



Hendricks County Homemaker Happenings

DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021

Calendar of Events

December

- 8 9:30 a.m. Council Meeting; Hostess, Hazelwood – via Zoom
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 NEW YEAR’S EVE – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED

January

(Committee Sheets due at February Council Meeting)

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 9:30 a.m. Council Meeting; Hostess, Chat ‘n Do
- 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED

February

*(Time to Elect Local Club Officers –
Officer Sheets and Program Planning Sheets Due in March)*

- 2 9:30 a.m. Council Meeting; Hostess, Happy Homemakers
- 14 HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY
- 15 10:00 a.m. Make a Difference Day
- 15 PRESIDENTS DAY – EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 Educational Lessons
 - 1:00 p.m. Microwave Cooking
 - 2:00 p.m. Reducing Food Waste at Home
 - 3:00 p.m. Code Red



Sincerely,
Sue Hatfield
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Happy Holidays from the Homemaker Happenings staff

**IEHA Families Home Page – www.ieha-families.org
Purdue Extension Hendricks County – www.extension.purdue.edu/hendricks**

Mission Statement

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

Bits from Beth...2020 Has been a Puzzling year!

Although we are limited to being with friends and family, I've started something for my family and have included the Extension Homemakers too! It is a CHAIN PUZZLE. My family is a game playing, puzzle making group and I wanted this to continue. So, I sent 8 friends and family members a puzzle, additional postage paid envelopes (priority mail) and the chain has started. Much to my surprise, it has been a HUGE hit! My daughter and her husband were first and they completed the puzzle in 24 minutes! They then sent it to my 89 year old mother and it took her 2 hours! I'll admit, Alison, my daughter, said it was more difficult than it looked, and there are 150 pieces to the puzzle. I thought it was 125, but Mom quickly corrected me! It is very unique. The puzzle came in a "test tube" and I thought it was perfect for my family and friends. Most of us are scientists from Purdue and have had the pleasure of taking Purdue Chemistry! The pieces are VERY, VERY small!



It was a hit, so I decided to spread the happiness. I thought that I would send the puzzle chain to Rosie and start it in the EH group. I chose a 100-piece PEANUTS puzzle and it shouldn't take too long. You'll have to ask Rosie about it! She loved the idea and so we are continuing the chain! Once you get it, please put it together and send a picture of it to my cell: (317) 840-8318. EMEMBER to record your time on the Time Sheet and send or deliver the puzzle and time sheet to another EH. Goal?!?! Connect with friends and family! Have some fun and laughs, and let them know they are not forgotten! I hope you enjoy it!

Wishing you the best this holiday season! Be healthy and stay connected!

Beth

Rosie's Reflections



Ladies, please pull out your calendars and your purple 2020-2021 Homemaker's Program Book. Let's start with the Program Book – and I'll report right here – this book would not be so easy if Carol Pearson wasn't a BIG part of it.

And so *we will learn*, Carol is retiring December 31, 2020!!! Good for Carol; sad for us. And YES we are helping celebrate that Retirement – but it's a secret (since Carol puts this Newsletter together too!) That given, Lynn Lillard is coordinating our salute to Carol and you will be updated by your club presidents. Please keep your ears open.

Back to the Program Book:

Page 8 – bottom of page. Please insert "If meeting at Fairgrounds – please return room as you found it." This includes tables, chairs in place and trash discarded.

Page 9 - Let's skip on down to

	EVENT	CHANGE STATUS	
December	Dec 3	Holiday Fest – Set Up	Cancelled
	Dec 4	Holiday Fest	Cancelled
	Dec 8 (Council)	Council Brunch	Cancelled
	Meeting still scheduled	Council Meeting	Scheduled
	Dec 29	Fun & Games Night	Cancelled
	June 1 - 3	Home & Family Conference	Kinda firm date

Page 12 – Change second line (date) to **May 6, 2021**
Change NOTHING ELSE on this page
Agreed at November Council to retain all assignments and setup as shown on Page 12 for this year

Page 13 - Please “X” out the whole page since p.12 is in place

Page 15 - Educational Programs 2020-2021

February 18	1:00	Microwave Cooking
All lessons Virtual	2:00	Reducing Food Waste at Home
	3:00	Code Red (Jump Drive-Where do You keep important papers

Maybe that’s it for updates and changes for now.

Your Club Presidents will also be sharing some Council info as well – but I’ll start that conversation now so we can move forward at our December 8 Council Meeting. Given the pandemic, the Fairgrounds has not experienced the revenue as in past years. Hendricks County Community Foundation has offered the Fairgrounds/Fair Board a \$20,000 Matching Grant with the closure date of December 31, 2020. EHM Council has tentatively approved a \$2000.00 gift to the Matching Grant. Presidents were asked to share this discussion with their clubs, including consideration of all the Fairgrounds freely provides for our association. Please consider this amount would be a 10% value of the Grant. AND it is certainly value added to our means of Community Support.

Sharon Fruits is spearheading the slate for EHM Council Members for 2021-22. There are openings for Treasurer, Membership (3rd Member-at-Large), Education Chair, Leadership Chair. Please consider offering your time in one of these positions. In it together!!!!

The ICON is requesting Holiday Recipes. And Deloris would also share them on our EHM Facebook page. Beth suggested we give credit for the *source* of the recipe.

Rachel Merrill, our District Rep, had an infection in her leg and required surgery. This happened in late October. We have just received word that Rachel is finally out of the hospital and moving into HER own new condo. If you would like to send her a card, her new address is Rachel Merrill, 4001 Myra Way, Westfield IN 46074.

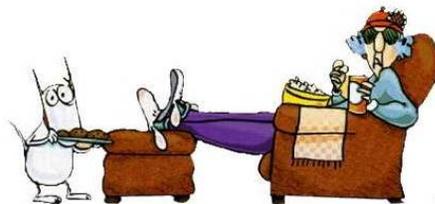
EHM has a POST CARD on the SQUARE in Danville!!!! Thank you, Karla Janning, for accepting the task of creating our Post Card for display over the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. How fun for all of us to visit the Square to view and applaud Karla's work!! And a big opportunity to keep Homemakers present in a community event.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All,

Rosie

TIME TO SAY FAREWELL

For the past 17 years, I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know a wonderful group of ladies– the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers. The time has come for me to start a new chapter of my life. December 31, 2020 will be my last day in the Purdue Extension – Hendricks County Extension Office. I don’t know what the future holds for me, but I do know that I will count my time working in this office and with all of you as some of the most fulfilling days in my life. Who knows – I may show up at an Extension



Homemaker club meeting one day. ☺ Until then, stay safe and MASK UP!

Carol

CARES AND CONCERNS

Martha Sellers, Young Moderns, recently lost her brother. He had been in a nursing home in northern Indiana. If you would like to send a note to Martha, her address is 8758 N State Rd 75, North Salem IN 46165.

CLUB NEWS

CHAT 'N DO HOMEMAKERS

The October meeting of Chat 'N' Do was held at Martha's Orchard Tea Room. It was great seeing everyone and to be able to enjoy a meal together without having to prepare it ourselves. It seems that is all I've been doing is cooking, cooking, cooking!! The Tea Room holds 54 people so with only 10 members attending, we were able to obtain the correct guidelines to stay safely apart.

We had the Council meeting report. Then we moved on to new business and old business. Deloris told us about the new Facebook Account and advised us to take a look at it as she had been working to get it up and running. Thanks Deloris!

Lunch was served, which was a fruit cup, broccoli cheese soup, chicken salad sandwich, potato salad, apple crisp for dessert with a scoop of ice cream. It was enjoyed by all. I think they were as tired of cooking as I was!

It was so good to catch up with what had been going on with everyone. We missed the members that couldn't attend, but are looking forward to getting to see them soon. Submitted by Sheliah Kinnaman

Nine members met for the November Chat N' Do meeting at the county fairgrounds. With a nod to decoration, vibrant fall-colored silk leaves lay scattered on the tables. We stayed spaced out, observing social distance guidelines, including wearing cloth masks. We collected items for the County Christmas Tree project that will soon deck the halls outside the Extension Office. Each member also brought small items to assemble for our club service project: treating the residents of Cyprus Manor to a bit of a Merry Christmas. We added fun, small items such as reindeer necklaces, candies, and dancing solar figures to holiday tins. Along with these treat boxes, each resident will receive a fleece blanket, and a few items from individual wish lists. Club members divided up the lists and will play elf for the eighteen residents. Finally, looking ahead to a bright, new year, we discussed holding a Strategic Plan for our club at our January meeting. We hope to define some goals, articulating some of our club work which will result in better efficiency and clarification to the projects we do. Best wishes to all of you and yours for a safe holiday season. May you find joys in the small things. Submitted by Shannon Wagner

EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS – Reaching Out – Giving Back

Article submitted to The Republican and to ICON

Hendricks County Extension Homemakers began “decorating” two Giving Trees at the Fairgrounds this week. “We say began since we will continue reaching out with more items as community and Homemakers keep giving gifts for those in need,” said Rosie Lenihan, Hendricks County Extension Homemaker President.

Gifts include hats, scarves, toiletries, gloves, mittens, ear warmers, personal hygiene items, and masks. These are for ALL – men, women, children and infants.



Homemakers will continue to collect items through December. More personal items are in a storage room at the Fairgrounds and available by calling the Extension Office at the number below.

Homemakers reach out to serve the community in many efforts including free books and reading for Head Start; educational sessions in a variety of home and community topics; a Chorus who perform at many county functions; trips around Indiana (pending Covid restrictions and guidelines).

This year, and to mid-2021, Homemakers are offering new members free membership and lots of fun and learning. To inquire regarding membership, or just learn more about Homemakers, please call the Extension Office at 317-745-9260.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

As we close in on the last of 2020, we can look back and say we made it!! It was a different year with many challenges, but we are almost at the end of it!! All that has happened could make us want to think only of ourselves. It is when we look to help those in need that we not only help others but it also helps us to reach outside of ourselves. That is what Make A Difference Day is all about. In October, eight ladies came and we made two full size blankets and a baby quilt for the homeless. Also, washcloths were sewn up to hold essential items to give out to those who might need them. The best part was enjoying time with each other.

We planned on another Make A Difference Day in November but COVID-19 raised its ugly head and we cancelled to keep everyone safe. Our next Make A Difference Day is February 15 at 10am. If you would like to make a blanket or quilt at home and donate to the homeless, I have quilt batting and some material. Just call me at 765-386-2172. I will drop what you need at your door and when you are finished I will come and pick it up.

We made the blankets very simply. We cut lengths of fabric, sewed together the right width, put front and back on batting and stitched them together. Here are the sizes:

Baby 30X40

Twin 70X90

Crib 38X52

Full 85X108

Even with a pandemic we can make a difference!! We will continue to sew bags for Riley Hospital and we will make blankets to keep the homeless warm!! We will not be stopped from helping others!!

Thank you for all that you do!!

Charlotte Lloyd

SUE'S NEWS

The Downtown Danville Partnership sponsored a decorate Downtown Danville for Christmas on the Square for 2020 Contest. You could get a plywood postcard for \$10 and decorate it with the theme Home for the Holidays. Hendricks County Extension Homemakers got one of the postcards and decorated it to show our support of the season. It will be on the square till after the holidays. Thank you to Karla Janning for decorating our postcard.

We decided it would be a good way to advertise Extension Homemaker's Holiday Fest that had to be cancelled this year. We put a business card on the postcard and invited everyone to join our organization and remember the date for next year's Holiday Fest.

The postcard is in the middle of the Square across from Mayberry Cafe. When in town take a picture of it and think about next year's postcard entry.



FACEBOOK

Have you found the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers on Facebook yet? Please provide information, pictures, fun things your clubs have done, are doing or planning to do, for the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers Facebook page. Or go to the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers Facebook page and give it a like. We are trying to get our name to the public to keep Extension Homemakers growing for the future and we need your help. Thanks! Deloris Elza

HENDRICKS COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Hendricks County Extension Homemakers are pleased to present three \$1000 scholarships to three deserving 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, Education or a related field. This year's recipients are:



Dylan Kottcamp, son of Dale and Lesli Kottcamp, Clayton, graduated from Cascade High School and plans to attend Oklahoma State University to study Agribusiness with plans to get Pre-Law.

Luke Schirmer, son of Mark and Melissa Schirmer, Lizton, graduated from Four Seasons Academy and Area 31 Career Center and plans to attend Vincennes University to study Precision Machining Technology and Advanced Manufacturing or Bio-Medical Engineering.

Aubree Whicker, daughter of Doug and Abby Whicker, Coatesville, graduated from Cascade High School and plans to attend Cedarville University to study Chemistry.

The Extension Homemakers of Hendricks County wish these seniors the best of luck in the future.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Submitted by Deloris Elza

Save on your Long Distant toll charges by making calls person to person. If the party you wish to speak to is not available, you will not be charged for the call, whereas you will be charged if the call is station to station. That's what telephone operators did.

Jell-O molds and recipes have had a resurrection in the last few years, something to try with your Holiday Ham. From the Joys of Jell-O pamphlet:

Cherry Glazed Ham

(An ever so simple, beautiful red glaze that makes a ham festive.)

1 smoked picnic ham

Whole cloves

1 package (3oz) Cherry Gelatin

½ cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 cup boiling water

Bake ham according to directions given on wrapper, removing ham from oven about 45 minutes before baking period is finished.

Remove rind, score fat, and garnish with whole cloves. Dissolve Gelatin and sugar in boiling water. Pour about 1/3 of the mixture over ham and return to oven. Allow to bake remaining 45 minutes, basting frequently with remaining gelatin mixture.

To serve hot, slice ham and serve, using drippings in pan for sauce.

To serve cold, place ham on serving platter and cool; then chill for several hours. Meanwhile, pour dripping into a cup or bowl and let stand a few minutes; then skim off fat. Pour remainder into a shallow pan. Chill until firm. Just before serving, flake or cube and place around ham.

Let's get in the recycling mode! Let's all do our part!

Challenge: Eliminate Plastic Bags by 2025

While the completion of the "plastic bag phase-out" is a few years away, you are encouraged to start shopping with reusable bags now! They can be purchased at the checkout, on your website, or you can even make them yourself! If you have plastic bags at home, you can recycle them in receptacles near the front of stores. If you don't see any receptacles as you enter, be sure to ask about this when you check out.

As America's largest grocer, Kroger said they recognize they have a responsibility to cut down on unnecessary plastic waste that contributes to litter, harms the environment and in some cases can endanger wildlife.

There are less wasteful ways to ensure shoppers can safely and conveniently transfer their purchases back to their homes. The following is an easy, cheap way to make a tote bag. Make a **Do-It-Yourself** tote out of an old tank top shirt, a sleeveless t-shirt or even an old sweatshirt. Just follow the 3 easy steps below:

1. First lay the shirt flat. Cut off the sleeves being careful to stay on the outside of the seams. Then cut the neckhole larger to create the bag's opening. (If you'd like a more precise, smooth line, you can use the edge of a dinner plate as a guide.)
2. Turn the shirt inside out, and pin along the bottom hem. Then use a sewing machine or needle and thread to sew along the bottom of the shirt. Make 2 seams close together to reinforce the bottom of the bag.
3. Now, turn your shirt right side out. Your bag is now complete!

You could make a bag like this out of any heavy fabric.

