

GSA at FCHS Draws National Attention

Rally of Support Planned for Feb. 8

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The newly formed Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) club at Franklin County High School (FCHS) has attracted national attention. The group held its first meeting on Jan. 19 under the direction of faculty advisor Jenny Turrell, FCHS art teacher and a resident of Sewanee.

A firestorm of comments followed on the social media outlet Facebook, both condoning and condemning the club. Said one critic, "the next thing you know they will have F.I.M.A. (Future ISIS Members of America)."

Under the 1984 Equal Access Act, all federally funded secondary schools must provide equal access to extracurricular clubs.

Citing the law, Director of Schools Amie Lonas said, "If we choose not to allow this club to be established, then we would be required to prohibit all noncurriculum clubs or give up federal funding."

The GSA "is not a recruitment tool or trying to promote an alternate lifestyle," Lonas stressed in response to critics. "It's more about tolerance and trying to treat people equally and with respect."

Prior to the Feb. 8 school board meeting at FCHS, there will be a rally in support of the GSA in the parking lot left of the entrance off Georgia Crossing Road. The board meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.; however, there is no item on the board's agenda that deals with GSA or student clubs. Winchester Police Chief Dennis Young said critics of the GSA have not applied for a permit to demonstrate.

FCHS junior Allie Faxon of Sewanee said her involvement with the GSA has made her "feel more confident." Student participation in the GSA has more than doubled since the first meeting, with nearly fifty students attending the meeting on Feb. 2.

But there has also been "backlash," Faxon said.

"Students who oppose the club have made straight-pride signs and paraded around LGBT students and defaced our signs. They have thrown water bottles and food at LGBT students," she said.

School board policy clearly prohibits "any employee or any student to discriminate against or harass a student through disparaging conduct or communication that is sexual, racial, ethnic or religious in nature."

Students have been encouraged to report harassment, but explaining the process Turrell said, "for reasons of privacy the administration cannot reveal to the accuser the administration's response or the nature of any reprimand or disciplinary action."

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Barbara King was selected as Sewanee Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. King has been teaching for 14 years, 12 of those at Sewanee Elementary. In her career, she has taught kindergarten, first and fourth grades. She will be moving on to compete at the district level.

County-wide Forum on Drug Abuse Prevention

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

Panelists will include Franklin County Sheriff Tim Fuller; Buddy Perry and Ron Bailey from the Drug Court Program; Mary Beth Best, who runs a local rehab center; and Tabatha Curtis with the Prevention Coalition.

This event is sponsored by the Franklin County Democratic Party. It is free and all are welcome.

Civic Association Returns to EQB for Feb. 17 Meeting

The first meeting for the Easter semester of the Sewanee Civic Association will be Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the EQB House. Please note the change of venue.

Social time with wine begins at 6 p.m., and a buffet dinner (\$13) begins at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting begins promptly at 7 p.m., followed by a brief program. The program part of the evening is free and open to the public.

The business portion of the meeting will include an update on the Sewanee Community Chest, park maintenance, the 2016-17 SCABudget and nominations for board positions.

Latham Davis, president of Friends of South Cumberland, will present the program on the South Cumberland Park activities and the Fiery Gizzard trail reroute. Latham and his wife, Mary, moved to Sewanee in 1977, when he joined the University staff.

Latham was elected to the board of the Friends of South Cumberland in 1998 and co-chaired with Mary Priestley the Friends' Saving Great Spaces Campaign, which exceeded its \$600,000 goal. He served as president from 2003 to 2005. He was elected again to the Friends' board and then to vice-president in 2014, and became president last July.

This year, the Sewanee Civic Association is celebrating 108 years of civic opportunities in the community. The association brings together community members for social and community awareness. The SCA is the sponsoring organization for Cub Scout Pack 152 and was instrumental in placing the historical marker at Sewanee Elementary School and developing the Elliot Park project.

Since 1943, the Sewanee Civic Association has organized the Community Chest, which now raises tens of thousands of dollars yearly for local organizations.

For more information, go to <www.sewaneecivic.wordpress.com>.

Wiman to Receive 30th Aiken Taylor Award

Christian Wiman will be this year's recipient of the Aiken Taylor Award in Modern American Poetry, the Sewanee Review announced recently. In addition to his writing, Wiman is also respected for translation, criticism and editing. The Review described him as "an important citizen in the republic of letters, not just for his creative work, but also for the ways he has fostered the careers of others—primarily as a landmark editor of Poetry magazine, joining the ranks of great past editors."

At 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, in Convocation Hall, Vice-Chancellor John McCarrdell will make the presentation of the award, followed by a reading by Wiman and a reception.

Adam Kirsch (poet and critic for the New Yorker, the New Republic and the New York Review of Books) will give a lecture on Wiman's career at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the McGriff Alumni House, also followed by a reception. [See story on page 4.]

Events celebrating Wiman and the Aiken Taylor Award in its 30th year will be presided over for the final time by George Core, editor of the Sewanee Review for the past 43 years.

Wiman has published six collections of poetry, including "Every Riven Thing" (2010), named one of the New Yorker's best poetry collections of the year, and "Once in the West" (2014), a finalist for the National Book Critics' Circle Award. Wiman has taught at Northwestern University, Stanford University, Lynchburg College and the Prague School of Economics. In 2003 he became editor of Poetry magazine. During his tenure, the magazine was honored with two National Magazine Awards. Wiman now teaches literature and religion at Yale Divinity School and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

Through the generosity of K. P. A. Taylor, the Sewanee Review established in 1986 an annual award honoring a distinguished American poet for the work of a career. Howard Nemerov was the first poet honored and was followed by Richard Wilbur, Anthony Hecht and W. S. Merwin. The other recipients of this prize include Maxine Kumin, Wendell Berry, Donald Hall, Louise Glück, Billy Collins, William Logan, Debora Greger, Dana Gioia and last year, Marie Perle.



Christian Wiman

Same Bank, New Name

Citizens State Bank Is Now Tower Community Bank

After an extensive branding initiative, executives with Tower Community Bank recently unveiled its new name.

"We're a solid bank that's here to stay," Tower Community Bank President and CEO Geoffrey Post said. "We wanted a name that better reflects our years of stability, our position as a pillar of advocacy for this community and our reputation for being a valued advisor and friend."

Bank executives chose the name Tower in part for the physical tower at several of the branches and for what a tower represents—a higher standard.

"We don't consider ourselves just bankers; we're community leaders, neighbors and partners who provide real financial solutions that make people's lives better," Post explained.

Tower Community Bank, formerly Citizens State Bank, was founded in 1970 and is a locally owned, locally managed bank serving the citizens of the Sequatchie Valley, Monteagle mountain and South Central Tennessee.



Bank executives say they wanted a name that spoke strongly to the financial institution's core values of being strong, solid, permanent, committed and visionary. Bank officials are quick to point out that the bank is still the same—same employees, same branches, same website. Customers can continue to use their same checks, credit cards and debit cards. They can continue with their same automatic payments and direct deposits.

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Letter

FUTURE OF LEGION POST #51?

To the Editor:

Today, the future of Sewanee's American Legion Post #51 is precarious at best. In spite of the overwhelming support of the community in the past, we struggle every year to have enough members to qualify as a viable post.

There are two problems. One is membership. The last of our World War II members have passed on, and Korean War and Vietnam veterans make up most of our dwindling membership. I'm frustrated and weary of the yearly drama of begging veterans to join.

The yearly cost of membership at our post is less than 10 cents a day. If it were not for the lobbying of veteran's organizations like the American Legion, there will be few, if any, VA benefits available for the post-Vietnam veterans when they eventually need them.

The second problem becomes financing operating costs. Post #51's building is a valuable community resource for all sorts of activities. We try to provide a venue at a reasonable cost. The building has been improved considerably over the last few years, including a new roof, efficient windows and air conditioning, all which the community's generosity made possible. But it still needs other maintenance and improvements. Our income is obtained only through rental fees.

What do we do? We can significantly raise rental rates. We can go hat-in-hand to the community again and beg for donations. We can close our doors. Frankly, I am not encouraged.

Charley Watkins
Post # 51 Adjutant
Sewanee ■

Ragtime Genius Performs on Feb. 12–13

Renowned ragtime pianist Bob Milne will be on the Sewanee campus, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12–13.

Milne can play in three different time signatures at once—3/4, 4/4 and 5/4 times, playing one on his left hand, another with the thumb of his right hand and the last with the rest of his right hand.

MRIs have shown that Milne can hear four distinct orchestral symphonies in his mind at once. He and Penn State neuroscientist Kerstin Bettermann will demonstrate Milne's "four-track mind" at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12, in Convocation Hall.

Milne will give a performance of ragtime music at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in Guerry Auditorium. The performance is free, and the public is welcome.

Since childhood, Milne has had the prodigy-like ability to hear any musical score and replicate it on the keys. Once Milne hears a song, he remembers every note, whether it's a ragtime song or a Beethoven symphony.

Bettermann, a physician and associate professor of neurology at Penn State University's medical school, believes Milne experiences a type of emotional synesthesia, a neurological condition in which the stimulation of one sensory pathway leads to involuntary experiences in another pathway.

Milne's visit is sponsored jointly by the University Lectures Committee, the music, psychology and neuroscience departments, and the office of the vice-chancellor.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance Available at Area Locations

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

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

VITA volunteers will be at Holy Comforter Church, noon–5 p.m., on Sundays, and 5–7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The program will not operate on March 13, 15 or 20.

The deadline for filing income tax returns is April 15.

The VITA volunteers, who include University students and community members, have received IRS-approved training and will help taxpayers fill out their returns via computer and file them electronically with the IRS. With electronic filing, tax refunds can be processed more rapidly

and can be deposited electronically.

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

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

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

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Grundy Co. Democrats Gather Tonight

State Rep. Kevin Dunlap will be the keynote speaker for the Grundy County Democratic Party's rally and chili supper at 6 p.m., today (Friday), Feb. 5, at Gruetli-Laager Community Center (27804 State Road 108). Dinner is \$7 per person. This event kicks off early voting, which begins on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The Grundy County Democrats meet at 5 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the County Courthouse.

American Legion Meets Saturday

American Legion Post 51 will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

Food Bank in Winchester on Saturday

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

Sewanee Hearts & Grocery Carts

The second annual Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts event to support the Community Action Committee will be 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, in the Hearth Room of the Bishop's Common. This is a canned food drive and fund-raising event sponsored by Kappa Omega sorority. For more information or to make a donation go to <www.freewebstore.org/Kappa-Omega>.

Fund-raiser for Good Samaritan Ministries

A Mardi Gras celebration to support Good Samaritan Ministries of Franklin County will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Monterey Station in Cowan. Tickets are \$50 at the door and include a dinner buffet, a silent auction and dancing.

Coffee with the Coach on Monday

Coffee with the Coach will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 8, at the Blue Chair Tavern. The guest will be Ryan Cassell. Come and enjoy good conversation and free coffee.

Woman's Club Meets on Monday

The Sewanee Woman's Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 8, at the DuBose Conference Center. The optional social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. The program will be presented by Robin Gottfried, professor of economics, emeritus at the University of the South, executive director of the University's Center for Religion and Environment, first chair of Sewanee's environmental studies program, and author of "Economics, Ecology, and the Roots of Western Faith: Perspectives from the Garden."

La Leche League Meets Tuesday

The February La Leche League will meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Sewanee Community Center. All pregnant women, mothers and babies are welcome. For more information call Pippa, (931) 463-2050.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, at Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. The Monteele Sewanee Rotary Club meets 8-9 a.m., Thursdays, at the Sewanee Inn.

Lease Committee Agenda Deadline Tuesday

Agenda items for the next meeting of the Lease Committee are due by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 16. For more

information email <barbara.schlichting@sewanee.edu> or <peggy.alsup@sewanee.edu>.

Call for Community Council Agenda Items

The Sewanee Community Council has reserved Monday, Feb. 22, as a possible meeting date if there are urgent concerns. If there are any items for discussion that cannot wait until March, please submit them to the provost's office by noon, Wednesday, Feb. 10. The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, March 28.

EQB Meets on Wednesday

The EQB Club will meet at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 10, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Harold Goldberg will present the second part of his talk about "China in Conflict: Understanding China Today." Understanding the persistence of conflict in China over the past two centuries helps us understand why Mao Zedong came to power and why China today is pursuing a strong nationalistic foreign policy. Goldberg is the David Underdown Professor of History at Sewanee. In addition to Chinese history, he teaches Russian history and the history of World War II.

Lifelong Learning Meets on Thursday

The Academy for Lifelong Learning will meet at noon, Thursday, Feb. 11, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Bring your iPad or other digital device for this special presentation by Erin Cassell, director of strategic digital infrastructure at the University. Cassell will lead the group in learning about the functions and uses of these devices. She is a graduate of Sewanee and received a master's degree in computer science at Ball State University. A box lunch may be reserved by calling 598-5342. Lunch choices are mixed greens with balsamic chicken or tropical shrimp salad. For information call Debbie Kandul at (931) 924-3542.

Blood Drive in Sewanee on Thursday

Blood Assurance will have a blood drive on Thursday, Feb. 11, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health System/Sewanee (Emerald-Hodgson Hospital). Hours are 12:30-3 p.m., and 3:30-6 p.m. Appointments are preferred but not required. To make an appointment call (423) 756-0966 or go online, <bloodassurance.org>.

Gentry At Emeritus Assn. on Thursday

The Sewanee Emeritus Association will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Torian Room of duPont Library. Dean of Students Marichal Gentry will talk about his office and his role on campus. Social time will follow the talk.

Book Club Meets on Feb. 15

The Book Club of the Sewanee Woman's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15, in the home of Flournoy Rogers, when she will review "Modoc" by Ralph Helfer. For more information or directions contact Debbie Racka <debbie81123@gmail.com> or Rogers at 598-0733 or e-mail <semmesrogers@gmail.com>.

Republican Women Meet on Feb. 18

The Franklin County Republican Women will meet at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Franklin-Pearson House in Cowan. Lunch will be served at noon with the meeting beginning at 12:45 p.m. For more information call (931) 924-3000.

UDC Gathers on Feb. 20

The Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Franklin-Pearson House in Cowan. Participants are asked to bring nonperishable food items for the Franklin County Food Bank. For more information call (931) 924-3000.

GSA (from page 1)

GSA students have received more than 40 notes of encouragement, according to Turrell, as well as "offers of support, financial and otherwise, from individuals all over the country with similar life experiences." She has also been contacted by the GLSEN (Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and other national organizations.

However, the GSA has no affiliation with any other group.

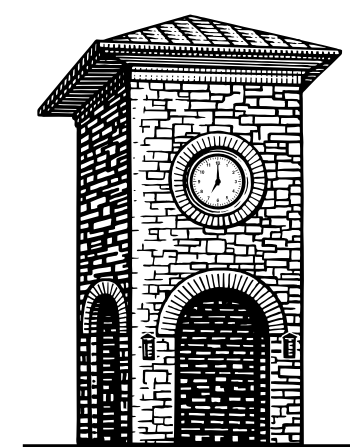
"It's a non-sponsored program driven by students with no outside affiliation," Turrell insisted. "It's important for the club to evolve as the students want it to evolve."

As a small student club, the GSA is not equipped to handle large donations. To provide a vehicle for those who wish to make a financial contribution to support LGBT youth in rural Tennessee, the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace created the LGBT Rural Youth Program Fund. Possible use of the resources includes providing scholarships to LGBT youth or to aid in establishing GSA clubs at other area high schools. For more information contact the LGBT Rural Youth Program Fund, P.O. Box 307, Sewanee, TN 37375 or visit <www.ccjp.org/projects>.



St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students Caroline Graham (left) and Sophie Swallow in the SAS Players' production of "Cinderella." See story on page 8.

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Obituaries

John Eddie Derryberry

John Eddie Derryberry age 78 of Monteagle, died on Feb. 3, 2016, at his home. He was born on Aug. 3, 1938, in Lewisburg, Tenn., to George F. and Elizabeth A. Derryberry. He was passionate about public service: he served as mayor of Lewisburg, city manager of Lewisburg, as a member of the Monteagle Planning Commission and on the Marion County Board of Education. He was a Master Mason of the Scottish Rite, a member of the AlMenah Shrine Temple of Nashville and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in South Pittsburg. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; son, Andrew “Andy” (Robin) Derryberry of Chattanooga; daughter, Scarlet Massey; and two grandchildren.

Visitation is today, (Friday) Feb. 5, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in the funeral

home chapel. A graveside service will be 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Lone Oak Cemetery, Lewisburg.

For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Dorothy Hayford Watkins

Dorothy Hayford Watkins, of Pittsburgh, Pa., died on Jan. 23, 2016. She was one day shy of her 99th birthday. She was born on Jan. 24, 1917, in Albany, N.Y. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas.

She is survived by her children, Ronald (Susan) Watkins of Monongahela, Pa., Gwen (Rev. Kenneth) White of Murrysburg, Pa., and Cynthia (Peter Hunter) Crysdale of Sewanee; and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was on Jan. 30 in Verona, Pa. For complete obituary go to <http://www.hartfuneralhomeinc.com>.

Kirsch Delivers Lecture on Wiman’s Poetry

As part of the celebration of the 30th Aiken Taylor Award in Modern American Poetry, critic Adam Kirsch will give a lecture about this year’s honoree, Christian Wiman, at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, in the McGriff Alumni House.

Once described as “the intellectual offspring of the New Formalists,” Kirsch has written for Slate, the New Yorker, the Times Literary Supplement, the New York Times Book Review, the New Republic and Poetry, covering cultural topics and an array of poets and novelists.

After graduating from Harvard, he began his career with several editing stints at the New Republic, the American Scholar, and Penguin Books.

After serving for seven years as senior editor at the New Republic, Kirsch is currently a contributing editor to Harvard Magazine and Tablet Magazine, and is the graduate program coordinator for the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University. He has also published two books of poems, “The Thousand Wells” and “Invasions.”

Following the lecture, there will be a reception where Kirsch’s books, as well Wiman’s, will be available for purchase.



Adam Kirsch

Service to Celebrate Arboreal Creation

The Sisters of St. Mary and the University of the South’s Green House are having a service of prayer and meditation celebrating the spiritual and ecological importance of trees at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12, in the Convent Chapel at 1100 St. Mary’s Lane, Sewanee.

From the great redwoods of the West to the maples of our own cove communities, the arboreal realm stands testament to the peaceful existence of God’s creation. A mixture of folk music, prayer, poetry and meditation convene to help participants reflect upon the implications of the relationship with these great beauties.

All ages and faith traditions are welcome.

If your church is in our circulation area and would like to be listed below, please send service times, church address and contact information to <news@sewanee-messenger.com> or phone 598-9949.

Church News

Christ Church, Monteagle

On Sunday, Feb. 7, Christ Church will keep Quinquagesima, the Sunday before the beginning of Lent. They will have services at noon and 5:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10; the church will be open all day for prayer.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is Sunday, Feb. 7, for participating churches: St. James, Otey, Cumberland Presbyterian and All Saints’ Chapel. Please bring your food offerings to Sunday services. For more information contact the CAC at 598-5927.

Cowan Community Service

The Cowan Community Ash Wednesday Service will be at 6 p.m., Feb. 10, at Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 206 W. Cowan St. The Rev. Gene Wise will be the speaker. For more information go to <www.cowanchurches.org>.

Otey Memorial Parish

In observance of Theological Education Sunday, the Rev. Ben Anthony, visiting professor of homi-

letics at the School of Theology, will preach at the 8:50 and 11 a.m. services, Sunday, Feb. 7, at Otey Parish.

At 10 a.m., Adult Forum meets in St. Mark’s Hall of Claiborne Parish House. Jennie Turrell, faculty advisor for the Gay-Straight Alliance at Franklin County High School, will present the program. The Lectionary Class, Godly Play, and middle school/high school Sunday School will meet as usual. Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks to 4 years old.

The Women’s Spirituality group will meet at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7; the location has moved to Thurmond Library in Claiborne Parish House.

Otey Parish Fat Tuesday

Otey Parish will host a Fat Tuesday celebration at 6 p.m., Feb. 9, in St. Mark’s Hall of Claiborne Parish house. The menu will include Cajun jambalaya, and red beans and rice. Tickets are \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door; children up to the age of 5 are \$2. For more information contact Lynn Stubblefield, <lynnstubblefield@gmail.com> or (423) 838-8201; or Claudia Porter, <porter45@bellsouth.net> or (931) 636-6548.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekday Services, Feb. 5–12

7:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary’s (not 2/8)
7:30 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary’s (not 2/8)
8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine’s
12:00 pm Noon Office, St. Mary’s (not 2/8)
12:25 pm Lent Eucharist, St. Augustine’s
4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine’s
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evensong, St. Mary’s (not 2/8)
7:00 pm Tree Celebration Service, St. Mary’s (2/12)

Saturday, Feb. 6

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

Sunday, Feb. 7 • CAC Pantry Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

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

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10:00 am Morning Service
5:30 pm Evening Service
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:45 am Children’s Sunday School
12:50 pm Christian Formation Class

Christ Episcopal Church, Alto

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

Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City

10:15 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Holy Eucharist (child care provided)

Christ the King Anglican, Dechard

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

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist
Cowan Fellowship Church

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

Dechard United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship

Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Children’s Sunday School

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Dechard

10:30 am Mass
Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

Harrison Chapel Methodist

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

Midway Baptist Church

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

10:45 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

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

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes’ Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 am Sunday Service (Rite I)

St. James Episcopal

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

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8:00 am Mass

St. Mary’s Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Evensong

Sewanee Church of God

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

Tracy City First Baptist Church

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

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

11:00 am Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

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

Wednesday, Feb. 10 • Ash Wednesday

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship
7:00 am Ash Wednesday Service, All Saints’
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle
12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Otey
5:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service, All Saints’
5:30 pm Ash Wednesday, Christ Church, Monteagle
5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle
6:00 pm Cowan Ash Wednesday Service, Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian
6:00 pm Evening Prayer, Trinity Episc., W’chester
6:00 pm Prayer and study, Midway Baptist
6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist
6:30 pm Community Harvest Church, Coalmont
6:30 pm Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway
7:00 pm Adult Formation, Epiphany, Sherwood
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Otey
7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist



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Briley Sells (left) and Garrett King are among the students in the pre-kindergarten class at Sewanee Elementary School who have been learning about the letters "O" and "U" and how they are partners. To celebrate the letters, the class had a "wedding," followed by a reception of cake and punch.

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VEGAN THURSDAYS at Jim Oliver's Smoke House Restaurant, Monteagle

Betsy Oliver has been researching for new menu ideas and has come up with a selection of delicious treats that are totally vegan, or at least vegetarian (because of butter use), and gluten free; dishes are seasoned with vegetable stock. So, we have decided to offer "VEGAN/VEGETERIAN THURSDAYS." Beginning on January 21th, we started putting Vegan and vegetarian dishes on the buffet at the Smoke House; which has garnered a great reception by customers! The vegan/vegetarian buffet is offered from 11am to 8pm on Thursdays for the next several weeks; price for the buffet/salad bar/soup is \$9.95.

An example of some of the dishes offered are as follows, however, Betsy will add to the selection as the weeks go on: Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie (Hot Casserole) – Carrots, celery, onions, garlic, thyme, Italian seasoning, red wine and topped with mashed potatoes; this dish has butter added to the potatoes, so it is considered vegetarian. Baked Butternut Squash w/kale and toasted pecans (Hot), Country-Style Turnip Greens (Hot), Candied Sweet Potatoes (Hot), "Hopping John" Black-Eyed Peas w/tomatoes (Hot), Green Beans (Hot), Fresh Kale Salad with fresh apple slices, carrots and toasted pecans (Cold) and Cabbage Cole Slaw, no sugar added (Cold). Fresh salad bar items include uncooked items such as broccoli, tomatoes, red onions, green peppers, carrots, romaine and iceberg lettuce, fresh cut fruit salad, vinegar and low calorie dressings and other items and garnishes. The buffet also has a selection of meats, soups, breads and other items, which are part of the everyday offering, but not on the vegan/vegetarian list.

Also, on Thursday nights, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, a special series of free classes are offered at the Smoke House dining room detailing the benefits of eating and living well, and better ways of living with diabetes, which includes food choices, menu, diet, exercise, and general wellness; free to anyone who wants to attend, average attendance has been about 40 people. The class is called "Reversing Diabetes" taught by Stephen & Karen Wickham. Vegan/Vegetarian menu sampling is offered during the class.

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St. Andrew's-Sewanee Hosts Admissions Open House

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School welcomes families with students in grades 5–11 to attend an Admissions Open House on Sunday, Feb. 7, starting at 2:30 p.m.

SAS Ambassadors will offer tours of the school's historic 550-acre campus, including the LEED Gold-certified Wade Hall for the Sciences. Following the tour, there will be a short question-and-answer session with students and faculty before heading to McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts, where prospective students will be special guests for the SAS Players production of "Cinderella," which begins at 4 p.m. Following the show, guests will enjoy refreshments with members of the "Cinderella" cast. It is important that interested families RSVP, so that the admissions office can reserve their seats for the show.

Families who are interested in learning more about SAS, but who cannot attend on Feb. 7, are encouraged to contact the admissions office at 598-5651 to set up a personal tour and appointment. Families who are interested in boarding options at SAS should contact the admissions office to schedule an extended visit.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is a college preparatory boarding and day school in Sewanee. SAS is a global community with students from 12 states and 9 countries. With the help of transportation from Manchester, Jasper, South Pittsburg and Winchester, day students commute each day from more than 20 Middle Tennessee communities in six counties.

For more information about St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, visit <www.sasweb.org>.

Collect Box Tops for SES

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

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

Please note that Box Tops coupons have expiration dates on them, so please get these in while they are still valuable. SES also collects Labels for Education. Drop them off at SES or place them in the collection box at the Sewanee post office. You can find a complete list of participating items online at <www.boxtops4education.com>.

SES Menus

Feb. 8–12

LUNCH

MON: Corn dog, peanut butter grab-and-go, baked beans, French fries, fresh veggie cup, cookie.

TUE: Chicken nuggets, chili cheese pie, green beans, potato smiles, fresh salad, roll.

WED: Pork chop, chicken and dumplings, ham wrap grab-and-go, mashed potatoes, green peas, veggie juice, roll.

THU: Orange chicken, spaghetti, buttered corn, fresh salad, roasted veggies, rice, veggie juice, roll.

FRI: Pizza, turkey sandwich, kale chips, ranch potatoes, black-eyed peas.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items

MON: Cheese stick or pancake sausage stick, syrup.

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

WED: Buttered toast, (jelly optional), egg patty with cheese or Aunt Jemima blueberry pancakes.

THU: Cheese stick or mini powdered donuts.

FRI: Biscuit, gravy, jelly or Dutch waffle.

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Senior Center News

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Lunch Menus

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

Feb. 8: Chicken enchilada, rice, refried beans, dessert.

Feb. 9: Taco salad, dessert.

Feb. 10: Chicken livers, mashed potatoes, slaw, biscuit, dessert.

Feb. 11: Gyro, French fries, dessert.

Feb. 12: Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.

Weather Policy

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

Center Participation

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

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Upcoming Talks

Sullivan to Talk About “Southern Literary Masculinity”

Acclaimed nonfiction writer John Jeremiah Sullivan C’97 will give a talk about “Southern Literary Masculinity,” at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15, in the University Archives and Special Collections building, 81 Alabama Ave. A reception will follow. He will reflect on his own writing and consider the large and complex role that the Agrarian legend Andrew Lytle played in shaping his approach to it.

Sullivan is a contributing writer to the New York Times Magazine, a contributing editor of Harper’s Magazine, and southern editor of the Paris Review. Sullivan was credited last year by the founding editor of the Best American Essays anthologies with having “revitalized the genre and sent the English essay spinning in new directions.”

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the department of history and the American studies program.

Christian Wiman at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School

Poet and 2016 Aiken Taylor Award Winner Christian Wiman will give a guest reading at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, in McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts. The public is invited to attend.

Wiman is the 30th recipient of the Aiken Taylor Award in Modern Poetry. Each year, the University of the South and the Sewanee Review make it possible for the Aiken Taylor Award winner to speak to the SAS student body. [See story on page 1.]

DiBiasie to Discuss Digital Archaeology

Jacqueline DiBiasie, a visiting assistant professor of classical archaeology Sewanee, will give a talk on “Picturing 1000 Words: Digital Archaeology at Pompeii and Herculaneum,” at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Gailor Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Ancient graffiti, which were typically lightly scratched into wall plaster, are disappearing. Worse, photographing these inscriptions has proved difficult or nearly impossible. In this presentation, DiBiasie will show how a new photography technique, Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI), enables researchers to read the graffiti more easily and is a better method of digital preservation for the future.

While this presentation will focus on the application of this technology to ancient graffiti, this technology could easily be applied to a wide variety of artifacts and fields.

Following the talk, there will be a workshop for attendees to see how RTI files are produced. Participants will learn how to photograph an object using this method and how to compile these images on the computer. DiBiasie will also introduce other computational photography methods including 3D image scanning and photogrammetry. Participants are encouraged to bring their computers and/or smartphones so they can practice with the technology during the workshop.

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As part of National Children’s Dental Health Month, Mary Jo Gallagher (right) gave a dental lesson to all prekindergarten students in Grundy County to promote the benefits of good oral health. Each child received a toothbrush and toothpaste donated by Dr. C. Chad Smith, D.D.S. (left). Gallagher, who is the coordinator of school health for Grundy County, was aided by school nurses. They would like to thank Dr. Chad and Monteagle Family Dentistry staff for this generous donation.



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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2

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

The final, somewhat drawn-out conclusion to this series based on the popular young adult novels by Suzanne Collins takes heroine Katniss Everdeen into the eye of the storm, as the battle between the Capitol and the Districts reaches its zenith. Jennifer Lawrence has fully taken on the mantle of Katniss: her character's complex emotions on the state of her world and her personal relationships are genuine enough to carry the stumbling plot along. All the old favorites are back. Woody Harrelson and Elizabeth Banks are flawless in their portrayal of Haymitch and Effie, Katniss's old coaches, bringing a welcome wry charm to lighten the heavy notes of the film's overall tone. Come for the action, stay for the acting. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, this feature is best suited for older children and adults.

1947 Earth

7:30 p.m. • Tuesday, Feb. 9
1998 • Unrated • 110 minutes

This film is being shown as part of the Mellon Globalization Forum "About the Body" World Film Series and traces the history of the city of Lahore in 1947, prior to Pakistan and India becoming independent. Known as a city of diverse religions and backgrounds, its cosmopolitan nature is challenged when a religious sect takes hold and Lahore becomes absorbed into modern-day Pakistan. This powerful story springboards from a young adult love triangle and how the rejected man, Dil Navaz (played by Aamir Khan), evolves from an optimistic, romantic soul to becoming violent and angry, as his personal and social worlds collapse around him. Written and directed by Deepa Mehta, she has attained critical acclaim for her heartfelt portrayal of realistic emotions within her storyline and characters. Dr. Dharitri Bhattacharjee, University visiting assistant professor of South Asian history, will introduce the film, as well as conduct a Q&A session. Though unrated, parents should take caution bringing very young children to this viewing due to sensual subject matter and political violence.

The Purple Rose of Cairo

7:30 p.m. • Wednesday, Feb. 10
1985 • Rated PG • 82 minutes

We love to come to the movies, but what if the movies came to us? Woody Allen, ever the weaver of fantasy and reality, directs this light-hearted caper set during the Depression in New Jersey. The lovely Mia Farrow plays Cecilia, a waitress who goes to the movies for—what else?—escapism from the trials of her life. What she's not prepared for is to have the main hero of the "Purple Rose of Cairo," Tom Baxter (played brilliantly by Jeff Daniels), walk out of the film and into her arms. A quirky epidemic of "Baxter" escapees in other movie theatres occurs when they decide to break the boundaries of their black-and-white worlds and discover a whole new realm of color and life. After all, "In New Jersey, anything can happen!" This film is rated PG for some suggestive dialogue, but is generally accessible to most audiences who appreciate witty dialogue and a heartfelt plot.

Spectre

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday, Feb. 11–14
2015 • Rated PG-13 • 148 minutes

Test the "bond" of your love on Valentine's Day with this latest chapter in the 007 series. Those familiar with the franchise know the drill: exotic locales, voluptuous women, fast cars and plenty of action. Daniel Craig has crafted a more realistic version of the James Bond during the last nine years with less panache and more grit in that square jaw and icy blue eyes. This time, Bond's mission takes him back to his past, which leads him to the discovery of terrorist organization SPECTRE (Special Executive for Counter-Intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion, in case you were curious) which first appeared in the original Bond novel "Thunderball" written by Ian Fleming. Nominated for Best Original Song "Writing's On the Wall" by British artist Sam Smith in this year's Oscar race, the theme features a smooth, big band sound reminiscent of the franchise's glorious past. Rated PG-13 for action, violence, sensuality, and language, this one is best reserved for older teens and adults.

For more reviews and fun go to <www.theinsatiablenritic.blogspot.com>.



"Gallivanting Towards Mount Beato" by Jeffrey Whittle

"Constructing Fables" at Carlos Gallery

Visiting art faculty Jeffrey Whittle is currently exhibiting his artwork at the Carlos Gallery in the Nabit Art Building through Feb. 20.

"Constructing Fables" is a body of work created from disparate approaches stitched together through a love of pattern and the notion of mapping in oil paintings and collages. Whittle's fragmented series of patterns becomes ocean, sky, reflection and metaphor occupying daytime, nighttime and dream time.

Whittle is an artist, educator and curator from Athens, Ga. He received his MFA in Painting from Cornell University, and his work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. He has been the recipient of numerous artist's grants, residencies and awards.

In 2004 he was invited to be an artist-in-residence at the Fundacion Valparaiso in Spain and recently he was selected "100 Under 100: The New Superstars of Southern Art" by Oxford American Magazine. His work is featured in the current issue, as well. Prior to arriving in Sewanee he taught studio courses at the University of Georgia and was the director of the Dalton Gallery at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga.



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"Cinderella" on SAS Stage This Weekend

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

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

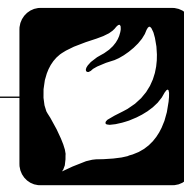
The 43-member cast will bring the 2013 Broadway version to the McCrory Hall stage. This version has all the beautiful and familiar Rogers and Hammerstein music, but has been updated, adding new characters and putting twists on old characters.

For more information go to <sasweb.org>.

Smoke House Offers New Buffet, Reversing Diabetes Class

Jim Oliver's Smoke House Restaurant in Monteagle announces that it is offering a vegan/vegetarian/gluten-free buffet from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

The "Reversing Diabetes" class will also be offered on Thursday nights, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Smoke House dining room. This program details the benefits of eating and living well, and better ways of living with diabetes, which includes food choices, menu, diet, exercise and general wellness. The free class is taught by Karen and Stephen Wickham.



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SAS Edges Hawks

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee School boys' varsity basketball team topped Richard Hardy Memorial School on Jan. 26 in a nail-biter, 44-40.

With less than two minutes left, the Hawks tied the game at 40 apiece. On the next possession, SAS's Blaise Zeitler came off of a hard screen set by Deonte Swain to hit the game-winning three-point shot.

Zeitler led all scorers with 23 points and five assists; Kenneth Thomas added nine points, three steals and three assists for SAS; Swain had five points and eight rebounds; Burton Dorrough posted four points and eight rebounds; and Dustin Stensby notched three points.



SAS middle school swim team members at the championship meet in Nashville are (from left) coach Nan Long, Michael Vaughn, Zolon Knoll, coach Allison Paterson, Aidan Smith and Porter Neubaurer.

Mountain Lion Swimmers Excel at Two Top Meets

Four swimmers from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's varsity swim team competed in Nashville on Jan. 29 at the Middle Tennessee High School Swimming Association (MTHSSA) region meet, while the four boys on the middle school swim team competed in Nashville on Jan. 30 at the MTHSSA middle school championships.

Junior Sam Smith had a very successful regional meet, dropping 4.42 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 6.80 seconds, and dropping 6.39 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.32. Smith finished 12th out of 77 swimmers in the breaststroke and 24th out of 56 swimmers in the butterfly. Smith's breaststroke time qualified him for the Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association high school state championships, which will be in Nashville on Feb. 12-13.

Sophomore Catherine Gray set two new SAS school records in her individual events with a time of 2:37.00 in the 200-yard individual medley (4:97 second drop) and a time of 1:08.59 in the 100-yard backstroke (2.12 second drop). Gray's individual medley time broke Anneli Virkhaus' school record from 2002, while her backstroke time broke Anna Obermiller's school record from 2009.

Senior Joshua Alvarez swam new personal bests in his two individual events, as well, with times of 58.30 in the 100-yard freestyle and 1:16.41 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke. Junior Jack Haight, competing in his first region meet, swam the 50-yard freestyle in 28.35 and the 100 freestyle in 1:04.10.

In middle school swimming action, despite having only four boys on the team, the SAS middle school swim team of seventh-graders Zolon Knoll, Porter Neubauer and Michael Vaughn, and eighth-grader Aidan Smith, finished 10th overall out of 28 boys' teams entered in the MTHSSA middle school championships.

Knoll, Neubauer, Smith and Vaughn finished sixth in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a new best time of 1:55.54, and eighth in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 4:28.31.

Smith finished off an exceptional final middle school season with fast swims in both of his individual events by dropping 4.07 seconds for a second-place finish out of 27 swimmers in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.57. Smith was barely out-touched for the first-place finish in this exciting race. Smith also dropped 3.02 seconds and finished ninth overall out of 95 swimmers in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:16.01.

Knoll finished 12th out of 112 swimmers in the 50-yard freestyle with a final time of 27.81, and was 12th out of 113 swimmers in the 100-yard freestyle with a personal best time of 1:01.42. Knoll's personal best 50-yard freestyle time from the morning preliminaries of 27.42 was a qualifying time for USA Swimming's age group sectionals.

Neubauer dropped 6.62 seconds in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing 18th with a time of 2:33.42 and earning a spot as second alternate at evening finals; he swam the 100-yard backstroke in 1:21.10. Vaughn dropped time in both individual events, swimming new personal bests of 31.69 in the 50-yard freestyle (dropped 1.57 seconds) and 1:31.21 in the 100-yard breaststroke (dropped 3.79 seconds).

In a joint statement, coaches Allison Paterson and Nan Long said, "It was an honor and a privilege watching the hard work all of these swimmers put forth this season and seeing their efforts pay off at both these meets. The support they show for one another and the enthusiasm they bring to the sport is beyond words. We are so proud of them."

Home Games This Week

- Today, Feb. 5**
 3:30 pm FCHS JV Girls' Basketball v Coffee County
 4:30 pm FCHS JV Boys' Basketball v Coffee County
 6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball v Coffee County
 6 pm GCHS V Girls' Basketball v Signal Mountain
 6 pm SAS V Girls' Basketball v King's Academy
 6 pm Tigers Women's Basketball v Millsaps
 7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball v Coffee County
 7:30 pm GCHS V Boys' Basketball v Signal Mountain
 8 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball v King's Academy
 8 pm Tigers Men's Basketball v Millsaps
- Saturday, Feb. 6**
 11 am SAS V Girls' Basketball v Webb School of Knoxville
 12:30 pm SAS V Boys' Basketball v Webb School of Knoxville
- Sunday, Feb. 7**
 1 pm Tigers Women's Basketball v Birmingham Southern
 3 pm Tigers Men's Basketball v Birmingham Southern
- Monday, Feb. 8**
 6 pm FCHS JV Girls' Basketball v Giles County
 7 pm FCHS JV Boys' Basketball v Giles County
- Tuesday, Feb. 9**
 4 pm FCHS JV Boys' Basketball v Columbia
 6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball v Columbia
 7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball v Columbia
- Thursday, Feb. 11**
 4:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball v Huntland at Townsend Gym
 5:30 pm SES Boys' Basketball v Huntland at Townsend Gym
 7 pm SAS MS Boys' Basketball v Pelham Elementary
- Friday, Feb. 12**
 6 pm FCHS V Girls' Basketball v Giles County
 7:30 pm FCHS V Boys' Basketball v Giles County

Tigers Drill Berry, Carter Tops Milestone

The past couple of seasons, the Sewanee men's basketball team has been known for balanced scoring and great defense. On Jan. 31, the visiting Tigers took that to a new level as the Tigers had all five starters score at least 12 points in an 80-65 road win over Berry College in Rome, Ga.

Freshman guard Cody Jones, who finished with 18 points on 5-of-9 shooting, led the Tigers. Junior forward Brody Stone added 16 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

Junior guard Jacob McCullough added 13 points, eight rebounds, five assists and five steals, while senior forward Keshonn Carter finished with a 12-point, 11-rebound double-double. Finally, junior guard Clay Born added 12 points while making all but one of his attempts.

Additionally, Carter became only the 13th Tiger in school history with 1,000 points and 500 career rebounds. Carter now has 1,004 points, 559 rebounds and 86 career blocks.

With the victory, Sewanee has a strong command of second place in the Southern Athletic Association standings with a 6-2 record.

As a team, Sewanee made a season-high 54.3 percent of its shots. That included a 53.3 three-point percentage. On defense, Sewanee limited Berry to a 34.3 field-goal percentage and 14 turnovers. That led to 18 Sewanee points.

Guard Caleb Johnson led Berry with 21 points, after he took 21 shot attempts.

Sports Notes

Soccer Registration

Online soccer registration is now open at <fcsoccer.org>, or visit the Franklin County Soccer Association Facebook page for more information. The last day to register is Feb. 21.

Games begin April 3 and will go through May 22. Cost is \$60 per player or \$110 maximum per family. The Little Kickers cost to play is \$40 this season.

All spring soccer games are played on Sunday.

Players who are 4- and 5-years-old in 2016 will sign up for the U6 soccer division. Players who are 6 and 7 in 2016 will sign up for the U8 soccer division.

Players who are 8 and 9 in this year will sign up for the U10 soccer division. Sign-up follows the same pattern for U12 and 13-plus soccer divisions.

Sewanee Equestrian Camps

Sewanee Equestrian Camps run June 13-17; June 20-24; July 5-9; and July 11-15.

The camps at the Sewanee Equestrian Center are open to ages 6 and up, and cost \$400 per week.

For more information email Karine Gordy at <kmgordy@sewanee.edu>.

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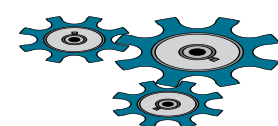
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NATURENOTES



Purple deadnettle

First Blooms of Spring

The earliest plants to flower in the spring, besides those planted in our yards and gardens, are some of the “weeds” in those yards and gardens. Around the foundations of the library and Spencer Hall, common chickweed, bittercress and purple deadnettle are already in bloom, with the latter’s close relative, henbit, in bud. If you were in a field botany class, that’s three plant families right there: chickweed in the Pink family, bittercress in the Mustard family, and henbit and purple deadnettle in the Mint family. The occasional dandelion would add another, the Aster family. Of course, none of these are native wildflowers, having come to this continent with humans from other parts of the world, sometimes by choice. Dandelion, for example, was grown as a common culinary green and medicinal plant in colonial gardens of New England.

Upland Chorus Frog

About two months ago I mentioned here that I had heard the Upland Chorus Frog singing in the valley but that I hadn’t heard it in the Sewanee area for a while. This past Monday I could hear them from the Fowler Center parking lot, in full spate around a vernal pool just off Louisiana Circle.

—Reported by Yolande Gottfried



Upland Chorus Frog. Photo from Virginia Herpetological Society



Sky



Jesse

Pets of the Week

Meet Sky and Jesse

Animal Harbor offers these two delightful pets for adoption.

Sky is a beautiful, regal adult Himalayan-mix kitty with a lovely fluffy coat. She would like life best if she had a soft pillow on a window ledge in the sun and toys to hunt when she wants some play time. Sky is negative for FeLV and FIV, house-trained, up-to-date on shots, microchipped and spayed.

Jesse is a silly, chunky guinea pig who enjoys having his nose petted and getting treats. He is happiest when he’s in a pile of hay munching on a romaine lettuce salad. Guinea pigs can really be fun to watch play, so come meet Jesse.

Every Friday is Black Friday at Animal Harbor. On Fridays, adoption fees will be reduced 50 percent for black or mostly black pets over 4 months old who have been at Animal Harbor for more than a month. Pets adopted from Animal Harbor qualify for a free post-adoption wellness exam by local veterinarians.

Animal Harbor is now in its new shelter at 56 Nor-Nan Road, off AEDC Road, in Winchester. Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information, and check out their other pets at <www.animalharbor.com>. Enter the drawing on this site for a free spay or neuter for one of your pets. Please help Animal Harbor continue to save abandoned pets by sending your donations to Animal Harbor, P. O. Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398.

Sewanee Herbarium Events

Herbarium Tour and Mountathon

Sewanee Herbarium, Spencer Hall—
Sat., Feb. 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mary Priestley

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Hunt for the Second Hepatica

Shakerag Hollow—Sun., Feb. 14, 1:30 p.m., Yolande Gottfried

The first hepatica was already spotted in December!

Valentine’s Day is known as Olde Groundhog Day by Appalachian traditionalists. Attendees probably won’t see a groundhog but may see other signs of springs such as pepper-and-salt (harbinger of spring), star chickweed, toothwort and maybe more hepatica.

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Astronomy—Meet Ranger Park at 6 p.m. at the Visitors’ Center for a look into the wonders of the night sky. Ever wonder how to spot a satellite? Or which are planets and which are stars? Or what’s the story behind the Pleiades anyhow? Bring all your questions, as well as a red light, and find out! There will be a short walk on the Meadow Trail out to the telescope, so wear closed-toe shoes. Dress for the weather, and bring water.

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

Weather

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Tue	Jan 26	53	45
Wed	Jan 27	49	27
Thu	Jan 28	40	25
Fri	Jan 29	50	32
Sat	Jan 30	60	31
Sun	Jan 31	63	48

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Avg max temp =	51
Avg min temp =	34
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Precipitation =	1.57"

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Avg temp =	36
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January 57-Year Averages:

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Community Calendar

Today, Feb. 5

Curbside recycling, before 7 am

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Spinal spa with Kim, Fowler
- 3:30 pm Dance with Debbie, age 4–6, Comm Ctr
- 4:15 pm Dance with Debbie, age 7 and up, Comm Ctr
- 4:30 pm Art talk, Vogel, Convocation Hall, reception follows
- 6:00 pm Grundy Democrats, Gruetli-Laager Comm Ctr
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:00 pm Play, "Cinderella," SAS Players, McCrory Hall
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2," SUD

Saturday, Feb. 6

- 9:00 am American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall, Sewanee
- 9:00 am Yoga with Richard, Comm Ctr
- 9:30 am Herbarium Tour/Mountathon, Spencer Hall, till 11:30 am
- 10:00 am Baseball/softball sign-ups, Monteagle City Hall, till 2 pm
- 2:00 pm Hearts/Grocery Carts, BC Hearth Room, until 4 pm
- 7:00 pm Play, "Cinderella," SAS Players, McCrory Hall
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2," SUT

Sunday, Feb. 7 • CAC Pantry Sunday

- 12:00 pm VITA tax assistance, Holy Comforter, until 5 pm
- 2:00 pm Knitting circle, instruction, Mooney's, until 4 pm
- 2:30 pm SAS Admissions open house, grades 5–11, SAS
- 3:30 pm Women's spirituality group, Thurmond Library, Otey
- 4:00 pm Play, "Cinderella," SAS Players, McCrory Hall
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2," SUT

Monday, Feb. 8

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Coffee with Coach, Ryan Cassell, Blue Chair
- 9:00 am Pickleball with John, Fowler Center
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Sewanee Woman's Club, Gottfried, DuBose
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 5:30 pm Yoga for healing with Lucie, Comm Ctr
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:00 pm Drug Abuse Prevention forum, Franklin Co. Annex
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall; adults, 7 pm
- 6:30 pm GSA support rally, FCHS parking lot
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale, second floor, Guerriy

Tuesday, Feb. 9 • Shrove Tuesday

Lease Agenda Deadline, Lease Office

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 9:30 am Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 10:30 am La Leche League, Community Center
- 11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 12:30 pm Carillon concert, Shapard Tower
- 3:00 pm Tai Chi with Kathleen, beginners, Senior Ctr
- 3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, water bldg next to old GCHS
- 5:00 pm VITA tax assistance, Holy Comforter, until 7 pm
- 6:00 pm Fat Tuesday celebration, St. Mark's Hall, Otey
- 7:30 pm Film, "1947 Earth" SUT
- 7:30 pm Poetry night, Blue Chair

Wednesday, Feb. 10

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

- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:00 am Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 10:00 am Story time, May Justus Library, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm EQB Luncheon, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 12:00 pm Deadline for Community Council items, Provost
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 12:30 pm EQB Lead, Goldberg, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 6:30 pm Folk music collective, St. Luke's Chapel
- 7:00 pm Catechumenate, Women's Center
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Purple Rose of Cairo," (free), SUT

Thursday, Feb. 11

- 8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 9:00 am Gentle yoga with Becky, Comm Ctr
- 11:00 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, inter/adv, Comm Ctr
- 12:00 pm Academy for Lifelong Learn., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 12:30 pm Blood Drive, until 3 pm and from 3:30–6 pm, STRHS Sewanee (formerly Emerald-Hodgson)
- 12:30 pm Carillon concert, Shapard Tower
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home Support Group, 598-0303
- 3:00 pm Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 5 pm
- 3:30 pm Emeritus Assn., Gentry, Torian Room, duPont
- 5:00 pm Art reception, Core, SAS Gallery, until 7 pm
- 6:30 pm Bible study, Cowan Fellowship Church
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Spectre," SUT

Friday, Feb. 12

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Spinal spa with Kim, Fowler
- 1:00 pm VITA tax assistance, Senior Center, until 4 pm
- 3:30 pm Dance with Debbie, age 4–6, Comm Ctr
- 4:15 pm Dance with Debbie, age 7 and up, Comm Ctr
- 4:30 pm Milne/Bettermann demo, Convocation Hall
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Spectre," SUT

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

- 7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

- 7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 10:00 am AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 4:30 pm AA, "Tea-Totallers" women's group, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493

- 7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday

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

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