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Summer LaCosta Walling will become the bride of Ronald Allen Whitaker on May 19 in a ceremony planned to take place at Camp Overton in Rock Island.

Walling, Whitaker set May 19 wedding

Debbie and Chuck Little are announcing the upcoming marriage of their daughter Summer LaCosta Walling to Ronald Allen Whitaker, son of Mary Jeanette Farris.

The couple will wed May 19 at the beautiful Camp Overton in Rock Island at 3 p.m. Pastor Curtis Young of The House of Prayer in Smithville will officiate.

The bride-to-be is the mother of Megan Russell, Taylor Walling, Alex

Walling, Daniel Walling and Brodie Pritchett. She is a graduate of Van Buren County High School, and is a loan manager in Smithville.

Her fiancé is the father of Tiffiany Dinovo, Elizabeth Whitaker and Johnaton Whitaker. His grandson is Eli Dinovo. Mr. Whitaker is a graduate of DeKalb County High School, and has had a career with Shiroki North America for 12 years.

MIDWAY FCEC NEWS

Members of the Midway FCEC met April 4 at the Midway CIC Center for their monthly meeting. Jean Smith and Jean Cantrell served as hostesses, with President Dian Greene presiding.

Devotional leader Paula Barnes' thought for the day was "What reminds me of Easter." She led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and roll call was answered by 14 members with each naming a tree in their yard. The minutes were read by Betty Whitlock, and Mary Rubley gave the financial report.

Vice president Betty Whitlock provided members with a new toothbrush and a handout on the many

ways it can be used. Elva Dean Bell displayed a framed puzzle, Fran Farmla shared information on meal planning, and Brenda Blocker assisted members in card making.

Our members donated hygiene items for the middle school and the Child Advocacy Center. Can tabs were collected for the Ronald McDonald House and bottle caps for patient cancer treatments.

Rubley and Blocker will attend the environmental leader training, with some of our members working the Bloodmobile. On A&R Day, awards were presented for a year of hard work, with everyone participating in

the silent auction.

International Day is set for May 9, and we will celebrate England and the royal wedding. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own wedding photo and to wear a hat. England native Chris Walters will be the guest speaker.

The annual bake sale will take place May 4 at Foodland Plus, with everyone encouraged to bring baked items for sale. We will cover the 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. shift.

Our hostesses decorated the tables with colorful birds, and provided door prizes. Our next meeting will be May 2 at Gondola for breakfast at 9 a.m.

HICKORY CREEK FCEC NEWS

Hickory Creek FCEC met March 1 for the regular monthly meeting in the Magnolia Room. The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Gibbs at 10 a.m. She welcomed new member Paula Hillis and guest Alda Bandy, Lori Yates and Kaydence Tanner. Chaplain Ann Whitman read an article from the "House to House Heart to Heart" publication titled "Walking the Dog." We were led in the pledge to the flag by Gibbs.

Secretary Phyllis Hillis was asked to call roll. The 14 members and guest named their favorite flowering tree. The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurer report was given

by Brenda Clark

Vice president Davis asked for member reports and demonstrations. Special projects leader Martha McBride gave everyone a 2018 calendar of events. As for demonstrations, Janis Darnaby gave everyone an Easter chicken made from card stock and held a piece of candy. She also showed pictures of a spring door wreath she had made. Pam Duff and Brenda Clark showed the baskets they made in Crafting Then and Now class. Pam also showed a reusable shopping bag made of felt and matching shawl, mittens and scarf made from a blanket. Vicki had a baby blanket that she made.

Irene Fuston brought a

copy of the 1936-1990 "Official History of FCE" that was very interesting. Book reports were given by Gibbs on Dr. Ming Wang's book "From Darkness to Sight," and Tina Ramsey reported on "We're all Wounded" by Debbie Kea.

McBride asked for hours worked by members for state and club projects. Gibbs presented Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan's Purse and Waldron Missions to think about as service projects. Four members attended the February Crafting Then and Now. Visitation day was March 13, with everyone bringing food and a guest.

McBride attended a meeting concerning guidelines for Best of Best nomina-

tions. Marian Jacobs was nominated by Irene Fuston and the club members approved.

President Gibbs talked about A&R Day on April 12 that was held in the Magnolia Room at the Administration Building. Our summer outing will be in July, with President Gibbs sharing info about Polly Claire's tearoom in Chattanooga. Members celebrating birthdays in March are Vicki Gibbs and Carolyn Belcher.

Upcoming events to remember include the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg April 28-29, and Spring Rally in Grundy County April 30. Everyone took a few minutes to update gold star sheets in their yearbook. Remember to continue logging CVU's, hours spent on state projects and collecting drink can tabs for the state project.

The meeting was adjourned, with members enjoying a soup tasting and swap.

BEST WISHES

Southern Standard readers are invited to extend happy birthday and anniversary best wishes to friends and loved ones through this weekly column. Please submit your messages by our noon deadline each Thursday. No more than three wishes to any individual, please.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

April 8 - Happy belated birthday wishes to Carolyn Zahn. We love you, Nevaeh, Brooklynn and Braelyn Zahn.

April 8 - Happy 68th belated birthday greetings Carolyn. You're still looking great at 68! Love, Paul Zahn.

April 8 - Carolyn, happy belated wishes. Love, Jason, Teraa, Levi, Rachel, Casey and Emma Grace.

April 15 - Hannah Cantrell, happy birthday wishes to you. Love, your family.

April 16 - Ashley Hobbs Barnes, happy birthday to you! Love you, your family.

April 16 - Happy birthday Caleb Gilley. Love, Uncle James and Grandma.

April 20 - Maureen Gillette, happy birthday to you. Love, your family.

April 20 - Birthday wishes to Gary Cope. Love, your family.

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The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month this April. Donating blood is a simple way for those who are short on time to make a life-changing difference.

Kay Whaley knows the impact of blood donations. When she was 9, she was in an accident and received many transfusions. That experience inspired her to become a blood donor.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All those who come to donate from April 9 to May 13, will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards to a national home improvement retailer, courtesy of Suburban Propane. (Restrictions apply. More details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Lets-Do-More.)

The next available Warren County visit will be April 24 at Caney Fork Electric from 2 - 6 p.m. The auditorium is located at 920 Smithville Highway, McMinnville.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

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