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Members of the SAS Outing Club have placed Soles4Souls collection boxes around the school campus to collect donations of gently-worn shoes. Pictured (L-R) are Jacob Brashear, Ingrid Zelaya Portillo, Paul Alter of Hillsboro, Ben Calder of Sewanee, SAS Outing instructor Patrick Dean, Anna Condon and Edward Ross.

SAS Soles4Souls Needs Shoes

From now through Jan. 16, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's Outing Program is collecting gently worn shoes for Soles4Souls. This charity provides shoes to victims of poverty and natural disasters around the world.

Bring excess shoes to the Spencer Room at SAS. All types of shoes are needed, including flip-flops. For more information contact Patrick Dean at pdean@sasweb.org.



College students (from left) teaching Spanish are Samantha Albert, Lindsay Wilburn and Derrith Roberson.

College Students Teaching Spanish to Sewanee Elementary Students

This fall the Spanish after-school program at Sewanee Elementary School returned for a second year. Led by Lisa Hartman and 26 College student volunteers, elementary students spend 45 minutes once a week with College students to learn Spanish words and phrases and explore various Spanish-language cultures.

More than 50 SES students participate in activities such as bingo en español and singing traditional Spanish songs that teach colors, days of the

week and common expressions.

The after-school program will resume next semester after the University students return. If you are interested in volunteering or enrolling your child, contact Lisa Hartman at 598-5998.

Christmas Bazaar at Senior Center

The last day of the Christmas Bazaar at the Sewanee Senior Citizens' Center will be tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 12, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. A wide array of homemade gifts are available. Be sure to buy a ticket for a chance to own a beautiful Tennessee quilt. For more information call 598-0771.

Messenger Break

The Messenger's last issue of 2008 will be Dec. 18. We will return to print Jan. 8, 2009. Deadlines for the last issue are display ads: Friday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m.; news and calendar: Monday, Dec. 15, 5 p.m.; classified ads: Tuesday, Dec. 16, noon.

School Board Tonight

The Franklin County School Board will meet in regular session today, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office, 215 S. College St., Winchester. The meeting is open to the public. Steve Ford is Sewanee's representative on the board.

SUD Candidate Petitions Due Friday

There are two openings on the Sewanee Utility District board of commissioners—Franklin County Seat A, a four-year term, and Seat C, a one-year term. Petitions must be submitted no later than tomorrow, Dec. 12.

Prospective candidates must submit a nominating petition signed by at least 10 Franklin County SUD customers. Petitions are available at the SUD office, 150 Sherwood Rd. Candidates should also submit a brief biography and photograph to the Messenger by Dec. 12.

SUD Board to Meet Tuesday

The Board of Commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties will hold its regular monthly business meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the SUD office, 150 Sherwood Rd., Sewanee. The meeting is open to the public.

Contradance Friday

Misty Mountain Dancers' special Christmas contradance will take place tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in the American Legion Hall on University Avenue in Sewanee. The band for the dance will be Maple Hill, and the caller will be Eddie Doss. Doss will teach a beginners' workshop at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$6; students, \$3. Wear comfortable shoes and prepare for a great evening. For more information call Ron Lee, 598-0814.

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L-R: Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Auxiliary members Elizabeth Koella and Pixie Dozier; patient Paul Cahoon; Becky Campbell, EHH director of rehabilitation; and Anne Griffin, auxiliary member. Messenger photo by April Minkler

Emerald-Hodgson's Physical Therapy Department on the Cutting Edge

Thanks to Emerald-Hodgson Hospital Director of Rehabilitation Becky Campbell's suggestion to hospital auxiliary board member Anne Griffin that the hospital's physical therapy department would benefit from having a Nintendo video game called the Wii (pronounced "wee"), Emerald-Hodgson's physical therapy patients are now playing their way to recovery.

With the Wii, patients can play virtual golf, swing at virtual baseballs and tennis balls and even box with a virtual opponent. The Wii can make the often difficult process of physical therapy more fun for patients and speed up recovery.

Campbell says that the Wii helps

patients by improving balance, coordination, strength and natural movement.

Patient Paul Cahoon, who has been playing Wii tennis, says he initially thought of the Wii as just a game, but quickly realized what an amazing tool it has been in his knee recovery. He says the Wii tennis game has been instrumental in helping him regain his natural walking gait.

Griffin proposed that the auxiliary buy the Wii and coordinated the purchase. From all accounts, the Wii is a big hit with patients.

The EHH Auxiliary, with funds earned in sales at the Hospitality Shop, has made significant donations over the years to the hospital.

SES Paws for Pennies Underway

Sewanee Elementary School's annual "Paws for Pennies" project to benefit Sewanee's Operation Noel, led by second-grade teacher Gail Sherrill, is underway.

Sewanee Operation Noel was formed many years ago by the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) and provides food and/or toys during the Christmas season to families in need in the Sewanee community (Sewanee, Midway, Jump-Off and Sherwood Road).

The SVFD in conjunction with the Fund Raising Operational Sup-

port Team organizes the purchasing and distribution of food and toys. Delivery is made to the families by the members of the fire department.

The last day to donate is Wednesday, Dec. 17. Presentation of the money raised will be made by the entire student body to SVFD members on Thursday, Dec. 18, at SES.

If you do not have a child who attends SES and would like to make a donation to Paws for Pennies, send it to Tracy Hall via SPO or call her at 598-1909.

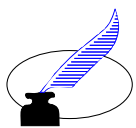
FCHS Show Choir Dinner Theater and Band's Christmas Concert

The Franklin County High School show choir presents its Dinner Theater on Saturday, Dec. 13, starting at 6 p.m. in the auditorium lobby and continuing in the auditorium. Tickets cost \$10. The FCHS band offers a free Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Franklin County High School is located at 833 Bypass Rd., Winchester. For more information call 967-2821.

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Letters



SEWANEE'S OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

To the Editor:

I have recently announced my resignation from the SUD board effective February 2009. I want to thank many of you for all the support you have given me during my term. I feel truly blessed to have been part of the changes that the SUD board, in collaboration with its manager, Ben Beavers, its consultants and the Sewanee community, has accomplished over the past few years to protect and conserve its water supply, to keep its treatment and distribution system in good repair, and to plan for the future.

A community's water utility is vitally important. However, a community's water services are often taken for granted. My hope is that each SUD customer will consider participating in the changes yet to be. Many utilities in Tennessee have boards appointed by the county or city mayor. In Sewanee, we get to elect our board. One opportunity to participate is by getting out to vote for new commissioners who have this community's best interests at heart.

Lyle Brecht
Sewanee ■

KUDOS

To the Editor:

We placed two of our dogs, Scotti and Harvey, last week with a lady who was visiting Sewanee and saw our pets in the Messenger. She is taking them home with her to Virginia. The publicity you give us is invaluable. Thank you so much.

Sarah Doyi, Executive Director
Franklin County Humane Society ■

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Send letters to the Sewanee Mountain MESSENGER, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375, drop by 418 St. Mary's Ln., or e-mail to <news_messgr@bellsouth.net>. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. Unsigned letters will not be used. Letters are edited for space and clarity.

THINK GLOBALLY, SHOP LOCALLY

To the Editor:

We are fortunate to have such a unique commercial district in Sewanee with a diverse group of shops and eateries. Folks travel to Sewanee as a destination now to visit our local businesses, and I've seen this develop tremendously over the eight years we have been in operation.

Being a merchant in a university town has many benefits. But during the holidays, when many businesses earn a significant portion of their year's income, the merchants of Sewanee have a different challenge as a large number of folks leave town. This is something we all plan for, but what we do not typically plan for is the uncertain economic climate we are all experiencing.

So before you go off the mountain to shop or dine with friends and family during this Christmas season, please consider supporting your local shops and restaurants. The downtown merchants have a great deal to offer right here in your own neighborhood, and we all have something to gain when the downtown thrives.

Susan Binkley, owner
The Blue Chair, Sewanee ■

SUT OFFERS FAMILY MOVIES

To the Editor:

Thank you for continuing to support the Sewanee Union Theatre by running announcements for our movies. We think we've done a reasonably good job this semester of balancing films that appeal to the students and those that appeal to a broader audience.

In an effort to serve the community better, we've offered some family-friendly movies such as "Wall-E" and this week's "Elf."

Along the lines of matinees, it was unfortunate that last week's Messenger listed the matinee showing of "The Dark Knight" for Sunday instead of Saturday. We did have a nice crowd on Saturday, but unfortunately there was a line of people waiting on Sunday for a showing we never had.

We very much appreciate everyone's continued support.

Alex Bruce
Associate Dean of Students
University of the South ■

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are sorry for our error and apologize to all who were disappointed Sunday.

U.S. FOUNDED BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE

To the Editor:

If you look at the Constitution, you'll see the first three words in large capital letters, "WE THE PEOPLE," not God, not Jesus. The authors wrote these words to show that this is a government created by the people for the people—no divine rights of kings and no creation of a nation by God.

The philosophy at the time was from John Locke, Jean Rouseau and the Enlightenment, and only one-third of Americans were regular churchgoers. Our founders said this is not a Christian nation, that all are welcomed, no matter what their religious beliefs are. Nothing in the Constitution, history or culture of the time implied that this was a nation based on Christian faith. The founders knew about the Thirty Years' War that tore Europe up over religious wars. They knew about civil wars in England between Catholics and Protestants. They wanted to avoid all that.

Tom Boughan
Cowan ■

LIVES, PROPERTY THREATENED BY DISPATCH ERRORS, SERVICE AREA DISPUTE

To the Editor:

Reading the story about the ambulance service in the Herald-Chronicle of Dec. 5 caused me some alarm. Currently, those of us on top of the Plateau around Sewanee are covered by the Sewanee Emergency Medical Service, a volunteer nonprofit service, but Rural-Metro, a for-profit service, proposes to take over all coverage outside the Domain of the University, which would cause residents on top of the Plateau in the Midway, Jump-Off and Sherwood Road areas to have 25- to 30-minute response times instead of the current 4- to 6-minute times.

The existing contract under which Rural-Metro operates gives the service the response area of the entire county except for the Plateau around Sewanee and the Sherwood-Sinking Cove areas, which were reserved for Sewanee EMS. Rural-Metro has convinced central dispatch, in violation of that contract, to send them to the Sherwood area as the primary service

(resulting in 45-minute and longer response times).

Much of this stems from a dispute between Rural-Metro and Grundy EMS (now operating as Franklin EMS in Franklin County). Grundy EMS is not Grundy "County" EMS as reported in the Herald-Chronicle.

Grundy EMS, a nonprofit corporation, is not an arm of Grundy County government. Grundy EMS, recognized as Tennessee's top EMS service twice in the last few years, underbid the for-profit Rural-Metro service, winning the contract with Southern Tennessee Medical Center (STMC) to make routine transports between Emerald-Hodgson Hospital and STMC. Because of that contract and because Grundy EMS covers for Sewanee EMS when volunteers are not available, Grundy EMS has an ambulance stationed in Sewanee.

Several dispatch mistakes have been made recently, sending Rural-Metro or the Sherwood Fire Department to calls on the Sherwood Road in Sewanee, and their slow response time has negatively affected some outcomes.

Let's not codify that decrease in service when it is not required!

Central dispatch should always send the nearest ambulance service, and the county commission should tell them so. (The county commissioners are caught in the middle of this dispute and need direction.) I don't care which one is called the primary service, but I do care about how long it takes to get an ambulance when my family is in need.

Call your county commissioners now!

Doug Cameron, EMT-IV (26 year veteran of Sewanee EMS), Assistant Chief, Sewanee Fire Department ■

YOU MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT YOU GIVE

To the Editor:

A recent quote by Quincy Jones says it all: "You make a living with what you get. You make a life by what you give." As I think of our friends and neighbors of the Grundy County Food Bank, I realize the truth in this thought. Giving time, donations (monetary and food), and giving of self touches countless lives and families in Grundy County. In 2008 we distributed 102,300 pounds of food to 1,800 families.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the United Way (Franklin County, Nashville and Silicon Valley, Calif., branches). Their support allows us to provide special food items throughout the year. Most of our food comes from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank through a grant by United Way of Virginia. Grundy County is in its 26th year of receiving this grant.

Sequachee Valley Electric Cares program with its annual donation and food drive, churches—Pelham United Methodist, Providence Methodist of Pelham and Christ Church of Tracy City—are regular donors. Many people help pack and distribute food, including students who come with Margaret Beaumont and Maxine and Allen Mays.

The continued support of Mayor Boo Bouldin of Grundy County is vital, and the EMTs of Coalmont provide an old ambulance for transportation to and from Chattanooga. CVS of Monteagle donates boxes each week.

Thanks to all for the parts you play in this special service.

Carol and Glenn VandenBosch
Co-directors,
Grundy County Food Bank ■

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Pre-Cull Deer Hunt Concludes This Weekend

The 2008 Sewanee pre-cull deer hunt concludes this weekend, Dec. 13 and 14.

The hunt is conducted in four designated zones on the Domain far from campus, from early morning until 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Large maps of the hunting zones can be seen on the duPont Library bulletin board, the community bulletin board located at the Sewanee Market and in the Student Post Office.

The pre-cull deer hunt is done only by trained and experienced bow

hunters, who will be located at least 100 yards from trails and fire lanes.

The following trails remain open at all times during the pre-cull: the entire Perimeter Trail, Piney Point trail, Beckwith's Point trail, Bridal Veil Falls, Solomon's Temple trail in Thumping Dick Hollow, the Tennessee Avenue trail and the Rails-to-Trails bike path.

The 2008-09 Sewanee cull deer hunt will take place during the University's Christmas break. Details and a map will be published next week.

Gifts to Folks at Home Program Matched Through January

Folks at Home (FAH) is pleased to announce that it has received a major matching gift from an anonymous donor in Sewanee to help establish the new organization. The donor will match gifts—dollar for dollar—made to Folks at Home between now and the end of January.

Folks at Home is a new organization focused on assisting Sewanee residents to continue a dignified and comfortable lifestyle in their homes during their elder or retirement years.

"This gift, in addition to the generous initial donation from Eric Naylor and a commitment from the Sewanee Community Chest, ensures that we can hire a part-time director very soon," said Meg Binnicker and Liz Workman, co-chairs of the FAH interim board.

To help support FAH and have your gift matched dollar for dollar, tax-deductible donations may be made to Folks at Home, c/o P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN 37375. Gifts to FAH now are entirely donations, not membership fees or dues. Once a director is on staff, membership information will be made widely available.

Based on the Beacon Hill Village model in Boston, FAH hopes to pro-

vide services and programs for people in the Sewanee community who want to age in their own homes rather than leave the community for elder-care facilities. The interim board and other interested community members are surveying local residents to determine what services people want, at what level membership fees should be set and how to begin the organization.

Folks at Home is a sponsored project of Otey Memorial Parish in Sewanee. During the coming year, it will seek its own nonprofit status. For more information, contact FAH at <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>.

Serving Where Called

This column was started five years ago to support the large number of reservists who were called up for active duty to serve in the war in Iraq. Since then, the troubles in the Middle East and beyond have stretched our military to its limits. This column is a reminder that someone else is standing guard and facing fire for us. Please keep the following people, their families and all those who fight for freedom in your prayers:

Nick Barry
James Gregory Cowan
Peter Green
Brian "Yogi" Jackson
Kenny Leming
Brian Norcross
Christopher Norcross
James Smith
Charles Tate
Michael Walls
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Nick Worley

If you know of others in our Mountain family who are in harm's way, send their names to us, or contact American Legion Post 51 Auxiliary member Louise Irwin (598-5864).

November Emergency Services Reports

EMS: Sewanee Emergency Medical Service Director Dennis Jones reports the service had six runs in November.

FIRE: Chief David Green reports the volunteers had 22 calls in the month—15 alarms, two landing zones for emergency helicopters, three house fires, one car fire and one oil spill.

POLICE: Chief Robert White reports the department patrolled 4,320 miles in November; investigated six vehicle accidents; and made 23 arrests—two for possession of marijuana, six for underage consumption, five property thefts, six nonstudents for drugs and four others. One non-student and four student speeding citations were issued; 112 nonmoving citations were written; and five speeding warnings were issued.

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Members of the University choir at the beginning of this year's Lessons and Carols service last Sunday. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Blessed Relief: A New Year's Mindfulness Retreat

St. Mary's Sewanee Center for Spiritual Development offers a 2008-09 New Year's Retreat with the Rev. C. Gordon Peerman and Kathy Woods from Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 30-Jan 1. "Blessed Relief: A New Year's Mindfulness Retreat" will provide a unique beginning to the new year.

This retreat will include shared silence and conversation with special emphasis on the development of mindfulness practices as ways of "praying without ceasing." Sitting meditation, the mindful movement of Qigong and working with the contents of the mind in a compassionate fashion will aid participants in exploring how to bring loving presence to every action and intention.

C. Gordon Peerman, D.Min., of Nashville, is a psychotherapist and the author of "Blessed Relief: What Christians Can Learn from Buddhists about Suffering." A member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Peerman founded the Saint Thomas Stress Reduction

Program in 1997. He is an Episcopal priest and teaches at Vanderbilt Divinity School. He has been engaged in contemplative practices, including Centering Prayer and mindfulness meditation, since 1975. He has practiced yoga, tai chi and qigong since 1995.

Kathy Woods, M.Ed., has been teaching mindfulness-based stress reduction along with her husband, Gordon Peerman, since 2002. Together they teach classes at the Vanderbilt Center for Integrative Health and the Vanderbilt Law School. She is a cancer survivor with a special interest in the application of mindfulness practices to meet health challenges. In addition to mindfulness meditation, she has practiced yoga and qigong for 12 years and teaches a weekly qigong class at Vanderbilt's Dayani Center.

The residential fee is \$225, the commuter fee is \$110, and the deposit is \$50. Additional details and registration forms are available at <www.stmaryssewanee.org>.

SAS Slates Community Christmas Eve Service and Holy Eucharist

The community Christmas Eve service in the Chapel at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will begin at 11:30 p.m. and is offered to all interested in giving thanks by celebrating the Eucharist at the earliest moment possible on Christmas Day.

This will be the first Christmas celebration for the Head of School

John Thomas and his family. Music will be by SAS Music Director Katherine Anderson.

Some people dress in "church clothes," and some come in casual attire; all are welcomed and respected. For further information contact SAS Chaplain Bude Van Dyke at 636-4227 or bvandyke@sasweb.org.

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Church News

Otey Parish Activities Announced

This week Otey Parish will celebrate the third Sunday in Advent and light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath with celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8:50 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School from nursery to youth will be in session from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Children in the Epiphany pageant will have their first rehearsal at this time.

During the Sunday school hour, Jennifer Michael will share classic and contemporary Advent poetry with the Adult Forum. Reading materials to peruse before the forum are available at the church. The Lectionary Class will discuss being a "messenger for God."

After church at 12:30 p.m., an opportunity for discussion of issues that surfaced in two Otey Adult Forum sessions on "Race and Reconciliation," led by Tina Nader, will be held in Brooks Hall. Brooks Hall is the renovated residence located next to the church. Bring a brown bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Come whether or not you attended the preceding sessions.

All children of the community are welcome and encouraged to sign up to participate in the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve creche service and/or the Epiphany pageant on Jan. 4 at 5 p.m. For more information call Robin Reed-Spaulding at 598-5926.

Christ Church, Monteagle

The third Sunday in Advent, "Gaudete," is this Sunday, Dec. 14. "Gaudete," meaning "rejoice" in Latin, will be celebrated at Christ Church, Monteagle at 10:30 a.m. The hymns pick up the theme of rejoicing that Christmas is nearly here.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, the fourth Sunday in Advent, Christ Church will have a Service of Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m. Calendars that reflect the entire Christian year with its many special days and remembrances are available at the church. Lunch is served each Sunday and on Wednes-

days during Advent.

This year an additional service is planned for Christmas Day at 4 p.m., followed by tea and light refreshments. The traditional Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. will include a new pageant, "God Keeps His Promises," written by Martha Millsaps. The pageant is available at no cost on the Internet and is being used by several churches in Tennessee and other states. More angels and shepherds are always welcome.

Fire on the Mountain

As the semester winds down, Fire on the Mountain has some December events scheduled before final exams and Christmas break.

Friday, Dec. 12, the group will have popcorn and a movie upstairs in Brooks Hall; show time is 6:30 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 14, meet at 2 p.m. at the SES parking lot to go bowling in Tullahoma. Fire on the Mountain is the Episcopal Youth Coalition sponsored by St. James Church and Otey parish. For additional information contact Betty Carpenter at 598-5926.

EPF

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship invites you to its weekly meetings for prayer, study and work, directed toward reconciliation and peace. The EPF meets on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Quintard Room in Otey parish hall. Celebration of the Eucharist is held on the second Thursday of each month.

Seeking Saturday

Calling all kindergarten through fifth-graders: the next Seeking Saturday will be this Saturday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at St. James Church, 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee.

December's topics are God's Curators of the Earth parables: the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price in Matthew 13:44, 45-46. Come and bring your friends for an afternoon of worship, Bible stories, stewardship of the environment activities, games and snacks.

Breakfast with Santa

Tullahoma's Westside Church of the Nazarene, 123 Westside Dr., invites children of all ages and their families to a pancake breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 9 a.m. The event will be held in the church's fellowship hall, is free to the community and everyone is welcome. For information call the church at (931) 455-6382 or Pastor Statum at 967-9370.



Obituaries

George Houston Barnes Jr.

George Houston Barnes Jr., age 64, of Sherwood, died at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga on Dec. 2, 2008. He was a longtime employee of the University of the South and Lanier Clothes. He was preceded in death by his father, George H. Barnes Sr., his mother, Lynda Garner Barnes, and his brother, Harold Gene Barnes.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Sue Barnes, of Sherwood; a son, Bryan Barnes, of Canton, Ga.; a daughter, Angela Barnes, of Sherwood; four sisters, Dorothy Barnes, of Sewanee, GERALINE (Tommy) Garner, Patricia (David) Jackson and Joyce (Donald) Jackson, all of Sherwood; four brothers, Kenneth (Marilyn) Barnes, Carter Barnes, Michael Barnes and Ronald Barnes, all of Sherwood; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service, conducted by Elder Franklin Hill and Sister Betty Reed, was held on Dec. 5, at Emmanuel Apostolic Church in Sherwood. Arrangements were made by Moore-Cortner Funeral Home.

Lucy Marie McBee

Lucy Marie McBee, age 76, of Sewanee, died on Dec. 6, 2008, in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

She is survived by her husband, Buford H. McBee; sons, Johnny (Lydia) McBee and Jimmy H. (Susan) McBee; daughter, Patsy Jo (Charles) Hawkins; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all of Sewanee; and a brother, Dean Sutherland, of Monteagle.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 10 in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Robert Johnson officiating. Burial was in the McBee family cemetery. Arrangements were made by Cumberland Funeral Home.

Garland Eugene Parson

Garland "Roho" Eugene Parson, age 74, of Tracy City, passed away on Dec. 7, 2008, at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. He was a retired coal miner and a Korean War veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Melton Parson, of Tracy City; daughter, Diana (Jamey) Chernicky, of Tracy City; and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 9, at Clouse Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Bobby Roddy officiating. Arrangements were made by Foster & Lay Funeral Home.

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American Legion Saturday

American Legion Post 51 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 9 a.m. in the Legion Hall on University Avenue, Sewanee. The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, Jan. 10.

CAC Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to help others celebrate Christmas in Sewanee. Volunteers are needed at the Community Action Committee (CAC), located in Otey parish hall, to help with the following: pack groceries and set up for Christmas breakfast, Thursday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 19, 8 a.m., serve and enjoy Christmas breakfast in Otey parish hall. For more information contact Laura Willis, CAC director, at 598-5927, or e-mail <cac_oteyparish@bellsouth.net>.

Heifer International: Ending Hunger, Caring for the Earth

Consider a life-changing gift this Christmas. The Sewanee Outreach Office, located in the Bishop's Common, is collecting donations for Heifer International again this Christmas season.

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November Lease Committee Report

University Assistant Superintendent of Leases Kirkland Leonard provided the following summary of the Nov. 17 Lease Committee meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, as were the following items: the request to relocate an existing shed at Emerald-Hodgson Hospital; the request to put an addition on Lease No. 648, located at 236 Mississippi Ave.

Leases offered for sale since the last meeting: Lease No. 811 (Stephens), 912 Lake O'Donnell Rd., \$193,000.

Leases reduced in price since the last meeting: Lease No. 1005 (Sanders), 268 Wiggins Creek Dr., from \$318,000 to \$298,000; Lease No. 965 (McAnally), 615 Breakfield Rd., from \$450,000 to \$435,000; Lease No. 587 (Green estate), 226 Lake O'Donnell Rd., from \$140,000 to \$125,000.

The next meeting of the Lease Committee will be Dec. 17.

Seniors' Covered Dish Lunch Dec. 20

This month's covered dish lunch at the Sewanee Senior Center will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20. Lunch begins at noon, and the program at 12:30 p.m. Kenneth King of Tracy City will provide Christmas music and a sing-along. All are welcome to join in listening and singing Christmas carols to celebrate the season.

Senior Center Menus

The Sewanee Senior Citizens' Center is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The suggested donation if you are 50 years of age or older is \$3 and \$5 if you are under 50. All prices are suggested donations only. To ensure adequate food preparation, please call the day before to reserve a takeout meal or to eat at the center. If you come in without calling in advance, there's a chance you'll be disappointed. Menus follow.

Dec. 15-19

Dec. 15: Baked ham, sweet potato, spinach, dessert.

Dec. 16: Pinto beans w/ham, cabbage, whole tomato, cornbread, dessert.

Dec. 17: Pork chop, kraut, black-eyed peas, creamed potatoes, cornbread, dessert.

Dec. 18: Chicken and dumplings, green beans, carrots, lemon pie.

Dec. 19: Potato soup, ham/cheese sandwich, jello, fruit fluff, brownie.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at 598-0771.

tions are tax-deductible.

For more information visit <www.heifer.org> or contact Hailey Robison at the Outreach Office, 598-3201, or <robisha0@sewanee.edu>.

Girl Scout Cookie Training

Girl Scout Troop 2107, including Daisies, Brownies and Juniors, meet twice a month at 3:45 p.m. in Otey parish hall. The next meeting is Dec. 17. The topic will be cookie training. For more information contact troop leaders Lisa Rung (598-0696) or Emily Jackson (636-0289).

Council to Meet in January

The Sewanee Community Council does not meet in December. The next meeting is Monday, Jan. 26.

Humane Society to Meet Dec. 16

The Franklin County Humane Society will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Best Western Inn's meeting room in Winchester.

For information about adopting a pet or the Humane Society's meetings, call the Animal Harbor shelter at 962-4472 or visit <www.fchumane.petfinder.com> or e-mail petadoption@charter.net.

Pets' Pictures with Santa to Benefit Animal Harbor

The Franklin County Humane Society is hosting Pet Pictures with Santa the next two Saturdays in December.

Bring your pets for their photos to be taken with Santa at one of the following times: Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Franklin County United Bank in Decherd or Saturday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply in Winchester.


Each pet's picture in a gift card costs \$10, with profits benefiting the homeless dogs and cats at Animal Harbor. Brush Spot and Puff, and have a photo made to help a great cause!

Local Webcast Feed Features Leading Theologians and Grass-roots Activists on Radical Abundance

The School of Theology and the Education for Ministry (EfM) program invite the community to attend a live webcast of the 2009 Trinity Institute National Theological Conference from Jan. 21 through Jan. 23. The theme, "Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability," will be addressed by leading theologians and grass-roots activists. The registration deadline is

Jan. 7. A \$30 registration fee includes the opening Eucharist, keynote speakers and discussion groups. A brochure, schedule and registration form are available at <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/index.htm>. For more information contact Kathryn Bruce at 598-1357 or <kgbruce@sewanee.edu>.

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Council Named Citizen of the Year

Cowan Elementary School principal Raymond Council was chosen Citizen of the Year for Franklin County. The announcement was made during the annual Franklin County Chamber of Commerce banquet held in Sewanee's Cravens Hall on Dec. 2. He was nominated by the faculty and staff of Cowan Elementary for his years of leadership.

Santa on the Mountain

Santa on the Mountain is a project of Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministries and Holy Comforter Church in Monteagle that gives parents an opportunity to select toys for their children. The project accepts unwrapped new toys for boys and girls, as well as financial contributions. For more information contact Kathy Kirkland at (931) 924-3380. The deadline for gifts and donations is Dec. 15.

Live Nativity and Bethlehem Marketplace

Riva Lake Baptist Church, located at the corner of Bible Crossing Road and Old Tullahoma Road (Hwy. 130) in Winchester, presents its annual Live Nativity and Bethlehem Marketplace on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, from 6 to 8 p.m. Free admission and refreshments. For more information call 967-0194.

Reminder

The Sewanee Mountain Messenger will publish its final 2008 issue next week, Dec. 18. If your club, church, school or service organization has an event scheduled between Dec. 18 and Jan. 8, please let us know by 5 p.m. Monday, so we can get it in. Call us at 598-9949 or e-mail <news_messgr@bellsouth.net>.

Stephens to Graduate UTK Cum Laude

Marshall Stephens, son of James and Margaret Stephens of Sewanee, will graduate cum laude from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on Dec. 13, with a bachelor of communications degree in journalism and electronic media and a minor in business studies.

While at UT, Stephens worked as a production assistant for WBIR-NBC's morning news hour. He also served as webcast producer, assistant photo editor and reporter for UT's weekly webcast, InSight, and completed an internship in video production for the Tennessee Smokies, a minor league affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. Using his training in technical theater begun during summer stints in the lighting booth of the South Cumberland Cultural Society, Stephens worked with the lighting teams for several productions at UT's Clarence Brown Theater.

To help finance his education, Stephens served as an assistant manager for the Lady Vols Swim Team and was a lifeguard and pool manager at the University of the South. He held the UT Volunteer Scholarship, as well as the Robert and Mary Neal Culver scholarship for theater and the Kelly Leiter scholarship for journalism. Stephens is a member of the National Broadcasting Society and the Radio Television News Directors Association.

Local Dump Site Cleanup Preserves Groundwater

Civic Association guests and visitors attending the Dec. 1 dinner meeting heard the story behind the transformation of the Russell Cave watershed, which had been polluted by toxic dumping. Environmental engineer Maureen Handler, vice chair of Sewanee Mountain Grotto (SMG), a local spelunking group, and board chair of the Southeastern Regional Association (SERA) Karst Task Force, gave a PowerPoint presentation showing before and after pictures of the dump site on Orme Mountain Road, several miles above the entrance to Russell Cave.

Three years ago, SMG's 14 members adopted the Russell Cave watershed, spearheading the cleanup effort. The nonprofit SERA agreed to help out, lending use of its high-line haul system to hoist the debris up the 80-ft. drop. The high-line haul system is a pulley apparatus similar to that used in vertical rescue efforts. The first three cleanup events late in the winter of 2006 yielded 20 tons of trash—three trailer loads of refuse that included hot water heaters, TVs, bicycles, refrigerators, freezers, half a boat, over 400 tires and 29 automotive gas tanks.

One third of the gas tanks still contained some fuel. One gallon of gas can contaminate one million gallons of groundwater, Handler noted. All of the runoff water from Orme Mountain drains into Russell Cave, exiting the cave by Widows Creek, which flows into the Tennessee River.

Handler said that over the past three years more than 30 tons of trash have been removed from the Russell Cave watershed. More than 100 volunteers have participated in the effort from all sectors of the community—residents of Orme and

the surrounding vicinity, Russell Cave National Monument rangers, individuals needing to earn community service hours and Marion County Jail trustees.

A landowner near the dump site donated \$1,000 to the effort to help pay for dumpsters. Marion County reported the tonnage of removed debris to support a grant it was awarded for solid waste management needs. Inspired by the cleanup, the townspeople of Orme host an annual roadside cleanup event.

All the tires, appliances and steel removed from the dump site have been recycled, as well as other debris to the extent recycling is practical. Handler personally "decommissions" the gas tanks, which pose a danger of explosion. SMG has purchased and posted "No Dumping" signs and soon will post a sign reading: "This watershed is a drinking water supply. Please help keep it clean."

Handler's post-cleanup photographs depicting the pristine, forested mountainside contrasted sharply with the five-foot-deep mound of trash in the before-cleanup photographs.

SERA is producing an educational DVD for use in schools and at civic events. In addition to cleaning up caves, SERA undertakes cleanup of sink holes, which also lead directly to the groundwater supply. Watch the Messenger for details about the next Russell Cave watershed cleanup, planned for January.

The next meeting of the Civic Association is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2, in Otey parish hall. The Civic Association does not meet in January.

—Reported by Leslie Lytle

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Child Care Survey

A University employee's friend is considering moving to the Monteagle area and hopes to open a child care center. The individual is well qualified, with a bachelor of arts degree in child development and extensive child care experience. Before she makes a plan, she would like to get an idea of what the demands for child care are in the Sewanee, Monteagle and Tracy City areas. Parents who are in need of care for infants to children 4 years of age or who are on a waiting list and would consider using another daycare center, please write to jamatthe@sewanee.edu.

Motlow's Adult College Express Begins in January

Adult College Express is coming to the Motlow College Smyrna Teaching Site in January. The ACE program is designed for adults who would like to earn a college degree and have postponed studies because of career pressures and family obligations.

Students in ACE can complete an associate's degree in general studies in 24 months by taking one class at a time, one night per week for five weeks, plus one group study night each week. Each group of students, called a cohort, takes the same classes together. Those in the cohort become

a support system for each other throughout the program.

The ACE classes at Smyrna will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays. An orientation will be held on Jan. 13 with classes on Jan. 22 and 27 and on Feb. 5, 10 and 19. Additional information is available from <http://mscc.edu/ACE/>.

Motlow's ACE program is also offered on the Moore County campus in Tullahoma and in the McMinnville Center. See the website above for their schedules.

Students who want to enroll in ACE must complete an admission form and submit an official high school transcript, GED scores and college transcripts (if applicable). Those over age 21 who have never attended college will need to complete a COMPASS test to determine whether developmental studies may be required.

Students also submit an ACE application that includes an essay explaining why they should be selected and recommendations from two personal references. An interview also may be required. For more information contact Charles Coffey at (931) 393-1810 or ccoffey@mscc.edu.

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EMS Taking Care: Guidelines for Best Care in Local Emergencies

The Sewanee Woman's Club met Nov. 10 in Otey parish hall. After an outstanding Thanksgiving lunch catered by the Blue Chair, program chair Phyllis Kinder introduced Dennis Jones, director of the Sewanee Emergency Medical Service (SEMS), the speaker for the third in this year's series "Taking Care."

Jones has been director of the University's Emergency Medical Service since July 2007, as well as instructing student EMT classes. He has been working in emergency medicine since 1995. He is a captain with Coal-mont Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and a member since 1984.

Jones said, "People think an ambulance is a glorified taxi, but an ambulance is really more like a moving emergency room." He said the Sewanee EMS has one ambulance that is four-wheel drive, a comforting thought during unpredictable winter weather. Sewanee is fortunate to have a hospital close by so patients might not need the extreme measures required on a longer trip, but all measures, from intravenous medications to artificial respiration (ventilator) are available if needed.

Jones' main focus was information on what to do in an emergency: keep calm; call 598-1111, not 911, which might bring an ambulance from as far away as Winchester; tell the dispatcher who you are, who the patient is, what you believe is wrong, where you are—address and other helpful information such as landmarks etc.—provide a phone number if possible in case the EMTs need to call back; don't hang up until the dispatcher tells you to; turn on the porch light; return to the patient and listen for the phone; and don't move the patient unless he or she is in danger of being further injured by the surroundings.

Jones brought a handout for the members that provided the information above, as well as questions to expect when the ambulance arrives: medical history on the patient, medications patient might be taking, how long ago the injury or condition took place, what patient was doing just prior to becoming ill and the name of the patient's regular doctor.

He spoke of the value of a "Vial of Life" that can be obtained free from a pharmacy, is placed in the refrigerator on the top shelf and contains patient history and medications, which can save emergency personnel time.

The handout also contained a synopsis of what he called a SAMPLE history: S—signs and symptoms;

A—allergies; M—medications; P—pertinent medical history; L—last intake of food or drink and what it was; and E—events leading up to the injury or illness.

Jones spoke of the fact that many of the student members of the SEMS are pre-med, and how the EMTs love health care. He enumerated some of the rights patients have: a right to call any ambulance they want and the right to refuse service.

Members asked a variety of questions, which Jones addressed with humor and directness, and he ended his talk by saying that one of the best things everyone could do, besides taking first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes, was to "be aware of what's going on around you."

The business meeting followed.

—Reported by April Minkler

MCAT Class Opportunity in Sewanee

The Princeton Review will teach the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) in Sewanee next semester. The University does not have enough students to be able to offer the course.

Anyone in the surrounding community who might be interested in this opportunity is encouraged to take the class. Lisa Howick, of the University's career services, will answer questions about fees, which will vary with the number of participants. The class will run 10 hours a week, two to three days a week, with one long Sunday class. Other day(s) will be determined by the participants.

For more information contact Lisa Howick at lhowick@sewanee.edu or 598-3208.

CAC Needs Brown Bags

Grocery-packing on Tuesday cleaned out the Community Action Committee's reserve of brown paper grocery bags. Please drop off any you can spare at the CAC office in Otey parish hall as soon as possible.

Library Exam and Holiday Schedule

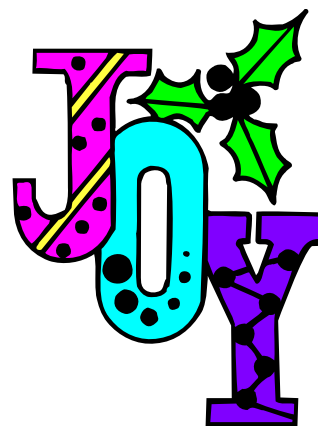
The University's duPont Library will be open for extended hours this week, Dec. 11–14. The schedule is as follows: Thursday and Friday, Dec. 11 and 12, 7:45 a.m.–3 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, 7:45 a.m.–midnight; and Sunday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.–3 a.m.

Regular hours will be observed on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 15–16, 7:45 a.m.–1 a.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 17, the library will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Interim hours will be observed Dec. 18–23 and Dec. 29–31: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; Sunday, closed.

The library will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Dec. 24 through 28.



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Protection of Lost Cove Inspires Others to Conserve

Nearly a year has passed since the Land Trust for Tennessee and the University of the South protected 3,000 acres around Lost Cove and Champion Cove. The conservation of this resource has inspired three other landowners to protect properties adjacent to Lost and Champion coves through the Land Trust for Tennessee.

Dedicated to continuing conservation efforts in the area and furthering the work toward creating a corridor of protected lands on the South Cumberland Plateau, three adjoining landowners in Champion Cove, John and Melissa Goodson, John

and Lynn Adams and Lee Stapleton, have committed to protecting their properties through the Land Trust. Together, they donated conservation easements on more than 530 acres in 2007, adding to the already protected 3,000-acre Lost Cove.

"We're glad we could work with the Land Trust," said Adams. "We encourage more people to do this to protect this amazing resource."

This is a shortened version of an article in the Land Trust for Tennessee's E-News, Dec. 2008 issue. For more information see <www.landtrusttn.org>.

Lilly 2009 Summer Discernment Institute Invites Applicants

The University's Discernment Programs Office invites undergraduate students at colleges and universities across the nation to apply for the eighth Summer Discernment Institute, which will be held June 1–July 25, 2009. Applications for 18 placement openings in this summer's program are due by Feb. 16, 2009. More information and a copy of the application form can be found at <www.sewanee.edu/lillyproj/ljdsi.html> or by calling 598-1869.

Students interested in exploring vocations in ordained ministry or service with nonprofit organizations will be accepted into the eight-week program and receive a stipend for their work in their chosen internship. Students spend the first week at Sewanee engaged in activities

that help prepare them for their six-week internships. Students return to Sewanee the final week for an opportunity for debriefing and reflection on their vocational experience and its values.

The Summer Discernment Institute also offers opportunities for internships with secular organizations or other religious organizations such as the Children's Defense Fund, the Grameen Bank, the International Partnership for Service Learning, the Center for Action and Contemplation, the Society of St. John the Evangelist, L'Arche, and Youth World International. Other internships have included work in medical research, support of at-risk youth, and

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One Christmas Eve long ago, a baby crawls into Santa's bag of toys, only to be accidentally carried back to Santa's workshop in the North Pole. Though he is quickly taken under the wing of a surrogate father and raised to be an elf, as he grows to be three sizes larger than everyone else, it becomes clear that Buddy (Will Ferrell) will never truly fit into the elf world.

What he needs is to find his real family. When Buddy sets off for New York City to track down his roots, he experiences a world he never knew existed, and quickly learns that life in the big city is not all ice skating and sugarplums. Starring Will Ferrell, James Caan, Zoey Deschanel, Mary Steenburgen, Ed Asner and Bob Newhart. Directed by Jon Favreau.

"This is one of those rare Christmas comedies that has a heart, a brain and a wicked sense of humor."—Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times

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Arts Center of Cannon Co. Slates Auditions for Two Plays

The Arts Center of Cannon County announces auditions for "Frankly My Dear..." on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. and "The Velveteen Rabbit" on Monday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Auditions will be cold readings from the script.

"Frankly My Dear..." is a comedy based on conjectures about what really happened in 1939 when David O. Selznick locked himself, a director and a writer in his office to rework the screenplay of his new film, "Gone with the Wind." With five days to write a final draft, the three men act out Margaret Mitchell's epic novel while living on bananas and peanuts. Roles are for men able to play ages 30 and older and for one woman over 30. Production dates are April 10-25, and rehearsals will begin at the end of February.

"The Velveteen Rabbit" is about the friendship of a young boy and

his toy rabbit. Though the rabbit is made of velveteen and sawdust, the wise old Skin Horse assures the boy that the rabbit can become real if it is truly loved by a child. Adapted from the novel by Margery Williams, the play illustrates the transformative power of love. One role is for a boy age 8 to 10, seven roles are for young performers ages 10 and up and the two adult roles are for one female and one male. Production dates are Feb. 24-28 and March 3-5. Rehearsals will begin on Jan. 16.

The Arts Center is located at 1424 John Bragg Highway, west of Woodbury, 54 miles north of Sewanee. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information call (615) 563-2787 or (800) 235-9073 or see <www.artscen.terofcc.com>.

CAC Christmas Giving Tree Ready in Otey Parish Hall

The Community Action Committee's annual Christmas Giving Tree is now up outside the CAC office in Otey parish hall. The tree contains the names of special people in our community, most of whom are homebound or stay in a residential facility.

Everyone is invited to select a name, and purchase and wrap a small, practical gift for someone on the tree. Simple gift ideas include toiletries, calendars, slippers, photo albums, mittens, scarves, lap blankets, and fruit baskets or flowers.

We encourage you to deliver the gift, as many of these people would love a visit during the holiday. Those who cannot make deliveries may leave their gift, with the nametag attached, at the CAC office by Friday, Dec. 19, and CAC will deliver them.

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"American Lion": Meacham Book Signing Dec. 21

Newsweek magazine editor Jon Meacham (C'91) will be signing copies of his newest book, "American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House" at the University Bookstore on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. Store manager Donna Pahmeyer suggests that if you would like to have a copy signed, but will be out of town when Meacham visits, you can buy the book ahead of time and leave it with the bookstore staff to be signed.

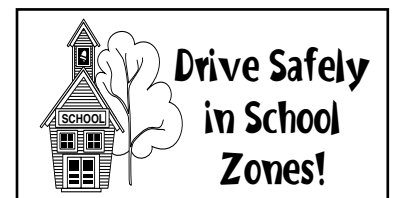
Drawing on newly discovered family letters and papers of the seventh United States president, in "American Lion," Meacham details the human drama—the family, the women, and the inner circle of

advisers—that shaped Jackson's private world through years of storm and victory.

Other Meacham books include "Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship," "American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, And the Making of a Nation" and "Voices in Our Blood: America's Best on the Civil Rights Movement."

Pelham Christmas Cantata This Weekend

The Community Choir of Pelham will perform the Christmas cantata at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13, at Chapman's Chapel Church of the Nazarene. This year's presentation is "Night of Alleluia: A Christmas Musical." Pre-performance music begins at 6:30 p.m. Come join in the reason for the season. For more information contact Frieda Sherrill at (931) 467-3491 or Deanna Lawson at (931) 596-2513.





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Decherd announces its Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. For more information call 967-5181.

Garden Club Gets Winter Plant Tips

The Sewanee Garden Club welcomed Connie Gall, forestry and landscape supervisor of the University of the South, as guest speaker at its November meeting.

Gall made recommendations for preparing plants for the winter. Mulching with locally available materials to keep soil soft over winter and keep plants warmer is an important step. It is advisable to have soil pH tested in the spring to make sure leaf mulch has not affected acidity. Soil may also need amending with nitrogen when leaf or bark mulch breaks down in the soil. Gall finds that perennials winter over much more successfully if dead tops are not removed.

During the business meeting, Judy Magavero reported on continued garden and craft activities at the Bridge at Montegale care facility.

Animal Alliance – South Cumberland’s Spay/Neuter Program Makes Progress

The newly founded animal welfare organization for Grundy and Marion counties, Animal Alliance–South Cumberland (AASC), has had a successful fall season with its spay/neuter program for area pets and is taking reservations for future transport dates.

The December spay/neuter date is full, and the next date, Tuesday, Jan. 20, is filling quickly. AASC President Kathy Bouldin has encouraged any area pet owners interested in the program to make reservations as soon as possible for the January date or for future monthly transports by calling (931) 592-3723 or (931) 592-1957.

The low-cost AASC spay/neutering operations are \$30–\$35 for cats and \$40–\$45 for dogs. An additional \$10 is charged for dogs over 50 lbs. The owner must have a rabies vaccination certificate for each animal or must pay an additional \$12 fee for that shot. A transportation fee of \$5 is charged per animal. If the owner wants additional veterinary services or tests done, the owner must specify those requests at the time reservations are made. The AASC will have a fee schedule of specific additional services available when the owner calls to reserve space. Full payment for all services must be made on transport morning when pets are brought for pickup.

On any transport date, pets must be brought to the old high school in Tracy City between 6:30 and 7 a.m. Owners needing help with the cost of the program should ask for details of the assistance available when they call to make reservations.

In association with Wally’s Friends, a regional animal welfare organization, the AASC has arranged for a van to transport animals for their

procedures to a Red Bank facility near Chattanooga. Animals are returned to the high school on the following day after transport, when owners retrieve their pets. The AASC notifies owners of the specific pet return time when pets are brought in.

“We are only able to afford one transport a month now,” Bouldin said, “but we still encourage people to make reservations for future dates. As we are able to attract more volunteers, donations and grant money, we can increase our schedule. We hope we can make a big impact with this program before female dogs and cats begin another spring puppy and kitty season.”

Though the AASC is only a few months old, it has received a state charter and is in the process of obtaining federal nonprofit status. “In our first two joint efforts with Wally’s Friends,” Bouldin said, “we’ve helped 64 pets to a better life and assisted mountain families with a much-needed program to reduce the number of unwanted and abandoned pets in the area.”

The program benefits public health by assuring that more animals get rabies shots, an important consideration in an area with abundant woodlands and wildlife. The AASC also helps with pet adoptions and provides a central online location to send information and photographs of lost and found pets. For more information see <<http://animalalliancesouthcumberland.com/index.htm>>. As the AASC does not have the capability to accept contributions on its website, donors may send checks payable to the AASC and to P.O. Box 627, Tracy City, TN 37387.

“Paint Made Flesh” at the Frist Center

The Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville will open “Paint Made Flesh” on Friday, Jan. 23. Among the works are paintings by Picasso, Lucian Freud, Francis Bacon, Jenny Saville and many others. The exhibition will be on view through May 10.

Featuring 38 works created since the 1950s, primarily in Europe and the United States, the exhibition focuses on artists of three generations whose depictions of the human figure denote biological, psychological or spiritual volatility. These artists use a wide range of painterly effects to suggest the physical properties and metaphorical significance of human flesh. A full-color catalogue, published by Vanderbilt University Press, will accompany the exhibition.

In conjunction with the opening of “Paint Made Flesh,” a symposium will take place on Jan. 23 and 24, featuring lectures by artist Eric Fischl and keynote speaker John Elderfield, chief curator emeritus of painting and sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art, as well as presentations by five noted professors and curators.

Registration for the symposium is \$30 for students and faculty, \$35 for Frist Center members and \$50 for all others. To register or for more information on related free programs, call (615) 744-3247 or visit <www.fristcenter.org>.

The Frist Center for the Visual Arts is located at 919 Broadway in downtown Nashville. Gallery admission to the Frist Center is free for visitors 18 and younger and to Frist Center members. Frist Center admission is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and military and \$6.50 for college students with IDs. Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m., admission is free for college students with a valid college ID. The Frist Center is open Mondays through Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5:30 p.m. The Café opens at noon.

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environmental concerns. Over 160 students from more than 35 institutions have participated from 2002 through 2008. Several of these students are now enrolled in divinity programs at institutions as varied as Harvard, Yale, Vanderbilt, Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Cambridge University in England. Others are in physician's assistant

studies, graduate programs in education and biological-medical research. Still others have gone on to be youth ministers in Episcopal parishes and teachers in public and private schools.

The Summer Discernment Institute is becoming widely recognized throughout the Episcopal Church as a highly useful vehicle of discernment for men and women of college age

who are considering a call to ordained ministry. The Pastoral Leadership Search Effort (PLSE) of the Episcopal Church recognizes that this internship program provides a unique opportunity for students to work in parish and other organizational environments and obtain a firsthand understanding of what a life of active ministry entails. Ordained ministry discernment is open to students of

all denominations and has included a student interested in and currently studying for the rabbinate, as well as students with callings in the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Society.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students may nominate their own placements. Students in all four years of college, including seniors, are encouraged to apply. Discernment Programs Coordinator Robin Hille Michaels comments, "Many amazing connections for students have come about from their own initiative in finding placements with churches and organizations whose missions are closely aligned with their own life's passion."

For more information about this program, go to www.sewaneen.edu/lillyproj/lstdi.html



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2008 Lilly intern Blount Montgomery (front row, center) with the Sisters of St. Margaret in Boston, where she interned.

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Dec	15-18	SAS	Exams & exhibitions
Dec	18-Jan 12	Univ	Christmas break
Dec	18		FINAL MESSENGER OF 2008
Dec	19-Jan 2		Messenger office closed
Dec	19	FC	Abbreviated day
Dec	19	MES	Abbreviated day, grading period ends
Dec	19-Jan 4	SAS	Christmas break
Dec	22-Jan 2	FC, MES	Christmas break
Jan	3		Messenger office reopens
Jan	5	FC, SAS	Classes resume
Jan	5	MES	In-service day
Jan	6	MES	Staff development day
Jan	5, 6, 8, 9	SoT	Senior ordination exams
Jan	7	MES	Classes resume
Jan	8		FIRST MESSENGER OF 2009
Jan	8	MES	Report cards
Jan	12	SoT	Classes begin
Jan	13	COL	Classes begin
Jan	13	FC	Staff development day, 3:15-6:15 pm
Jan	19	FC, MES	MLK holiday
Jan	19	Univ	OPENING CONVOCATION, 12:30 pm
Jan	30-31	SAS	FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

School Scoop



As a finale to American Education Week, Sewanee Elementary School held its annual Book Character Day. Students impersonated their favorite book characters or authors. All students had the opportunity to introduce themselves during the weekly assembly. Pictured above (front row) are Madison Rittenberry, Pinkalicious from the book "Pinkalicious"; Porter Neubaur, a knight from "The Great Castle Search"; Nathan King, Peter Pan from "Peter Pan"; Zolon Knoll, the boy from "A Horse and His Boy"; Evan Fox, Sam I Am, from "Green Eggs and Ham"; Maggie Vaughn, Nancy from "Fancy Nancy"; Lucy Carroll, Laurel from "Rescues the Pixies"; (back row) Maggie White impersonating her favorite author, Bill Wallace; Nicolaus Manshack, Ron Weasley from "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"; Abigail Owsley, Miss Granger from "Frindle"; Wylie Morris, Junie B. Jones from "Slumber Party"; Emilie LaVoie-Ingram, Laura from "The Long Winter"; Jasmin Ferrer, Nancy Drew from the Nancy Drew mystery series.



Brandon Wins CES Poster Contest

Clayanna Brandon is the winner of the Tar Wars poster contest. Thomas Smith, M.D., came to the fifth grade class at Cowan Elementary School to talk to the children about the importance of staying tobacco free. All students created a poster with a positive message about not using tobacco.

Clayanna's message was "Being Tobacco Free for a Healthier Me." She has won a night at a Nashville hotel for her family during the awards ceremonies in March. Dr. Smith also brought apples for the entire fifth grade.

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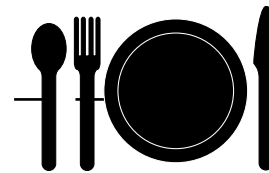
Selected by their teachers, the following Sewanee Elementary School students received the Citizenship Award this six weeks.

- Pre-K—Tanner King;
- K—Calem Knight, Henry Stelle;
- First grade—Sylvan Huber-Feely, Thomas Stapleton;
- Second grade—Conner Durm, Baird Thoni;
- Third grade—Rachel Alvarez, Maegan Havner;
- Fourth grade—Anna Fox, Marissa Waldrep;
- Fifth grade—Adreanna McBee, Scout Parker.

Templeton Award

This six weeks, Sewanee Elementary School students discussed the character trait "kindness." Selected by their classmates as most exemplifying this trait were the following students.

- Pre-K—Trey Cash;
- K—Jenna Black, Mary B. Smith;
- First grade—Saje Mangru, Tessa Shackelford;
- Second grade—Rachel Hammer, Larson Heitzenrater;
- Third grade—Caleb King, Blaise Zeitler;
- Fourth grade—Nicolaus Manshack, Lizzie Thoni;
- Fifth grade—Leah Smith, Casey Wofford.



What's Cooking at SES?

Monday-Friday, Dec. 15-19

LUNCH

MON: Pizza sticks, marinara sauce, corn, grapes; or sack lunch.
TUE: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cup; or sack lunch.

WED: Fish nuggets, baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, fruit; or loaded baked potato.

THUR: Hot dog, chips, baby carrots, fruit; or sack lunch.

FRI: Christmas break begins at 9:30.

BREAKFAST

MON: Tastries, fruit or juice.

TUE: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit or juice.

WED: Pancakes, syrup, fruit or juice.

THU: Assorted cereal, toast, fruit or juice.

FRI: Christmas break begins at 9:30.

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Sports Scoreboard

Men's Basketball Drops Two at Home

The Sewanee Tiger men's basketball team hosted Centre on Dec. 5 and DePauw on Dec. 7 in SCAC play and came up short.

Sewanee played Centre in DIII men's basketball action in Juhan Gym, and the visiting Colonels topped the Tigers 60-39 after leading 37-15 at the half. Centre got out to a 7-0 lead, held control throughout the game and earned the eventual 21-point win.

Bradley Pierson led Sewanee's

scoring effort with a 10-point effort. Pierson is leading the 2008-09 Tigers, averaging nearly 19 points per game. Fellow Sewanee senior Eric Schneider led the Tigers with six rebounds. Danny Noll and Jeff Mullaney each had 14 points for Centre.

Against DePauw, Sewanee led much of the first half and tied the game several times in the second, but the visitors ended up topping Sewanee 73-63.

Sewanee jumped out to a 11-2

lead six minutes into the first half, but DePauw rallied and took over the lead eight minutes later, securing a 30-25 halftime edge. In the second half, DePauw led, but Sewanee tied it up several times, including a 52-52 deadlock in the final seven minutes. DePauw won 73-63.

Sewanee's two leading scorers, Ben Pursell and Pierson, scored 18 and 17 points. Sewanee was 35.3 percent accurate from the field, while DePauw was 37.5 percent. Sewanee was 7-20 in 3-point tries, and DePauw was 8-23 from behind the line.

Sewanee falls to 2-6 with the loss and is 0-2 in the SCAC. The team will resume play after the holidays at Birmingham-Southern and Rhodes on January 2 and 4.

SAS Boys' Varsity Basketball

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team lost to Randolph School of Huntsville 48-37 on Dec. 6.

Randolph was able to build on a one-point lead at the end of the third quarter, 28-27, by scoring 13 points from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. The Mountain Lions played solid defense and were led by Jamie Reese's 14 points. Pierce Myers added seven points, five rebounds and one assist; Demetrius Dowling had nine points and seven rebounds; Tilghman Myers had four points; Emmanuel Gabaud added three points and five rebounds. SAS fell to 2-2 on the season.



Carla Smiley scoring a three-pointer last Sunday against DePauw. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Women's Basketball Falls to Centre, DePauw

The Sewanee women's basketball team lost a two-point heartbreaker to Centre on Dec. 5, and DePauw handed the Tigers a loss on Dec. 7.

After falling behind 34-24 to visiting Centre at halftime, the Sewanee women's basketball Tigers rallied in the second period, tying the game at 50 apiece, with 15 seconds in regulation. Centre went up 52-50 with eight seconds, and Carla Smiley's buzzer-beating three-pointer couldn't find its home in the net. The Colonels won.

Smiley led Sewanee's effort with 19 points. Fellow sophomore Lauren Guley was also in double digits with 10 points. Freshman Linsie Wiesman led Sewanee with seven rebounds.

On Sunday, visiting DePauw topped Sewanee 59-46 after leading 28-16 at the half. Sewanee led early and then pulled to within two in the second half, but DePauw regained control for the 13-point win.

Senior guard Anne Wills led Sewanee's effort with 11 points. Guley was also in double digits with 10 points. Newcomer Wiesman led Sewanee with eight rebounds.

Sewanee falls to 0-6 and will host Alabama Huntsville on Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

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Tiger of the Week: Courtland Day

Courtland Day, a freshman Sewanee swimmer from Barnesville, Ga., has been named Tiger of the Week for his performance the weekend of Dec. 5-7. "Courtland should emerge as one of the top breaststrokers in the SCAC this year and challenge our school records and NCAA cuts," said Sewanee coach Max Obermiller. "His work ethic is terrific, and he's an incredibly tough competitor."

Day and Sewanee competed at the Asbury (Ky.) Invitational, and the men's squad took third-place honors behind scholarship schools Asbury and Union. Day was first place

in the 400 medley relay, along with Ryan Holody, Jaime de la Fuente and Loren Peterson. The same relay team was also the third-place 200 medley relay squad. Day placed second in the 200 IM with a time of 2:06.27 and second in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:03.24 mark.

As of the last Top Times update by the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, Day was leading the pack with the top time so far this year in the 200 breast and the third best time in the 100 breast.

Sewanee's De la Fuente and Holody Take First in Swim Meets

Sewanee competed on Dec. 7 at the Asbury Invitational in Wilmore, Ky., and the Tiger effort was highlighted by first-place finishes on the men's side by freshmen Jaime de la Fuente and Ryan Holody. Competing in the meet, along with NAIA powerhouse Asbury and Sewanee, were squads from Campbellsville University, Berea College and Union College.

De la Fuente's mark of 55.80 was good for first place in the 100 yard butterfly and Holody's first place 100 yard backstroke time of 58.16 earned Sewanee some first-place finishes, while de la Fuente was also second in the 100 back (58.18). The men's 400 medley relay team of Holody, Courtland Day, de la Fuente and Loren Peterson also finished first with a time

of 3:45.40. Day earned second-place finishes in the 200 IM (2:06.27) and the 100 breast (1:03.24).

For the Sewanee women, the individual highlights were Mollie Wakefield's third-place final time of 1:07.07 in the 100 butterfly and Alix Kloster's fourth-place finish in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:36.86. The top women's relay for Sewanee was the 800 free relay, in which Kelly Imboden, Jaime Dickerson, Kloster and Julie Bennett took third place with a time of 8:56.58.

Sewanee will compete next on Jan. 10 at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and the next Tiger home showing will be on Jan. 17, when the Tigers will host Lambuth, Breneau and Milligan.

SAS Girls' Basketball Falls to Huntland, Defeats Randolph

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee girls' basketball team lost at Huntland 59-51 on Dec. 2 and defeated Randolph 45-27 on Dec. 6.

Jodie Brown led the Mountain Lions against Huntland with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Molly Midgett finished with four points; Alexis Rollins dished out one assist; and Hannah Barry totaled four points and five rebounds. Avery Shackelford finished with six points and three rebounds; Nikki Bridges finished with three points and three assists; Elle Gilbert tallied 10 points and 12 rebounds; Alyson Ridley pulled down one rebound; Sadie Shackelford pulled down four rebounds; and Elizabeth Winton finished with two points.

SAS Varsity Wrestling Update

Action in "the Lions' Den" was fast and furious on Dec. 2, as the SAS Mountain Lion varsity wrestlers took on the Franklin County Rebels.

Pins by Seth Burns, Zach Booth, Moe Andriev, Captain Sean Hershman and Elijah Cantrell proved to be the winning combination for the Lions (48-36) against the determined Rebels.

On Dec. 6, Hershman placed third at the very competitive Keith Johnson Memorial Tournament held at Ooltewah High. He defeated Walker Valley and Cookeville to capture the hardware while only dropping one to East Ridge.

The SAS Mountain Lions dropped off the rock on Dec. 8 for another action-packed evening of wrestling. First up was Cumberland County, and the Lions came up short with a 28-42 loss. The big cats came roaring back with a 54-12 win over the Chattanooga Christian Chargers, and the Lions ended with a 45-21 win over the Lookout Valley Yellowjackets.

Hershman picked up three critical wins; Cantrell pocketed three wins; Seth Burns, two pins; Andriev, one pin; Allan Duggar, one pin; and eighth-grader Myles Kincaid, a hard fought pin. Honorable mention goes to Booth in a close loss (6-4) against Lookout Valley that brought people in the audience to their feet.

Pack the House for FCHS Basketball

Come join the Rebels and the Rebelettes for great basketball on Friday, Dec. 12, at Franklin County High School. Franklin County plays Shelbyville's junior varsity at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., and varsity plays at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Discounted tickets for students and adults can be purchased today, Dec. 11, through Friday, Dec. 12, in the guidance office and during lunch periods at FCHS. Discounted tickets will also be sold at North and South Middle schools during lunch on Friday, Dec. 12. Discounted student tickets are \$2, and adult tickets are \$3. Tickets purchased at the door are \$5 for adults and students.

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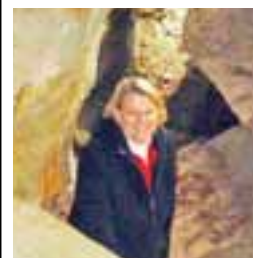
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Nature Notes

Woods Reservoir: A Haven for Birds and Bird-Watchers

On Dec. 3, Jean and Harry Yeatman and Kate Gooch went to Woods Reservoir to observe birds. Besides large numbers of Canada Geese, Mallards, Coots and Pied-billed Grebes, there were wonderful Horned Grebes in winter plumage. This long-necked bird has a black cap, dark back and conspicuously white underparts and front part of its neck. Its bill is pointed and straight (pictured below).



Common Loons were everywhere—diving for fish with their heavy bills. They lack the black and white checkered back of summer plumage and don't give their distinctive calls in winter. A few Hooded Mergansers and Bufflehead Duck flocks were in the quiet water of coves. A large Caspian Tern flew overhead, and a Great Blue Heron became airborne with its head and neck tucked close to its body and legs trailing backward. A Red-tailed Hawk was flying over the water, looking for a slow coot or duck for lunch, and an American Kestrel flew from a telephone line.

The most important observation was finding and identifying a single Lesser Black-backed Gull. A few of these European gulls winter in Canada and some of the eastern United States. It is about the size of a Ring-billed Gull with a black back and wings. This particular bird had dull, flesh-colored legs, showing that it was less than 2 years old. Older individuals have yellow legs. The bill is yellow with a red spot near the lower end. On Nov. 25, this bird was reported on Woods Reservoir by members of the Highland Rim chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society. One (possibly the same Lesser Black-backed Gull) was seen in this area throughout winter 2007-08. It was an exciting trip!

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Saturday, Dec. 13

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Sunday, Dec. 14

FROSTY MEADOW HIKE—Meet Ranger Jason at the Visitors' Center at 7:30 a.m. for a hike around the Meadow Trail to experience the beauty of the South Cumberland winter.

STONE DOOR HIKE—Join Ranger Jamie at Stone Door ranger station at 2 p.m. for this beautiful two-mile round-trip hike to Great Stone Door while you learn about the Savage Gulf/Stone Door area.

For more information on these and other programs offered by South Cumberland State Park, call (931) 924-2980 or visit the website at <www.friendsofscra.org/activities.htm>. The Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open seven days a week, 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



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These majestic birds, the tallest in North America, left Necedah refuge on Oct. 17, following four ultralight aircraft. Tennessee is one of seven states the ultralight-guided migration will fly over before reaching Florida. The 117-mile flight leg on Dec. 5 took them from Marshall County, Ky., to Hardin County, Tenn., in two hours and 20 minutes.

The Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP), an international coalition of public and private groups, is conducting this project, now in its eighth year, in an effort to reintroduce this endangered species in eastern North America.

Each fall pilots from Operation Migration lead a new generation of whooping cranes behind their ultralight aircraft to wintering grounds in Florida. The cranes will make the return flight on their own to the upper Midwest in the spring.

For more information on the project, its partners and how you can help, visit the WCEP website at <www.bringbackthecranes.org>.



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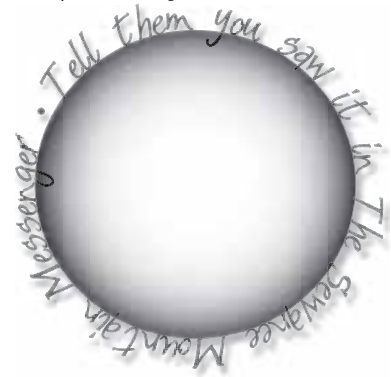
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And let us all be merry.

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And Christmas blocks are burning;
Their Ovens, they with bakt-meats choke,
And all their Spits are turning.

Without the doore, let sorrow lie:
And, if for cold, it hap to die,
We'll bury't in a Christmas Pie.
And evermore be merry.

Now, every Lad is wondrous trim,
And no man minds his Labour.
Our Lasses have provided them,
A Bag-pipe, and a Tabor.
Young men, and Mayds, and Girles & Boyes,
Give life, to one anothers Joyes:
And, you anon shall by their noyse,
Perceive that they are merry....

Then wherefore in these merry daies,
Should we I pray, be duller?
No; let us sing some Roundelays,
To make our mirth the fuller.
And, whilst thus inspir'd we sing,
Let all the Streets with echoes ring:
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EVENTS

Today, Dec. 11

6:00 pm Book Study, The Shack, St James
6:30 pm FC School Bd, Bd Edn, Winchester
7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist

Friday, Dec. 12

Senior Christmas Bazaar, 8:30–1:30, Sr Cit Ctr
9:30 am CAC open, Otey, till 11:30
10:00 am Bridge, Senior Citizens Center
5:00 pm MESSENGER display ad deadline
6:30 pm FOM, Brooks Hall, Otey
7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
7:30 pm ACOA, Otey parish hall
8:00 pm Contradance, American Legion Hall
beginners' workshop 7:30

Saturday, Dec. 13

Deer Pre-cull Hunt, except 10 am–2 pm
9:00 am American Legion Post 51,
Legion Hall
1:00 pm Seeking Saturday, St James, till 3:30
6:00 pm EQB Christmas Dinner Party, SAS
7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall

Sunday, Dec. 14

Deer Pre-cull Hunt, except 10 am–2 pm
2:00 pm FOM bowling, meet in SES park lot
3:30 pm BS Troop 14, SAS Scout shed, till 5
4:00 pm Adult Yoga w/Helen, Cmty Ctr
4:00 pm Women's Bible study, Otey
6:30 pm AA (open), Holy Comforter, M'eagle

Monday, Dec. 15

8:30 am Body Recall, Community Center
11:00 am Chair exercise, Sr Cit Ctr, till 11:45
5:00 pm Women 12-step, Otey parish hall
5:00 pm MESSENGER news deadline
7:00 pm AA, Christ Church, Tracy City
7:00 pm Centering Prayer, Otey parish hall
7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale, SoT Hargrove

Tuesday, Dec. 16

8:30 am Iyengar yoga, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 9:40
10:00 am Scrabble, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 12
10:30 am Bingo, Senior Citizens Ctr, till 11:45
12:00 pm MESSENGER classified ad d'line
3:00 pm Cub Scouts, Otey parish hall
4:00 pm Centering Prayer, St Marys, till 5:30
5:00 pm SUD Bd meeting, Utility office
5:00 pm Weight Watchers, EHH dining rm
7:00 pm NA, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 pm AA (open), Otey parish hall

7:30 pm Al-Anon, Otey parish hall

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Lease Committee Meeting
COL, SoT Christmas Break begins 5 pm
9:30 am CAC open, Otey, till 11:30
10:00 am Quilting class, Cmty Ctr, till 11:30
10:30 am Blood pressure checks, Sr Cit Ctr
12:00 pm EQB Lunch, Sew Inn, 11:30 social
3:45 pm Girl Scout Troop 2107, Otey
5:30 pm Adult Yoga w/Helen, Cmty Ctr
6:30 pm Grief Support Group, St James
7:00 pm Catechumenate, Bairnwick
7:30 pm AA (open), HComforter, M'eagle

Thursday, Dec. 18

8:30 am Body Recall, Community Center
9:30 am CAC open, Otey, till 1:30
11:00 am Chair exercise, Sr Cit Ctr, till 11:45
12:00 pm AA (open), 924-3493 for location
12:30 pm EPF, Otey parish hall
3:00 pm CAC pack groceries, set up for
holiday breakfast, Otey parish hall
6:00 pm Book Study, The Shack, St James
7:00 pm Acoustic Jam, Sew Cmty Ctr, till 9

CHURCH SERVICES

This Evening, Dec. 11

4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:10 pm Evening Prayer, COTA
5:45 pm SoT Community HE, COTA
6:30 pm Worship Service, Church of God

Friday, Dec. 12

7:30 am Morning Prayer, Otey
8:10 am Morning Prayer, COTA
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist, COTA
4:30 pm Evening Prayer, Otey
5:10 pm Evening Prayer, COTA

Sunday, Dec. 14

All Saints' Chapel
8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Cumberland Presbyterian
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
Grace Fellowship
10:30 am Sunday School/Worship Service
Harrison Chapel Methodist
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Jump-Off Baptist

10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

Midway Baptist

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

Midway Church of Christ

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

Otey Memorial Church

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

St. James Episcopal

9:00 am Worship and Fellowship
9:00 am Children's Church School
10:15 am Sunday School Adults/Children

St. Mary's Convent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
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

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Home Games This Week

Today, Dec. 11
4:30 pm SES Girls' B'ball v Clark Mem
4:30 pm SAS JV Boys' B'ball
v Boyd Christian
5:30 pm SES Boys' B'ball v Clark Mem
6 pm SMS Girls' B'ball v Harris Middle
6 pm SAS V Girls' B'ball v Boyd Christian
6:30 pm SES Girls' B'ball v Huntland
7 pm SMS Boys' B'ball v Harris Middle
7:30 pm SAS V Boy's B'ball
v Boyd Christian
Friday, Dec. 12
3:30 pm FCHS JV Girls' B'ball v Shel-
byville
4:30 pm FCHS JV Boys' B'ball v Shel-
byville
6 pm SAS V Girls' B'ball v King's Acad
6:30 pm FCHS V Girls' B'ball v Shelbyville
8 pm FCHS V Boys' B'ball v Shelbyville
Saturday, Dec. 13
6 pm SAS MS Girls' B'ball v Tracy City
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7:30 pm SAS MS Boys' B'ball
v Tracy City Elem
7:30 pm SAS V Boys' B'ball v King's Acad
Thursday, Dec. 18
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7:30 pm SAS V Boys' B'ball
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