

# MOUNTAIN VOICES



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Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

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## 2015 MSSA Calendar

November 9-15 Sewanee  
Homecoming  
November 21 Board  
Meeting  
9am  
November 27 Day After  
Thanksgiving  
Lunch

**Mountain Voices**  
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next issue is Oct. 25th. Send  
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## From the President Welcome

Over the years, when you arrived at the Assembly in the summer, perhaps on a warm day, did you let down the windows of your car as you drove through the gate, and did you experience that wonderful ‘fragrance’ that is the Assembly? Did your heart rate slow just a bit? Did you take a deep breath and feel that you were transitioning to “Monteagle time,” preparing to have serious porch time, and, at the same time, planning to enjoy many of the programs and activities that were offered?



Providing that extraordinary *ambiance* and the wonderful program offerings are many people working behind the scenes: committees, the board, and many volunteers, and, most necessary,

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Dawn Redwoods in front  
of dining hall



Nearly 50 people (and six dogs) gathered on a beautiful Labor Day morning to witness the

## Breaking Ground in Honor of Walter

ceremonial groundbreaking for the Pulliam Conference Center and Museum. General Manager Scott Parrish welcomed the crowd with a brief history of the project, detailing the years of discussion and planning leading up to this moment. Parrish thanked the board for its vision and support of the building by approving its construction and by committing Consolidated Capital Funds to supplement private donations. The individual major donors were

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## From the President

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the outstanding staff: management, office, platform, facilities, housing, youth, gate, pool, security. How fortunate we are to have professional management of the Assembly! An outstanding, knowledgeable, efficient, and personable manager with a great leadership team keeps the operational efforts humming with up-to-date methods and technology—and a warm welcome when you visit the office! As a result, we enjoy the *ambiance* without being aware of their constant everyday watchfulness and attention ensuring that all systems are “go.”

In last month's *Mountain Voices*, you saw a list of committees and members who devote a great deal of their time and expertise to creating and supporting this Monteagle experience. Six past presidents are serving on

committees, and one is our parliamentarian. Much of the *ambiance* that we enjoy is also provided and monitored by the efforts of your Board of Trustees. This very special board is a working board, with members from Maine to California who come to meetings! Every board member is as active as a hummingbird! Twelve are chairs of committees, one is chair of the annual meeting, and one is president of the **Woman's Association**. All are members of committees, eight are board liaisons of committees, three are caucus chairmen, and four are caucus secretaries. Every member is working to preserve this unique Assembly and its heritage.

The *ambiance* is here and waiting for you. Fall will be beautiful. Come to the mountain soon, enjoy the *ambiance* that is Monteagle, **and, perhaps, you'll hear a little humming.**

Stephanie Smith  
President



Carillon Concert on the mall.

## Breaking Ground

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recognized, Britton Watson-Galley, Pam and Greg Maloof-Landscaping, Irene and Ridley Wills-Fireplace, and Dot Neale and Doug Ferris-Porch. Mary and Everett Doffermyre, who provided the lead gift, were asked to say a few words about the project and Walter Pulliam for whom the building will be named. Everett Doffermyre provided wonderful words celebrating the lives of Julia and Walter Pulliam stating that the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly played a significant role in their life together. Doffermyre noted that until **the end of Walter's life, he was** an avid user of technology and that he had always believed in the importance of people gathering to share ideas. These elements along with the museum component would be very pleasing to Walter.

Following the comments, Julia Pulliam took the golden shovel and turned the first spade of dirt to begin the project. Guests enjoyed refreshments as they looked at the building **plans and “walked through” the building's “rooms,”** which were painted on the ground.

Many thanks to all who attended; construction updates will be posted frequently on the MSSA Facebook page as well as future editions of *Mountain Voices*. Limited sponsor opportunities for museum space, art display space, and technology are available. Please contact Scott Parrish for details.

## Grundy County Health Council Appreciates MSSA

Appreciation continues to pour in from the community groups that MSSA supported last summer. It is gratifying to know that as we embrace those around us, we are able to help fill some of their needs.

Below is a thank you note from the Grundy County Health Council.

*With gratitude,  
Katie Trahan, Outreach chair*

*Dear Mr. Scott Parrish,*

*Thank you so much for the donation to the Grundy County Health Council. The money will benefit the whole county. The council has priorities that we are constantly working on.*

- 1. Chronic disease prevention and control*
- 2. Physical activity*
- 3. Tobacco educ. Tobacco free policy.*

*We have a very successful  
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## Fall Maintenance Suggestions

As we approach fall and winter, there are a few things you should know and/or do to your cottage:

Sewanee Weeks-Contractors may not work in the Assembly during Sewanee Family Week-October 14-18, 2015 and Sewanee Homecoming November 11-15, 2015. During these times, in season work rules apply. All of your contractors are made aware of these blackout dates when they receive their yearly work pass.

Please check your smoke detector batteries.

Shut off your water while you are away. Every year, several cottage owners experience water leaks while their cottage is not occupied. Some of the leaks have been quite expensive. The Assembly does not allow for leak adjustments due to our utility relationship with



the Town of Monteagle.

It gets really cold! Many of our cottages are built so the air circulates under the floor. This is great to keep us cool during the summer, but it plays havoc with the water pipes during the winter (see #3).

Please let the office know when you loan your cottage to friends and family. We like for our security officers to keep a watch out for people and cars that are not familiar to the campus.

**Don't be a stranger!** The Assembly is beautiful in every season; try to enjoy it year



## Day-After-Thanksgiving Annual Pot-Luck Luncheon

12:00 Noon  
Friday, November 27, 2014  
Harton Hall

Bring your leftovers and **enjoy someone else's leftovers at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Day-after-Thanksgiving Lunch!**

This is an opportunity to visit with everyone who is here for the Holiday, to taste different and delicious food, and to empty out your refrigerator while treating all of your guests to a scrumptious meal!

There will be a huge, roaring fire, coffee and hot cider plus soft drinks. Paper

plates/cups and silverware (plastic) will be provided. Bring big appetites!

**This is a fun, happy, festive event...if it's cold, then bundle up or plan to huddle up close to the fire. And, as always, clean-up help is appreciated!**

Questions?? Call Lane Price at 924-7600 or [229-733-1328](tel:229-733-1328)

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## Calling All Platform Suggestions!

A big thank you goes out to all who have made suggestions for platform programming this past year! The MSSA program thrives on suggestions from Assembly friends and residents. Please take a moment to recommend a lecturer, minister, workshop presenter or performer. Program Recommendation Forms may be obtained through the office or online at <http://mssa1882.org> under programs/events.

Many recommendation forms were distributed during the season, and few have been returned. So, this is a friendly reminder to get your ideas in!

*Becky Nelson,  
Platform Superintendent*



Reminder: No Smoking is allowed within fifty feet of any Assembly public building.

## Call Security

For any non-emergency, please call 931-607-8615 to report a disturbance or anything that seems odd or out of the ordinary.

Always call 911 for Emergencies.

## Grundy County

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*reversing diabetes seminar. When funding is available we check A1c in order to get baseline and to have measurable data. We also have a Back to School Bash annually where we serve about 350 kids. I just wanted to give you a little background so you can share. This donation is a huge blessing and we are forever grateful. We can't even beg, plead or borrow and get donations like this, so this is AWESOME!*

*Again, thank you & God bless you and the work at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. Please let me know if we can ever help your work.*

*Sincerely,  
Tonya Ganner  
Grundy County Health Council*

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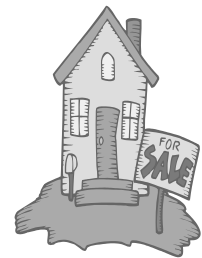
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## Cottages Available for Transfer:

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|------|-----------------|-----------|
| #6   | Windcrest       | \$550,000 |
| #15  | Bridgepoint     | \$650,000 |
| #49  | Tranquil Eyster | \$425,000 |
| #103 | North Gate Inn  | \$695,000 |
| #146 | Boutcher        | \$595,000 |



## 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.

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