sasweb.org> to schedule your appointment time. The Blood Assurance bus will be located in the SAS gym parking lot.

Story Writing: It's Not What You Think

Sewanee's Friends of the Library presents a talk by fiction writer Erin McGraw. McGraw will read from some of her recent work and discuss its origin and development, including the maddening way stories almost never go the way you think they're going to. The Friends meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Torian Room of Jessie Ball duPont Library. A reception will follow the talk.

Erin McGraw is the author of six books of fiction, most recently "Better Food for a Better World: a Novel." Her stories and essays have appeared in the Atlantic Monthly, the Kenyon Review, the Southern Review, STORY, Allure, Good Housekeeping, and many other journals and magazines. Recently retired from teaching at the Ohio State University, McGraw and her husband, poet Andrew Hudgins, live in Sewanee.

Free Income Tax Prep Available

The IRS-certified Sewanee Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is helping to process and file qualifying residents' income taxes. Any resident of Franklin, Grundy, or Marion counties who makes less than \$54,000 a year, is disabled, or is elderly qualifies for a free tax return.

Each resident interested in filing must bring proof of identification (a photo ID), social security cards (if filing jointly with another person then bring both social security cards and both individuals must be present), wage and earning statements (W-2, 1099, etc.), dividend and interest statements, birth dates of the resident(s) and dependent(s), and banking account and routing numbers for direct deposit (found on a blank check).

There are no appointments, all filing is done by walk-in. Each site will be open from noon until 5 p.m. For more information email <economic.development.vista@gmail.com>. Upcoming sites are: Saturday, Feb. 18, Franklin Co. Library, 105 S Porter St., Winchester; Sunday, Feb. 26, Sewanee Senior Center, 5 Ball Park Rd., Sewanee.



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Church News

All Saints' Chapel

Growing in Grace, All Saints' Chapel's contemporary worship service, continues Sunday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in All Saints' Chapel. The speaker will be Armonte Butler, C'17 and co-director of the Community Engagement House. This semester, Growing in Grace will focus on moments of our lives where we have "mountaintop experiences." The question we are asking is "How is your time on the Mountain?" whether it is four years or a lifetime, influencing the message you hope to share with the world. Growing in Grace features a student-led worship team, and a different speaker every week.

The Catechumenate will meet Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Women's Center. Desserts and coffee will be provided. Based around fellowship, study, openness, and conversation, the Catechumenate serves as a foundational piece for the Christian faith, as well as a forum for discussion for people of all backgrounds. All are welcome. Contact University Lay Chaplain Rob McAlister <rob.mcalister@sewanee.edu> for more information.

Christ Church Montecagle

This Sunday is Sexagesima in the older Anglican calendar. This means that is about 60 days before Easter and the short season of thoughtful preparation for the Lent has begun. This week is also the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Janani Luwum. On Sunday morning, both Martha Millsaps and Bishop William Millsaps will speak about their friendship with the Archbishop, which began in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1974. All Saints' Chapel in Sewanee and Westminster Abbey are among the places that have remembered Archbishop Luwum by placing statues of him in places of honor. But actual testimonies are needed to tell the real story.

The service of Holy Communion at Christ Church begins around 10:30 a.m. and is followed by lunch. Visitors are always welcome and are expected.

Christ the King Anglican Church

Christ the King will host a Community Open House 1–3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1231 Cumberland Street, Decherd. All are invited for fellowship and a tour. Chili, hot dogs, dessert and drinks will be provided.

Otey Parish

This Sunday, Feb. 19, in Christian Formation at 10 a.m., the Lectionary Class will explore Sunday's gospel in the Claiborne House, Adult Education Room. For the next two weeks there will only be one Godly Play class. Middle school and high school students have Sunday School in Brooks Hall. Infants 6 weeks to children 4 years old are invited to the nursery beginning at 8:30 a.m. until after the second service.

Teresa Phares will give the Adult Forum on "Parenting and the Religious Upbringing of Children."

Teresa Phares has a Master's degree in education, and will receive a Master of Arts degree in theology from the School of Theology in May. She recently completed the Advanced Training with Godly Play, and currently serves as the Registrar and Director of Membership for the Godly Play Foundation. She and her husband Nick, a senior seminarian, have three children. Teresa says, "I love being in the Godly Play room with the children, and being able to see their innate spirituality flourish as they are given a safe space to explore and learn theological language to articulate their spiritual experiences."

The Adult Forum meets in St. Mark's Hall in the Parish House at Otey from 10–10:50 a.m. All are cordially invited.

Centering Prayer Group in Winchester

Centering prayer, the prayer of silence, is a delightful and powerful way to experience God's presence and healing. Every Tuesday, a group of praying people meets in the prayer room at Trinity Episcopal Church on First Avenue in Winchester, 11 a.m.–noon. There are two 20 minute sits of centering prayer during the hour. If you can only join us for one sit, come at 11:30 a.m. when the second sit will begin.

Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like to join the group for lunch after prayer. Contact Laura Ellen Truelove at <lauraellent@comcast.net> or (615) 881-2492.

Wings of Hope Widows Ministry

The Wings of Hope Widows Ministry will meet at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, for a movie and popcorn. The event will be at Winchester Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 200 2nd Ave. NW, in Winchester. For a ride or more information call 636-4359.

Fat Tuesday at Otey

Bring on your beads and your fleur de lis for a New Orleans themed celebration in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish house. On Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m., you won't want to miss the Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by the Otey Parish Crewe. Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors!

Master Chef Gary Sturgis will return to his throne as Otey's chef extraordinaire. The menu will delight your taste buds with delectables such as Cajun gumbo, vegetarian red beans and rice, and Ginny's famous King Cakes. And what will the kids take – sausage and pancakes with all of the fixings. Lemonade and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beverage of choice. Entertainment will include musical debuts by several pillars of the community. Costumes of all kinds are strongly encouraged, but not required.

Tickets prices are \$6 per adult and \$2 per child, with no family paying more than \$20. RSVP to Frieda Gipson at <oteyparish@gmail.com> or 598-5926.

Atlanta Gift Supports School of Theology's Capital Campaign

The University of the South is pleased to announce a \$250,000 gift from the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta dedicated to its School of Theology.

In October 2016, the University of the South announced the launch of a \$250 million capital campaign, called Stronger Truer Sewanee—The Campaign for the University of the South. The campaign is the most ambitious in Sewanee's history, especially for the School of Theology whose goal is to raise \$25 million. To date the School has secured \$17 million towards that goal.

"The Diocese of Atlanta is delighted to partner with the University of the South to equip men and women for faithful Christian leadership for the 21st century and beyond," said the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta.

Through resources made available by the campaign, the University will move the School of Theology into a new building back to its historic home on central campus and will bolster its financial aid program, ensuring that all graduates begin their ministries with no debt related to their seminary education.

"The leadership of the bishop and Diocese of Atlanta is critical to Sewanee's future, particularly their support of the expanding work of the School of Theology," said the Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, dean of the School of Theology. "Bishop Wright shares our vision that theological education is the birthright of all of the baptized and the diocese's support is a major factor in helping us achieve that vision."

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services, Feb. 17–24

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Mary's (not 2/20)
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Chapel, Otey
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (not 2/20)
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Christ the King (2/21)
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's
4 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Paul's Chapel, Otey
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (not 2/20)

Saturday, Feb. 18

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's
7:30 a.m. Regents' Eucharist, St. Augustine's
10 a.m. Sabbath School, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
11 a.m. Worship Service, Monteagle 7th Day Adventist
5 p.m. Mass, Good Shepherd, Decherd

Sunday, Feb. 19

All Saints' Chapel

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

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School

12:50 p.m. Christian Formation Class

Christ Episcopal Church, Alto

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Sunday School

Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Adult Bible Study

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (child care provided)

Christ the King Anglican, Decherd

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:40 a.m. Sunday School

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Cowan Fellowship Church

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship Service

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Sunday School

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:50 a.m. Worship

Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 a.m. Mass

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church

9 a.m. Worship Service

10 a.m. Sunday School

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Service

6 p.m. Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study

11 a.m. Morning Service

6 p.m. Evening Service

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

10 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Breakfast

11 a.m. Worship Service

Monteagle First Baptist Church

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish Church

8:50 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service

St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service (Rite 1)

St. James Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Bishop visits

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service

6 p.m. Evening Service

Sisters of St. Mary's Convent

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

5 p.m. Evensong

Tracy City First Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6 p.m. Evening Worship

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday, Feb. 22

6 a.m. Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle

5 p.m. KA's, Bible study, meal, Monteagle First Baptist

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle

5:45 p.m. Youth, Bible study, meal, Monteagle First Baptist

6 p.m. Bible study, Monteagle First Baptist

6 p.m. Prayer and study, Midway Baptist

6 p.m. Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist

6 p.m. Prayer, Trinity Episcopal, Winchester

6:30 p.m. Community Harvest Church, Coalmont

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway

7 p.m. Adult Formation, Epiphany, Sherwood

7 p.m. Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist



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8 Jackson Point Rd.	1734341	\$36,000
9 Jackson Point Rd.	1734307	\$39,000

School Board (from page 1)

"We do a good job of recruiting qualified new teachers straight out of college," Lonas said, but she stressed the need to increase the incentive for teachers who pursue education beyond the master's degree level. She recommended a graduated salary increase over 20 years, estimating the cost at \$15,000 annually.

The supplements for coaches and coaching staff were necessary both to keep qualified coaches in the system and to make the Franklin County schools more competitive when recruiting personnel, Lonas explained. The pay scale proposed by Lonas called for a salary increase every other year. The funding would come from monies budgeted for salaries and wages under the athletics program.

Lonas also proposed supplementing administrators' salaries with increases during a three-year period. Lonas estimated the cost at \$41,000 the first year and \$13,900 for the next two years.

The board approved the salary supplements in all three areas for the term of the 2017-18 school year.

Updating the board on the Drug Education and Screening committee, North Middle School Principal Stanley Bean said, "More than a thousand drug tests were conducted county wide and only one student tested positive."

"I'm not so naive as to think, there is only one student using drugs," Bean acknowledged. "The students know the testing schedule."

"But our goal isn't to catch them," Bean insisted. "It's to prevent students from doing the wrong thing." He stressed the importance of drug education featuring "successful people who beat drugs and alcohol."

On Bean's recommendation, the board approved a revision to the drug testing policy bringing the middle school policy in line with the high school policy to stipulate a student would not be banned from sports unless the student tested positive three times.

The board also approved an amendment to the bus contract allowing drivers to transport students to a different location in the afternoon for after-school care and similar needs if parental permission was provided.

The board meets next on March 6 for a working session. The next regular board meeting is March 13 at Decherd Elementary.

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St. James (from page 1)

nity," she said. "I'll help them in any way that I can because I know how hard it is to get homework done at the end of the day and make sure your kids understand everything."

Carpenter noted that the program is also a gift to parents who know that homework will get done on Wednesdays between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., allowing for family time in the evening.

The tutoring idea was born after organizers noticed how many neighborhood kids visited the summer meal program at St. James, Carpenter said.

CAC Bonner Leader Allison Bruce was heavily involved in planning the program, and two community leaders and parents, Crystal Dykes and Amanda Knight, also joined the effort. In addition, Julia Bates, who was instrumental with tutoring programs in Maryland, shared her expertise.

Carpenter praised the partnership between CAC, the Midway community, St. James, students and retired teachers.

"To me, this is the perfect example of the way this town works," she said. "It's just connecting the dots."

The tutoring program starts with 15 minutes of free play, followed by snack time, which includes icebreaker games to encourage conversation. Then the tutoring begins, often with one teacher for each student. Tutors are required to undergo background checks and safeguard training.

The program is open to students in grades K-8. For more information, call (931) 636-2377 or email <cacoteyparish@gmail.com>.

Presidents' Day Closings

Presidents' Day is Monday, Feb. 20. All federal, state and county offices will be closed, including public schools, banks and post offices.

Convenience centers are also closed on national holidays.

The University and St. Andrew's-Sewanee will have classes.

Farm (from page 1)

to raise food for our family and that was our primary purpose."

Leslie Lytle, president of Rooted Here, said there is a strong movement toward organic and sustainable farming, especially in the greater Sewanee area.

"We couldn't have done this (panel discussion) 10 years ago," she said. "We're lucky to live in a community that will pay for organic."

Wayne Diller and wife Margaret grew up on dairy farms and together with their three daughters and neighbors help, they operate Nature's Wealth in Skymont. Nature's Wealth raises meat goats and chickens using open-range methods.

"We decided to do this partly because we believe an occupation should be like the Bible directs us, 'to maintain good works for necessary uses,' and we wanted to provide a useful service to society," he said.

Diller said because his chickens aren't confined like commercial operations, they are healthier and tastier. He noted that two of his daughters and two women from the neighborhood can dress about 200 chickens in a day. Sewanee's dining hall is the farm's top customer.

Paul Spell and his wife own Humble Heart Farms in Elkmont, Ala., where they raise goats for cheese.

"Last year was our best year ever and it looks very promising for the near future," he said. "My wife and I went into this first; I wanted three goats, she wanted 10 and we ended up buying 100 goats."

Spell said some people complain about the prices of their cheese compared to big chain stores, but noted the amount of work that goes into it and the lack of fillers and other additives.

"We always joke that we only work half a day, from sun up to sun down," Spell said. "Nowadays we go out there when it's dark and we come home when it's dark. People don't know what it is to farm."

Matt Sparacio of Cove Creek Farm in Tracy City stressed being environmentally friendly and raising healthy food, but also noted that small

operations are as challenged by commercial farms with a larger volume who get the animals to market faster. But like Diller, he said his products are healthier for consumers.

"We raise our pigs for an extra two months to get them between 225 and 250 pounds, whereas a feed lot is feeding them out in five months at 300 to 350 pounds," Sparacio said.

Caleb and Amy Rae of Solace Farm in Coalmont are utilizing reclaimed strip-mining land to raise beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, alpaca and other animals.

Like the other panelists, the Raes promote rotational grazing, moving livestock frequently to preserve the land, cut down on parasite cycles and concentrate the benefits of grazing.

"All of us are creating and maintaining ecosystems that support other species," Caleb said. "Look at a big monocrop, with 200 to 300 acre pastures of soybeans; there's an occasional deer that's going to walk through there but the ecological diversity is incredibly low."

Jess Wilson of Summer Fields and In Town Organics in Monteagle, raises a variety of livestock and produce, but she primarily discussed her sheep, which are raised for meat and wool.

"My goal overall in life is to put more carbon into the soil than I put in the atmosphere. That's what we're trying to do with our farm," she said.

Wilson said part of her and her husband's flock include the endangered Gulf Coast native sheep, which the Spaniards brought to this country in the 1500s. They bred the Gulf Coast sheep with larger varieties to increase heat tolerance, parasite and disease resistance and to have larger growing sheep, she said.

The wool that she sells is varied, Wilson noted.

"We found that people we sell wool to aren't necessarily interested in it being super soft, but they're interested in it being funky," she said.

More information about these farmers and their products can be found at <rootedhere.com> and <sewanee.locallygrown.net>.

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Senior Center News

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

Feb. 20: Cabbage patch soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dessert.

Feb. 21: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, kale salad, roll, dessert.

Feb. 22: Reuben sandwich, chips, dessert.

Feb. 23: Pork roast, gravy, red potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.

Feb. 24: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at 598-0771.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen before and after lunch, especially on Friday. Please call the Senior Center at 598-0771 or Connie Kelley at 598-0915 if you are willing to help.

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ANGEL WITH AN ATTITUDE

by Virginia Craighill



Dear Angel,
How can we keep Sewanee from succumbing to the Fake News virus? It seems highly contagious.

Signed, Fact-Checker

Dear Checkered Facts,

Sewanee is the kingdom of Fake News. All you have to do is take a stroll down the street, start a conversation with the first person you see, and you're guaranteed to have enough Alternative Facts before you reach home to get a guest spot on Fox News. For example, every Christmas, we're told about the "Sewanee Deer Massacre," yet by springtime, happy extended families appear on our lawns to terrorize our gardens. Perhaps we can get President Trump to deport them.

It is also possibly true that the reason I never win "Gas of the Week" at Sewanee Auto is because hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants stuff fake names into the wicker pig basket-thing while Harold isn't looking. I know this because Bernhard Langer saw them on his way to play golf at the Sewanee Inn. Ask students how class registration went, and they will tell you (and their parents) that Russia hacked into Banner so no seats would be available in micro- or macroeconomics, thus ensuring the downfall of Western Civilization and forcing them to major in philosophy.

Fact-check these Sewanee news items: there's going to be a round-about in front of the Market on 41; Ivanka Trump has signed a contract with Barnes & Noble to sell her clothing brand at the Sewanee Bookstore; the School of Theology is moving to the BC; Cravens Hall is scheduled to be renovated as a disco roller-skating rink and bowling alley (actually, that's a pretty good idea—let's find a donor); some of the farm goats became McClurg Happy Meals (oops, that one's true). Yes, Sewanee was Post-Truth before Post-Truth was cool.

Signed, Angel with an Attitude

Dear Angel,

I've noticed that not only is Julia's shut down, but most of the houses on University Avenue and around central campus seem empty most of the time. Is Sewanee turning into a ghost town?

Signed, Lonely

Dear Lonely,

Sewanee has not turned ghost town so much as it has become a Chautauqua, a nouveau Monteagle Assembly. It's a weekend watering hole for the second-home set who wish to be provided with cultural entertainment and golf-and-country-club living without the pricey country club initiation fees and annual dues. So few full-time residents live on University Avenue, and the vicinity, that children trick-or-treating on central campus would have to resort to the fraternity houses to find any treats, which would be unwise.

The houses once owned by faculty and community members are out of the price range of most University employees, but seem like a bargain to those in the market for a vacation home in an idyllic college town. Meanwhile, the employees, who provide the charm and local color, not to mention the raison d'être, have to commute from Cowan, Chattanooga, Winchester, Nashville, or the slums of Wiggins & Wiggins II, to do their jobs.

There's no need, however, to kick the plutocrats out, as most of them are good people who help the local economy and sometimes paint other people's mailboxes, but the University should provide some housing options for the underclass. A Trump Tower in the Village might be ostentatious, but if the lease committee raises the Transfer Fee, it would be enough to build a neighborhood of adorable Tiny Houses on the quad. Sales on houses to non-residents could also be contingent on a clause requiring owners to work on Habitat for Faculty houses one weekend a month, before their tee time.

Either way, it would be nice to have a full-time community in our community.

Signed, Angel



The Sewanee Children's Center welcomes you to their open house Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m.–noon. SCCF is a cooperative preschool that provides developmentally appropriate teaching and learning for children ages 18 months to four-years-old in its preschool program, and for children in kindergarten through second grade in its after-school program. For more information go to <<http://sewaneechildrenscenter.org/>> or call Sandy Glacet at (931) 598-5928.

SCCF's Make A Difference Day of Service

The South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF) will host a Plateau-wide day of service at the local elementary schools on Saturday, March 4, 8 a.m.–noon. Service sites include all six Grundy County elementary schools, Monteagle Elementary and Sewanee Elementary. Each site has a handful of school-chosen projects that will benefit the children, parents and community members. Projects include murals, adding playground mulch, landscaping, library improvement activities and much more.

The day of service is the first special event in a year long celebration of the Community Fund's 5th Anniversary. "We really wanted to involve both students and adults in school improvement projects," said Laura Willis, the Fund's Executive Director. The schools and local VISTA volunteers have been planning the projects for several months. The SCCF is asking Plateau community members to volunteer on March 4 at their neighborhood elementary school and give back a little to make a huge difference in their community and in the daily lives of the local children.

Participants will receive a Make a Difference T-shirt and breakfast and snacks will be served at all sites. Child care will be available for those children too young to assist. In addition to the service activities, each school will host an "Appreciation Table" where cards of thanks can be made for local school personnel and community emergency workers.

Established in 2012, SCCF works to improve the quality of life across the Plateau by increasing philanthropy and supporting leadership of the area's communities, schools, and nonprofit organizations. Since its founding, SCCF has reinvested nearly \$750,000 in projects that benefit the Plateau.

All those interested in volunteering may either sign up in their local school office or by visiting the SCCF website at <www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org> by Feb. 27.

For more information email <scfvista@gmail.com> or call (931) 636-6566.

SES Menus

Feb. 20–24

LUNCH

Monday, Feb. 20: No school.

Tuesday, Feb. 21: Turkey sub, Philly steak and cheese, tomato soup, steamed broccoli, side salad, fruit, crackers, cookie.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Breakfast for Lunch: Sausage, egg, yogurt, potato sidewinders, cherry tomatoes, biscuit, Grahams, fruit, gravy, jelly.

Thursday, Feb. 23: Oriental chicken, spaghetti, buttered corn, veggie cup, roasted vegetables, fruit, rice, garlic breadstick.

Friday, Feb. 24: Pizza, taco soup, kale chips, ranch potatoes, vegetable juice, fruit, spicy cracker bites.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

Monday, Feb. 20: No school.

Tuesday, Feb. 21: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, jelly.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Buttered toast, egg patty, cheese, jelly.

Thursday, Feb. 23: Yogurt or mini donuts.

Friday, Feb. 24: Biscuit, gravy, jelly or Dutch waffle.

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

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AT THE MOVIES

SEWANEE UNION THEATRE

Friday–Sunday, Feb. 17–19, 7:30 p.m.

Edge of 17

R • 104 minutes

In a moving version of the classic high-school dilemma, Nadine (Hailee Steinfeld) is a quirky teen with a marked distaste for her fellow high school “mouth breathers.” Following the death of her father, Nadine feels like an outsider not only at school but in her own home, with her only outlets being her childhood best friend (Haley Richardson) and a particularly sardonic high-school teacher (Woody Harrelson).

Nadine comes to a breaking point, after an alcohol-fueled night, when she stumbles into her brother’s room to find him in bed with her best friend. Later, she makes an even worse discovery: they genuinely like each other.

While things get worse for Nadine before they get better, this movie provides hope for the teenage despondent in each of us. Of all the punks, geeks, and underachieving teachers in her world, the person she underestimates the most turns out to be herself. Given the opportunity, the people around Nadine tend to defy expectations for better or for worse. See “Edge of 17” and relive your teenage dread. Spoiler alert: you will come out of it.

CINEMA GUILD

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Birth of a Nation

R • 120 minutes

Based on the events of the Nat Turner slave rebellion, “Birth of a Nation” illustrates a heroic drama that demands, by way of blood, its place in the American slave narrative. Nat, played by actor and director Nate Parker, becomes the spiritual leader of the slave community when his owner begins renting out Nat’s preaching skills to neighboring plantation owners, who hope to quell dissension among their own slaves using holy writ. Initially complacent, the beating and rape of his wife renders Nat unable to remove the horrific imagery of slavery from his mind. An image of a young white girl tugging her black counterpart by a rope, etches itself especially deeply. Dramatic imagery of the slave south interlaced with the lingering themes of an almost-forgotten Africa creates a visual epic that is both beautiful and hard to look at.

SEWANEE UNION THEATRE

Thursday–Sunday, Feb. 23–26, 7:30 p.m.

La La Land

PG-13 • 128 minutes

A series of chance encounters aligns Mia (Emma Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), an aspiring jazz pianist with visions of his own nightclub, in a romance doused with movie magic. The couple dances through a world of exaggerated color themes followed by a camera that at times maintains lengthy side scrolling uncut shots and in other instances leans heavily on fade outs and jump cuts. The resulting viewing experience is combination theatrical and cinematic. The couple willingly embraces the stage and the screen as the plane of their dreams before a reality check threatens their relationship. The ending is a beautiful but heart wrenching compromise between the L.A. dream and the logistics of life and love. “Here’s to the ones who dream, foolish as they may seem.”

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Four by Four, digital collage by Frances Perea

‘Four Leggs’ Community Art Show Opening

The Franklin County Arts Guild announces the opening of its second community show of the year on February 16th at the Artisan Depot in Cowan. The show is themed “Four Leggs” and will feature a number of interpretations of the theme including dancers, dinner, and a few sheep. There will be an opening reception 5–7 p.m., today (Friday), Feb. 17, at the Depot. Everyone is invited to attend. The show will run through March 26.

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

for the next community show, “Wild Mixed Media,” should submit their work at the Artisan Depot from March 23–26th during gallery operating hours. Each artist is free to interpret the theme of each show as they wish.

The Artisan Depot is operated by the Franklin County Arts Guild and is located at 204 Cumberland St. East in Cowan. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, and 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday.

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

Honky Tonk Concerts This Weekend

On Feb. 17–18, several of the Lone Star Capital’s hottest musicians will bring a taste of Texas to our Tennessee mountain home. Concerts will be at Brown’s Pool Room, Shenanigans and Mi Casa. Tickets are available at the door.

“Veteran songwriter’s songwriter” Lew Card kicks things off at 8 p.m., today (Friday), Feb. 17 at Brown’s Pool Room in Cowan, with Mayeux & Broussard’s “cosmic swampy tonk” following. Tickets are \$12.

Strahan and the Good Neighbors bring “American Old School” to Shenanigans in Sewanee at 9 p.m., today (Friday), Feb. 17. Tickets are \$7.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, Brooke & Dawn will give a free concert at Mi Casa in Monteagle at 6:30 p.m. At 9 p.m., Mayeux & Broussard give a command performance at Shenanigans. Tickets are \$7. Starting at 9 p.m., Strahan and the Good Neighbors are opening for Mike and the Moonpies at Brown’s Pool Room. Tickets are \$12. For more information go to <https://m.facebook.com/honkytonkdestination/>.



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‘Children of a Certain Age’ at SAS Gallery

St. Andrew’s Sewanee School’s Gallery welcomes the work of photographer Jane Izard. The exhibition draws on both Izard’s portraits of children commissioned for clients such as The Nature Conservancy and Hallmark Baby and from Izard’s personal work, documenting the lives of young family members and friends.

A reception celebrating the exhibition will be in the SAS Gallery, 5–7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19. The public is invited to attend. The show is on exhibit until March 8.

Talk on Art Conservation

A talk by Craig Crawford, a conservator of oil paintings with nearly 30 years of experience, will open the new exhibition at University Archives and Special Collections, “Creativity and Craftsmanship: Selections from the Permanent Collection.”

Crawford’s presentation is at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Lytle Reading Room, in University Archives and Special Collections. A reception will follow the talk.

Dancewise: from the heART

Theatre Sewanee presents DanceWise: From the heART, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 24–26, at the Tennessee Williams Center’s Proctor Hill Theatre. The four performances are at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24; 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25; and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26.

Viola da Gamba Concert

An informal faculty concert of primarily Renaissance music will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Chapel of the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle. The concert is part of Music on the Mountain, an early music workshop for viola da gamba players, and will feature five internationally recognized performers and teachers. The concert is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

‘Homeless at Home’

The Carlos Gallery in the Nabit Art Building at the University of the South is pleased to present a collection of images, letters, poems and photographs revealing glimpses into the lives of LGBT youth growing up in rural Tennessee. The “Homeless at Home: Growing up LGBT in Rural Tennessee” exhibition also presents student art, artifacts and texts that explore the experience of being alienated from one’s home by harassment and prejudice. A reception and conversation will be at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Carlos Gallery.





Sewanee's Clem Davila (left) and Darby Duval celebrate their doubles win over Centre College on Feb. 12 in Sewanee. The women's tennis team opened the season with wins against both Piedmont (9-0) and Centre (8-1) during the weekend. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

SAS Basketball Ends Season in District Tournament

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's boys' varsity basketball team lost a close game on Feb. 6 to South Pittsburg, 59-52, to end the regular season.

SAS sophomore Jaylen Tillman turned in his best performance of the season recording 21 points and six rebounds; Emmanuel Thombs had 10 points and 11 rebounds; Blaise Zeitler posted eight points and four assists; Kenneth Thomas added seven points and seven assists; Dustin Stensby had four points; and Larson Heitzenrater scored two.

In the district tournament, SAS

lost in the first round to The Kings' Academy, 52-30.

The Mountain Lions struggled to score points but they held Kings' to 22 first half points.

Tillman led SAS with 12 points; Thomas chimed in with five; Heitzenrater added four; John Grammer, Thombs and Zeitler scored three points respectively.

Thomas and Zeitler were selected to the Division II-A East/Middle All-District Team.

SAS finished the season with an 11-13 record.

Tigersharks Name 2017 Coaching Staff

The Sewanee Tigersharks, one of the longest-running and most successful summer programs on the Mountain, recently announced John Noffsinger, Mountain Aquatic Club head coach, will assume the helm of the Tigersharks beginning May 22.

Noffsinger will focus specifically on developing the skills of the Junior I and II and PreSenior groups this season. Coach Alyssa Summers will continue her work of the past two summers with the Tigersharks by focusing specifically on developing older swimmers as the Senior group assistant coach. Assistant Coach Nan Long will continue in her third season as the Rookie coach.

Noffsinger volunteered as a Tigersharks coach in the 2016 summer season and took on the head coaching position of Mountain Aquatic Club (MAC) in the fall of 2016. He is a certified USA Swimming coach and a certified Level II coach with the American Swim Coaches' Association.

After starting as an age-group swimmer with the University of Hawaii, Noffsinger swam with the Silver Spring, Md., YMCA. He went on to swim for West Virginia University on an athletic scholarship and was co-captain for the WVU Mountaineers his senior year. In the past 30 years, he has coached in Fort Mead, Md., Lufkin, Texas, and Dothan, Ala.. He was also a certified USA Swimming official, officiating many meets where his three daughters competed.

Summers started her swim career at 10 years old on a summer league team just like the Tigersharks, and then moved to year-round swimming with Vancouver Swim Club in Washington and then with the Multnomah Aquatic Club in Portland, Ore., in high school. She attended Lawrence University, where she was a National Team Member in 1999 and the Midwest Conference Swimmer of the Year in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Coach Summers set several Lawrence University records, three of which are still standing. She was inducted into the Lawrence Hall of Fame in 2010.

In addition to her strong background as a swimmer and coach with Mountain Aquatic Club, Summers has served as the assistant coach for the Appleton YMCA swim team, assistant coach for Nike summer swim camps, and a swim instructor for Vanderbilt Summer Swim. She is married to Rich Summers and lives in Sewanee with her two kids, Anara and Eli.

Prior to her previous two seasons as Rookie coach with the Tigersharks, Long spent six years as the 10 and under coach for Tullahoma Swim Club and spent two years teaching private swim lessons. Additionally, she is currently the assistant coach of the St. Andrew's-Sewanee swim team, returning to that role after a brief hiatus. Long was previously assistant coach at SAS from 2005-09, head coach from 2013-15, and was named Coach of the Year in 2013 by the Middle Tennessee High School Swim Association.

The Tigersharks encourage young people ages four to 18 to participate regardless of skill level, from the beginner to the more advanced year-round swimmer.

The Sewanee Tigersharks 2017 season starts on Monday, May 22. Rookie I and II practices are Monday through Thursday, 3:15-4 p.m. and Junior I and II practices are Monday through Thursday, 4-4:45 p.m. PreSenior and Senior practice is Monday through Friday, 4:45-6 p.m. Practices then switch to a morning and afternoon schedule. More information is available at <sewanee.tigersharks.com>.

For questions, email John Noffsinger at <noffsij@gmail.com> or Marion Knoll at <sewaneetigersharks@gmail.com>.



Christian Taylor

Taylor Earns State Berth

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School boys' varsity wrestling team competed in the TSSAA Division II East/Middle Section Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 28 at McCallie School, and earned one state bid.

Senior Christian Taylor placed second overall in the 170-pound weight class, securing his spot in the Tennessee State Wrestling Tournament.

"The team wrestled well against some very stiff competition," said SAS coach Sam Montgomery. "We are very proud of Christian's performance against all of his opponents."

Taylor will be joining senior Zafrah Fortune at the state wrestling competition at the Ag Expo Center in Franklin, Feb. 17-18.

Middle School Volleyball Faces North and Swiss

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee middle school volleyball team opened its season on Feb. 6 with a split at home against Swiss Memorial and North Elementary schools.

The Mountain Lions lost to Swiss (25-17, 25-18) and defeated North in two sets (25-16, 25-23).

Lakin Laurendine and Lucy Casell led the way for SAS on offense with strong serving performances. Laurendine also led the team in kills.

Lauren Wockasen, Hannah Moss and Luciana Mollica turned in strong defensive performances.

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Left: Will DuBose finished tied for second in the pole vault at the Feb. 11 Tiger Indoor Invitational in Sewanee. **Above:** Sewanee's Ash Midyett took second place in the 800-meter run. Photos by Lyn Hutchinson

Home Games

Friday, Feb. 17

9 a.m. University Track and Field at Sewanee Indoor Invitational

Saturday, Feb. 18

11.30 a.m. University Baseball vs. Wilmington (DH)

1 p.m. University Women's Basketball vs. Centre

3 p.m. University Men's Basketball vs. Centre

Sunday, Feb. 19

1 p.m. University Baseball vs. Wilmington

Thursday, Feb. 23

4:30 p.m. SAS MS Boys' Soccer vs. South Middle School

Friday, Feb. 24

Noon University Baseball vs. Wheaton (Ill.)

*Thanks for reading the
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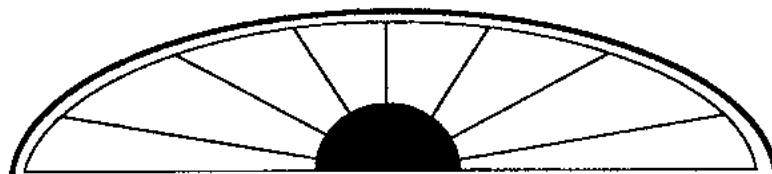


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NATURENOTES



First bloom, interestingly, situated on a north-sloping hill, adjacent to Lost Cove, on Sherwood Road. Photo by Deb and Rick Dreves



These first blooms were at the edge of the woods behind the house. Photo by Louis Rice III

First Blooms of Spring

In response to the invitation in Nature Notes to report the first blooms of the season, we received these responses from Deb and Rick Dreves, and Louis Rice III on Feb. 9. From the Sewanee Herbarium walk to Shakerag, Jon Evans reported, "Nothing yet except one white hepatica! Warm winter is not fooling the forest wildflowers."

—reported by Yolande Gottfried

Shade Solutions Workshop

On Saturday, Feb. 25, St. Mary's Convent will host garden designer June Mays. She will share planting techniques and design tips for a flourishing garden with rich plant diversity in her Shade Solutions Workshop.

Mays is a part-time resident of the Sewanee community, enjoying her second career as a garden designer, lecturer and writer. She completed her education in garden design at the English Garden School in London, and since then has designed more than 100 gardens. Her workshop at St. Mary's will incorporate her knowledge of plants, her aesthetic eye, and her awareness of how gardens grow and evolve. She will also offer tips that gardeners at any skill level can appreciate and apply.

Mays emphasizes the growth potential of gardens, discussing not just what type of plants are suitable for certain environments, but also where such plants should be positioned. The vastness of what happens below the soil can be daunting to understand, and Mays will address these complexities in her workshop. Understanding root systems, root zones, canopy zones, and plant spacing is central to a successful garden. Mays will discuss how to create a garden of intentionality by using space purposefully, whether through placement of paths or plants, fostering reflection and contemplation and making the garden a sacred space.

Mays is exceptionally knowledgeable of climate and plant interactions and attendees can expect her to offer a range of plant suggestions for every type of garden. Attendees should consider their own garden's limitations and assets prior to the workshop. Bring an open mind and perhaps a few questions to take full advantage of Mays' reservoir of planting advice.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon. The cost is \$20 per person. Reserve your space by calling the Convent at 598-0046 or register at the door. For more information about Mays go to <www.junemays.com>.



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State Park Offerings

Sunday, Feb. 19

Big Creek Rim/Laurel Trails Run —Join Ranger Aaron at 8 a.m. at the Stone Door parking lot, 1183 Stonedoor Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a moderate 7-mile trail run past the Great Stone Door and the other overlooks on the Big Creek Rim trail. Runners must be able to keep at least a 12 minute per mile pace. Wear trail shoes and bring a water bottle.

Sunday, Feb. 26

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Community Calendar

Today, Friday, Feb. 17

- 7 a.m. Curbside recycling
- 8 a.m. Come & See 2017, S of T Hamilton Hall
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 12 p.m. Spinal Spa/Fascial Release with Kim, Fowler Ctr
- 5 p.m. Four Leggs art show reception, Artisan Depot, Cowan, until 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Edge of 17," SUT
- 8 p.m. Live music, Lew Card, Mayeux & Broussard, Brown's Pool Room, Cowan (\$12)
- 9 p.m. Live music, Strahan and the Good Neighbors, Shenanigans (\$7)

Saturday, Feb. 18

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Richard, Comm Ctr
- 9 a.m. Sewanee Children's Center open house, 216 University Ave., until noon
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until noon
- 10 a.m. Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 UDC, Franklin-Pearson House, Cowan
- 10 a.m. Monteagle Baseball sign-ups, City Hall, until 2 p.m.
- 12 p.m. Senior Potluck, Senior Citizen Center
- 12 p.m. Free income tax prep help, FC Library, 105 Porter St., Winchester, until 5 p.m.
- 6 p.m. FC Chamber Casino Night, 313 Wilton Circle, Winchester, until 10 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Live music, Brooke & Dawn, Mi Casa (free)
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Edge of 17," SUT
- 9 p.m. Live music, Mayeux & Broussard, Shenanigans (\$7)
- 9 p.m. Live music, Strahan and the Good Neighbors, Mike and the Moon Pies, Brown's (\$12)

Sunday, Feb. 19

- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, instruction, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Community Ctr
- 5 p.m. Izard art reception, SAS Gallery, until 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "Edge of 17," SUT

Monday, Feb. 20 • Presidents' Day

FC, GC, MC Schools no classes

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee with Sewanee alum George Horton, C'71, Blue Chair Tavern
- 9 a.m. Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 10 a.m. Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Ctr
- 10:30 a.m. Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr
- 1 p.m. Wings of Hope Widows meeting, movie and popcorn, Winchester CP, 200 NW 2nd St.
- 1:30 p.m. Sewanee Book Club, Dozier residence
- 4:30 p.m. Whales talk, Keen, Blackman Aud., Woods Lab
- 4:30 p.m. STHP, Senior Center
- 5 p.m. Fourth of July planning meeting, Senior Center
- 5 p.m. Racial Reconciliation talk, Allen, Gailor
- 5 p.m. Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga for Healing with Lucie, Comm Ctr
- 6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults, 7 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Sewanee Choral, Guerry choral room

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Ctr
- 9:30 a.m. Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Bingo, Sewanee Senior Ctr
- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Trinity Episcopal, Winchester
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12 p.m. Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Ctr
- 3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer support grp, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 4:30 p.m. Friends of Library, McGraw, Torian Room, duPont
- 5 p.m. SCCF Grant info session, Grundy EMS, Coalmont
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga with Richard, Legion Hall
- 7:30 p.m. CG Movie, "The Fountainhead," (free), SUT

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.; also 1-3 p.m.

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- 10 a.m. Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Ctr
- 10 a.m. Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Ctr
- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Trinity Episcopal, Winchester
- 12 p.m. EQB Luncheon, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga with Helen, Comm Ctr
- 6:30 p.m. Folk Music Collective, St. Luke's, until 8 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Catechumenate, Women's Ctr
- 7:30 p.m. CG Movie, "Birth of a Nation," (free), SUT

Thursday, Feb. 23

- 8 a.m. Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, Herbarium, Spencer Hall
- 9 a.m. Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Ctr
- 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 11 a.m. Tai Chi with Kathleen (advanced), Comm Ctr
- 12 p.m. Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Ctr
- 12:30 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home support group, 598-0303
- 2 p.m. Knitting circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.
- 3 p.m. Homework help, St. James, until 5 p.m.
- 3 p.m. GC Elem P-T Conferences, until 5 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Waffle supper, 1st Baptist, Monteagle, until 7 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Art Conservation talk, Crawford, Lytle Reading Room, Univ Archives & Special Collections
- 6 p.m. Cowan RR Museum fall festival planning meeting, Cowan City Hall
- 6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults, 7 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "La La Land" SUT

Friday, Feb. 24

- 8:30 a.m. Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. SAS Blood Drive, SAS gym pkg lot, until 2:30 p.m.
- 12 p.m. Spinal Spa/Fascial Release with Kim, Fowler Ctr
- 7:30 p.m. Theatre Sewanee, DanceWise, TN Williams Ctr Proctor Hill Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. Movie, "La La Land," SUT

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

- 7 a.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- 7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 12 p.m. AA, Claiborne Hall, Otey

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