



HENDRICKS COUNTY HOMEMAKER HAPPENINGS

March
2025

Mission Statement: To strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development and volunteer community support.

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Calendar 2024-2025

Apr 1: Council Meeting
Apr 2: Spring District Meeting, Hamilton County
Apr 10: Helping Hands Day (Pg 5)
Apr 18: Extension Office Closed
Apr 26: Treblemakers Spring Concert (Pg 4&6)
May 6: Council Meeting at Bartlett Chapel
May 8: Achievement Day (Pg 3)
May 26: Extension Office Closed
Jun 2-4: IEHA Conference
Jun 10: Council Meeting
Food Preservation Class (Pg 6)
Jul 4: Extension Office Closed
Jul 13-19: Hendricks County 4-H Fair

IEHA Families Home Page — www.ieha-families.org

(Check out the new website for information about our State Officers, safety lessons that you can share with your club, State-wide events and more!)



Purdue Extension Hendricks County

(<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks/hhs/ehmhendrickscounty.html>)

Facebook Page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Hendricks-County-Extension-Homemakers-600129567100835>)

ATTENTION Hendricks County Extension Homemakers!!!

We are looking for an individual to fill the position of Vice President for the 2025-2026 membership year. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Mikesell by phone or text (765-730-2993); or email (mmikesell52@sbcglobal.net). Some of the responsibilities include assisting the County president; setting dates for various programs; and reserving dates with the Conference Center Rental Coordinator. (Check the 2024-2025 HCEH program book for all the responsibilities and further details.) **Won't YOU consider serving our membership?**



from the President's

With a last name like "Looney" you better believe we're Irish and proud of it. I married into a St. Patrick's Day tradition with my husband. Every year he enjoys corned beef and the movie "The Quiet Man" with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Now, I didn't

know about this tradition when we first started dating. At that time the Indianapolis Art Museum showed movies on the terrace. Patrons could bring snacks and wine to have before the movie began. Well, as you can guess, we were going to see this movie and all I knew was that when I asked Mike to come with me, he was very pleased with the selection for the evening. I had never seen the movie but thought that in general men liked movies with John Wayne and I was sure I could manage a western or whatever. We got to the terrace and had our snacks and then the movie began. The way Mike tells the story is that part way through the movie I turned and said to him "would you quit saying the lines before the actors!"

As Homemakers we are going to have a busy Spring! In this newsletter you'll see that there are lots of opportunities! Please join in. We'll save you a seat.

Ellen Looney
President, HCEH



Celebrating Women's History Month: Honoring the Legacy of Homemakers

EDUCATOR'S

CORNER:

March is Women's History Month, and I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate you—the incredible women who have shaped history through your dedication, resilience, and hard work. Since its establishment as a national observance in 1987, Women's History Month has been a time to reflect on the contributions of women, both past and present, who have left an indelible mark on our world.

At the heart of one of the most significant institutions—the home—are homemakers like you. Your role in building families, strengthening communities, and preserving traditions is invaluable. Though history books may not always acknowledge these contributions, we all know that the work you do each and every day is immeasurable. Whether you're passing down family values, nurturing the next generation, or managing a household with skill and dedication, you exemplify leadership, love, and perseverance.

Women throughout history have balanced roles both inside and outside the home, shaping industries, advancing education, and advocating for change. We often hear about remarkable women like Clara Barton, who founded the American Red Cross, and Eleanor Roosevelt, who redefined the role of First Lady with her advocacy for human rights. But I also want to celebrate the women whose names may not be in history books—mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers—who have dedicated themselves to the well-being of their families and communities.

This month is a perfect time to reflect on and honor the vital role of homemakers. You don't just sustain households; you enrich our world through your wisdom, compassion, and unwavering support. Your work, though sometimes unseen, is the foundation upon which strong families and communities are built.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I want to personally thank you for all that you do. Your contributions—whether through preserving traditions, supporting education, or fostering a nurturing home environment—are a testament to the strength and resilience of women everywhere. You are making history every day, and your dedication and love will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Amanda Marciano-Feutz

Extension Educator Health and Human Sciences
Purdue Extension- Hendricks County





Saddle Up For Some Fun

Join us for the
Hendricks County
Extension Homemakers Achievement Day


Guest speaker, *Strides to Success*: Providing unique equine experiences
that promote learning opportunities to strengthen and develop lives.

THURSDAY


MAY 8

10:00 AM

doors open at 9:00 AM

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds


Chorus Performance, Door Prizes, Club Recognitions, Memorial Service, Officer Installation,
Lunch, Program Highlights, Educational Displays, Scholarship Winners recognized and more!


Lunch by caterer Ginny Vornholt. Cost, \$20.

Please bring registration and money (checks made to Hendricks County Extension Homemakers)
to Lisa Pitts at the Extension office by April 10.


You are invited to wear a derby-styled hat to fit our equestrian theme.



Club News

Chat N' Do:

The Chat n Do club had their February meeting at the home of Shannon Wagner on their regular meeting day (second Wednesday of the month at 10 AM.) on February 12. We had 13 members in attendance as we answered the county roll call question, "what is your favorite Valentine candy?"

Our club had two main fundraisers this year. First, our club participated with Holiday Fest by selling crafts and other items at a booth. The other fundraiser is our traditional Christmas auction. This is a fun night when each member brings 1-2 wrapped gift with only *clues as to what is inside*. *Members place bids on these "mystery" gifts. The highest bidder gets the gift, and all the proceeds go into the club treasury.*

At our February meeting, we had the joy of deciding where to spend some of our money to support local organizations!

We hope you have a delightful spring and get to "do" something fun!

Submitted by Shannon Wagner

Chat N' DO Homemakers March meeting was held at Stack's Pancake House and Grill in Plainfield. We opened the meeting with the Pledge and Creed; then Treasure Shannon Wagner, reviewed funds in the account and advised members that she had sent the designated donations to various organizations in the county. Shannon is in charge of Achievement Day she has the flyer made and will be getting it to the membership soon.

Secretary Judy Heffleman did roll call and read secretary minutes. Shana provided health and safety lessons, the subject was Patient Safety Awareness. It included preparing for a health care visit, health checklist, and 7 steps to patient safety, which is very important to all of us. We reviewed upcoming activities in the county and how we can help in our county, and discussion on the upcoming Hendricks County Fair in July, what duties we have and who will be available to help. Meeting was adjourned we enjoyed the good food at the restaurant if you haven't been please, visit...

Submitted by D. Elza

Chorus:

The Treblemakers of Hendricks County present "SING!" on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2 pm at the Hendricks County Senior Center (1201 Sycamore Land, Danville). There will be refreshments and a silent auction. Hope you'll come and support the Chorus.

Fairfield:

The members of Fairfield Homemakers are looking forward to our March meeting and charcuterie pitch-in luncheon. Our spring message to all is safely sharing the roads with farmers and their wide, slow-moving equipment (20 mph) taking up over half of the road. Look ahead for safe places to pull over or stop. DO NOT pull over or pass near Utility Poles, Mailboxes, Bridges, deep drop-offs or ditches near the road. Be alert, patient, understanding and safe.

Hazelwood Homemakers:

Our club had a great time at both our February and March meetings. Our president, Sandy Kelley, shared her plans for the Heritage Day for May. All the ladies have been dreaming and looking forward to Spring. So, this month we had a "surprise craft". It was a "surprise" because we weren't told what we were making. So, we followed directions and when we were done, we flipped it over to find that we made a beautiful rose out of felt circles.

We would love to have reports from each of the clubs for the next bi-monthly newsletter. Reports are due on May 15. Simply email it to PCS.ServingHim@gmail.com and pitts15@purdue.edu.



Committee Reports

Volunteer Community Support

Our March “Helping Hands Day” was a little different from previous months. There were 17 ladies present and they all worked together to make gifts for the residents of Cypress Manor. They were able to finish in just over an hour, so afterwards we headed over to Chick-fil-a for the “Dine to Donate” day.

Our next “Helping Hands Day” is Thursday, April 10th, 10-12 at Bartlett Chapel. We will probably be turning blankets for Riley’s Children’s Hospital.



FYI: With Joann Fabric going out of business, we are hoping that they will have good sales in the near future. Stop in and see if Fleece (Blizzard or Anit-Pill) is at least 60% off. If so, grab some in 2-yard increments.

COINS FOR FRIENDSHIP AND NICKELS FOR LEADERSHIP

These donations are due March 31st. Please send your checks made out to Hendricks County Extension Homemakers to Judy Ricketts, Treasurer. Her address is in your program book. You may send one check for both funds or one check for each fund. If you send one check, indicate the amount for each fund.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have 134 members. We have increased our membership by 18 this year. This has happened because you have done a wonderful job publicizing homemakers to the community. Congratulations for a job well done!



Activities & Lessons

2025 Home and Family Conference "Special Project":

Single Placemat



1. Make a placemat.
2. Bring your completed placemat to Achievement Day on May 8.

The one with the most votes represents Hendricks County at State Conference.

- up to 14"x20" max
- can be any size/shape, not to exceed size above
- no limit to medium to make the placemat (any material is allowed)

Educational Displays

Has your club had an interesting program they would share with the county?

Has your club been on a tour and could summarize what they learned and share with the county?

Does your club have a new skill they could share with the county?

We Want To Learn

Clubs are invited to set up an educational display at Achievement Day. A table will be available. Contact Hazelwood Homemakers or Shannon Wagner 317-506-5517 with any questions.

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE



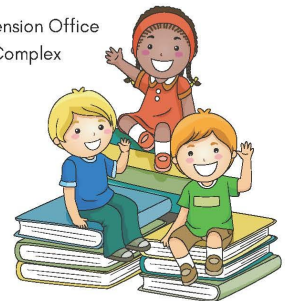
Donate New or Gently Used Books

In Honor of International Children's Book Day on April 2nd the Hendricks County Extension Office is collecting new and gently used children's books.

Books collected will be donated to various non-profit organizations throughout Hendricks County.

Donations may be brought to the Hendricks County Extension Office located at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Complex 1900 E Main Street - Danville, IN

Donations accepted through April 2, 2025



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The Treblemakers of Hendricks County Present



Sing!



on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2 pm
at the Hendricks County Senior Center
1201 Sycamore Land, Danville, IN



Silent Auction
Refreshments

Donations
Accepted



Food Preservation Class



Extension - Health and Human Sciences



Sponsored by the
Hendricks County
Extension
Homemakers

Learn about Freezing, Drying and Canning!

Perfect for beginners and seasoned home preservers alike.

FREE

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex
1900 E Main St, Danville, IN
RSVP by May 28
Scan QR Code for link



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