

THE HOTLINE

St. Joseph County Extension Homemakers



It is the mission of the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association to strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development, and voluntary community support.

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Upcoming Dates: 2023

Date	Details	Location
Jan 9, 2023	Community Support Group- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come help if you have time! <i>Contact Joann Wiseman (Penn Neighbors) for more information</i>	At Thyme to Sew 1355 N Bendix Dr, South Bend, IN 46628
Feb 13, 2023	President's meeting- zoom link : https://ivytech.zoom.us/j/6046967283?pwd=TzdPT1JK095cWJK3FzdndMM3crQT09 Meeting ID: 604 696 7283 Passcode: 2022	Zoom-6 p.m.
Feb 13, 2023	Hotline Articles due- Mailed or emailed approximately Feb 18 th	Mailed approx. Feb 18 th
March 13, 2023	Community Support Group- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come help if you have time! <i>Contact Joann Wiseman (Penn Neighbors) for more information</i>	At Thyme to Sew 1355 N Bendix Dr, South Bend, IN 46628
March 15, 2023	Esther Singer Scholarship Due- Due to Melanie Oakley-Capo 475 Elm Road Bremen, IN 46506	March 15 th , 2023
March 24, 2023	Hotline Articles due- Mailed or emailed April 1st	Mailed approx. April 1st
March 30 2023	District Meeting Details will be available in January 2023	Kosciusko County
March 31- April 2	Ag Days- St. Joseph County Fairgrounds	St. Joseph County Fairgrounds



Conversation with Cyndy

Ladies:

As the holidays approach I try to reflect on my years past and my childhood. My family spent many Christmases traveling to and from each of my grandparent's homes on Christmas day. There was always so much family and laughter that filled the day. My mom has always loved Christmas, it has always been her favorite holiday. She is the epitome of Christmas. I, however, am the poster child for Grinch when it comes to decorations and holidays as my home is currently barren to both decorations and lights this Christmas season.

My mom's home does not have a room that is not decked out in Christmas decor or a tree or bush outside that is not lit brightly. I remember as a child when tinsel was popular on Christmas trees (and we had a real tree every year), mom made us put the tinsel on, one strand at a time. Though I personally am not a holiday decorator, I do enjoy and look forward to going to my mother's house for her Christmas morning yeast rolls (gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free- yes: my mother spoils me).

Enjoy the special moments of the holiday, whether with family or friends, cherish the memories and hold them tight. I thank you for all that you have done throughout the year for your community, the ones that are in need, the Veterans, the children's organizations, and many more. You all have such generous hearts. In the spirit of the season, let us keep those less fortunate, those that are serving in our military, those that might be suffering silently, and those families that have lost loved ones in the past year in our prayers and thoughts.

May you all have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

God Bless you all.

Cyndy Keeling

St. Joseph County Homemakers President



Giving Back to the Community

St. Joseph County Homemakers Community Support Group

Community Support Group will be meeting on

January 9th, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

and **March 13th, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

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Club News

Miami Moderns

The October meeting of the Miami Moderns was held at Kay Holmes. We sorted our children's clothing donations. For many years, we have donated to local schools. This year, we chose - LaSalle in Mishawaka, LaVille, and Madison Elementary to give 29 hats, 16 pr gloves, 75 pr of underwear, 104 pr of socks, and 19 pr of sweats. We also donated to Cultivate Food Rescue to support three children. The group is collecting food to donate to a charity of their choice. After our meeting, we had the pleasure of President Cyndy Keeling sharing her knowledge of the use of our cell phones, iPad, and computer. She was very patient in answering our questions. It was hard to remember everything, but she assured us she is available at any time to assist. We are looking forward to our December meeting at Sandy Oakley's for our annual carry-in Christmas Dinner. Our January and February meetings will be held on Zoom.

*Submitted by,
Georgiana Fuchs
Miami Moderns Secretary*

Greene Township Extension Homemakers Club

In October, we attended the October Council meeting and Craft Day. Those of us that attended enjoyed the various craft demonstrations.

In November, we attended the All Greene Christmas Party and Auction. It is always a fun evening.

In December, we will have our annual Christmas Party at Doris Brenner's home. We will enjoy a potluck lunch followed by lots of fun and laughter. This year we will each bring a gift to exchange that starts with the letter I. Also, we will again bring gifts for the YWCA.

Submitted by,
Kay Liechty, *Secretary*



Scholarship Raffle Tickets Items:

The St. Joseph County Homemaker Scholarship Raffle Items will be as follows:

- 1) **2 – 50# Homegrown Frozen Pork & Beef combinations bundles** (Include: sausage, roast, pork chops, ham, hamburger, and steaks). One winner will be drawn at the conclusion of Ag Days and one at the conclusion of the St. Joseph County Fair on July 8th.
- 2) **1- Gift Card Tree**- gift cards from various area restaurants/vendors that each club donates (in the amount of \$20): winner to be drawn at the conclusion of the St. Joseph county Fair, on July 8th.
- 3) **2- Potowatomi Park Zoo Passes**- These passes will be either for Single parents & up to 6 dependents, Family passes (2 parents & 6 dependents), or grandparents Pass (2 grandparents & 6 dependents). Passes will not be purchased or redeemed until drawn as they must include the names of the winners and the dependents. (The passes also are good at many of the zoos across the country for at least 50% discount admission as well- with proper identification). One winner will be drawn at the conclusion of the Ag Days and one at the conclusion of the St. Joseph County Fair, on July 8th.
- 4) **Grill- Char-Broil® Performance Series™ Propane Gas Grill**: winner to be drawn at the conclusion of the St. Joseph county Fair, on July 8th.

Tickets are currently being printed and will be dispersed to those having meetings in January. For those that do not meet in January & February, I or Becky will get your tickets to your President, so they can be distributed as soon as possible.

REMEMBERING

Just a reminder to send the names of any of your members who have passed from April 1 of 2022 to April 2023 from your club. It is important to recognize our friends who are no longer with us. Remembering will take place at our Spring Fling. Names and short write up can be emailed or given to Diana Kuhn. The most recent member I know that passed has been Joyce Sommers, a member of Penn Neighbors. (submitted by Diana Kuhn)

2023-2025 County Officers Nominations

Soon we will be electing county officers for 2022-23. We will be asking individuals to accept the nomination but if you feel the nudge to volunteer for an office, please let Diana Kuhn or Cyndy Keeling know. The election will be held at Spring Fling. Remember we only have 4 county meetings and 2 club president's meetings. We need YOU. Diana Kuhn is the chair of the nomination committee this year, so if you have any questions, please feel free to give her a call, she will be happy to answer any of your questions. (submitted by Diana Kuhn)





Ring In Christmas

with The Prairie Bells

Date: Sunday, December 18, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Sumption Prairie United
Methodist Church, 24535 Roosevelt Rd.,
South Bend, IN 46614

Familiar and beautiful Christmas music for all ages will be included in this special holiday concert presented by The Prairie Bells Community Handbell Choir. Bring family and friends to celebrate this special time of year. A free-will offering for Hope Ministries will be accepted instead of an admission fee. The mission of Hope Ministries is to engage people experiencing homelessness in intensive relationships, help them heal, and foster long-term relationships to help them transform and thrive.

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The Prairie Bells
COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR

