

Retired Sewanee professor George Ramseur gowned granddaughter Carolyn Ramseur, a sophomore from Ocean Springs, Miss., at the University's opening convocation for the Easter semester on Jan. 24. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

State Legislature Looking at Class Size, Evaluations

by K. G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

There are several education issues facing the current session of the Tennessee State Legislature, including maximum class sizes, alternative pay schedule and teacher evaluations.

House Bill 2348 and Senate Bill 2210 are to amend certain parts of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, in regard to pupil-teacher ratios, which would eliminate state-imposed average class size limits. This bill is designed to give local schools districts "more options in how they approach classroom instruction and teacher compensation by maintaining maximum class size requirements, but eliminating average class size mandates for each school." This bill would also eliminate the requirement of state and local salary schedules based on seniority and training, which gives districts the flexibility to make decisions based on how hard it is to staff certain schools and subjects, and on rewarding teacher performance.

Under the proposals, for grades K-3, the maximum class size would be 25 pupils. For grades 4-6, the maximum class size would be 30 pupils. For grades 7-12, the maximum class size would be 35 pupils. For career and technical education classes, the maximum class size would be 25 pupils.

Franklin County director of schools Rebecca Sharber said in a recent meeting she hopes this new legislation will give districts flexibility "to relax the ratio and keep districts from hiring another teacher if a classroom number goes up by one."

House Bill 2256 is an act that would eliminate state and local salary schedules based strictly on seniority and college training. Instead, salaries would be based on how tough a teaching job is to fill and on teacher performance.

House Bill 2315 and Senate Bill 2449 would postpone the use of the new teacher evaluation system. HB 2324 and SB 2450 would postpone the use of the new teacher evaluations and their use for tenure decisions. HB 2448 and SB 2525 would create a committee to study the teacher evaluation system known as the Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model. Legislators have agreed that common-sense changes to the evaluation system will be made. Governor Bill Haslam has asked for a study of the new teacher evaluation system amid criticism over the system's "fairness and practicality."

Most agree that the new teacher evaluation system was needed, but where it falters is in its implementation. Sharber said she hopes this year's data will not be used to make decisions about teachers.

Currently, a teacher is evaluated on qualitative and quantitative data. The 50 percent quantitative evaluation comes from student academic achievement. Thirty-five percent of the score is from the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System student growth measure. The other 15 percent of the quantitative evaluation comes from alternate student achievement data selected by the teacher and principal from a list of state-approved options. For teachers in non-tested grades and subjects, their quantitative evaluation is based on schoolwide value-added data.

Most of these bills are in the Tennessee Education Subcommittee. Rep. David Alexander would like to hear what his constituents think about these proposed bills. Contact him at <rep.david.alexander@capitol.tn.gov>. For complete information, go to <www.tn.gov>.

Destructive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Discovered in Franklin County

Exotic Infestation Locally is the Westernmost Sighting

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) was discovered in the Sewanee area this week. Paul Medling, a Sewanee sophomore majoring in natural resources, discovered the first documented infestation of this exotic pest in Franklin County. This discovery extends the known Tennessee range of this destructive species by more than 40 miles, according to Domain manager Nate Wilson.

Since Medling's discovery, another infestation has been found in Abbo's Alley, Wilson said.

If you suspect woolly adelgid on a hemlock on your lease, contact Wilson at 598-1268 for a list of treatment options.

The HWA has now been found in 16 states. It can kill a healthy hemlock in as few as three years and has had profound effects on the forest ecosystem in many hemlock-rich portions of the Appalachians.

The HWA is a very small insect that stations itself on the base of the tree's needles and feeds on the phloem sap. During its youth, it is reddish-brown to purplish-black in color, Wilson said, but as it matures, the HWA produces a white woolly cover that protects it and its eggs from predators and the environment.

The most effective treatment involves systemic insecticides injected in the hemlock. Once treated, the tree can resist reinfestation for as long as eight years.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) *Adelges tsugae* was first described in western North America in 1924 and first reported in the eastern United States in 1951 near Richmond, Va.

Native to Japan and China, the HWA is an aphid-like insect barely visible to the naked eye. What is visible is the white, waxy wool that covers the adelgid. A sure sign of HWA infestation is tiny cottony tufts at the base of hemlock needles. The wool is present throughout the year, but is most prominent in late spring.

The HWA feeds on the sap at the base of hemlock needles, restricting nutrients to the foliage and causing the



Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

needles to change from deep green to a grayish green and then fall off. Without needles the tree starves to death, usually within three to five years of the initial attack. Another sign of HWA infestation is thinning in the crown of the hemlock tree.

The HWA currently infests about one-half of the area where hemlocks grow in the East. In Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, 80 percent of the hemlocks are dead, according to the Forest Service.

Hemlocks may live up to 800 years or more. They thrive in the shade where their thick, evergreen foliage helps

maintain moisture and moderate temperatures on the forest floor. Hemlocks help cool mountain streams that are home to trout and other native fish, as well as crawfish, salamanders, and numerous aquatic insects. In winter, hemlocks moderate ground-level temperatures and help keep streams ice-free. In thick hemlock boughs, many birds find shelter and places to nest. In one study, 96 percent of all wood thrush nests found by surveyors were in hemlocks. Some warblers only nest in hemlocks.

The devastation caused by the HWA cannot be underestimated. Foresters warn of a potential disaster comparable to the chestnut blight, which eliminated chestnut trees from the Southern Appalachians and radically changed the forest composition of the Southeast. The first HWA infestations were found in the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests in 2001 and in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 2002. The number of infested sites continues to grow.

To see more pictures and video of the Sewanee discovery, go to <<http://protectnforests.org/HWA/HWA.html>>.



Paul Medling

SCAC Names All-Academics

The Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) announced that 63 Sewanee student-athletes earned SCAC All-Academic status for the 2011 fall semester.

To be named SCAC All-Academic, a student-athlete must achieve a 3.25 GPA or higher during their semester of competition.

"It's most gratifying when our student-athletes are recognized by the conference for their academic accomplishments," said Mark Webb, director of athletics at the University. "I congratulate each of them for the outstanding manner in which they represent their respective sports."

The following teams had students earn the All-Academic status for the fall semester: women's cross country (six students); men's cross country (five); field hockey (seven); football (17); women's soccer (11); men's soccer (11); and volleyball (six).

The SCAC consists of Austin College, Birmingham-Southern College, Centre College, Colorado College, the University of Dallas, Hendrix College, Millsaps College, Oglethorpe University, Rhodes College, Sewanee, Southwestern University and Trinity University.

Support the Community Chest.

Blair String Quartet at SAS

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will host the Blair String Quartet at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10., for a free public concert in McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts. A faculty ensemble of Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music, the members of the ensemble are Christian Teal, violin; Cornelia Heard, violin; John Kochanowski, viola; Felix Wang, cello.

For more information, go to <www.sasweb.org>.

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Letters

SAS FACULTY-STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

To the Editor:

This week, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School celebrated Faculty-Staff Appreciation Week. Those who nurture our students both intellectually and socially on a daily basis—our fabulous faculty and staff—were showered with personal cards, notes and homemade goodies. In addition, a continental breakfast was given in their honor. Parents' Council member Delanna Rhoton chaired the week's events, and parent Sharon Turner supervised the card-making festivities.

It is our sincere hope that the special people who comprise the faculty and staff at SAS know how appreciated they are!

Holly Baulch
President, SAS Parents' Council ■

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE POSTPONED

To the Editor:

In November, 58 Sewanee students, faculty and community members traveled to Washington, D.C., to join environmental activist Bill McKibben in protesting the Keystone XL pipeline. With more than 10,000 people in attendance, the rally was the largest act of environmental protest in recent memory. Shortly thereafter, President Obama nixed the proposed route of the pipeline, citing concern over its path through the Sand Hills of Nebraska and over the Ogallala Aquifer. The President required a new environmental impact statement be conducted to consider a route that would avoid these ecologically sensitive areas. As a result, final approval of the project would be postponed until at least 2013.

Republican leaders in the House of Representatives who favored the pipeline, however, increased pressure on the President to hasten his decision. A rider included in the payroll tax extension bill that passed in late December required the President to make a decision about the pipeline within 60 days. Forced to decide within that time frame, President Obama rejected the proposed pipeline, saying that 60 days was not enough time to conduct the new environmental impact assessment.

This was a huge win not only for the



First-grade students at Sewanee Elementary School celebrated the 100th day of school by having fun with art projects, math activities and fun snacks focused on the number "100."

environmental community but also for the Sewanee community. Our role in protesting the pipeline was instrumental in its defeat. The student-led group that organized the trip to D.C., Sewanee Green Action, continues to be an active voice on campus.

For more information, go to <www.sewaneegreenaction.wordpress.com> or email me at <hinklc0@gmail.com>.

Courtney Hinkle, C'12
Sewanee ■

HARVESTING GOOD THINGS

To the Editor:

Have you ever heard the phrase "you reap what you sow?" Though often used to refer to consequences of bad behavior, the principle is actually positive and holds great promise for the tired worker. Similarly, there are times when one sows, another waters, and still someone else reaps the harvest. May I suggest that now is the time for harvest?

Years ago, there were forward-thinking folks on this Mountain who longed for a place where their children and grandchildren could thrive. They wanted the youth to stay grounded in their heritage but also be exposed to education and ideas that could assure them of a solid future. These men and women of faith believed in a quality of life that only a small town enriched with community support and guidance could provide. They planted the seeds.

Over the years, the seeds have been watered by those who shared

this vision. Community leaders have worked tirelessly to maintain services and programs to those in need. They often led the fight without experiencing the glory that comes with victory. Sometimes they simply held the line, refusing to retreat.

Today we are experiencing the harvest of those who have gone before us. The Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau, the ongoing restoration of the old Grundy County High School, the expansion of our state parks system, and the collaboration of leaders from all across the Plateau are just a few examples of recent harvests.

Let us celebrate these victories and the others that are sure to follow.

Emily Partin
Tracy City ■

FACILITATING LEARNING

To the Editor:

I have been appreciating the focus on education that is currently underway in the Sewanee community. As a teacher, I am drawn to the work with the humble notion of being in service to help each child discover deeper levels of awareness of their unique and beautiful selves. You could say I come to the classroom not to impose, but rather to discover.

So, in celebration of the amazing children in our community, I value the further development of teaching systems and environments that allow for children to develop and discover in a very self-directed way. Instead of relying on an external authority to evaluate the child and thus have the child develop a sense of self only in relation to what others say or what a test score number implies, I favor a classroom environment where a teacher helps facilitate the child's own unique way of learning.

I believe the founders of this nation would favor a system that fostered independence and spirited uniqueness. This is the way we allow for the emergence

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Sewanee ■

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Upcoming Meetings

Grundy County Republicans Gather Saturday

The Grundy County Republican Party will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Grundy County courthouse in Altamont. Republicans, independent conservatives and other interested folks are welcome at this gathering that features lively political discussion. For more information call (931) 871-6040 or go to <grundygop.org>.

Chikamaka Tribal Review Saturday

The Chikamaka Band invites Native American Indians of Chikamaka Indian descent to its potluck social, cultural review and review of tribal recognition on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the First United Methodist Church in Tracy City (105 16th Street). For more information, call (800) 989-4691 or go to <www.chikamakaband.com>.

Uke Jam Monday Evening

Sewanee's Ukulele Club will host a Uke Jam, 6:45–8:45 p.m., Monday, Feb. 6 at the Sewanee Community Center. They are using "The Daily Ukulele: 365 Songs for Better Living." All players are welcome. For more information, contact Mae Wallace at 598-9251.

Tax Assessor "Meet and Greet" Tuesday

The Franklin County Republican Party is hosting an event to introduce the Republican candidates for Franklin County Tax Assessor, Rocky Morris and Bruce Spencer. The "meet and greet" will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Courtyard Restaurant, 111 2nd Avenue in Winchester. Refreshments will be provided by the Republican Party.

Birders Gather on Tuesday

Tennessee Ornithological Society: Highland Rim Chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Manchester Presbyterian Church. The meeting will begin with refreshments, followed by a presentation at 7 p.m., by Kerry Syler about birding in Kenya. Visitors are welcome. For more information contact Lisa Trail at (931) 728-6045.

Monteagle Rotary Club Gathers Wednesday

Bruce Baird will share stories from his hike on the Appalachian Trail at the next meeting of the Rotary Club of Monteagle Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Smoke House in Monteagle. Coffee begins at 6:50 a.m.; breakfast and the meeting begin at 7 a.m. and end by 8 a.m. To learn more, go to <monteaglerotary.org>.

Woman's Club Lunch Reservations Due Wednesday

Reservations for the Sewanee Woman's Club next meeting are due by Wednesday, Feb. 8. John Willis, professor of history at the University, will speak about "A Long Time in a Small Place: Seven Thousand Years of Sewanee," at the meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, at St. Mary's Sewanee. The social hour is 11:30 a.m., and lunch is served at noon.

The menu for February is lasagna verdure, green salad, hot rolls, red velvet cupcakes, tea and coffee; lunch is \$13 per person. Members who have standing reservations and cannot come are asked to cancel by Friday, Feb. 10. Call Caroline Shoemaker (598-0982) or email Marianna Handler <mariannah@earthlink.net> to make or cancel a reservation. Vegetarian meals are available, if requested in advance. Childcare is also available during lunch and must be requested when making a reservation with lunch brought for the child.

Lifelong Learning "Lunch and Learn" on Thursday

The Academy for Lifelong Learning's "Lunch and Learn" series continues at noon, Thursday, Feb. 9, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Political science professor Gayle McKeen who will talk about "Visions of Constitutional Order." Reservations are not required for the lecture, and guests may bring their own lunch.

Rotary Club of Monteagle-Sewanee Meets Thursday

The next meeting of the Rotary Club of Monteagle-Sewanee, will be at noon, Thursday, Feb. 9, at the EQB building. Lunch will be available for \$10.

Peace Fellowship Gathers at New Time on Thursdays

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship is changing its meeting time beginning this week. The group will gather at 12:45 p.m. on Thursdays for prayer, study and work directed toward reconciliation and peace. The fellowship meets in the Quintard Room in Otey parish hall.

Emeritus Association Meets Thursday

The Sewanee Emeritus Association will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Hearth Room at the Sewanee Inn. John Swallow, acting provost of the University, will be the speaker. Swallow, an alumnus of Sewanee, received a Ph.D. in mathematics from Yale University and was a professor of mathematics at Davidson College until last summer, when he returned to his alma mater. He will offer reflections on his job and how he sees the state of the University. Meetings of the Emeritus Association are open to the public.

Unemployment Down In December

Tennessee's unemployment rate for December 2011 was 8.7 percent, down from the November revised rate of 9.1 percent. The national unemployment rate for December 2011 was 8.5 percent, a decrease of 0.2 percent from the November rate.

"This is the lowest unemployment rate Tennessee has experienced since December 2008, when the rate was 8.4 percent," said Karla Davis, Tennessee commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development. "The drop in Tennessee's rate is largely due to a notable increase of 11,200 employed persons from November to December."

The state saw major changes in estimated non-agricultural employment between December 2010 to December 2011. Increases took place in local government education services, up 11,200 jobs; mining, logging and construction was up 7,100 jobs; and manufacturing increased by 6,900 jobs. Employment decreases took place in trade, transportation and utilities, which were down by 5,500 jobs; information was down 1,300 jobs; and hospitals declined by 900 jobs.

The county non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for December 2011 show that the unemployment rate decreased in 56 counties, increased in 27 counties and remained the same in 12 counties.

The unemployment rates for area counties in December were: Franklin County, 8.1 percent (down 1.2 percent from December 2010); Grundy County, 10.1 percent (down 1.2 percent from December 2010); Marion County, 9.1 percent (down 0.9 percent from December 2010).

Williamson and Lincoln counties registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate at 5.4 percent. Both counties had higher rates in November, with Williamson at 5.8 percent and Lincoln at 5.6 percent. Scott County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 18.8 percent, up from 17.5 percent in the previous month, followed by Obion County at 15.3, which was unchanged from the November rate.

Knox County had the state's lowest major metropolitan rate of 5.9 percent, down from 6.3 percent in November. Davidson County was 6.9 percent, down from 7.3 percent. Hamilton County was 7.2 percent, down from 7.4 percent, and Shelby County was 8.8 percent, down from 9.3 percent.

The full report is available at <www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/labor_figures/dec2011county.pdf>.

Residents of Tennessee who received unemployment benefits during 2011 can access the information they need for income tax purposes on the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development homepage: <https://tdlwd.tn.gov/ui1099/>.

"By entering their birth date or the same PIN they used to certify or inquire on their unemployment claim, claimants can view a summary of total unemployment benefits paid to them, view the total amount of federal income tax withheld and print a summary of this information," said Davis.

The department also began mailing the IRS Form 1099-G to more than 293,000 benefit recipients on Jan. 18.

Births

Dylan Jeremiah Johnson

Dawson Luke Johnson

Dylan Jeremiah Johnson and Dawson Luke Johnson were born Jan. 29, 2012, at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, to Katie and Eric Johnson of Sewanee. Dylan weighed 2 lbs., 9 oz., and Dawson weighed 3 lbs., 3 oz. They have a big brother, Easton.

Maternal grandparents are Nelda and Billy Hastings of Sewanee. Paternal grandparents are Teresa Johnson of Winchester and Jerry Johnson of Sewanee.

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions

Director of Field Education and Lecturer in Contextual Education; Director of Research; Dean of the School of Theology; Assistant Dean for Student Organizations; Director of Dining Services; University Farm Manager.

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Obituaries

Orene Marie Clark Tant

Orene Marie Clark Tant, age 85 of the Midway community near Sewanee, died Jan. 30, 2012, in Emerald-Hodgson Skilled Care. She was born in Sewanee to George Washington Clark and Jennie Mae Nugent Clark. She was preceded in death by her brother, Houston Clark; sister, Eilene Long; stepfather, Benton “Tub” Green; grandsons Marty Parson and Charles Tant; and her children’s father, David Tant.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol (Wayne) McBee of Sewanee; her son, Lonnie (Linda) Tant of Sewanee; stepsons, Larry Tant of Estill Springs and Junior Tant of New York; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Ann Pack.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Robert Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Harrison Cemetery. For complete obituary visit <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.



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Hermann Wilfried Weis

Hermann Wilfried Weis, age 74, died Jan. 23, 2012, in Atlanta. He was born Feb. 2, 1937, in Wiesbaden, Germany, to Erni and August Weis. He was a noted landscape architect, garden designer and an accomplished photographer.


He became acquainted with Sewanee when he designed a garden on University Avenue, which was inspired by his first sight of Green’s View. About five years ago he and his wife, June, purchased property in Sewanee, which was one of his favorite places.

He was a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Georgia Native Plant Society and the Georgia Perennial Plant Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Kerstin (Thomas Collins) Weis of Atlanta; son, Holger (Nancy) Weis of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; sister, Rosemarie (Johannes Doerful) Weis-Doerfel of Wiesbaden; half-sister, Heidi Stuffer; half-brother, Christian Weis; stepdaughter, Mary (Christopher) Livesay of Memphis; stepson, Clay (Elizabeth Markowitz) Pullen of Atlanta; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial celebrating his life will be held in Sewanee at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be made to Cancer Wellness at Piedmont Hospital, 1968 Peachtree Road N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309.

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Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 pm

VISIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER
February 9, 12 to 1 pm; Gayle McKeen, presenter
Academy for Lifelong Learning (same information as above)

WRITING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE
Feb 10–11; Anne Bright, presenter
Residential Fee, \$120; Commuter Fee, \$80; Deposit, \$50

LEARNING TO PRAY WITH C.S. LEWIS
Feb 10–12; The Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain, presenter
Residential Fee, \$275; Commuter Fee, \$175; Deposit, \$50

Invitation to Join a Lenten Bible Study

A Bible Study Group is being formed by the Cowan Fellowship Church for its members and anyone else in the community who would like to participate in a study of the I Corinthians epistle.

The study group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the seven Thursday evenings from February 16 to March 29, meeting at the Fellowship Church, located on East Cumberland Street in Cowan.

This letter of the Apostle Paul to the Church he had founded contains some of the greatest passages in the Bible: Chapter 13, praising the way of love, the story of Jesus’ institution of Holy Communion, Paul’s witness to the resurrection of Jesus and teaching about gifts of the Spirit.

Paul also writes about problems within the Church in Corinth—divisions about leadership, sexual immorality among church members and arguments about how church members are to be related to the larger, non-Christian community.

The study leader will be Sherwood Ebey, who is a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church and a retired professor of the University of the South.

If you wish to accept this invitation to participate in this Thursday evening Bible Study Group, please contact Sherwood Ebey at 598-5883 or <sebey@cafes.net> so you can obtain a copy of the study book which will be used.

Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Growing in Grace will host the Rev. Ben King at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5, in All Saints’ Chapel. King grew up on the south coast of England and studied history and theology at Cambridge University. Before teaching church history at the School of Theology, King was the Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard University.

Catechumenate continues at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Women’s Center. University chaplain Tom Macfie will deliver a brief presentation about ministry. The program ends with a short prayer service called Compline. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring friends. For more information, contact Catherine Outten at <coutten@sewanee.edu>.

Buddhist Sitting Group

The Buddhist Sitting Group is now meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, in St. Augustine’s Chapel. For more information, contact Sid Brown at 598-9491.

Christ Church, Monteagle

On Sunday, Feb. 5, Christ Church will honor the memory of the Rev. Clark Poling, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Fr. John Washington and the Rev. George Fox. These four chaplains, who distributed life vests and then gave away their own life vests, locked arms while praying, and went down with the U.S.A.T. Dorchester in the North Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1943. Bp. William Millsaps invites all who are interested to learn more about the men who are known as “The Four Immortal Chaplains: Unity Without Uniformity.”

Cowan Fellowship Church

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epistle. The group will meet 6:30–8 p.m. on the seven Thursday evenings from Feb. 16 to March 29, at the church on East Cumberland Street in Cowan. The study is open to any interested persons. For more information contact Sherwood Ebey, 598-5883 or <sebey@cafes.net>.

Fire on the Mountain

Fire on the Mountain will host a Super Bowl Party at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5, at Brooks Hall. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack to share. Parent pickup will be at halftime. Fire on the Mountain is sponsored by St. James and Otey Parish, and all area youth in grades 6–12 are welcome. For more information contact Betty Carpenter, 598-5926.

New Beginnings Church

New Beginnings Church will begin holding services on Sunday, Feb. 12. To celebrate the grand opening of the church on that day, they will worship at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. After Feb. 12, they will worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. New Beginnings Church is located at 320 Jumpoff Mountain Rd., Sewanee. For more information, contact Kenny Green at (678) 848-5850 or by email at <kennygreennbcs@gmail.com>. The church also has a Facebook page, <facebook.com/newbeginningssewanee>.

Otey Memorial Parish Church

A new confirmation class is beginning Sunday, Feb. 5, at Otey Parish. Come and learn more about the Episcopal Church and its traditions. The group will gather at Brooks Hall at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings. This class will be taught by the Rev. Joe Ballard and Betty Carpenter. For more information call 598-5926.

Adult Forum this Sunday welcomes the Rev. Thomas Morris from St. Mary’s Sewanee, who will share information about the Ayres Spiritual Center under construction.

School of the Good Shepherd

The School of the Good Shepherd in Decherd will celebrate Mardi Gras with a fund-raising gala, 6 p.m.–11:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at Monterey Station in Cowan. The evening will feature Cajun cuisine along with live music, dancing, a cash bar and silent and live auctions.

All proceeds will benefit Good Shepherd. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$45 per person at the door. Call the school at 967-5673 for more information.

St. James Episcopal Church

St. James Episcopal Church is continuing its series “Those Characters in the Bible” at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8. This is a time of fellowship and fun learning, open to all.

Welcoming Prayer Workshop

A day-long workshop on the “Welcoming Prayer” will be on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville. The Rev. Tom Ward of Sewanee will be the presenter. The fee for the workshop is \$25. Registration is due by Wednesday, Feb. 8.

To register, go to <www.christcathedra.org> or call Mimi Shimmin, (615) 308-0225.

The welcoming prayer is a method of actively letting go of thoughts, feelings, emotions and body sensations by welcoming them and letting them go. The Welcoming Prayer is a form of silent prayer in the Centering Prayer tradition.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services, Monday–Friday

7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary’s (not Wed)
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
8:10 am Morning Prayer, Chapel of the Apostles
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine’s
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine’s
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s (not Wed)
5:40 pm Evening Prayer, Chapel of the Apostles (not Thur)

Friday, Feb. 3

7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary’s
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s

Saturday, Feb. 4

8:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary’s
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s

Sunday Services, Feb. 5

All Saints’ Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm Choral Evensong
6:30 pm Growing in Grace, All Saints’ Chapel

Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

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

Christ Church, Monteagle

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

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Cowan Fellowship Church

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

Cumberland Presbyterian, Sewanee

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

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

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

Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel/Methodist

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

Midway Baptist

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

New Beginnings Church

10:30 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

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

St. James Episcopal

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

10:15 am Godly Play

St. Mary’s Convent

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

Sewanee Church of God

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

Society of Friends

9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

Monday, Feb. 6

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles
5:40 pm Evening Prayer, sung, Chapel of the Apostles

Tuesday, Feb. 7

8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine’s
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Spanish, Chapel of the Apostles

Wednesday, Feb. 8

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship Church
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles
12:00 pm Holy Communion, Christ Church, Monteagle
5:00 pm Rite III HE/Anglican Rosary, St. James
5:40 pm Evening Prayer, Spanish, Chapel of the Apostles

Thursday, Feb. 9

8:10 am Morning Prayer, sung, Chapel of the Apostles
12:05 pm Healing Service, Otey
5:45 pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel of the Apostles

Sewanee Police Report

Sewanee Police Chief Robert White reported that there were only a few incidents investigated by local authorities last weekend in conjunction with the University's Shake Day.

One college student was arrested and charged with vandalism and public intoxication on Saturday, Jan. 28.

In addition, two students were arrested and charged with leaving the scene of a crime and failing to report an accident after their car struck a number of telephone poles near the airport on Saturday afternoon. A witness observed the accident and described the vehicle to police, who were able to find it, based on the description and the damage to the vehicle.



CAC Events

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is Sunday, Feb. 5, for participating churches: St. James, Otey, Cumberland Presbyterian and All Saints' Chapel. Please bring your food offerings to Sunday services. The typical bag of groceries includes: rice, beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, and cans of vegetables, fruit and soup. The cost for a complete bag is less than \$15.

The CAC is an outreach ministry of Otey Parish, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 35 years, the CAC provides food, financial assistance, and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community.

CAC is hosting a Valentine Pizza and Bingo party at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 15. Everyone is invited to share in the fun and fellowship.

Volunteers are needed to pack groceries at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14., at the CAC office.

For more information contact the CAC at 598-5927.

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Architect's rendering of the completed DREMC building

DREMC Building Construction On Schedule

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) began construction of its new Sewanee facility on Highway 41A in October. Significant milestones have occurred already that will assist the site's projected Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

Two of the important "green" aspects of the new building have been installed: the completely recyclable insulated concrete-form walls and the geothermal wells, which will use the constant temperature of the earth to assist with efficiently heating and cooling the building.

DREMC is working closely with Strauss Construction, the general contractor, to ensure the new facility is constructed to serve the Duck River Electric members in the Sewanee area well into the future, while also remaining sensitive to the environment and promoting energy efficiency.

Officials expect the building to be under roof in February, the parking lot and landscaping to be completed in May, a completion date sometime in the month of June, and the office officially opening in July.

Duck River EMC, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is an electric distribution cooperative with 70,000 members, headquartered in Shelbyville.

For more information, go to <www.dremc.com>.

[Disclosure notice: Messenger Editor/Publisher Laura Willis is a compensated member of the Duck River Electric Membership Corporation's board of directors, appointed by the University's Board of Regents to represent Sewanee.]

January Lease Report

At the January meeting of the Lease Committee, acting provost John Swallow chaired the meeting and began a conversation about the committee's role in the community.

The following agenda items were approved: the minutes of the December meeting; and the request to transfer Lease No. 861 (estate of Jennie Gardner), located at 140 Maxon Lane, to Ann Aitken and Tom McCawley.

Leaseholds offered for sale since the last meeting: Lease No. 866 (Ramsay), 232 Old Farm Rd., \$219,500; Lease No. 1007 (Ray), 207 Wiggins Creek Dr., \$349,000.

Leaseholds reduced since the last meeting: Lease No. 880 (Cammack), 115 North Carolina Ave., from \$490,000 to \$395,000; Lease No. 861 (Gardner), 140 Maxon Lane, from \$345,000 to \$299,000.

Superintendent of leases Barbara Schlichting reported that the roof on the Sewanee Pocket Park's pavilion will be of the same material as the roof on the Lemon Fair.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15. Agenda items are due in the lease office by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Current policies, meeting dates and other leasehold information are available online at <www.sewanee.edu/leases> (please check often for the most current information) or by calling the lease office at 598-1998. A county building permit is required for structures with roofs—call 967-0981 for information.

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OUR SEWANEE

by Annie Armour

The Ice Storm of 1985

Anyone who has lived around Sewanee for any amount of time knows that the Mountain can have some extreme winter weather. We might see snow, and a lot of it, while Winchester gets only a dusting. Snow offers opportunities to skip studying and take a dining hall tray to the nearest hill, to make snow angels and forts and have snowball fights or to snuggle up with hot chocolate and a good book.

Ice, on the other hand, can strike terror into any sane person's soul. Ice-covered trees might glow and reflect beautifully in the sun, but too much ice causes big trouble. Sewanee has had three major ice storms in the last 50 years. One, however, on Feb. 1, 1985, made national news.

The storm struck during the night, and upon waking nothing appeared out of sorts. It was just another dreary, rainy winter's day. But schools were closed, even St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, which was odd. Unprecedented, in fact.

Soon the thrill of an unexpected holiday gave way to trepidation as ice began collecting rapidly on everything outside. Sewanee was having an ice storm.

Sparks danced off electric lines in spectacular fireworks, and soon the electricity went out altogether. With it went furnaces and water pumps. The eerie silence inside was punctuated by frequent loud popping and crashing outside as trees and branches fell in quick succession. Cars were sealed into big ice cubes. When the cold rain stopped, several inches of ice coated the Sewanee area. Nearly every electric line on the Mountain had snapped. Hundreds of trees lay across roads and on houses and cars. Temperatures plunged. Ironically, Martin Springs had no ice whatsoever.

The community rallied to put the pieces together again while millions watched on national television. The National Guard came by convoy to supply generators, trucks, water, diesel fuel and extra workers, while students lined the streets to welcome them. With classes canceled, many students escaped to more hospitable climates. The rest compacted into the few dorms with heat. The University's physical plant department worked to clear hazards and keep heat going manually in dorms.

Every resident with a four-wheel drive vehicle and a chainsaw braved the frigid temperatures to help clear trees. There were at least 50 downed trees across Jump Off Road alone.

Oaklawn Baptist Church hosted several refugees. The hospital kept others. Gailor dining hall served food to anyone who came in. Other folks cooked on their grills or over fireplaces. The police and others checked on the elderly. Many opened their homes to neighbors. DREMC and TVA crews came to help rewire the community, which took several days. The fire department fought three fires. The EMTs took a resident to the hospital for smoke inhalation and stayed with the firefighters to help and deliver Gatorade.

In the end, then Vice-Chancellor Bob Ayres summed it up well: "The spirit of cooperation in every segment of the community was a marvel to watch and experience. People showed great care for one another. They thought of others before themselves, and this was evident everywhere I went."

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Ron Terrill of Monteagle, the supervisor of special education for Franklin County schools, was honored in December for his outstanding work by the Tennessee Association of Administrators and Special Education board.

Hoagland Makes' Dean's List at Alfred

Ben Hoagland of Sewanee was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Alfred University. He is a junior in the school of art and design. Students must earn at least a 3.3 GPA to qualify for Dean's List.

A graduate of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, Hoagland is the son of Carolyn and Bob Hoagland of Sewanee.

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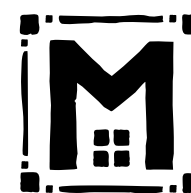
FCHS Pink Out Night

Franklin County High School will host its second annual "Pink Out" event today (Feb. 3), when the FCHS basketball teams play Lincoln County in key District 8AAA match-ups, beginning at 6 p.m.

"We want to invite everyone to wear pink to the game that night," organizers said, to show support for cancer awareness in the community.

Students are selling "Pink Out" T-shirts for \$15, with proceeds benefiting cancer associations. Students in various clubs have nominated members of their club for Mr. and Miss (King and Queen) Pink; winners of the club that raises the most money will be crowned at halftime.

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Fog Festival Feb. 10-12

Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Fog Festival, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 10-12. The three days of fun will include a pottery demonstration, followed by an opportunity to make your own piece at Hallelujah Pottery and a free bakery tour. There will also be opportunities to take an artisan bread-making class with Dutch Maid Bakery and to enjoy chocolate and champagne pairings at the Monteagle Inn. Special Valentine's dinners will be available at many Mountain restaurants, and there will be discounts on merchandise and services throughout the weekend.

For information call (931) 924-5353.

EHH Blood Drive on Tuesday

Blood Assurance, the nonprofit regional blood center, will host a blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee and Southern Tennessee Medical Center in Winchester. The drive will be from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each blood donation has the potential to benefit up to three patients in need.

To be eligible to give blood, donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. The process usually takes about 30 minutes and includes a complimentary snack and T-shirt.

For more information about donating blood contact Tari-Lee Gates at 461-5773.

Valentine's Dinner at Lorena's Cafe!

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Senior Center News

GoGo Gang Going to Grundy

The GoGo Gang will travel to Tracy City on Saturday, Feb. 11, to have lunch at Tea on the Mountain and then visit the Grundy County Heritage Center. If you would like to go, meet at the center at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Activities

The center is discussing the possibility of having a day and time for people who like to play poker. Call if you are interested and watch for more information as the project develops.

The center will host a Valentine's Party and covered-dish luncheon at noon on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The GoGo Gang will travel to the South Jackson Civic Center in Tullahoma to see the musical "Guys and Dolls" on Friday, Feb. 24. Tickets are \$13 per person. Call the center if you would like to go; carpooling may be available.

Volunteer of the Week

The volunteer of the week is Arnold Morrison, husband of cook Eda Morrison. Arnold, who plays the harmonica in every key, is patient, kind and does whatever needs to be done whenever it needs doing. He is a dream to work with. Thank you!

The center always needs more volunteers. Drop by or call for more information.

Senior Menus

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

Feb. 6: Taco salad, dessert.

Feb. 7: Turkey and dressing, yams, green beans, roll, dessert.

Feb. 8: Chili, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, dessert.

Feb. 9: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, green peas, roll, dessert.

Feb. 10: Cheeseburger, chips, dessert.

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

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SES Menus

Feb. 6–10
LUNCH

MON: Chicken nuggets, corn dog, green beans, tossed salad, chilled fruit.

TUE: Breakfast for lunch, pepperoni hot pocket, baked apples, mixed veggies, tater tots, tossed salad, chilled fruit.

WED: Beef and bean burrito, chicken taco salad, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, chilled fruit.

THU: Chicken nuggets, Frito chili pie, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, tossed salad, chilled fruit.

FRI: Pizza, tomato soup, grilled cheese, sandwich, tater tots, vegetable blend, tossed salad, chocolate pudding.

Options available daily: turkey or ham sandwich, with or without cheese, peanut butter and jelly.

BREAKFAST

MON: Pancakes.

TUE: Egg and cheese biscuit.

WED: Pancake pup.

THU: French toast sticks.

FRI: Cinnamon rolls.

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

Menus subject to change.

Outreach Projects Take SAS Seniors Across Area

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee senior class participated in the second of a three-part lecture series, focusing on community service and outreach on Jan. 29–30.

The panelists for Sunday's presentation included SAS alumna Susannah Murdock ('88), her mother, Sally Robins, and the Rev. Peter Kanyi. They covered a wide range of topics, from the revitalization of Chattanooga, the Neema Resettlement Ministries in Chattanooga and the process of "becoming one agent of change."

On Monday, the class was divided into small groups to spend a day doing service and outreach. Their field work took them to a Head Start center in Jasper, the Blue Monarch, working with Folks at Home in Sewanee, the Appalachian Women's Guild in Tracy City and to the SAS hiking and biking trails.

"Working with Folks at Home made me realize how happy people can be to have someone simply to talk to," said Jane Morgan, a senior from Florida, who spent the morning at the home of Trudy Mignery.

The two-day project ended with a formal dinner in the Spencer Room, where students shared stories of poignant visits with elderly neighbors, hard work on nearby trails and new friends they made throughout the day.

"There was joyful laughter as each student briefly recounted their day," said Elizabeth Clark Duncan, SAS senior class sponsor. "I think they learned that a small thing in their eyes can be something profound and magnificent to others," she said.



SAS Senior Jane Morgan and Sewanee resident Trudy Mignery

Workshop for "The Way We Worked" Exhibit

Cowan Center for the Arts is hosting a workshop for educators, 9 a.m.–noon, Saturday, Feb. 11, in conjunction with the upcoming Smithsonian exhibit, "The Way We Worked."

All educators are welcome: teachers, principals and school administrators. Admission is free, but reservations are needed. To secure a place, call Maryann Knowles at 967-1560.

James Akenson, professor of curriculum and instruction at Tennessee Technological University, will lead the workshop to help educators connect the traveling exhibit to K–12 curriculum content and how to link it to classroom teaching.

The workshop will include an overview to the exhibition and its underlying philosophy, ways to prepare students for visiting the exhibit, teaching strategies and materials to enrich the related K–12 social studies and literature, reading curriculum and the visual arts, and classroom follow-up activities.

Akenson is former executive director of the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies, is a cofounder of the International Country Music Conference and has been active in the Tennessee Folklore Society.

"The Way We Worked" will open at the Cowan Railroad Museum in March. It was created by the National Archives as part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide. "The Way We Worked" has been made possible at the Cowan Railroad Museum by Humanities Tennessee.

For more information go to <www.Smithsonian.CowanRailroadMuseum.org>.

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Sewanee Union Theatre This Week

Friday–Sunday, Feb. 3–5, at 7:30 p.m.

Moneyball

126 minutes • PG-13 • Admission \$3

Even if you don't like baseball, you should see "Moneyball," which has been nominated for six Academy Awards. This is the great story of Billy Beane, the manager of the Oakland A's baseball team and his revolutionary approach to evaluating players' skills. But this summary doesn't do the movie justice: it is really a story of relationships and nostalgia and personal passion. "Moneyball" is a well-written movie (by Steven Zaillian and Aaron Sorkin, based on the book by Michael Lewis) and expertly directed by Bennett Miller ("Capote"). Brad Pitt stars, and Jonah Hill steps out of his usual role to give a terrific performance as the statistical geek who helps Beane. Rated PG-13 for some strong language.

Sewanee Union Theatre Next Week

Wednesday and Friday–Sunday, Feb. 8, Feb. 10–12, at 7:30 p.m.

50/50

100 minutes • R • Admission \$3

Based on a true story, "50/50" is a touching, thoughtful film about a young man with cancer and how his life and the lives of his friends are affected by it. Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Inception") and Seth Rogen ("Knocked Up") star in this highly acclaimed film that one critic raved, "An everyman tale with plenty of heart and honesty, the serious subject matter is regularly enlivened with jolts of genuine hilarity, some of it in delightfully questionable taste." Directed by Jonathan Levine; Angelica Houston co-stars. Rated R for language throughout, sexual content and some drug use.

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"Fence. Riverton, Jamaica" by Rachel Malde

Rachel Malde's "Jump" at Stirling's Gallery

Rachel Malde's exhibit of photographs from Kingston, Jamaica, "Jump," is now on view at Stirling's Gallery, through March 25.

In the artist's statement that accompanies the exhibit, Malde writes: "Children appear from nowhere, giggling, smiling, and beckoning us to follow through the maze of alleys, broken walls, and tenements they know by heart. They pose for the camera, they gather their friends, they laugh. They offer us popsicles.

"Children are everywhere in Riverton and Trenchtown, two neighborhoods in Kingston known for their poverty, gangs, and crime. Trenchtown was the seat of a cultural and political revolution in the 1960s and 1970s, as well as home to a young Bob Marley. Riverton is an open landfill, the resting place for refuse, and its many inhabitants recycle the trash in order to make a meager living. It would be easy for the poverty, dirt and stench of these areas to take over and hold a visitor captive. But it is not possible... the children are more convincing ambassadors for their neighborhoods."

Proceeds from the sales of the photographs will support the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School service trip to Kingston this spring.

Salsa Dancing

The Serenata Salsa Band will perform at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Ayres Multi-Cultural Center. They will be offering salsa and merengue dance lessons at 3 p.m., Saturday. Back by popular demand, the Latin jazz band Serenata has six pieces and has been voted the best Latin band in Atlanta.

The Hispanic Organization of Latino Awareness, the African American Alliance, Dean of Students, Office of Student Activities, the Organization of Cross-Cultural Understanding, the Asian Sensations and the Ayres Multi-Cultural Center are co-sponsors of the event. There will be coffee, tea and pastries provided by Stirling's.

Upcoming Lectures

Babson Center Lecture

Entrepreneur Michael L. Keiser, will speak at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, as part of the Babson Center for Global Commerce's Easter Semester Bryan Viewpoints series in Gailor Auditorium. Keiser will be interviewed by Chris Hehmeyer, C'77, the Babson Center's inaugural Humphreys Resident in Entrepreneurship in 2010.

Keiser co-founded Recycled Paper Greetings, Inc., in 1971 with his college roommate. In 2005, Keiser and his partner sold the company to a private equity firm for a reported \$250 million. In the late 1990s, he began work as a golf course developer.

Bishop Reynolds Forum

Camille Morgan, who was a firsthand witness to history when the 1963 Birmingham 16th Street Baptist Church was bombed, will be the speaker for the 19th annual Bishop Reynolds Forum on Sunday, February 12, at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. The free public presentation will be held in McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts, followed by a reception.

Ebey Lecture

The mathematics department's annual Ebey Lecture will be given by scholar and teacher Thomas Banchoff at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, in Gailor Auditorium.

The lecture, "Salvador Dali's Surreal Geometry," is intended for a broad audience, including students, faculty, and community members interested in mathematics, computer applications, or art history.



IT'S HEART HEALTHY MONTH

Southern Tennessee Medical Center and Emerald-Hodgson Hospital want to help you keep your heart healthy. We are sponsoring the following events during the month of February.

Blood Pressure Screening and Doctor Q&A

Every Saturday during the month of February throughout our community, blood pressure screenings will be conducted by STMC Registered Nurses with a physician present to answer questions and talk with attendees. Each screening will also provide give-away items, door prizes and heart health educational materials.

- **Saturday, Feb. 4** from 10am – 1pm at the CVS Store #4358, located 1717 Dinah Shore Boulevard, Decherd, TN
- **Saturday, Feb. 11** from 10am – 1pm at Fred's Variety Store & Pharmacy #2255, located 829 West Main Street, Monteagle, TN
- **Saturday, Feb. 18** from 10am – 1pm at Winchester Wal-Mart #735, located 2675 Decherd Blvd., Winchester, TN
- **Saturday, Feb. 25** from 10am – 1pm at Walgreen's #9295, located 1855 Decherd Blvd., Decherd, TN

Blood Pressure Screenings at STMC and EHH Front Lobbies

Blood pressure screenings at STMC and EHH will be conducted by Mary Beth McClain, RN, STMC/EHH Health Management Director. Participants will receive give-aways, register for door prizes and receive heart healthy educational materials.

- **Thursday, Feb 9** from 9-11am at STMC
- **Thursday, Feb. 23** from 9-11am at STMC
- **Wednesday, Feb. 29** from 9-10:30am at EHH

Blood Drives at STMC and EHH

On **Tuesday, Feb. 7**, Blood Assurance blood mobiles will be set up at STMC from 11am – 4:30pm and at EHH from 11am – 4pm. Free t-shirts, refreshments and registration for regional door prize.

Special Event – "Evening Out with the Doctor"

On **Monday, Feb. 27**, Dr. Mitch Basraba, Cardiologist, will present a program on Peripheral Artery Disease. The event will be held from 6-7pm in the STMC Sleep Center Conference Room. Open to the community. For more information, call 931.967.8168.

Special Event – "Women's Heart Disease"

On **Tuesday, Feb. 28**, Mara Hutchings, RN/Director of the STMC Cardiac Cath Lab will present an informative program focusing on women and heart disease. The program will be held from noon – 1pm, and a light lunch will be served. Reservations are requested. Call 931.967.8168

Healthy Programs at Area Schools

- Blood pressure screenings for teachers and staff at the following schools: Huntland School on Feb 7, North Middle School on Feb 15, South Middle School on Feb 21 and Sewanee Elementary School on Feb. 29.
- Dr. Thomas Smith, STMC/EHH Chief Medical Officer, will speak to students at Cowan Elementary on Feb. 10. The program, "Tar Wars," focuses on a tobacco-free, healthy lifestyle.



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BOOKMARKED

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

by Margaret Stephens

The Have and Have Nots

Some younger and otherwise well-educated friends watching a war film here awhile back admitted they didn't actually know who we were fighting against in World War II.

Ouch.

It makes me wonder what else we assume each other knows, when really we don't.

For instance, if suddenly left on your own, would you know how to load the washer so your Sewanee purples don't bleed into your whites? Trip the circuit breaker? Check the oil in your car?

Assuming you have a washer, a house, a car.

In "No Promises in the Wind" by Irene Hunt (Ace Tempo:1970), much more basic survival is what 15-year-old Josh learns very quickly when he leaves home during the Great Depression to make his own way in a country devastated by unemployment. Like too many other parents during the terrible 1930s, his literally can't afford to feed him. The five in his family live on the pitiful weekly paycheck his former musician mother earns in a laundry and Josh's pay delivering papers; his father is one of the 25 percent of Americans who are jobless. The book tells the story of how Josh makes his way South in search of—well, food, mostly. One meal a day would do, even when that requires competing with rats in a scramble through garbage cans. Luxury in 1932 is choosing to roast a potato in the evening's campfire after already having eaten in the morning or giving away a few pennies worth of milk.

I'm making it sound like this is a bleak book. It's not. "Promises" is also full of the kindness that people who know what it's like to have nothing offer to one another: a can of beans, a lift in a truck, the gift of a hot supper, a bath and a night's sleep in a real bed.

It's also a story about learning to understand and accept the desperation that can make farmers in one town gang up against the homeless and drive them away with pitchforks, or a father—Josh's—seemingly drive him away from home.

"Promises" is a really good example of the way fiction lets you absorb an enormous amount of

history without realizing it. It gave me a much deeper feel for what it felt like to live in perpetual fear than the first-person accounts in oral historian Studs Terkel's "Hard Times."

"Judy's Journey" by Lois Lenski (Lipincott Co.:1947) does the same for slightly younger readers. Judy and her family are part of the massive wave of homeless Americans who follow the crops, picking their way up from Florida to New Jersey as the beans and potatoes and apples come into season. "Judy's Journey" gives a powerful glimpse of migrant life, a kind of "Grapes of Wrath" for pre-teens. What is it like to not remember ever owning a pair of shoes? To race gleefully home—a tent strung up in a shanty town of other tents and packing box houses and tin shacks—because the owner of the feed store has promised to save you a feed sack so you can make a real dress? The book is one of many that Lenski wrote so that children who had—shoes, clothes, a home, enough time settled in one place to go to school, not to mention running water so their classmates wouldn't ridicule their dirty feet and clothes when they did—could see what life was like when you haven't. "Strawberry Girl," the 1946 Newbery winner, and "Cotton in My Sack" are two others. These books are not always politically correct, but their portrayal of an America many of us don't know is invaluable. A newer book, "Esperanza Rising" by Pam Ryan (Scholastic:2000) offers another such glimpse.

Reading books like these may help prevent another generation from referring to the decade of our nation's history so significant that it left imprints in the psychology of at least a couple of generations, as well as on our national psyche—of the Social Security system, the welfare program, TVA and the Federal Reserve, to name a few, as comments such as "the recession of the 1930s."

Ouch.

Especially as we are recovering from the annual glut of shopping which is our national December holiday.

(Age is no excuse. Have you taught your parents how to load a podcast onto their iPod?)



On Jan. 24, Mesha Provo photographed the first crocus spotted in the gardens of Red Oak Hollow, Sewanee.

Faires Plays Area Venues

Jay Faires Band will perform from 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Belvidere Market, joined by Herschel VanDyke on drums and Abe White on bass. Faires is a sophomore at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School; VanDyke is an SAS alumnus. Belvidere Market is located at 686 Belvidere Rd., 967-1727.

Faires will play a solo acoustic show at Miss Gracie's Restaurant in Cowan, 5–7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10. For more information call (931) 308-4745.

Faires has released two CDs: "Time," and "Huntsville City Limit." Learn more about Faires at <Jay FairesMusic.com>.

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The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School wrestling team (pictured above), coached by Dan Barry (far right), qualified to wrestle in the TSSAA State Duals DII Invitational. Action will start today (Friday), Feb. 3, in the Williamson County Agricultural Center.

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Basketball Highlights

SES Lady Tigers

The Sewanee Elementary School Lady Tigers took on Broadview on Jan. 26. The girls had a commanding lead at the first 10-minute mark, but sloppy defense let the Broadview team score points. The score was 9-7 at the half.

SES came out on fire during the second. Ten team members recorded both steals and rebounds. Lucy Lancaster and Sophia Hartman were dynamos under the boards. Anna Post, Kate Butler, Tessa Shackelford and Mariel Rinck were whirlwinds with the steals. Great heads-up offensive play by the team led to 17 more points for the Lady Tigers. The final score was 26-11. The low point in the game for the Lady Tigers was going 2 for 10 at the free throw line.

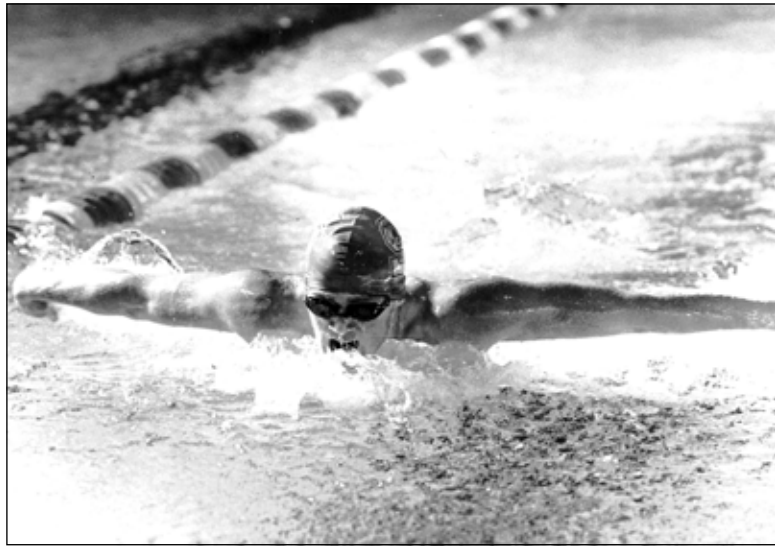
Shackelford earned one point from the charity stripe. Hartman netted two points. Butler chipped in four well-deserved points. Rinck scored five points. Post lead the scoring with a game- and career-high 14 points.

The team is now 5-4 on the season, battling for fourth place in the region.

SAS Boys and Girls

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School boys' basketball team picked up its third regional win of the season, defeating Riverside Christian Academy, 62-51, on Jan. 27. Alex Tinsley and Jonathan Jones dominated the boards, each recording 11 rebounds. Kendall Kinslow led all scorers with 27 points; Tinsley added 17; Jones had eight; Eric Baynard had four points; Tinashe Zimbwa, Levi Higgins and James Beasley all had two points. On Jan. 31, the team lost to Davidson Academy, 57-39. Davidson Academy hit nine 3-point shots to build on the six-point halftime lead. SAS was led by Kinslow's 12 points and eight rebounds; Tinsley had 10 points; Jones had eight points and 10 rebounds.

The SAS Lady Lions basketball team won a road region contest over Riverside Christian Academy in Fayetteville on Jan. 27. Allyson Hale led the team with 15 points, Monica Molina added 12, followed by Jenna Burris with nine points. The Lady Lions lost to a strong team from Davidson Academy on Jan. 31. Micheala Shackelford led the team with nine points on the night.



Sewanee's men's swim team won its recent meets over Center College, Union College and Berry College. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

UofS Swimming & Diving

Led by three swimmers with multiple wins, the Sewanee men's swimming and diving team earned a pair of victories Jan. 28 at the Fowler Center. The Tigers defeated Union College, 161-64, and Center College, 142-97.

The Sewanee men opened the meet with a strong performance in the 200 individual medley relay. The Tiger team of Marcus Rochelle, Phillip Link, Alex Linton and Denton O'Neal beat Union by one second, after touching the wall in 1:40.26. Peter Schildknecht earned the 1000 freestyle title with a 10:26.93 time. Jaime de la Fuente placed first in the 200 free, with a time of 1:49.91.

The Sewanee women's swimming and diving team split a pair of dual meets Jan 28. The team was led by strong performances by Sara Neil and Abigail Nebb. After the women earned a 145-79 win over Union, they dropped a 135-99 decision to Center.

State Park Offerings

Friday, Feb. 3

Winter Film Series—Meet at 6 p.m. at South Cumberland Visitors' Center for part four of Ken Burns' documentary about America's national parks.

Moonlight Hike—Meet at 6 p.m. at the Visitors' Center for this easy 1.5-mile hike under the evening sky.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Snakes of Tennessee—Join the Ranger at 2 p.m. at Stone Door ranger station to learn to identify venomous as well as harmless snakes.

Friday, Feb. 10

Winter Film Series—Meet at 6 p.m. at the Visitors' Center for part 5 of the documentary by Ken Burns about one of our most precious resources, our national parks.



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

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Evan Fox



Anna Fox

Local Youth Compete in Rock-Climbing Event

Evan Fox and Anna Fox of Sewanee recently competed in USA Climbing's youth divisional bouldering competition in Morrisville, N.C.

Evan is a fourth-grade student at Sewanee Elementary School. He finished 6th in his age group and earned an invitation to participate in the USA Climbing Youth National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo., in March.

Anna is a seventh-grade student at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. She finished 13th in a field of very strong 13- and 14-year-olds.

Evan and Anna are both members of the climbing team from the Tennessee Bouldering Authority in Chattanooga.

They are the children of Barbara and John Fox of Sewanee.

Each fall, USA Climbing hosts indoor bouldering competitions at climbing gyms across the United States.

In December, 15 regional competitions are held to determine which climbers are invited to compete in the five divisional competitions. Invitations to the national competition are extended to the top finishers at the divisional events.



Home Games This Week

Today, Feb. 3
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 v Franklin Road Academy
 6 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball
 v Franklin Road Academy
 7 pm FCHS V Basketball
 v Lincoln County HS
 7:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball
 v Franklin Road Academy
Saturday, Feb. 4
 All day Tigers Indoor Invitation
 M/W Track and Field Meet
Monday, Feb. 6
 6 pm GCHSV Boys' Basketball
 v Marion County HS
Tuesday, Feb. 7
 6 pm FCHSV Boys' Basketball
 v Columbia
Thursday, Feb. 9
 4:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball
 v Clark Memorial @ Townsend
 5:30 pm SES Boys' Basketball
 v Clark Memorial @ Townsend
Friday, Feb. 10
 6 pm FCHSV Girls' Basketball
 v Shelbyville
 7:30 pm FCHSV Boys' Basketball
 v Shelbyville

Sewanee Men Defeat LaGrange

Behind a strong second-half surge, the Sewanee men's basketball team defeated LaGrange College, 77-64, Feb. 1, at a home game in Juhan gym.

With the win, the Tigers improved their overall record to 11-8. Sewanee has also won nine of its 10 home contests this season.

With a seven-point lead at the half, Sewanee came out of its locker room hot. The Tigers hit their first six attempts, which built a 15-point advantage, 55-40. The Tigers led, 73-51, when senior Sam Martin slammed home any chance of a LaGrange comeback with an impressive dunk.

The Tigers rebounded with a season-high 30-of-58 effort from the floor (51.7 percent). Sewanee also made a season-high 10-of-19 three-point attempts, to go along with 42 rebounds.

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OVERTIME

by John Shackelford



There aren't many sporting events on TV right now. The NFL took a week off to prepare for Sunday's Super Bowl, no more Monday Night Football and only a little college basketball. I doubt many of you woke up at 3 a.m. Sunday morning to watch the men's singles finals of the Australian Open.

If you did, you were treated to a six-hour contest between the world's current two greatest male tennis players that looked more like a highlight reel than a match. The speed with which Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal covered the court and the power that they unleashed into every stroke was remarkable. I have been around sports and tennis for a long time, but it is still a joy to see a contest so good from beginning to end. One has to ask, "What drives them to such heights? What are they chasing beyond that bouncing ball? How in the world did they ever reach that level of excellence?"

A few hours before that epic tennis match started, the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School boys' middle school basketball team was battling in the Big Eight finals against Tracy City Elementary School at the Grundy County High School gym. Altamont, Tenn., and Melbourne, Australia, are separated by more than just a few time zones. But kids such as Henry Fisher, Sam Thomas, Patrick Toomey, Sam Smith, Jake Wiley and the rest of their Mountain Lion teammates shared a similar fate with the courageous Nadal. They gave everything they had for Coach-of-the-Year Bill Seavey. But at the end, when they looked up at the scoreboard, they realized that only one team gets to take home first place.

It is sad that we only remember who wins these championships. We may look at all the names in the record books but we only remember who gets to go to Disney World. Even so, I am still struck with the image of the exhausted Djokovic and Nadal trying to remain standing during the awards presentation after their marathon match in oppressive Australian heat. Only a few moments before, they were sprinting around the court as if their life depended on victory, and now they were reduced to leaning against the net in agony as the organizers thanked a list of sponsors that seemed to go on longer than the final set. Was Nadal's contribution any less than Djokovic's simply because in the fifth set, he hit a single forehand inches wide, barely missing the line?

I spend a lot of time trying to induce athletes to perform at their very best. I talk a lot about sacrifice, hard work and strength of character, but after watching the very best in athletic competition and after witnessing the pure joy that kids put into their games, I realize that this really is no sacrifice. There is no pain in the unbridled joy of a pure pursuit. Strength of character is just a by-product of what we find when we allow what comes naturally to all of us manifest itself on the field of battle.

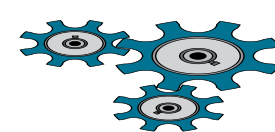
We are lucky when we get to do what we love and to surround ourselves with the people we love. That is the essence of sports. Its not about who won the Big Eight this weekend or how many Grand Slam titles Djokovic has now. There is little difference between the outcome of Sunday's Super Bowl and a Wednesday afternoon handball game between Tom Spacarelli, Steve Ralston, Lee Glenn and John Reishman.

Sometimes it seems like we may lose more than our share, but the only real loss is not coming back for more. We won't take our trophies with us in the end, and there will be a day when we forget the final score, but what cannot be taken away are the friendships, the rivalries, the teammates and the fun we have along the way. I will watch the Super Bowl this weekend with no particular favorite since my team is home resting in Wisconsin, but I'll watch hoping that just like the last time the Patriots and Giants met on this big stage, some previously unknown athlete will extend his reach beyond what seems possible and catch the ball on top of his helmet. And then we will all feel the remarkable joy of our endless pursuits.

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NATURENOTES

By Harry and Jean Yeatman



Belted Kingfishers

Jean and Harry Yeatman have been watching Belted Kingfishers flying down streams near Cowan. This is a stubby bird, usually calling in a rattling voice. It is a handsome bird about the size of a starling, with a blue beak and crest and a long heavy bill useful for catching minnows. Its belly is white, ornamented with a blue neckband in both sexes; the female has an additional cinnamon necklace below the blue band. Kingfishers are experts in diving headfirst into the water when prey is sighted by the bird when it is either perching or hovering. It rarely misses small fish, crayfish, frogs and water insects. It catches prey and kills it with a peck before swallowing it headfirst. The undigested bones, scales, etc., of the prey are consequently regurgitated in pellet form, as do owls, hawks and shrikes. The nest is dug into a dirt tunnel in May, and five to eight eggs are laid. The young are naked at first but sprout coated feathers that look like quills; the coating then sheds, leaving conventional feathers. Both parents feed the youngsters water-dwelling prey. Growth of the young is slow, but they learn to catch their own food. Observe the Kingfisher and listen to its rattling call.

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Toby



Monet

KILLINGTHYME

by Buck Gorell



As I write on the last day of January, the thermometer is climbing. Nicole Nunley, forestry technician with the University, reports we may tie 2006 for the warmest January average. And to think that 27 years ago, Sewanee was in the throes of the greatest ice storm in living memory. This is to remind us that winter is by no means over. Spring-like days similar to today are cruel when one is very ready to get gardening, yet knows better than to jump the gun on many things.

Enough romanticizing while sitting by the fire with a seed catalogue, now is the time to get down to business. Figuring out a seeding schedule, and the garden plan which must precede it, is a daunting task, no matter how many dreams of summer it inspires. This is the most important priority right now.

First, regarding the plan, be realistic. Without a place to plant something, there is no need in pursuing the issue further. Unless, of course, you have the space to start seedlings and want to sell them to the community. Joseph Bordley and Marianne Tyndall do an excellent job with heirloom tomatoes. Sewanee and other Mountain communities should be proud of supporting local agriculture, with opportunities growing.

This year, I did a thorough search on the Internet for planning aids available online. Many sites had sophisticated planning tools. However, my two primary seed catalogues, Johnny's and Fedco Seeds, are the backbone of my planning. Both have extensive data on seeds, such as seeds per row, sow dates and dates to maturity, to name a few. These charts will be worn out before my process is finished. (Note: Fedco is divided into five divisions, and March 23 is this year's seed order deadline.)

One reason I try to support these companies is their promotion of organic, heirloom and GMO-free seed. Why I think these qualities are important is far too big a topic to tackle here, so perhaps I'll do it on my blog. Regardless, they each offer a wide range of choices and tons of important information.

If you absolutely must plant something and are willing to gamble a little, a simple cold frame will protect a sowing of lettuce or other greens. This frame can consist of wood, masonry or even straw bales. I prefer an old window pane for a cover. If the first round of seedlings doesn't make it, try again in a week or two.

Elsewhere in the garden, some quick tips for the season: Prepare soil only when dry enough. Protect shrubs, especially evergreens, from snow and ice. Spray dormant oil on fruit and other trees which had insect and disease problems the season before.

Please send your thoughts, questions or comments to me at <buckgorell@gmail.com>.

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Extra extreme...

—From “Sacred Emily” (1913)

I am Rose my eyes are blue
I am Rose and who are you
I am Rose and when I sing
I am Rose like anything

—“I Am Rose”
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To schedule an appointment, please call (931) 598-5648 or (931) 924-3016.

Community Calendar

Today, Feb. 3

Curbside recycling, by 7:30 am

Reservations due for Academy of Lifelong Learning lunch

- 7:00 am AA, (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- 8:30 am Vinyasa flow yoga with Rebecca, Community Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:30 pm “Moneyball,” SUT

Saturday, Feb. 4

- 10:00 am Artisan Guild meeting, Grundy County Historical Society, Tracy City
- 10:00 am Grundy Co. Republicans, courthouse, Altamont
- 10:30 am Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm Ctr
- 11:30 am Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm Ctr
- 3:00 pm Salsa and merengue dance lessons, Ayres Center
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall
- 7:30 pm “Moneyball” SUT
- 9:30 pm Serenata Salsa Band, Ayres Center

Sunday, Feb. 5

Pantry Sunday

- 4:00 pm Women’s Bible study, Otey
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 4:30 pm Fire on the Mountain Super Bowl party, Brooks Hall
- 6:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm “Moneyball,” SUT

Monday, Feb. 6

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 5:00 pm Women’s 12-step, Otey parish hall
- 5:30 pm Naam yoga with Lucie, Community Center
- 6:45 pm Uke Jam, Community Center
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale rehearsal, Hamilton Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 7

- 9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kat (beginners), Community Center
- 10:30 am Bingo, Senior Center
- 11:00 am Blood drive, EHH, until 3:30 pm
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer, St. Mary’s
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Hadley, Old Theater, SAS

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Reservations due for Sewanee Woman’s Club lunch

Lease Committee deadline

- 7:00 am Monteagle Rotary, Smoke House
- 9:00 am CAC Pantry Day, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Storytime, May Justus Library, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Storytelling group, Senior Center
- 12:15 pm Music @ Noon, St. Luke’s Chapel
- 3:00 pm Otey children’s choir rehearsal, Otey
- 3:45 pm Girl Scout Troop 2107, Otey
- 5:00 pm Otey adult choir rehearsal, Otey
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 6:00 pm “Those Characters in the Bible,” St. James
- 6:30 pm Yoga with Hadley, Old Theater, SAS
- 7:00 pm Catechumenate, Women’s Center
- 7:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm “50/50,” SUT

Thursday, Feb. 9

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kat (advanced), Community Center
- 12:00 pm Academy of Lifelong Learning, Lunch and Learn, McKeen, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location
- 12:00 pm Rotary Club of Monteagle-Sewanee, EQB
- 12:45 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey, Quintard Room
- 3:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm Ctr
- 3:30 pm Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary’s Sewanee
- 3:30 pm Emeritus Assn., Swallow, Sewanee Inn
- 4:00 pm Keiser Lecture, Gailor Auditorium
- 4:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm Ctr
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers, Otey parish hall, weigh-in 4:30
- 5:30 pm Buddhist sitting group, St. Augustine’s Chapel
- 8:00 pm AA (closed), book study, St. James

Friday, Feb. 10

Monteagle Mountain Chamber Fog Festival begins

- 7:00 am AA, (open), Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- 8:30 am Vinyasa flow yoga with Rebecca, Community Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
- 7:00 pm Blair String Quartet, McCrory
- 7:30 pm “50/50,” SUT

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