Rockin' reader



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Morrison Public Library's top reader in the Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program is Joshua Graham. Several students participated in the various programs and activities available to keep them reading during the summer months.

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.

July 19 – Happy belated 90th birthday Charles E. Talley. Love, Doris, Connie and Gordon.

July 23 – Birthday wishes to Jeff Alexander. July 25 – Happy birthday Ashley Wright. Love, Seth.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

July 24 – Happy anniversary Allen and Venus Barnes.

FCEC NEWS

Hickory Creek FCE met for the June meeting at the County Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Gibbs, and she welcomed guests Kemmi, Alda Bandy and agent Hilda Lytle. Chaplain Ann Whitman read about forgiveness and letting go of differences by giving them over to God. The biblical reference was Colossians 3:13. We were led in the pledge to the flag by Gibbs.

Secretary Phyllis Hillis called roll, with 20 members and guests answering the question, "Name something you own made of oak?" The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Marian Jacobs gave the treasury report.

Vice president Davis allowed Lytle to present a program from the "Eat Well, Feel Well" series. This presentation was on hydration, and she discussed the importance of staying hydrated, good sources of getting healthy fluids and warning signs of dehydration. We were given a challenge on hydration to complete and return at the next meeting to earn gold stars.

Davis asked for member reports and demonstrations. Brenda Clark and Jacobs showed crafts made at the Leadership Retreat including painting on canvas, Christmas ornament made from a light bulb, a wreath and a no-sew bag. Clark also had the finished quilt top made at the Crafting Now and Then quilting 101 classes. Janis Darnaby also showed her completed quilt from class. Victoria brought her Swedish weaving and Vicki had made a stick Christmas tree. Anamaria Baus made a crocheted pocket book and a quilted stuffed frog toy. Guest Alda Bandy showed a basket made at Leadership Retreat and gave everyone a handmade paper gift box with a gift

Eighteen members reported reading since the last meeting and book reports were given by Clark and Hillis.

President Gibbs reported International Day was a very good day filled with beautiful decorations, good food and an interesting guest speaker. FCE members attending the Leadership Retreat were Clark, Jacobs, Yates and Bandy. The club had previously voted to donate Bingo gifts to the senior citizens center in June and Gibbs made the donation delivery.

June Dairy Day was a great activity for all in attendance, as well as the June County Council meeting. Members donated towels and washcloths for the Fisher House. Several suggestions for the July outing were discussed, with it decided to visit Evins Mill in Smithville. The family life leader chairman Jacobs attended the training session. McBride reported volunteer hours worked at Meals on Wheels can be counted as a state project and encouraged members to continue logging and reporting

state project and CVU hours. Crafting Now and Then for July is "Christmas in July" was held recently in the Magnolia Room. Quilts in the Boro Quilt Show will be Aug. 17-18 at Lane Agri-Park Community Center in Murfreesboro. Hickory Creek members celebrating birthdays this month are Crystal Davis, Pam Duff and Cassy Hillis.

Jacobs suggested we close with the FCE Creed, with several members enjoying lunch at The Cumberland Biscuit Company.



Margaret Hobbs photo

Miss Tennessee's Outstanding Teen Mary Humphrey was honored at a send-off reception before her departure to Orlando, Fla., for the Miss America's Outstanding Teen competition. She will vie for the title with 50 other young ladies from July 24-26, with the crowning on July 28.

Humphrey to represent state at national pageant

BY MARGARET HOBBS Lifestyles Editor for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Even at the young age of 16 Mary Humphrey has accomplished much in her life, with the most

recent accolade being

named Miss Tennessee's Outstanding Teen 2018. The McMinnville teenager is an accomplished dancer, an honor student, active in clubs and organizations at Warren County High School, and an advocate for improving literacy in Tennessee. Since being named

Tennessee's Outstanding Teen, she has traveled across the state participating in functions and promoting literacy.

Her upcoming travel plans will take her to Orlando, Fla., to participate in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen event. She will compete with 50 other accomplished young ladies from July 24-26, with the finals on July 28. Her talent presentation is a jazz en pointe to a mix from "The Wiz."

The contestants are divided into groups with areas of competition held on separate nights. Mary's group will pertalent on Wednesday, interview and lifestyle/fitness on Tuesday and evening gown and on-stage question on Thursday. On Saturday, the top finalists will be announced for another round of competition. She is particularly looking forward to the Children's Miracle Network "A Dance Marathon" with girls securing funds for the official national platform. To make a donation in Mary's behalf, go maoteen4kids.org before Friday, July 27.

"I'm so thrilled to be not only representing Tennessee, McMinnvilleOrlando," said Mary. "I would like to thank this community for all of its love and support. I hope to make Warren County proud on the national stage."

Anyone wishing to send Mary a good luck note or letter can mail it directly Mary Humphrey, Miss Tennessee's Outstanding Teen, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, Fla. ,32819.

Wishes need to be postmarked by Tuesday.

Follow her journey on Instagram at maoteentn and Facebook Miss Tennessee's Outstanding Teen, where she will post all links and Orlando

Joining her in Orlando will be her parents Gloria and Dale Humphrey, and brother Rob.

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