



MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

· A CHAUTAUQUA EST. 1882 ·

PO Box 307
Monteagle, TN
931-924-2286

Volume 21, Issue 10
December 2020

From the General Manager

Seeking Youth Staff

Over the years, the Youth Program has become a central part of the Assembly's summer season. At the heart of the program is an enthusiastic, dedicated, and well trained staff leading our youth. The expectations for a Youth Staff member are simple: 1) provide the best possible experience for the MSSA youth, 2) enjoy your work, and 3) take away a new skill that will help you in life.

We are accepting applications for the 2021 season, which will happen! Applications are online at <https://monteaglesundayschoolassembly.org/our-staff/> or by [clicking here](#). If you have questions or want to discuss specific job responsibilities, contact Scott Parrish at scott.parrish@mssa1882.org or (931) 924-2286.



IN THIS ISSUE

From the General Manager	1
New Member Spotlight	2, 3
Quick Bites	2
MSSA Mission	2
Butterflies	3
Housing Questions	4
Don't Forget	4
Safety First	4
ARC Deadlines	4



The Ginkgo tree in Pilcher Park.

Did you know that Ginkgos drop all of their leaves at once?

What a beautiful sight!

Photo by Scott Parrish



New Member

Spotlight: Jamie and Stephen Green



Sometimes life comes 'round full circle. Jamie Woods Green and her husband Stephen purchased Sallie Stroud's cottage in the spring of this year and, ironically, many of Jamie's childhood memories from MSSA actually involve Sallie. Jamie was just a little squirt back then, but she remembers Sallie always hanging out with her cousin, Betsy Peebles. So for Jamie, it is very special and meaningful that she ended up buying "the brick house."

Jamie's grandmother was the first in their family to visit Monteagle. Being from Murfreesboro, she was good friends with Pennie Murfree who introduced her to the Assembly. When Jamie was little, they stayed at the Elrod Cottage (now the Richardsons' house), the Doctor's Inn, and a few others. But around the time that she would have been a Buzzard, they stopped coming. In fact, Jamie said

that she didn't visit the Assembly again until years later when Betsy and Tommy bought their house.

Jamie's husband Stephen grew up in Germantown outside of Memphis and went to Furman for his freshman year in college. Although he eventually transferred to Auburn, when he was still at Furman, he met a boy whose father worked at Southwestern Books, a company that recruits college students to sell educational books and materials. For the summer after his sophomore year, Stephen and a friend from high school ventured to Los Angeles and sold books door to door. This friend was dating an Alabama cheerleader, who flew out to visit and brought a fellow cheerleader, Jamie Woods. So Stephen and Jamie met in L.A. that summer and dated a little bit when they were back home; ultimately, they were at different colleges in separate towns, so they broke up. Years later, however, they found themselves both in the same wedding party – in Maui, no less! The rest is history. The couple married in 2010. With an Auburn/Alabama marriage, they said that the Iron Bowl is a really fun (and interesting) time at their house!

(continued on page 3)

QUICK BITES

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays.

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.

Safety first! Call (931) 607-8615 when the main office is closed for any security questions or concerns.



The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was organized by Charter issued by the State of Tennessee on October 4, 1882 for the purpose of: "... 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."

The Mission of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly is to be a welcoming community of Christian faith where people gather to engage in spiritual growth and renewal, lifelong inquiry and learning, recreational and cultural enrichment, while being good stewards of our natural resources and our Assembly heritage.

New Member Spotlight:

Jamie and Stephen Green

(continued from page 2)

Stephen's first visit to MSSA was Thanksgiving of 2014, out of season and freezing cold. The next visit was the Fourth of July, and they were staying at Betsy's house, a completely different experience. After that, they started renting – first, for only a week, but Jamie quickly realized that wasn't long enough. One week turned into two...which turned into three.

Stephen was happy too, but secretly felt like somewhat of an outsider until Betsy invited him to play Pickleball. Not only was it a fun athletic activity, but also it was a great social outlet with all the crowds hanging out at the courts. Pretty soon, it seemed like he knew more people than Jamie did! They would walk into High Point or Shenanigans, and folks he had met at pickleball would greet him enthusiastically. Jamie would say, "Who's that? How do you know all these people?" Stephen believed he had finally found his place.

In 2019, they started seriously considering a cottage of their own. Working in the real estate investment industry, Stephen wasn't sure that purchasing a house in the Assembly made the best financial sense for them. But buying in the Assembly has turned out to be the best decision they ever made. With three young children (Mollie -6, William - 5, and Lucy - 2), they know that they have years ahead of enjoyment and creating family memories. They both agree that, the busier they get with kids and life in general, they need to be very intentional on how they spend their time and money. They definitely view being in the Assembly all last

summer as a true gift. Mollie and William rode their bikes all summer long. And William, who has never met a stranger, knew *everyone* at the end of the summer! Lucy is almost old enough for Hummingbirds. And of course, Jamie had family and friends there already.

Jamie and Stephen are so appreciative of how welcoming everyone has been. They feel like people are genuinely glad to see them and are happy that they are part of the MSSA family now. Stephen said that they feel like they're more a part of the community once they purchased their cottage and started getting involved.

Until they come up with a name for their new cottage, they simply refer to it as "the brick house." They have even started a new tradition – and maybe you've heard them: every time they pull into the grounds, they roll down the windows and sing "Brick House" by the Commodores as loud as they can. Jamie said she's the happiest person in the world in their little cottage!

Butterflies in November!

You can get pics here

<https://>

www.monteaglemonarchs.com/



We thought that with the cold weather in October, we wouldn't have any more butterflies. Imagine our surprise when Gulf Fritillaries started showing up in November!! We hadn't had one of those all summer. Then a surprising number of visitors, including two butterflies new to this garden—and in November! Just amazing.

Please check out the website www.monteaglemonarchs.com to see these wonderful November surprises! No, I don't know how Rick got the 3-D shot of the Eastern-tailed Blue, but it is stunning!

Stephanie & Rick

LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE

#23	Edgeworth Inn	\$1,300,000
#82	Veranda	\$ 385,000
#157	Brookhill	\$ 800,000

To arrange a tour or for more information contact:

W. Scott Parrish,
General Manager
scott.parrish@mssa1882.org
(931) 924-2286



HOUSING QUESTIONS?

ASK RHONDA!

Should you have concerns that your cottage has not rented to your satisfaction during the season or off-season, contact the housing office to discuss your options. If you are willing to consider offering your cottage for 3-day rentals, negotiate or prorate rentals, or if you have questions about your rentals, call Rhonda.

The housing office can also help if you want to rent a golf cart during the season. The housing number is (931) 924-9000.

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly
P.O. Box 307

Monteagle, TN 37356

www.mssa1882.org

Office 931-924-2286

Fax 931-924-2306

Housing (direct) 931-924-9000

General Manager – W. Scott Parrish
scott.parrish@mssa1882.org

President – Overton Thompson
othompson@bassberry.com

Key M SSA Contacts

Platform Superintendent – Ruth Cobb
ruth.cobb@mssa1882.org

Director of Housing & Guest Services –
Rhonda Atkins rhonda.atkins@mssa1882.org

Office Manager – Becky Hammond
becky.hammond@mssa1882.org

Bookkeeper – Crystal Hill
crystal@mssa1882.org

Facility Superintendent – Rick Duncan
rick.duncan@mssa1882.org

*Don't
Forget!*

REMINDER

**Don't forget to turn in
the Membership
Update Form!**

**The form can be found on
the M SSA website at the
bottom of the page on the
Member Resource tab.**

ARC PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Planning a renovation project? The Architectural Review Committee will accept projects for review and recommendation to the Board of Trust for approval four times per year. Questions about possible projects, the process, and necessary requirements should be referred to the General Manager. Projects submitted by the following dates will be reviewed and presented at the board meeting following the submission.

January 15 February 28

June 10 July 31 September 30

The ARC is available throughout the year to advise members on their project planning prior to submission of a request. Not sure if you need ARC approval? Check with the General Manager first.

SAFETY FIRST

The M SSA security team is at your service. If you have any emergency --medical or otherwise-- call 911, but our seasoned team is here to help for non-emergency situations. If you have a safety issue or see suspicious activity anywhere on the grounds or at the Point, don't hesitate to call (931) 607-8615 after 5 pm or call the office during business hours. There are no silly concerns--it's better to call and quell your fears than to let something go because you are afraid of a false alarm.

Consider putting the security number by your home phone and/or plugging it into your cell phones.

Kids got cell phones? Plug the security number in those too.

Together we'll keep M SSA the safe haven it is!

