

# The Hearthstone Herald

A NEWSLETTER FOR EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

## GREETINGS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

*Hello March--*

We have many opportunities for you to join upcoming events and opportunities to shine as we head into spring.

Our Cooking Under Pressure Class was well attended and all enjoyed Lazy Lasagna and Rice Pudding made in the instant pot. Delicious, thank you Mandy! I'm looking for lesson suggestions, let's engage more members at our lessons.

Please send your nominations for our First Timer Award to Vickie Ramsey by March 1st. Enthusiasm nominations are due by March 15th to me.

Attached is the flyer for the Spring District Day in Hendricks County. They are asking for donations of cleaning supplies, if you aren't able to attend, drop off at the extension office and I will take them.

Our Spring Country Vintage Market is April 1. Please come and shop. We are asking for your input on a possible pie sale again. Need to know prior to our council meeting to distribute pie pans. Contact Laura Lewis. Achievement Night is set for Wednesday May 24 at the Exhibit Hall.

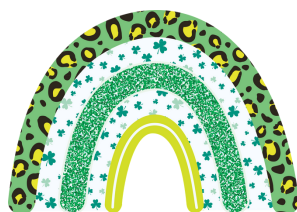
Our next Heritage Cooking Lesson is April 12 at the Hancock Public Library. No cost to attend but RSVP to Debbie Elsbury by 4/5. Open to all homemakers, your friends and the public.

Your clubs volunteer service hours are due, e-mail to me and I will forward to Teresa Bowlby.

Newsletter info: it is very important we have your current email address on file. We can not expect the office to track our members down to ensure the newsletter is delivered timely. Please check your spam folder before inquiring.

Join us at one or all of our events! Remember this is YOUR organization.

*- Margie Clark*



Use...

- your voice for kindness
- your ears for compassion
- your hands for charity
- your mind for truth
- and your heart for love.

**Cultivate kindness friends.**





# ***Educator Update***



**Hello Extension Homemakers,**

**This has been a busy few months! It has been great to partner with the homemakers over the last month to offer some great programs to our community.**

**I had a great turnout for the programs offered in February which were Be Heart Smart and Cooking Under Pressure.**

**In March, I will be offering the programs Air Fryer Cooking/ Meal Planning which is completely full already! I am looking forward to the Heritage Cooking Program on April 12th!**

**Thanks for all you do,**

*Mandy Gray*

**HHS Extension Educator**



## *Officers for the 2023-2024 Term*

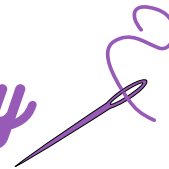
It was decided by the Executive Committee at their January meeting to extend the terms of our current team of officers through the 2023-2024 term. This will give them the opportunity to finish up current projects, especially the distribution of grant funds. This slate is:

- President: Margie Clark
- President-Elect: Rosie Hunt
- Vice-President: Shannon Swindell
- Secretary: Nancy Alldredge
- Treasurer: Debbie Elsbury
- Immediate Past President: Debbi Green
- Members-at-Large: Kathy Aldrich, Linda Brooks, Leisa Harmon, Elaine Lowe, Brenda Troy and Darla White

*Debbi Green, Nominating Committee Chair*



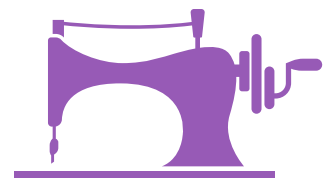
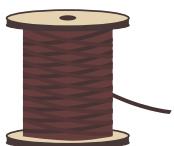
## *Volunteer Opportunity*

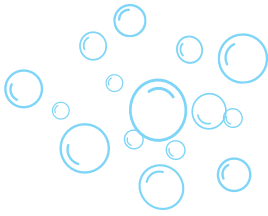


Please consider volunteering on April 30, 2023. from 1-4pm at Greenfield Central HS, enter Door 8 on the South side.

We will be teaching 4-H members (& others) who are 3rd graders & up, beginning sewing skills (threading sewing machine, sewing simple seams, pressing, cutting fabrics, sewing a simple project). Please email Lorraine at [ewingteach@yahoo.com](mailto:ewingteach@yahoo.com) if you can be there.

Thanks, Lorraine Ewing & Cathie Kirtley.





**For the Spring District day on March 24th hosted by Hendricks County, they are asking that each county bring cleaning supplies for donations to a local charity.**

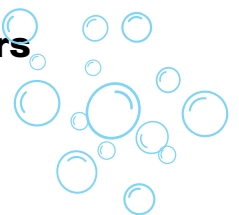
**We would like to request that everyone check your cleaning closets, pantries and/or local stores for any of the following items you are willing to donate. Please bring them to our county meeting on March 16th.**

**Suggested donation items include, but are not limited to:**

**Concentrated cleaners  
Spray cleaners  
Laundry detergents  
Paper towels  
New rags or towels  
Dish soap  
Pet hygiene items  
Buckets**

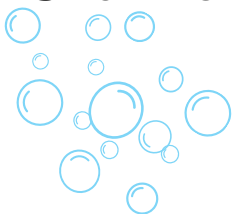


**Sponges or scrub brushes  
Scrubbing powders  
Gloves  
Bleach  
Disinfecting wipes  
Toilet bowl cleaners  
Air fresheners**

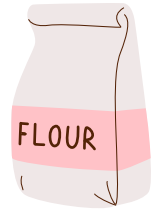


**We Thank you in advance for your donations!**

**If you are not able to attend our county meeting and still want to donate, please contact Margie Clark or Shannon Swindell.**



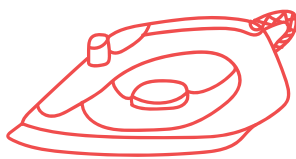
# FACS/FCCLA WISH LIST



**PLEASE** bring items to the March Presidents council meeting and they will be delivered to each school who put in a request:

## Eastern Hancock- Megan Addison

- Dish towels-prefers white
- Dish clothes-prefers white
- Gift cards-Walmart or Amazon
- Small Appliances-Hand Mixers (6), Electric Griddles (6) Blenders (6), Food Processors (3), Air Fryer (1), Waffle Makers (3), Toaster Oven (1), Rice Cooker (1-3). Eastern Hancock has 6 kitchen stations.
- Would prefer new items due to safety/sanitation but would appreciate any donations.



## Greenfield Central- Janelle Keusch

- Kitchen Scales (12) GC has 12 kitchen stations
- Small Vacuum
- Heavy Duty irons
- Thread in a variety of colors
- Clothing patterns
- Digital meat thermometers
- Gift Cards-Amazon

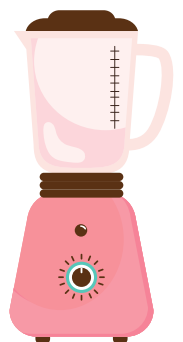
## Mt Vernon- Tammy Bauchert

- 25 lb bags of flour
- Large bag of granulated sugar
- HE Laundry Detergent-Fragrance Free
- Help pay for students lab fees
- Gift Cards-Kroger

**If your club takes up a collection and has a preference on which school you would like your donations to go to, please indicate that when turning in items at the March Presidents Council Meeting.**

**Thank you for considering this request.**

**Vickie Ramsey**





*The First Books Program is in full swing and reading to around 40 students a month.*

*There is still one spot available for reading at the Greenfield location in April.*

*Thank you to previous and future readers, the First Books and Headstart Programs appreciate you all!*



## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

**March 1** - Coins for Friendship and Nickels for Leadership turned into the County Treasurer

**March 7** - Homemaker Program, Meal Prep Class, 6:00pm, Extension Office, ***Class is full.***

**March 16** - Homemakers Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Extension Office

**March 17** - ***St. Patricks Day*** 

**April 1** - Lorraine Caldwell Nomination due to Vickie Ramsey  
 - Club Officer List, even if they are the same to Margie Clark  
 - **Country Vintage Market, 9am-3pm**

**April 4** - Homemaker Program, Understanding Food Expiration Dates, 6:00pm, Extension Office

**April 9** - ***Happy Easter!***

**April 20** - Homemakers Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Extension Office





# JOIN US FOR Wellness *Book Club*



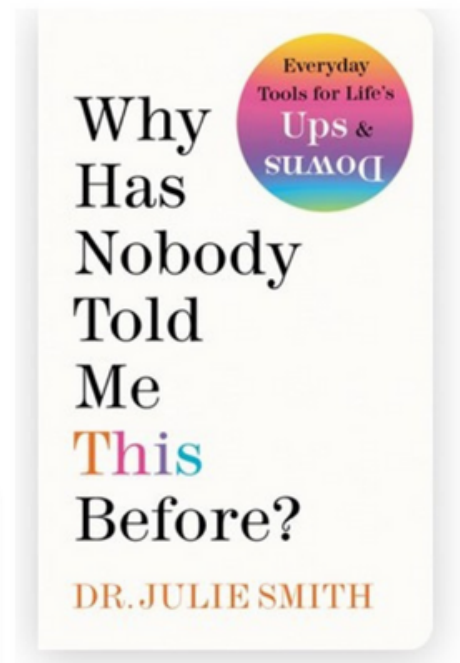
VIRTUALLY ON WEDNESDAYS  
JAN. 18 - MAR. 8, 2023  
12:00PM - 1:00PM EST

Facilitated by  
Area 6 Purdue Extension  
HHS Educators.

We will read and discuss  
one topic a week.

To register, go to:  
<https://bit.ly/wellnessbc>

OR



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# Where Does Your Money Go?

## 2-Part Workshop

### Evening Sessions

Monday, March 6, 2023 &  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
6:00pm - 7:00pm EST

### Purdue Extension Office

972 E. Park Ave.  
Greenfield, IN 46140



Register online at  
<https://bit.ly/2023HHSRegistration>  
or scan the code.



**SCAN  
ME** 



For more Information contact:  
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# Spring District Meeting

Friday, March 24, 2023

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex  
1900 E Main Street, Danville, IN 46122

## Theme: Planting Philanthropy



Registration: 9:00 am

Program 10:00 am

Speaker: Julie Randall, Family Promise

Cost: \$ 15.00

RSVP by: March 15, 2023

Menu: Salad Bar, Baked Potato Bar, Desert and Drinks

Questions? Rosie Lenihan 317-840-2592  
or lenihrose1161@att.net

Please submit county or club name,  
dietary requirements and payment to:  
Hendricks County Extension Homemakers  
c/o Melissa Mikesell  
2581 N 525 W  
North Salem, IN 46165



Attendees:

Please bring cleaning supplies  
to be donated to  
Family Promise

RSVP by March 15th: mmikesell52@sbcglobal.net or 765-730-2993



**HANCOCK CO. EXTENSION HOMEMAKER'S  
SPRING COUNTRY VINTAGE MARKET  
"SPRING HAS SPRUNG"**

**HANCOCK CO. 4-H FAIRGROUNDS  
EXHIBIT HALL & SHEEP BARN**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**FREE PARKING-FREE ADMISSION  
FOOD TRUCKS**

**Something for everyone!  
Invite your friends and family**

**Vendor Information  
Vickie Ramsey-317-753-4144  
Marge Clark-317-498-1549**