



Alice McDermott

## Readings By McDermott and Fairchild at SWC

Celebrating its 26th summer session, the Sewanee Writers' Conference will run through Saturday, Aug. 1, and feature readings, panels and lectures by distinguished faculty and nationally recognized editors, publishers and literary agents.

Alice McDermott will read at 4:15 p.m., today (Friday) July 24.

McDermott is the author of seven novels, the latest of which, "Someone," was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the National Book Award. "After This" was a finalist for the 2006 Pulitzer Prize. Her book, "Charming Billy," received the 1998 National Book Award for fiction.

Playwright Paula Vogel will read at 8:15 p.m., Monday, July 27. Vogel's play "How I Learned to Drive" earned a 1998 Pulitzer Prize, a New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and her second Obie Award. Other plays include "Don Juan Comes Home From Iraq," "The Baltimore Waltz" and "Desdemona." Her most recent play, "Indecent," will be produced in the 2015-16 season at Yale Repertory and LaJolla Playhouse. She is a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Best-selling and critically acclaimed fiction writers will also offer public readings during the conference: Tony Earley (4:15 p.m., Saturday, July 25); Richard Bausch (4:15 p.m., Sunday, July 26); Erin McGraw (4:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 28); Adrienne Harun (4:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 29); Allen Wier (8:15 p.m., Thursday, July 30); Jill McCorkle (8:15 p.m., Friday, July 31); Kevin Wilson (4:15 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1) and Steve Yarbrough (8:15 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1).

Award-winning poets' readings are open to the public: B.H. Fairchild (8:15 p.m., Friday, July 24); Mary Jo Salter (8:15 p.m., Saturday, July 25); Maurice Manning (8:15 p.m., Sunday, July 26); Sidney Wade (4:15 p.m., Monday, July 27); Daniel Anderson (8:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 28); Charles Martin (4:15 p.m., Thursday, July 30) and Andrew Hudgins (4:15 p.m., Friday, July 31).

Acclaimed playwright Dan O'Brien (8:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 29) will also read a selection of his work.

The Sewanee Writers' Conference offers instruction to writers through workshops, readings and craft lectures in poetry, fiction and playwriting.

Lectures and readings will be held in the Mary Sue Cushman Room of the Bairnwick Women's Center on Mississippi Avenue. Admission to all public events is free, but space may be limited. For more information go to <www.sewaneewriters.org/conference/schedule>.



Community members enjoy the music at the First Occasional Austin Showcase No. 2 on July 18 in Angel Park. Jason Lee Wilson of Montecagle was one of the acts featured during the event. Photo by Paul Klekotta

## South Cumberland Community Fund Announces 2015 Grants

New park facilities, a walking path and a community garden for the Grundy County Jail are among the projects being funded by the 2015 grants awarded by the South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF).

"Since 2012, one of our core missions has been to cultivate resources by supporting nonprofit organizations across the Plateau," said Margaret Woods, board president of the Community Fund. "We are thrilled with this newest series of projects, which create opportunities for our youth, build new community spaces and expand local support services for our communities."

There will be a reception at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2, in St. Mark's Hall, in Claiborne Parish House at Otey Church in Sewanee to celebrate the new grant recipients and to thank the AmeriCorps VISTA members and volunteers.

The City of Coalmont, thanks to a group of volunteers led by Jeff Sholey working in partnership with county government and the South Cumberland Community Fund, now enjoys a public park on the shore of Big Creek Lake. The park was built in 2013 on county-owned land that had not been developed or maintained for recreational uses. The subsequent popularity of the park for families in the area has led to plans to add a 4,000-foot gravel walking trail. The SCCF grant of \$10,000 will support the construction of the trail, which is expected to increase community access to safe areas for healthy exercise.

The City of Palmer has a town center where a public park, a museum of mining, the seat of government and the public school are all in close proximity.

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## New Monteagle Sewanee Rotary President

The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club has selected Haynes Roberts as its president for the 2015-16 year. Roberts, a Sewanee alumnus class of 2000, is the senior director of annual giving at the University. Previously he worked as a counselor with admissions at Sewanee, and he was a political consultant in Washington, D.C. He also lived and worked in Atlanta as a private wealth manager for Credit Suisse. He and his wife, Megan, live in Sewanee with their two daughters.

As incoming president, Roberts said he hopes to see growth and enhanced community partnerships, particularly with the Rotary Club's two new service initiatives: the Cajun Supper which helps to fund the University's work in Haiti, and the Hunger Awareness Walk, which benefits the local food banks at Otey Parish's Community Action Committee and Morton Memorial Methodist Church.

Roberts said he joined Rotary because several influential people in his life are Rotarians; specifically, he credits John Bratton with his decision to join the club. He said that he appreciates that Rotary is a way to meet and work with people of the community that he might not ordinarily know.



Haynes Roberts

## University to Host Master Plan Workshop

### Sewanee Downtown District Final Master Plan Workshop will be Aug. 10-13

The University of the South, working with planning consultants Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative (TPUDC), will host a public design workshop Aug. 10-13, with the purpose of developing a final Master Plan and Implementation Strategy for the Sewanee downtown area. TPUDC has been hired as the University's town planner and charged with finalizing the Master Plan, overseeing design and development in the Village, and implementing the action items developed in two previous studies, the Sewanee Village Vision Plan (2012) and the Sewanee Village Action Plan (2014).

The multi-day visioning and design workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10, in Lower Cravens Hall, with an opening session and public presentation on the process. [See full schedule at right.] The workshop will conclude at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, when the team will describe the preliminary plan for the area, explain elements of the plan, show illustrations and present findings and work products developed during the workshop. Throughout the workshop, a design studio will be open in Lower Cravens for community members to contribute their ideas.

Brian Wright of TPUDC visited Sewanee in March 2015, when he and Becky Timmons met with various University and neighborhood groups and conducted an open town meeting to gain an understanding of how residents, students and visitors view the downtown area and what they envision for its future. During their three days in Sewanee, they gained an in-depth understanding of what makes Sewanee unique and special. The workshop set for August will be a time for TPUDC's team of planners and designers to continue this planning process.

During the August workshop, TPUDC will work with the public and the University to develop a plan that meets the goals of the Vision Plan and Action Plan, including a more vibrant downtown area that attracts increased investment and mixed-use development at a village scale. The Master Plan will emphasize walkability, integration of the campus community, increased housing options at a variety of income levels, and improved streetscape and architecture. Following the workshop, the consultant will refine the master plan that will be used as the road map for future development in the downtown district.

For additional information email <becky@tpudc.com>.

### Master Plan Workshop Schedule

#### Monday Aug. 10

6:30 p.m. Opening Presentation and Hands-On Workshop

#### Tuesday Aug. 11

All Day Open Studio  
8:30 a.m. Public Realm and Natural Environment  
6 p.m. Pedestrian and Bike Connectivity

#### Wednesday Aug. 12

All Day Open Studio  
8:30 a.m. Building Scale and Massing  
6:00-7:00 p.m. Business Owners

#### Thursday Aug. 13

All Day Open Studio  
6:30 p.m. Closing Presentation

## Tour Rebel's Rest Site

"Explore Rebel's Rest" tours (approx. 30 minutes long) will be available to the public on Friday, July 31, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All are welcome to come and hear an overview of the Polk and Fairbanks history of the site, updates on the various research projects related to the site, and see the Rebels Rest excavation in progress.

Children under the age of 15 need to be accompanied by an adult. Sturdy, closed-toe footwear is required. Please meet at the gate at the Rebel's Rest site, next to Fulford Hall. In the case of heavy rain, the event will be rescheduled.

On July 23, 2014, fire destroyed the second floor of the 148-year-old historic house. The building was in the midst of renovations.

For more information go to <www.sewanee.edu/rebelsrest>; there are opportunities to volunteer on the site and in the lab.



People have been working at the excavations at Rebel's Rest all summer. Photo by Sarah C. Sherwood.

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# Letters

## FRIENDS OF GIDEON THANKS To the Editor:

The Friends of Canon Gideon want to express gratitude to the many folks who made our recent fund-raiser a success. We transferred \$7,000 to Hope Institute in Uganda last week. Heartfelt thanks to a multitude of generous-hearted donors. It wouldn't have happened without the terrific coverage in the Sewanee Messenger and on the Sewanee Civic Association's email Classifieds; without Marilyn Phelps in the crowd on July 4, while Betty Carpenter and I carried the banner in the parade; without John Runkle offering the lovely long porch at St. Mary's Sewanee facing the sunset for our picnic; Bazzania setting the tone; Kay MacKenzie for cooking; Gary Sturgis for being our emcee; and Nonie Allen for serving as treasurer. Sewanee politics professor Amy Patterson gave a moving talk about her African travel this summer, the needs of youth in East Africa, and Sewanee's evolving commitment in terms of faculty research and intern summer work at Canon Gideon's school north of Kampala. Profound thanks to you all.

Sally Hubbard  
Sewanee ■

## ASENSE OF PLACE To the Editor:

I have spent my career restoring historic properties in Tennessee. Many communities have historic overlays that strongly restrict the demolition of contributing structures. Fulford Hall can and should be saved where it stands.

My thanks to the University administration for forming the Fulford Hall advisory group. I hope this will help the University and community to become more informed on the importance of historic preservation and enable them to make the right decisions.

Sewanee is a school that has always had a strong sense of its history and traditions. I was surprised and concerned that the current administration did not see the importance of the re-creation of Rebel's Rest.

I understand that the University is under pressure to modernize and be competitive. Let us not forget the importance of the sense of place in our history.

Michael Lee  
Sewanee ■

## SSMF GRATITUDE To the Editor:

For the past month Sewanee has been alive with the joyful sounds

of 200 musicians from six countries and 39 states at the 59th Sewanee Summer Music Festival. On behalf of all who perform, teach and provide administrative support for the Festival, thank you, Sewanee! On the occasion of Director Emerita Martha McCrory's 95th birthday, it is fitting to remember her words, "A life with music is the greatest gift you can give a child."

Thank you, Sewanee, for providing the fertile ground upon which these amazing seeds could germinate. As Allen Tinkham (Music Director, Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras) said, "these students from around the world now have roots here, in our hometown, a place they will never forget."

At our final concert last Sunday, a young snare drummer looked at his colleague and said, "At measure 315, I realized what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."

Your support as audience members, community volunteers, merchant sponsors and advertisers, as hosts for home receptions, housing for conductors and the generosity of our local donors is overwhelming. Thank you to the University for its support. The individuals who have given their time, talent, and generous donations are too numerous to list. Thank you, one and all.

Conductor Larry Livingston (University of Southern California) speaks for all of us when he said, "My heart now lives in Sewanee." We look forward to celebrating the 60th Festival in 2016, and know that the community will respond again with their open arms and hearts.

Katherine Lehman, Director  
Sewanee Summer Music Festival ■

## CROSSWALKS ADD TO SAFETY To the Editor:

It's not that I'm crazy about the crosswalks so much but that I am so crazy about Sewanee that I'm okay with them.

If I ran a giant corporation like the University, I would absolutely support their introduction to the community in the spirit of minimizing liability, even if it meant being overly cautious.

Their very greatest gift to us is that of generating thoughtful conversation on how to grow — as grow we must — in as mindful and inclusive a way as possible.

New things in our little village are



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

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The Messenger is taking its two-week summer break. Our office will reopen Monday, Aug. 10, and we'll be back in print on Friday, Aug. 14.

Janet Graham joins me in thanking our dedicated supporters: the loyal advertisers who know the value of an ad in the Messenger; the Sewanee Community Chest, for its support; and the University of the South, whose donations to this publication encourage conversation and cooperation in our community.

I am grateful to all our columnists and contributors: Phoebe Bates, John Bordley, Kiki Beavers, Virginia Craighill, Patrick Dean, Liz Ellis, Buck Gorrell, Lyn Hutchinson, Paul Klekotta, John Shackelford, Margaret Stephens, Peter Trenchi, Pat Wiser and Francis Walter, who help us see the world in new ways.

Janet and I also want to acknowledge the important contributions of staff members April Minkler, Ray Minkler and Sandra Gabrielle; and staff writers Leslie Lytle and Kevin Cummings.

Finally I want to thank you, our readers, who faithfully read the Messenger each week and give us honest, thoughtful feedback.

Our community is stronger because of your commitment to this Mountain. —LW

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**Letters** (*from page 2*)

we heard. "It is a place." The interaction of the institution with the town and with the semi-wild natural world in our midst makes our campus unique. Keep institutional construction east of University Avenue. Send us your insights into Sewanee's ecosystem.

More "Save Fulford Hall" bumper stickers have arrived. Contact Leslie Richardson if you can't find one at local businesses.

*Leslie Richardson and  
Richard Tillinghast  
On behalf of the Fulford Hall  
Advisory Committee  
Sewanee ■*

**THANK YOU, SEWANEE****To the Editor:**

On July 18, I had to cut a small tree that had grown entangled with one cut by the DREMC tree-cutting crew, and which they had refused to cut. Without a chain saw, it was hard and hot work. However a University Physical Plant Services worker graciously stopped and helped me drag the large limbs to the back of our lot.

As we have heard many times since we retired here as senior citizens in 2007, Sewanee is a community where people help each other. I publicly and sincerely want to thank this person for helping with something that would have been very difficult for me to do alone.

*Glenn Swygart  
Sewanee ■*

**FIND GOODNESS****To the Editor:****Hate is a cancer.**

A highly respected man from Sewanee, Theron Myers, my Sunday school teacher at the time, made this statement. It wasn't until years later

that I enforced this as a classroom rule at South Junior High, where I taught school for 26 years. The word "hate" was not spoken in my classroom. Hate is seeping into every fiber of our being today: our families, our schools, our communities, into the very young and the very old. Hate destroys. And yes, it eats away at your sense of well-being.

I don't care how many flags you fly, guns you tote, words you spew, demonstrations you have. Your hate will be the undoing of you. Our country will weep real tears when hate wins. Instead of joining together in efforts of rebuilding, renewing, hate is winning. It is a sad time in my heart to be a part of this and surrounded by this. I work at not hating, I work at rebuilding and most of all, I work at finding the goodness that is a gift to all, but one has to want it and seek it and above all, live it!

*Carol VandenBosch  
Sewanee ■*

**CROSSING SIGNALS****To the Editor:**

Well it seems that Sewanee is getting up-to-date. Alaska has a bridge to nowhere, now we have a sidewalk that isn't there. The caution signal for pedestrian crossing that is on Ball Park Road—there is no sidewalk. On top of that, there is a stop sign already in that location to stop traffic on the road that has been there forever. More of our tax money wasted.

Echoing last week's Letter to Editor, this would have made so much more sense if erected on 41A for pedestrians crossing the highway instead of the huge waste of money putting in a roundabout, which will only slow vehicle traffic. Stopping traffic to allow pedestrians to cross is what we need.

*John Wendling  
Sewanee ■*

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**Upcoming Meetings & Events****Yard Sale to Benefit Monteagle VFD**

A yard sale to benefit the Monteagle Volunteer Fire Department will be 7 a.m.–noon, Saturday, July 25, at Tom's Place, 335 W. Main St., Monteagle (between Monteagle–Sewanee Realty and Monteagle Florist.)

**Monteagle Arts & Crafts Market**

The 54th Annual Monteagle Mountain Market for Arts and Crafts will be 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday, July 25, and 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday, July 26, behind City Hall, at 16 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle. For more information go to <[www.monteaglechamber.com](http://www.monteaglechamber.com)> or call (931) 924-5353.

**Morton Memorial UMC**

The eighth annual fish fry will take place at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, 4–7 p.m., Saturday, July 25. The menu will include fried fish, hush puppies, fries, coleslaw and wonderful desserts. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will also be an auction as part of the evening. This year the proceeds will go to two programs: Morton's new ministry, Tools 4 Schools, which will help buy supplies for Mountain schoolchildren, and the Brinkley School, an orphanage in India.

**Area Rotary Club Meetings**

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

The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club meets 8–9 a.m., Thursdays. On July 30, the speaker will be John Schmisser, "News from the UT Space Institute," at McClurg Dining Hall. On Aug. 6, the group will meet for a club assembly at the Sewanee Inn.

**Farm to Table Dinner on July 31**

Local farmers, in conjunction with the UT/TSU Extension Office, are hosting a Farm to Table Dinner, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 31. The event will be at the UT/TSU extension office in Coalmont. The dinner (\$50 per person) includes choice of steak or pork tenderloin, fresh vegetables, fresh salad and fruit cobbler. All fruits and vegetables will be fresh and in season. Reserve a seat by July 28 by calling (931) 592-3971. All proceeds will support UT/TSU Extension Office programs.

**SCCF Hosts Reception on Aug. 2**

The South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF) board of directors invites the community to a reception at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2, in St. Mark's Hall, in Claiborne Parish House at Otey Church in Sewanee. At the event, SCCF will announce the 2015 grant recipients and thank the AmeriCorps VISTA members and volunteers. For more information go to <[www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org](http://www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org)>.

**Curbside Recycling Friday, Aug. 7**

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Aug. 7, will be a pickup day. Recyclable materials must be separated by type and placed in blue bags by the side of the road no later than 7:30 a.m. Please do not put out general household trash on this day.

Blue bags may be picked up in the University Lease and Community Relations Office, 400 University Ave. (the Blue House) or at the Physical Plant Services office on Georgia Avenue.

**American Legion Meets Aug. 8**

American Legion Post 51 will have its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Legion Hall on University Avenue in Sewanee.

**Franklin County Democrats Meet on Aug. 10**

The Franklin County Democratic Party will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 10, at the Franklin County Annex, 1839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Members and guests are welcome.

**Lease Committee Agenda Deadline Aug. 11**

The next meeting of the Lease Committee will be on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Agenda items are due in the Office of the Superintendent of Leases in The Blue House on University Avenue by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11.

**VISTA Offers Energy Assistance Programs**

Across the United States, AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service of America) focuses on poverty alleviation through capacity-building for nonprofit organizations and public agencies. Locally, the South Cumberland Community Fund and the University of the South sponsor the South Cumberland Plateau VISTA Project. The 10 VISTA volunteers who have been a part of the first year of this project are working toward these broader goals through different projects in Franklin, Grundy and Marion counties.

One of these projects is the creation of a weatherization and utility conservation network. Coordinated by Ida Zago, a member of the VISTA team, this network brings together organizations that deal with home repair, bill-pay assistance or that otherwise have a stake in utility conservation. The founding members of the network are Mountain T.O.P., Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministries, the Sewanee Outreach and Community Engagement Offices, Housing Sewanee, the University's Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, the Community Action Committee at Otey Parish and Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. Additionally the network coordinator is working with local utility providers to bring the resources they offer to a larger number of their clients. The mission of this effort is to support energy education and conservation resources within the community.

The "poverty alleviation" portion of this project is straightforward: to help families and individuals save money on their utility bills. However, the network is devoted to looking beyond that primary goal, aiming to see local communities committed to environmental and financial stewardship.

There are two main ways the network is doing this: through home energy audits and repairs, and through public education. The energy audits are a revival and expansion of a program begun by the University Outreach Office and Office of Sustainability several years ago. These organizations developed a home assessment process that provides recommendations for everything from simple, free changes homeowners or renters can make, to extensive home renovations. The assessment includes a blower door test, which uses a high-speed fan to create airflow that can be used to detect leaks that are causing unnecessary winter heat loss. Once

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# Obituaries

### James Joseph Boone

James Joseph “Jimmie Joe” Boone, age 20, of Hillsboro, died on July 8, 2015. He was a 2013 graduate of St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School and was working as a lifeguard for Manchester Recreational Center.

He is survived by his parents, Wes and Patty Boone of Hillsboro; grandmothers, Melver Boone of Waverly, Tenn., and Betty Tatem of Medford, N.J.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service was on July 17 at Bluegrass Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tenn. Graveside services and interment were on July 18 in Richlawn Cemetery, Waverly. For complete obituary go to <www.luffbowen.com>.

### Lucinda Howard Hawks

Lucinda Howard Hawks died on July 22, 2015.

She was born on June 6, 1950, in Schenectady, N.Y., to Clara E. Stocky-Westfall-Catuccio and J. Westfall.

She earned her undergraduate degree from the Crane School of Music and her master’s degree from Eastman School of Music. She was the organist and choir director of St. James Episcopal Church in Midway and a former teacher at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School. Lucinda was a dog trainer and judge at AKC herding trials. She raised and trained champion herding dogs, as well as agility dogs.

Lucinda is survived by her brother, Rick Catuccio; uncle, Stan Stocky; nephews, Michael and David Catuccio; great-niece, Giuliana Catuccio; and several cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society, <www.cancer.org>.

### Jackie Ray Johnson

Jackie Ray Johnson, age 67 of Cowan, died on July 16, 2015. He was born on Dec. 16, 1947, in Sewanee, He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Germany. He was a member of Decherd Nazarene Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Gladys Johnson of Sewanee; and sisters-in-law Mary Tatum of Winchester, Bessie Morris of Sherwood and Annie Ellis of Sewanee.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Brenda Johnson of Cowan; son, Michael Dewayne (Cindy) Johnson; daughter, Jennifer Renea (Anthony)

Ingle, both of Winchester; sisters, Ruby, Betty and Judy Johnson of Sewanee; brothers, Charles (Brenda) Johnson of Estill Springs, Buddy, Jim and Johnny Johnson, all of Sewanee, and Joe (Jean) Johnson of Winchester; sisters-in-law Callie Johnson and Mary Posey of Cowan, Jannie Throneberry and Jean Morris of Winchester; and four grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were on July 20 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Brian Nave officiating. Interment followed in Cowan Montgomery Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

### Katherine Williams Knott

Katherine Williams Knott, age 91 of Tracy City, died on July 20, 2015, at her home. She was born on July 2, 1924, in Monteagle, to Robert Jackson “Bob” Rollins and Levester Thomas Rollins. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Gene Williams and Frances Lee Knott; son Billy Joe Williams; grandson Brian Williams; daughters Janie Beatrice and Jewellene Williams; sisters, Mary Sitz, Pauline Risley and Dorothy Layne; and brothers, Bud, Paul and Dale Rollins.

She is survived by children Jannette Phillips and Linda (Eddie) Carson, both of Jasper, Bruce (Carol) Williams of Monteagle, Robert (Reba) Williams of Gruetli-Laager, Kathy (David) Tate and Mary Edith (Dennis) Cook, both of Tracy City, Danny Ray (Crickett) Williams of Sequatchie; and 23 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on July 23 in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Delbert Layne officiating. Interment followed in Clouse Hill Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

# Memorial Service

### Georgie Short

A memorial service for Georgie Short, who died on June 27, 2015, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, at St. Mary’s Convent Cemetery on St. Mary’s Lane in Sewanee. A reception and celebration of her life will be held at the Short home following the service.



# CAC Pantry Sunday Aug. 2

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is Sunday, Aug. 2, 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 \$20.

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 40 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. For more information contact the CAC at 598-5927.

# Church News

### Daughters of the King Meet

Daughters of the King will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the parish hall of St. James Episcopal Church in Midway. All women are invited to attend to learn more about the organization.

### Otey Memorial Parish

On Sunday, July 26, the Rev. Tom Ward Jr. will be the celebrant and preacher at both the 8:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The lectionary class will meet at 10 a.m. Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks old to 4 years old from 8:30 a.m. until after the coffee hour following the second service.

At 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 9, Otey Parish will have its final family service of the summer followed by a potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share; hot dogs will be provided. At the event, Godly Play teachers will introduce themselves and talk about the program.

Godly Play classes resume at 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 16.

### St. Agnes’ Episcopal, Cowan

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church will welcome Wesley Arning as guest preacher at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 26. Arning is a recent graduate of Gordon College in Wenham, Mass., and is enrolling at Virginia Theological Seminary. Lunch will follow the service. St. Agnes’ Church is located at 105 East England St., Cowan. For more information call (931) 636-6313 or go to <www.saintagnescowan.org>.

### St. James Episcopal Church

St. James Episcopal is hosting a Vacation Bible School for adults with special needs, 9–11:30 a.m., July 27–29. Deacon Betty Carpenter will direct the program; staff will be provided by youth and adult volunteers from Decatur, Ala.

### Winchester Church of Christ

Author and editor Brad Harrub will speak at 7 p.m., Wednesdays, July 29–Aug. 26, at the Winchester Church of Christ. He is the author of “Convicted: A Scientist Examines the Evidence for Christianity,” “Heart of the Matter” and “Dissecting the Truth.” The event is open to all. The church is located at 1230 S. College St., Winchester.

For more information call 967-1441.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

### Friday, July 24, and Monday–Friday, July 27–31, Aug. 3–7 and Aug. 10–14

7:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent (not Mondays)  
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary’s Convent (not Mondays)  
8:30 am Morning Prayer, Christ the King (Tuesdays)  
12:30 pm Noon Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent (not Mondays)  
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent (not Mondays)  
6:30 pm Healing service, Christ the King, Decherd (Aug. 6)

### Saturday, July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8

7:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary’s Convent  
10:00 am Monteagle 7th Day Adventist Sabbath School  
11:00 am Monteagle 7th Day Adventist Worship Service  
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary’s Convent  
5:00 pm Mass, Good Shepherd Catholic, Decherd

### Sunday, July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9

#### All Saints’ Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10:00 am Morning Service  
12:30 pm Super Sunday Fun Lunch (July 26)  
5:30 pm Evening Service

#### Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
10:45 am Children’s Sunday School  
12:50 pm Lunch

#### Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

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

#### Christ Church Episcopal, Tracy City

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

#### Christ the King Anglican, Decherd

9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:40 am Adults’ and Children’s Sunday School

#### Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Cowan Fellowship Church

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

#### Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

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

#### Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School  
10:50 am Worship

#### Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Children’s Sunday School  
10:45 am Holy Eucharist

#### First United Methodist Church, Tracy City

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Bible study, prayer meeting

#### Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10:30 am Mass

#### Grace Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service

#### Harrison Chapel Methodist

10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Evening Worship Service

#### Midway Baptist Church

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

#### Midway Church of Christ

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

#### Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

#### New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

10:30 am Worship Service

#### Otey Memorial Parish

8:50 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Lectionary Class, Brooks Hall  
11:00 am Holy Eucharist

#### Pelham United Methodist Church

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

#### St. Agnes’ Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

#### St. James Episcopal, Midway

9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8:00 am Mass

#### St. Mary’s Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
5:00 pm Evensong

#### Sewanee Church of God

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

#### Society of Friends

9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

#### Tracy City First Baptist Church

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

6:00 pm Evening Worship

#### Trinity Episcopal, Winchester

9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Children’s Sunday School

### Wednesday, July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship  
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle  
5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle  
5:30 pm Youth Fellowship, 1st United Methodist, Tracy  
6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist  
6:30 pm Evening Prayer, Trinity, Winchester  
7:00 pm Evening Worship, Harrison Chapel, Midway  
7:00 pm Adult Christian Ed, Epiphany, Sherwood  
7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist



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For more information or to register, please visit <stmaryssewanee.org>, call 598-5342, or email <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>.

## Senior Center News

### Lunch Menus

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

**July 27:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll, dessert.  
**July 28:** Grilled chicken, baked potato, spinach salad, roll, dessert.  
**July 29:** Ribs, potato salad, baked beans, roll, dessert.  
**July 30:** Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dessert.  
**July 31:** Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, roll, dessert.  
**Aug. 3:** Grilled chicken salad, dessert.  
**Aug. 4:** Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, dessert.  
**Aug. 5:** Taco salad, dessert.  
**Aug. 6:** Salmon patty, white beans, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.  
**Aug. 7:** Pork loin, mashed potatoes, veggie blend, roll, dessert.  
**Aug. 10:** Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.  
**Aug. 11:** Chicken pot pie, salad, dessert.  
**Aug. 12:** Hamburger gravy on toast, green beans, dessert.  
**Aug. 13:** Fish, french fries, slaw, hush puppy, dessert.  
**Aug. 14:** Chicken strips, baked potato, salad, dessert.

### Daily Activity Schedule

The Senior Center has fun things to do each week:  
 Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the group plays bingo with prizes.  
 Wednesdays at 10 a.m., the writing group gathers at 212 Sherwood Rd. Members read short passages from their own work or from that of another author. For more information call Connie Kelley, 598-0915.  
 Fridays at 10 a.m. is the time for games. Play Scrabble, join the "Guy's Table" for a game of Sequence or make up a foursome to play bridge.

### Participation at the Center

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members. The center is located at 5 Ball Park Rd., behind the Sewanee Market. To reserve a meal or for more information, call 598-0771.

## Final Summer Programs on the Sewanee Campus

Summer programs are winding down on the University campus, but a few continue.

The European Studies program continues through July 31. The program combines classroom study, extensive travel and on-site examination of Europe's greatest monuments, cities, landscapes and works of art.

Mountain Trails Cross-Country Camp program is on campus until July 27. For more information go to

<[www.mountaintrailsexccamp.com](http://www.mountaintrailsexccamp.com)>.

The 26th session of the Sewanee Writers' Conference will continue through Aug. 2. Supported by the Walter E. Dakin Memorial Fund established through the estate of the late Tennessee Williams, the conference will gather a distinguished faculty to provide instruction and criticism through workshops and craft lectures in poetry, fiction and playwriting.

## Sunset Serenade Set for Sept. 6 at St. Mary's Sewanee

St. Mary's Sewanee announces the sixth annual Sunset Serenade will be 5:30-8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 6. This year, 100 percent of the proceeds will go toward enhancing and increasing the center's program offerings.

Along with delicious food and music by Noel Workman and the Accidentals, the event will also feature a 50-item silent auction. Registration is open; tickets are \$60 per person which includes food and drink.

For more information or to register, contact St. Mary's Sewanee at 598-5342 or email <[reservations@stmaryssewanee.org](mailto:reservations@stmaryssewanee.org)>.

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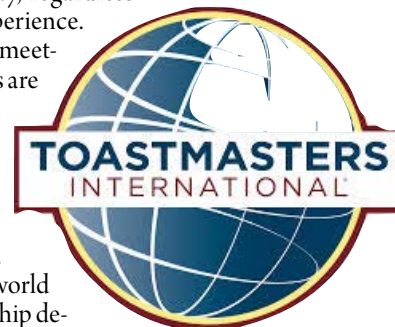


Members of the New Beginnings Church gather each Fourth of July to spend the day playing volleyball and having a picnic at Lake Cheston. This year's gathering was delayed until July 11 because of the weather, but they enjoyed a beautiful day together. Photo by Paul Klekotta

## Toastmasters Club Forming in Sewanee

Toastmasters International, the world's largest and oldest organization dedicated to helping people improve their public speaking and leadership skills, is forming a Toastmasters Club in Sewanee. The group will be open to everyone over the age of 18 in the community, regardless of public speaking skill level or experience. With a goal of starting the regular meetings in September, planning meetings are beginning. The first planning session will be at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 27, at the Blue Chair. If you are interested or have any questions, you can contact club organizers via email to <[sewanee.toastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:sewanee.toastmasters@gmail.com)>.

Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. It has 313,000 members who improve their speaking and leadership skills by attending one of the 14,650 clubs in 126 countries that make up the global network of meeting locations. The world needs leaders who can both accomplish great things, as well as communicate them. By regularly giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere, leaders emerge from the Toastmasters program.



## Energy (from page 3)

an audit has been performed, the homeowner or renter is given a report of the findings and the steps necessary to fix the problems found. The network coordinator then develops a plan to use the client's and the network's resources to provide the materials and labor for the necessary repairs.

In addition to home energy audits, the network works to reach as many individuals as possible through educational outreach. This includes having representatives at various community events, particularly focusing on local food banks. The goal is to provide information about simple, easy things that can be done to save money on utility bills and to be available to answer questions. The other component of the outreach effort is for children. During the summer, network coordinator Zago and Sustainability Office summer intern Grace Gregory have been leading lessons for Mountain T.O.P.'s day camp program and the South Cumberland Summer Meal Program sites. These lessons have focused on what electricity is and how it's made, where it is used in the home, why it is important to only use the energy we need and what we can do to use less energy.

This newly formed network wants to get the community involved. They are actively looking for volunteers to help with the energy audits. No utility conservation or construction experience is necessary, what is most needed is someone who can clearly and compassionately communicate with the client and work with other volunteers. Additionally, they are always looking for new educational venues. The network would be happy to come talk to any group and can tailor the information to any audience.

For more information email Zago at <[vista1.mountaintop@gmail.com](mailto:vista1.mountaintop@gmail.com)> or call (931) 692-3999 and ask to speak to someone about the weatherization program.

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## Blue Monarch Honors Newest Program Graduate

Blue Monarch invites friends and supporters to join them at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2, to celebrate the graduation of Whitney Cantillo. The ceremony will take place at the 50-acre Blue Monarch campus.

Cantillo is one of many women who have arrived at Blue Monarch to give their newborns a healthy start in life as they undergo the intensive residential recovery program for addiction. Blue Monarch serves families from all across the state and beyond, and has helped more than 600 women and children since 2003. Much of the curriculum includes a robust parenting program.

"It was a blessing to have my son while I was here," says Cantillo. "I feel like God provided us a real blessing by preventing what could have happened to both of us during that time."

The Blue Monarch curriculum is a one-to-two year program.

"Graduation is the highest honor we award at Blue Monarch," said Susan Binkley, founder and director. "We celebrate our residents' amazing accomplishments all throughout the year, but reaching graduation requires remarkable determination. It takes courage to be willing to change every single thing about your life—the way you spend your time, the way you make decisions, the way you spend your money—and especially the way you parent your children."

Cantillo will attend college in east Tennessee this fall and hopes to pursue a career in nonprofit management. "After watching what it takes to run a place like Blue Monarch, I would love to be able to do that one day to help others like me," Cantillo said.

For more information or directions to the graduation, call (931) 924-8900 or email <mary@bluemonarch.org>.



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## Grants (from page 1)

The park has many features, but lacks a restroom. In cooperation with the Conservation Committee of Grundy County and with the support of a \$10,000 grant from SCCF, the community of Palmer will construct an ADA-accessible restroom to serve the park patrons and will extend the uses of the park.

The Grundy County Sheriff's office, with the assistance of this \$9,500 grant from the Community Fund, will construct a greenhouse and raised garden beds. Inmates, jail administrators, youth probationers and the community will maintain the garden and greenhouse, and food grown there will feed the inmates and be shared with the community. Taking care of the mini-farm will be a daily chore for inmates, who will receive training from community partners in planting and storing food.

The Grundy County Historical Society library and research center holds approximately 1,600 books, photographs, albums and newsletters, as well as thousands of loose historical documents that date as far back as the 1840s, including volumes of records pertaining to the coal, iron/steel, and railroad industries of the region. SCCF's grant of \$7,406 will enable the Historical Society to purchase library software to identify, organize and improve public access to its holdings. In addition, the grant will support the temporary employment of a professional librarian to implement the project and train voluntary staff in managing the Society's records and special collections in the future.

North Elementary School, operating under the auspices of the Grundy County Board of Education, is working to make its gymnasium a more effective venue for multi-media presentations, programs, assemblies and sporting events. Lacking an auditorium, the gymnasium is the only setting for a variety of school-related and community presentations. The configuration of the gym with side seating makes it difficult for the audience to see and hear many such programs. With this Community Fund grant of \$10,000, the school will purchase two automated projection screens, two wireless projectors and the hardware to operate them. In addition, new microphones and speakers will be purchased to upgrade the school's public address system.

Palmer Elementary School, one of seven public elementary schools in Grundy County, was built in 1927. It is one of only two schools with both a gymnasium and an auditorium. This SCCF grant of \$1,600 will enable the school to replace its 15-year-old public address system with Bluetooth and wireless technology to serve both venues. The school has more than 75 events (such as sporting events, spelling bees and holiday programs) during the year, in addition to daily assemblies. The completion of the \$2,000 project will be made possible by additional investments by the town and the school, plus local business and individual contributors.

Miracle on the Mountain Play Outside Park (MOMPOP) is a year-old organization formed to create a major public recreation area with special emphasis on children with special needs in Grundy and surrounding counties. The park will be constructed on 14 acres located on Highway 108 across from the high school, on land which will be leased from the county. This grant of \$10,000 from SCCF will be applied toward the \$51,900 cost of Phase I, which will include parking and roadway access, restrooms and a concession stand, an amphitheater, and paved pathways to make the entire area ADA-compliant.

Mountain Heritage Preservation Society was established to educate the community, especially its children, about the unique cultural heritage they inherit from growing up on the Cumberland Plateau. The hope is that people will be strengthened by an understanding of and loyalty to that heritage. The Preservation Society is best known for the annual Mountaineers Day Festival, but the organization is broadly committed to advancing the welfare of Mountain communities. This SCCF grant of \$10,000 will enable the Society to partner with the local baseball/softball organization in the construction of batting cages at the current ballfield in Tracy City. The organizers of baseball/softball have renewed energy and stability, and will seek further upgrades and expansion of the facilities in coming years.

Mountain T.O.P. is a 40-year-old, interdenominational ministry dedicated to addressing issues of poverty in the rural Cumberland region. The organization has drawn upon a culture of faith-based social commitment to recruit individuals, families and church groups to work on projects that meet the social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of area residents. The projects are usually organized around the repair of homes and the operation of day camps for children and youth on the Plateau. The Adventure Guild in Chattanooga has assisted Mountain T.O.P. in the construction and operation of two challenge courses (a low and a high ropes course) on the Altamont campus. The Adventure Guild has given the courses to Mountain T.O.P. With this grant of \$8,009 from the Community Fund, the organization will purchase equipment and do training for its staff for the ongoing operation of the courses. It is expected that the new arrangement will be more efficient and help Mountain T.O.P. recruit additional retreat groups that are attracted to the area's wilderness hiking and camping resources.

The Sewanee Children's Center is a preschool operated by a parents' cooperative to provide early learning experiences in a full-day program to children ages 2 to 5. The Center also provides after-school care for preschoolers and children through 8 years of age. Under the leadership of new director Harriet Runkle, the SCC has planned a school/community garden to serve as an outdoor classroom to teach students gardening skills, healthy eating habits, life cycles of plants and animals, and good stewardship of natural resources. Produce will be shared with the Community Action Center and used for special events at Otey Parish. This SCCF grant of \$9,587 will enable the construction of the 40-foot by 60-foot garden, including a deer-proof fence.

Sewanee Community Chest, organized by the long-standing Sewanee Civic Association (SCA), has raised a million dollars in the last decade to support local organizations serving the public good. During its storied history, the SCA has advanced the welfare of the unincorporated community of Sewanee and the region around it through initiatives as diverse as building the public elementary school in Sewanee, completing a state highway to the Marion County line, and raising money for a black community center. The Parks Committee of SCA has proposed to restore Elliott Park on the campus of the University at a cost of \$70,000. The park, open to the public, will have a rich assortment of features to promote physical adventures by children. The Community Chest will raise the funds as a special project; this grant of \$10,000 from the Community Fund will be applied to the overall cost of the park.

Earlier this year, the board of the Community Fund became aware of a plan to create a plateau-wide children's choir to perform traditional Appalachian folk and gospel songs at the annual Trails and Trilliums spring festival produced by the Friends of South Cumberland State Park. This project was a perfect fit for the Paul S. McConnell Music Grant of \$3,500, awarded to the South Cumberland Community Fund to support music programs in our region. The board reached out to the Friends group to offer support for the choir project. The presentation by 130 children in grades 4–8 from five elementary schools was one of the highlights of Trails and Trillium. The hope is that the choir will become an annual program.

## Swiss Celebration in Gruetli- Laager

The 41st annual Swiss Celebration, sponsored by the Grundy County Swiss Historical Society, will take place on Saturday, July 25, on the grounds of the Stoker-Stampfli Farm Museum in Gruetli-Laager. Events begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

There will be music under the new pavilion by Bazzania and by the Musik Meisters, a group from Nashville that plays German music.

There will be hay rides and buggy rides, tours of the farmhouse and barn, which date back to 1869. Food vendors, crafts makers and artists, and area organizations will have items for sale. There will also be displays of old farming tools and accessories.

The Stoker-Stampfli Farm Museum is at 328 Swiss Colony Cemetery Rd. For more information call Jackie at (931) 235-3029 or Brenda at (931) 800-9617 or email <jackie@lawleyfamily.net>.

## Poetry Project Invites Submissions

With the support of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship of Otey Memorial Parish, the Poetry Project welcomes submissions of poetry by local and regional authors on the themes of reconciliation, peace, dignity of the human spirit and racial harmony. Poets who submit their works will receive a copy of the anthology-chapbook to be published in late September. Authors will retain copyright.

Submissions should be prepared in standard format: 8-1/2" x 11" double-spaced; poems ideally will fit on one or two pages, but longer works may be considered. All forms are welcome; three poems or six pages maximum. The deadline is Aug. 15.

All submissions should include a short biography and SASE for return of manuscripts. Send to the Poetry Project, P.O. Box 641, Sewanee, TN 37375.

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## LOOKSATBOOKS

by Pat Wiser for Friends of duPont Library

### A Review of “Go Set a Watchman” by Harper Lee

*Warning: This review reveals a few spoilers.*

Even those who haven't read Harper Lee's “To Kill a Mockingbird” are aware that her first published novel in 55 years, “Go Set a Watchman” (published earlier this month), portrays the beloved Atticus, ideal father and personification of justice and fairness, as an advocate of repellent views on race. Early reviewers of the new book lambasted the loss of the moral conscience of an era and of our nation, after Gregory Peck provided the enduring film image. I expected to have been desensitized by the uproar. I wasn't.

“Watchman,” which Harper Lee termed the “parent to ‘Mockingbird,’” was written first, then supposedly set aside after she rewrote it, expanding flashbacks of the central character's childhood into what became “Mockingbird.” The title is from Isaiah 21:6; I leave it to readers to identify the watchman figure. Twenty years after “Mockingbird,” its narrator, Scout, now 26-year-old Jean Louise, makes her annual trip from New York City to visit her father. Some memorable “Mockingbird” characters have disappeared or died. The Supreme Court has ruled on school integration.

Jean Louise's outsider status is emphasized when boring prim ladies discussing home decorating switch to “race mongrelizin'.” Much worse is watching Atticus introduce a White Citizens' Council speaker who spews unquotable venom. Atticus challenges his appalled daughter: “Do you want Negroes by the carload in our schools and churches and theaters?” Their debate consumes a difficult, lengthy chapter. Labored dialogue with her hometown fiancé (or is he?) and talks with the entertaining, eccentric Uncle Jack on the same subject comprise several more.

Feisty, witty Jean Louise, neither a New Yorker nor a South Alabaman, poignantly longs for the comfort of her childhood home and adored father. Tracy Randolph, who teaches the book often as a humanities teacher at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, said about Jean Louise, “Her reminiscences give the reader more of the innocence and romance of summer days with Jem and Dill that we loved in ‘Mockingbird,’ and new narrative about her family's history and her adolescence grounded both stories even more and were often hilarious.” Tracy added, “Her visit with Calpurnia [nurse and housekeeper in “Mockingbird”] was heartbreaking.” I agree.

A strong factor in “Mockingbird's” lasting popularity is likely its unrealistic 1960s optimism. Could a little girl really have turned away a lynch mob by engaging the leader, a classmate's father, in conversation? Was Atticus, unpopular defender of an innocent man, too noble and brave? Still, I missed what some critics call “Watchman's” “nuanced” Atticus and found abhorrent thinking (by a father who deeply loves a daughter), which can't be completely excused by the era he represents.

An editor shrewdly insisted that Lee tell the story from Scout's perspective and set 20 years earlier; she persevered, rewriting for almost three years. Comparing the two works shows process; awkward dialogue and cumbersome ideological debate were transformed into the literary treasure which can still delight us as we re-evaluate its relevance to our time.

Finally, I reluctantly share others' opinion that Harper Lee, stroke victim, deaf and almost blind, didn't give informed consent to publishing “Watchman” after years of announcing no intention of releasing future books. The state investigation into friends' complaints seems cursory. The “discovery” of the manuscript by her lawyer and only contact with publishers or public three months after her watchdog sister's death is worrisome.

Am I overly critical of “Watchman”? I encourage others to read it and decide for themselves. The resolution is complicated; so are the characters and their concerns. The writer's talent does shine through. When the hype settles, I will re-read it. Let's talk. The book is available at duPont Library.

## An Interview with Lucy Alibar

by Sara Kachelman, C'17  
Special to the Messenger

On July 8, I sat down with screenwriter Lucy Alibar. Alibar was in Sewanee as part of the School of Letters. She is an alumna of the Sewanee Young Writers' Conference. Alibar is best known as the Oscar-nominated co-screenwriter of the film “Beasts of the Southern Wild.” The film won the Sundance Grand Jury Prize and the Cannes Film Festival Camera D'Or. We talked about “Beasts of the Southern Wild,” Alibar's life as a rural Florida transplant in New York City, and her writing tour across the world.

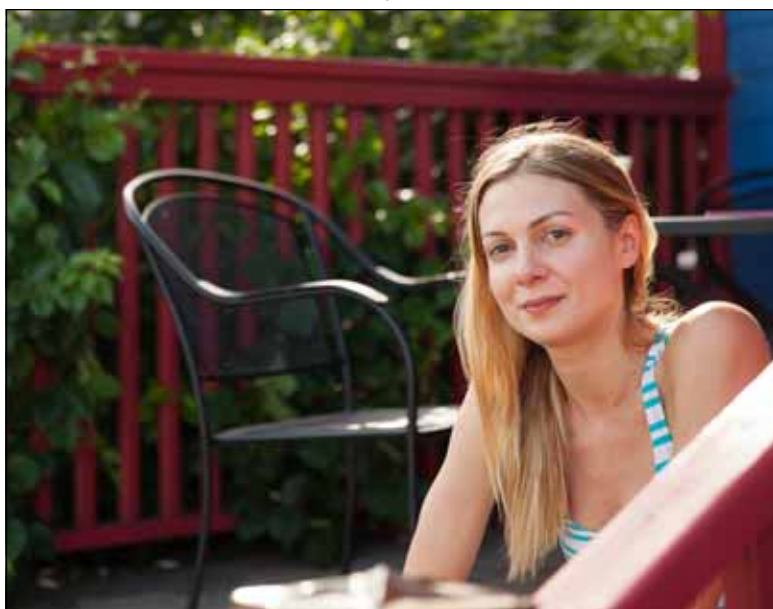
**Kachelman: You've lived in New York for some time now. How did you make that transition into the city, and what is it like to return to the South in your work?**

Alibar: I think being away from the South reminded me of how Southern I really am, made me realize the things I was used to—I didn't know how much I liked eye contact and saying “hi” to people. A lot of my plays came out of defensiveness early on, because people thought they got where I'm from, my family or the community or the South in general, but I'd feel like there's a space in the conversation that they're filling with their own assumptions. There's a bigger sense of community and interconnectedness down here that I wanted to show in my work, although people everywhere have pretty interesting stories.

I found out over time that you come to New York to do something you want to do that you can't do anywhere else. So you do that thing all the time, whether it's art or commerce or Wall Street or whatever it is that you do, and that becomes your community because all you can afford to do is that thing. The theater community in New York is very tight and there is a very strong independent film community, too. What you do is you find your tribe. And you don't always like all of them, but they're your people.

**“Beasts of the Southern Wild” began as a play, “Juicy and Delicious.” Can you tell us how your script evolved into a film?**

“Juicy and Delicious” started out as a collection of diary entries I wrote about my relationship with my own dad. The story ended up about a dad and kid, but I didn't want the kid to be me, so I made it a boy, and I wrote a



Lucy Alibar. Photo by Isabel Butler

couple of scenes about them. Eventually that became a play, and the mother became present, and then beasts came in, getting closer and closer to the family as the family started to fall apart. It eventually became something actors could read, and I showed it to friends of mine in the theater community. At that point it became more of somebody else's story than my own, which felt like the leap it needed to take.

**Somebody else's story?**

Collaboration with my close friends felt like the natural thing to do, though I never thought the script would be a big picture. It started out as something very small between friends, something I could share with them. It still feels that way, because it is such an intimate story.

**After all this time and so many screenings, the film still feels intimate?**

Yes. The reactions I get from the audiences feel so personal. When they come up and talk to me about the film, the conversations feel so much more personal than a blockbuster adventure story would be. There's just something about fathers that makes people want to talk. It's always such a strange, unique relationship. Whether their dad was present or not, it's always a big space in people's lives.

**What has it been like, receiving so many personal responses to your work?**

Everybody's got their own specific reactions to it, and that's fine. Sometimes they are so not what I was going for, that's when I think, I don't know if we're looking at the same thing. But after all this time, it still feels like an intimate conversation. It's an incredible luxury, being a part of a bigger conversation.

**Now you're touring around the world, talking about your film. What is that like?**

It's very similar to living in New York. I'm used to moving around. I love talking to new people; you end up at some crazy places on tour. I was in the Netherlands, and that is a very unique place. They fixated on the levee in the film, and apparently they have this very sophisticated system there, and they were lecturing me on how America's not very great at infrastructure. They asked me a lot about political issues in America, things that were not really the focus of the film. I had to keep telling them, it's about a father and his daughter. It's amazing that those conversations come out of the work because I

never thought of myself as someone who prompted that kind of activism. It's just an incredible gift, the things that have come out of this. It's all gravy.

**You lived in Pointe-aux-Chenes, La., the film's location, for about two years. How do you think your film affected that community?**

One of the important things about that community is the very real danger that it's in, with flooding. The water is rising, due to climate change. I don't know how much art can affect things politically, and I think Obama's the best president we've ever had, but we're in this real climate disaster that I don't think is being addressed as much as it should. There's only a couple of families that still live on that island, and it was only made an island recently. It used to be self-sustaining, and now it's not.

**Why do you think they stay?**

Nobody answered in a way that made scientific sense. The only answer I could find that made sense to me was, “This is my home, and I love it, so why would I leave it? Even if I'm not sure what it's going to be like in two weeks or two years, even though I see where it's going, I have to see it through.” As much of a proponent as I am of change and letting go, I understand what it's like to love something so much you just can't let go of it. The climate disaster matches Hushpuppy's disaster, the loss of her father.

**Do you feel that the project is finished?**

I'm really happy to have this as a chapter of my life and to move on and produce new work. For me if it's human work, it's never going to be perfection, but it can certainly be finished. You can use perfection as a standard for your work but there comes a time when you've said what you've had to say, and you're going to be imperfect. And that's the really exciting thing about it, stepping back and seeing what you've made, knowing it couldn't have been anything else. And having the work belong to so many people, having it interpreted in ways you never would have expected. Their responses are going to be imperfect and human, just like the work, and it's also going to be beyond your control. My work on the project is done, and people have revealed their own humanity to me in their own unique ways. There's no unified response to any work of art, and that's the exciting part.

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# SAS Prepares for Orientation & Opening

With varsity fall athletes returning to campus in three weeks, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is busy preparing for the new school year. On the first day of classes, Monday, Aug. 24, SAS will welcome approximately 52 new and 179 returning students to campus.

Orientation for middle school families begins the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 19. Optional campus tours are available 6–6:30 p.m. A middle school gathering will be 6:30–7:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Courtyard. Middle school students and parents return to campus at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, for parent meetings, advisory meetings and orientation activities. Students will remain on campus until 4:30 p.m. Parents will depart at 1 p.m.

New upper school boarding families begin move-in at 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 20. New upper school students and parents, including day and boarding and all ninth-graders, will be on campus this day. The afternoon includes individual advisory meetings and opportunities to become familiar with offices and services on campus. New upper school students will continue orientation on Friday, Aug. 21, and Saturday, Aug. 22.

Returning upper school boarding students move in at 8 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22. Returning day students and parents begin arriving at 11 a.m. for advisory meetings and a parents' reception.

All students, including middle school students, will meet at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, for an all-school gathering and orientation activities.

School will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 24, with an all-school Chapel gathering, followed by a full day of classes.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School has a few enrollment openings remaining for day students in sixth through 12th grades, and boarding students in ninth through 12th grades for the 2015–16 academic year. Some financial aid is still available. For more information go to <[www.sasweb.org](http://www.sasweb.org)>.



SAS alumna Laura Cunningham from Nashville (standing) and Leslie Martin Bell, a St. Andrew's alumna from Kansas, paint Wood-Alligood Gymnasium during the last Alumni Work Day.

## Alumni Work Day at SAS

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee Alumni Council is hosting its annual Alumni Work Day, at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 25. Now in its sixth year, this is an opportunity for community service and a way to rekindle friendships.

This year, the group will be working on the SAS farm and on the 10 miles of trails surrounding the SAS campus.

Past projects have included working on the Wood-Alligood Gymnasium, painting the press box and dorm rooms, and building seating areas along Betsy's Path. The workday includes lunch and a swim at the Res. All area alumni are invited to attend.

For those alumni who have to travel, complimentary dorm rooms are available on campus from Friday night to Sunday morning.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 598-5651, ext. 2119, or go online <[www.sasweb.org/alumni/](http://www.sasweb.org/alumni/)>.

# Public School Opening Schedules

Public schools across the area are preparing for classes to begin in early August.

The first day of school in Franklin County is Friday, Aug. 7. On this abbreviated day, students will attend class from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. At Sewanee Elementary School (SES), parents should go to the cafeteria at this time to complete registration packets for their children.

At Franklin County High School, student parking passes will be sold 8 a.m.–11 a.m., Monday–Wednesday, July 27–29, at the FCHS front lobby. The passes are \$10.

FCCHS is hosting orientation for new ninth-grade students, 8–10 a.m., Thursday, July 30. South Middle School will host orientation for new sixth-grade students at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6. SES is hosting an open house for new kindergarten students, 6–7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 6. For more information, including supply lists, go to <[www.fcstn.net](http://www.fcstn.net)>.

Grundy County schools will have registration for new students from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 3, at Grundy County High School. The first full day of school in Grundy County is Tuesday, Aug. 4. For more information go to <[www.grundycoschools.com](http://www.grundycoschools.com)>.

At Monteagle Elementary (MES), school registration is 7:30–10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 7, for students in grades K–8 and all new students who are transferring into the school. The first full day of school is Monday, Aug. 10. The annual Open House and Welcome Back to School Picnic/Title I Meeting will be 5–7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 6. There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert for all MES parents and children.

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While Taffer does use some stereotypical overly dramatic tactics for the camera at times, the show makes up for this sensationalism by adding interesting facts about the bar’s location and how the establishment can more effectively market to its nearby clientele. Taffer also brings in various restaurant and drink experts, many from the local area, to revitalize the menu. The show also provides drink mix recipes, in case viewers would like to try their own concoctions at home.

Creator and producer Darrin Reed gets Taffer’s family in on the action, with his wife, Nicole, and occasionally his daughter making cameo appearances throughout, usually as undercover “customers” to scope out the conditions of the bar before Taffer arrives. Throughout the course of the rescue, Reed gets feedback from the owners and coworkers on the changes occurring and how Taffer is handling the situation. More interestingly, at the end of each episode, we get a short update on the bar’s post-rescue progress—and not all of them succeed. A fascinating look into one of the most prevalent and specific businesses in America today. Due to some strong language and the content, it is most appropriate for older teen and adult viewership. “Bar Rescue” is shown regularly on Spike TV on Sundays at 7 p.m. Central Time, and can also be viewed via Amazon Prime.

For more reviews and fun, check out Liz’s blog at <http://theinsatiablenicetastic.blogspot.com>.



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## Concerto Concert Offered Stunning Performances

The Jacqueline Avent Concerto Concert took place on July 16 in Guerry Auditorium. More than 50 students participated in the first round of the competition during the opening days of the Festival. Only 20 students proceeded to the second round, from which the five finalists were selected to perform in the public competition performance.

First-, second-, and third-place scholarship winners of the concerto competition may be awarded, but competition rules state that this is not a requirement, ensuring that a winner is clearly a standout performance.

Judges for the competition were Vincent Russo, assistant manager for artist management with Concert Artists Guild, N.Y.; Mark Wait, dean of the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University; and Allen Tinkham, conductor of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. The audience gave each performer a well-deserved standing ovation, making the judges’ task even more of a challenge.

The judges returned with their decision, announcing that Thomas Kelley of Appleton, Wis., and Bethany Grace Bobbs, of Houston, Texas, tied for first place. Twelve-year-old Bobbs played two movements from Edward Elgar’s “Cello Concerto in E Minor,” and Kelley performed Henri Tomasi’s “Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra.” Bobbs and Kelley each receive a full scholarship to the 2016 Sewanee Summer Music Festival. The three other finalists who performed in the competition—percussionist Matthew Flanders of Houston, Texas; violinist Beibei Sheng of Shanghai, China; and pianist Juan Sebastian Avendaño, of Bogota, Columbia—were awarded scholarships of one-half tuition.

The annual scholarship competition of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival was established in 2007 by Walter E. and Mayna Avent Nance of Sewanee in memory of Jacqueline Avent.

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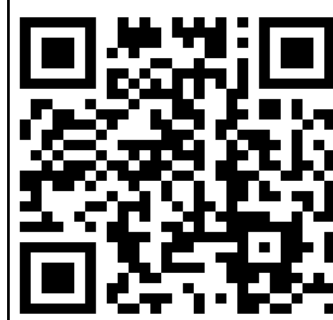
## Final Week of MSSA Programs

The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly (MSSA) concludes its 133rd consecutive summer season of enrichment on Aug. 2.

Diane Roberts will talk at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, in Warren Chapel, on the topic “Atticus and the Mockingbird: Harper Lee and How Lawyers Became Civil Rights Heroes.” Roberts teaches and studies the intersection of Southern culture and American literature at Florida State University. She is a contributing editor to the Oxford American, an essayist for NPR and a documentary maker for the BBC. The film “To Kill A Mockingbird” will be screened at 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, in the Assembly Auditorium for those who want to reflect on this timeless piece of literature.

Pastor Allen Jackson will lecture about “The Changing Middle East: A Perspective,” at 11 a.m., Friday, July 31, in Warren Chapel. Jackson has been featured speaker numerous times at the Feast of Tabernacles, hosted by the International Christian Embassy-Jerusalem, and serves on the board of directors of the ICEJ/USA branch. Billie Weaver will talk about “The Brinkley School and Orphanage: A Working Model for Reclaiming Homeless and Abandoned Children” at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 28, in Warren Chapel. Victor Judge lectures on “The Incarnational Art of Flannery O’Connor” at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 29, in Warren Chapel. Bob Bernhardt will discuss “Opera!” at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 30, in Warren Chapel.

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## Artisan Depot August Show

The Community Arts Show, "Birds," opens Thursday Aug. 6, and will run through Sept. 26 at the Artisan Depot in Cowan. The artists' reception and opening celebration will be at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 7. The show will feature birds of all sorts, including carved birds by Dwaine Adams, a renowned woodcarver, as well as bird miniatures and paintings.

The Artisan Depot is operated by the Franklin County Arts Guild and is located at 201 Cumberland St. East in Cowan. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Sunday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

The guild is an organization of local artists and friends who are interested in promoting the visual and performing arts in Franklin County. It also provides a scholarship for a high school senior planning to study art or art education at the university level.

For more information about upcoming community art shows, the gallery or the guild go to < [www.fcaguild.wordpress.com](http://www.fcaguild.wordpress.com) > or call Diana Lamb at (931) 308-4130.

## Book Notes

### "Southern Cooking for Company" by Nicki P. Wood

Writer Nicki Pendleton Wood will be signing copies of her new book, "Southern Cooking for Company," at 5:30 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the University Book and Supply Store. Wood is a Sewanee alumna (and daughter of an alumnus), occasional resident of the Mountain, former and current restaurant reviewer, food writer and cookbook editor.

In her new cookbook, Wood has gathered recipes from more than 100 Southerners that are prepared when company is coming. These are the show-off recipes hosts pull out when guests are on the way, whether for an intimate evening with another couple, a party for 100 people celebrating a milestone birthday or anything in between. In addition to the recipes, contributors share their secrets for making guests feel at home.

Wood taught journalism and edited cookbooks in Cambridge, England. Her own blogs include Tupperware Avalanche and the Project Kitchen. She recently began a second career as a mammographer.

### "The New Neighbor" by Leah Stewart

Leah Stewart, a frequent staff member at the Sewanee Writer's Conference, has recently published "The New Neighbor," set in and around Sewanee.

Her experiences on the Mountain make for a nuanced portrait of life in a small university town. The book also just got a terrific early review from Kirkus, "Stewart's prose is remarkable for its well-shaped sentences and nonshowy but sharp observations. Quietly incisive."

The novel is about 90-year-old Margaret Riley, who is living out her retirement days on a sleepy Tennessee mountaintop with only her memories of working as a nurse during World War II and a stack of mystery novels to keep her company. But when a young woman, Jennifer, and her son move in across the pond, Margaret is convinced that they're on the run, and she's determined to use the tactics of her favorite fictional detectives to find out what they're hiding. Jennifer doesn't just have Margaret to worry about—as she tries to enter the close-knit Sewanee community, she realizes that everyone is intent on unearthing her past. The recipient of a 2010 NEA Literature Fellowship, Stewart teaches in the University of Cincinnati's creative writing program, and lives in Cincinnati with her husband and two children.

### "The Before Guy" by Chrisanna Waldrop

Writer Chrisanna Waldrop, a part-time resident of Monteagle, has just published "The Before Guy," which is set on Monteagle Mountain and in Hollywood. The book is available at online book retailers.

A longtime resident of Santa Barbara but with family roots extending deep into Tennessee for multiple generations, Waldrop grew up loving the pace, cadence and culture of the South. She's spent part of nearly every year of her life tucked away in the idyllic community of Monteagle, soaking up the sounds and rhythms of a world completely removed from the glamorous and fast-paced life of Southern California.

Waldrop said, "The Before Guy" emerged at the intersection of my fascination with pop culture, human foibles and the necessity of re-booting one's life when the rug gets pulled out from under you."

### "The Word" by Hubert Crouch

Attorney and writer Hubert Crouch has published his second novel, "The Word," the second in a series about Jace Forman. Described as a legal thriller full of "mystery, intrigue and courtroom suspense," it is available at area bookstores and online retailers.

Crouch lives in Dallas and in Monteagle. His first book, "Cried for No One," was published in 2013. In "The Word," Crouch blends fast-paced action with authentic courtroom drama focused on the freedom of speech. "Religious extremism is a very dangerous and powerful force," said Crouch. "It threatens our First Amendment rights and has been used to suppress women's rights throughout the world (including our own country)."

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Jennifer and Rob Bachman (left) sing the National Anthem at the Fourth of July flag-raising in Abbo's Alley. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson. Sewanee Volunteer Fireman Keith Henley (above right) prepares the fireworks wiring on July 11, as Alex Hampton assists. Photo by Paul Klekotta

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## Mountain Lion Club Work Day at SAS

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School parents, athletes and fans will gather from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, for the annual Mountain Lion Club (MLC) Work Day. The MLC Work Day is an opportunity to build community among SAS's athletic boosters and athletes, while helping to maintain and improve the school's athletic facilities.

This year, volunteers will be cleaning and stocking the concession stands, painting locker rooms, cleaning the weight room, doing yard work around the gym and working on the mountain bike trails.

There will be a Mountain Lion Club meeting at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at the home of assistant athletic director Margot Burns (near the SAS Farm).

Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, gardening tools, weed eaters, paintbrushes or any thing that might assist with the work.



These angels on horseback were part of Sewanee's Fourth of July parade. Photo by Charley Watkins

## Oehmig Golf Tourney on July 29

The first annual King Oehmig Cup golf tournament is being held on July 29 in honor of the Rev. King Oehmig, who died on May 23, 2015. The event—a day of golf on the Mountain and at the Cove—will be at the Course at Sewanee and Sweetens Cove Golf Club, located in Marion County. Golfers will play each course; there will be a reception at the Sewanee Inn after the close of play.

Habitat for Humanity and Metropolitan Ministries of Chattanooga will be the recipients of a portion of the proceeds, since Oehmig was dedicated to those organizations. Both courses intend on making this an annual event.

Oehmig was instrumental in the development of the Course at Sewanee, and was a mentor to the designer of Sweetens Cove. Both are nine-hole courses. An accomplished golfer and successful high school and college golf coach, Oehmig was honored as the U.S. Girls Golf Coach of the Year in 1997. Oehmig coached the men's golf team at Sewanee for three years.

There will be open and seniors' divisions; two-man teams; and best ball. The tournament is limited to 72 players. Registration is \$99 per player. Starting time is 8 a.m. CST.

July 29 is also the U.S. Golf Association's "Play Nine Day"—celebrating nine-hole courses across the country. Tournament officials said, "We are trying to spread the word of this mid-week event and get as many registrants as possible to celebrate King, as well as the unique experience of playing nine-hole courses."

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The State of Tennessee's Annual Sales Tax Holiday is held every year on the first Friday in August and ends the following Sunday night. This year's tax-free holiday weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, and ends Sunday, Aug. 9, at 11:59 p.m. For all the details about what is and is not eligible, go to <www.tn.gov/revenue/salestaxholiday>.

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# NATURENOTES

From the files of Nature Notes: An entry by Jean and Harry Yeatman, from the Messenger on July 15, 2011



Red-eyed Vireo

Sewanee's springs and summers are blessed with the wonder of a small bird that is olive green and has an ash-colored crown with a dark margined line below it. It sports a white line over the eye with a brownish stripe through it. The ventral throat and breast are whitish, and the eye is ruby-red. Its bill is dusky above and light below, and its feet are dun-colored. These attributes will only be evident if you see the bird up close. It is easy to identify by its song, conveyed from treetops. It consists of a series of warbling notes that have been described as sounding like a long-winded preacher, which gave it the name "preacher bird." The call is described as "wang," which is heard in trees or bushes when the bird is disturbed. The nest is cuplike, hanging and placed in the forked branch of a maple and orchard trees. It is constructed of bark fibers, cobwebs and bits of paper. Usually four eggs are laid, white with brown spots at the larger end. It migrates in the fall to South America. Listen for its warbled series of notes.

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Elia is a delicate little 3-month-old Siamese-mix kitty with a purr that can be heard from a distance when she gets going. She's a sucker for a head scratch and really wants a new family to love. Elia is negative for FeLV and FIV, house-trained, up-to-date on shots, micro-chipped and spayed.

Every Friday is Black Friday at Animal Harbor. On Fridays, adoption fees are 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 open at its new shelter at 56 Nor-Nan Rd., off AEDC Road in Winchester. Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information, and check out their other pets at <[www.animalharbor.com](http://www.animalharbor.com)>.

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Contact the South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center for directions (931-924-2980). Want to take a dip after the walk? Bring a bathing suit. Foster Falls is also a wonderful place for a picnic.

## State Park Offerings

### Saturday, July 25

**Lost Cove Cave Hike**—\$3 per person, reservation required—Join Seasonal Ranger Eric at 8 a.m. at Carter State Natural Area parking lot for a difficult 5-mile hike and cave tour. Call (931) 924-2980 to sign up or for more information.

**Summer Saturday Trail Days**—Help re-route the Fiery Gizzard Trail. Meet at 9 a.m. at Grundy Forest parking lot; bring your favorite tools or gloves, water, snacks, and friends.

### Sunday, July 26

**Sycamore Falls Hike**—Meet Seasonal Ranger Eric at 11 a.m. at Grundy Forest parking lot for a 3.1-mile hike.

**Lone Rock Trail Hike**—Come to Grundy Lakes beach parking lot at 3 p.m. for a 1.3-mile walk around the Grundy Lakes.

### Thursday, July 30

**Full Moon Hike**—Meet Seasonal Ranger Eric at 9 p.m. at Grundy Forest parking lot for a 2-mile hike through the moonlit forest. Bring a colored LED headlamp and water, and wear sturdy shoes.

### Friday, July 31

**Day Hike**—Join Seasonal Ranger Eric at 8 a.m. at Collins West trailhead for an 11-mile hike through Collins Gulf, past Swoon Spring, Fall Creek Sink and Horsepound Falls. Bring lunch and snacks for the trail, and plenty of 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

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jul 13	88	71
Tue	Jul 14	88	73
Wed	Jul 15	86	68
Thu	Jul 16	84	64
Fri	Jul 17	84	65
Sat	Jul 18	88	71
Sun	Jul 19	89	73

**Week's Stats:**  
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# Community Calendar

## Regular Weekly Events, July 24–Aug. 14

### Mondays

9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am  
9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee  
9:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center  
10:30 am Course in Miracles study group, Mooney's  
12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Center  
5:30 pm Yoga for healing with Lucie, Community Center  
5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee  
6:00 pm Karate, youth@6; adult@7, Legion Hall (not 8/10)  
7:00 pm Centering prayer, Otey sanctuary

### Tuesdays

8:00 am Grundy County Food Bank open, until 10 am  
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am  
9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Center  
9:30 am Hospitality Shop open, until 2 pm (not 7/28)  
10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center  
11:00 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, intermediate, Comm Ctr  
11:30 am Grundy Co. Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City  
12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center  
3:30 pm Centering prayer support group, St. Mary's Sewanee  
6:15 pm Prayer and study, 7th Day Adventist, Monteagle  
7:00 pm Acoustic jam, Water Bldg, next to old GCHS

### Wednesdays

9:00 am CAC pantry day, until 11 am; 1–3 pm  
9:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler Center  
10:00 am Writers' group, Kelley residence  
12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler Center  
5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center  
6:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

### Thursdays

8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, until noon, old GCHS  
8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, McClurg/Sewanee Inn  
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am  
9:00 am Nature journaling, Trink's Terrace, Abbo's Alley  
9:30 am Hospitality Shop, open until 2 pm (not 7/30)  
10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, (advanced), Comm Ctr  
12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey  
1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, 598-0303 for location  
2:00 pm Knitting circle/instruction, Mooney's, until 4 pm  
4:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until 5:30 pm  
6:00 pm Karate, (youth@6; adults@7), Legion Hall (not 8/6)  
7:00 pm Survivors' support group, Morton Memorial

### Fridays

8:00 am GC Clothing Bank open, until noon, old GCHS  
9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am  
10:00 am Game day, Senior Center  
12:00 pm Contract/release stretching with Kim, Fowler Center  
5:00 pm Bible study, Mtn of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

### Saturdays

8:00 am Sewanee Gardeners' Market, until 10 am  
8:30 am Yoga with Richard, Community Center  
10:00 am Hospitality Shop open, until noon (not 7/25 or 8/1)  
11:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until noon

### Sundays

3:00 pm Knitting circle/instruction, Mooney's, until 5 pm  
4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center  
5:00 pm Women's Bible study, Midway Baptist

## One-Time Events, July 24–Aug. 14

### Friday, July 24

*Last Messenger until Friday, Aug. 14*

5:30 pm World healing meditation, Farmer, Comm Ctr  
8:15 pm SWC poetry reading, Fairchild, Bairnwick

### Saturday, July 25

7:00 am Monteagle VFD yard sale, Monteagle, until noon  
9:00 am Monteagle Mtn Arts & Crafts, Monteagle, until 5  
10:00 am SAS Alumni workday, SAS Farm  
10:00 am Swiss Heritage Day, Stoker-Stampfli Farm, until 4 pm  
4:00 pm Fish Fry & auction, Morton UMC, Monteagle, until 7  
8:15 pm SWC poetry reading, Salter, Bairnwick

### Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Monteagle Mtn Arts & Crafts, Monteagle, until 4 pm  
8:15 pm SWC poetry reading, Manning, Bairnwick

### Monday, July 27

6:30 pm Toastmasters planning meeting, Blue Chair  
8:15 pm SWC playwright reading, Vogel, Bairnwick

### Tuesday, July 28

1:00 pm MSSA lecture, Weaver, Warren Chapel  
5:00 pm Sewanee Utility District board meeting, SUD office  
6:30 pm Franklin Co. Democratic Women, Oasis  
7:00 pm Community Poetry Night, Blue Chair, until 9  
8:15 pm MSSA Harper Lee lecture, Roberts, Warren Chpl  
8:15 pm SWC playwright reading, O'Brien, Bairnwick

### Wednesday, July 29

*King Oehmig Cup golf tournament, the Course at Sewanee*

7:00 pm Lecture, Harrub, Winchester Church of Christ  
8:15 pm SWC Poetry reading, Fairchild, Bairnwick

### Thursday, July 30

8:00 am FCHS 9th-grade orientation, enter at back  
8:15 pm SWC fiction reading, Wier, Bairnwick

### Friday, July 31

*Last day of Summer Meal Program*

*Leadership Franklin County applications due, 967-6788*

9:00 am Rebel's Rest site tours, until 2  
5:30 pm Book signing, "Southern Cooking for Company,"  
Wood, University Bookstore, until 7:30 pm  
8:15 pm SWC Fiction reading, McCorkle, Bairnwick

### Saturday, Aug. 1

9:00 am Herbarium hike, Priestley, meet at Foster Falls  
parking lot  
12:00 pm Animal Harbor Bone Drop, Hwy 127/AEDC Rd  
8:15 pm SWC fiction reading, Yarbrough, Bairnwick

### Sunday, Aug. 2 • CAC Pantry Sunday

2:30 pm SCCF Grants reception, St. Mark's Hall, Otey  
3:00 pm Blue Monarch graduation ceremony

### Monday, Aug. 3

8:00 am Grundy County Schools orientation, until 11

### Tuesday, Aug. 4

*Grundy County schools first full day of classes*

### Wednesday, Aug. 5

1:00 pm Dream group, Carnahan, St. Mary's Sewanee

### Thursday, Aug. 6

5:00 pm MES welcome back picnic, until 7  
5:00 pm South Middle School 6th-grade orientation  
6:00 pm SES Kindergarten Open House

### Friday, Aug. 7

*Curbside recycling, before 7:30 am*

*Tax-free shopping weekend, through Aug. 9*

7:30 am MES Registration, until 10:30 am  
8:00 am Franklin County schools open, abbreviated day  
5:00 pm Art show reception, "Birds," Artisan Depot, until 7

### Saturday, Aug. 8

9:00 am American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall  
9:00 am SAS Mountain Lion Club work day, until 11:30

### Sunday, Aug. 9

5:00 pm Otey Parish Potluck Picnic, Otey

### Monday, Aug. 10

*First full day of classes, Franklin County, Marion County schools*

9:00 am Messenger office reopens  
5:30 pm FCDP, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester  
6:30 pm Town planning opening presentation, Lower  
Cravens

### Tuesday, Aug. 11

*Open Studio for Town Planning, Lower Cravens*

8:30 am Town planning workshop: public realm &  
environment  
4:30 pm Lease agenda deadline, Lease Office  
6:00 pm Daughters of the King, St. James  
6:00 pm Town planning workshop: pedestrian & bikes  
7:00 pm Community Poetry Night, Blue Chair, until 9

### Wednesday, Aug. 12

*Open Studio for Town Planning, Lower Cravens*

8:30 am Town planning workshop: building scale  
6:00 pm Town planning workshop for business owners

### Thursday, Aug. 13

*Open Studio for Town Planning, Lower Cravens*

6:30 pm Town planning, closing presentation, Lower  
Cravens

### Friday, Aug. 14

5:30 pm World healing meditation, Farmer, Comm Ctr

## LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

### Friday

7:00 am AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle  
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

### Wednesday

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