



Teresa Jeffery Taylor took this beautiful picture of the War Memorial Cross in Sewanee during the recent snow.

Early Voting Begins in Tennessee

Early voting for the March 1 presidential preference primary, or "SEC primary," began on Feb. 10 in Tennessee. Early voting runs Mondays through Saturdays and ends Tuesday, Feb. 23. Some counties will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, for Presidents' Day.

The easiest way for voters to find their early voting and election day polling locations, as well as view and mark sample ballots and access online election results, is through the <Go VoteTN> app.

Tennessee's 95 counties conduct early voting at their local election commission offices or at another location designated by the election commission. Some counties also offer early voting at satellite locations.

Tennesseans voting early or on election day should remember to bring valid photo identification. A driver's license or photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety is suggested.

Ross Named Editor of Sewanee Review

The University of the South announces the appointment of Adam Ross as the next editor of the Sewanee Review, succeeding George Core, who will retire this year after 43 years as editor.

Ross graduated with departmental honors in English from Vassar College and holds an M.A. and M.F.A. in creative writing from Hollins University and Washington University, respectively. He was a 2013-14 Hodder Fellow at Princeton University and later the Mary Ellen von der Heyden Fellow in Fiction at the American Academy in Berlin.

Ross's fiction has appeared in the Berlin Journal, the Carolina Quarterly and the Sunday Times of London; his nonfiction has been published in the New York Times Book Review, the Daily Beast, Tin House, the Nashville Scene and the Wall Street Journal.

Ross's novel "Mr. Peanut," a 2010 New York Times Notable Book, was named one of the best books of the year by the New Yorker, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the New Republic and the Economist. It has been published in 16 countries. "Ladies and Gentlemen," Ross's short story collection, was included in Kirkus Reviews' Best Books of 2011; it includes "In the Basement," a finalist for the 2012 BBC International Story Award.



Adam Ross

FSC Receives Grant For Fiery Gizzard Reroute

Friends of South Cumberland (FSC) was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) for equipment to help with the ongoing work of rerouting the popular Fiery Gizzard Trail. The gift will allow the rangers to purchase a lifting system to move large rocks, bridge lumber and other trail-building materials.

"TTA generously agreed to fund the kit and all the cables, trolleys, pulleys and accessories that would allow the hoist to be used to its full potential across much greater distances," said Naullain Kendrick, FSC vice president. "This gear will have multiple uses, even after the trail reroute is complete, including rescue potential. It's a key piece of equipment that will benefit the park for years to come, and we thank TTA for its generosity."

Volunteers are needed to help with the effort, which will result in moving a key section of the trail off of private land atop the Cumberland Plateau and onto park property.

"So far, the trail work has had awesome support," said Ranger Park Greer. "How quickly we complete the work depends entirely on how many volunteers we get." Volunteer work parties take place every Saturday. Workers should meet at 9 a.m. at the Grundy Forest parking area in Tracy City. Rangers will transport volunteers to the trail reroute site. The groups usually work until 1-2 p.m.

"We have jobs for all ages and skill levels," Greer explained. "It's not just moving boulders — we need people to rake leaves, level the soil, trim branches and deliver tools."

The reroute effort received an earlier financial boost from the Lyndhurst

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Civic Association Meets at EQB

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the EQB House. Please note the change of venue.

Social time with wine begins at 6 p.m., and a buffet dinner (\$13) begins at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting begins promptly at 7 p.m., followed by a brief program. The business portion of the meeting will include an update on the Sewanee Community Chest, park maintenance, the 2016-17 SCA budget and nominations for board positions.

Latham Davis, president of Friends of South Cumberland, will present the program on the South Cumberland Park activities and the Fiery Gizzard trail reroute.

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

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

School Board Hears Comments on GSA

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

Visitors packed the 500-seat auditorium to near capacity at the Feb. 8 Franklin County Board of Education meeting at Franklin County High School. The meeting was moved from its normal location to accommodate the large crowd. The recently formed Gay-Straight Alliance club at FCHS has attracted national attention and locally provoked an outpouring of both support and criticism. Following publication of the agenda last week, the board agreed to an eleventh-hour agenda change, giving four community members permission to comment publicly on the GSA.

"This is a school board meeting, and no disruption will be tolerated," insisted Kevin Caroland, board chair, after some audience members loudly recited the Lord's Prayer during the moment of silence at the start of the meeting. Caroland then continued with the agenda, which allotted five minutes to each speaker.

Chris Ball of Belvidere began by asking "the forgiveness of God, the board, the faculty and the children of the Franklin County Schools for never giving the safety of students a thought." "I don't think clubs that promote a viewpoint should be here," he said, "even Christian clubs. But the GSA started because a few students didn't feel safe. I urge all of you to stop preaching hate and urge the school to implement the zero tolerance policy for bullies that's already in place."

Robert Weidlich, father of four with two students at FCHS, challenged Director of Schools Amie Lonas for saying the Supreme Court had already ruled on the legality of the club. Weidlich also challenged the authority of the 1984 Equal Access Act to withdraw federal funding from Franklin County Schools if the club

was banned. "I'm not going to stand for my kids being subjected to homosexuality in public school," Weidlich said in closing.

"The GSA is not a gay club. I'm a heterosexual," said 14-year-old Kevin Hambrick, a FCHS freshman who joined the GSA at the first meeting on Jan. 19. Hambrick apologized to "Christians and GSA members for the misconduct they've received." "The reason we have a club is to end demeaning treatment and dehumanization of the LGBT community. You can tear our signs down, you can tear the tears out of our eyes, I fought to be here. We need this club."

Attorney Peter Trenchi of Sewanee, who works regularly with youth groups and children, spoke about the importance of peer contact and counseling for youth who lead challenged lives. "School may be their only safe place. This is where children learn appropriate interactions." Citing the Bible, Trenchi said, "Love overcomes fear."

The board reviewed the application and criterion for school clubs drafted by school administrators.

Schoolboard representative Adam Tucker from Sewanee suggested the provision prohibiting "conflict of interest with other clubs," should be clarified to refer to "conflict of interest about use of facilities."

Caroland said when clubs were allowed to meet needed to be clearly defined.

The board also discussed whether clubs should be required to take minutes.

School administrators will be advised of the board's recommendations, but approving clubs and setting criterion for their establishment will remain the prerogative of the schools.

"School principals approve clubs,"

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Braving bitterly cold winds, more than 100 people gathered in advance of the Franklin County School Board meeting on Feb. 9 to show their support for the FCHS's Gay-Straight Alliance club. In a section of the parking lot adjacent to Franklin County High School, participants waved rainbow flags and handmade signs, as media from across the area filmed the rally and conducted interviews. A truck bearing the Confederate battle flag and the Christian flag drives past the rally in advance of the meeting.

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AVISITINGVOICE

by April Alvarez

Stardust Everywhere

Once upon a time there was a lady with stardust everywhere. At first no one noticed her. She had walked a very long way up a mountain with her husband. They passed great cedar forests and rushing creeks before they found a village. Her husband went to work with other men in elaborate stone buildings. While he worked she would just walk around the village, leaving a trail of stardust on the sidewalks and up in the big oak trees and on holly bushes and mailboxes. To entertain herself, she would make jaunty clay pots or sparkly earrings or dinner. She wrote her mother up north every day.

The other ladies living on the mountain asked her to come to things, invited her to little gatherings. "Why would I want to sit and drink tea when I can make clay pots or sparkly earrings?" she asked.

Some of the ladies were a little peeved, but most were a little jealous that someone – one person in the whole world – could walk around and do the one thing she did best, the thing she wanted to do, which was to make things.

One day the lady walked to the middle of the village and sat under a lemon tree. People walked by and she would sell her earrings or her pots, or just tell people how pretty or creative they were. People who also made clay pots came to the lemon tree, and people who made big metal sculptures, and intricate silver earrings, and paintings like clouds. In the evenings on her way home stardust fell on the sidewalks behind her and up in the big oak trees. The village just sparkled. She wrote her mother up north about how pretty the village was.

Her husband worked hard in the stone buildings. Sometimes he would bring people to their house, and she would make chicken crepes from a recipe that Jackie Kennedy's chef used, and she would serve her husband's French Napoleons. It was easy to find her house with all that stardust and all those French pastries.

She and her husband went to the door one day and found three little children on the porch. The three little children would walk to the lemon tree with her. The eldest had an orange chicken, the middle never looked up on their walks because he was making drawings in a little book, and the youngest would wave her hand and everything that was in disorder would suddenly be in order – streets would become clean, trees trimmed, even dogs would be brushed and groomed as she walked by and moved her hand.

One day some men from the stone buildings came to the lemon tree and told the lady that she had to "stop sprinkling fairy dust" and that she had to "send her children to school for a proper education." While she agreed that it was time for the children to attend school, about the stardust she said, "You don't even know what you're talking about." Fairy dust? she thought. That's not even close.

So she dropped off the children at school: the eldest, now with an entire flock of chickens, the youngest, with her uncanny ability to bring order to the Universe, and the middle one, but only when she could find him, because often he was climbing trees or scaling cliffs or fording streams so he could draw better pictures. Her friends suggested dressing him in bright colors so she could better find him in the woods.

While she sat under the lemon tree one day, the men returned to complain about the fairy dust again, as if they even knew what it was and as if she could do anything about it.

"What do you even know?" she asked, pointing out that the fine, sparkly dust was not from her, or even from fairies. It was from the angels on the mountain-top. Was it her fault that the men didn't know that there was one angel for each person on the mountain, and that hers left a trail?

"But people will think it's magical here. They will think everything is perfect and wonderful, like a wonderland. They will have – expectations."

She looked at them, standing there at the edge of the lemon tree, in their suits with their shiny, black shoes. She picked a huge, yellow lemon from the tree, took a bite, and said, "People are going to think what people are going to think, and there's not one thing

you or me or the fairies or angels or God or anyone can do about that."

With that she shooed them off to their stone buildings.

Some of the angels starting coming to the lemon tree after that.

"You can fly with us, you know," they said. And while she found herself admiring their beautiful white wings and their transparent, weightless bodies, and their preternatural ability to come and go, she turned them down and soothed herself by painting angels on her pots and drawing them in stories. She would always take the most time with their wings, curved and arched over their backs, their enormous feathers smoothed into perfection.

And so she would walk towards home, her angel trailing stardust behind her. She would pick up her children from school and drink wine with her husband once she arrived. Her children got big and moved to other houses, taking their chickens and paintings and things all in row. She marveled that they each married such kind, talented and wonderful spouses. The lady made her pots and angel drawings and visited her children at their houses. One day, on the way home, she opened her mailbox and there was a very sad letter telling her that her mother had died. She walked inside and wrote to her father and didn't go to the lemon tree for a very long time. A very long time.

One day when she was walking to the mailbox with a letter to her father, she found a tiny orange dog. She named him Luke Skywalker and took him with her to the lemon tree everyday.

Her angel didn't always feel like sprinkling stardust behind her every day, but sometimes when the lady took Luke Skywalker for a bit of a walk, the angel would cover the sidewalk or some random trees. Sometimes she would just give all the stardust to the lady's grandchildren, who would run or bike or climb or ski around the little mountain village leaving a sparkling path in their wake. People marveled about the magical village that sparkled. The men would come out of the stone buildings and say, "Oh, that? That's always been here, that fairy dust." And the ladies would meet at tea and say, "Oh look how pretty the village is today! What a fabulous job she does, spreading that sparkly dust all over the village. We should invite her to tea sometime."

One day she was sitting under the lemon tree in the middle of the village with Luke Skywalker, and her angel came by, not with sprinkles or stardust, but with the most lovely, most feathery, most yellow wings she could have imagined.

"Why don't you come out with us today?" the angel asked, smiling and holding out the wings.

They were so pretty. She looked around and thought about everything she would be able to see from the sky – her grandchildren running and biking and climbing and skiing; her children making crepes and feeding chickens, her husband walking Luke Skywalker. She'd be able to see it all from the sky. "But who will make the clay pots?" she asked.

"Oh, honestly," said the angel, "Don't you think you've made enough clay pots?"

She concurred. She admired the beautiful yellow wings, but she wanted to know something else.

"Who will teach my grandchildren to make crepes?" she asked.

"Oh for crying out loud," the angel said. "Let's write down the recipe for them. They can read can't they?"

So they worked through lunch and wrote a recipe book for each of her grandchildren.

The lady reached out to touch the beautiful yellow wings. They were as soft as rabbit's fur and brighter than the brightest lemon. Finally she had but one question.

"Who will spread the stardust all over the mountain?"

"Oh, that's easy," answered the angel. "You will. You can spread it when we fly. That way it will cover everything on the mountain."

With that she put on her beautiful yellow wings and flew up into the sky, sprinkling stardust wherever she went.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

American Legion Meets Saturday

American Legion Post 51 will meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Legion Hall in Sewanee [the date was incorrect in last week's paper]. "This meeting is critically important to the future of the post," said Post Commander James Rollins. "All concerned need to attend."

Grundy GOP Hosts Straw Poll

Grundy County Republican Party will host its first presidential primary straw poll at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Grundy County Courthouse. There will be speakers representing Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio.

Presidents' Day Closings

Presidents' Day is Monday, Feb. 15. All federal, state and local government offices will be closed, including public schools, banks and the U.S. Post Office. Both St. Andrew's-Sewanee School and the University of the South will hold classes, and their offices will be open.

Coffee with the Coach on Monday

Coffee with the Coach will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 15, at the Blue Chair Tavern. The guest will be Jeff Heitzenrater. Come and enjoy good conversation and free coffee.

Book Club Meets on Monday

The Book Club of the Sewanee Woman's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15, in the home of Flournoy Rogers, when she will review "Modoc" by Ralph Helfer. For information or directions contact Debbie Racka at <debbie811123@gmail.com> or Rogers at 598-0733 or <semmesrogers@gmail.com>.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, at Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City. The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club meets 8-9 a.m., Thursdays, at the Sewanee Inn. On Thursday, Feb. 18, Adam Randolph will present a program on mindfulness.

Chess Club Gathers on Wednesdays

The Sewanee Chess Club meets at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Robin Hille Room at the Sewanee Community Center. The group is open to players at all levels.

EQB Meets on Wednesday

The EQB Club will meet at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 17, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Harold Goldberg will present the second part of his talk about "China in Conflict: Understanding China Today." Goldberg is the David Underdown Professor of History at Sewanee. In addition to Chinese history, he teaches

Russian history and the history of World War II.

Republican Women Meet Thursday

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

Curbside Recycling on Feb. 19

Residential curbside recycling pickup in Sewanee is on the first and third Friday of each month. Friday, Feb. 19, will be a pickup day. Recyclable materials must be separated by type and placed in blue bags by the side of the road no later than 7:30 a.m. Please do not put out general household trash on this day. Blue bags may be picked up in the University Lease and Community Relations Office, 400 University Ave. (the Blue House) or at the Physical Plant Services office on Georgia Avenue.

UDC Gathers on Feb. 20

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

Conservative Network Dinner on Feb. 20

The South Cumberland Conservative Network will have dinner and a program beginning at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Franklin-Pearson House in Cowan. The speaker will be Ernie Perez, born in Cuba in 1946, who will explain how he was born into freedom, lost it and gained it back again. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and dessert. For more information and to make reservation, visit the website <www.cumberlandconservative.com> or call Larry at (931) 924-3000.

Garden Club Meets on Feb. 22

The Sewanee Garden Club will meet at 1:30 on Monday, February 22, at the Herbarium on the campus of the University of the South. Mary Priestley will head up the program.

The Herbarium is located in the Spencer Hall addition to the science building near the duPont library. Visitors are always welcome. For questions please contact Flournoy Rogers at (931) 598-0733 or <semmesrogers@gmail.com>.

Monteagle FBC Waffle Dinner Feb. 25

Monteagle First Baptist Church is hosting an "All the Waffles You Can Eat" supper, 4-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, at the church. Adult tickets are \$7 per person; age 12 and under are \$4; a family of five is \$20. This event is a benefit for Women on Mission.

Free Tax Prep Assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is available for low-income, disabled and elderly persons at the Sewanee Senior Center and at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Monteagle.

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

Volunteers will be at Holy Comforter Church, noon-5 p.m. on Sundays, and 5-7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The program will not operate on March 13, 15 or 20. The deadline for filing income tax returns is April 15.

The VITA volunteers, who include University students and community members, have received IRS-approved training and will help taxpayers fill out their returns via computer and file them electronically with the IRS.

With electronic filing, tax refunds can be processed more rapidly and can be deposited electronically.

For more information contact Ben Carstarphen via email, <carstjb0@sewanee.edu>, or by phone, (704) 675-1025.

Community Funding Project Invites Proposals

The Sewanee Community Funding Project Committee invites individuals and groups to submit proposals for projects that enhance the community and improve the quality of life for area residents.

Application forms are available at the Sewanee post office or by sending an email to <SewaneeFundingProject@gmail.com>. The deadline for submissions is March 1. The \$10,000 in funds can be used for "practical, functional or educational purposes or somewhere in between," said Sarah Marhevsky, chair of the committee. Applicants submitting proposals can identify new projects, as well as projects that are part of an already existing initiative undertaken by a group or organization.

The application form asks how the project will benefit Sewanee and its residents, the estimated cost and budget, who will be doing the work and who will be accountable for completion. For more information email <SewaneeFundingProject@gmail.com>.

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Obituaries

Gay Benton Alvarez

Gay Benton Alvarez, age 76, died on Feb. 5, 2016, at her Sewanee home. She was born on Jan. 26, 1940, in Natchez, Miss., to Thomas and Phyllis Benton.

Mother, artist, businesswoman, homemaker, wife and grandmother, her life was centered on enjoying her family and continually learning new artistic methods. She loved making her Sewanee gallery, the Lemon Fair, as interesting, whimsical and beautiful as possible.

She is survived by her husband, Laurence Alvarez; children, Katherine (Paul) Evans, Stephen (April) Alvarez, and Julia (Greg) Ryan; six grandchildren; and her sister Diane Benton. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in All Saints' Chapel.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to <carecmd.org/contribute> or Cure CMD, Suite 623, 1621 West 25th Street, San Pedro, CA 90732.

Georgia Edna Garner Henley

Georgia Edna Garner Henley, age 96, died on Feb. 4, 2016, at her home in Winchester. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Caldwell Henley; parents, Lindsey Jones Garner and Jennie Ethel Clark Garner; and siblings, Thelma Duncan, Mildred Chambers, Alene Powers, Myra Jean Rose, Evon Smith, and L.J. Garner.

Her survivors include her daughters, Mary Caldwell Medley and Ruth

Ann Carson; and four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were on Feb. 7 in the Watson North Funeral Home chapel with Charles Houston officiating. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonnorth.com>.

Edmund John Jakopchek

Edmund John Jakopchek, age 85 of Cowan, died on Feb. 9, 2016, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health System in Sewanee. He was born on Jan. 25, 1931, in Chicago, Ill., to John and Francis Churna Jakopchek. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Hank Jakopchek; daughter Kimberly Ann Dannewitz; and grandson Adam Dannewitz.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marion Elsie (Damitz) Jakopchek of Cowan; daughters Gloria Marshall of Elgin, Ill., Linda Kugel of Round Rock, Texas and Cindy (Harold) Geick of Sewanee; sons, Edmund Jakopchek of Carson City, Nev., and Damon Jakopchek of Cowan; and 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Moore-Cortner Funeral Home chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.



Becca Stevens

Lenten Lecture Series at St. Paul's

The 43rd annual Thorne Sparkman School of Religion will begin at 6:30 p.m., (EST), Wednesday, Feb. 17, and meet for five consecutive Wednesdays at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Chattanooga.

The Rev. Becca Stevens, Episcopal priest and founder of Thistle Farms, will be the speaker on Feb. 17. Other sessions include "Race in American Literature"; "Religion and the Civil War"; "Same-Sex Relationship and the Anglican Communion," presented by the Rev. Robert MacSwain, associate professor of theology at the School of Theology, Sewanee; and "Practicing Christian Spirituality" by the Rev. Julia Gatta, professor of pastoral theology at the School of Theology.

For more information go to <www.stpaulschatt.org/thorne-sparkman>.

Church News

Christ Church, Monteagle

On Sunday Feb. 14, Christ Church will keep both Valentine's Day and the First Sunday in Lent. "This will be quite a feat," said Bishop William Millsaps. "Wear red or purple, and join us." Worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

Otey Memorial Parish

At 10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, Otey Parish's Adult Forum will meet in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish House. Ben King will give a talk about "John Henry Newman as Anglican/Roman Catholic Theologian."

The Lectionary Class and Godly Play will meet as usual. There will be no youth classes because they are on a mission trip. Nursery care is available for children 6 weeks to 4 years old.

The Women's Spirituality group will meet at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, in Claiborne Parish House.

During Lent, Otey will have Holy Eucharist followed by Prayers for Healing at 12:15 p.m., Tuesdays. Each week these will be followed by a brown-bag lunch and discussion. On Wednesdays, Otey will host a soup dinner and reflection at 6 p.m.; the next meeting is on Feb. 17.

St. James Episcopal Church

Don't "Give Up" something for Lent—"Let Go" instead. Beginning at

5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, and on subsequent Wednesdays through March 23, St. James Episcopal Church in Midway will offer a soup and bread supper followed by a Lenten study session.

The study program, called "Living Well Through Lent 2016," looks at developing a discipline of "Letting Go" of things that adversely impact our spiritual, mental, physical and relational health. The program will be led by Vicar Linda Hutton and St. James' field education seminarian Mike Wood.

St. Mary's Convent

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

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

All ages and faith traditions are welcome.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Hunt For Early Wildflowers

Join Yolande Gottfried at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14 on a hike in Shakerag Hollow to look for a variety of early wildflowers.

While Valentine's Day is known as Olde Groundhog Day by traditionalists, attendees probably won't see a groundhog. But participants may see other signs of spring such as pepper-and-salt (harbinger of spring), star chickweed, toothwort and maybe hepatica (pictured right).

Meet at the Shakerag trailhead by the gates for this moderate-to-strenuous walk that may include a steep rocky section of the trail. Come prepared for muddy, wet, icy and/or rocky conditions.



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The Soul in Progress

Friday, May 20-Sunday, May 22
Camille and Kabir Helmski, presenters
St. Mary's Hall, \$350 (single);
The Anna House, \$450 (single); Commuter, \$250

Weekday Services, Feb. 12-19

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's (not 2/15)
- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist, St. Mary's (not 2/15)
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer, St. Augustine's
- 12:00 pm Noon Office, St. Mary's (not 2/15)
- 12:15 pm Lent Eucharist, Healing Prayer, Otey (2/16)
- 12:25 pm Lent Eucharist, St. Augustine's
- 4:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Augustine's
- 4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
- 5:00 pm Evensong, St. Mary's (not 2/15)
- 7:00 pm Tree Celebration Service, St. Mary's (2/12)

Saturday, Feb. 13

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

Sunday, Feb. 14

- All Saints' Chapel**
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 6:30 pm Growing in Grace
- Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle**
- 10:00 am Morning Service
- 5:30 pm Evening Service
- Christ Church, Monteagle**
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:45 am Children's Sunday School
- 12:50 pm Christian Formation Class
- Christ Episcopal Church, Alto**
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Children's Sunday School
- Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City**
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist (child care provided)
- Christ the King Anglican, Dechard**
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:40 am Sunday School
- Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle**
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- Cowan Fellowship Church**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee**
- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- Dechard United Methodist Church**
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship
- Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood**
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
- Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Dechard**
- 10:30 am Mass
- Grace Fellowship**
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service
- Harrison Chapel Methodist**
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Midway Baptist Church

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

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

New Beginnings Church, Jump Off

- 10:45 am Worship Service

Otey Memorial Parish

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

Pelham United Methodist Church

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

St. Agnes' Episcopal, Cowan

- 11:00 am Sunday Service (Rite I)

St. James Episcopal

- 9:00 am Children's Church School
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

- 8:00 am Mass

St. Mary's Convent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Evensong

Sewanee Church of God

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

Tracy City First Baptist Church

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 5:30 pm Youth
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

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

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

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

Wednesday, Feb. 17

- 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 Evening Prayer, Trinity Episc., W'chester
- 6:00 pm Prayer and study, Midway Baptist
- 6:00 pm Youth (AWANA), Tracy City First Baptist
- 6:30 pm Community Harvest Church, Coalmont
- 6:30 pm Prayer Service, Harrison Chapel, Midway
- 7:00 pm Adult Formation, Epiphany, Sherwood
- 7:00 pm Evening Worship, Tracy City First Baptist



Bonnaroo Fund Accepting Proposals

Bonnaroo Works Fund (BWF), the charitable arm of the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, announced that it is accepting online applications for the 2016 grant cycle. The deadline to apply is March 15; grants will be announced in May.

BWF is dedicated to supporting local and regional organizations that advance the arts, education and the environment, with a focus on local reinvestment. More information and the application is online at <bonnaroo.org>.

"We encourage qualifying nonprofits to share their goals and needs with us through the application process," said Nina Miller, BWF executive director. "Through the annual grant awards, we have had a significant impact on some awe-inspiring organizations with a wide range of important missions, from music and arts to education."

She said, "It is so gratifying to work with the entire Bonnaroo community to make a real impact on people's lives."

Established in 2009, BWF grants reflect the philanthropic nature of festival founders, attendees, fans and partners, and since the festival's inception, more than \$7 million has been awarded to worthy causes in the local and regional communities.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR Michael Lee

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

Michael Lee eats a bowl of cereal on the back porch of Mooney's Market & Emporium. He's wearing rumpled brown cargo pants, a yellow button-up over a T-shirt, and blue canvas high-top sneakers that are slightly darker than his pale blue eyes.

He answers questions between spoonfuls of milk and cereal, as his wife, Joan, who owns and operates Mooney's, works at the front of the store. Twenty-two years ago, legendary counterculture figure Stephen Gaskin, a founder of The Farm commune, conducted their marriage ceremony.

Michael, 63, is proud to call himself a hippie. In 1974, after reading about The Farm in books, he hitchhiked from Maryland to the developing commune in Summertown, Tenn., where he still lives when he's not home in the Jump Off community.

"The Farm was a really interesting learning experience because we built the town from scratch; when we got there, there was no infrastructure," he says, soft-spoken, smiling often. "The first 10 years we lived very simply and primitively."

At The Farm, Michael was a farmer and made tofu, as he shared his income and living space with his fellow hippies. He lived his first seven years there in a house with 40 other people, made up of monogamous couples and at least 15 young children.

"In the 70s, The Farm was part of the back-to-the-land movement, and this was an attempt at a Utopian community."

How close did they get?
"We're still there; it's not over," he

says, laughing.

His life at The Farm also included worldwide outreach projects with the commune's Plenty International program, including stints in Guatemala and Haiti, where the group worked alongside Mother Teresa's nuns.

A native of rural New Jersey, he was the youngest of three children from Republican parents, but he quickly grows bored of recalling his childhood.

"I can get you into some better stuff, man," he says. "We can do this anyway you want. Let's get up in the future a little bit more; get out of the past. My childhood wasn't that exciting, but adulthood's been real interesting."

We abandon those early years, and he talks about his study of Native Americans, who have had close ties with The Farm the past 40 years. Michael is semi-fluent in the Cherokee language.

"Whether it's community living in Sewanee, communal living on The Farm or tribal living among the Cherokee, it's all about how people live together and cooperate together," he says.

A love of and fascination with community is also reflected in Michael's work with Lee Restoration, a company he founded in 1993, which renovates historic homes and buildings in Nashville and Williamson County. Lee Restoration performed 12 major renovations in the Franklin Historic District alone and has at least 10 projects going at a given time.

One of his projects was the renovation

of the tower at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin. While also working at a house near St. Paul's, Michael turned over a stone being used as a gutter splash.

"It was just in the mud, and we flipped it over, and it was a gravestone," he says. The gravestone belonged to the son of James Hervey Otey, the first Episcopal bishop of Tennessee and namesake of Otey Parish in Sewanee.

Michael's two sons are also involved in construction; his oldest is his business partner, and the youngest owns a construction company in Boulder, Colo.

"My sons have the same mindset as I do about community," Michael says.

He has six grandchildren, four boys and two girls, and the oldest grandson is named Tennessee Jed after the

Grateful Dead song.

Michael is also founder of the Swan Conservation Land Trust, which currently protects 1,400 acres of the Big Swan Headwaters Preserve in Summertown. He met Joan through land trust work; she is a cofounder of the local South Cumberland Regional Land Trust.

"One thing I've learned as I'm becoming an older man is it's better to err toward being a sweeter old man than a crusty old man," he observes after the cereal is finished and the interview almost done.

I first met Michael at a birthday party in August and was fascinated with his easy manner and counterculture lifestyle. I've wanted to interview him ever since. Michael kindly brings the conversation back to counterculture.

"You turn the tape recorder off, we'll talk about it..." he says with a smile.

UPCLOSE

Michael Lee

Favorite Food: Fresh vegetables

Birthplace: Jersey City, N.J.

Favorite childhood activity:

Sleigh riding

Last Book read: "The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo" by Kent Nerburn

Favorite vacation spots: Cherokee, N.C.; Smoky Mountain National Park

Hero: Pete Seeger



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Volunteers work together to assist South Cumberland Park Ranger Park Greer (second from right) in excavating a large rock for use in a new rock staircase along the Fiery Gizzard reroute. Photo by Rick Dreves

Trail (from page 1)

Foundation in Chattanooga, which provided a \$25,000 grant to build a massive bridge across McAlloyd Creek and two staircases. Materials for these structures were air-dropped into the gorge with help from the Tennessee Highway Patrol, which provided one of its helicopters to make the unusual delivery.

The new route presents hikers with heretofore unseen and spectacular views of cascades and smaller falls in

the creek.

"While the reroute adds some difficulty to the trail, the new views along the way make it totally worth it!" Greer said.

Scout troops, church groups and community service organizations are encouraged to bring members.

For information, contact Jason Reynolds by email, <Jason.Reynolds@tn.gov> or visit <www.Meetup.com/Friends-of-South-Cumberland-State-Park>.

Seeking a Band for Fourth Street Dance

There's snow on the ground and a chill in the air, but some folks are already planning for Sewanee's awesome Fourth of July celebration. Organizers are looking for a band that would be interested in playing at the Street Dance on Sunday, July 3.

To learn more or to submit a band, contact Valerie Parker by email, <vennyleal_21@hotmail.com>, or call (931) 636-5337. Entries and suggestions will be accepted until March 11.

January Lease Committee

At the January meeting of the Lease Committee, the following items were approved: the December 2015 minutes; request to replace the shingle roof on Lease No. 151, located at 47 Poplar Lane; request to replace the front existing sidewalk with a poured concrete ramp on Lease No. 673, located at 238 Willie Six Road.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling 598-1998. A county building permit is required for structures with roofs; call 967-0981 for information.

Fund-Raiser for SAS Service Trip to Jamaica

The Mountain Goat Market in Monteagle will host a fund-raiser, 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, to support St. Andrew's-Sewanee Jamaica Outreach. The restaurant will be open for regular business, but a portion of its sales will be donated to the SAS spring break service project.

Since 2012, SAS students and faculty have traveled to Kingston to provide service to communities in need.

SAS has established relationships in several neighborhoods including Trench Town, Boys' Town and Riverton.

This year, SAS students will help replace and rebuild the stands for the soccer facility and work with multiple classrooms at the Boys' Town schools.

Boys' Town is a lively community center complex housing a soccer stadium (home to the Boys' Town professional soccer team), two schools for children ages 3-12, a variety of after-school tutoring programs, a cricket team, a boxing team, a computer lab, an audio recording studio and Father Sherlock Hall.

Senior Center News

Tax Return Help

Free help with IRS tax filing from VITA will be 1-4 p.m., today (Friday), Feb. 12, at the Senior Center. Please bring photo ID; Social Security card; wage and earning statements; dividend and interest statements; birth dates of the filer; and banking account and bank routing numbers.

Lunch Menus

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

Feb. 15: Chicken pot pie, strawberry salad, dessert.

Feb. 16: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, veggie blend, roll, dessert.

Feb. 17: Hamburger gravy on toast, green beans, dessert.

Feb. 18: Potato soup, toast, cheese, dessert.

Feb. 19: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert.

Center Participation

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

To reserve a meal or for more information, call 598-0771.

Collect Box Tops for SES

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

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

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

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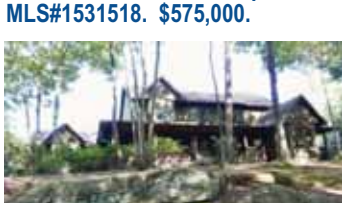
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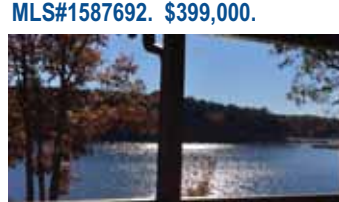
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Alex Thurman of Sewanee was among the many people gathered to support the Gay-Straight Alliance at Franklin County High School on Feb. 9.

GSA (from page 1)

Caroland stressed, citing board policy. "The school board is not involved in the process."

"I'm pleased the club will continue," said GSA faculty advisor Jennie Turrell, who lives in Sewanee and teaches art at FCHS. "There were concerns," Turrell said. "Look at all the people here. Now we can begin the good work."

In her director's report, Lonas said Governor Haslam has recommended increased educational funding for teachers' salaries (\$100 million), health insurance (\$30 million) and technology (\$15-\$30 million).

Discussing testing, Lonas said she had just learned earlier that day the state online testing system had experienced technical failures, and all testing would be done by pencil and paper.

Lonas said the state recently offered schools the option of using a paper-and-pencil testing format instead of an online format, and the Franklin County school principals chose to stay with the online system.

"Teachers have worked very hard to prepare students," Lonas said. "They've been doing all their practice online."

The board approved several personnel-related policy revisions. Most involved rewording for clarification purposes. There were three substantive changes.

The 30-hour orientation program requirement for new teachers was dropped. "The requirement was excessive," Lonas said. "We'd prefer teachers spend their time in the classroom."

The revised substitute worker policy provides for hiring substitutes when non-teaching staff are needed for enrichment and remediation practices. The revised substitute teacher policy clarified reemployment and termination procedures for substitute teachers.

The school board will meet for a working session on March 7. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 14 at South Middle School.



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THE VILLAGE IDIOT

by Peter Trenchi



Transfiguration

This week, the Village Idiot spoke before the Franklin County School Board in support of the recently formed Gay-Straight Alliance, a club formed to allow children who may be bullied because they are different a place to gather and feel safe. These are my comments:

Superintendent Lonas and members of the school board, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak. My name is Peter Trenchi, and I live in Sewanee. I have a long history of working with youth groups and of working with children who have led challenged lives, many of whom suffer from bullying, and I'm always proud to see them have the strength and support to overcome that. About 20 years ago, in Arkansas, I worked with a Suicide Prevention task force. What we learned was that kids seek and need peer contact and counseling, and that support groups should be established in the schools because that's where the kids are, both the troubled children and their supportive peers. Also, the school may well be their only safe place.

Schools are now more than just the three Rs. Schools are a microcosm of the world where we live. This is where we learn appropriate interactions. This learning occurs more during clubs and non-classroom times. This is why clubs and social gatherings are essential, so we can learn these social skills. So we can learn how to get along.

Now, some of the principals in this club are part of our church youth group, where over the years, they learned active caring and active serving. Now, at this church, I also teach Sunday School. In Sunday School, I try to match the Bible reading of the week to our daily lives. Yesterday, the reading was the Transfiguration. God spoke very briefly. He said, "This is my Son. Listen to Him!" Exclamation point. Now when God's talking, and there's an exclamation point, that's probably what we ought to do, "Listen to Him!" Listen to Him, when he says, "Love your neighbor." Listen to Him, when he says, "Love yourself." Listen to Him, when he says, "Do not harm children."

And, of course, last week, in the reading, Jesus has come back to the small town where he grew up, Nazareth. They were feeling proud of him until they realized he was not being the way they expected. Then they got enraged, to the point where they wanted to kill him, as he gave out Old Testament examples of God, working through the prophets, helping peoples that they openly hated. People who were different.

"Love overcomes fear." That's years of Sunday School in three simple words. "Love your neighbor." Three more words. Please retain for these children their God-given right, their legal right to just be, to just be themselves, to just be safe. Thank you.

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SAS students (from left) Wesley Smith, Madison Gilliam, Sam Smith and Cooper Nickels with (in back) Rotarian Tim Graham.

SAS Students Receive Rotary Leadership Awards

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School juniors Madison Gilliam, Cooper Nickels, Sam Smith and Wesley Smith recently received Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

RYLA is the Rotary Club's leadership training program for outstanding high school juniors, which emphasizes leadership skills, citizenship and personal growth in a one-day experiential program. The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club sponsored the four SAS juniors at the RYLA program during the fall of 2015. Rotary members Lynn Cimino-Hurt, Mike Roark and Tim Graham coordinated the students' participation for the day.

Madison is the daughter of Melissa Gilliam and Kevin Gilliam of Sewanee. She is an honors student and a member of the varsity girls' volleyball team. Madison is also active with the SAS Players program. She has received the Outstanding Achievement in Technical Theater Award two years in a row.

Cooper is the son of Amy and Bill Nickels of Manchester. He serves the school on the Honor Council and as an SAS Ambassador. An honors student, Cooper has received numerous academic awards in English, history, math, Physics and Spanish. He is a member of the SAS Players program and recently had the leading role of Antipholus of Syracuse in "The Comedy of Errors."

Sam is the son of Deb McGrath and Ken Smith of Sewanee. He is a state qualifier in swimming and plays on the varsity boys' soccer team. An honors student, he serves the school on the Honor Council. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 14. Sam is currently taking French at the University of the South.

Wesley is the son of Scott and Jennifer Smith of Tullahoma. He is an honors student and received a gold medal in the National Spanish Examinations. He frequently performs during SAS's Creative Expression Assemblies. He is a member of the SAS Players. A talented singer and actor, Wesley played Topher in the musical "Cinderella."

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Children's Center Hosts Open House

The Sewanee Children's Center is having an admissions open house for its preschool and summer camp programs, 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 20.

SCC is a cooperative preschool that provides developmentally appropriate teaching and learning for ages 2 to 4 in its preschool program and for children in kindergarten through second grade in the after-school program.

SCC's summer camp is designed for children ages 2 through rising second-graders.

Interested families and members of the community are invited to come and see SCC's indoor and outdoor classrooms, including a new school and community garden; meet the teachers; and talk to currently enrolled families.

SCC strives to create an environment that respects childhood as a time to explore, create and be joyful. Its mission is to provide children with a sense of belonging in a world that is alive, welcoming and authentic.

"We believe that every child can learn, and we want our children to experience success, a feeling of self-worth and a love for learning at our school," said Harriet Runkle, SCC's executive director.

SCC, located at 216 University Ave., is a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that is located on the campus of Otey Parish, which provides the space for the school as part of its outreach ministries.

The School and Community Garden is funded by a grant from the South Cumberland Community Fund.

For more information go online to <www.sewaneechildrenscenter.org>, or call 598-5928.

Hamby Earns Honors at Phillips Exeter

Phillips Exeter Academy recently announced that Lynnaya B. Hamby, grade 10 of Sewanee and daughter of Al Bardi and Sherry Hamby, earned Honors for the fall 2015 term.

To qualify for the honor roll, students must maintain an overall average of B, or a grade between 8.0-8.9 on an 11-point scale. Phillips Exeter Academy, <www.exeter.edu>, is a coeducational, independent school founded in 1781, located in Exeter, N.H.

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WED: Pasta bake, grilled cheese sandwich, cheese and seed grab-and-go, roasted veggies, bread stick, ranch potatoes, veggie juice.

THU: Barbecue, mozzarella cheese sticks, baked beans, potato wedges, marinara sauce, bun.

FRI: Pizza, turkey sandwich, fresh salad, buttered corn, vegetable soup, crackers, cookie.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items

MON: President's Day—No school.

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

WED: Waffle, syrup or banana bread slice.

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

FRI: Cinnamon roll or pancake and sausage stick.

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by Elizabeth Ellis



Slip, slide and ease on down to the Sewanee Union Theater this week, as we celebrate Valentine's Day with a shot to the heart in the latest 007 flick and pay homage to Black History Month with two thrilling versions of the African-American musical that urbanizes the classic story of "The Wizard of Oz."

Every good critic needs a good rating system, and there's nothing on the planet more critical than cats, so one feature each week is rated from one to five Tobys. The more Tobys there are, the better it is!

Spectre

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

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

The Wiz

7:30 p.m. • Wednesday, Feb. 17
1978 • Rated G • 134 minutes

A hip retelling of the classic tale by L. Frank Baum with an entirely African-American cast, this film version of the 1974 Tony Award-winning musical features such music icons as Diana Ross and Michael Jackson. Ross plays an older version of Dorothy, a young woman in her 20s living in Harlem who is afraid to take the next big step in her life. When a snow storm sweeps her and her little dog Toto off to Oz, she finds some unusual friends that help get her groove back. Jackson, almost unrecognizable under all the makeup, lends his unmistakable tenor to Dorothy's soulful voice. Richard Pryor, in an unusually serious role, is the hapless charlatan behind the façade of the Wiz, who controls the whims of the posh Emerald City. Sidney Lumet, best known for classics such as "12 Angry Men," directs this shimmering, urban romp. The icing on the cake is the cameo at the very end with Lena Horne as Glinda the Good, one of the very first singers to rise above the color barrier and catch the public eye as a film starlet in the 1930s. Nominated for four Oscars, including Best Music and Costume Design, "The Wiz" is a treat for both the eyes and the ears. Though rated G, parents should take caution with very small children, as there is some suggestive humor throughout, as well as moments of peril.

The Wiz Live!

7:30 p.m. • Thursday–Sunday, Feb. 18–21
2015 • Rated G • 111 minutes

In December, NBC re-booted this 70s classic with new music and one heck of a (female!) Wiz, proving it truly is "A Brand New Day." It worked (drawing 11.5 million viewers), and audiences responded with critical acclaim, lighting up the social media scene with positive comments and revitalizing the struggling holiday "live" musical tradition of the network. In the most dramatic departure from the original stage and film version, Queen Latifah replaces the traditionally male role of The Wiz, with a sweeping emerald getup and wild white hair. No hiding behind a big head for her. In one of the best new numbers in the show, she sings "So You Wanted to Meet the Wizard," much to the fear and trembling of Dorothy (Shanice Williams) and her hapless crew. Upon discovering later that she is a woman, Dorothy exclaims, "Well, why can't she be?" Indeed, why not? While the stage sets aren't nearly as lavish as the original film, the raw talent and excitement that comes from live entertainment and the witty dialogue (courtesy of stage veteran Harvey Fierstein) more than makes up for it. Breakout actress Williams proves she has the pipes to shoot her way to stardom, and her moving rendition of the classic number from the show, "Home," leaves not a dry eye in the place. R&B singer Ne-Yo as the Tin Man and veteran stage and screen actor David Alan Grier as the Lion round out this funkadelic cast. Wholly appropriate for families to enjoy together.

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Arts Notes

Pianist Performs Feb. 12–13

Renowned ragtime pianist Bob Milne will be on the Sewanee campus, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12–13. He and Penn State neuroscientist Kerstin Bettermann will demonstrate Milne's "four-track mind" at 4:30 p.m., today (Friday) Feb. 12, in Convocation Hall.

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

Artisan Depot Opens New Space

The grand opening of the new Artisan Depot gallery will be Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18–19, at 204 E. Cumberland St., Cowan. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 18. The opening reception will be at 5 p.m., Friday Feb. 19. Guests can see the current facilities and the works of local artists while enjoying some refreshments and the music of the Bazzania Girl's Band.

The new gallery has much more space for art and crafts work. It also has space for meetings and workshops for the benefit of artists in the community. The Artisan Depot is operated by the Franklin County Arts Guild. For more information to to <www.fcaguild.wordpress.com> or call Diana Lamb at (931) 308-4130.

Contra-Tiempo Dance on Feb. 21

Contra-Tiempo, a bold and multi-lingual Los Angeles-based dance company, dedicated to transforming the world through dance, will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, in Guerry Auditorium as part of Sewanee's Performing Arts Series.

Founded and directed by Ana Maria Alvarez in 2005, Contra-Tiempo's unique urban Latin dance theater brings to life voices that are not traditionally heard on the concert stage. The work fuses Salsa, Afro-Cuban and contemporary urban dance theater to create an invigorating blend of physically intense and socially astute performance that pushes the boundaries of Latin dance as an expressive cultural and contemporary form.

"Agua Furiosa," Contra-Tiempo's newest work, chal-

lenges audiences to confront harsh realities of race in the United States. Inspired by Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and Oya, the Afro-Cuban deity of wind and storms, Alvarez creates a visually stunning and thought-provoking evening of dance performance. "Agua Furiosa" merges call and response, a live vocalist, water themes, fierce physicality and the performers' own personal narratives.

Performing Arts Series tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for students, and are available at the door. The event is free for University of the South faculty, staff, and students with ID.

Theatre Sewanee Presents "King Lear"


Theatre/Sewanee will present William Shakespeare's "King Lear" at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday–Saturday, February 24–27 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 28, in the Tennessee Williams Center. Critics have labeled King Lear "a theatrical masterpiece".

The Theatre/Sewanee production will feature David Landon, fresh from his commanding portrayal of Lear in the Nashville Shakespeare Festival production. Lear's three daughters will be played by Elise Anderson (Goneril), Lily Davenport (Regan), and Tia Strickland (Cordelia). They will be joined by Robert Walker as Kent, Max Hagan as Cornwall, Will Johannsson as Albany and Charlotte L-Nasa as the Fool.

Christopher Bryan will take the role of the Earl of Gloucester, with Audrey Tchoukoua and Huntre Woolwine as his sons, Edmund and Edgar. Jack Russell will portray the Duke of Burgundy, and John Mark Lampley, the King of France. Will Burton-Edwards will appear as Oswald and Levi Higgins as Curan. The large cast will also include Balazs Borosi, Quang Tran, Alena Kochinsky, Tori Hinshaw, Madison Jones, Marion Givhan, Lydia Klaus and Krystal Fowler.

"King Lear" is directed by Peter Smith, with scenery and lighting designed by Dan Backlund, and costumes designed by Jennifer Matthews. Fight director is David Wilkerson. John Marshall is technical director, and Kalynn Harrington is production stage manager.

Admission is free, but reservations are suggested by emailing <mcook@sewanee.edu>.



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A workshop on using everyday spices and herbs for health, as well as flavor, will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Mary Convent in Sewanee. The fee is \$25, payable at the door.

The presenters will be Eileen Schaeffer, C '13, who was an Organic Prayer intern at St. Mary, and a permaculturist and certified master gardener; and Heather Winkler, a University of North Carolina graduate and postulant of the Community of St. Mary since November.

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Upcoming Talks & Lectures

“Southern Literary Masculinity”

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

Sullivan is a contributing writer to the New York Times Magazine, a contributing editor of Harper’s Magazine, and southern editor of the Paris Review. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the department of history and the American studies program.

“More than Song and Dance: Highlander Folk School’s Cultural Programs”

Emily Senefeld, C’05, and a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Virginia, will give a talk at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, in Gailor Auditorium on “More than Song and Dance: The Highlander Folk School’s Cultural Programs, 1934–1962.” Her work looks at how the school used music, dramas and documentary films as tools for organizing in labor and civil rights.

“Hannah Arendt and the South”

Historian Richard King will speak at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, in Gailor Auditorium about “Hannah Arendt and the South.”

King is the author of “Arendt and America,” “A Southern Renaissance: The Cultural Awakening of the American South, 1930–1955,” “Race, Culture and the Intellectuals, 1940–1970” and “Civil Rights and the Idea of Freedom.” A native of Chattanooga, he has spent most of his career at the University of Nottingham, England.

Histalk, sponsored by the University Lectures Committee, is open to all.



ARENDT AND AMERICA

Richard H. King

Wiman Reading at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee

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

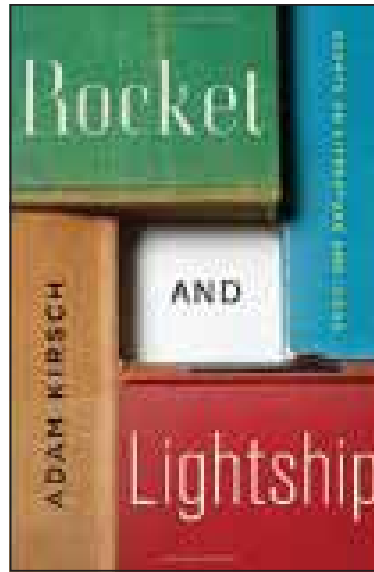
Wiman is the 30th recipient of the Aiken Taylor Award in Modern Poetry. Each year, the University of the South and the Sewanee Review make it possible for the Aiken Taylor Award winner to speak to the SAS student body.

Kirsch Lecture on Wiman’s Poetry

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

Kirsch has written for Slate, the New Yorker, the Times Literary Supplement, the New York Times Book Review, the New Republic and Poetry, covering cultural topics and an array of poets and novelists.

Kirsch is currently a contributing editor to Harvard Magazine and Tablet Magazine, and is the graduate program coordinator for the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University. He has published numerous books, including “Rocket and Lightship: Essays on Literature and Ideas,” “The Thousand Wells” and “Invasions.”



“Picturing 1000 Words: Digital Archaeology at Pompeii and Herculaneum”

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

Ancient graffiti, which were typically lightly scratched into wall plaster, are disappearing. Worse, photographing these inscriptions

has proved difficult or nearly impossible. In this presentation, DiBiasie will show how a new photography technique, Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI), enables researchers to read the graffiti more easily and is a better method of digital preservation for the future.

While this presentation will focus on the application of this technology to ancient graffiti, the technology could easily be applied to a wide variety of artifacts and fields. Following the talk, there will be a workshop for attendees to see how RTI files are produced. Participants are encouraged to bring their computers and/or smartphones so they can practice with the technology during the workshop.

Wiman Receives Aiken Taylor Award

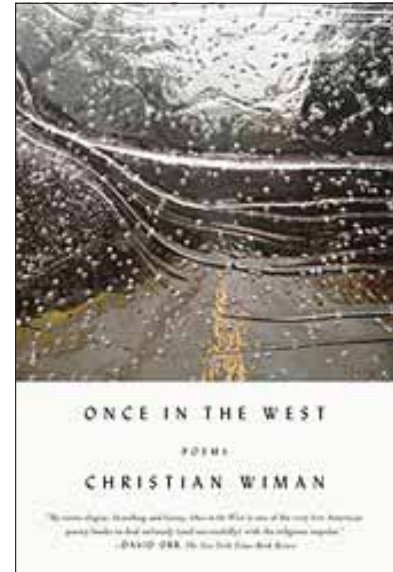
Christian Wiman will be this year’s recipient of the Aiken Taylor Award in Modern American Poetry, the Sewanee Review announced recently. In addition to his writing, Wiman is also respected for translation, criticism and editing. The Review described him as “an important citizen in the republic of letters, not

just for his creative work, but also for the ways he has fostered the careers of others—primarily as a landmark editor of Poetry magazine, joining the ranks of great past editors.”

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

Wiman has published six collections of poetry, including “Every Riven Thing” (2010), named one of the New Yorker’s best poetry collections of the year, and “Once in the West” (2014), a finalist for the National Book Critics’ Circle Award.

Wiman has taught at Northwestern University, Stanford University, Lynchburg College and the Prague School of Economics. In 2003 he became editor of Poetry magazine. During his tenure, the magazine was honored with two National Magazine Awards. Wiman now teaches literature and religion at Yale Divinity School and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.



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SAS Boys Drops Three, Seniors Su & Dorough Honored

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team lost its final three games of the regular season heading into the district tournament, which was set to begin Feb. 11.

Marion County turned back the Mountain Lions, 61-38, on Feb. 8. SAS's Kenneth Thomas had a season-high 18 points; Burton Dorough added 10; Blaise Zeitler scored six points; and Dustin Stensby chipped in four.

On Feb. 5, Senior Night, SAS fell to King's Academy, 50-44. SAS seniors Burton Dorough of Albany, Ga., and Kurt Su of Shanghai, China, were honored before the start of the game.

The Mountain Lions were within two points of pulling out a victory with a minute left in the game, but a three-point shot fell short, and King's Academy was able to seal the win from the free-throw line.

Zeitler led SAS with 17 points;

Stensby scored nine; Deonte Swain had six points and six rebounds; Thomas posted six points and three assists; Dorough had six points and three assists; and Larson Heitzenrater scored two points.

In an away game on Feb. 1, Friendship Christian School outpaced SAS, 47-39.

The Mountain Lions trailed by 12 points at halftime but mounted a strong comeback, as Thomas hit a short jumper to tie the game with two minutes left in the fourth quarter, 38-38. However, FCS hit a three-point shot and six straight free throws to seal the win.

Stensby led the way for SAS with 12 points; Dorough scored nine points; Thomas added eight points and eight rebounds; Zeitler tallied five points and five assists; and Swain posted four points and six rebounds.

SAS Honors Senior Girls

On Feb. 5, in honor of Senior Night, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School seniors Aoi Yoshizaki, Isabel Butler, Bre Torres and Abby Mainzer all started the girls' varsity basketball game.

"These seniors and their leadership will be missed next year," said coach John Hargis.

SAS lost the game to King's Academy of Knoxville, 48-8, bringing the team to 0-17 for the season.

Yoshizaki led the Mountain Lions with four points. SAS freshman Mariel Rink and sophomore Sarah Johnson each added two points.



Aoi Yoshizaki



Bre Torres



Sewanee freshman Cody Jones scored 19 points in the Feb. 5 win over Millsaps and 15 points in the Feb. 7 loss to Birmingham-Southern. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Birmingham-Southern Snaps Tigers' Home Win Streak

A great defensive effort led Southern Athletic Association (SAA) rival Birmingham-Southern College to a 59-53 win over the Sewanee men's basketball team, Feb. 7, inside Juhan Gymnasium.

The loss snapped the Tigers' 13-game SAA home winning streak and dropped Sewanee to 14-7 overall and 7-3 in league play. The league-leading Panthers now have a commanding SAA regular season lead at 15-6 overall and 10-0 in SAA action.

Overall, Sewanee struggled from the field, making only 36.2 percent of its shots. The Tigers did manage seven offensive rebounds, which helped offset the rare slow offensive output. Individually, both Cody Jones and Keshonn Carter finished with 15 points. Brody Stone added two points to go along with 12 rebounds.

Tigersharks Solidify Staff, Set Swim Season

Coach Alyssa Summers has agreed to serve as head coach for her second season at the helm of the Sewanee Tigersharks. Coach Nan Long will continue in her role as Rookie coach, and coach Max Obermiller has agreed to coach evening sessions, Monday through Thursday. The team is in the process of adding another experienced assistant coach.

The Tigersharks anticipate that regular dual meets will begin the week of Monday, May 30, with some meets on Saturdays and others on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

PreSwim under coach Obermiller's leadership starts Monday, April 18, and Tigershark practices begin Monday, May 23. The RACE League Championships will be Saturday, July 16.

For more information email <h2o@sewaneetigersharks.com>.

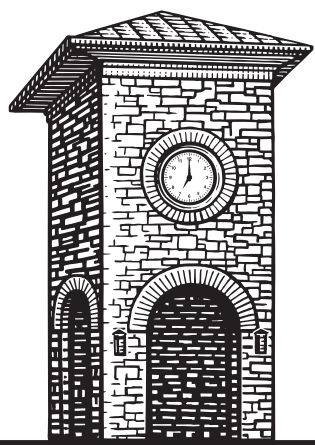
Instep Hike to Grundy Lakes on Feb. 20

Instep is a program sponsored by the Jasper Seventh-day Adventist Church designed to encourage people to be more physically active.

Pilates instructor Kim Butters leads a hike on the third Saturday of every month to various locations.

This month's hike to Grundy Lakes, just outside Tracy City, is a short, easy and beautiful trip for these short winter afternoons. To join or for more information, contact Kim Butters at (423) 322-1443, or email <Kim_Butters59@hotmail>.

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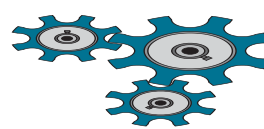
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Sewanee's Jamie Chauvin is honored at the game against Millsaps on Feb. 5 for scoring 1,000 career points. From left are former head coach Dickie McCarthy, Chauvin and current head coach Tom Campbell. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Tiger Women Fall to Birmingham-Southern

Despite a career-high 30 points from freshman point guard Bella Taylor, the Sewanee women's basketball team could not stop Birmingham-Southern College on Feb. 7, as the Panthers earned a 79-62 road win.

The loss dropped the Tigers to 11-10 overall and 3-7 in league play. BSC, who now leads the league, is 18-2 overall and 8-2 in conference action.

Both teams came out of the gate hot. Behind nine first-quarter points from Taylor, the Tigers shot 40 percent the opening 10 minutes. Unfortunately, BSC also had early success. The Panthers made 61.5 percent of its attempts to lead the Tigers, 21-12 at the end of the first.

BSC continued to roll in the second quarter. The Panthers built a 16-point

lead when they hit a three with 4:16 left in the first half. Eventually, BSC led by 12, 37-25, at the break.

In the second half, BSC built its largest lead, 20 points, with 4:21 left in the third quarter.

Despite being down late, Sewanee kept fighting. Reserves Kelsey Arbuckle, Katie Roth, Ali Chastenet and Haley Lyerly pulled the Tigers to as close as 12 points the final quarter; however, BSC was able to maintain its advantage.

Overall, Sewanee made 42.6 percent of its attempts. However, the Tiger defense struggled. Sewanee allowed BSC to make 53.5 percent of its shots. Along with Taylor, Sue Kim had 10 points, while Arbuckle finished with six and four rebounds.

State Park Offerings

Saturday, Feb. 13

Lovers' Delight Hike—Meet Resource Worker Eleanor at 10 a.m. at Savage Gulf ranger station, 3177 Hwy 399, Palmer, for an easy 4-mile stroll on the Savage Gulf Day Loop, ending at Savage Falls. Bring a camera and water, and dress for the weather.

Sunday, Feb. 14

Bookworm's Valentine's Day Hike and Crafts—Meet Ranger Ghesling at 1:30 p.m. at Savage Gulf ranger station, 3177 Hwy 399, Palmer, for a program designed for the youngest nature lovers: a short hike around Savage Station campground and Valentine's Day crafts for kids ages 1-5 (all ages welcome). Bring your creativity and curiosity.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

Hike to Buggytop—Meet Ranger Park at 9 a.m. at Carter State Natural Area parking lot, 6829 Sherwood Rd, Sherwood, for a strenuous 5-mile hike to the entrance of one of the largest cave openings in the state of Tennessee. There will be significant elevation change, as well as rough ground, so please wear sturdy shoes, and bring plenty of water.

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

Sewanee Women Win Tennis Opener

The No. 11 Sewanee women's tennis team dominated its season-opening match with a perfect 9-0 victory against NAIA team Tennessee Wesleyan on Feb. 6 at home.

The Tigers opened by sweeping all three doubles points. Maura McCrary and Sara Thompson won at No. 2 at 8-2, while Lindsey Liles and Clementina Davila were perfect at No. 1 with an 8-0 victory. At No. 3, Elske Parker and Kate Johnston rolled to an 8-1 win.

In singles action, Sewanee won every match in straight sets.

Davila defeated Kaitlyn Barlok 6-0, 6-0, while Liles won at No. 1 over Katerina Saskova by a score of 6-0, 6-2.

After a 6-2, 6-0 victory by Christina Merchant at No. 3, Maggie Crumbliss dominated Rachel Walker with a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win.

Finally, Taylor Childress defeated Haruka Hirata at No. 5, 6-0, 6-1, while Annie Veron topped Thays Cardoso 6-4, 6-0.



Lindsey Liles returns a shot in a recent tennis match. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



Sewanee catcher Ryan Poole waits for a pitch in Sewanee's baseball game against LaGrange College on Feb. 7.



Sewanee's Jackson Goodwin competes in the Feb. 6 indoor track meet at Sewanee. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

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Saturday, Feb. 13
7 am Tiger Women's Tennis v Centre
3 pm Tiger Women's Tennis v Emory
Sunday, Feb. 14
9 am Tiger Men's Tennis v Centre
Thursday, Feb. 18
6:30 pm SES Girls' Basketball v Cowan at Townsend Gym
7:30 pm SES Boys' Basketball v Cowan at Townsend Gym
7 pm SAS MS Boys' Basketball v Pelham Elementary
Friday, Feb. 19
Tiger Swim/Dive Sewanee Open Meet through Feb. 20
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Janet Green took this lovely picture of Sewanee Elementary School on one of its quiet snow days.

Olde Groundhog Day on Feb. 14

Yolande Gottfried reminded us that the Messenger has published information on Feb. 14 as Olde Groundhog Day on more than one occasion in the past, crediting Jack Lorenz with providing this information on at least one of those occasions:

"A Feb. 14 date for Groundhog Day is a popular tradition in the Appalachian, Cumberland and Ozark mountains. This arose in 1752, when the calendar was reformed (Julian to Gregorian) so that the next day after Sept. 2 was Sept. 14.

"Isolated farmers in western New York and Pennsylvania who emigrated to the Southern mountains (after George Washington's suppression of the Whiskey Rebellion) continued to observe the Julian date for Groundhog Day."

Many folks in the older generations in the Sewanee area shared this belief in Olde Groundhog Day. So if you were dissatisfied with Punxsutawney Phil's Feb. 2 prediction of an early spring, you can get a second opinion on Sunday.

Sipsy River Float Planned for March 19

The Sewanee Paddling Club is planning a float of the Sipsy River, which flows through the Bankhead National Forest in northwest Alabama, on March 19.

The Sipsy was one of the first rivers in America to be designated a National Scenic River. Coursing the western remnants of the Cumberland Plateau, it undercuts sandstone cliffs and rock houses, and receives many spectacular waterfalls. The segment they will float is not whitewater, but it is crystal clear water with a white sand bottom and a steady flow. If Sewanee had a river running through it, it would be the Sipsy.

The Sipsy is a wild river; that is, not dam-controlled. To float it, one needs to go in the early spring before the trees are in full leaf. It is best floated in late March or early April. By May, the level of water is too low. Virginia Bluebells by the acre line the river's sandy banks that time of year. Aquatic wildlife and fish are plainly visible, due to the clarity of the water and the white sand bottom, a feature that is unique and that attracts eagles and ospreys, kingfishers and herons.

While Saturday, March 19, is the target date, April 2 is the rain date. Canoeists and kayakers of all levels are invited to come. For more information contact Tom Phelps at (931) 463-2014 or email <tphelps2@gmail.com>.



Tanzid



Seth



Weather

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Feb 01	64	56
Tue	Feb 02	59	49
Wed	Feb 03	71	48
Thu	Feb 04	57	30
Fri	Feb 05	42	23
Sat	Feb 06	44	29
Sun	Feb 07	50	33

Week's Stats:
 Avg max temp = 55
 Avg min temp = 38
 Avg temp = 47
 Precipitation = 2.41"

Reported by Elizabeth Tilly
 Domain Manager's Assistant

Farm Produce Safety Workshop

The UT/TSU Extension Office in Grundy County is offering a Farm Produce Safety Workshop, 10 a.m.–noon, Friday, Feb. 19, at its office in Coalmont. The program will include topics such as the Good Agricultural Practices of the food safety program, how to write a food safety plan and information on produce safety rules. Professor Annette Wszelaki, UT Extension State Vegetable Specialist, will be the speaker. There is no fee, and reservations are not required.

The UT/TSU Extension Office is located on 27 Phipps Street in Coalmont, just in front of the Grundy County EMS building and the Coalmont U.S. Post Office. For more information call the Extension Office at (931) 592-3971.

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Seth is a happy-go-lucky young adult Spaniel/Terrier mix who likes to meet new people and play all the time. It's no fun to be alone on Valentine's Day, so he's really hoping for a new family to spend it with. Seth is heartworm negative, up-to-date on shots, microchipped and neutered.

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

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

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

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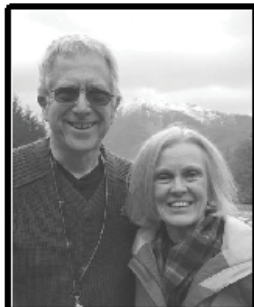
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Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet;
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

—William Butler Yeats,
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And I'm afraid it's you,
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And I'm afraid it's you.

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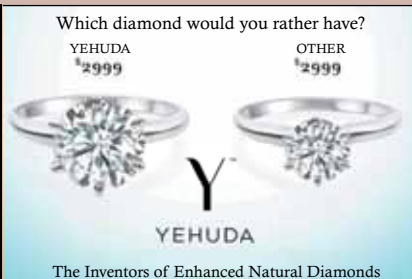
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Today, Feb. 12

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

Saturday, Feb. 13

- 9:00 am American Legion Post 51 meeting, Sewanee
- 9:00 am Spice workshop, St. Mary's Convent
- 10:00 am GC Repub straw poll, Courthouse, Altamont
- 9:00 am Yoga with Richard, Comm Ctr
- 7:00 pm Piano concert, Milne, Guerry Auditorium
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Spectre," SUT

Sunday, Feb. 14

- 12:00 pm VITA tax assistance, Holy Comforter, until 5 pm
- 1:30 pm Herbarium walk, Gottfried, meet at Shakerag trailhead by University gates
- 2:00 pm Knitting circle, instruction, Mooney's, until 4 pm
- 3:30 pm Women's spirituality group, Otey
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 7:30 pm Movie, "Spectre," SUT

Monday, Feb. 15 • Presidents' Day

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Coffee with Coach, Heitzenrater, Blue Chair
- 9:00 am Pickleball with John, Fowler Center
- 9:00 am Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 1:30 pm Sewanee Book Club, Flournoy Rogers home
- 5:30 pm Lecture, Sullivan, University Archives
- 5:30 pm Yoga for healing with Lucie, Comm Ctr
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Sandra, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall; adults, 7 pm
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale, second floor, Guerry

Tuesday, Feb. 16

- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 9:30 am Crafting ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 11:30 am Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 12:30 pm Carillon concert, Shapard Tower
- 1:00 pm Brown bag lunch & discussion, Otey
- 2:30 pm Lecture,
- 3:00 pm Tai Chi with Kathleen, beginners, Senior Center
- 3:30 pm Centering prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 4:30 pm Southern History lecture, King, Gailor
- 5:00 pm Acoustic jam, water bldg next to old GCHS
- 5:00 pm VITA tax assistance, Holy Comforter, until 7 pm
- 7:30 pm Trivia night, Blue Chair

Wednesday, Feb. 17

- 8:00 am Poetry reading, Wiman, SAS McCrory Hall
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pickleball with John, Fowler Center
- 10:00 am Pilates with Kim, intermediate, Fowler
- 10:00 am Senior Center writing group, 212 Sherwood Rd.

- 10:00 am Story time, May Justus Library, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Chair exercise with Ruth, Senior Center
- 10:30 am Sewanee Chess Club, Comm Ctr
- 12:00 pm EQB Luncheon, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 4:30 pm Wiman poetry lecture, Kirsch, McGriff House
- 5:00 pm Lecture, DiBiasie, Gailor
- 5:30 pm Lent study, soup and bread, St. James
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 6:00 pm Civic Association, EQB House; meeting at 7 pm
- 6:00 pm Lent soup and reflection, St. Mark's, Otey
- 6:30 pm Folk music collective, St. Luke's Chapel
- 7:00 pm Catechumenate, Women's Center
- 7:30 pm Movie, "The Wiz" (1978), (free), SUT

Thursday, Feb. 18

- 8:00 am Monteagle Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Pilates with Kim, beginners, Fowler
- 9:00 am Gentle yoga with Becky, Comm Ctr
- 11:00 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, inter/adv, Comm Ctr
- 11:30 pm FC Repub Women, Franklin-Pearson House
- 12:00 pm Pilates with Kim, inter/adv, Fowler
- 12:30 pm Carillon concert, Shapard Tower
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Otey
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home Support Group, 598-0303
- 3:00 pm Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 5 pm
- 6:30 pm Bible study, Cowan Fellowship Church
- 7:30 pm Movie, "The Wiz Live!" (2015, on NBC), SUT

Friday, Feb. 19

- Curbside recycling, before 7 am
- 8:30 am Yoga with Carolyn, Comm Ctr
 - 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
 - 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
 - 12:00 pm Spinal spa with Kim, Fowler
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- Friday**
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Saturday**
7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
- Sunday**
6:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Monday**
5:00 pm Women's 12-step, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**
7:00 pm AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
7:30 pm AA, open, Claiborne Parish House, Otey
7:30 pm CoDA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Wednesday**
10:00 am AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
4:30 pm AA, "Tea-Totallers" women's group, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
7:00 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- Thursday**
12:00 pm AA, (931) 924-3493 for location
7:00 pm AA, open, St. James
7:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Dysfunctional Families, Claiborne Parish House, Otey

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