



## President's Tidbits

Thank you seems so inadequate. Yet it seems so large when it sums my feelings up! Thank you to my awesome Board for their service. It was over the top. Thank you Agent Advisors, support in so many ways. Thank you Central Region for letting me serve as your President. I have been privileged to visit nine county events to see FCE on the ground level. I am so impressed and pleased to be a member of our great organization that strives to improve our family and community life with our many talents.

When I thought of 'The Perfect Fit', I saw a beautiful picture of many small pieces. These pieces grew to include a quarterly newsletter with important dates, member and county spotlights, a Facebook presence with over 200 followers, our brochures for new members, our county idea exchange, our all-out effort to be 'Fired Up for FCE', and our distinctive and unique Central Region pins!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and look forward to the future of TAFCE!

*Emily Gordon*

TAFCE Central Region President



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **JAN 8 9:30AM**  
CENTRAL REGION BOARD MEETING MURFREESBORO
- **JANUARY 30**  
STATE PROJECTS REPORTS DUE
- **FEB 19TH 9:30AM**  
CENTRAL REGION BOARD MEETING
- **FEBRUARY 1** HEART OF FCE NOMINATIONS DUE
- **FEBRUARY 14** RETREAT INSTRUCTOR FORMS DUE
- **MARCH**  
READ ACROSS AMERICA
- **MARCH 2**  
FCL APPLICATIONS DUE
- **APRIL 13**  
LEADERSHIP RETREAT REGISTRATION AND CLASS DUE
- **APRIL 13** STATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

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## Central Region Information Day

**January 16th**

**Lane Agri-Park Murfreesboro**

**Registration is from 9:00-9:30am**

**Snow Date Jan 23rd**

## Conference Wrap Up 2019

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

Central Region is still 'Fired Up for FCE' following the 2019 TAFCE Conference in November. There were 276 members and guests registered for the conference. There were 54 first time attendees which may be a record.

Sheila Butt, Tuesday morning speaker, and Jack McCall, Comedian for the banquet were 'on point' with their messages.

Cory Jones from Buffalo Valley took \$541.00 in cash plus 6 boxes and several bags of other needed items for their service centers. These items will be put to good use serving the many people who use the facilities.

The Gift Shop was well stocked with so many beautiful and useful items made and donated by the Central Region counties. It was reported on Wednesday morning at the breakfast that everything sold raising \$3775.00.

From the many comments the attendees enjoyed the conference, and are looking forward to attending the 2020 conference in Kingsport.

Again, thank you to all who contributed in any way to the success of the conference, and a Heartfelt thank you to all who attended.

*Charlene Budd*, 2019 Conference Coordinator

All dates, forms, contacts and information can be found on the TAFCE Website.

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# County Spotlight

## Marshall County

Marshall County fce has been active for many years, with the number of clubs varying with the times. At present, there are 3 active clubs with several mailbox members, for a total of 60 members. Each club meets monthly and we also meet 4 times a year as a county group. At 3 of these county meetings, members are asked to participate in service projects. This year our projects included: paper products for the Child Development Center, hygiene products for Buffalo Valley, non-perishable foods for Hopetown and quilts for fce members that are veterans. Individual clubs also complete service projects that include Imagination Library and Junior's House.

Since many members enjoy crafts, there is a craft day 10 months of the year where members teach each other a new craft. Several members have been involved in teaching classes at state conference, retreat and the Maury Co. day camp. Members also volunteer their time to assist with 4-H activities either as judges, section leaders or program assistants.

We are proud of the accomplishments of all our members, but at this time two stand out. We are extremely proud of our own Emily Gordon as she completes her tenure as Central Region President. We also have one member, Melba Price, who is a 70 year fce member. Melba joined in 1949 as a newlywed, wanting to meet people and learn homemaking skills.



### Officer Spotlight

#### Crystal Holt

##### *Central Region Membership Communications*



Crystal Holt was born and raised in Cookeville, Tn. Crystal graduated from Cookeville High School and then attended Tennessee Technological University where she majored in secondary education. She graduated with a degree in education and a minor in history in 2006. She married her now husband Waylon she met at her favorite place a softball field in 2002 and went on to have two children, Cassidy 17 and Sheyene 11. Crystal along with her husband, grandmother, mother and both daughters are members or FCE.

Crystal has been a member of FCE for 15 years and has had the pleasure of serving at the local (educational chair), Region (Membership Communications Chair) and State (Fashion Revue and IT/Communications) level. Right now she has the pleasure to still be serving on the regional and state levels where she is in charge of the newsletter, keeping membership informed of all important updates and also all the IT duties.

Crystal's home life is just as busy as her FCE life. She has a daughter that graduated High School this December and is preparing for College in the Fall and both her daughters are a part of a competitive cheer team in Mt Juliet Tn. Cassidy her oldest daughter has her sights set high and wants to pursue being a Corporate Attorney.

Crystal can not wait to see what the future holds for this organization as it continues to grow.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- APRIL  
FCL TRAINING
- APRIL 22  
CENTRAL REGION  
BOARD MEETING
- MAY  
IMAGINATION LIBRARY  
MONTH
- NOVEMBER 8-11  
TAFCE STATE CONFERENCE  
KINGSPORT, TN

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