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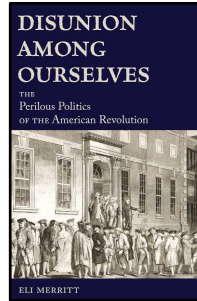
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WEEK 4 PLATFORM PREVIEW

As the Assembly marks its annual Fourth of July festivities on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Vanderbilt University political science professor **Eli Merritt** will speak Thursday evening on “The Enduring Principles of the Declaration of Independence.” Merritt is an award-winning historian and one of America’s foremost experts on the Declaration. Among his books is Disunion Among Ourselves, which won the 2024 American Revolution Institute Prize and illustrates how the founders held the fragile nation together during a time of extreme division. On Friday night, the eve of Independence Day, **David Hudgins** will lead a special reading of the Declaration of Independence at Sunset Rock at 7:45 pm, accompanied by violinist **Davis Arnold**.



In the fall semester of 2025, Sewanee professor **Melody Lehn** got in touch with the chair of the MSSA Archives Committee, Morgan Merrill, to discuss a project idea for her rhetoric class. That led to a successful collaboration between Lehn’s students and MSSA that produced a series of essays on the women who had lectured at the Assembly over the years. Those essays are being printed in the Mountain Voices, the MSSA newsletter, throughout the 2026 season. On Tuesday morning, Lehn will lecture on what her class learned: “Voices from the Sanctuary: Women’s Rhetorical Contributions to the MSSA.” Lehn joined the Sewanee faculty in 2017. Her work emphasizes the role of women in public speaking and argumentation.



Another well-known Sewanee figure, **David Haskell**, will lecture on his recent book, How Flowers Made our World: The Story of Nature’s Revolutionaries. Published by Penguin Random House in March 2026, the book argues that without flowers, human beings would not exist. Haskell’s research and writing are grounded in his scholarship as a biologist. New Yorker staff writer Elizabeth Kolbert describes Haskell’s new book as “mind blowing.” David

Haskell taught at the University of the South for 29 years, where he is now Emeritus Professor. He lives in Atlanta and teaches environmental sciences at Emory University as an adjunct professor. He is also a Guggenheim Fellow.

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Pages 9-10 have the week’s Platform schedule at-a-glance, with all changes through the print deadline.

HIGHLIGHTS

“Voices from the Sanctuary: Women’s Rhetorical Contributions to the MSSA,” with Melody Lehn
Tuesday, 10:45 am
Warren Chapel

How Flowers Made Our World:
Learning from floral creativity,
with David Haskell
Thursday, 10:45 am
Warren Chapel

AMERICA



Celebrating America’s 250 years of independence! See page 10 for full list of events Thursday-Saturday, July 2-4.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: LET FREEDOM RING!

Welcome to Week Four that ends in a truly historic celebration—the 250th anniversary of our beloved United States of America! What an incredible moment to gather together, reflect, and rejoice in the freedom, resilience, and spirit that have carried this nation forward for two and a half centuries. This is not just a milestone for a country, but a celebration of the people, traditions, and shared experiences that unite us.

As we come together for this extraordinary occasion, I hope each of you takes time to fully embrace the simple and meaningful joys that make days like this so special. There is something timeless about laughter echoing across a field, the gathering of families and friends, and stories being told—some for the first time, others growing just a bit more colorful with each passing year. Whether you are carefully balancing an egg in the classic egg toss or trying to keep your footing after a few dizzying rounds of spin-the-bat, these moments of play remind us how important it is to simply be together.

Beyond the games and festivities, there is a deeper gratitude that brings us here today. I invite you all to give thanks for the generations who came before us, whose sacrifices and vision made this country and our dear Assembly what it is today. In particular, please extend your appreciation to the brave men and women of our military, along with their families, who have given so much to protect the freedoms we celebrate. Their dedication and resilience allow us to gather in peace, to laugh freely, and to create new memories with those we love. It is a debt of gratitude that words can never fully repay, but one we should always carry with us.



A little Montecagle ingenuity at work on the courts by the Rixham family! Good job! Photo from Hays Haney.

country and the enduring hope that continues to guide it forward. Standing side by side, surrounded by friends, family, and community, may we be reminded that the true strength of this nation lies not just in its history, but in its people.

So here's to 250 years—of courage, of growth, of challenge and triumph. Let's celebrate with full hearts (and bellies!), open arms, and a deep sense of gratitude—for our Assembly, for the country we call home, for those who defend it, and for the family and friends who make every moment worth remembering.

— Hays Haney, President, MSSA Board



Hays Haney, president of the Board of Trustees, at the 1982 Assembly celebration with brother Thad Thompson. Looking sharp!

As the day unfolds—from field games, the bike parade, to the picnic on the Mall, to moments of quiet reflection during our Candlelight Service—I encourage each of you to be present. Set aside the noise of everyday life and truly take in the faces, voices, and connections around you. These are the moments that stay with us long after the celebrations end—the ones that make us pause months later and smile to ourselves.

And as the sun begins to set and we turn our eyes skyward for the great wonder of the Fireworks Show, may we feel a collective sense of awe and appreciation.

Each burst of color reminding us of the beauty of this country and the enduring hope that continues to guide it forward. Standing side by side, surrounded by friends, family, and community, may we be reminded that the true strength of this nation lies not just in its history, but in its people.

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— Hays Haney, President, MSSA Board

QUICK BITES

Pressure washing is not permitted during the season.

Save time at the gate and pre-order your tickets using the MSSA 2026 Ticket Order Blank. You may also call the office (931) 924-2286.

Shop local at the Thursday Morning Mountain Market, 7-10:00 am, in front of Harton Hall.

Call Steve First! Home repairs/upgrades are generally not permitted during the season. Contact the Executive Director before calling a contractor.

Auto permits must be displayed at all times, else a ticket may be issued.

Gate tickets (or wristbands) should be on your person at all times.

Harton Hall accepts cash, check (with legible phone number), Venmo, PayPal, or payment via house account.

ALL golf carts, including rental carts, must be registered (or re-registered) to receive the 2026 decal. Only licensed drivers are legally allowed to drive carts.

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

Intergenerational bells play at 9:30 am Tuesday & Wednesday in Warren Chapel. All are welcome.

Lawn trimmings are collected on Wednesdays.

Quiet Hour is daily from 1:00-2:30 pm. Children should be indoors at their cottages. Tennis is only permitted on the East Gate courts. No deliveries during this time.

SEASON OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00-4:00
Saturday: 8:00-12:00

NOTE: The office will be closed on Friday/Saturday, July 3-4.

(931) 924-2286

QUICK BITES

Trash pickup begins at 5:00 am on Monday & Thursday. Secure garbage can lids to avoid critters from getting into them. Garbage crews can only collect bagged trash located inside garbage cans.

Golf cart parking at Warren Chapel is for the benefit of those who need mobility assistance. Please do not move carts during services and programs.

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.

SPECIAL DINNER AT MOUNTAIN TOP RESTAURANT

“New York Italian” cuisine
Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 pm



Chef Danny Lyons will prepare a three-course Italian dinner for the Assembly at Mountain Top Restaurant. Guests may also add a wine flight selected by the restaurant’s sommelier to pair with each course. Reservations are now available at the office; space is limited, and advance registration is required. The cost is \$55 per person which includes tax but not gratuity, plus \$20 for the optional wine flight. Additional drinks may be purchased from Mountain Top’s full bar.



Left: Mary Earthman sent this picture from the Week 2 John Gaddis Watercolor Workshop. Right: Anne Williams Sent this picture of Lori Davis reading from The Correspondent in the Writers’ Grove in Week 3.

NEW IN 2026: PICKLEBALL PADDLE RULES

To ensure pickleball remains enjoyable for all Assembly residents and guests while minimizing any disturbance to nearby leaseholds, only pickleball paddles designated as “quiet” or “low noise” will be permitted for pickleball play on the Assembly grounds. Quiet paddles are available at the courts. Please take care of them so they are available for all to use!

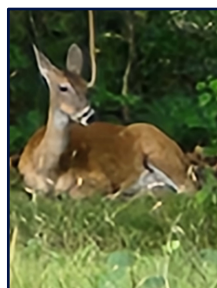


PICKLEBALL HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 am-1:00 pm & 2:30-5:30 pm
Friday: 10:00 am-1:00 pm & 2:30-7:30 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am-Noon & 2:30-5:30 pm
Sunday: 2:30-5:30 pm

BE AWARE OF THE WILDLIFE

Be aware of the wildlife living with us on the Assembly grounds. Black bears have recently been spotted in Monteagle. Skunks normally do not spray unless threatened. If you see one, slowly back away. Snakes are found around the creek and in rocky areas. Do not antagonize them. Coyotes have been spotted in the Assembly previously; increased activity may cause them to leave the campus, but we must all be mindful of letting small pets roam at night.



Kent Ballow had a deer and its fawn in her yard for a week!
Photo from Kent Ballow.

BALLOW MEMORIAL SERVICE JULY 2

A celebration of life for William Bradford Ballow will be held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 2 at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery. A reception at Winfield will follow.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life for Thomas Malone Trabue, Jr. will be held Sunday July 5 at 2:00 pm at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery. A reception will immediately follow at the Winfield House.



Please secure your garbage cans!



FROM THE MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Week Four brings another opportunity to slow down, gather, and make space for worship amid life on the mountain. The Chapel continues to be a place where friends, families, and neighbors come together for quiet reflection, shared prayer, music, and meaningful conversation.



This week's Chapel offerings include Peaceful Practice, Twilight Prayers, Ring, the Taizé Service, and Conversation with the Pastor. There will not be Dinner on the Grounds this week, so please bring a picnic and enjoy time together before Twilight Prayers on Monday Tuesday, June 29th.

We are delighted to have The Rev. Will McLeane with us as our minister for the week. His presence and leadership will be a gift to our community, and we look forward to worshipping and learning together.

All are welcome, and we hope you will find a time this week to join us at the Chapel.

Blessings,
— Mary Balfour Van Zandt, Chapel Committee Chair

A NEW IDEA: PICNIC ON THE CHAPEL GROUNDS

Bring your family, bring your food, bring your beverages, and bring your seating to the Mall for a casual picnic gathering. Monday, June 29 is the beginning of Week 4 with all of the special July 4th festivities; start the week off with a simple family time at the Picnic on the Chapel Grounds. Twilight Prayers will begin at 7:00 pm.



Monday, June 29 will be the only Monday with this new event. No rain plan. Dinner on the Chapel Grounds will resume, July 6.

Questions? Call Virginia Curry (901) 493-3045 or email vacurry1981@gmail.com.

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT ON JULY 17TH!

Be among the first to celebrate Tennessee's newest wild place! Join Friends of the Parks for Something to Crow About, a special evening celebrating the creation of the Head of the Crow State Park in Sewanee, TN.



The festivities will feature food, music, dancing, and childcare for children 3+. We are especially excited to welcome MSSA family member, Clark Hudgins and his band, UPPER LEVEL, for an evening of great live music and celebration.

Purchase your tickets by JULY 7 and use code EARLYBIRD at checkout to receive discounted pricing on tickets.



Tickets can be purchased by using the QR code or the link below.

[Tickets: https://friendsofscra.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events?path=%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F46376%3Fsource%3Dmis](https://friendsofscra.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events?path=%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F46376%3Fsource%3Dmis)

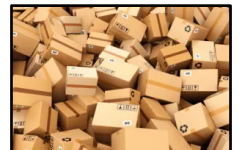
JULY 4TH CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Be sure to submit all names you wish to be recognized at the Fourth of July Candlelight service on the Mall. Births, marriages and deaths in the Assembly community (since July 4, 2025) will be noted. Submit names and relevant dates (marriage, birth, death) to the Assembly Office, in writing, or by e-mail to platform@mssa1882.org. Please have your submissions in by noon on Monday, June 30.



PICK UP PACKAGES

When the urge to click "buy now" hits, remember that those packages will arrive at the MSSA Office. So many packages...! To ensure smooth operations (and because we have limited space), please ensure you pick up your packages in a timely fashion. Track those boxes and come by once they've been delivered.



Thanks for helping us maintain a safe and tidy front office!
— Jen Reynolds, Office Manager



WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Welcome to all of our 4th of July guests!

The 4th of July week is always a busy one! More family, more friends, more food, more fun, more activity. The Woman's Association invites you to Winfield Porch to play card games and Mahjong on Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 pm and to come and learn to play Mahjong on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. It is a good time to gather on the porch for fellowship and fun! And remember that our Library is open Monday-Friday from 10:00 am-12 noon and from 2:30-4:30 pm. We have books for children, young people and adults. Plus we have all sorts of puzzles.

We would also like to invite you to just come and sit on our porch at Winfield anytime you need a change of scenery, free Wi-Fi, or a quiet place to chat. Or, get out a table and play your favorite game. We always love seeing you!

Julia Curry and Ginny Gordon are working hard on this year's Cottage Tour and Bazaar. Below you will see more information on Tour tickets, box lunches, and raffle tickets. But be sure that you see how to volunteer! A sign-up link is provided. This great event would not happen without lots of hands helping in lots of places.

Our next Woman's Association meeting on Monday, July 6th will share Cottage Tour and Bazaar information. We really hope you will join in on making this another true success. Our goals for our Cottager Tour and Bazaar are always to welcome others to our Assembly, for our guests to see some of our cottages, to showcase some of our talented vendors, and to create the funds we need to keep Winfield in good shape by close observation of her needs and quick remediation of them.

Won't you please help us this year?

See you on the Porch!

— Frannie Smith, WMSSA president



Last week, Melinda Haines ran across this cat, who is quite unimpressed with the Mountain Voices love for dogs. What about the cats?! Will nobody think about the cats?!

If this your cat, please apologize on Liz's behalf. All pets are welcome in these pages. Send your pictures to platform@mssa1882.org for inclusion.

COTTAGE TOUR & BAZAAR

The 2026 Cottage Tour & Bazaar is just around the corner—Friday, July 17th! Purchase your ticket in advance for \$25 and save \$5 off the day-of price of \$30. Reserve your box lunch early, as quantities are limited, and you won't want to miss the delicious menu of chicken salad on a croissant, kale salad, a fruit cup, and lemon bar. Tickets and box lunches can be purchased online (<https://monteaglesundayschoolassembly.org/programs-events/>) or at Winfield House from Cindy Cole.

Don't miss the raffle! We have a wonderful, one-of-a-kind Free Form Candleplate (21x21 inches) that has been generously donated by Melissa Webb, owner of The Gallery. With a retail value of \$1,625, raffle tickets are an incredible value at \$10 per ticket, or five tickets for \$40! Raffle tickets can be purchased at The Gallery or Winfield House.



Volunteer opportunities are available for everyone—sign up today and help make this year's event a success! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AA4A722A5FD0-64509809-2026>

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, I'd love to hear from you! Contact me at (901) 489-1721 or juliacurry2@gmail.com.

— Julia Curry

DOG DAYS (AND RULES) OF SUMMER

The State of Tennessee and Town of Monteagle have changed laws for pets that affect our beloved Assembly dogs. **Dogs may not roam unaccompanied or at large anymore.** You can walk your dog off-leash under two conditions:

- 1) This can only take place between 5:00 am-9:00 pm. These hours were set by the MSSA Board. Overnight, dogs must be on a leash.
- 2) All dogs must be accompanied (at all times) and kept reasonably under control.



Lori Davis sent this amazing picture of Lyn Knopf and Pat Wildman with Eloise, the Knopfs new puppy. Note that Eloise is fully under her owner's control—great rule-following, girl!

Please pick up after your dogs at all times, just as you would outside the Assembly gates.

— Steve Williams, Executive Director

* Longtime Mountain Voices readers know that if you send platform@mssa1882.org a picture with a dog, it'll probably get printed in a future newsletter.

YOUTH UPDATES

The youth have been an integral part of the Assembly from its beginning, and many consider Monteagle a place where children can develop both spiritually and physically in a safe environment. Programs for children ages 3-18 are available throughout the summer. Please see the program book, pages 11-16 for guidelines, policies, and rules.

Week 3 has flown by, and it was such a great week. The Eagles had a big week last week where they had their first overnight on Wednesday in the gym, their first caving trip to Pryor Springs Cave, and another excursion to Lake Cheston. The Eaglets had a great time at the Nature Playground in the trails behind the North Gate Field. The Buzzards & Falcons enjoyed bowling on Tuesday, and they had their annual Hiwassee overnight on Friday where they woke up and joined the annual All-Assembly Hiwassee river trip. It is always such a fun trip.

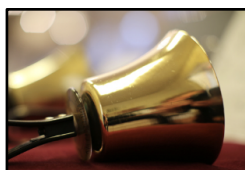
There are many people to thank for helping make the youth program what it is, and now I would like to specifically thank Betsy Peebles, Jamie Green, Rayane Plyler, Jen Reynolds, and Bessie Doffermyre for hosting Buzzards & Falcons and Eagles progressive suppers. I would also like to thank Jamie Green and Catherine Norvell for reading at storytime on the Winfield porch. As always, thank you to all the parent drivers that helped with excursions this week. None of this would be possible with y'all. The youth program thrives on active parent engagement and volunteers.

This coming week is the best and busiest week of the year, Week 4! This year is a little more special than usual because it is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! The Lord has blessed us all so much for allowing us to live in a place where we have great freedoms, especially the freedom to practice our religion. On Monday, you will see that some youth events are canceled because we have a great opportunity to give back to those in need by supporting the Outreach Committee project building beds for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Please join us at 2:30 pm at the VFW on Monday for an opportunity to help those in need!

This week is also Youth Olympic week, where each youth will be assigned a color to compete for points each day during games. In addition to Olympic Week, there are two caving excursions: the Eagles will be going to Lost Cove cave and the Buzzards & Falcons will be going to Prior Springs cave. Proper gear is required and the list will be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board. The Eaglets will go to the Blue Hole at Greeter Falls, and the Eagles and Buzzards & Falcons will have another excursion, so be sure to look at the Youth Bulletin Board for all things youth related!

BELLS ARE GOOD FOR THE HEART

Last week featured 16 bell players at Twilight Players—some were very young, some were new to bells, and some were more experienced. I've been playing Bells with youth for about 10 years. Seeing all them up there and playing as well as they did made my heart sing. Thank you all for supporting this program.



Intergenerational bells play at 9:30 am Tuesday & Wednesday in Warren Chapel.

— Pamela Maloof

Fourth of July week is not just for the youth, it is also for adults. The annual relay games will be on Friday, July 3rd at 2:30 pm at Pilcher Park, followed by the penny plunge and pool games! On Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 am is the Monteagle Fourth of July Parade, where the Assembly will participate. Be on the look out for more information on that. We are currently accepting donations for candy. Please leave candy donations on the Nashville Home Porch. The Fourth is a day packed full of fun activities, so be sure to look at the Youth Bulletin Board for all of the fun and exciting activities to come!

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”
— Romans 8:1-2

— McTyeire Davis, Youth Coordinator/Christian Coordinator

YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD & PARENTS' MEETING

Reminder: You should always check the youth bulletin board!!!

Please check the bulletin board located by the Auditorium for additions and details about our weekly programs. Also, plan on attending the weekly Parents' Meeting each Tuesday for information about weekly activities. Some excursion times may change, but the most current information will always be at the bulletin board. We will always try to keep true to the program, but sometimes changes need to be made because of weather or logistics that come up after the program was printed.

STAY
CONNECTED!



To receive notifications on all things youth, please download the Remind app and join our summer group using code @mssa82, or simply text @mssa82 to 81010.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the fall of 2025 Dr. Melody Lehn, a professor at Sewanee, contacted me to discuss a project for her rhetoric class. She asked if the students could have access to the Archives to research women who had lectured at MSSA beginning in 1882 and write essays about what they had discovered. In return, the students scanned the original programs for the Archives! The essays will be printed in Mountain Voices during the summer season. Dr. Lehn will be lecturing Weeks 4 and 8. Enjoy!

— Morgan Merrill, Archives Chair

No, Not Judge Judy, We're Talkin' 'Bout Judge Lucy: A Rhetorical Analysis of Lucy Somerville Howorth

By Annabel Eppes, Evey Knopf, and Erin McLaughlin

A legacy of powerful women shaped Lucy Somerville Howorth's (1895-1997) life.

From a young age, Howorth was remarkably curious. As a child, she attended her first women's suffrage meetings with her mother Nellie Nugent Someville, who purchased Katydid Cottage at the Monteaule Sunday School Assembly in 1893. At the Assembly, Howorth had her first introduction to college-level education, as she regularly interacted with the college professors who visited for the annual lecture series each summer. In 1912, Howorth enrolled and excelled in school at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia. She was highly involved in campus life as a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, founder of the Equal Suffrage League, President of the Mississippi club, and member of the Franklin Literary Society. Howorth then attended graduate school at Columbia University.

After her time at Columbia, Lucy Somerville Howorth returned to the Monteaule Sunday School Assembly in the summer of 1920. During this visit, she notably witnessed the official vote that made Tennessee the 36th state to ratify woman suffrage. The experience prompted Howorth to enroll in law school at the University of Mississippi. As a lawyer, and despite the inherent setbacks of being a woman in the legal field during this time, Lucy distinguished herself enough to be appointed to the Mississippi Board of Bar Examiners and commissioner of the United States District Court, where she earned the nickname "Judge Lucy."

Howorth has a longstanding and significant connection to the Assembly. She is a sixth generation member and visited consistently throughout her lifetime. Howorth once stated that Monteaule was a place to foster close relationships. Later in life, Howorth used many of the skills she learned through her work in the legal field, and during her time studying, to help the Assembly through financial struggles. This was crucial in aiding the establishment to return to a state of stability and prosperity. In 1959, the Assembly struggled with finances and Howorth stepped in to help. The Assembly's board secretary stated that Howorth's

"leadership and guidance has brought the Assembly through some very difficult years." Because of her leadership with navigating these financial struggles, Howorth was elected the first female president of the Assembly. Her dedication to the Assembly was recognized through her honorary election as a lifetime member of the board of trustees and honorary lifetime president. She was also awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1984. Lucy used her expansive professional career to revive the Assembly and preserve it for the enjoyment of generations as a way to give back to the community that shaped her own development.

Despite Howorth's tireless dedication to the Assembly, and

her impressive pioneering legal career as a woman, her humble disposition and democratic praise of women is a testament to her admirable character. Her friend, Andrew Lytle, once noted that, "Where Lucy is, darkness is not." Additionally, when questioned in an interview later in her life about her accomplishments, Howorth stated that she, "lose[s] no sleep as to whether or not anything is written about me." She, "never did expect to be up front in history," but is surprised how, "so many really great women [are] unknown in the records of today's women."

Lucy Somerville Howorth's legacy teaches us to stay curious, confident, and adaptable to change. As a young girl raised with the influence of powerful women

around her, Howorth shows how to take advantage of the opportunities afforded to us, whilst keeping one's mind open to new possibilities and paths forward. Many men, even her dentist, doubted Howorth's ability to become a lawyer in the state of Mississippi, but she chose to do so, even though it was the more challenging path. Howorth's impressive desire to give back to the community that aided in her development reflects her selfless and determined character. She is a person dedicated to leaving every space better than she found it. The life lessons of Lucy Somerville Howorth are ones of resilience, perseverance, and public service.



LEASEHOLD AVAILABLE

#23 Edgeworth Inn \$1,923,000

To arrange a tour or for more information, contact Steve Williams, Executive Director, williams@mssa1882.org or (931) 924-2286.

MEET THE GATEKEEPERS!

Our gatekeepers are always the first, smiling face you see when you return to the Mountain. Each week this season we are highlighting our gatekeepers so you can learn more about them and their lives when they're not manning the front gate.



Welcome Jaden Ruehling! Jaden is a first-time gatekeeper this year. Jaden is a college student at University of Virginia College at Wise majoring in Education. He plays baseball at UVA and is currently playing in a college summer league in Tullahoma, TN. Jaden enjoys playing baseball, hunting, and fishing.



Sunday: The Devil Wears Prada (2006, PG-13)

Wednesday early-bird: Rio (2011, G)

Wednesday: Miracle (2004, PG)

Friday: Top Gun (1986, PG)

TUESDAY TRIVIA ... NO MÁS TACOS

Tuesday night's trivia night will feature American history trivia and munchies to help fuel your thinking... but no tacos or food will be sold. This is a change from the printed program book.



POOL HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00-9:30 am
(adult water exercise only)

Monday-Saturday: 10:00 am-Noon

Daily: 2:30-5:30 pm

Friday only: 5:30-7:30 pm

FROM HARTON HALL

Sunday Buffet

- Chicken marsala
- Lasagna
- Garlic parmesan green beans
- Roasted lemon broccoli
- Caesar salad
- Italian cream cake

Sunday buffet is \$25 per person, \$15 for children under 4-11 years, free for those under 3. Doors open at 11:45 am.

Time to get your pie in!

Here are the rules:

- 1) One entry per person, but multiple entries per household are fine, as long as pies are made by different people.
- 2) We cannot accept frozen pies. Your pie will be out of refrigeration until the judging, and there is no refrigerated storage available at Harton Hall.
- 3) Bring your pie to Harton Hall on Friday, July 3rd between 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Judging is at 1:15 pm. Please pick up your pie at 2:00 pm. Harton Hall will be locked by mid-afternoon.
- 4) Winner and honorable mentions will be announced on the Mall at the Fourth of July Picnic. There is a very cool prize, on top of bragging rights!

Culinary Guild

Please let Emily Frith know if you're interested in hosting one of the courses for the Culinary Guild progressive dinner scheduled for Wednesday, July 22.

July 4th Menu & Orders

Deanna is accepting special orders for the Fourth of July picnic. You can pick up an order form at the office. Place orders by Wednesday, July 1st. Food will be available for pickup on July 4th between 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Quantities are limited.

Entrées

Fried Chicken (8 pieces): \$18

Fried Chicken (16 pieces): \$34

Chicken Tenders (10 pieces): \$20

Chicken Tenders (20 pieces): \$38

Homemade Sides (prices for quart/half-pan)

Red Potato Salad: \$12 / \$36

Baked Beans: \$12 / \$36

Orzo Salad: \$15 / \$46

Holiday Favorites

Deviled Eggs (1 dozen): \$18

Cornbread Muffins (1 dozen): \$10

Desserts (prices for quart/half-pan)

Banana Pudding: \$12 / \$36

Homemade Brownies: — / \$28

Chocolate Chip Cookies (1 dozen): \$12 / —



WEEK 4 CALENDAR • JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2026

Guest Minister: Rev. William McLeane

Sunday, June 28

Sunday School (adults/youth)

10-10:45 am • Various locations; see Mall kiosk

Worship service

11:00 am • Warren Chapel

Movie: The Devil Wears Prada (2006, PG-13)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

Monday-Thursday

Twilight Prayers

7:00 pm • Warren Chapel

Monday-Friday

Adult Exercise, 8-9:00 am • Gymnasium

- Ageless Strength & Vitality with Brendie (Mon./Wed.)
- YoMassage with Lauren (Tues.)
- Pilates with Kim (Thurs.)
- ExerFIT with Brandy (Fri.) — **please wear sneakers!**

Adult Aqua Exercise, 8:30-9:15 am • Pool

- Aqua Yoga with Liz (Mon.)
- Hydro Yoga with Helen (Wed.)
- Water Workout with Jimmy (Fri.)

Monday, June 29

Peaceful Practice at the Point, with Pace Verner

10:45-11:45 am • Warren's Point

All-Assembly Outreach Project: Build a bed for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

2:30 pm • Meet at the VFW

Bring-your-own picnic

6:00 pm • Mall

All-Assembly BINGO!

7:45 pm • Harton Hall

Tuesday, June 30

Lecture: Voices from the Sanctuary: Women's Rhetorical Contributions to the MSSA, with Dr. Melody Lehn

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Make-and-Take Workshop: Painted Ottomon, Drink, and Appetizer Tray, with Colby Henderson-Black

2:30 pm • Shady Dell

Adult Trivia Night: American history (no food/tacos sold)

7:45 pm • Harton Hall

Wednesday, July 1

Lecture: Building Safer, Stronger Communities for Women and Girls in Guatemala, with Kate Flatley

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Workshop: Flower Arranging, with Judy Walling

2:30-4:30 pm • Shady Dell

Lecture: A Navy Neurosurgeon on a Hospital Ship in Vietnam, with W. Robert Hudgins, MD

3:30 pm • Warren Chapel

Early Bird Movie: Rio (2011, G)

6:00 pm • Auditorium

Movie: Miracle (2004, PG)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

Thursday, July 2

Thursday Morning Market

7-10:00 am • Front of Harton Hall

A Conversation with the Pastors, with the Rev. Mary Balfour Van Zandt and the Rev. William McLeane

9:00-10:00 am • Winfield Porch

Lecture: How Flowers Made Our World: Learning from Floral Creativity, with David Haskell. Book sale/signing to follow.

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

9th Annual (restart) Mountain Man Classic

1:30 pm • Sewanee University Golf Club

Dedication of the MSSA Trails Portal: Talk and walk the MSSA trails, with David Peacock and Clark Tate

2:30 pm • North Gate Field

Lecture: The Enduring Principles of the Declaration of Independence, with Eli Merritt

7:45 pm • Warren Chapel

Friday, July 3

Lecture: Morality, Civility, and Character in an Age of Chaos, with Dr. Clay Stauffer

10:45 am • Warren Chapel

Friday, July 3 (cont'd)

Movie: Top Gun (1986, PG)

7:45 pm • Auditorium

INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

JULY 3-4, 2025

Friday, July 3

19th Annual Off-Road Classic

8:00 am • Meet at the North Gate

July 4th Relay Games

2:30 pm • Pilcher Park

July 4th Penny Plunge & Pool Games

3:30 pm • Pool

Reading of the Declaration of Independence by David Hudgins, with violin accompaniment by Davis Arnold

7:45 pm • Sunset Rock



July 4th to-do list:

1. Be safe, honor those who served, and remember those who came before.
2. Wear sunscreen, drink lots of water, and have fun!
3. Take pictures and send to: platform@mssa1882.org for Mountain Voices!

Saturday, July 4

47th Annual Monteagle-Sewanee Run/Walk

8:00 am • Meet at Front Gate

Monteagle Fourth of July Parade

10:00 am • Town of Monteagle

Annual Fourth of July Picnic, with music by the Cumberland Mountain Music Makers

Bike Parade

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

12:00 pm • The Mall

Ultimate Frisbee Reunion!

2:30 pm • North Gate Field

All-Generation Softball Game

4:00 pm • North Gate Field

Patriotic Brass Prelude with the Sewanee Summer Music Festival, followed by the

Candlelight Service

7:10 pm • Mall Bandstand

FIREWORKS!

8:45 pm • North Gate Field



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