



HENDRICKS COUNTY HOMEMAKER HAPPENINGS

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

Calendar of Events

May

29—Extension Office Closed

June

5-7—IEHA Conference

13—Council Meeting (9:30 am)

July

4—Extension Office Closed

11 & 12—Open Class Registrations (3-7 p.)

13—Open Class Registration (9 am – 3:00 pm)

15—Submit Open Class Entries

16-23—Hendricks County 4-H Fair

16—Baked Goods Auction (5 pm)

20—"Just Be Kind" Presentation

20—Zucchini Contest



Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **August/September Issue** are due by **July 15**.

Submissions may be emailed to Melissa Phillips, Newsletter Editor, (PCS.ServingHim@gmail.com) and Lisa Pitts (pitts15@purdue.edu). Hand written copies may be given or mailed to Melissa Phillips (9388 S. County Road 100 W., Clayton, IN 46118).

A BIG thank you to all of our 2022-2023 Officers for serving this past year!

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| ☞ President: Rosie Lenihan | ☞ Volunteer Community Support: Charlotte Lloyd |
| ☞ Vice President: Deloris Elza | ☞ 1st Member at Large: Sharon Fruits |
| ☞ Secretary: Karla Janning | ☞ 2nd Member at Large: Ellen Looney |
| ☞ Treasurer: Judy Ricketts | ☞ 3rd Member at Large: Lynn Lillard |
| ☞ Education: Sharon Lytle | ☞ 4th Member at Large: Kim Weber |
| ☞ Leadership: Shannon Wagner | ☞ News Chair: Melissa Phillips |
| ☞ Home & Family Arts Show: Joanna Sell | ☞ HHS Educator—Beth Switzer |

NEW 2023-2024 Officers

So thankful for the ladies that have stepped up to serve this coming year!

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| ☞ President: Melissa Mikesell | ☞ Home & Family Arts Show: Joanna Sell / Kim Weber |
| ☞ Vice President: Karla Jennings | ☞ Volunteer Community Support: Charlotte Lloyd |
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Graduation and Cookouts!

It is that time of the year. Please remember to be smart when attending either of these events. It is getting warmer and food safety is a major issue this time of the year.



Please remember to do the following when hosting:

- Keep cold foods COLD.
- Have separate serving utensil for each item.
- Do NOT add to the potato salad, etc., replace the bowl with a new one that was in the refrigerator.
- Remember the elderly and the young; they are more likely to get food poisoning than a healthy adult.
- When in doubt, do without! If you think it will go bad, it probably will. Regardless of the cost of the food, a food borne illness is never inexpensive!

When attending an event:

- Eat something prior to arriving so you don't go crazy at the party and eat everything!
- DO NOT double dip.
- Get a new plate, bowl, or glass when getting refills. Cross contamination is easy to do and you need to avoid it.
- If you have allergies, avoid possible contaminants. You may not know what is in the recipe and you probably do not need it.
- Keep your hands out of things - nuts, chips, veggies, etc. You may take the one you touch, but why have someone look at you like you don't have any manners? lol

Enjoy the time with family and friends. Since COVID, we've all avoided events like these. We are all smarter after COVID, so be smart, enjoy, and spend time with friends and loved ones.

Best,
Beth



Rosie's Reflections



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Rosie & Deloris

As the incoming County President my hopes are to continue on with beloved traditions and maybe start a new tradition or two. We will be experiencing some expected changes (new location for Open Show) and possibly some unexpected changes. Life happens. If you should have any thoughts, concerns, or ideas you wish to share, please call, text, e-mail or USPS mail. My info is Melissa Mikesell, 2581 N Co Rd 525 W, North Salem, IN 46165. (Phone/Text: 765-730-2993; Email: mmikesell52@sbcglobal.net) If no answer please leave a message and I will try to get back to you.



I have been a member since 2012-2013 after participating in a Make a Difference Day activity of sewing for Riley. Got to know a few homemakers there, and joined the Modern Homemakers Club. After a few years with them, I joined the Moderns club that is closer to home. My involvement has taken me from serving on the county council, attending State Conferences, serving as district treasurer, serving on an IEHA State Logo committee, and even served a 3-year term as Boone County Treasurer.

Hope to see you at one of the many events coming soon. It's almost FAIR Time.
Melissa Mikesell

Chat-N-Do:

The May 10th meeting of the Chat `N` Do Homemakers was held at *Ms. B's Teas* in Clayton, IN. We got a head start on Mother's Day and used that time to remember our own Mothers. There were 12 members gathered for our meeting. We covered the council meeting information and signed the sheets for open class fair watchers and for members to set at the IEHA booth during the fair. Then we moved on to new business and old business. Our Health and Safety Leader, Deb Culler, reminded all of us that May is melanoma and skin cancer awareness month. She passed out an information sheet titled "How do I know if I'm using the right sunscreen?" Thanks Deb! We all ordered tea (so many kinds to choose from) and lunch was served and enjoyed by all! Ms.B's was a great place to meet food was good and there were so many things to look at surrounding us. Meeting was adjourned and we all headed to the Antique shop right next door for some shopping!!!! (Submitted by Sheliah Kinnaman)



Fairfield Homemakers:

Fairfield Homemakers are keeping in touch with nature. We have ours. Where are yours? We are carrying shiny brown buckeyes for the mythical good luck charm! Other lessons and discussions have been lessening stress, benefits of cats and dogs to relieve stress, Will Rogers' sayings to make you smile, healthy well-being numbers, personal visions, submitting recipes to The Republican, baking cookies for Holiday Fest, preparing for Achievement Day exhibit of "Quilts by Indiana Homemakers" and learning about the quilts that club members made or are keeping as family heirloom quilts, helping with Make a Difference Day and Helping Hands projects, and enjoying friends with pitch-in lunches at Hummel Park in Plainfield and lunch at Ms B's Teas in Clayton, IN. With sad hearts, we are remembering long-time club member, Kay Frye. (Submitted by Helene Reyburn)

Modern Homemakers:

In March we had a wonderful and informative meeting. First, we welcomed a new member, Marsha Warren, who also brought a guest and prospective new member. After a brief meeting with updates from the Senior Services Center and a count of items donated to Susie's Place, we welcomed our guest speaker Hendricks County Sherriff Deputy, Brent Johnson. Officer Johnson is also the School Resource Officer for the Mill Creek School Corporation. Officer Johnson gave an instructive and informative presentation on personal and home safety. He gave us tips on what to do when we are out and about and then when we are at home to keep ourselves safe.



He stressed we should always be aware of our surroundings, play the “what if game” and always have a plan for emergency situations. He suggested we read the book “The Gift of Fear. He wrapped up the presentation with a question-and-answer session. In April we shifted our meeting place to Ms B’s Tea Room in downtown Clayton. President Ellen Looney made arrangements for the antique shop next door to stay open late for shopping before our meeting. The owner, Mich Bignell aka Ms B, greeted us to a lovely, informative, and delicious tea experience. The tables were decorated with beautiful teacups and various tea related items. We dined on tea sandwiches, homemade scones, and small desserts which were served with lemon curd and English style clotted cream. We were also served a tasting of several of her most popular teas. Ms B gave us a wonderful presentation on the history of tea and how tea parties and afternoon teas got started. It was a wonderful evening.

On our May Achievement Day, Modern Homemakers were in charge of decorations. We used many beautiful quilts that were created by our members and their families, some which were decades old. We had over 25 quilts and hand sewn items on display. The front of the stage was adorned with lovely quilt squares of all shapes, sizes, patterns, many made with antique fabric. Jane Pfaffenberger also donated quilt books for members to take home with them. Our Education Exhibit was on Home and Personal Safety. It gave many great tips on how to keep you and your family safe at home and while away.

Hazelwood Homemakers:

The past couple of months have been very busy for our club. At the end of March we treated ourselves to a luncheon at “Almost Home” in Greencastle. At our April meeting, we started making the centerpieces for Achievement Day. We had a lot of fun working on them, although we had to get together another time to finish them. Achievement Day was such a wonderful program this year. It was so amazing to listen to the speaker give the story of the “Immanuel Quilt”. If you missed it, you’ll definitely want to learn about it. We are all enjoying the warmer weather finally and looking forward to the fair and working on various entries to submit. (Submitted by Melissa Phillips)

Achievement Day



Achievement Day was such a special time. We had a chance to thank Rosie, our county president for the past two years as well as the other officers who served this past year. We also installed new officers for the coming year. Let’s support these new officers by being willing to get involved and help.

The speaker, Joni Wolf, told about the “Immanuel Quilt” which is a unique quilt that proclaims numerous names of Jesus. She told us the story of its creation and explained the various blocks. She used invisible thread to create the quilt, and there are even some “invisible” images throughout the quilt. It was such an uplifting story. If you weren’t able

to come to Achievement Day, go to ImmanuelQuilt-Ministry.com to learn more.

The Treblemakers entertained us after a delicious lunch with a wonderful selection of songs from various movies like Singing in the Rain, Dumbo, or Sister Act.



We even collected a number of games to donate to Riley’s Children Hospital

Home and Family Arts Open Class Show

The Home and Family Arts Open Class Show will accept preregistered entries on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00-12:00 noon in the South Hall of the Conference Center. I hope many of you will consider entering several exhibits this year. Entry fee is \$1.00 per entry and each exhibitor receives 2 free tickets to enter the fair. Entries need to be preregistered and entry fee paid by Thursday, July 13. (See calendar for registration dates and times.) Catalogs with information for all the departments and categories are available in the Extension Office or on line @ <https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/hendricks/2021/HHS/2023-ehm-open-class-book.pdf>



Volunteers for Open Class Show

Volunteers will be needed on Saturday morning, July 15 from 8:30-12:00 to help get exhibits checked-in and delivered to the various departments. We will also need volunteers to get exhibits released on Saturday, July 22 from 7:00-8:00. If you are able to help, please contact the Director, Joanna Sell, at 317-745-5947.

Exhibit Watchers for Open Class

Each club has received a schedule with several times for their club members to be watchers at the Open Class Exhibit during the fair. Once your club has their volunteers scheduled, they will receive free tickets to get them into the fair. All tickets will be sent electronically by e-mail. **I will need the e-mail address of all workers.**

Extension Homemaker's Booth

Please coordinate your clubs schedule for manning EHM Booth at the Fair for Club Presidents to share at June Council Meeting, June 13.

Zucchini Contest—July 20

It's a good year for zucchini!!!! HA! Every year is a good year for zucchini. They are so easy to grow and usually the garden has an abundance of them. So, with all those zucchinis you probably have an excellent recipe for zucchini bread, yes? What other recipes have you found? Zucchini Fritters? Zucchini Cake? Zucchini Salsa? I found a recipe for Zucchini Gummy Candy!!!! The sky is the limit. So, start planning, start cooking, and get ready for the Zucchini Contest on July 20th. For more information, go to <https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/hendricks/2021/HHS/2023-ehm-open-class-book.pdf>; page 3.



2023 Scholarship Winners

The Hendricks County Extension Homemakers presented three \$1,000 scholarships at the May Achievement Day, to Hendricks County Seniors to help further their educational goals and to encourage their continued development in the areas of Health and Human Sciences, Food Science, or Education. Thank you to our County Council and each Extension Homemaker for supporting our activities which provides these funds. The committee reviewed 28 applications from 7 different high schools.



This year's recipients are:

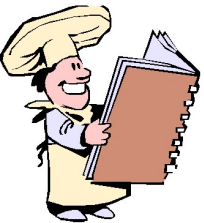
- Marissa Schirmer, daughter of Mark and Melissa Schirmer, Lizton. Marissa will be a 2023 homeschool graduate who plans to attend Ball State in the fall to study Speech Language Audiology and Pathology.
- Bennett Schirmer, Marissa's older-by-minutes twin brother, Lizton. He will be a 2023 graduate from Tri West High School and Area 31 Career Center. He plans to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Southern Indiana.
- Mahala Hess, daughter of Mark and Suzanne Hess, Plainfield. She will be a 2023 Plainfield High School graduate attending Cedarville University in the fall. Her plans are to become a Nurse with a minor in Global Missions.



Marissa and Bennett were able to attend the lunch and spoke briefly of their plans for the fall. Mahala had a required AP Statistics National Exam that same day and could not attend in person but sent remarks to share with those in attendance. The Extension Homemakers of Hendricks County wish these seniors the best of luck in their future adventures.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Wagner, Chair
Leadership Committee, Hendricks County Extension Homemakers

Homemaker Recipes in the Danville Republican Newspaper Keep 'em Coming!



Each month a different Homemakers Club is chosen to submit recipes for publication. One recipe is printed each week of the month. 5-7 recipes are asked from each Club for your "assigned" month. Our friends at the Republican are very generous with the space they allow for the recipes and stories. If you have a story about why a recipe is in your personal recipe book and why you would like to share it with others- please include the information on the form.

Please send the recipes to me by the 15th of the month **BEFORE** your Club's assigned month. For example, if you are scheduled to provide recipes for May 2023, please provide the recipes to me no later than April 15th so I can get them to the newspaper early. It is appreciated that all the recipes for a Club come to be as one group email or at least together at the Extension Office. It becomes too hard for me to keep track of items that come trickling in.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask.
Ellen Looney
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2023 Monthly Assignments:

June — Young Moderns
July — Fairfield, Pollyanna & Mailbox Members
August — County Chorus- Specialty Club
September — Crewel Jewels
October — Chat 'N Do
November — Happy Homemakers
December — Hazelwood Homemakers



CULTURAL ARTS TOUR

This year the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers are planning a local tour as part of our CULTURAL ARTS TOUR. The tour is May 24th and we will be taking a walking tour of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. The tour is FREE to attend. After the tour, we will be meeting at MCL in Avon for lunch at your expense.



You can RSVP two ways: Either online at <https://hendricksco4h.com/3ZInCAY> or by phone at 317-745-9260 (office closes at 4:00 pm).

Submitted by Ellen Looney

Community Support

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY AND HELPING HANDS DAY UPDATE

Helping Hands/Make a Difference Day

We are now getting ready for spring to disappear and summer to come. It didn't feel like we really had a proper spring. We are getting ready to blink and it will be July and time for the fair. I hope you all are going to participate in some way at the fair.

Don't forget about Helping Hands/Make a Difference Day while you are busy having fun in the sun. Fall will come just as quickly as summer. So let's remember to look for deals and bargains on supplies for when we will be back to helping those in our community. The list is below. Melissa Phillips found a great deal on fleece and we had a sizable donation so now we will have almost 30 fleece to turn into blankets for Riley Children's Hospital. A few more washcloths and we will be ready to put together Hygiene Kits for Headstart and the homeless. You are all so generous and we couldn't be as successful as we are without you.

Remember that we meet the second Thursday of the month at Barlett Chapel Methodist Church on old US Highway 36. So our first meeting is September 14th, 10 am-12 pm. We had a carry-in at the last meeting and it was a great time of food and fellowship. We will discuss whether you would like to continue to do that again. We will start in September and it will be great to get back together again.

See you at the fair!!
Be blessed because you are a blessing!!
Charlotte Lloyd
812-236-6083

Things to Collect over the Summer:

#1: Toiletry items, travel size

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- shampoo and conditioner
- bar soap
- small combs

#2: Fleece

- 2 yard lengths
- washed in scent free detergent
no softener or softener sheets
- Blizzard or anti-pill

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



Purdue Extension Hendricks County — www.extension.purdue.edu/county/hendricks
<https://www.facebook.com/Hendricks-County-Extension-Homemakers-600129567100835>



