



## SAVE THE DATE!

### SUPPER WITH SANTA

November 30th  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Vanderburgh 4-H  
Center  
Auditorium



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NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

### November 23 & 24 (Thursday-Friday)

Office Closed  
Thanksgiving Holiday

### November 24—January 1

Winter Carnival – 4-H Center

### November 24 (Saturday)

Festival of Trees set-up at 9-11/SIAM

### November 30 (Friday)

Supper with Santa 6-8 pm  
4H Center Auditorium  
(Cookies due to the Auditorium by 4:00)

### December 3 (Monday) 6:00

Leisure Arts Lesson-Chalk Couture Painting, 4-H Center Conf. Room

### December 6 (Thursday)

5:30 Executive Committee Mtg. 4-H Center Conf Room

### December 24 (Monday)

Christmas Eve Observed - Office Closed

### December 25 (Tuesday)

Christmas Day Observed - Office Closed

### December 31 (Monday)

New Year's Eve Observed - Office Closed

### January 1 (Tuesday)

New Year's Day Observed -

Office Closed

### January 4 (Friday)

RSVP & pay \$4 for January 19th Leisure Art Lesson

### January 5 (Saturday)

Festival of Trees teardown 9-11/SIAM

### January 10 (Thursday)

5:30 Executive Committee Mtg.  
4-H Center Conf Room  
7:00 Craft Show Meeting

### January 21 (Monday)

MLK Jr. Day Observed  
Office Closed

### January 19 (Saturday)

8am-12pm Leisure Arts Lesson CLOTHES LINE



Supper with Santa will be on Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Once again they are asking each club to donate cookies. There has been some confusion about the quantity requested. The request is for **two dozen per member**, but they would appreciate whatever you are able to provide. There is no need to prepackage the cookies as they will fill the bags with a variety.



"I hope this finds each of you in good health and looking forward to the holidays. I'm

enclosing information on the Cultural Arts for Home and Family Conference in June 2019; please share with your clubs and I hope we can have some entries, I will gladly take any entries up & bring home.

If you clubs have Eat Healthy Eat Local reports I need them by December 10, so I can get them turned in by December 20 to State as this project is over at the end of 2018.

If you have any ideas for on-line lessons please send them to me and I will pass them on so they can be added to the website. The website is being upgraded so you will be able to get more information, I'll let you know when the new one is ready.

I will be setting up a meeting for all Presidents in January so we can discuss the Spring District meeting. I'll send out emails or letters with time, place and date after Christmas. I will need to get all the information I can for the February Board Meeting.

If any club would like for me to attend the meeting, a county event or some other function please let me know and I will do my best to attend. I would like to get to know our members.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and a new Year!!

*Darlene Cromer,  
Evansville District*

### **"SPECIAL PROJECT" CATEGORY FOR CULTURAL ARTS ANNOUNCED**

Each year, we ask members to bring their handiwork to our Vanderburgh County Achievement Banquet. We vote on our favorite in each of four categories: Quilts, Needlework, Knitting/ Crocheting and crafts/ miscellaneous. The overall favorite of the four categories is then submitted as the Vanderburgh County entry at the annual conference.

There is a fifth category that changes each year. For 2019 the special project is a "bird house". You may use any material you wish to make the bird house. The item can be no larger than 15 inches high.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha Alle at 812-760-5810 or [antmartha@aol.com](mailto:antmartha@aol.com)

### **ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION CHANGES UNDERWAY**

At the November meeting, the Council voted to change how we recognize achievements of our clubs. The change will not take place until next year.

The Awards committee is working on recommendations for acknowledging and celebrating our club achievements. Your suggestions are always welcome. Contact Delores Strupp at [skeetz3@hotmail.com](mailto:skeetz3@hotmail.com) or 812-963-6067.

### **Executive Council Christmas Dinner**

In December, the Executive Council (Executive Committee and club presidents) will be having dinner together in place of a traditional meeting.

**Location: Roca Bar North**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**RSVP: to Amanda Rexing at  
812-457-3052**

We will each pay for our own meal. If you wish to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 2 dozen. If you wish to participate in the Christmas card exchange, please plan for 22 people.

### **Craft Show Meeting**

Our next Craft Show meeting will be January 10 at 7:00pm. All are welcomed to join. We are brainstorming new ideas to help bring in more of crowd. These ideas include picture taking areas, kids' corner, and a boutique section. If any of these interest or if you would like to get more involved in the planning process of the Craft Show please join us.

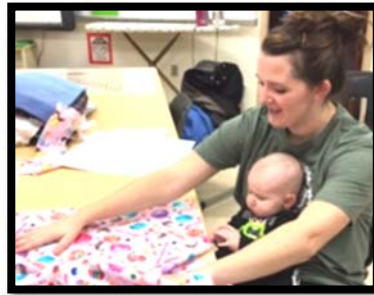


**Homemakers Working Together**

We want to give a big shout out to Amanda Rexing for sharing her classrooms with us for Sewing Saturday on October 27th at North High School. The homemakers made fifteen fleece blankets and a bunch of book bags at a Make A Difference day event. There were a total of eight homemakers that volunteered their time to help make the items. The sewing room was great place to work and we used the cooking room to make chili for our lunch. Thank you again to Amanda for donating her space for us to make a difference.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY A  
“SEWING SUCCESS”**

Thank you to all the clubs and members who participated in our Make A Difference Day event. We were able to make 15 fleece blankets and 30 book bags. The items will be donated to the Head Start program.



***LAST CALL FOR  
BLANKETS & BOOK  
BAGS***

Winter is quickly approaching so we want to make sure we get our blankets to the children as soon as possible. For those who were unable to attend our Make a Difference Day but were willing to sew the bags or make blankets at home, please drop the items at the Extension Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

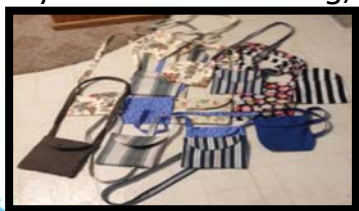




## STRESS BAGS

This is a work in progress. I would like to tell you a little bit about one of Chemo Buddies long time volunteers Sandy. She has let us know that each chemo therapy patient would benefit from a stress bag. We are making hand crafted bags that will contain a stress ball along with a label that says "Made by an Indiana Extension Homemaker". A total of eighteen bags have been completed with more to come. I have taken pictures of our progress. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the Hilltoppers for a pattern. One of our members, is now going through chemo and she said "patients really appreciate the bags".

Chemo Buddies is a local organization that was established in August of 2011 to give comfort. For more information on Chemo Buddies please visit their website at <https://mychemobuddies.org/>.



## December is National Pear Month!

Did you know there are 10 pear varieties in the US? How many have you tried?



### Crunchy Pear Cobbler

Although you can make cobblers all year round using fruit of the season like mangos, cherries and apples, the fall is when the aroma of fruit baking in the oven warms the chilly temperatures and the hearts of family and friends. This pear cobbler is particularly delish since it has no added sugar...yet it's loaded with flavor, letting the natural sweetness of this fruit shine through. It's pear-fect!

#### For cobbler –

- 4 cups (around 3 large) fresh pears cut into small pieces
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons whole wheat pastry flour
- 1 tablespoon chia seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pumpkin spice (optional)

- 1/2 cup mixed unsalted nuts
- Cooking spray

#### For topping –

- 1/4 cup granola
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted (or 3 tablespoons avocado oil)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Spray a shallow pie dish with cooking spray and set aside.
3. In a large bowl, combine pears with lemon juice, flour, chia seeds, cinnamon, salt (and pumpkin spice, if desired). Stir in nuts.
4. Place pear mixture evenly into pie dish.
5. In a small bowl mix the granola with melted butter.
6. Top the pear mixture evenly with granola mixture.
7. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for around 45 minutes or until topping is golden brown.

*Serving suggestion* – serve cobbler when warm in individual dessert bowls and top with a scoop of frozen yogurt or vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Source: USA Pears, [usa-pears.org](http://usa-pears.org)



**“It’s time to say “yes” to JOY.** And when you do your life will change, and the ripple effect can change the world.

**Think:**

- Reduced stress. Happier kids.
- Healthier bodies. Improved relationships.
- Increased success.
- Thriving communities.
- Reduced crime.
- Universal acceptance.
- Racial harmony.
- Religious freedom.
- The.End.Of.War.

This is a movement toward **JOY.**

And we're starting with **YOU.**  
**Join me Tuesdays in the new year and we'll take the journey together!**

**What:** Oh, Shift! Book Study  
**Where:** Purdue Extension – Vanderburgh County  
**When:** January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, & 12  
 6:30-8:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$20 (covers the book and refreshments)

RSVP to Meagan in the Extension Office by December 21

**CRAFTING FOR THE CURE REGISTRATION TO OPEN IN DECEMBER**

The final plans are being made for our first annual Crafting for the Cure fundraising event. The flyer will be released in **early December** and home-makers will have the first chance to register before the event is opened to the public. Watch for the release on our Facebook page and through email.



**This Month Let's "BEE Generous"**

December is a time for letting our friends and family know how much we care about and appreciate them. As you are sending your cards and gifts and making cookies and treats, think of someone who might be going through a tough time through the holidays. Perhaps they have lost a spouse or child. Perhaps they are having medical or financial troubles. Your cookie tray or card may be just enough to brighten their day.

**Craft Show Meat Sale**

We still have extra hamburger patties, hotdogs and chicken breasts from the craft show. They are uncooked and have been kept frozen. We are selling on a first come/first serve basis. If you would like some, please contact Martha Alle at 812-760-5810. The price is \$15 for hotdogs (Farm Boy), \$20 for hamburger patties (Dewig) and \$35 for 7 oz chicken breasts (Farm Boy)



**LET'S HELP OUR SCHOOLS**

We frequently stories of teachers paying for classroom supplies out of their own pocket. We've been asked to collect the General Mills box tops for education labels to help our local schools. If you aren't already saving them, please start.

We will have a box at each of our county meetings/events to collect them. We will split what we collect so that we can help multiple schools in our system.

If you know of other items that we can collect, please let us know. We can confirm that Campbell Soup did discontinue its program.

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## Return Service Requested

### Presidents Packet:

- Cultural Arts Special Project Information
- Lesiure Arts Lesson Form

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation in any program, call the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service Vanderburgh County Office

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## A Look Through the Past

Last month's future IEHA member was myself (Bobby Conway). I am President of the Hilltoppers. I have a new photo for this month, please see if you can identify her. Tune in next month to find out who it is. Who else would like to get in on the fun! If it is you, please send a baby photo of yourself to me by email at [eyeb2cool@yahoo.com](mailto:eyeb2cool@yahoo.com)

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***Save the date!!!!***

Purdue Extension  
Vanderburgh County  
Annual Meeting & Dinner

February 4, 2019  
6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.  
Central Library, Browning Room

**15** YEARS OF **GIANT LEAPS**  
PURDUE UNIVERSITY