

SUD Board Elects Officers

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Feb. 26 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties, the board elected officers for the coming year, with all the 2012 officers returning to serve another term. Cliff Huffman was elected president; Karen Singer, vice-president; and Ken Smith, secretary.

At the beginning of the meeting, Smith was sworn in to serve a new three-year term on the board.

SUD manager Ben Beavers reported that unaccounted-for water loss was exceptionally high for January, 34.7 percent, and February, slightly over 30 percent. Unaccounted-for water loss is determined by calculating the difference between the amount of treated water SUD produces and the amount accounted for in metered sales. SUD's averages 25 percent. Beavers said the trend of high unaccounted-for water loss for the first two months of the year dates back to at least 1994. He had no explanation for the phenomenon.

SUD plans to implement automatic meter reading (AMR) over the course of the next two years. With the AMR system, radio-transmitted meter reading will result in more accurate meter data and may shed light on the high unaccounted-for water loss. Beavers is investigating meter vendors and anticipates having a recommendation by April. Labor costs for switching out the meters in the Midway area will be high, Beavers said, because the meter setters are old and will need to be replaced. Beavers budgeted for the Midway labor expense, but said the amount may need to be adjusted.

Reporting on recent drinking water sampling, Beavers said SUD's disinfection by-products (DBP) rating was the lowest it has ever been. Disinfection by-products occur when the chlorine reacts with organic compounds in the water to produce cancer-causing agents. The highest DBP risk occurs at the end of the line because the water has been in the pipes longer. SUD's end-of-the-line DBP rating was half the maximum allowed by the state.

Beavers received a letter from the state comptroller reiterating the findings of the auditor. All of the auditor's recommendations are in the process of being addressed except for the "segregation of duties" recommendation which would require four employees, instead of two, to perform accounts receivable and accounts payable duties. The requirement is intended to provide oversight in each department by someone not involved in the data entry. Beavers will inquire about the minimum standard for satisfying the requirement and ask if SUD could hire an accounting firm to provide quarterly review rather than hiring additional employees.

SUD's April 23 commissioners' meeting will be held at Woods Lab. The board will meet with representatives from the University of Georgia to discuss a monitoring plan for the pilot constructed wetlands proposal. The trial wastewater treatment project is based on research jointly conducted by the University of Georgia and the University of the South.



Sewanee Elementary School's new school resource officer, Robin McNeece, visits with new kindergarten friends during lunch recently in the SES cafeteria.

Vultures Have Come to Roost in Sewanee

by David Haskell, Special to the Messenger

Coasting down the hill on my bike, I turn my head and there it is, a dark angelic form, big as an eagle, soaring just off my left shoulder. We cruise together for a spell, then the bird banks away, the low sun laying a rosy tint on its black feathers. Ahead, hundreds circle low, turning the sky into a swimming confusion of slicing dark lines.

As dusk approaches, the vultures gather in tall pines and oaks around Sewanee's downtown, clumping by the dozen on high branches. They settle slowly, restlessly hissing at new arrivals and flailing their huge wings at neighbors. With a start, the whole group startles into wheeling flight, then returns to roost with flustering feathers.

This roost formed last year in early winter, grew into a gathering of 200–300 birds, then dissolved as spring wore on. This winter they are back. The talk in town often drifts their way. Why so many? Are they drawn to some hidden bounty of dead animals? Might a leaking gas pipeline be luring them? What danger do they pose?

I suspect that several factors have converged to bring us this spectacular daily display. One of these causes is the regional increase in vulture abundance. DDT's effects are no longer felt by these birds, fewer people shoot them, and as deer and small mammal populations have increased, the vultures' food has become more plentiful.

In addition to this long-term trend, the record-breaking warmth of the last two winters also likely contributes to the recent increase in vultures in our area. Birds that previously would have flown to Florida or Mexico may have curtailed their migration. Why wing to Veracruz when you can dine on possum and venison in a relatively balmy Tennessee or Georgia?

Local changes also play a role. Until last winter, the vultures were roosting here, but mostly out of sight in the valleys and mountain slopes. Why the

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Vultures gathered in a tree near Hawkins Lane in Sewanee. Photo by David Haskell

SUT Reopens With New Digital Projector

by K. G. Beavers, Messenger Staff Writer

The Sewanee Union Theatre, affectionately known as the SUT, has been showing movies since the 1920s and is one of the oldest movie theatres around. Lately, the SUT has been idle because of persistent problems with the projector.

"The 35-millimeter projector is old," said Alex Bruce, associate dean of students for campus life. "We were looking at a movie artifact that was plagued with problems."

Each semester, he said, "we had one major issue with this projector that normally could be fixed. This time, the problem was that we needed a new part to make the projector work, which proved to be difficult as this projector and its parts are not made anymore. Our repairman said we could get used parts to fix the projector. The question was, would the projector work with the used parts? Then, what would be the next problem down the line?" said Bruce.

The best solution was buying a new digital projector for the SUT, which the University purchased. "The University agreed the SUT was vital to the life of the whole community and bought the projector," said Bruce. "SUT will have to pay for it in the long term."

One of the ways the SUT will be able to pay for the projector is with a new pricing structure beginning at the end of May. All students, elementary through college, will still pay \$3 for a ticket. Non-students will pay \$4 for a ticket. Bruce says concession prices will not go up.

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St. Mary's Sewanee Dedicates New Building on March 9

St. Mary's Sewanee invites the community to the dedication of its new building at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 9. The new building has 20 lodging rooms and meeting space.

"This new building is the result of years of hard work by our board of trustees in creating a vision for the future and in the raising of the \$3 million to see it through completion," said the Rev. Thomas Morris, executive director of St. Mary's Sewanee. "Each year St. Mary's Sewanee welcomes close to 5,000 people to our retreat center. This building will enable us to welcome thousands more who are in need of rest and spiritual renewal. We hope the public will join us in thanking all involved in the building and dedicating it into God's hands for the future."

Morris noted that much of the construction of the new building was locally provided. Tracey Meeks,

of Tracey Meeks Specialty Craft of Tracy City was the builder for the project. He employed more than 20 people from Franklin and Grundy counties, Morris said. The natural red oak wood siding was harvested from the Sewanee area, and the stone was quarried on the Plateau and laid by local stonemasons. The rest of the building materials were purchased at Builder's Supply in Monteagle, and the subcontractors were local.

The new building features green technology, the use of recycled and regionally manufactured materials, high-efficiency heating and cooling systems and naturally ventilated indoor spaces.

The new building was designed by Johnson, Johnson and Crabtree architects. Ikon Construction oversaw the management of the building.

For more information call 598-5342.



The community is invited to an open house at the Van Ness building on the Sewanee campus, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5. Learn more about print services, the carillon music studio and the new Life Paths research program. Demonstrations of print services' equipment and the practice carillon will be provided. Refreshments will be provided. Van Ness is located at 161 Alabama Ave.; parking is available behind duPont Library and in the lot on Alabama Avenue south of McCrady Dormitory.

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Letter

CHIVALRY NOT DEAD HERE To the Editor:

I have never been a great fan of lacrosse, probably because I do not know the rules of the game. And there was that Duke incident a few years ago.

But now, I am considering becoming a fan because I have seen the dedication and hard work of the Sewanee lacrosse teams this year. I have seen the team practicing in the light of dawn and far after nightfall under the practice lights in the frigid winter air. I thought early morning workouts were the sole province of masochistic distance runners. When the rain is pouring, the lacrosse teams retreat to the Fowler Center and practice in the early morning.

It was just such a morning, when I was doing my fitness routine, that I witnessed a lacrosse team member emerge through the fitness room door, his arms full with his lacrosse stick, helmet and gloves. He stopped, backed up and caught the door with his foot to hold the door open for a young lady leaving the fitness room, then proceeded to the locker room.

Hard work and chivalry are not dead. Not here in Sewanee. Go, lacrosse teams!

Tom Phelps, C'74
Sewanee



Cheered on by upper class firefighters, freshmen Jacob Zalewski drags Ben Yunker in this year's Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department student tryouts. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Clarification

In the Feb. 22 article about recycling, the types of plastic that may be recycled was abbreviated.

The Franklin County solid waste department will take all plastic containers that are marked with numbers 1 through 7 (symbols below). It will not accept plastic shopping bags. For curbside recycling in Sewanee on the first and third Mondays of each month, plastics must be placed in blue bags available from PPS or the University Lease Office.

For more information go to the county's website at <www.iswarecycle.net/recycling/>.



Fog Happens

Tips for Safe Driving on the Mountain's Gray Days

March's snow and rain is often joined by the Mountain's infamous dense fog. And with fog comes greater concerns about traffic safety.

The Sewanee police department reminds folks of the following safety recommendations for driving in the fog.

"People need to really slow down, turn on their headlights and use extreme caution," said Sewanee police chief Marie Eldridge. Traffic accidents increase in the fog, whether it is because of deer in the roadways that are hard to see or vehicle collisions.

Tennessee state law requires that car headlights be turned on for rain,

fog or precipitation. "When in doubt," she said, "turn those headlights on."

Other safety tips for driving in the fog include:

When visibility is limited, turn off your radio or any music, roll down your car window and listen for traffic you cannot see.

Stay on the roadway by following the white stripe adjacent to the right shoulder of the road. This is easier to see than the middle stripes in dense fog and oncoming headlights are not in your eyes.

Remember that other drivers have a limited sight distance and fog can leave roadways slick. Use your turn signals, and when you use your brakes, don't stomp on them.

If an accident occurs, pull as far off the road as possible and turn on your flashing emergency lights. If there is no safe place to stand, stay inside your car.

Before getting in to drive, make sure your car is defrosted and the interior windows defogged.

When in doubt, turn on your car lights, but make sure your high beams are not on. High beams direct light up into the fog, making it difficult for you to see. Low beams direct light down onto the road and help other drivers to see you.

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Descriptions of these positions are available on the website at <www.sewaneed.edu/personnel/jobs>.

Apply for these positions at <www.sewaneed.edu/site/j9UB9e/application>.

For more information contact Christy Owens, human resources coordinator, at 598-1381 or email <ctowens@sewaneed.edu>.

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Upcoming Meetings

CCJP Spring Board Meeting Saturday

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace will hold its spring board meeting, at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at the Senior Citizens' Center in Sewanee. Agenda items include induction of new board members and reports on the "Be the Change" youth retreat, energy efficiency campaign and the Ray Taylor case. There will be a brunch break at 10 a.m. CCJP board meetings are open to the public. Those interested in becoming involved with the work of the center or in serving on the board are especially encouraged to attend. For more information contact Leslie Lytle at 598-9979 or email <sllytle@blomand.net>.

Chikamaka Band Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Chikamaka Band Tribe will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Grundy County Historical Society Heritage Center, located at 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. This meeting is open to all tribal members and anyone interested in becoming a member. For further information call (931) 592-3348.

KD Pancake Supper Saturday

The Sewanee chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority will host its third annual Shamrock Pancake Supper, 5-7 p.m., on Saturday, March 2, in the Hearth Room of the Bishop's Common. Tickets are \$5 at the door. This event raises money for child abuse prevention in the area.

NARFE Meeting on Tuesday

NARFE (National Active And Retired Federal Employee) Winchester, Franklin County Chapter 2133 will meet at the UTSI cafeteria on Tuesday, March 5. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m., and the meeting starts at noon. All federal and active employees are welcome to attend. For more information contact Jerry Hitchcox, (931) 691-5514 or <hitchcox@live.com>.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

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

The Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club meets at the Smoke House Restaurant on Wednesday mornings. Coffee begins at 6:50 a.m.; breakfast and the meeting begin at 7 a.m. and end by 8 a.m. Sgt. Chris Guess, training and public information officer with the Franklin Co. sheriff's office, will talk about the new School Resource Officers.

The Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club hosts a noon Thursday meeting at the Blue Chair Tavern. Judy Taylor, executive director of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, will talk about the new Retire Tennessee program.

Highland Rim Birders Gather Tuesday in Sewanee

The Highland Rim Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society will meet Tuesday, March 5, in Woods Lab on the University campus. The group will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner at McClurg Dining Hall; at 7 p.m., Jim Peters will give a talk in Woods Lab. For more information contact Lisa Trail at (931) 728-6045.

Civic Association Meets March 6

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, at the EQB House. The brief business meeting will include an update on the Sewanee Classifieds email list, the Dog Park and board nominations. It will be followed by a panel discussion on the 50th anniversary of the integration of Sewanee Elementary School. The program portion of the evening is free and open to the public.

Social time with wine begins at 6 p.m., and the buffet dinner (\$12) begins at 6:30 p.m. The Blue Chair will cater the meal (vegetarian lasagna, green beans, salad, assorted desserts, coffee and water).

There is ample parking behind the EQB House in the lot off of Mitchell Avenue. There are handicap spaces along University Avenue and on Georgia Avenue for those who have handicap placards. In the event that all those spaces are taken, those with handicap permits can park directly behind the handicap spaces on University Avenue.

The association brings together community members for social and community awareness. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to attend and become a member.

Robert Certain at Life Long Learning Thursday

The Academy for Life Long Learning will meet at noon, on Thursday, March 7, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Robert Certain, executive director of the Military Chaplains Association, will be the speaker. Certain is a retired Episcopal priest who has two degrees from the School of Theology. He was a pilot in Vietnam and was shot down, captured and held as a prisoner of war. He will talk about those experiences and more.

Grundy Co. Historical Society Meeting March 9

The quarterly membership meeting of the Grundy County Historical Society will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the Heritage Center, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City. The public is invited. Tom Knowles, curator of the Cowan Railroad Museum, will make a presentation. He will share his extensive experience as a railroad hobbyist, modeler, photographer, historian and museum professional.

Sewanee Woman's Club Gathers on March 11

The Sewanee Woman's Club will meet at noon, Monday, March 11, at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle. Jennifer Bachman, who spent last year in Germany with her family, will present a program on "Mainz, Germany: From Roman Outpost to Modern Metropolis." There is an optional social hour at 11:30 a.m.; lunch is served at noon, and the program begins at 12:30 p.m. The menu for this month's meeting is creamy broccoli and cheese soup, bratwurst, German potato salad, red cabbage and brownies. For more information call Caroline Shoemaker at 598-0982 or email Marianna Handler at <mariannah@earthlink.net>. The annual dues remain at \$5. These dues and the proceeds of the group's fund-raising events support Thurmond Memorial Library and community projects.

Birth

Samuel Lucas St-Pierre

Samuel Lucas St-Pierre was born on Feb. 25, 2013, at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga to Lydia Boroughs and Marc St-Pierre of Sewanee. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20 inches long. He joins his brother, Nicolas. Maternal grandparents are Connie and Ralph Boroughs of Chattanooga. Paternal grandparents are Jean-Marie and Ghislaine St-Pierre of St-Félicien, Québec.

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Lectures**

**MAKE THE
CONNECTION**

New Website for Veterans

Make the Connection is a public awareness campaign by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that provides personal testimonials and resources to help veterans discover ways to improve their lives. Many of our nation's veterans—from those who served in World War II to those involved in current conflicts—return not only with physical wounds, but also mental health issues they may not recognize.

The Make the Connection campaign encourages veterans and their families to "make the connection"—with information and resources, with the strength and resilience of veterans like themselves, with other people and with available sources of support, including mental health treatments.

Central to this campaign is <MakeTheConnection.net>, a one-stop resource where veterans and their families and friends can privately explore information about physical and mental health symptoms, challenging life events and mental health conditions. On this site, veterans and their families and friends can learn about available resources and support.

Powerful personal stories and testimonials are at the heart of Make the Connection, illustrating how veterans face and overcome mental health issues and challenges. These stories and testimonials come from veterans of all service eras, genders and backgrounds, and each of them provides a resounding and compelling example of the positive outcomes for treatment, recovery and the many paths to more fulfilling lives.



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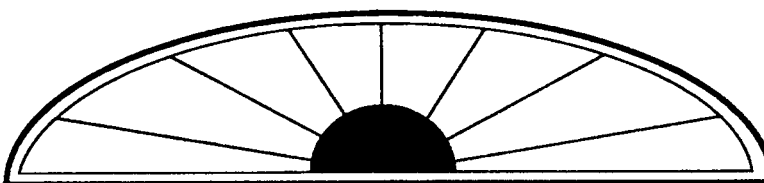
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BLUFF - MLS 1408523 -
1710 Stagecoach Rd., Sewanee. \$980,000



MLS 1254696 - 921 Poplar Place,
Clifftops. \$548,000



MLS 1408568 - 2056 Laurel Lake Dr.,
Monteagle. \$239,000



BLUFF - MLS 1411478 -
146 Jackson Pt. Rd., Sewanee. \$299,000



MLS 1411133 - 204 Trussell Rd.,
Monteagle. \$169,000



BLUFF - MLS 1418931 -
3217 Sherwood Rd., Sewanee. \$799,000



MLS 1360532 - 80 Parson's Green Circle,
Sewanee. \$239,000



BLUFF - MLS 1360522- 53 Valley View
Dr., Monteagle. \$449,000



MLS 1366803 - 275 North Carolina,
Sewanee. \$399,000



MLS 1390576 - 276 Tennessee Ave.,
Sewanee. \$449,000



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Winchester. \$151,000



BLUFF - MLS 1385537 - 2015 Laurel
Lake Dr., Monteagle. \$699,000



MLS 1371914 -136 Parson's Green,
Sewanee. \$219,000



MLS 1403986 - 17 Bluff Circle,
Monteagle. \$107,000



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Sewanee. \$375,000



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Clifftops. \$169,000



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Sewanee. \$399,000



MLS 1374219- 32 Abbott Martin Lane,
Sewanee. \$279,000



MLS 1339897 - 104 Old Farm Rd.,
Sewanee. \$495,000



MLS 1423183 - 202 Main St.,
Monteagle. \$112,000



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



MLS 1397328 - 974 Old Sewanee Rd.,
Sewanee. \$299,000



MLS 1398302 - 293 Ball Park Rd.,
Sewanee. \$242,000

LOTS & LAND		
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First St., Monteagle	1325122	\$16,800
Sarvisberry Place	1207077	\$83,000
Sarvisberry Place	1244981	\$85,000



BLUFF - MLS 1427607 -
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MLS 1395737 - Shenanigans
in Sewanee. \$575,000

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Saddletree Lane	1207074	\$ 85,000
Jackson Point Rd	1099422	\$218,000
Jackson Point Rd	1101401	\$ 99,000
Lot 36 North Bluff	1064111	\$ 75,000
7 Saddletree Lane	1417538	\$ 75,000
Raven's Den	1015362	\$ 99,000

Vultures (from page 1)

move? We cannot know for sure, but it may be that these vultures have discovered that no one harasses or shoots them here in town. It may also be slightly warmer. Like some other native animals, they have found that lingering near human habitation may bring benefits.

The vultures in town are gathering to sleep, not to feed. On all but the most dismal days they disperse every morning, surveying the surrounding countryside for food. They return to sleep in the safety of a group. Certainly any dead animal near the roost gets eaten promptly (a dead deer on the highway near town was snarfed within a couple of days), but feeding is not the purpose of this gathering. Nor can gas leaks explain the behavior. The birds are congregating away from the gas pipeline and show no attraction to any of the gas pumping stations in town.

Do the birds present a danger to humans or pets? My research indicates that dangers are few. If the roosts get larger and persist for many years, their fecal matter might accumulate and start to smell. These droppings are no more threatening than those of other birds; indeed vultures' powerful guts probably kill more bacteria than the guts of other bird species. Temporary winter roosts present less of a problem in this regard than permanent roosts located further south.

Another threat is unlikely, but memorable: vultures defend themselves by vomiting on their assailants, so it is possible that foolhardy hazers of the roost might get an unpleasant (and potentially bacteria-laden) shower. This outcome can be avoided with some common sense. Don't climb roost trees. And remember the ornithologists' Golden Rule: Keep your mouth shut when you look up.

Of all the species that I researched for "The Forest Unseen," vultures were perhaps the one that most changed my everyday experience. I see them many times each day, yet until I knew just how fabulous they are at purging the land of dead animals, my appreciation for their lives was far too limited. No other animal removes carrion with such unassuming efficacy. A vulture gut will kill anthrax and other bacteria, a feat that no other scavenger can match. The near extinction of vultures in India has underscored their importance. As vultures declined, the populations of other scavengers surged, leading to a plague of feral dogs and rabies (and problems for people who use vultures for funerary purposes).

Being followed on my bike by a death-eating scavenger was, therefore, an unexpected delight. The dark forms that soar overhead or sit hunched in tall oak trees are to be admired. Their easy, loping wingbeats are beautiful memento mori, sky burials for the thousands of animals that live and die on this mountain. Like living prayer flags, their presence delivers a very real ecological blessing on the land below.

To read more of David Haskell's observations of the natural world, go to his blog, Ramble, at <<http://davidhaskell.wordpress.com/>>.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

by Kevin Cummings
Messenger Staff Writer

"It's funny to think about when there was a time in my life when I was specifically attracted to braces." —Jane Borden

Reporter's note: As a writer, I've covered everything from bombings to bake sales, and on each and every story, each and every interview, I am nervous. The same was true when I went to interview Jane Borden at Stirling's Coffee House on a recent Tuesday afternoon. She is a writer and comedian, and a former freelancer for Saturday Night Live.

In my eyes, she was livin' the dream. She seemed to be from the same vein as a Tina Fey, an Amy Poehler, or a Kristen Wigg. Well, after interviewing her, not so much. She's pretty dull.

I'm kidding. She was great, and I came ready with a slew of questions I hoped would be received as creative, like, Who was your teenage crush?"

"I had a crush on "The Goonies" [actor] Sean Astin (Mikey), but not now, not the Hobbit Sean Astin," Borden said. (Mikey had braces, and Jane had a thing for braces.)

Jane and I sat for an hour on Stirling's porch. She had to stop a racy joke in midstream once or twice as a student sauntered in, and I would laugh and then get back to spitting out my questions. Here's how the rest went.

Borden, 35, moved to Sewanee about a year-and-a-half ago with her husband, Nathan Stogdill, a visiting professor of English at the University of the South.

About two nights a week you can find her at Pearl's Foggy Mountain Café, mixing drinks like "The Lost Cove," a black tea- and lemongrass-infused vodka, blended with homemade ginger simple syrup and saké. While Borden is an artist of craft cocktails, she is more often a comic.

A native of Greensboro, N.C., Borden said she had an idyllic childhood, unlike the stereotypical comedian who develops a wit to cope with a tortured youth.

"I don't think I was funny as a kid,"

Jane Borden

she said. "I desperately wanted to be, and I certainly spent a lot of time trying. You know a ton of people in your life who are just hilarious, but they're not trying to make a living at it. I think the desire to be a comedian is sometimes more important than the innate talent."

Borden earned a degree in religious studies from the University of North Carolina, but she left for the entertainment prospects of New York after graduation. She honed her comedic skills with improv at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre. During her early days as an actress, she froze on stage during a scene about pushing pretend children on a merry-go-round, but a senior actor bailed her out by explaining that she was mute.

Borden eventually found her voice and explored a number of creative occupations, including the SNL gig, where she was charged with submitting jokes for the show's Weekend Update. Her work made it as far as dress rehearsal, but one Saturday she broke through when Amy Poehler used her joke about Paris Hilton. A producer emailed Jane on Monday and a check soon followed.

Now that she's moved back down South, Borden continues to write. She has written one book, "I Totally Meant to Do That," and is working on a second.

"This book is about transitioning into adulthood, I'm discovering. Realizing suddenly that I am an adult, which happens when you leave New York, the land of extended adolescence, and then move in next door to a bunch of actual children. It becomes clear very quickly that I'm not them, that I am in fact 'The Man,' whether or not I like it," Borden said.

For more than two years now, she

has also traveled the country as an independent comic and toured with stand-up friends from Nashville, a group called Corporate Juggernaut. In addition, Borden regularly hosts "Pictures of Fireworks," a night of storytelling at Fido coffeehouse in Nashville.

"I'd really like to start doing storytelling shows on campus. There are just so many fascinating people here," she said.

For more information about her, visit <janeborden.com>.

UPCLOSE

Jane Borden

Favorite Movie Quote "How do you shoot the devil in the back? What if you miss?" Verbal Kint, "The Usual Suspects."

Favorite Alcoholic Beverage "I'm a big fan of tequila. I think it's unfairly derided."

First Job: The Lollipop Shop in Greensboro, N.C. "It was a fine children's clothing store, lots of smocking, big white lace collars, patent leather shoes."

Personal Hero: "Joan Rivers, not only because of all the boundaries she broke as a female comedian, but because she's still working."

Recent Cool Experience: Dancing with Bill Murray at a Golden Globes after-party.

If you could switch places with someone for a week, who would it be? "A paddy farmer in China. I'd want to be someone as opposite from me as possible, just to become aware of those parts of my life I'd thought were attached to some reality but are in fact contextual and circumstantial."

Pets: Not currently. "Baby first and then dog."



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by Daniel Church

Utility Conservation program

As Sewanee looks to become an ever more sustainable institution, the University is also looking to assist members of the entire community in achieving a level of sustainability of their own. While most people equate sustainability as simply environmentalism and recycling, it links environmental stability with economic vitality and social justice. Sewanee hopes to not only help the planet but also help the local community at the same time.

One of the easiest ways to reduce your environmental impact is to improve the efficiency of your home. There are numerous simple yet important steps that homeowners can take to help lower utility costs. Such efficiency improvements can not only help lower bills but also reduce greenhouse emissions through decreased burning of fossil fuels needed to produce energy. These steps include behavioral changes such as turning off lights and unplugging all appliances when not in use, as well as turning home and water thermostats down, replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent and LED bulbs, installing low-flow shower heads and faucets, as well as caulking and weather-stripping of leaky doors and windows.

In order to help assist local community members who may be struggling to pay their utility bills and are unable to make such efficiency retrofits, the school has initiated the Utility Conservation Program, a joint venture between the University's office of sustainability and outreach office. The project is essentially an extensive energy audit where students, with the assistance of staff, spend several hours conducting various tests to search the house for leaks and other energy inefficiencies. One such assessment, the blower door test, uses a large fan placed in an exterior doorway to draw air out of the house. With this air movement, leaks in doorways, window seals and around outlets and faucets can be detected.

After specific problems have been identified, simple retrofits can be made on site during the audit, such as shower head and lighting changes. For homeowners that qualify, other improvements can be made through a series of grants. These improvements include sealing and insulating heating and cooling ducts, adding insulation to water pipes, windows and attics, replacement of water heaters, old appliances and the installation of low-flow toilets. As a part of the process, the office of sustainability requests comparisons between bills from a baseline year and bills after retrofits have been made. With this information, energy savings and subsequent carbon emission reductions can be quantified.

This spring students from the University's "Human Health and the Environment" class, along with outreach and sustainability staff, have conducted several audits and are looking for more candidates as the program expands over time. Interested candidates should contact Outreach Coordinator Dixon Myers at 598-1156 or <dmyers@sewanee.edu> or me at 598-1798 or <churcdl0@sewanee.edu>. Candidates who qualify for grants can also have subsequent retrofits and upgrades made in their homes.

The Utility Conservation Program is a small but meaningful way in which Sewanee is looking to help lower greenhouse gas emissions and promote a cleaner environment both locally and globally. While some changes toward the goal of sustainability may be difficult initially, the results equate in savings of numerous resources, most notably financial savings, over time. Sometimes, a small change by many can have the greatest impact.



Park ranger Jason Reynolds was delighted when scores of people turned out Feb. 23–24 to help clean Fiery Gizzard creek of litter washed down by heavy rains. A combined effort by the new ACTIV8GRUNDY group, the State Park Rangers, and the Friends of South Cumberland brought out volunteers in record numbers. The group is grateful to Save-A-Lot, Southern Tennessee Medical Center/Emerald-Hodgson Hospital and the Tracy City Food Bank for donating the refreshments. Photo by Ty Burnette

University Restoring Chestnuts

The University has hosted two plantings of potentially blight-resistant American chestnut seedlings (Restoration Chestnuts 1.0) on campus. On Feb. 16 college students traveled to Alabama to help plant a mix of hardwoods including these chestnuts on property adjacent to Camp McDowell.

Green Forests Work led the planting effort on the site that was formerly a surface coal mine. The organization restores the native forests to mine-scarred lands throughout Appalachia.

Council Discusses Nuisance Dogs, Sets Constituent Meetings for March 25

by Leslie Lytle

Messenger Staff Writer

At the Feb. 25 meeting, the members of the Sewanee Community Council explored the remedies open to a resident who complained about a barking dog and also finalized plans for the March 25 constituent meetings.

Council representative Pam Byerly brought the complaint about the barking dog before the council on behalf of one of her constituents. The dog is restrained outside during the day when the owners are gone and barks for long hours, Byerly said. The resident lodging the complaint has contacted the owners twice, but they have not addressed the problem, which has been going on for about a year.

Provost John Swallow said that because Sewanee was not a municipality, the community could not pass a law dealing with nuisance barking. Tennessee state laws have provisions addressing vicious dogs and dogs running at large, but there is no state noise

ordinance applying to dogs. Winchester has a canine noise ordinance, but there is no county noise ordinance.

Superintendent of leases Barbara Schlichting said the University lease policy states that a dog deemed a public hazard or nuisance will be picked up by police and the owner fined \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and on the third offense, the dog will be removed from the Domain. The individual making the complaint must file a report with the police for the police to act.

Council representative David Coe said the examples of "nuisance" put forth in the lease policy seemed to indicate the dog must be a threat.

On the suggestion of Vice-Chancellor John McCardell, the Lease Committee will review the policy and consider refining the definition of "nuisance."

The council finalized plans for the constituent meetings at 7 p.m., Monday, March 25, at the Sewanee Elementary School. Invitations will be

sent to all registered voters on the Domain, the body that elects council representatives. A separate room will be reserved for each of the four districts for constituents to meet with their representatives. Refreshments will be served. Following the constituent meetings, council representatives will convene to review the issues constituents cited. Vice-Chancellor McCardell said the meetings were timely since they provided an opportunity to frame issues for the April trustees meeting.

For residents who do not know their district, a map will be posted at SES on the evening of the meetings. The district map can also be viewed at the Lease Office web page <www.sewanee.edu/leases/home>.

Vice-Chancellor McCardell announced that he had appointed Schlichting to the council, filling the seat formerly held by Jerry Forster.

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Duck River Electric appreciates the cooperation and understanding of its members during this planned outage by TVA. In the event of inclement weather, the outage will be rescheduled for Saturday, March 16, from midnight until approximately 4:00 a.m. Sunday morning, March 17.

Senior Center News

Go-Go Gang Goes to Lunch

The Go-Go Gang will meet at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at the Senior Center to go across the street for lunch at the Crossroads Café. The Emorys will give a tour of the interesting antiques and artwork in the building.

Helpers Needed!

Substitute volunteers are needed for work in the kitchen and to deliver meals. If you can help call the Center.

Senior 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.

March 4: Philly cheese steak sandwich, French onion soup, chips, dessert.

March 5: Pork chop, black eye peas, turnip greens, cornbread, dessert.

March 6: Grilled chicken, hashbrown casserole, steamed broccoli, roll, dessert.

March 7: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dessert.

March 8: Beef tips, noodles, corn, salad, roll, dessert.

Menus may vary.

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Chloe Fontenelle, a fifth-grade student at Sewanee Elementary, jumps high in the air as part of SES's annual Jump Rope for Heart.

Lease Committee Report

At the Lease Committee Meeting in February, the following items were approved: January minutes; and a request to transfer Lease No. 606 (Terrill/Weeks) located at 261 Bob Stewman Road to Bruce Manuel.

Leasehold information is available online at www.sewanee.edu/leases or by calling the lease office at 598-1998. A county building permit is required for structures with roofs. Call 967-0981 for information.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20. Agenda items are due in the lease office no later than March 13.



LOOKSATBOOKS

by Pat Wiser for Friends of duPont Library

At a recent presentation at Bairnwick Women's Center, our state's three female Supreme Court justices agreed that their strong childhood literary role model was the inquisitive detective Nancy Drew. This strong character is also beloved by all four women who have served on the U. S. Supreme Court. (Critics dislike the series, but I'll go with generations of girls and seven impressive judges.)

Justice Sonia Sotomayor describes devouring the ever-popular series in her new memoir, "My Beloved World" (Alfred A. Knopf, 2013). Poring over the books, she focused on traits in common with the intrepid Nancy: optimistic, careful observer and lover of logic and problem solving. At age 7, Sonia learned to stand on a chair, light a gas stove and boil water to sterilize a syringe for a self-administered insulin injection. Her mother's shift work and alcoholic father's shaky hands required such perseverance. (Her beloved father died when she was 9.)

Resilient children have strong mentors. This fortunate child's grandmother, devoted spoiler and fierce protector, gave the gift of Puerto Rican story and song. She sent one dollar weekly to her grown-up granddaughter at Princeton. Her mother relentlessly promoted education, making payments on encyclopedias and insisting that Sonia and her brother take long bus and train rides to reach better schools. Teachers, including some who initially discouraged her trek from the projects to the Ivy League, were important, as was the classmate who coached the all-important Forensic Club. Doctors, male and female, mattered tremendously, as did Princeton and Yale professors who held their promising student to high standards and guided her into the legal profession.

While active in Puerto Rican student groups, Sonia found no role in campus protests: "If somebody called me a spic, it told me a lot about them but nothing about myself ... This stuff didn't define me in any meaningful way." Instead, she worked and studied, determined to find solutions to problems posed by a society in crisis, including that of her South Bronx home.

Rich with cultural and family material, the entertaining and informative memoir focuses on childhood and education, then takes us through the justice's experiences as a lawyer with a goal of diverse experience. She began with varied internships; next came the Manhattan district attorney's office, then a successful private legal firm. As a prosecutor, she did solve mysteries and took great personal risks seeking witnesses in dangerous neighborhoods. Always, the young lawyer observed judges, noting the impact of their decisions.

Some readers are disappointed at the brevity of content on her service as District Court Judge and U. S. Court of Appeals Judge, with no detail about her three years on the U. S. Supreme Court. The justice correctly follows the example of former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, whose memoir, "Lazy B: Growing up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest," published as she served on our highest court, told of learning self-reliance under the influence of the land and the people and did not venture into her judiciary experience.

Justice Sotomayor concludes her engaging story with an image of beaming family faces and a sense of her grandmother's joy as she took the oath of office for the highest judicial office in our land, a place to which her "beloved world" had brought her.

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WED: Chicken nuggets, steamed broccoli, corn, fresh fruit or diced pears, roll, cheese sauce, tuna chef salad, yogurt/muffin box meal.

THU: Hot dog, fish, baked tater tots, peas, slaw, applesauce or fruit cocktail, hush puppies, teriyaki chicken salad, PB&J box meal.

FRI: Cheese pizza, salad, Korean barbecue chicken, salad, pinto beans, orange-glazed sweet potatoes, mandarin oranges or fruit juice, savory rice, chef salad with chicken salad, ham and cheese wrap box meal.

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Science Olympiad Students at SAS Advance to State

Following a week of preparation, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's middle school and high school Science Olympiad teams went to Murfreesboro for the regional competition on Feb. 23. Under the coaching of science teachers Luke Diamond and Liz Quinn-Stine, the middle school team placed fifth overall by earning medals in 11 of the 23 events and earned a bid to the state tournament on April 6 at University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The high school team medaled in six of the 23 events.

The SAS middle school team includes Andrew Bachman, Elliot Duncan, John Farris, Shyanne Griffith, Dan McNair, Fritz Stine and Kyra Wilson. The high school team included Andrea Ahn, Joshua Alvarez, Joseph Carter, Colburn Hassman, Seth Horton, Edward Kang, Joel Lee, Rebecca Lundberg (in absentia), Nick Mays, Darby Moore, Patrick Toomey and Jake Wiley.

Coaches Diamond and Quinn-Stine extended a special thank you to Bridget Griffith and Megan Griffith for their assistance during the Olympiad.

SAS Spring Break Trips Travel to China and Jamaica

There was a time when high school kids wanted to go for a few days to the beach over spring break. Times have changed, however, and international travel and service opportunities abound for St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students who are looking for something more meaningful. SAS students and faculty are making two international trips over spring break to Jamaica or China.

Returning for a second service trip, SAS faculty members Jeff Bell and Rachel Malde will take a group of students to Kingston, Jamaica, from March 2 to March 12. After an introduction from the volunteer coordinators at Immaculate Conception Convent and the Riverton Early Education Centre, the group will begin their volunteer work at the Riverton Centre and the Trench Town Tutoring Centre. The group's work will include maintenance and repairs on houses in the Riverton neighborhood and helping with the tu-

toring program for high school students in Trench Town. Cultural activities will include a visit to St. Andrew's Technical High School and meeting with the UN Youth Ambassadors from Kingston, a visit to the Bob Marley Museum, dinner at local restaurants, a visit to a national park in the Blue Mountains and an overnight stay at the Blue Harbour Hotel on the north coast of the island.

The Rev. John Thomas, head of school, and teachers Sharon Zachau and Jojo Lu will accompany a second group of students on a nine-day trip to China. The group will be visiting Shanghai, Xi'an, Badaling and Beijing. Highlights of the trip include a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple and Yu Yuan Garden in Shanghai, seeing the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, and visiting the Great Wall, Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Most of the students on the trip study the Chinese language at SAS. A special treat for the group will be dinner with the parents of many of their Chinese classmates in Shanghai and Beijing. SAS has 18 students from mainland China among its student body.

"Whether our students will be staying close to home or traveling to far off lands, we hope that spring break provides an opportunity for both rest and adventure," said Thomas.



The SAS Middle School Science Olympiad team is headed to the state championships. Coach Liz Quinn-Stine (left) joins student team members (from left) Kyra Wilson, Elliott Duncan, Dan McNair, Andrew Bachman, Fritz Stine, Shyanne Griffith and John Farris.

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Age Change for K Students

Kindergarten registration for Franklin County will be on Tuesday, April 2, at the school the child will attend.

For the 2013–14 school year, Tennessee students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Aug. 31. In the past, the cutoff date for kindergarten was Sept. 30. Children who are currently enrolled in public pre-kindergarten programs are exempt from the change in age requirement date for the next school year.

The following documents are required to register a child for public school: the child's certified birth certificate, the child's Social Security card, the child's immunization record and a completed physician's physical report. For questions about registering in Franklin County schools, contact Nancy Graham at 967-0626.

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SUT (from page 1)

Bruce encourages all who have current SUT movie passes to use those before the end of the semester.

With the added income from increased ticket sales, another way the SUT will recover the cost is through shipping prices. It costs approximately \$150 to ship cans of film. The cost to ship a DVD is around \$20. Bruce expects it will take three to four years to pay back the money. The SUT will still have to pay licensing fees to show the films, which cost at least \$700 per film. The new digital projector opens up a world of possibilities for the SUT. "This could be a truly student-run project," he said, including festivals of locally made films.

Bruce said that while the SUT was closed, broken chairs were replaced, and the screen was made larger by removing some of the black mat. "Now we really have the largest screen between Chattanooga and Tullahoma," said Bruce.

"The sound system was also enhanced without having to replace the whole sound system."

Currently, work-study students help to run the concessions and the ticket booth. The projectionists are community members. University admissions counselor Sarah Butler picks the movies to show that would be popular with the students and the community. Groups of families run the SUT during the summer. In the future, Bruce thinks students will be trained to run the new digital projector. Bruce also wants to have a celebration of the SUT.

Bruce said there is a way for the community to become involved with the SUT. "We are suggesting a community organization run the Friends of the SUT to help with costs," said Bruce. "This would also help the Cinema Guild and expand summer offerings."

The Cinema Guild, a student organization, presents free films once a week during the academic school year. The SUT presents second-run movies Thursday through Sunday. The SUT is located in the Thompson Union on South Carolina Avenue. For box office information call 598-1500.

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You need to call the Sewanee Fire Tower (598-5535, Mon-Fri, 8-4) to obtain a permit, if you intend to burn brush between now and May 15.

Events & Lectures

Visit Sewanee's "H" Tree Saturday

Sewanee Herbarium invites folks to meet at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at the War Memorial Cross, to accompany University professor emeritus George Ramseur on a half-mile walk down Old Cowan Road to see an unusual tree. The "H" Tree is really two trees that appear as an "H" because of a natural graft between two white oaks about 15 feet above ground. These trees may not both remain in good health for much longer, so this is a good opportunity to see this phenomenon. As always, wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather.

For more information call Herbarium curator Yolande Gottfried at (931) 598-3346 or by email at <ygottfri@sewanee.edu>. Directions are available on the Herbarium website, <lal.sewanee.edu/herbarium/>, under the calendar of events>.

Wilkinson Discusses "God and Green" Monday

Katharine Wilkinson, C'05 will speak at 4:30 pm, Monday, March 4, in Convocation Hall about how evangelicals are cultivating a middle ground on climate change and discuss insights from her research.

Wilkinson's book, "Between God and Green," was published last year. Her visit is sponsored by the Center for Religion and Environment, Earthkeepers and the Office of Stewardship and Sustainability. The Boston Globe has called "Between God and Green" "a vitally important, even subversive, story."

Wilkinson is a consultant at the Boston Consulting Group, specializing in organizational culture and behavior change. A Rhodes Scholar and Udall Scholar, Wilkinson holds a doctorate in environmental studies from Oxford and a B.A. in religion from Sewanee. Her experience in sustainability includes work for the Natural Resources Defense Council, consulting on strategic communications and stakeholder engagement and teaching environmental social science at Oxford.

Maternal Mental Health Lecture Tuesday

Dr. Megan V. Smith, assistant professor of Psychiatry, Child Study and Public Health at the Yale University School of Medicine, will give a presentation on "Mobilizing Communities to Address Maternal Mental Health" at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, in Blackman Auditorium. Smith will be joined by Joanne Goldblum, executive director of the National Diaper Bank Network. The talk is free and open to the public. Residents of neighboring communities are especially welcome.

Smith teaches in the Yale School of Public Health and conducts clinical and community-partnered research in the area of maternal and child mental health and racial, ethnic and gender-based disparities in mental health and illness. She is the director and principal investigator of the New Haven Mental Health Outreach for MotherS (MOMS) Partnership, a community-academic collaboration to create citywide systems for low-income mothers and their children. With a network of more than 1,000 mothers living in New Haven, this partnership works to meet complex needs of mothers who may be struggling with mental health issues.

Goldblum is founding executive director of the National Diaper Bank Network, whose mission is to raise awareness of diaper need and build capacity of diaper banks throughout the country to provide a solution to a chronic problem for families in need. The presentation is presented by Community Engaged Learning, the University's academic community engagement program.

Almost Home Benefit Set for March 9

Almost Home, a new organization in Franklin County that provides transitional housing for the homeless, is having a benefit that begins at 5 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the Circle E Ranch in Belvidere, on Keith Springs Mountain.

The event will begin with dinner (fried catfish, grilled chicken, vegetables, cake and blackberry cobbler), followed by a concert by Brett Hill. Hill was named "Crossover Artist of the Year" by the International Country Gospel Music Association. His songs "Boots and the Bible" and "Heart of a Believer" have both been number one on the charts. Hill lives in Decherd.

Between sets, there will be an auction. Tickets are \$25 per person. Organizers request that participants bring nonperishable food items to support the effort. For more information call 968-2503.

Iron Gap Band Plays March 9 Animal Harbor Benefit

The Iron Gap Band of Winchester will perform bluegrass and country music 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 9, at the Oasis Restaurant and Bar in Winchester. There is no cover charge, but donations are being collected to support the construction of the new animal shelter in Franklin County.

Every dollar donated goes to the new shelter. In addition to the concert, there will be prizes for the best country outfit and a Daisy Duke contest. Must be 21 years old to attend.

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Grundy County Historical Society

Grundy Co. Historical Society Plans Expansion

by Pagie Wilson, C'14
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the society's publications.

In the 1980s, a pharmacy was added behind the bank; this space is now the research section of the society. It acts as a one-room library and contains some key original research materials. There are computers in this room, Jervis explained, that "connect to the courthouse's records, which allows people to get deeds and do genealogy research."

The museum has eight galleries. Each section is an element of the history of the Plateau's significance. The galleries are managed by the partners with the society, including the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, Beersheba Springs Historic Society, Swiss Historic Society of Grundy County and the Chikamaka Band. Each of these organizations contributes to help operate the building and help with their own galleries.

"We are proud to announce that a famous portrait copy of Arthur St. Clair Collier, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company's president after the Civil War, will be hanging here soon," said Jervis. After the Civil War, industry began in Tracy City and is an important part of its history.

The Grundy County Historic Society also publishes books, including "The Pictures of Our Past" (2008), "Family Portraits" (2012), "Dad's Railroad" (2012) and the Historic Society's first publication "Heritage of Grundy County" (2004). "Heritage of Grundy County" was organized and written by the county's families.

The Grundy County Historic Society hosts a program once a month at 2 p.m., Saturdays.

The next presentation is on Saturday, March 9, and will be given by the curator of the Cowan Museum about Cowan and the trains.

What was once the setting for the financial transactions of a bustling post-Civil War town and thriving coal business has become the site for historical research and genealogical study for the entire Plateau. In a recent interview, board member Oliver Jervis described how the Grundy County Historical Society is adding a new area to showcase larger items.

The back parking lot of the new building is being transformed into two outdoor museum spaces, one on either side of the central drive. The first exhibit at this location was a portable locomotive boiler that powered a sawmill in Beersheba Springs.

Established in 1988 by a group of seven women, the Grundy County Historical Society began "as a way to study the family history and genealogy of the Plateau and surrounding counties of Grundy County," said Jervis. "These women thought it was necessary to understand where their families came from and their culture." The Tracy City Library accommodated the women in a small room, but as the organization grew the Library allowed them to move to the "Root Cellar," the large back room of the library.

About 2008-09, the society needed more space than the library could supply, and the organization bought the location where it exists today.

"The premises is not just larger space, it is a piece of Grundy County history," Jervis said. "The main lobby was once a bank that was the leading financial institution on the Plateau." The bank lobby serves as the assembly hall with mobile audio-visual equipment. It has been restored to its original condition. Offices are located upstairs, and the original 1904 safe is used to store

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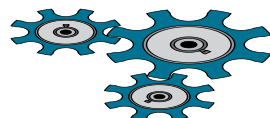
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I LIKE TO WATCH

by Kiki Beavers



The 85th Academy Awards had me positively yawning, as the winners were forgone conclusions, based on previous award shows. This year's winners—Daniel Day-Lewis, Anne Hathaway and "Argo"—had always been the front-runners to win in the big nominated categories. For the first time in 30 years, one film had actors nominated for all four acting categories. For that reason, "Silver Linings Playbook" should be on your must-watch list.

I really watched the Oscars this year to see if, dreams beyond dreams, the Academy machine had actually enticed all five living "James Bond" actors to come celebrate the 50th James Bond anniversary. Instead, I got to watch a musical montage of the Bond films, complete with Dame Shirley Bassey singing "Goldfinger." I had it in my mind's eye that Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig would be queued up at the backstage bar asking for martinis shaken, not stirred.

If the Academy machine had asked me, I think this year's theme should have been celebrating superhero types, or those characters and movies associated with action, sci-fi and fantasy. A majority of these movies are adapted from comic books and are often overlooked by the Academy for the big nominations. Occasionally the better ones get nominated for makeup or sound editing.

The exception to this unwritten rule was "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," which won 11 Oscars, including Best Picture in 2003. This movie grossed \$1.11 billion worldwide. Maybe one reason the Academy rewarded "The Lord of the Rings" was because the movie was adapted from a literary masterpiece, not a comic book. Does it matter where the story comes from as long as the movie is well-acted and well-directed?

As I got sleepier, I imagined "superhero" was an unintentional sub-theme of this year's Oscars. I thought the Academy machine had started taking this superhero/fantasy genre seriously by nominating those with experience as superhero characters. This is a plausible scenario since the stars of "The Avengers" movie were on stage as Oscar presenters. Captain America, Iron Man and the Incredible Hulk as "The Avengers" grossed \$1.51 billion worldwide to become the third-highest-grossing film of all time might also have had something to do with them being on stage.

This superhero sub-theme scenario continued when I considered the previous roles of some nominees. Best Actor nominee Hugh Jackman, who played Wolverine in "X-Men," lost to Daniel Day-Lewis (closest he comes to superhero status was Hawkeye in "The Last of the Mohicans"). Best Supporting Actress winner Anne Hathaway was Catwoman in "The Dark Knight Rises." Her biggest competition was Sally Field, best known as the Flying Nun or more recently Aunt May from "Spider Man." Best Actress winner Jennifer Lawrence (Mystique in "X-Men") didn't have any superhero competition unless I count Amy Adams as Lois Lane in the upcoming "Man of Steel." Best Picture winner "Argo" producer (and director and star) Ben Affleck was the only producer with superhero on his resume, as "Daredevil."

The biggest surprise of the night was not that I stayed awake for the 215-minute bore or that Jennifer Lawrence was the one to trip over her dress getting her Oscar. (Producers should have had a clue she would need help as Lawrence had a previous wardrobe malfunction at the Golden Globes when the bottom of her dress came off.) No, the biggest surprise of the night was Ang Lee winning Best Director for "Life of Pi." Lee's mostly computer-generated film won over Stephen Spielberg's film "Lincoln." I like to think I was watching Lee's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" samurai warriors versus Spielberg's "Transformers" machines. I closed my eyes and watched the superhero winning against the machine.

Theatre and Art

Art Exhibit at Celtic Cup

"Unveiling the Light" is the new exhibit opening at the Celtic Cup at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 2. At 3:30 p.m., the artist (who uses the nom-de-plume "Aisling" to honor her Celtic heritage) will make a presentation on the history and symbols of art represented in illuminated manuscripts. The public is invited.

"I created the exhibit to bring to light delightful work hidden in manuscript text and paintings, allowing viewers to look into the quiet artistry of Celtic monks and gaze into their lives of peace and creative beauty," she said. The exhibit pieces bring to light some of the smaller and more obscure details found in "manuscripts with illuminations."

The exhibit, which can be seen throughout the month of March, is a blend of art history, oil painting and graphic design. The Celtic Cup is located at 106 N. Anderson St. in Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 563-7733 or go to <www.thecelticcup.com>.

"National Conference on Youth" plays at Williams Center

Theatre/Sewanee will present "A National Conference On Youth," a collection of four short plays, at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday, March 1 and March 2, in the studio theatre at the Tennessee Williams Center. Admission is free.

"A National Conference On Youth," directed and designed by theatre students, examines different perspectives of youth's "sweetness and light." The production features an ensemble of student actors, including Elise Anderson, Mary Morrison, Aaron Browning, Charlotte La Nasa, Adreyauna Lewers, Ruth Isabel Guerra, Hyatt Pyle and Carter Stough.

Sewanee Monologues March 4

"Sewanee Monologues" will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 4, in Guerry Auditorium. It is a compilation of true stories from Sewanee students about a variety of issues that students face. More than 40 students will read this year, and new mediums (poetry, drumming and dance) will be part of the evening. The event is free.

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THE MOUNTAIN CRITICS

And the winner is ... Rhonda Philpott, who correctly predicted six out of seven of the Academy's winners in all the major Oscar categories, including the tiebreaker. Philpott won a Julia's Fine Foods gift certificate and two movie passes to the Sewanee Union Theatre.

The winner of two movie passes to the SUT is Cari Reynolds for her interesting write-in candidates. Thanks to all who participated in the Mountain Critics Oscar Pool, to Julia's and the SUT for donating prizes. See you at the movies!

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St. Andrew's-Sewanee senior Tinashe Zimbwa in action during a varsity soccer scrimmage against Middle Tennessee Christian School. Photo by St. Andrew's-Sewanee

Women's Lacrosse Wins

Four goals by Olivia Vietor helped lift the Sewanee women's lacrosse team past Southern Athletic Association foe Millsaps, 17-12, on Feb. 23.

After two quick goals by the Majors, Sewanee finished the first half on a roll. Wittney Reed and Vietor tied the score after back-to-back goals in less than two minutes.

Sewanee continued to play well when Mallory Grimm and Ellie Murphy gave the Tigers a 4-3 advantage.

Goals by Reed, Grimm, Murphy, Vietor and Sally Anne Greenwood gave Sewanee a 13-9 lead at halftime.

Out of the locker room, Sewanee extended its advantage when Murphy and Vietor scored in the first five minutes.

After two goals by Millsaps, Greenwood put the Tigers ahead by five, 16-11, with 9:30 left.

Down the stretch, a final score from Vietor capped off the win with less than a minute to play.

Along with Vietor's strong game, Arnold (two), Grimm (three), Murphy (three), Reed (three) and Greenwood (two) all finished with more than one goal.

Savage Gulf Marathon March 16

The second Savage Gulf Marathon will be held on March 16. The deadline to register is March 1 and is limited to the first 100 registrants. The registration fee is \$85.

To qualify, an entrant must have completed one marathon or longer race. This race begins at Great Stone Door, includes the Collins Loop, and winds up Big Creek trail to the top at Alum Gap, and back to the Stone Door.

The Tennessee Park Rangers Association, with assistance from the Friends of South Cumberland, sponsors this 26-mile race through the heart of Savage Gulf State Natural Area. For more information, contact Andrew White at <Andrew.Wright@tn.gov>.

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Conference Athletic Awards

Bubba Smith Is Coach of the Year

2012-13 SAA Men's Basketball Awards

Led by head coach Bubba Smith, the Sewanee men's basketball team took home a number of Southern Athletic Association (SAA) postseason awards on Feb. 25.

In his fifth season at the helm, Smith earned the league's first-ever Coach of the Year honor after he guided the Tigers to a 17-9 overall record and an 8-5 mark in SAA play.

Smith guided Sewanee to eight straight victories Jan. 25-Feb. 10, which was the program's longest winning streak in the NCAA Division III era. Smith also moved into third place on Tigers' all-time coaching wins list when Sewanee defeated Birmingham-Southern for the first time since 2008-09 on Feb. 10.

Smith has helped create an incredible basketball environment inside Juhan Gymnasium. Since the start of the 2011-12 season, Sewanee is 20-5 on its home court.

Valentino Bryant earned All-SAA Second-Team honors after he averaged 9.8 points per game. Along with his scoring average, Bryant grabbed an average of 3.6 rebounds per game while leading the team in assists at 3.4 per contest.

Bryant, a three-time all-conference selection, also averaged 1.2 steals per game while scoring in double-digits 15 times.

Tyler Brown and Brett Bouldin earned spots on the All-SAA Honorable Mention Team.

Brown capped off his final year as the Tigers' top scorer and rebounder, averaging 11.0 points and 6.6 rebounds. Among all conference players, Brown was also second in the league in field-goal percentage (59.7 percent).

Brown was named to the first-ever All-SAA All-Tournament Team after he finished with a 12-point, 13-rebound performance against Oglethorpe.

A constant threat from outside the 3-point line, Bouldin finished the season with a 10.4 ppg scoring average. Bouldin also led the Tigers with 56

3-pointers and was third only behind Bryant and Brown in double-digit scoring games (13).

Bouldin ranks fifth in the SAA in 3-point field-goal percentage (41.5 percent).

2012-13 SAA Women's Basketball Awards

Sewanee women's basketball player Kayla Sewell was named to the SAA Honorable Mention Team, the league announced on Feb. 25.

After starting all 25 contests, Sewell averaged 9.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

Sewell ranked among the league's top five leaders in total rebounds, field goal percentage, steals and blocks.

Nationally, Sewell ranked 26th among all NCAA Division III players in blocks per game (2.48).

Sewell scored in double-digits 11 times while finishing with a team-high five double-doubles.

All-SAA Swimming Honors

With the completion of the 2013 SAA Swimming and Diving Championships, 15 Sewanee student-athletes were named All-SAA, the league announced on Feb. 25.

To be placed on the All-SAA First Team, a swimmer or diver must have placed first at the SAA Championships. A second-place finish at the SAA Championships earned a student-athlete an All-SAA Second Team honor while a third-place finish landed them on the Honorable Mention Team.

Jackson Cromer, Astrid Escobar,

Evan Escobar, Brian Glatt, Phillip Link, Alex Linton, Erin Neil, Sara Neil and Haley Shepherd were named to the SAA First Team.

Grace Cobbs, Edward Dennis and Alex McEntire were named to the SAA Second Team.

Lizzie Black, Carolyn Rice and Will Ralston were named to the SAA Honorable Mention team.

Lacrosse Player of the Week

Sewanee men's lacrosse player Tommy Healy has been named the SAA Men's Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Week.

Healy earned the award after he helped lead the Tigers to a 15-10 victory over Wittenberg last Saturday.

Healy made a season-high 11 saves, including five stops in the third quarter. In return, those saves helped Sewanee's two-goal halftime lead (8-6) extend to a five-point advantage (11-6) as play headed into the fourth quarter.

Cross Country All-Academic

The Sewanee men and women's cross country teams have been named U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association NCAA Division III All-Academic Teams, the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced.

A total of 141 institutions earned this honor by achieving a team Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.10 or higher.

The Tigers men's team finished with a cumulative GPA of 3.29, while the women's squad boasted a 3.19.

Women's Tennis Win

For the third straight match, the No. 18-ranked Sewanee women's tennis team stayed perfect after a 9-0 win over Transylvania on Feb. 23.

Against all three opponents this season, Sewanee has not dropped a single match.

As play opened, the Tigers took command after Sewanee swept all three doubles contests.

Up 3-0 as singles play got underway, the Tigers kept rolling. Despite switching its lineup on Saturday, Sewanee still earned all six points.

At the No. 1 position, Jenny Liles defeated Claire Mielcaek in straight sets 6-3, 6-0. Hastings Johnson won all 12 games over Jessica Shotwell after a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

After wins by Tegan Flynn and Meredith Lawrence, Liz Lucas and Kate Johnston wrapped up the victories on courts at No. 2 and 4.

Men's Tennis, 3-1

The Sewanee men's tennis team dropped an 8-1 match against No. 20 Washington & Lee on Feb. 21.

With their 2-1 lead, the Generals swept all six singles matches.

The lone win for Sewanee came at the No. 3 doubles position. Eric Roddy and Grant Hopkins outlasted Brian Krousos and Thomas Johnson, 8-6.

The Sewanee men's tennis team rolled past visiting Piedmont College, 8-1, on Feb. 22.

Sewanee swept all three doubles matches.

In singles competition, Rand Jackson opened play with a 6-0, 6-1 straight set victory over Nick Hallberg at No. 1.

After victories by Sean Laughlin and Connor Winkler, the Tigers extended their lead to 7-0.

Sewanee finally closed out its

scores when Levi Joy outlasted Trey Martin 7-5, 6-1 at the No. 4 position.

Mason Riza earned Piedmont's lone victory after he defeated Nelson Jetmundsen, 6-2, 6-3.

The Sewanee men's tennis team closed out its opening homestand with an 8-1 victory over visiting Transylvania on Feb. 23.

Sewanee swept all three doubles points against the Pioneers. In singles play, Sewanee opened with a 6-1, 6-2 win by Roddy.

Jackson earned another strong win after he defeated Dylan Connor in straight sets 6-1, 6-0.

Winkler dominated his match with Josh Buckman 6-0, 6-0, and Hopkins earned a 6-2, 6-1 victory against Kim Pescher.

Joy closed out the wins at No. 5.

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Tigers Win Doubleheader

The Sewanee baseball team stayed unbeaten after the Tigers picked up a pair of wins against Earlham College on Feb. 23.

After opening with a 6-5 win, Sewanee took the nightcap from the Quakers, 2-1.

Jack Whaley got things started when he led off the bottom of the first with a single. After James Snover walked and Allen Thigpen singled, Jack Rogers broke open the rally with a two-RBI single.

Two batters later, Colin Barrera drove in Thigpen and Rogers to give the Tigers a 4-2 lead.

After Sewanee added two more runs in the bottom of the second, both starters settled down. Neither team would score over the next three innings.

Despite allowing two more runs in the top of the sixth, Tiger starter Jacob Simpson worked his way out of a late jam when he got center fielder Sam Ward to fly out to left.

An inning later, closer Adam Schmidt picked up his first save this season after he struck out two batters.

Rogers led the Tigers at the plate with a 2-for-3 effort and two RBIs. Simpson moved to 2-0 this season after he allowed four runs over six innings, while striking out one.

In the nightcap, the Tigers edged out Earlham in a pitchers' dual led by



Sewanee baseball players celebrate a run in the weekend's games against Earlham College. Sewanee won two out of three games. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

starter Worth Osgood.

With the game tied 1-1 heading into the bottom of the third, Jacob Walker opened the inning with a walk. Walker then advanced to second when Snover singled.

Blake Williams brought Walker home when he drove in the game-

winning run off of Earlham starter Adam Warning.

Along with Williams' strong performance at the plate, Osgood allowed only one run over seven innings while striking out two.

Snover finished 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Earlham Wins Over Sewanee

A late offense surge lifted Earlham past the Sewanee baseball team, 7-4, on Feb. 24.

Despite a pair of two-run innings in the first and eighth, the Tigers (4-1) could not overcome the Quakers' (1-2) five runs during the final three innings.

Sewanee got on the board first when Jack Whaley scored off a bases loaded walk by Blake Williams.

The Tigers would go on and add another run when Earlham committed an error with one out in the bottom of the first.

After the Quakers tied the game 2-2 in the top of the fourth, Earlham added another pair of runs in the top of the seventh and eighth.

Sewanee did fight back in the bottom of the inning, when Michael Walker and James Snover started the frame with back-to-back walks.

After both players advanced on a wild pitch, Jack Rogers drove in two runs with a two-RBI single.

From there, Earlham would add one more run, and closer T.J. Plummer earned his first save after he forced three ground outs to end the game.

Rogers led the Sewanee offense with a 1-for-4, two RBI outing.

Men's Lacrosse Now 2-0

The Sewanee men's lacrosse team won, 15-10, over Wittenberg on Feb. 23.

With the win, Sewanee improved to 2-0 this season. Sewanee has now outscored its two opponents by an average of seven goals.

Early in the first period, Sewanee dominated play. The Tigers quickly led, 3-1, after Michael Morris scored twice, and Davis Brown added a goal.

After halftime, Sewanee came out of the locker room strong. The Tigers quickly added to their advantage when John Stiefel scored. Morris added another goal when his shot found the back of the net off of an assist by Thomas Moore.

Two minutes later, Brown put Sewanee up 11-6 after he scored off a

beautiful pass from Reed Daniel.

Morris led Sewanee with four goals and one assist. Cotter Brown added two goals and four assists, while Pierce Leonard finished with three goals and one assist.

Daniel (two), Brown (two), Stiefel and Jack Murray also finished with at least one score.

Baseball Falls to Covenant

The Sewanee baseball team dropped a 10-4 decision to the Covenant College Scots on Feb. 26 in NCAA Division III action.

Jack Whaley, Jack Rogers and Blake Williams led the eight-hit Tiger attack with two hits each. Additionally, Rogers finished with a team-high two RBIs. Brett Polston was charged with the loss on the mound for the Tigers.

Summer Camps at SAS

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OUTSIDEIN

by Patrick Dean

One of the premises of this column is that being outside is beneficial for people.

Fortunately, this doesn't just include exercising. Riding your bike 100 miles in a day is good. So is taking your morning coffee out onto your porch. So is taking a minute to go out and look up at the stars in the night sky.

We can grasp instinctively that these actions are worthwhile, that they make us—for lack of a better word—happy. But besides the vague and indefinable stuff, as scientists and researchers are realizing, there are tangible, testable benefits of interacting with nature. After at least a century of our culture's pushing us indoors—for health, for safety, for comfort—it's becoming clearer by the day that we need what the world outside has to offer.

For instance, I was astounded to learn that when a bacterium that humans commonly ingest or inhale outdoors was given to mice, they were able to navigate a maze twice as fast. The study, done at the Sage Colleges in New York, suggests we might also learn better when we are exposed to the natural world. Another study at the University of Michigan supported the idea that walks in nature help people think more clearly and creatively, as Albert Einstein, among many others, believed and put into practice.

You can take this in a whole other direction, too. We humans, until very recently, engaged with nature on a daily basis throughout our history as a species. So isn't it possible that there are a whole bunch of abilities we don't use any more, abilities that we might even have forgotten we have?

Many people think so. Tests that investigate the uses of our senses have shown that we pick up signals from the world around us in a staggering number of ways.

Blind people have learned how to navigate on bicycles by echolocation: they make clicking sounds and identify objects by the echoes, like bats. (Go to YouTube and search for "Daniel Kish" for a demonstration.) Tests of humans' ability to smell have found we can follow 30-foot trails of perfume with all other senses blocked, and even follow sharp turns in the trails.

When we don't use those senses, or participate in the natural world to the extent we could, it can be downright harmful. Some experts believe that the near-epidemics of nearsightedness and of some allergies in children have their basis in lack of exposure to the outdoors. Without the need to focus their eyes on long distances and faraway vistas, without the immunities acquired by exposure to common allergens, young people's physical systems aren't developing as they could, so the theory goes.

So, let's recap: getting outside—walking in Abbo's Alley, sitting on the porch at Julia's, riding a bike to the post office—makes us happier, smarter and healthier with better eyesight and a better sense of smell. Need I say more?

(Note: I found some of this information in the writings of Richard Louv, author of "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder.")

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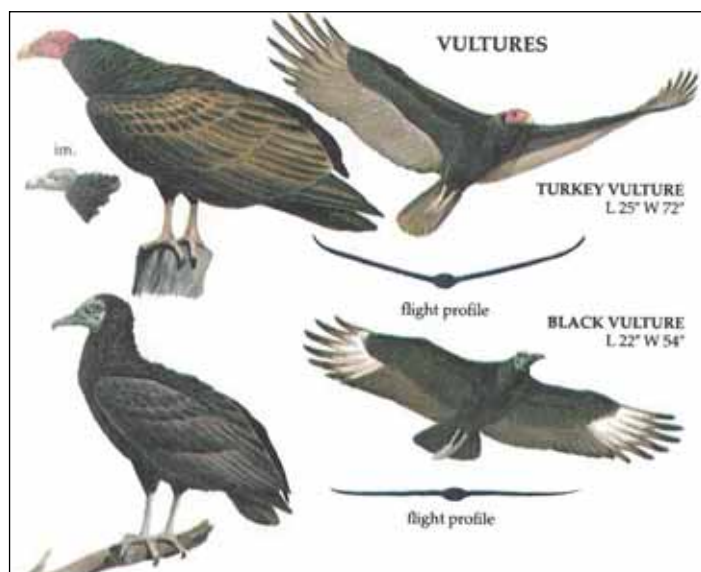
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NATURENOTES

By Harry and Jean Yeatman



Vultures, illustrated by Arthur Singer from "Birds of North America."

Vultures

Dan Hatfield, who lives on Ball Park Road, reported to **Jean Yeatman** that about six weeks ago a large colony of Vultures began roosting at night in trees near his house (photo below). They are mostly Black Vultures with some Turkey Vultures mixed in. Vultures are very gregarious birds, and at times they fly together in large flocks.

Cornell University says it is beneficial for young vultures to roost with the adults, as the older birds can lead the young to carcasses, and they can learn to find food on their own.

The Yeatmans have a flock of vultures that soar in a thermal by their home, then dive down and fly between the trees below their bluff, as though they were playing the childhood game "skim-shine." At times one vulture won't be quite able to make a turn, and it will have to flap madly to miss hitting a tree. "They are such beautiful flyers," Jean commented, "as they go tilting across the sky."

Bobcat Encounter

Don Shannonhouse reports that "having read Dr. Yeatman's article on bobcats, I was reminded of a 4 a.m. invasion of my Monteagle cabin by one—large fox-sized—that attacked my house cat on a second-story deck, then ran past me into the cabin after I ran out to run it off. Took a while to herd it back out. Some night! Never saw my cat again."



So. Cumberland Park Rangers Sport Bikes

In December, South Cumberland State Park manager John Christof went to the Friends of South Cumberland board with a unique request. The rangers wanted bicycles. Across the country, park rangers are finding that bikes are ideal for use in the back country. The SC rangers believed that for some of their duties they could exchange their pickup trucks and four-wheelers for mountain bikes, which are more environmentally friendly.

The Friends of South Cumberland (FSC) was delighted to fund this request. Ranger Jason Reynolds, who implemented the project, said, "Access to state money is always a problem, and with the current budget restraints, the purchasing of 'nonessentials' is even more difficult. Thank goodness we've got a lovely stock of excellent Friends who always come through!"

The three Trek mountain bikes outfitted with racks and packs cost \$650 each. "We try to purchase locally when possible," Reynolds said, "and Woody Deutsch of Woody's Bicycles in Sewanee helped us out on the cost." Christof said the rangers are deeply appreciative to the FSC for making this purchase possible. "I know the bikes will be put to good use. They are a very appropriate way to patrol the park compared to a motorized vehicle."

Reynolds said, "In the past we have used four-wheelers to help with boundary inspections, and they are still useful in many areas. However the bikes offer a less invasive, quieter, more nimble way of patrolling the sensitive parts of our boundaries. I can foresee the bikes being used in anti-poaching operations, as they are quiet. Bikes will also be invaluable in some rapid response search-and-rescue efforts."



South Cumberland State Park Ranger Jason Reynolds (left) and Park Manager John Christof with their new bicycles.



Lois



Raj

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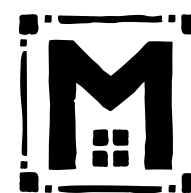
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BARDTOVERSE

by Scott and Phoebe Bates

January's bearable
In spite of bad report.
Though February's terrible,
It's short.
With snows in proper season,
Each burdens down the larch.
But March is full of treason,
And I hate March.

Hold your hats and duck, boys, March is nearly due,
The sleet is on the windowpane, the slush is on the shoe.
The pneumococcus carols a loud, triumphant song,
And not a holiday's in sight the whole month long.

On many a wedding present
In June my ducats fly.
The temperature's unpleasant
In July.
As August airs grow olden,
Hay fever's what I've got.
But any time seems golden
Compared to you-know-what.

Pick your shovels up, lads, you'll never know reprieve,
For March is on the threshold with a blizzard up its sleeve,
With a pussy-willow fable that is feeble on its facts,
And a brand-new estimation of your extra income tax. . .

—From "Song for a Personal Prejudice"
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Community Calendar

Friday, March 1

Curbside recycling, before 7:30 am

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Lenten Quiet Day, St. Mary's Sewanee, until 3 pm
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Men's Bible study, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 12:00 pm Sewanee Woman's Club lunch reservation deadline
- 3:30 pm Modern Dance, 7-11, Community Center
- 4:30 pm Creative Dance, 5-6, Community Center
- 7:30 pm "A National Conference on Youth" plays, Williams Ctr
- 7:30 pm Film, "Skyfall," Sewanee Union Theatre

Saturday, March 2

- 8:30 am CCJP quarterly board meeting, Senior Center
- 9:00 am Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until noon
- 10:00 am Chickamaka Band meeting, Grundy Co. Heritage Ctr
- 10:00 am Hospitality Shop open, until noon
- 12:30 pm Go-Go Gang lunch, meet at Senior Center
- 1:30 pm Herbarium walk, Ramseur, meet at the Cross
- 5:00 pm Kappa Delta pancake supper, BC Hearth Room
- 6:00 pm ECW reservations deadline, 598-5863
- 7:30 pm "A National Conference on Youth" plays, Williams Ctr
- 7:30 pm Film, "Skyfall," Sewanee Union Theatre

Sunday, March 3

- 4:00 pm Bible study, Otey Parish
- 4:00 pm Yoga with Helen, Sewanee Community Center
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, Midway Baptist
- 7:30 pm Film, "Skyfall," Sewanee Union Theatre

Monday, March 4

SAS spring break begins, through March 17

Academy for Lifelong Learning reservations, 598-5342

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 3 pm
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm ECW, St. James Episcopal Church, Midway
- 4:30 pm "Between God & Green," Wilkinson, Convocation Hall
- 5:30 pm Gentle Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 pm Yin After Work Yoga, Carolyn, Community Center
- 7:00 pm Centering prayer support group, Otey sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Chorale rehearsal, Hamilton Hall Pit
- 7:00 pm Sewanee Monologues, Guerry Auditorium

Tuesday, March 5

- 8:30 am Yin Yoga with Carolyn, Community Center
- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9:30 am Hospitality Shop open, until 2
- 10:00 am Crafting Ladies, Morton Memorial, Monteagle
- 10:30 am Bingo, Sewanee Senior Center
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, (beginners), Comm Center
- 11:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, (intermediate), Comm Center
- 11:30 am Grundy Co. Rotary, Dutch Maid, Tracy City
- 2:30 pm Open house Van Ness, until 4:30, 161 Alabama Ave.
- 3:30 pm Centering Prayer, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 4:30 pm Maternal health lecture, Smith/Goldblum, Blackman

Wednesday, March 6

University spring break begins at 5 p.m., through March 17

- 7:00 am Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Smoke House
- 9:00 am CAC pantry day, until 11 am; 1-3 pm

- 10:00 am Writers' group, Kelley residence, 212 Sherwood Rd.
- 12:00 pm EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 pm Flow Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 pm Yoga with Helen, Community Center
- 6:00 pm Sewanee Civic Assn., EQB House, program at 7 pm
- 6:00 pm Stone Soup Intergenerational Lenten Study, St. James
- 7:00 pm Bible study, Midway Baptist Church

Thursday, March 7

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 9:00 am Nature Journaling, Herbarium
- 9:30 am Hospitality Shop open, until 2
- 10:30 am Chair exercise, Senior Center
- 10:30 am Tai Chi with Kathleen, (advanced), Comm Ctr
- 12:00 pm Lifelong Learning, Certain, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 12:00 pm Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary, Blue Chair
- 12:30 pm Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 1:30 pm Folks@Home support group, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 2:00 pm Tracy City Farmers' Market open, until 6 pm
- 4:00 pm Gentle Yoga with Hadley, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6:00 pm Karate, youth, American Legion Hall
- 6:30 pm Acoustic jam, Miss Gracie's Restaurant, Cowan
- 6:30 pm Lenten Study, Ebey, Cowan Fellowship Church
- 7:00 pm Abuse survivors group, 330 W. Main, Monteagle
- 7:30 pm Karate, adult, American Legion Hall

Friday, March 8

- 9:00 am CAC office open, until 11 am
- 10:00 am Game day, Senior Center
- 12:00 pm Men's Bible study, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 3:30 pm Modern Dance, 7-11, Community Center
- 4:30 pm Creative Dance, 5-6, Community Center

LOCAL 12-STEP MEETINGS

Friday

- 7:00 am AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle
- 7:00 pm AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

- 7:30 pm NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 pm AA, open, Brooks Hall, Otey

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 12:00 pm AA, Brooks Hall, Otey
- 7:00 pm AA, closed, Big Book study, St. James
- 7:30 pm ACA, Brooks Hall, Otey

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