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Introducing the Addition to Our Trails: Ash Tree Natural Play Element along the East Trails!

Discover a whole new dimension of outdoor fun as we unveil the latest enhancement to the MSSA Nature Trails. We've ingeniously utilized Ash trees to create an enchanting natural play element that's sure to delight visitors of all ages.

You can enjoy this captivating addition by entering the trails either through Northgate Field or through our brand-new access point at Warren's Point Road. The new routes make it convenient for everyone to explore and enjoy the natural beauty.



Check out the Photos! Want a sneak peek? We've captured the magic in photos that showcase the innovative play area. Be sure to take a look and share your excitement with friends and family!

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New Youth Director

Congratulations to Bradley Mims our new Superintendent of Youth Programs. Bradley is a daughter of the Assembly, a teacher, and a leader. She has a wonderfully creative mind for youth activities, is great with children, and communicates well with parents.

Bradley is excited about this opportunity and is already at work building a team for next season!

W. Scott Parrish
Executive Director



Introducing New Trails

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Stay tuned for more exciting updates as we continue to enhance your MSSA Nature Trails experience. There's much more to come, so get ready to embark on new adventures and create lasting memories amidst nature's wonders.

David Peacock

59th Annual Cottage Tour and Bazaar: A Record- Setting Success

It was a banner year for the Woman's Association annual fundraiser! As a first-year chair, I was blown away by the support of cottage owners who donated their homes, committee chairs who helped lead the way, volunteers who jumped in wherever they were needed all along the way, donors and sponsors who offered financial and in-kind gifts, and all the members who bought tickets, brought guests, bought all kinds of things and ate! Also, a sincere thank you to La Bella Pearl, The Gallery, and the snack shop for their participation.

A big shout out to William (13) and Hodges (6) Doffermyre for selling more than \$800 of Raffle tickets--contributing to record-setting sales. And a special thanks to the MSSA office staff for handling hundreds of calls and transactions!

The results:
More than \$42,000 raised through ticket sales, raffle tickets, Butterfly Boutique, Bazaar fees and percentages, bake sale etc.
The Woman's



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QUICK BITES

ALL golf carts must be registered or re-registered every year. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays.

Dogs must be registered, including proof of rabies vaccination. Pick up after your pets.

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.



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.

September 30 January 15 February 28 June 10 July 31

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.

Around the Grounds



September 22-23
Raines.Woodall
Wedding

Harton Hall (Friday), Writer's
Grove and Gymnasium
(Saturday)
10+ cottages rented

October 13-14
Campbell.Swanson Wedding
Chapel (Friday); reception at
Cottage #108 (Saturday)
Harton Hall (Saturday lunch)
Private Event (Saturday) Gym
10+ cottages rented



Dinner on the Chapel Grounds

The veggies, salads, fruits and breads...the cheeses, the salsa and desserts what a spread. Monday dinners on the Chapel Grounds were well-attended events throughout the Season! Each week, an average 235 plates were served with all participants leaving with a full and satisfied tummy! Hospitality and multi-generational visits were highlights at every dinner.

The dedication and culinary talents of Chef Tom and Chef Cynthia from La Bella Pearl's were much appreciated with delicious fare and prompt deliveries. The Crew never failed to have our set-up of tables and waste cans, thanks so much!

With humble thanks and appreciation, the committee would like each person, each family and all of our friends to

know... this was our Assembly success. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Frannie Smith
Claudia Haltom
Margaret Graham
Virginia Curry

Cottage Tour

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Association donated \$7500 to two



local charities, the Beersheba Medical Clinic and Blue Monarch which serves women and their children.

Funds from the cottage tour also support the ongoing work of the Woman's Club and for maintenance and upgrades to the Winfield House.

Our entire community helped us build on past successes and generate about two times the profit compared to last year and pre-covid years.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped pull off this Herculean project.

Dot Neale,
Cottage Tour chair

First Thursday Potluck, You're Invited

Join us the first Thursday of the month (usually) for an all-included potluck supper, at my house, Cottage #157! the gathering will be Thursday, October, 5th at 6 p.m. We will be having Bar-B-Qued Chicken; you can bring your favorite beverage and a side dish, salad or dessert. Husbands, wives, partners, friends, and neighbors are all welcome! Just let me know if you are coming by emailing me at: kay@kayquinnfinancial.com, and invite anyone who may be up here on Thursday!!

Kay Quinn

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.



After a wonderfully successful cottage tour, The Woman’s Association voted to give a percentage of the day’s profits to two special organizations that serve our community. The recipients of \$3,825 apiece were Blue Monarch and the Beersheba Clinic. Blue Monarch, located in Pelham, provides a long-term residential and therapeutic Christian community for women and their children who are overcoming addiction, abuse, and economic hardship. The Beersheba Clinic provides free (to anyone!) medical and dental care. Last year, they treated over 1300 patients. The Woman’s Association is pleased to support these deserving organizations that are changing lives in Grundy County. **Pictured is the clinic’s director, Mandy Eller, accepting our gift.**

Housing Questions? Ask Rhonda!

Interested in possibly being in the rental program? Has your cottage rented to your satisfaction? Do you want to offer your cottage for 3-night rentals or discuss rates?

Contact Rhonda to discuss options or concerns, 931-924-9000

SAFETY FIRST

The MSSA 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 MSSA the safe haven it is!



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LEASEHOLDS AVAILABLE



#23 Edgeworth Inn
\$1,675,000

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In Our Prayers



Will Mary Simrall Pratt, age 99, died peacefully on August 21. Mrs. Pratt was born on February 2, 1924, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Bessie Edwards Simrall and Bell Newell Simrall, II of Ballground Plantation in Redwood, Mississippi. She was reared from an early age by her father's sister Willie Simrall Hart and her husband Irma Hart. She attended Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi, and graduated from the University of Mississippi. She was a teacher and school administrator at Inverness High School and Central Delta Academy in Inverness, Mississippi. She served in community affairs, a Regent of David Homes Chapter Mississippi DAR, and a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Inverness. For many summers, she and her husband maintained a summer home in Monteagle.

In 1995 she and her husband (Ed) retired to Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. She was active in Assembly affairs, serving on the board and as treasurer of the Monteagle Woman's Club for many terms.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, James Edwin Pratt. Survivors include one son, James Edwin Pratt, Jr. (Jane) of Signal Mountain, Tennessee; two daughters, Mary Jo Pratt Van Zandt (Polk), of Monteagle, and Sally Hart Pratt Harris (Donald), of Cary, Mississippi; grandchildren James Edwin Pratt, III (Lucy), Simrall Pratt Hawkins, Owen Nerren Pratt (Victoria), Bailey Edwards Pratt (Jill), Katie Pratt, Mary Balfour Van Zandt Dunlap (Murray), James Knox Polk Van Zandt, Jr., Thomas Joseph Pratt Van Zandt (Marion), and James

Hannah Dunavant (Courtney); two step grandchildren, Eloise Harris May (Walter) and Thomas Harris (Madelyn). She also had 15 great grandchildren: Ada, Edwin, and Will Pratt; Owen Trainor, James, Liam, and Jane Anna Hawkins; Stone, Mary Nerren, and Anne Frances Pratt; Jiselle, Jenevieve, and Beau Pratt; and Knox and River Dunavant.

Kathleen Chang Brafford has brought talent and courage to a challenging life that spans a century. She was born in Taiyuan, capital of Shanxi Province, about 350 miles southwest of Beijing, China, on April 19, 1924. As the second of five children, she was blessed with loving and progressive-thinking parents. Her father was an astute real estate investor and businessman, becoming CEO of an armament and ammunition company during the administration of General Chiang Kai-shek. In 1937, Japan invaded China endangering the vital armament plant of Mr. Chang. Kathleen's family was forced to move to a safer interior part of China, in Sichuan Province. It was a fearful eight years. Kathleen was educated in China at a Christian co-ed boarding school sponsored by Oberlin College in Cleveland, Ohio. After the war, she received a BS Degree in textile engineering in Tianjin, China. In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Chang and their two younger sons moved to British Hong Kong, and plans were made for Kathleen and her older brother to seek advanced degrees in the United States.

In 1949, the two Chang siblings arrived in the United States, and Kathleen enrolled in North Carolina State University's graduate engineering program. Kathleen was the first woman to receive a

Master's degree in textile engineering. In the summer of 1950, she met and married London (Joe) H. Brafford, Jr. In 1951, the couple welcomed baby boy Wayne. In 1954, Kathleen became an American citizen and in 1959, they made Charlotte, N.C., home, because it had become an important textile center. Kathleen worked for Celanese Corporation as a dyeing and finishing research chemist, while Joe worked in chemical coatings at Sherman-Williams Company.

After retirement in 1992, Kathleen and Joe moved to Memphis, Tenn., to be close to their son and his family. Kathleen continued her lifelong pursuit of painting, especially watercolors. At age 91, Kathleen moved to Trezevant Manor where she enjoyed painting with fellow residents. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church.

Kathleen is survived by her son, Harley Wayne Brafford, daughter-in-law, Helen Johnson Donelson, three grandsons, Jonathan Micah Brafford (Courtney), Owen Hadley Brafford, William Pennson Brafford (Erin). two step granddaughters, Taylor Fikes Davis (Brian), and Lucy Marie Fikes, and nine great-grandchildren. Preceding her death of August 1, 2023, were her Husband, London (Joe) Hadley Brafford, Jr., and her daughter-in-law, Dorothy (Scottie) Wilson Brafford. A Private Family Graveside service will be held for the immediate family at a later date.

William Hull Davis, 76, beloved Corinth banker for 54 years, died Friday, August 4, 2023. Services were held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Corinth, MS.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a true and faithful friend to so many in Alcorn County and beyond. He was a true pillar in Corinth's running community.

Hull was born on October 21, 1946, to Dr. Frank and Theo Davis of Corinth. He was a 1964 graduate of Corinth High School and proud member of the 1963 undefeated "Big 8" Warrior football team. He attended the University of Mississippi, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and graduated with a degree in banking and finance in 1969. Hull was also a 1971 graduate of the Mississippi School of Banking and 1976 graduate of the Banking School of the South at Louisiana State University. At Ole Miss, Hull met the love of his life, Bitsy, whom he married shortly after graduation in 1969. In 1969, Hull and Bitsy returned to Corinth, where he began his lifelong vocation of helping people meet their needs and achieve their dreams through banking. He was employed by National Bank of Commerce for 28 years, serving as president for 12 years, chief executive officer and member of the board of directors. Hull served as president of Trustmark National Bank in Corinth for one year, after which he formed and organized Commerce National Bank in 1999. He served as CEO of Commerce National Bank (later Commerce Bank) for 11 years and was chairman of the board of directors from the bank's founding. In his latter years, he was a consistent presence in the lobby of

Commerce Bank shaking hands, greeting customers, and rehashing old stories.

Hull dearly loved his community and gave back to it in so many ways. As an Eagle Scout, he was a faithful supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, Yocona Area Council, and local scouting. He was a past president and life board member of the Corinth YMCA/Sportsplex, and past president and life board member of the United Way of Corinth and Alcorn County. Hull was a founding member of the CARE Community Foundation and faithful supporter of the Lighthouse Foundation. He was a past president of the Corinth Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. Hull's lifelong philanthropic spirit was recognized and honored by the CREATE Foundation, which bestowed upon him the 2022 McLean Award for Philanthropy.

Hull deeply supported local economic development, having served as past president and board member of the Corinth Alcorn Area Chamber of Commerce, CEO of The Alliance, and chairman of The Alliance Economic Development Council. He received the Spirit of Service Award for outstanding service to The Alliance as well as the Service Appreciation Award for his service as The Alliance CEO. More broadly, Hull served on the executive board of the Mississippi Bankers Association and as a trustee of the Mississippi School of Banking. He was recognized by the Mississippi Bankers Association for 50 years of distinguished service to banking in Mississippi and was presented the Vocational Service Award by Rotary International for his many years of service to banking in Corinth.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Bitsy Davis; sons Bill Davis (Lori) of Corinth and Frank Davis (Amy) of Corinth; grandchildren William Davis (Addie), Grace Ann Davis, Frank Archer Davis, George Davis, Leland Davis, McTyeire Davis, and Ella Davis; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Dr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, his sister Lynn Davis Anderholm, and his brother-in-law Jim Anderholm.

Pallbearers are William Davis, Frank Archer Davis, George Davis, Leland Davis, McTyeire Davis, Clayton Dennington, John George Archer, and Drew Anderholm. Honorary pallbearers are the members of the board of directors of Commerce Bank.

Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church of Corinth or the Lighthouse Foundation. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.memorialcorinth.com for the Davis family.

Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.