

# LIFESTYLE JUNCTION

## MARCH 2022



It is starting to look like Spring! The ice and snow are melting and the sunshine is out. March 20th is the official start to Spring, I don't know about you, but I am ready for warm weather!



Did you know March is Living Well Month? The National Association of Family & Consumer Sciences celebrates Living Well Month every year in March.

As the Health & Human Sciences Educator, I would love for everyone to reflect and prioritize your overall health and wellness, not only for March but every month! You will find on the last page in this newsletter a calendar that has wellness activities to complete or get you thinking about each day. Feel free to rip that out and hang on your fridge or in your office to serve as a reminder this month.



Also, make sure to follow Randolph County Purdue Extension page on Facebook. I plan on sharing wellness videos throughout the month of March, so be on the lookout for those!!



### **ATTENTION ALL BAKERS & DESSERT FANS!!!**

Randolph County Ag Days will take place on April 6 & 7, 2022. The Dessert/Item Auction will take place at 7 PM on Wednesday, April 6th. They are looking for donations of homemade goodies or any items to help raise money to go towards the Ag Days Scholarships. If you have any questions feel free to call 765-584-2271.



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# Extension Homemakers Nook

## Message from the President

Just wanted to share an update on the Cultural Arts Project for Home & Family Conference. I talked with Linda Wesseler, and the project needs to start from scratch.

For example:

A piece of driftwood as the base - maybe cut holes and add succulents, or make a bird feeder out of the driftwood.

You may buy materials from a store, but you have to build it and put it together.

A grape-vine wreath could serve as the base or a wire wreath. This size could be 12" X 16", this is including the holder if used. Use your imagination!!!



## Calendar of Ext. Homemakers Events

### March

- 3/7 - Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 3/24 - District Meeting - Zoom @ Randolph County Fairgrounds

### May

- 5/10 - County Achievement Night  
Registration starts @ 5:30 PM
- 5/31 - Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM

### June

- 6/1-6/3 - Home & Family Conference

### July

- 7/15-7/22 - 4-H Fair

### August

- 8/19 - District Meeting in Franklin County

# Spring Cleaning

Spring is in the air...You know what that means, Spring cleaning!!!  
Here are some tips and reminders as you start checking off your to-do list.



- **Make Your Trash Smell Better**
  - Try placing a couple dryer sheets, new or used in the bottom of your trash can. They will adsorb spills and help mask odors
- **Cleaning Your Microwave**
  - Fill a large microwave-safe bowl with 1 cup of water and chopped up lemon, lime, or orange. Turn appliance on for several minutes or until mixture boils. Let it cool for 5 minutes before opening, then remove and wipe the inside and outside with a sponge.
- **Organize and Clear the Clutter**
  - Try sorting items into four categories - trash, give away, store, or put away. This will help with efficiency and determine if you need to purchase totes or basket for organizational storage.
- **Freshen Drains**
  - Mix 1/2 cup baking soda and 1/4 cup table salt. Pour the mixture down the drain, followed by 1 cup heated vinegar, let it stand for 15 minutes tops. Follow by running hot water for 15-30 seconds.

[www.thespruce.com/spring-cleaning-a-complete-checklist](http://www.thespruce.com/spring-cleaning-a-complete-checklist)

[www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/cleaning/g3345/spring-cleaning-tips](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/cleaning/g3345/spring-cleaning-tips)

# RECHARGE

## Mind \* Body \* Soul

Check out this exciting 3 part series, in honor of Mental Health Awareness month!



### Dates:

- Thursday, May 12  
"Mental Health 101"
- Thursday, May 19  
"Stimulating Your Senses"
- Thursday, May 26  
"Food and Mood"

### Time:

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### Location:

Best Way Disposal Center  
Randolph County Fairgrounds  
1885 S US HWY 27, Winchester

### To Register:

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Email: [robin389@purdue.edu](mailto:robin389@purdue.edu)



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# The Recipe Corner

## Reuben Dip

### Ingredients:

- 3 Packages of Corned Beef (2 ounces each)
- 1 Cup Swiss Cheese - Shredded
- 1 Cup Cheddar Cheese - Shredded
- 1 Can Shredded Sauerkraut - Drained (8 or 10 ounces)
- 1 Can Chopped Black Olives
- 1 Cup Mayonnaise

Servings: 4

### Instructions:

- 1.) Chop the corned beef into small pieces, around 1/2-inch.
- 2.) Drain the 1 can of sauerkraut.
- 3.) In a bowl, mix together cheeses, corned beef, sauerkraut, black olives, and mayonnaise. Spread into a 13X9 - inch baking dish.
- 4.) Bake at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until bubbly.



Original Recipe from Southern Plate

[WWW.SOUTHERNPLATE.COM/BAKED-REUBEN-DIP/](http://WWW.SOUTHERNPLATE.COM/BAKED-REUBEN-DIP/)

5.) Serve with chips or crackers. Enjoy!!

*Fun Fact!!*

March 23rd is National  
Chip & Dip Day!

Give this dip a try!!

# Living Well Month

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This month I would like for you all to prioritize and reflect on your overall health and wellness.

Start by focusing on the following areas of wellness:

- Mental
- Social
- Emotional
- Spiritual
- Financial
- Occupational
- Environmental
- Intellectual



[www.neafcs.org/living-well-month](http://www.neafcs.org/living-well-month)



Make sure to follow Purdue Extension Randolph County on Facebook!!

Watch for Living Well videos and more!



# LIVING WELL *calendar*

31 Ways to Live Well during  
Living Well Month



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>The 8 Dimensions of Wellness:</b> <b>Social</b> <b>Financial</b> <b>Physical</b> <b>Environmental</b> <b>Occupational</b> <b>Intellectual</b> <b>Emotional</b> <b>Spiritual</b>						
<b>6</b> Take 5 minutes to do some flexibility exercises	<b>7</b> Swap one sugar sweetened drink for water	<b>1</b> Volunteer one hour of your time to help someone else (ex. moving furniture, cooking, cleaning, etc.)	<b>2</b> Practice being still for 5 minutes today (Try out some breathing exercises)	<b>3</b> Explore ways to save for your future, whether it be a piggy bank, savings account, or other investment	<b>4</b> Have a meal that includes 3 of the 5 food groups (fruit, veggie, whole grain, low-fat dairy, protein)	<b>5</b> Try a new vegetable today or try a familiar vegetable in a new way
<b>13</b> Reach out to someone you care about. Make a date to get together.	<b>14</b> Be well at work—Set goals for your career and start taking steps to achieve them	<b>8</b> Give 3 compliments today	<b>9</b> Write down 5 blessings or things you are grateful for	<b>10</b> Do 10 body-weight squats and 10 jumping jacks	<b>11</b> Do some research to learn about a culture that is different than yours	<b>12</b> Be aware of your feelings. Express them to people you trust
<b>20</b> Declutter, donate, and recycle things you don't need or use anymore	<b>21</b> Find an opportunity to appreciate nature today	<b>15</b> Be a role model for those around you. Let them see you making healthy choices and encourage them to do the same	<b>16</b> Explore public events in your community and discover ways to get involved	<b>17</b> Find a book to read, and read 1 chapter today	<b>18</b> Forgive someone who has wronged you	<b>19</b> Practice and say out loud 5 positive affirmations (ex. I am strong, I am brave, I am smart, I am loved, etc.)
<b>27</b> Make a budget for April. If needed, talk to a financial advisor to get started	<b>28</b> Have a plant-based meal today	<b>22</b> Nurture your spiritual wellness. Ask yourself what values, are most important to you	<b>23</b> Do 10 pushups (or modified pushups) and 10 sit-ups today	<b>24</b> Take a mental health break at work and go for a walk outside or in the hallways	<b>25</b> Instead of watching a 30 min show tonight, listen to a 30-minute educational podcast or watch a Ted Talk	<b>26</b> Get outside and soak up some Vitamin D. Find a park or trail and take a walk
<b>29</b> Schedule any doctors visits, exams, or check ups that you have been putting off	<b>30</b> Bring a homemade lunch to work today rather than buying fast food	<b>31</b> Have dinner with your family, friend, or neighbor with no smart devices.	<b>For additional information on how to Live Well contact:</b>  <b>Zoë Robinson</b> HHS Extension Educator 765-584-2271 or <a href="mailto:robin389@purdue.edu">robin389@purdue.edu</a>			

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