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The mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Is . . .

. . . the advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination...and to hold stated public meeting from year to year upon the grounds of the Assembly.

From the President Our Outstanding Staff

The season is right around the corner and our hard-working staff are in overdrive. Meet three more members of our top-notch team!

Kelly Layne has a long history with the Assembly. His grandfather Abraham Layne is pictured in the book Mountain Voices riding a



black mule. He pumped water from Wonder Cave to the water

tank at the Assembly. His uncle Bob Layne also worked on the grounds crew with Grapple Smith.

Kelly was born and raised in Monteagle. He worked previously with the grounds crew under Blue Hamby. He also worked as a dispatcher at the Monteagle Police Dept. and resigned as Fire Chief in 2012, when he came to work in security at the Assembly. Unfortunately, during the 2012 Sewanee Parents' Weekend, Kelly was assaulted on the job and sustained significant injuries. He had surgery and has undergone considerable effort to rehabilitate

his shoulder. Fortunately for the Assembly, he is back at work.

Kelly and his wife, Rhonda, live in Monteagle and have three grown children. Daughter Brenda is head chef at Papa Ron's, and his sister Virginia is the hostess (Rhonda works there too)! His son works for Nissan, and his other daughter is the assistant Fire Chief for the City of Monteagle. He has five grandchildren who attend school in Monteagle and Pelham.

Kevin Dykes is the son of Larry

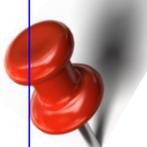
Dykes and has worked for the Assembly for six years. He was born in Sewanee and comes from a big family spread out over the mountain. He attended school in



Sewanee, including Franklin County High School. Before working at the Assembly, he worked did factory work at the Nissan plant in Winchester for 17 years, but he says factory work got old and the commute was long. He has a son Joshua David who is 11 and attends Monteagle Elementary School.

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2013 MSSA Calendar



May 25	Board Meeting
June 9	131 st Assembly Opens
June 15	Board Meeting
June 29	Board Meeting
June 29	Town Hall Meeting
July 13	Board Meeting
July 13	Town Hall Meeting

From the President

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Kevin works on the Assembly crew and does whatever jobs need doing.

Leading the Assembly office and overall MSSA affairs is our General Manager Scott Parrish. Scott has been our GM for three years. Born in Nashville, he and Linda (who hails from Great Falls, VA) met while they were at Vanderbilt University. After graduation, they lived in New Orleans briefly and have been in the Nashville area ever since. They have two sons: Whit, age 28, who is a



mechanical engineer in Jacksonville, FL, and George, age 26, who manages a commercial landscaping company in Nashville.

The first half of Scott's career began in the for-profit world with a family business, the Parrish, Keith Simmons Co., which was an industrial supply company that sold tools to industry. It was more than 100 years old when he sold it to focus on the non-profit arena.

At Battle Ground Academy (BGA) he was responsible for development, capital campaigns, planned giving, marketing, public relations,

alumnae affairs and admissions. These jobs were a good way to use his business skills to further the needs of that institution and to get ready for his job at the Assembly!

The part of his job he enjoys most is the interaction with the members during the MSSA season. Organizing the philanthropy and historical records makes him further appreciate the stories and family connections fostered each year during the summer months.

Thanks to all our staff! Please give them your respect and offer your appreciation as often as you have the opportunity!

Pat Wildman



And the Survey Says...

The results of the surveys sent by the Long Range Planning Committee are in and ready for viewing on the MSSA website. The results are quite interesting. Three surveys were available, and we were very pleased with the number of people who responded. The Member survey was completed by 167 members, which represents about 60 percent of our membership. Our consultant, Ann Coulter, says that that is an excellent

return! 109 folks responded to the Friends and Family survey, while 101 Renters filled out their survey.

You can view the responses to each of the surveys by visiting our website. Go to the "Members Only" section and then to "Committees." Select "Strategic Planning" to view the survey results.

Additionally, we had many written comments on a variety of topics - we aren't shy to speak our minds around here! Ann Coulter is working to organize and collate the written commentary so that concerns and trends can be identified and assimilated.

Did you plan to fill out the survey and forgot? Do you still have more to say? Do you wish to respond to the survey results? You will have two opportunities this summer to

join the process. Forums will be held in Warren Chapel on Friday, June 14, at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 13, at 4 p.m. We are hopeful for a robust turnout.

Next steps? A group of about 20 individuals representing a broad MSSA constituency will work with Ann to develop our strategic plan. Ann has worked with non-profits and educational institutions to develop plans that help guide committees and leadership. A good plan will help MSSA continue to thrive and will give the Long Range Planning Committee guidance as they look toward insuring the long-term health and future of our beloved mountain home. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out a survey!

*Kent Ballow, chair,
Long Range Planning*

From the Cottage Corner



Spring is just around the corner!

As the days are growing longer, rental inquiries are increasing. Are you interested in rentals for week-ends, weddings and other events? If so, please contact the housing office so we can offer your cottage as an option.

We also need to know when your cottage has been cleaned. Remember, rental-

ready cleaning includes linens, all dishes, cookware & utensils, cabinets, appliances, ceiling fans, light fixtures. In addition, light bulbs must be checked and replaced, smoke alarm batteries should be replaced, heat and air units should be serviced, and window units that are in bad repair should be replaced.

Please make sure your cottage is stocked with kitchen towels, dish clothes, bath and hand towels, and wash cloths. These items can be depleted over time if not checked by you or your cleaning person.

A few reminders:

The rental week for the 2013 summer season is on a Monday to Monday basis, unless requested and approved by the owner.

To maximize your rentals, please let the housing office know as soon as possible the weeks that are available for rental of your cottage.

Call the housing office in advance for your summer golf cart rentals. (Limited number available).

We look forward to working with you.

Housing Office

News 'n Notes



Doggone Paperwork



Your dogs' current vaccination paperwork needs to be sent to the office for the 2013 season. Any dog that will be on the Assembly

grounds must have records on file in the office. The information can be emailed to Diane Cruise, mailed to the office or faxed to [931-924-2346](tel:931-924-2346).

Support Our Local Supporters

As you know, many businesses in our community purchase ads in the program. Be sure to let them know you saw the ad and appreciate their support! It's important for them to know their ads are working.

Pool's open!
Grab your swim



suits....the MSSA swimming pool will be open weekends beginning Memorial Day, 1-5 p.m. The pool will remain open after the season through Labor Day.

Reserve your golf cart
Golf Carts are available for rental for the summer season. Contact the housing office today for details!



Trash Patrol

Dogs and critters are getting into garbage cans, and the garbage staff is having to pick up ripped

apart bags and garbage scattered around. Please make sure your trash is in the cans and that the lids are secure. Keep Monteagle beautiful!

Support Your Local Farmer
Just a reminder that we have a wonderful group of vendors who set up on the mall each Thursday during the season at 7-10 a.m. Check them out for fresh produce, homemade goodies, flowers, soap and more!



Cottages Available for Transfer:

#7	Corner Cottage	\$550,000	#146	Boutcher	\$719,000
#67	Wayside	\$769,000	#156	Robin Hill	\$295,000
#92	The Moorings	\$385,000	#165	Once Upon A Time	\$785,000
#98	Idlehour	\$390,000			
#129	Hallelujah	\$450,000			
#136	Endevor	\$625,000			



Prayers

Albert Estes Ambrose, age 90, passed away April 20. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Mae Clark Ambrose; granddaughter, Frances Hill Ambrose; brothers, Joshua Henry Ambrose, Henry Frizzell Ambrose, William Gates Ambrose; sister, Hortense Ambrose McGehee. He is survived by his daughter, Mae Hamilton Ambrose; son, Albert Estes (Frannie) Ambrose Jr.; grandchildren, Kathleen Mae Ambrose, Anna Clark Ambrose, Benjamin Estes Ambrose; many nieces and nephews. Donations may be sent to St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, or the charity of one's choice.

William (Bill) Edward Atkinson, 68, of Pickens, MS, died April 8 at Glenwood Medical Center in West Monroe, LA, following a brief illness. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Liza Atkinson, and brother, James Nolan "Jim" Atkinson. He is survived by: wife Sandra Atkinson; son Clark and his wife Lesley Atkinson of Oxford, MS; son Will Atkinson of Rayville, LA; son Ben and his wife Marisa Atkinson of Pickens, MS; daughter Britton and her husband Gregory Watson of Florence, AL; grandchildren: Eliza Kate and Cal Atkinson; Campbell, Fletcher, Ford and Jackson Atkinson; and Win, Austin Hall and Lotti Watson. He is also survived by his brother, Richard Burton Atkinson of Lexington, MS; and sisters: Ann Simmons of Columbia, MS, Rose Anderson of Yazoo City, MS, and Grace Buchanan of Ridgeland, MS. Donations can be made to Beauvior, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531.

Coleman Douglas Helme, artist, scholar, good friend, stout churchwoman, wife and mother died April 9. She was born January 19, 1930, in Nashville,

daughter of Dr. Beverly Douglas and Josephine Hutton Douglas. She is survived by her children, Susie Helme, Cary Bruestle (John), Martha Helme and Franklin Helme; her grandchildren, Maya and Genji Tateyama, Stephen, Thomas and Anna Bruestle, Cole and Rachel Brewer; her brother, Beverly Douglas, Jr. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church Cathedral or Alive Hospice Nashville.

Judge James Mayes Swiggart, Sr. passed away peacefully April 25 in the caring hands of his son and the staff at Woodcrest at Blakeford, Nashville, TN. Known to his family, friends and peers as Jimmy or Judge, he left this life with his inimitable smile and grace still remembered by all. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy Ann Seward Swiggart; sister, Kathryn Elizabeth Pilcher and brother, Charles Perry (Peter) Swiggart. He is survived by his son, James Mayes (Jim) Swiggart, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Stacy Sue Swiggart; granddaughter, Kylee Ann Swiggart; grandson, James Loran Swiggart of Steamboat Springs, CO, and brother, William Harris Swiggart III. Donations may be made to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, PO Box 307, Monteagle, TN 37356, Winfield Fund or Capital Fund.

Remember Security Number

If you need our security guard at night, please call 931-607-8615. Please call for any disturbance or anything that seems odd or out of the ordinary.

Always call 911 for an emergency.

MSSA Alcohol Policy

The possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the board of trustees.

Program Correction:

On page 97 of your program, please note that Harry & Ollies is open Tuesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

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