

SUD Board Discusses Meter-Reading, Dimmick Contract

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger
Staff Writer

At the July 23 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties, the board reviewed the bids for installing automated meter reading (AMR) and revisited the issue of amending or terminating the contract with the University which allows SUD to withdraw water from Lake Dimmick in a drought emergency.

AMR will enable SUD to retrieve customer meter data via a radio transmitter system, rather than manually reading meters, saving time and fuel costs. SUD made the decision to replace all the meters in the district to help address unaccounted-for water loss, the difference between the amount of treated water SUD produces and the amount accounted for in metered sales. SUD's unaccounted-for water loss year-to-date is 27.2 percent. Aging meters are typically inaccurate and give false low readings.

SUD's budget for installing AMR is \$350,000 over a two-year period. SUD Manager Ben Beavers received seven bids, and all were over budget, the lowest being \$414,000. AMR-fitted meters are now the industry standard for all large meters, Beavers said. Only the smaller residential meters are available in the non-AMR variety.

Although meter replacement with AMR-fitted meters will cost approximately \$150,000 more, the board held to its commitment to install an AMR system, citing the time and fuel cost savings. AMR will also make it possible to retrieve hourly data on past water use, aiding in leak detection.

Beavers suggested that purchasing the six 10-inch zone meters called for in SUD's AMR strategy could be deferred and the budget extended over three years instead of two. The zone meters, costing approximately \$50,000, would record water use in the six regions of the district and help isolate the source of leaks. A spike in a region's water use would likely indicate a water leak in that region.

Beavers will review the AMR bid data and make a recommendation to the board at the August meeting.

SUD commissioner Ken Smith spoke with University Domain Manager Nate Wilson regarding the Lake Dimmick contract.

By the provisions of the contract negotiated following the 2007 drought, SUD pays the University \$10,000 annually for access to Lake Dimmick in a drought emergency.

According to Wilson, the University's position is that SUD is getting full value for its money, and the money is being used for dam maintenance.

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School Board Looks at Budget, SES Renovation

Karen Keele Honored by State School Boards

By K. G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

The Franklin County school board met in a work session on Aug. 5 to hear the director of schools report, discuss the 2014–15 calendar and the superintendent evaluation.

Sewanee Elementary School volunteer Karen Keele was selected to receive the 2013 Tennessee School Boards Association South Central School Volunteer Recognition Award. In May, she was nominated for a school volunteer recognition award. Keele organizes a tutorial-enrichment program matching retired residents with students who need extra academic help at SES. As one of seven district award winners, Keele will be considered for the statewide award. The statewide award winner receives a \$1,000 grant to the public school of their choice.

The end-of-year financial report "ended better than planned," said Rebecca Sharber, Franklin County's director of schools. The school board used approximately \$618,000 of its fund balance to balance the budget, instead of the projected \$2 million.

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SCC Offers Bus Service for Schoolchildren at SES

The Sewanee Children's Center (SCC) is now coordinating with Franklin County school bus service to provide transportation from Sewanee Elementary to the SCC for children ages 5–8 years old enrolled in SCC's after-school program.

While the Otey parish hall is being renovated, the SCC is in temporary quarters at Lower Ravens Hall.

SCC has openings available for morning and full-day attendance for both preschool and after-school programs.

The SCC is inspired by a Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood

education that encourages a learning environment where a child can grow intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially.

SCC maintains low teacher-student ratios (ranging from 1:4 for 2-year-olds to 1:8 for 4-year-olds and 1:12 in the school-age program) and welcome children of all faiths.

Children are active throughout the day with teacher-directed activities that facilitate growth in motor, visual, auditory and language development, as they learn concepts and skills in science, social studies, mathematics, and reading readiness.

Youth Soccer Deadline Aug. 10

Sewanee Youth Soccer has merged with the Franklin County Soccer Association. To play soccer this fall, children must sign-up with the Franklin County Soccer Association by Saturday, Aug. 10. Indicate you wish to play on a Sewanee team by writing "Sewanee" on the registration form. The registration fee is \$55 per child.

Registration forms with instructions can be picked up at the Blue Chair in Sewanee, or register online at <www.fcsoccer.org>.

Children in the under-6 and under-8 age groups will both practice and play in Sewanee.

Children in the under-10 and under-12 divisions will practice in Sewanee and play most games in Winchester.

There is no need for Sewanee players to attend the evaluation mentioned on the flyer. Coaches and other volunteers are needed.

For more information, email Ty Burnette at <burnette@blomand.net>.



J. Ernest Walker IV

DuBose Welcomes Walker

DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle has a new executive director, J. Ernest Walker IV, according to Brad Almquist, chairman of the board of the center.

Growing up, Walker spent many summers on the beautiful tree-shaded DuBose campus where his grandparents, Winnie and Ernest Walker Jr., were the resident caretakers of the facility. He returns to DuBose from a 20-year career in healthcare administration and management consulting.

"The DuBose board of directors engaged in a thorough search process that gleaned more than 60 résumés, and Ernest's business experience in end-to-end management was a major factor in our decision," said Almquist. "But his knowledge of DuBose and its history, his skills set and his ideas for

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St. Mary's Sewanee Names Runkle its New Executive Director

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development announced on Aug. 6 that the Rev. John Runkle has accepted the board of trustees' call to become the center's third executive director.

Runkle takes over following a very successful period in the life of St. Mary's Sewanee, including increased and expanded programming, the completion of Phase I of the View and Vision Campaign, a new lodging facility and the McRae Meeting Room, vast growth in the Annual Fund, and more. St. Mary's Sewanee has also recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

"After several weeks of careful consideration and many conversations, the board of St. Mary's Sewanee is delighted to welcome John back to the Mountain during this exciting transitional time for the center," said Dale Grimes, board president.

As an Episcopal priest, he has served a number of parishes in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee since being ordained in 1999. Most recently, Runkle has served on the staff of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington, Va. A licensed architect, Runkle has also served as the Canon for Architecture and the Arts in the Diocese of Washington. From 2005 to 2010, Runkle served as the cathedral conservator at Washington National Cathedral.

A prolific writer, Runkle's book, "Searching for Sacred Space: Essays on Architecture and Liturgical Design in the Episcopal Church" is a collection of thought-provoking essays that focus on liturgical space and its proper support of common worship.

A popular speaker at lectures, conferences and retreats, he also teaches at Virginia Theological Seminary and Wesley Theological Seminary on the theology of sacred space and history of religious architecture. Runkle is a licensed presenter with Contemplative Outreach and has served on the staff of four Centering Prayer retreats at St. Mary's Sewanee.

Runkle is a 1999 graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South. He also earned degrees at the University of Tennessee and Mary Baldwin College. He and his wife, Harriet, a schoolteacher, have one grown son. They enjoy hiking and art.

"St. Mary's Sewanee has been instrumental in the spiritual lives of numerous people. For me, it's bedrock—the prayerful retreats, lasting relationships and the beauty of this place have shaped me to be who I am," Runkle said. "Truly, it's a privilege to be called back to serve here and help build on the ministries and traditions of this sacred place."

He will begin his duties on August 26. For more information about St. Mary's Sewanee and its programs, visit <www.stmaryssewanee.org>.



John Runkle

Morris Leaving for Call in Texas

St. Mary's Sewanee Executive Director Thomas Morris has recently accepted a call to become the next chaplain at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, Texas.

"We are sad to see Thomas go, but we're excited for him, Hadley, and Jack. Thomas has had a huge impact on St. Mary's Sewanee's programs and management over the last five years. We are grateful," said Dale Grimes, board president.

During Morris's five years at St. Mary's Sewanee, the center has advanced tremendously. Programming has strengthened and expanded, Phase I of the View and Vision Campaign was completed, the new lodging facility and the McRae Meeting Room were completed, and the Annual Fund has more than doubled. Thomas also provided strong leadership during the center's 25th Anniversary Celebration, including a record-breaking year of fund raising and the successful completion of the 25 for 25 Challenge.

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Letters

BONE DROP RAISES FUNDS

To the Editor:

The Board and Staff at Animal Harbor and the Franklin County Humane Society would like to thank all the folks who purchased a bone for the Bone Drop, a fund-raiser for the new Animal Harbor Shelter. All 150 bones were sold for \$100 each. The bones were dropped from 50 feet above the target and the bone closest to the center of the target won \$5,000.

Congratulation to the winners of the 2013 Bone Drop, David and Cile Alexander. We want to say a special thanks to Chief Gary Greeson, Lt. Terry Derryberry, Kyle Stewart and Jeff Collins of the Winchester Fire Department for helping make this event successful.

Gail Castle
Development Officer,
Franklin County Humane Society ■

FRIDAY NIGHT THANK-YOUS

To the Editor:

A very heartfelt "thank you" to everyone that came out to Friday Nights in the Park during our six-week run. We hope you and your family and friends had a great time in the village. We are striving to offer the community a wonderful new facility where people can hold concerts, weddings, reunions or just a big party. Angel Park is being built as a "labor of love" by the Sewanee Business Alliance.

We hope you've had a chance to take a look at the personalized bricks that have been placed in the park. We have plenty of bricks available starting at \$75, and there are 32 benches on the sitting wall available for a \$2,000 donation. We would like to finish the park this year.

We have more activities planned for the year, starting with a special concert event on Friday, Aug. 23, featuring the Culprits in concert. After touring Europe this summer, they will come back home and play live in the Angel Park Pavilion.

The 3rd Annual AngelFest will be on Friday, Sept. 20. Children's events and incredible music will be featured that evening. Downtown University Avenue will be closed to traffic.

The Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is also being planned now. The Sewanee Business Alliance is always thinking about improving the quality of life in our town.

We would not be able to produce



At the Monteagle Mountain Market for Arts & Crafts fair in July, organizers awarded honors to exhibitors. Earning the "Best of Show" prize were Anastasia Tabor and Lisa Marston (above) of Monteagle. Their talents include bookmaking, quilting and fashion design.

these events free of charge if it wasn't for the commitment and generosity of our sponsors. Thank you, everyone.

Ed Hawkins
Sewanee Business Alliance ■

MOUNTAIN MARKET SUCCESS

To the Editor:

The Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who gave generously of their time to help make the 54th Annual Monteagle Mountain Market for Arts and Crafts a great success!

Local restaurants and caterers provided fabulous food for the vendor dinner on Friday night: the Bridge at Monteagle, Modern Dave's, the Monteagle Diner, Priscilla Graham, Papa Ron's, Pearls Foggy Mountain Cafe, the Smoke House Restaurant and Cross Roads Café. Thank you also to Mountain Valley Bank and Monteagle-Sewanee Realty for donations for the Artist's Awards. Wonderful music was provided by Regina Rourk Childress and Greg Thorpe, Bazzania!, Peziza, April Minkler and Asia Anastasia. Special thanks to Randall Henley, Reba

Simmons, Andy Foley, Brigitte Roark, Kayla Jones, Jacki Meeks, Monteagle Florist and the town of Monteagle for all of their efforts to ensure that the Mountain Market ran smoothly. Thank you.

Rhonda K. Pilkington
Executive Director, Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce ■

VBS 2013 GRATITUDE

To the Editor:

I wish to thank all the participants and the adult and youth leaders that helped make Vacation Bible School 2013 such a success! A week of learning, sharing and fun was made possible by these adult leaders: Linda Hutton, Bill Barton, Frank Hart, Sharon Dolack, Melissa Hartley, Elizabeth Masters, Kathy Pack, Sue Hawkins, Amy Spicer,

Steve Spicer, Betty Carpenter and Robin Reed.

A very special thanks to the youth helpers: Charlotte Stephens, Emily Masters, Eliza Masters, Emma Spicer, Abby Spicer, Megan Griffith and Shyanne Griffith. Having such dedicated young people is a true blessing for our community.

A thank-you also goes out to St. Paul's of Franklin for loaning us their decorations. Truly, VBS was a neighborhood adventure.

It was a pleasure to work with all of these individuals. Thank you for "Being a Great Neighbor" in "Everywhere Fun Fair."

Karen Vaughan
VBS Director ■

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Correction

In the July 19 issue we incorrectly identified one of our terrific interns who helped at the Messenger and <TheMountainNow.com> this summer. Thank you, Isabel Butler!

Serving Where Called

Please keep the following individuals, their families and all those who are serving our country in your thoughts and prayers:

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Meetings & Events

World Healing Meditation Today

Peggy Farmer is offering a world healing and personal well-being talk and meditation at the Sewanee Community Center at 5:30 p.m., today (Friday), Aug. 9. The event is open to all.

American Legion Meets Saturday

American Legion Post 51 will hold its regular monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, in the Legion Hall on University Avenue in Sewanee. The District Commander will be visiting.

Hospitality Shop on Break after Saturday

The Hospitality Shop, located at 1096 University Avenue, will close at noon on Saturday, Aug. 10, and reopen at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Democrats Meet in Sewanee on Monday

The Franklin County Democratic Party will have its August monthly meeting and dinner in Sewanee. The group will gather at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12, at the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd. Becca Walker of the Franklin County Education Association will address the group about recent state legislation and how it has affected Tennessee's teachers. For dinner there will be beans, greens and cornbread. The FCDP will hold its regular business meeting following the talk. For more information call Helen Stapleton, 598-9731.

PEO Meeting on Tuesday

Chapter Z of the International P.E.O. Sisterhood will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, in Tullahoma. All unaffiliated members in the Middle Tennessee area are invited to attend. Please call (931) 962-0202 for more information.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

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

The Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club meets at the Smoke House Restaurant on Wednesday mornings. Coffee begins at 6:50 a.m.; breakfast and the meeting begins at 7 a.m. and ends by 8 a.m.

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club hosts a noon Thursday meeting at the Blue Chair Tavern.

Tillinghast Reading on Thursday

Poet Richard Tillinghast will read from his poems about Sewanee at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15, in Convocation Hall, as part of the new freshman orientation program, "Finding Your Place." The reading is open to the public.

New Location for Thursday Weight Watchers Meetings

The local Weight Watchers group now meets in room 7 of St. Joseph's Hall at St. Mary's Sewanee. Weigh-in is at 4:30 p.m., and the meeting starts between 5 and 5:15 p.m. every Thursday night. St. Joseph's is exactly 0.7 miles down St. Mary's Lane on the left. There is parking in the front of the building.

Sewanee Book Club Announces Reading List

The Sewanee Book Club, which will have its first meeting at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 16, has announced its 2013-14 reading list: "The Summer We Got Saved" by Pat Cunningham Devoto; "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson; "The Desert Queen" by Janet Wallach; "Underground in Arabia" by John Pint; "Ghost Riders" by Sharyn McCrumb; and "At Home" by Bill Bryson. These books are generally available at the Thurmond Library, the duPont Library or at the University Bookstore. The hostesses, reviewers and order in which these books will be reviewed has not yet been determined.

For more information contact Debbie Racka at (931) 692-6088 or by email, <debbie811@comcast.net>.



Longtime Sewanee resident Mary Collins (seated, center) celebrated her birthday recently with friends (from left) Bob Burns, Claudia Porter, Ricky Meeks, Betty Carpenter, Mary Sears, Sr. Anna Kathleen Ambrose, Joe Porter and Rachel Suarez.

Birth

Vivien Alice Blackwell

Vivien Alice Blackwell was born on July 19, 2013, at Harton Regional Medical Center in Tullahoma, to Elizabeth Skomp and Martin Blackwell of Sewanee. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Maternal grandparents are Ann and John Skomp of Crawfordsville, Ind. Paternal grandparents are Susan and John Blackwell of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

DREMC Annual Meeting Aug. 17

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) will hold its annual meeting of members at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 17, at Harris Middle School in Shelbyville. This is an opportunity for members to elect their representatives to the DREMC board of directors, as well as hear operational reports about the cooperative.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Several door prizes will be awarded, and attendance gifts will also be given to the first 300 members to register.

Those who have been nominated for election to serve three-year terms on the board of directors by the nominating committee are: Baxter White—Coffee and Warren counties; Laura Willis—Franklin, Grundy and Marion counties (appointed by the University of the South); Buford Jennings—Moore and Lincoln counties; John Moses—Marshall and Giles counties; and Robert DuBois—Maury, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis and Williamson counties.

Any member with special needs planning should contact DREMC's member services department at (931) 680-5881 prior to the meeting so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

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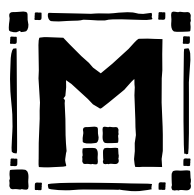
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Obituaries

Pauline Brawley Baggenstoss

Pauline Brawley Baggenstoss, age 96 of Tracy City, died on July 24, 2013, at the Bridge at Monteagle. She was born Feb. 6, 1917, in Hubbard Cove, to Lou and Norman Brawley. She worked as a cake decorator and baker for Dutch Maid Bakery and was a member of Hobbs Hill Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Baggenstoss, and son Ronald Baggenstoss.

She is survived by son Fred Baggenstoss of Monteagle, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two nephews.

Graveside services were held on July 27 at Plainview Cemetery with the Rev. Clayton Jones officiating. For complete obituary visit <www.moorecortner.com>.

Bucilla Frances Crouch Corbett

Bucilla Frances Crouch Corbett, age 92 of Seminole, Fla., died on July 21, 2013. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson Daniel Gaudier, and a sister.

She worked for the Florida Department of Vocational Rehabilitation until her retirement in 1992.

She is survived by her children, Deborah (Dale) Gaudier of Kerrville, Texas, Mary Corbett of Nacogdoches, Texas, and John Corbett of Sewanee; and four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, brothers, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at Ashley Heights Cemetery in Hoke County, N.C. For complete obituary visit <www.reesefuneral.com>.

Mary Lynn “Ethel” Garner

Mary Lynn “Ethel” Garner, age 73 of Cowan and formerly of Sherwood, died on July 25, 2013. She was born on Feb. 21, 1940, in Sherwood, to John Martin and Sally Guess Simmons. She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter Sherry Ann Garner; brothers George D., Raymond, John L. and Billy Simmons; and sisters Betty Mae Simmons, Sue Parsons, Clara Simmons and Jean Simmons.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Garner of Cowan; sons, Timothy Garner of Cowan and Jonathan Garner of Belvidere; daughter Michelle (David) Garner; brothers Floyd Simmons of Cowan and Jimmy Simmons of Texas; sisters Rachel Henshaw of Cowan, Orvie Haney, Marie Perry and Louise Garner, all of Sherwood; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were July 28 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Franklin Hill and the Rev. Marion Pope officiating. Interment followed in Cowan Montgomery Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmanuel Apostolic Church in Sherwood or Hospice Compassus, 936 N. Jackson St., Tullahoma, TN 37388. For complete obituary visit <www.moorecortner.com>.

William Franklin “Bill” Guess

William Franklin “Bill” Guess, age 82 of Estill Springs, died on Aug. 3,

2013, at the VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro. He was born in Sherwood to Nathaniel Guess and Mary Simmons Guess. He was preceded in death by son Michael Guess; brothers Jimmy Guess and Jack Junior Guess; sisters Janie Lee Guess-Smith-Moreland, Anna Sue Guess and Pearlina Long; and three grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Inez Hammer Guess of Estill Springs; children, Roger (Linda) Guess of Estill Springs, Lisa (Ray) Jones of Manchester, Wanda (Tom) Glardon of Kettering, Ohio, J. R. (Angela) Guess of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., Jeff (Kathy) Guess and Loretta (Gary) Robertson, both of Winchester; brothers George (Marie) Guess and John (Margie) Guess, both of Cowan, and Bob (Mary Lou) Guess of Muncie, Ind.; sisters Mary Lynn (Jim) Hertzog and Callie Ann (Eugene) Clark, both of Muncie, Ind.; and many other family members.

Funeral services were Aug. 7 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Matt Hastings officiating. Interment followed in Cowan Montgomery Cemetery. For complete obituary visit <www.moorecortner.com>.

Jack Byron Hastings

Jack Byron Hastings, age 87, died on July 17, 2013, at his Deepwoods Sewanee studio. He was born Nov. 16, 1925, in Kennett, Mo., to Archibald Hastings and Mina Kirkland Hastings. He is survived by his life partner of 53 years, Arlyn Ende; daughter, Dorian Hastings; son, Conrad Gardner; stepson, Mark William (Claire) Lovett; three grandsons; and many other family members.

Hastings served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Settling in New Orleans in the early 1950s, he began to establish his career as an artist, which included exhibitions in New York City and Boston. After moving to Tennessee in 1972, he created many of his major commissions, including large mobiles for the Nashville Airport and the TVA headquarters in Chattanooga.

Contributions in his honor may be made to Cumberland Farmer's Market, c/o 555 Haynes Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375 or to Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace, P.O. Box 307, Sewanee, TN 37375. Online tributes may be entered at <www.watsonnorth.com>.

Peggy C. Hankins

Peggy C. Hankins, age 84 of Winchester, died on Aug. 6, 2013. She was born in Decherd to Ed Pratt Cowan and Cullie Agnes Rose Cowan. She retired from the University of the South after 34 years of service and was a member of Winchester Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jason Lappin.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, John Hankins; daughters, Cindy (Galon) Sherrill and Jan Lappin; sister, Patricia (Jim) Cunningham; and five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends at 9 a.m. this morning (Friday), August 9, in the funeral home chapel prior to the funeral service at 11 a.m. Minister

Michael Clark will officiate. Interment will follow the service in Eastern Star Cemetery, Sewanee.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Compassus, 1805 Jackson St., Suite 5 & 6, Tullahoma, TN 37388. For complete obituary visit <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Michael A. Hutchison

Michael A. Hutchison, age 61 of Sewanee, died on June 24, 2013. He served in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy (retired).

He is survived by his sister, Debbie Casebier; brother, Roy Hutchison; uncle, Clayton Hutchison; a niece and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, 2501 North Dixie Blvd., Radcliff, Ky.

In lieu of card and flowers, memorial donations can be made to: CAC, Otey Memorial Parish, P.O. Box 267, Sewanee, TN 37375; Folks at Home, P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN 37375-0291; or the Sewanee Senior Center, 5 Ballpark Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375.

Clifford Larry McBee

Clifford Larry McBee, age 59 of Sewanee, died on Aug. 6, 2013, at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee. He was retired from CSX Railroad. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny W. McBee; and a grandson, Trenton Layne McBee.

He is survived by his mother, Frances Lappin of Sewanee; wife, Carol McBee; children, John (Holly) McBee

and Chris (Elaine) McBee, both of Sewanee, Amy McBee (Stacey Nunley) of Tracy City and Bobbie Carol (Billy) Williams of Decherd; sister, Brenda Colvin of Sewanee; and six grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. today (Friday), Aug. 9, in the funeral home chapel with Minister Mickey Henley officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until the service. For complete obituary visit <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Peggy Nelson

Peggy Nelson, age 67 of Cowan, died on July 29, 2013, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center. She was a long-time member of Cowan Nazarene Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Ann Rollins and John Thomas Wells.

She is survived by her husband, Darrel Nelson of Cowan; daughter, Kim (Ben) Mankin of Murfreesboro; father-and-mother-in-law, Jerry (Betty) Nelson of Cowan; brothers-in-law, Arnold (Angie) Nelson of Alabama and Dennie (Susan) Nelson of Cowan; sisters-in-law, Debbie (Jeff) Matthews of Estill Springs and Angela (Tim) Holt of Decherd; several half-brothers and sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Aug. 2 in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Josh Haun and Bro. Norman Cox officiating. Interment followed in Cowan-Montgomery Cemetery. For complete obituary visit <www.watsonnorth.com>.

James Billy Simmons

James Billy Simmons, age 83 of Sherwood, died on July 20, 2013, at his residence. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Martin Simmons and Sally Guess Simmons; daughters, Shirley and Sharon Simmons; brothers John L. Simmons, Raymond Simmons and George D. Simmons; and sisters Nancy Sue Parson, Clara Belle Simmons, Emma Jean Simmons and Betty Mae Simmons.

He is survived by his son, James Edward Simmons of Chattanooga; brothers James D. Simmons of Corpus Christi, Texas, and “Jr.” Floyd Simmons of Cowan; sisters Mary Lynn (Howard) Garner and Billie Rachel Henshaw, both of Cowan, Dorothy Marie Perry, Orvie Haney and Virginia Garner, all of Sherwood; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were July 22 at Emmanuel Apostolic Church in Sherwood with Bro. Franklin Hill officiating. Interment followed in Mt. View Cemetery. For complete obituary visit <www.moorecortner.com>.

Church News

is on page 6 this week.

Church calendars are also online at these websites:
<www.sewaneemessenger.com>
and <www.themountainnow.com>.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Weekdays, Aug. 12–16

7:00 am Morning Prayer/HE, St. Mary's (not 8/14)
7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
12:30 pm Noon Prayer, St. Mary's (not 8/14)
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's (not 8/14)

Saturday, Aug. 10

St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Morning Prayer

Monteagle Seventh-day Adventist Church

10:00 am Sabbath School / Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, Aug. 11

All Saints' Chapel

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

11:00 am Worship Service

5:30 pm Evening Service

Christ Church Episcopal, Alto

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Children's Sunday School

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:45 am Children's Sunday School

12:50 pm Christian Formation class

Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Cowan Fellowship Church

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday School

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sherwood

10:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:45 am Holy Eucharist

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

Holy Comforter Episcopal, Monteagle

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Midway Church of Christ

10:00 am Bible Study

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

10:30 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

8:50 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Christian Formation

11:00 am Holy Eucharist

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

St. Agnes' Episcopal, Cowan

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Bible story time for little ones

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

St. Luke's Chapel

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8:00 am Mass

St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm Evensong

Sewanee Church of God

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Service

6:00 pm Evening Service

Society of Friends

9:30 am Meeting, 598-5031

Tracy City First Baptist Church

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Morning Worship

5:30 pm Youth

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday, Aug. 14

6:00 am Morning Prayer, Cowan Fellowship

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Monteagle

5:30 pm Evening Worship, Bible Baptist, Monteagle

6:00 pm Prayer and study, Midway Baptist Church

6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist

6:30 pm Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway

7:00 pm Adult Christian Ed., Epiphany, Sherwood

7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist

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Monteagle Falls Rd.	1431474	\$19,900
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Clifftops. \$165,000



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Sewanee. \$235,000



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Point Rd., Sewanee. \$258,800



MLS 1264861 - 170 Tate Rd., Sewanee.
\$298,000



MLS 1467709 - 52 Sherwood Trail,
Sewanee. \$379,900



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7 Saddletree Lane	1417538	\$ 70,000
Raven's Den	1015362	\$ 99,000



Jumpoff Fire Department members Charlie Smith (left) and Doug Cameron entertain folks at the Aug. 3 potluck dinner. Photo by Charley Watkins

SUD (from page 1)

Wilson suggested that if SUD terminated the contract, the University was open to negotiating with another utility district, perhaps Monteagle, for water rights to help pay the cost of dam maintenance.

The board discussed several factors that have changed since the contract was negotiated in 2008. At that time, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) did not favor impoundment (i.e. man-made reservoir) water supply strategies on the Plateau. Since then, however, TDEC revised its position and approved the Tracy City water board's request to increase its water supply by raising the dam on its reservoir, significantly increasing the total water resources available on the Plateau. TDEC also awarded funding for transmission lines to connect the Plateau water utilities.

The SUD board will hold a working session in September to discuss the emergency water supply issue and the Lake Dimmick contract.

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for August 27.

DuBose (from page 1)

DuBose's future are a perfect fit."

"I grew up in the shadow of the DuBose bell tower, was a camper and later a camp director for Camp Gailor-Maxon, and have many happy memories of serving the Tennessee Laymen's Conference crowds over the years," said Walker.

Walker succeeds DuBose's Kim Agee, whose hospitality, dedication and attentiveness has welcomed, fed, housed and delighted thousands of DuBose guests through the years.

Almquist noted that Walker will hit the ground running because DuBose has a healthy roster of upcoming conferences, retreats, meetings and celebrations booked for the late summer and fall.

Guests will see numerous new improvements to the facility, including newly refurbished meeting rooms, new seating and audiovisual systems in the large chapel, cabin expansions, a newly installed Rogers electronic organ and Wi-Fi throughout the public areas.

For more information about DuBose, go to <www.duboseconference-center.org>.

Sewanee Community Chest Requests Due Sept. 13

The Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is gearing up for its fall campaign. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises funds for local organizations. Funding applications are now being accepted. The deadline for submission is Friday, Sept. 13. Please contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com> to have an application emailed or mailed to your organization. Through the generous commitment of the community last year, the Community Chest was able to help 25 organizations with funding. Donations are accepted at any time at P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.



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by Francis Walter



As I pulled up to the trash compactor Tommy said, "You got a new truck."

"Not exactly new," I said, "a 2011 Tacoma from CarMax."

We eyed it.

"I don't know whether I feel like it's bigger or it is bigger than my old Tacoma."

"Well, it's higher," Tommy said.

"Yeah. I can see that."

We'd about decided it was bigger all around when a young woman came over.

Next thing I knew she was looking into the compactor asking Tommy if she could hop in to pull out—get this—a tin can and another little piece of metal.

"I didn't mean to throw them in," she said.

Of course Tommy was not going to let her into the compactor. Without a word he pulled out one of those long-handled grabbers we old folks sometimes use to help us retrieve things off high shelves. She thanked him and ran off to the metal bin.

I had noticed her earlier standing in the back of her pickup that was loaded with junk. She was throwing stuff down to a couple of guys. She had on blue jeans, I think, and a sort of T-shirt top. She was looking good.

When I got home I saw my full can of garbage still in the truck bed of my Tacoma. Looking at the garbage can I began thinking about why I was so "bumfoozled" at the compactor that I failed to empty my own garbage can. I came up with a few reasons, but it may have been only age-related distraction.

First, I was so taken with the young woman's impressive commitment to recycling. Also, she was an attractive young woman. I think it was because I had placed her in a category of people, in this case young people, who for one reason or another won't recycle. This recycler challenged my belief.

Some would call what I did profiling.

Whatever we call it, we all do it even though it is often unsupported by evidence and can create injustice rather than clarity and community. I had decided that this attractive young woman would not care a flip about recycling metal, and the truth confused me so that I drove away with a full garbage can and later, a soul full of guilt.

Curbside Recycling Next Friday

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Aug. 16, 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 Office, 110 Carnegie Hall, at the Physical Plant Services administrative office on Alabama Avenue or at the PPS warehouse on Georgia Avenue.

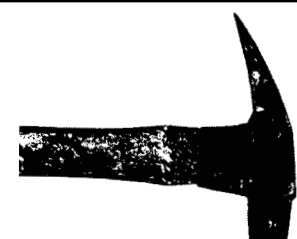
University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions—Assistant Golf Course Manager; Director of Archives and Special Collections; Grounds Supervisor; Operations Manager for Sewanee Dining; Special Gift Officer.

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Church News

Christ the King

Christ the King Anglican Church in Winchester is sponsoring a Ladies' Boutique fund-raiser on Saturday, Aug. 17, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. All items cost less than \$20, and merchandise will include purses, jewelry, perfume, housewares, hats, Fostoria crystal and much more.

The church is located at 1211 Dinah Shore Blvd., next door to Bennett's Pharmacy.

Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee

The seventh annual gathering of Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee will be 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9100 Crockett Rd., Brentwood. Rabbi Rami Shapiro will be the keynote speaker for the event.

For more information, including registration materials, go to <www.centeringprayermidtn.com> or call Jean Jackson at (615) 585-4287.

Monteagle Seventh Day Adventist Church

Noted creationist professor Keith Snyder, chair of the biology department at Southern Adventist University, will speak at the Monteagle Seventh Day Adventist Church at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 17. All are welcome, and the talk will be followed by a meal and fellowship.

The church is located across the street from High Point Restaurant.

Otey Parish

Please join the Otey Parish family at a cookout at 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 18, on the lawn of Brooks Hall. There will be burgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers. Friends are invited to help with setup, cleanup or to bring a side dish to accompany the meal.

Please go to <www.PerfectPotluck.com/meals.php?t=ENTZ6617> to sign up to help.

Soles4Souls Donations

From now until Aug. 31, donations are being accepted for the Soles4Souls program at Monteagle Tire and Auto, Street's Auto Parts, First Baptist Church of Monteagle and First Baptist Church of Tracy City. New athletic shoes, socks and shoelaces are accepted.

For more information contact Rhonda Cooper at (423) 802-9542 or email <coopertown@blomand.net>.

Unitarian Universalist

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma's speaker at the 10 a.m. meeting on Sunday, Aug. 11, will be Katie Ford, who will discuss "Cutting Through the Myth: The History and Truth about Routine Infant Circumcision."

The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626 or go to <www.uutullahoma.org>.

Wings of Hope

Wings of Hope Widows Ministry is beginning a new program, "One Widow to Another," for recent widows or those having difficulties adjusting to their new role.

An organizational and informational meeting will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 11, in the hearth room at Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Winchester.

The group will have a fish fry and potluck meal at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 19. For details call 962-2898.

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Trees around the campus are labeled with their botanical and common names.

Sewanee Campus Certified as a Tennessee Arboretum

The University of the South has long been known for its natural beauty. Generations of students and visitors have sat in the shade of a tree in the Quad, strolled through Manigault Park and enjoyed the springtime splendor of Abbo's Alley. Now the diversity of Sewanee's trees has been documented and the campus recognized by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council as a certified arboretum.

During the application and certification process, more than 120 different species of trees on campus were identified and labeled. The size of this collection qualified the university as a "Level 4" arboretum, the state's most rigorous category. Sewanee residents and visitors can now find these trees (along with about 30 shrubs) labeled with both their botanical and common names. The trees represent many species native to Tennessee, as well as trees from around the world. Some have been on campus since the Civil War; others have been added recently.

The majority of the tree specimens are grouped in three areas—the Quad and central campus, Manigault Park and Abbo's Alley—though others can be found elsewhere on campus. The Sewanee campus is the largest arboretum by area in Tennessee.

A kiosk with a map of the tree locations has been installed near the corner of University and Georgia avenues, next to Convocation Hall. People are welcome to take a self-guided walking tour of any or all of the arboretum sections. Look for the black labels mounted in the ground next to the trees. Guided tours will be available in the future.

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Local Athletes Shine at Senior Olympics

Sewanee residents Marcia Medford and John Wendling were among hundreds of seniors from across the state who took home gold, silver and bronze medals for their outstanding athletic performance in the Tennessee Senior Olympics state finals, June 21–27 in Williamson County.

Medford earned silver in the shot put and bronze in the javelin and softball throw.

Wendling earned gold in track and field for the 50-meter run, pole vault, long jump, and in the pool for the 50-yard butterfly. He earned silver medals in the pool for the 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke; and at track and field for high jump and triple jump. Wendling earned bronze in the javelin and discus.

"More than 1,500 athletes competed in this year's games, and the state of Tennessee is sending more than 700 athletes to the national games in Cleveland this month. These senior athletes are an inspiration to us all and a reminder that anyone can live an active and healthy lifestyle," said Kathryn Trimble, who manages BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee's sponsorship of the event.



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Schools (from page 1)

"We don't spend money just because it is there," said Sharber. The school board is projecting a fund balance of approximately \$2.6 million at the end of the 2014 fiscal year.

Sharber reported that the full county commission approved the Franklin County budget on Aug. 1. The budget did not include any tax increases.

SES principal Mike Maxon thanked the school board for approving the renovation project at the school.

"We are in the process of wrapping a few things up such as the grass on the playground," said Maxon. He said there would be an open house in the next couple of weeks, and all are invited to attend to see the renovated school.

Sharber reported on the standardized test scores for the district [see adjacent story]. The state looks at three main areas in testing: annual measurable objectives (AMOs) in achievement, gap closure and improvement between the subgroups.

Tennessee has specific AMOs to achieve on testing each year because of its waiver from No Child Left Behind. These AMOs include benchmarks to be reached in third-grade math and reading, seventh-grade math and reading, third- through eighth-grade aggregate scores in math and reading, and specific benchmarks in Algebra I and II, English II and III. Achievement gaps between subgroups should also lessen.

"There are places where we did well on the tests and some where we declined," said Sharber. Overall, achievement scores declined on all four TCAP tests for grades 3–8. "Seventh grade was our bright spot, where we did better and improved on testing."

At the high school level, there were gains in Algebra I, Algebra II and English I. The other four tests showed a decline.

For gap closure, Franklin County made improvement in the black/Hispanic/Native American subgroup. Franklin County did not meet a majority of gap closures or targets in economically disadvantaged or students with disabilities subgroups. Approximately 65 percent of students are economically disadvantaged, and 17 percent are students with disabilities in Franklin County.

In subgroup improvement, Franklin County only improved in nine areas.

"Overall we are not quite where we need to be," said Sharber. "I would like to have higher achievement and grow every year."

"Every year there has been something new from the state, including new expectations to meet," said Chris McDonough, district five school board member.

"It is not surprising really that our scores have gone down when the government keeps introducing new standards and benchmarks to cause distractions," McDonough said.

Sharber is implementing five new strategies this school year to help reach the AMOs. These include more focus on instruction, especially in math and reading. There will be a new reading program at the elementary schools, and 105 minutes of uninterrupted reading in all classes. The schools will be professional learning communities where teachers will plan, assess, talk and collaborate on what is working well and on which students are not learning. There will also be instructional coaches and more technology help.

The proposed 2014–15 school calendar will be changing. Since the PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is given when Franklin County is usually on fall break, the school board will vote on the request to move the break to Oct. 6–10 in their next meeting.

The superintendent evaluation was also discussed. The school board members rated Sharber on a scale of "1 to 5" ("5" being the highest) on six standards. Sharber received a "4" on most of the goals.

The next school board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 12, at the board office, 215 S. College St., Winchester. The agenda will include policy updates, budget amendments and the Telemedicine program.

Market to Open Under New Management

The new operators of the Sewanee Market expect to reopen later this month, hopefully as early as Aug. 19.

Misty and Shammy Patel have leased the Market building from the University and have been making improvements to the space. The Patels, who operate convenience stores in Monteagle and Tracy City, are installing new coolers, shelving, counters and other equipment.

When it reopens, the Sewanee Market will offer pantry and convenience items, as well as coffee, cappuccino, fountain drinks and milkshakes. Beer will be available in early September. Food service, including pizza, subs and salads, will also be available in the Market. The store's merchandise will be similar to that at the Patels' Grundy Market in Tracy City.

"We will try our best to make it a one-stop shop for the Sewanee community, so that people won't have to go to Monteagle for just a few items," said

Misty Patel.

The University purchased the Sewanee Market from former co-owners Connie Warner and Mike Reid in May 2012. Warner and Reid leased the building following the sale and continued to run the Market until closing it in May of this year. The University then sought another operator to run the Market under a multiyear agreement.

"We appreciate the investment the Patels have made in the Sewanee community," said Frank X. Gladu, the university's vice president for administrative services. "The Sewanee Market is an important convenience for Sewanee residents and we look forward to it reopening soon."

The Market site will be integrated into the long-range planning process for the community. A market is one of the leading elements that the planners are considering for the future of that location.

Administrative Changes at University

Vice-Chancellor John McCardell recently announced some new administrative responsibilities for the University.

At its June meeting, the board of regents accepted McCardell's recommendation to remove the qualifying "interim" from the titles of several members of the administrative team. As a result, Sarah Sutherland is now the treasurer of the University; Mary Davis is now the assistant treasurer of the University; and Frank Gladu is now vice president for administrative services.

Effective July 1, provost John Swallow assumed the chairmanship of the Advisory Council and the Strategic Planning Committee. Both of these committees were created by the administration at various times in the past.

McCardell has created a new committee called the University Faculty Council. This council will serve as a vehicle for direct communication between the faculty and the vice-chancellor. It will have no decision-making authority but will serve a valuable consultative and communication role. The council's seven members will come from the School of Theology and from the committees on admission and merit scholarships; appointments and leaves; budget priorities; coordinating; curriculum and academic policy; and promotion and tenure.

There were also appointments and changes in the division of administrative services:

Rich Berlin will now serve as the director of business services. He will have oversight of the University Book and Supply Store, Sewanee Dining, the Student Post Office, purchasing and vending, as well as the operations for the new Sewanee Inn. He will also assist with financial and technical support of the areas within the division of administrative services. Berlin has served as the director of Sewanee Dining since May of 2012. "His strategic vision and organizational skills will enhance these services as we move forward," according to McCardell.

Wyatte Stuard will serve as the director of Sewanee Dining after serving as its associate director since May 2012. He will have operational and financial responsibilities for McClurg, the Globe, the Tiger Bay Pub and Sewanee Catering. "Stuard brings a passion for good food and excellent service which will assure an outstanding dining experience for students, faculty, staff and guests of the University," McCardell said.

Chris Carlson has taken on new duties as the manager of conference services. She will continue to manage the University guest rooms at Rebels Rest and the Sommer House, while assisting with the transition of these guest rooms and the Sewanee Inn to its new operator, Charlestowne Hotels, in the spring of 2014. Carlson also coordinates the alcohol service for events hosted by the University. McCardell stated, "She brings an abundance of hospitality experience to this position and is a wonderful ambassador to guests of the University."

John Vineyard has left Sewanee after serving as the director of Physical Plant Services for just over three years. Vineyard returned to Texas in mid-July to pursue other interests and to spend time with his family.



Area children enjoying Vacation Bible School at St. James Episcopal Church, Midway.

State Gains in Public School Test Results

By K. G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

Tennessee schools and districts are showing improvement for the third year in a row on mandatory testing, based on the results released by the Tennessee Department of Education in July.

The Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Achievement Test and End of Course (EOC) tests are mandatory for students in grades 3–8 and 9–12. These test scores count as part of a student's final report card grade. The scores are also used in evaluating teachers.

The biggest gains statewide on the TCAP test are in math and science. More than half of students in grades 3–8 are at grade level on the four TCAP tests.

Statewide, scores improved on 22 of 24 TCAP tests. Reading scores in fifth and eighth grade did not show gains this year.

Achievement gap closure improved statewide for non-white, economically disadvantaged and English language learner subgroups in math. For reading, achievement gap closure improved in non-white and economically disadvantaged subgroups.

For the statewide EOC tests, the biggest gains statewide were made in Algebra I, Algebra II and Biology I. Improvement was gained on six of the seven EOC tests. English II proficient and advanced percentages declined.

Statewide TCAP results in reading showed 50.3 percent of Tennessee students were proficient or advanced. In math, 50.7 of the students were proficient or advanced. In science, 62.6 were proficient or advanced. In social studies, 84.8 percent were proficient or advanced.

For Franklin County in grades 3–8, the percentage of proficient or advanced decreased on all four tests. In math, 42.9 percent of students were proficient or advanced, a decrease of 1.7 percent over last year. In science, 61.8 percent of the students were proficient or advanced (-1.6). In reading, 47.6 were proficient or advanced (-1.9). In social studies, 85.6 percent were proficient or advanced (-1.4). Gap closure did improve in the non-white subgroup math and reading tests.

The statewide EOC Biology I test had the biggest increase with a 6.4 growth over last year (62.3 percent of the students were proficient or advanced). Algebra II test had a 5 percent growth over last year (60.3 percent of the students were proficient or advanced). The English I exam showed a growth increase of 2 percent.

In Franklin County, students showed improvement on Algebra I, Algebra II and English I EOC tests. The biggest gain for Franklin County was in Algebra I, where 57.3 percent were proficient or advanced (4.8 percent growth).

For other area schools, Grundy County showed the greatest improvement on all EOC tests. The greatest increase was a 42.9 percent growth on the Algebra II test, where 59.8 percent were proficient or advanced. Biology improved 31.6 percent, with 64.9 proficient or advanced. For grades 3–8, improvement was made on math and reading TCAP tests. Gap closure decreased for the economically disadvantaged and those with disabilities in both math and reading tests.

Marion County improved on all but two of the EOC tests, Algebra I and English II. For grades 3–8, improvement was made on all four TCAP tests. Marion County decreased the achievement gap for the economically disadvantaged subgroup in math and reading.

Test results by individual schools and grades have not been released to the public.

For more information, go to <<http://www.tn.gov/education/tcap/index.shtml>>.

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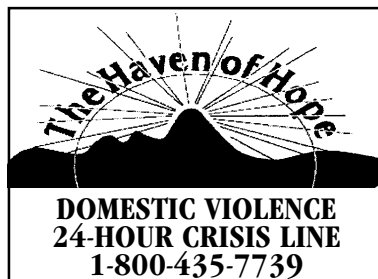
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Senior Center News

Covered-Dish Luncheon on Aug. 17

The August covered-dish lunch will be at noon, Saturday, Aug 17. The Swallow Sisters will sing and play acoustic guitar. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the music.

Daily Activity Schedule

The Senior Center has something fun to do each day of the week. Join them for any of these activities:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m., there is chair exercise.
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., the group plays bingo with prizes.
Wednesdays at 10 a.m., the writing group gathers.
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., there is chair exercise.
Fridays at 10 a.m. is game day.

Volunteers Needed

The Center needs volunteers to deliver lunches, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays in August. Please call the Center or Connie Kelley at 598-0915 if you are able to help. People willing to help with preparing lunch or washing dishes are always appreciated!

Senior Menus

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon on weekdays. The suggested donation is \$3 (\$0 or older) or \$5 (under 50). Please call by 9 a.m. to order lunch.

Aug. 12: Hamburger steak, baked potato, cucumber and blueberry salad, dessert.

Aug. 13: Italian sausage sub, French fries, dessert.

Aug. 14: Tuna-stuffed blooming tomato, crackers, dessert.

Aug. 15: Pinto beans, cabbage, fried okra, cornbread, dessert.

Aug. 16: Barbecue sandwich, potato salad, slaw, dessert.

Menus may vary.

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

Student Doing Summer Research at UT-Knoxville

by Dylan Platz, Special to the Messenger

For Asmita Shrestha, a rising senior at Sewanee, it has always been about science. A transfer student from Nepal, she knew exactly what she was going to study at the University of the South.

"I've always loved chemistry," she says. "From balancing equations to working in the lab. I find it so colorful and interesting, and I always want to know more."

A long way from home, this summer she finds herself away from her "home away from home" in Sewanee, and at the University of Tennessee (UT). Shrestha is one of eight outstanding students selected by UT for this year's Summer Undergraduate Research Program in chemistry, which is funded by the National Science Foundation.

This is not Shrestha's "first rodeo" when it comes to chemistry research. Last year at Sewanee, she investigated the synthesis of galantamine, an anti-tumor antibiotic, with organic chemistry professor Rongson Pongdee. "I always considered myself an organic chemist," Shrestha explains. "But last school year I took an inorganic chemistry class and just had to know more."

That inorganic chemistry class led her to Professor David Jenkins' lab at UT. Shrestha works closely with Jenkins and his doctoral student researchers. A large group, they are split into two teams, focusing on different projects. Shrestha's team is researching ways to make metal catalysts more efficient.

"I do a lot of my research in the glove box and I love it. It's always exciting and feels like I'm working in a space shuttle," she explains. Her research must be completed in the "glove box" because the chemicals she is working with are air-sensitive and would react if exposed. The glove box allows Shrestha to work in a high vacuum, air-controlled environment.

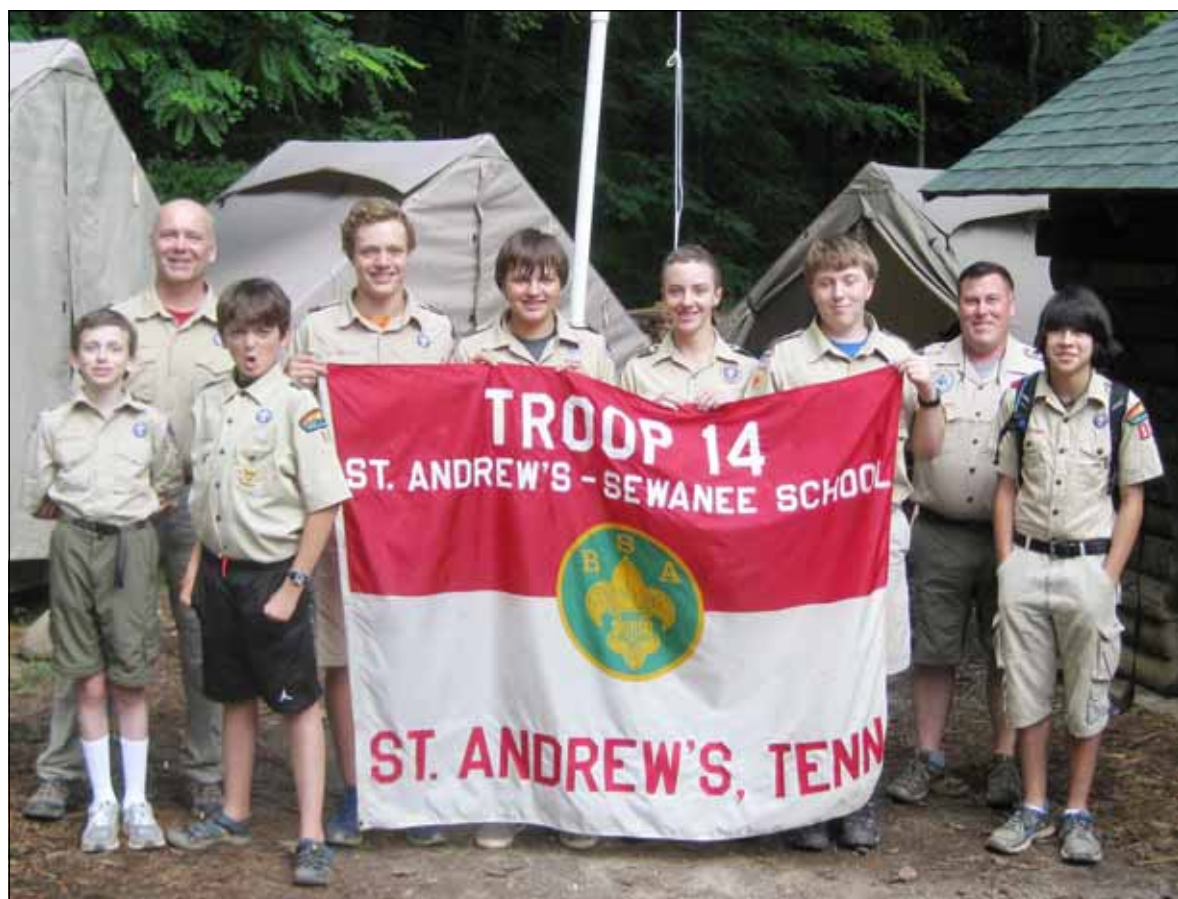
The research requires many steps, and not all of them will work on the first try, but with a student as determined as Shrestha, the research will never be given up on. "The research is just so personal for me. I'm sad if my reactions don't work the very first time," she says.

That attitude could lead Shrestha to some really interesting conclusions by the time her summer research has finished.

If everything were to work exactly as hypothesized, the Jenkins lab could produce new catalysts that would help scientists conduct their own experiments in the future. "Scientists use catalysts to speed up their experiments, so with better catalysts on a larger scale, scientists could, theoretically, finish their experiments even faster," Shrestha explains.

Shrestha plans to attend graduate school to continue studying chemistry, and hopes for a career in research once finished with school.

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Scouts and leaders on the North Carolina trip (from left) Travis Kershner, Bill Kershner, Matthew Mollica, Sam Smith, Max LaFrenier, Elliot Duncan, Wyatt Lindlau, Paul Lindlau and Crawford Emory

Boy Scouts Earn Badges on Summer Trip

*by Sam Smith
Special to the Messenger*

During the week of the July 21–27, seven scouts and two adults from local Boy Scout Troop 14 traveled to Camp Daniel Boone in western North Carolina. The scouts included Elliott

Duncan, Crawford Emory, Travis Kershner, Max LaFrenier, Wyatt Lindlau, Matthew Mollica and Sam Smith. The adult leaders were Paul Lindlau and Bill Kershner.

The troop stayed at the Tsali campsite, named after a noted leader of the Cherokee tribe. During the course of the week the seven scouts participated in numerous merit badges ranging from Search and Rescue to Citizenship in the World. Two scouts participated in the first-year program to help advance them in rank for their upcoming scouting careers.

After classes each day there were two hours of free time, allowing scouts

to participate in the activity of their choice. For example, one day the entire troop traveled up to Boonesboro (the high adventure village) for a talk on piracy. It rained almost every evening throughout the entire six days.

The acting senior patrol leader, Max LaFrenier, guided the scouts through the long, wet week with great energy. The camp was a great experience for everyone. The older scouts were able to obtain several Eagle-required merit badges, getting them closer to their final rank, while the younger scouts got a head start into the scouting world. The week was fun-filled and rewarding for everyone.

Sewanee Airport Receives Grant

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) announced recently that federal and state aeronautics grants totaling \$2.3 million have been approved for 10 Tennessee airports, including Sewanee Airport.

Grant money for Sewanee Airport will be used on its airport layout plan. This grant totals \$100,000, of which \$95,000 is state monies and \$5,000 is local. Drainage will also be improved at Sewanee Airport with a total grant of \$150,000, of which \$135,000 comes from federal, \$7,500 is state, and \$7,500 is local.

The grants are made available through TDOT's Aeronautics Division.

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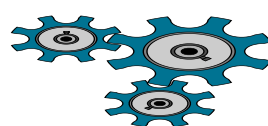
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ANGEL WITH AN ATTITUDE

by Virginia Craighill



Dear Angel,

I am starting to wonder if the University of the South is just like every other southeastern school and all about sports.

First, we spent the Sewanee Summer Music Festival in the sweat hall called Guerry Auditorium. And now we are spending the Sewanee Writers' Conference readings in another sweat hall, Bairnwick Women's Center. All the while, may I mention, that our perfectly good football field is being replaced with a gazillion-dollar turf field with lights.

Is Sewanee trying to get into the SEC? What's going on?

Roll Tigers!!

Dear Tigress,

In your litany of athletic renovations, you forgot to mention the bazillion-dollar golf course, the new artificial turf on the soccerfield, the fancy-smancy concession stand at the baseball/softball/rugby fields, and the additional tennis courts. Meanwhile Guerry and Bairnwick have all the charms of a 1950s high school auditorium and a rec room at a psychiatric clinic, circa 1965.

The tennis team wins; they've earned their courts, and having 12 courts will allow Tiger Tennis to host national tournaments instead of making the players travel over graduation weekend. The golf course is mainly for alumni, and I suppose the hope is that with new turf fields Sewanee can attract more prep school athletes who might be allergic to real grass.

But who watches these sports? The students occasionally come to football games at half-time to check each other out, but they usually leave when their drinks go dry.

On the other hand, people come from all over the country and the world to attend the Sewanee Summer Music Festival and Sewanee Writers' Conference. The Writers' Conference and the University's Performing Arts series have hosted some of the best writers and musicians of our time. If Sewanee is known beyond our academics, it is known for its summer programs, not for its athletic prowess. So your implied question—why not spend money to renovate venues that draw a significant crowd?—is an excellent one.

The logic could be that the music and literature heard in these places is so transcendent, the audience is transported beyond their shabby surroundings into a palatial realm of the imagination. But imagine what it would be like to hear these renowned musicians, singers, poets, playwrights and novelists in a building worthy of their art? One might, say, compare Middlebury or Centre's performing arts centers to Guerry and Bairnwick, and wonder why Sewanee doesn't seem to value the arts as much as they glorify their sports teams.

The new capital campaign will be gearing up soon, so perhaps there will be some people on the committee who consider the arts facilities a priority. In the meantime, we can look forward to hearing how well "Down with the Heathens!" resonates off the shiny new artificial grass.

Dear Angel,

I'm the mother of a prospective Sewanee student, and I wanted to get my daughter something at the bookstore to remind her of her Sewanee visit—a decent T-shirt or even a book written by a local author. I was, however, appalled at the quality of the merchandise and wondered if these trashy clothes match the image of this University that you want students and prospective students to convey when they wear them? And if I wanted a cookbook by Paula Dean, I could have gotten it more easily on Amazon than in this bookstore.

Allergic to Tacky

Dear Tack-less,

I'm assuming it's not the books that offended your sensibilities but the "Sewanee" emblazoned attire because the books are practically invisible, even though this is a bookstore.

It's quite true that tight shorts and sweatpants with SEWANEE written boldly across the rear do not exactly convey our educational mission. Having Sewanee authors' books up front where the super-neon highlighter pink and green sweatshirts are now prominently displayed might, however. (As for the color of the sweatshirts, the last time I checked, Sewanee's colors were purple and gold.)

Despite what you garnered from your bookstore visit, Sewanee values reading and writing, so it would make sense to market those values in the form of intelligent tomes rather than popular potboilers. And as for clothing, a glance at what the students are wearing when they return for the Advent semester suggests they are more inclined towards Lily Pulitzer (bless her pink-and-green soul) and Vineyard Vines than the Hollisteresque gangstap styles you found distasteful.

And like you, most moms, and even dads, would be hard-pressed to spend \$25 or more on a tight-fitting T-shirt that rises up above the belly-button and says "Sewanee Angel" across the chest in a provocative font. It's also a safe bet that most parents know that the acronym "WTF?" does not really stand for "What The Fog?" As you point out, it seems as if Barnes & Noble does not have a grasp of the Sewanee "brand."

The University doesn't run the bookstore, but your complaint speaks to a major image problem. Perhaps there's some arbiter of taste, fashion and literary within Sewanee who can gently convince B&N that we're a uniquely literary place and our fashion brand is class, not crass. Come back and try us again.

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SAS Welcomes Eric Stewart to Development Staff

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is pleased to announce the addition of Eric Stewart as the school's assistant director of development. Stewart will coordinate the SAS Fund, the annual giving program that provides approximately 10% of the school's budget.

Stewart has held various leadership roles in private, public, and community-based organizations and is an experienced fund-raiser. He represented the 14th State Senatorial District in Tennessee 2008–12, serving on the Senate Environment and Conservation Committee, Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee, and Joint Fiscal Review Committee. He served as a Franklin County Commissioner from 2002 to 2006. Stewart was formerly an owner, agent, and marketing director for Stewart Insurance Agency in Winchester. He is a graduate of MTSU.

"We are thrilled to have Eric join our team at SAS," said Tim Graham, director of development. "Eric understands the importance of relationship-building and communication in helping to inspire giving to a worthy mission. We look forward to harnessing his skills and experience for the good of SAS."

"I'm excited about joining SAS," added Stewart. "When in the legislature I had a passion for improving education and providing opportunities for all. Working with SAS, its outstanding faculty, staff, and students, gives me the opportunity to continue that passion and use my experience to the benefit of an outstanding school committed to providing opportunities for all."



Eric Stewart

Area Residents Offer Support for Brinkley Orphanage

By Melissa Brown
Special to the Messenger

Sunday, June 16, was not just Father's Day, but a day to bring awareness for a much-needed cause: Brinkley Orphanage in India. Jim Oliver's Smoke House Lodge hosted a fundraiser with music by Buddy Greene, Jeff Taylor and Cricket & Snail, and a sale to benefit the orphanage.

Billie Weaver of Tracy City and her sister, Bettie Lynds, along with their brother, John Brinkley, felt they had to continue their father's legacy. Weaver's father, Raymond Brinkley, had always felt a passion to go to India and preach, but it wasn't until he was 65 that he made his first trip. After that it became his life's work; he continued going and preaching in India until he was 81 years old.

"His goal was to go and present Jesus Christ's word, not a denomination," Weaver said. "Through his work, 25,000 people came to the Lord."

Weaver and her sister wanted to continue his legacy and began to build, too. They have a school and an orphanage now in Andhra Pradesh State, South India.

According to Weaver, many of the

children are "street kids whose parents want them in the school. There are 313 of them." Many pick up "food wrappers, licking off anything left on them, plus taking some home. We are trying to find a way to add these children into the school by next year. We have 326 now, and it is more than we can do, but doing anyway," said Weaver. New construction going on at the children's home will house 37 orphans and caretakers. We need, at this time, \$1,300 to finish the electrical work and plastering inside.

Weaver said before coming to the school many students/orphans were living in deplorable conditions and some still are, but thanks to the education they have received through the school, they "now know about good hygiene." She described the children's uniforms: "I thought the kids would hate belts and ties, but they are proud of their uniforms with the ties and belts, as other more affluent schools have them. They feel like 'educated people,' which is a quote from one of the boys. I could hardly believe how proud they were of their full uniforms."

For more information about the orphanage go to <www.facebook.com/GospelPartners>.

Education Notes

Girl Scout Registration

Registration for the local Girl Scout Troop will be 3:30–5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 16, at the Sewanee Community Center. For more information call Amanada Knight at (931) 691-0962.

UTC Dean's List

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga announced that area students Keeley Stewart and Evan Morris earned places on the Dean's List for the spring semester 2013. Students who make a 3.2 or higher semester grade point average are awarded the honor.

SES Library Update

Kathryn Bruce, librarian for Sewanee Elementary School, attended a professional development conference on "Books and Bytes" at Lincoln County High School in June.

This one-day conference featured a Common Core training session designed for media specialists by Lior Klirs, coordinator of English/Language Arts Content and Resources for the Tennessee Department of Education. The training emphasized effective strategies for challenging students to more closely read complex texts, especially literary nonfiction.

An excellent discussion of the use of Lexile measurements to help better select reading materials for students and the use of small-group guided reading sessions within the library were especially useful.

Another highlight of the conference was a hands-on session with Wendy Cornelison, Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) coordinator. The TEL enables students as young as kindergarteners to effectively search for age-appropriate research resources and includes early reading activities.

SES students have already been using this resource and will tap into this free database even further. Additional highlights included a session on effectively using Pinterest and Skype in the classroom and face-to-face meetings with a plethora of literary vendors, including book fair companies.

The students of SES will certainly benefit from the knowledge gained by their librarian at this conference.

"Thank you, PTO of Sewanee Elementary School, for supporting professional development opportunities such as this," Bruce said.



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TUE: Mini corn dogs, peanut butter and jelly sandwich with pretzels, turnip greens, corn, baby carrots with dip, canned or fresh fruit, cookie.

WED: Hamburger or cheeseburger, yogurt with cheese stick and muffin, tuna chef salad, baked beans, French fries, sandwich trimmings, canned or fresh fruit.

THU: Taco, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, pinto beans, garden salad, tater tots, canned or fresh fruit, tortilla chips, Dick & Jane cookies.

FRI: Pizza, pork chop, Oriental chicken salad, garden salad, orange-glazed sweet potatoes, black beans and corn, canned fruit or fruit juice, breadstick.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items

MON: Cinnamon roll, oatmeal, assorted cereal; or breakfast pizza or mini french toast.

TUE: Biscuit, sausage, breakfast bar, assorted cereal; condiments: gravy, jelly, syrup.

WED: Yogurt, graham crackers, oatmeal bar or assorted cereal.

THU: Cereal bar, cinnamon toast, or assorted cereal, or choose breakfast pizza or mini pancakes.

FRI: Chicken patty, biscuit, assorted cereal; condiments: gravy, jelly, syrup.

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Savage Falls Swim—Beat the summer heat with a swim at Savage Falls after an easy two-mile hike. Join Ranger Blake at 3 p.m. at Savage Gulf ranger station. Bring sturdy shoes.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Buggy Top Trek—Join Ranger Park at 8 a.m. at Carter State Natural Area parking lot for a moderately difficult five-mile out-and-back hike to beautiful Lost Cove and Buggy Top Cave entrance. Wear sturdy shoes and

bring water and snacks. Call for reservations, (931) 924-2956.

Stone Door Geology Hike—Join Ranger Katie at 2 p.m. at Stone Door ranger station on a hike to the Great Stone Door to learn about the geological forces that shaped one of South Cumberland's greatest features. Expect an easy, two-mile hike. Bring water.

Savage Day Loop Hike—Join Ranger Blake at 2 p.m. at Savage Gulf ranger station for an easy four-point-two-mile hike on the Savage Day Loop.

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



More than two dozen parents and students, including (from left) Allison Bruce, Jeff Mallory and Sam Thomas, worked on Aug. 3 to get the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School campus ready for the fall athletic season.

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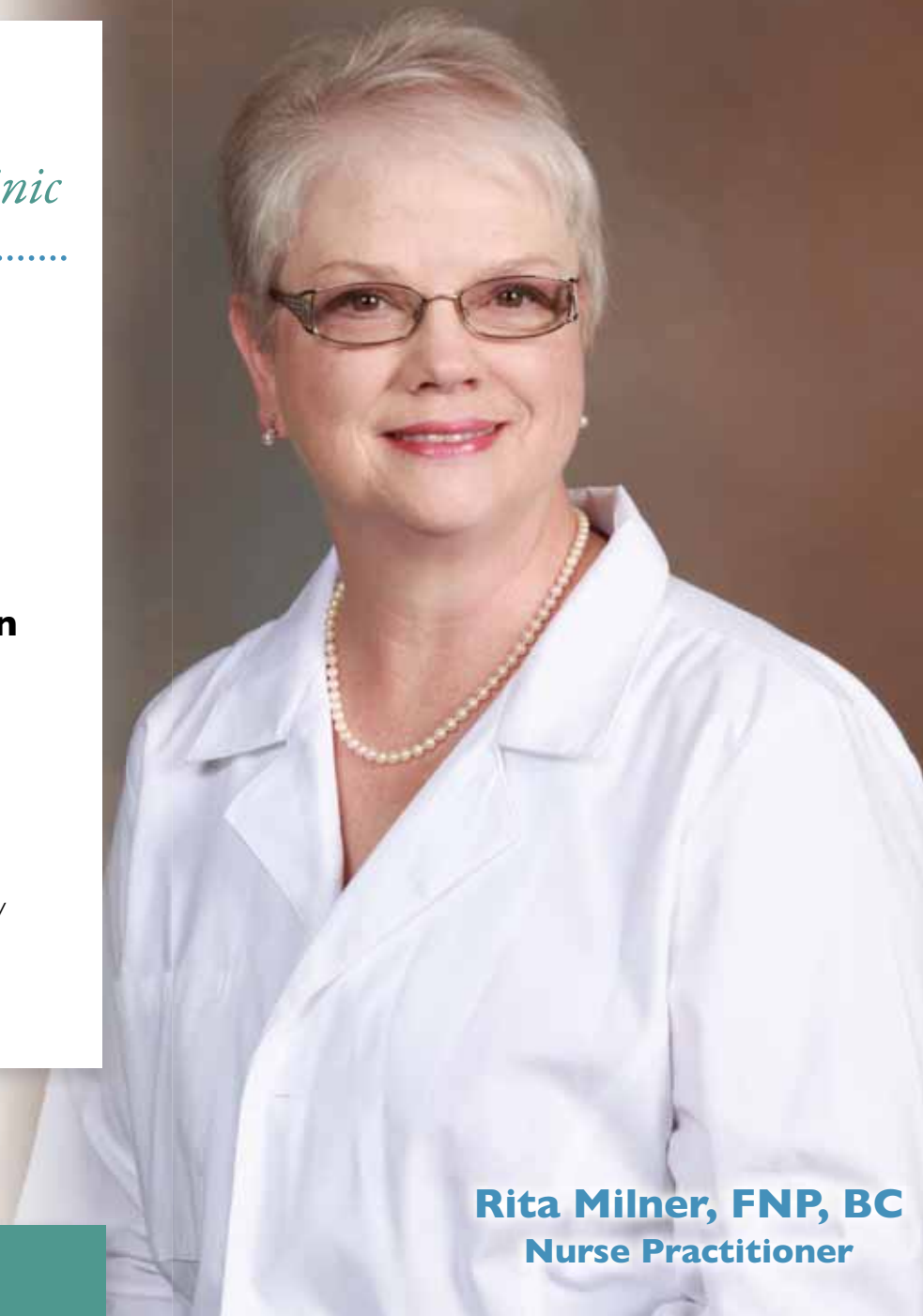
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is dark until Thursday, Aug. 22, when there will be a three-night showing of the Tom Cruise sci-fi flick, *Oblivion*.

Information about future films will be available soon.



The SAS Players performing a scene from "The Ants" at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Photo by Christine Assmussen

SAS Students Perform "The Ants" in Scotland

On July 30, 12 St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students headed to Scotland to perform in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The St. Andrew's-Sewanee theatre program, under the direction of Robie Jackson and John Holleman, was invited to perform at the festival following a rigorous selection process by the American High School Theatre Festival. Audiences enjoyed the players' original production of "The Ants," written by Holleman.

The group's adventure began in London, where they toured Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and the Globe Workshop. While in London, they enjoyed a production of "War Horse" staged at the New London Theatre. The show, based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo, includes full-scale horses brought to life on the stage by South Africa's Handspring Puppet.

On Aug. 2, the group traveled by train to Edinburgh, where they began rehearsals in preparation for their four performances of "The Ants" at Pilgric Studio. The group has enjoyed performances by other high school theatre groups, a military tattoo in Edinburgh Castle and all of the excitement of the world's largest arts festival. They also toured Stirling Castle and the Trossachs (site of the famous Loch Lomond song). During their visit, the group is staying at University of Edinburgh.

"John and I want to thank our school, the community, and donors for supporting this creative venture through financial and goodwill support. We know that this international arts experience will impact not only the lives of the SAS student performers, but also the profile of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School," said Jackson. The group returns to the United States on Aug. 12.



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Sewanee native Charlotte Stephens (center) stars as the Narrator in Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods," presented by the Teen Actors Guild. This is the last weekend to see the performance at the Manchester Arts Center, with shows at 7:30 p.m. today (Friday) and Saturday, Aug. 9-10, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 11. Tickets are discounted if ordered online at <www.millenniumrep.org>. The Arts Center is located at 128 E. Main St., Manchester. For more information call (931) 570-4489. Photo by Karen Armstrong Lewis

Area Festivals and Fairs

Franklin County Fair Aug. 20-24

The Franklin County Fair will be Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 20-24, at the Southern Middle Tennessee Agricultural Pavilion near Winchester. Admission price is \$5 for adults all day Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

On Friday, Aug. 23, admission is \$1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (public schools are closed this day). Later in the day, from 3 p.m. to closing, the entrance fee is \$10 for adults; \$5, children 6-12; and under 5, free. Armbands, which give guests access to rides and other special events, are \$20 all days.

Some popular events scheduled include the tractor parade, a talent show, a demolition derby, a mud volleyball tournament and much more. For more information go to <www.franklincotnfair.org>.

Beersheba Springs Festival Calls for Vendors

The 47th annual Beersheba Springs Arts and Crafts Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24-25, at the historic Beersheba Springs Assembly grounds. The town of Beersheba Springs is located on U.S. Hwy. 56, 25 miles from Monteagle.

Several surrounding states will be represented by more than 130 exhibitors and vendors who will offer hand- and homemade items. Vendors interested in being in the show should call (931) 692-3733.

Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Proceeds from the fair assist the Beersheba Springs library, rescue

squad, community center, Grundy County Center for Exceptional Citizens, North Elementary School and the distribution of food baskets. Members of the Beersheba Springs Rescue Squad and Fire Dept. will be in charge of parking.

Polly Crockett Festival Set for September

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce will host the 31st Annual Polly Crockett and Tennessee History Festival, Sept. 20-22, in Cowan. The festival honors the pioneer spirit of Polly Crockett, wife of Davy Crockett. The theme for the festival is "Behind every great man is an enterprising woman."

Festival Chair Dave Van BusKirk is seeking arts and crafts vendors for the three-day event. The juried event offers demonstrations as well as samples of traditional country crafts and art. Vendor booth size is 12' x 12' and booths are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$80. Reserve your booth today and mark your calendar to attend. Crafters will be arriving from all over the United States with unique crafts. They are also seeking local talent for the weekend.

For more information call 967-6788 or go to <www.franklincountychamber.com>.

Fannie Moffitt Celebration Set for October in Altamont

Altamont citizens are coming together on Oct. 12 for the Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp to honor one of its important past residents.

Moffitt, known for her immense

wealth and frugal ways, has been the topic of many a supper table story session. Eccentric and odd, the mere mention of her name brings a fanciful ring to the festival. One might even see the old girl herself flitting around town. Visitors are encouraged to create and wear the most bizarre hat possible. If Fannie snatches that hat, a prize is in store!

The day will start at 8 a.m. with a 5K run. A pancake breakfast will be available 9-10:30 a.m. at the Altamont Community Center. An arts and crafts fair will begin at the site of the old courthouse. The new courthouse will be the venue for live music, games and dramatic tours at historical venues.

In the Florence Scruggs building, people will be able to view family history displays, family trees and artifacts at the genealogy/museum center. The evening will end with a program of Celtic, Scottish and Native American dance and music. There will be a street dance in front of the Florence Scruggs building. Admission to all activities is free, with the exception of breakfast.

Organizers ask that each family who wishes to have their family history, family tree or written history included in the genealogy center submit their displays by Oct. 6.

Crafters, food vendors, civic organizations and booster clubs are invited to take a space at the arts and crafts fair. There is also a need for volunteers to work in different areas.

For more information contact Jana Barrett, (931) 692-3879; DeEtta Northcutt Rather, (931) 692-3364; Penny Smartt Sons, (931) 235-9942; or Angie Burnett, (931) 467-3263.

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Sports Honors

Sewanee Track & Field Teams Earn Academic Honors

The Sewanee men's and women's track and field teams were named to the All-Academic Team for Division III for their 2013 seasons by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

These programs earned the honor as a result of being the highest-placing teams with at least a 3.10 cumulative grade point average at the most recent NCAA indoor and outdoor championships, respectively.

The teams are coached by Jeff Heitzrater.

Liles Up for NCAA Award

Sewanee women's tennis student-athlete Jenny Liles, who graduated in May, has been nominated by the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) for the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year award.

As one of the most decorated student-athletes ever to wear the purple and gold, Liles is a 2013 NCAA Postgraduate Scholar and was valedictorian this past spring.

She also received the first-ever SAA Woman of the Year award while also being named a 2013 Capital One College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American. Over her career, Liles was a four-time all-conference selection while leading the Tigers to a pair of NCAA Tournament berths. Additionally, Liles qualified for two NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships.

Off the court, Liles was a four-time All-Conference Academic Honoree and ITA Scholar Athlete. She was a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and served as president of the Alpha Epsilon Delta National Medical Society. Additionally, Liles served as an Arcadian, a member of the Order of Gownsmen, a Benedict Scholar and was the vice-president of Phi Beta Kappa. Finally, Liles was named the University of the South's 2012 Homecoming Queen.

Liles will now wait to see if she is named as one of the Top 30 honorees (ten from each division), which will be announced in early September.

Liles was accepted into the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, where she is scheduled to attend this fall.



Elijah Seavey (left) and Polly Thurman (right) recently earned promotion to 6th Kyu (Green Belt) in Wado-Ryu Karate. Sensei Michael Cimino-Hurt (center) said that both students have worked hard over the summer and have made great progress. For more information about the karate program, contact Cimino-Hurt at (703) 801-4754 or email <zanshin.mch@gmail.com>.

Mountaintop Tumblers Classes

Mountaintop Tumblers gymnastics classes, taught by Georgia Hewitt, have just begun.

Thursday classes are 3:30–4:30 p.m. for beginning/intermediate children, and 4:30–5:30 p.m. for intermediate/advanced/previously experienced children.

Saturday morning classes, "Mommy (or Daddy) and Me" have not begun yet and will be added as need is determined. All classes take place at the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ball Park Rd. For more information or to register, call Hewitt at (931) 205-4335.



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OUTSIDEIN

by Patrick Dean

The phrase "dawn patrol" was probably first used by the military, but these days it's most commonly connected with surfing. Land and water temperatures, winds, tides and lack of other people make first light a preferred time to be on the water. Back-country skiers have adopted the concept, as well: the sun hasn't had a chance to mess with the snow pack yet, and again, it's less crowded.

As a confirmed morning person, I like doing things before the rest of the house is up, and having some fun that's not at the expense of some other obligation. Dawn patrol also gives me a glimpse of the world in a different mode, as it comes to life for another day's routine.

First light recently found me pedaling my mountain bike up University Avenue, heading toward Breakfield Road. A small group of construction guys stood around pickup trucks in front of Fulford Hall.

Just up the hill, I interrupted a deer family crossing the street. Three of them made it, but one of the spotted, hound-sized fawns was stranded to my right. We looked at each other and I made soothing noises as I pedaled by.

A sharp left and a fun downhill took me behind the Fowler Center and onto the walkway toward McGee Field. Darkness lingered in Abbo's Alley as I peered down at the trails and streams below the bridge.

Several minutes later I was in the open space of Breakfield. A purply-blue layer of clouds lay parallel with the horizon; bright white cumulus occasionally poked above, like Himalayan peaks in the distance.

The stables of the Equestrian Center to my right were quiet as I hit the gravel at speed, and the rattle of rocks under my tires and the wind through my helmet blotted out all other sounds. Around a curve and up a rise, my pace slowed enough for me to hear peepers and morning birds in the woods.

The trees were giving up the last bit of gloom as I reached my turnaround point and headed back out. A black leaf defied gravity and floated up between my pedals. A butterfly startled up from the trail. Nearing the Equestrian Center, another deer family leapt across my vision; I made loud noises, not wanting to have my own version of a YouTube-famous encounter between a mountain biker and a hartebeest in Africa (Google "antelope cyclist" to see the video).

Back on pavement, I sat up and had a drink. I swore at the crows who were harassing my friend Mark's apple trees, then waved to the guy in camo who was feeding the University Farm's pigs.

University Avenue, meanwhile, had come to life. The construction crew had gained a concrete-mixer truck and was pouring a concrete apron for the entrance to Rebel's Rest. Runners, pedestrians and dog-walkers were out and about.

As I rolled into my driveway, it occurred to me that all the grief I get from friends about my usual 9 p.m. bedtime is totally worth it. It's much less likely that a day will go badly when it starts with a dawn patrol ... take my word for it.

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NATURENOTES

By Harry and Jean Yeatman



Juvenile Double-crested Cormorant

Late Summer Offers Intriguing Nature Sightings

Jean Yeatman reports a new sighting on Lake Eva. On Aug. 3, she walked out onto the dock and saw a Double-crested Cormorant fly up across the lake and then right over her. This was a young bird, easily distinguished from its black parents, as it was more grayish and brownish with rather pale underparts and a spade-shaped tail (also found in adults). The Cormorant is a large bird, 32 inches in length, weighing 4.5 lbs., and with a wingspan of 51 inches. This one probably came up from Woods Reservoir, where they breed on Little Elder Island.

Some places in the Orient, fishermen place a ring around the Cormorant's neck so it cannot swallow a fish, and attach a line to its leg. Then they take it out in a small boat to a fishing area, where the bird dives below the surface and brings up a fish. Their feathers are not waterproof so they have to spend much time drying out. They are common and widespread, found along coasts, inland lakes and rivers. They winter along the seacoast from Long Island and southern Alaska, and inland from Tennessee south to the West Indies and Panama.

Marcia Medford, who lives near the Sewanee airport, submitted these



photographs of an event that happened in her yard. According to **Kristen Cecala**, a herpetologist who is new this year to Sewanee's biology department, this is a black racer snake eating a garter snake. "Both of the pictured snakes are widely foraging generalists that bite and swallow their prey without the use of venom or constriction," Cecala said after reviewing the photos. "Snakes are actually the perfectly shaped food for another snake, and they can often eat other individuals that are nearly their own size."

Residents in neighborhoods adjacent to Roark's Cove Road, around Virginia Avenue, Abbott Martin Lane and the Woodlands, have enjoyed watching four barred owls grow to maturity. The young birds made a whistling, screeching sound as they moved through adolescence and often hunted together during daylight hours, making them easy to spot. In the past week, they have grown into their adult voices, making the familiar, resonant owl call, "Who cooks for you?"

June Weber shared this photo of a blue mushroom growing in her yard. **Jean Yeatman** identified it as the blue *Lactarius* or *Lactarius indigo*, also known as the indigo milk cap or the blue milk mushroom. The milk, or latex, that oozes when the mushroom tissue is cut or broken—a feature common to all members of the *Lactarius* genus—is also indigo blue, but slowly turns green upon exposure to air. See it in color at <www.sewaneemessenger.com>.



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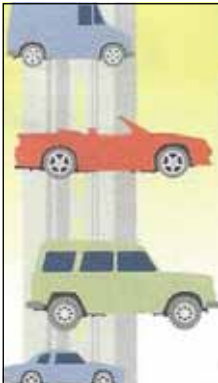
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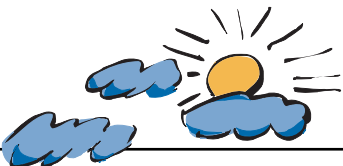
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DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jul 15	83	60
Tue	Jul 16	83	68
Wed	Jul 17	86	69
Thu	Jul 18	87	68
Fri	Jul 19	86	68
Sat	Jul 20	85	69
Sun	Jul 21	74	66

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 83
Avg min temp = 67
Avg temp = 75
Precipitation = 0.63"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jul 22	86	66
Tue	Jul 23	76	68
Wed	Jul 24	80	67
Thu	Jul 25	81	61
Fri	Jul 26	79	59
Sat	Jul 27	81	66
Sun	Jul 28	79	64

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 80
Avg min temp = 64
Avg temp = 68
Precipitation = 1.16"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jul 29	76	57
Tue	Jul 30	85	60
Wed	Jul 31	82	64
Thu	Aug 01	81	65
Fri	Aug 02	80	68
Sat	Aug 03	81	64
Sun	Aug 04	81	64

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 81
Avg min temp = 63
Avg temp = 66
Precipitation = 0.96"

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Avg max temp = 81
Avg min temp = 65
Avg temp = 70
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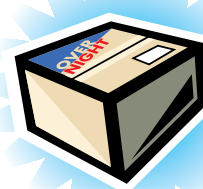
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Sit in a cage and sing?
How can a child, when fears annoy,
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And forget his youthful spring?

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Community Calendar

Today, Aug. 9

Marion County Schools staff development day

- 9:00 am American Legion Post 51 meeting, Legion Hall
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 5:00 pm S of T orientation begins, Hamilton Hall
- 5:30 pm World healing meditation, Community Center

Saturday, Aug. 10

Last day for youth soccer sign ups, email <burnette@blomand.net>

- 8:00 am Sewanee Gardeners' Market, until 10 am
- 9:00 am American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall
- 9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until noon

Sunday, Aug. 11

U of S Finding Your Place begins, campus wide

- 4:00 pm Bible study, Otey Parish
- 4:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible study, Midway Baptist

Monday, Aug. 12

Marion County Schools first full day of classes

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 4:30 pm Slow Flow & Yin Yoga with Sarah, Fowler Center
- 5:00 pm Women's 12-Step, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 6:00 pm FC Dems meeting, Walker, Community Center
- 6:00 pm Power Yoga with Sarah, Fowler Center
- 7:00 pm Centering prayer, Otey sanctuary

Tuesday, Aug. 13

- 6:30 am Flow & Go Yoga with Sarah, Fowler Center
- 8:00 am Grundy County Food Bank open, until 10 am
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:30 am Blood pressure checks, Sewanee Senior Center
- 10:00 am Crafting Ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 11:30 am Grundy Co. Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:15 pm Bible study, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 497 College St., Monteagle

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Preseason for SAS Athletes, through Aug. 21

- 6:50 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club, Smoke House
- 9:00 am CAC pantry day, until 11 am; 1–3 pm
- 5:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Aug. 15

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Nature journaling, meet at Stirling's

- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, (advanced), Comm Ctr
- 11:00 am Body Recall with Judy, Monteagle City Hall
- 12:00 pm Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Blue Chair Tavern
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 2:00 pm Tillinghast reading, Convocation Hall
- 2:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until 5 pm
- 3:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, beginners, Comm Ctr
- 4:30 pm Mountaintop Tumblers, advanced, Comm Ctr
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers, St. Joseph's, Hall, 770 St. Mary's Lane; weigh-in 4:30
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 7:00 pm Abuse survivors group, 330 W. Main, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall

Friday, Aug. 16

Curbside recycling pickup, before 7:30 am

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Community Center
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 3:30 pm Girl Scout registration, Community Center, until 5

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, Brooks Hall, Otey

Sunday

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

Monday

- 5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

- 7:00 pm AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Brooks Hall, Otey

Wednesday

- 10:00 am AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday

- 12:00 pm AA, (931) 924-3493 for location
- 7:00 pm AA, closed, Big Book study, St. James
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