



# The Hearthstone Herald

A NEWSLETTER FOR EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

## GREETINGS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

**HELLO**—another month is coming to an end and we have upcoming events and projects for you to participate and “Cultivate kindness.”

October 22-28 is IEHA week

October 25 is our monthly meeting, Club Presidents are asked to attend at 6:45p—we will have pie pans available

November 4 - Country Vintage Market 9a-3p. Please come and shop with our vendors. It's a Saturday and will be a great day to interact with our vendors and let them know we appreciate them taking part in our biggest fundraising event of the year. Bake a pie for the county to sell during the market.

November 10 - bring a beverage and a pair of sharp scissors to the Extension Office. We are making blankets to donate to the Indiana Donor Network anytime between 5:00p-7:30p. Perfect opportunity to introduce a friend, child or grandchild to participate.

And we will see you on Saturday, November 11, at the Community Connections dinner at the fairgrounds. Homemakers will be donating the large gift for a door prize!

Club Presidents will meet November 15 for our last meeting of 2023 at the Extension Office 6:45p.

Be sure to see the attached flyer for information on our County Christmas Party, December 7 at the fairgrounds. The ladies have planned a fun evening of friends, food & fellowship.

Wow! There are plenty of opportunities to add up your volunteer community support hours while enjoying our friendships and making new connections through IEHA.

As always, have a question or suggestion? Let's talk!



*- 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

Dear Homemakers,

As the holiday season approaches, it's a good time to reflect on what truly matters—health, happiness, and a warm, inviting home.

November is National Diabetes Month, a time to become more aware of this growing health issue. Consider revisiting your eating habits this month. Aim for a balanced diet that includes a variety of fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins.

The holidays are a time of gathering, but remember that social engagement can also be a strong antidote to seasonal blues. Make time for safe, social activities, whether that's a small family gathering or a virtual catch-up with friends.

As we enjoy holiday feasts, remember food safety. Always cook meats to the appropriate internal temperatures and promptly refrigerate leftovers. Also, be mindful of allergens when preparing food for family gatherings.

## **A Special Reminder for Your Holiday Feast**

As you prepare for your holiday meals, safety should be at the forefront. For those of you planning to cook a turkey this season, Butterball has an excellent resource available on their website. It covers everything from thawing and prepping your turkey to cooking and carving it safely.

You can visit [Butterball's website](#) for step-by-step guides, recipes, and even a hotline to call for last-minute turkey emergencies. This resource is a fantastic way to ensure that your holiday meal is not only delicious but also prepared safely.

*Mandy Gray*

HHS Extension Educator



## *Baker's Best 2023 Recap*

The delicious smell of apples was in the air the morning of September 30th where Hancock County Homemaker's Extension hosted the annual Baker's Best. Apples were the theme this year and fourteen entrants showed up with fresh baked goods in categories such as cookies/dessert bars, cakes, pies, quick and yeast breads, and an "other" category. A total of 28 baked goods were registered and our two judges had the opportunity to taste and judge each item for placing. Congratulations to the following winners in each category and a rousing congratulations to Rose Reiser, the overall Grand Champion for the 2023 Baker's Best! Rose made a Honey Apple Pie which was presented to the Mayor of Greenfield, Chuck Fewell, at the Mayor's Breakfast on October 7th.

Pies Champion – Rose Reiser  
Cakes Champion – Patricia Aavang  
Cookies/Dessert Bars – Bobbie Lawrence  
Yeast Breads – Linda Parks  
Quick Breads – Linda Parks  
Other – Everett Jarvis  
Grand Champion – Rose Reiser



A special thank you to Tuttle Orchards for sponsoring our event again this year and much gratitude to all the volunteers who helped with the event!

Submitted by: Maria Berthiaume, Chair of the 2023 Baker's Best



## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DONATIONS**

Good morning, ladies!

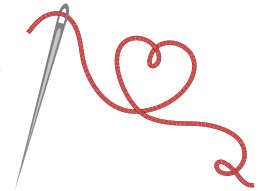
The Purdue Extension Community Event will be here before we know it- November 11th (see flyer in this newsletter).

We are looking for silent auction items. If you or your club would like to donate a basket or items, please let me know ASAP. All proceeds from the auction will go towards Extension programming and education in Hancock County.

Please contact me with any questions.

Vickie Ramsey, 317-753-4144

# RILEY FESTIVAL HOME ARTS AND QUILT SHOW



A very special thank you to all the homemakers who set-up, took items, sat as hostesses and released the exhibits. The show was successful despite a slight decline in participants. Quilts were very spectacular hanging in the annex showing their colorful display. Common Threads Quilt Club expertly handled that part of the event.

We are thankful to RILEY FESTIVAL, the County Commissioners and workers and the Parks Department for all their help to wrangle the shelves, quilt hangers and glass cases.

**Special awards given were:** Best of Show Quilt to Sharon Koepper; Chairman Award Ribbon to Lisa Holzhausen; Viewer's Choice Ribbon to Lisa Holzhausen. HCEH gave a monetary award to Sharon Koepper for her Best of Show Quilt.

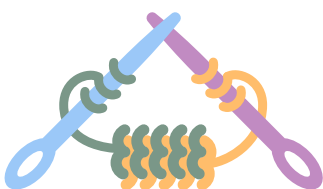
**Purple Grand Champion Ribbons:** Creative Craft-Jim Webb and Patty Chambers; Needlecrafts-Linda Vandagriff and Kathy Lusco. Quilts-Sharon Koepper and Sharon Koepper.

**Pink Champion Ribbons:** Needlecraft: Marcia Douglas, Julie Robertson, Kathy Lusco, Lisa Holzhausen, Linda Vandagriff, and Betty Richardson. Creative Crafts: Deb Turley, Joanne Bowen, Marilyn Kramer, Deb Turley, Deb Turley, Linda Vandagriff, Lisa Holzhausen and Patty Chambers. Quilts: Sharon Koepper, Cindy Roberts, Sharon Koepper and Lisa Holzhausen

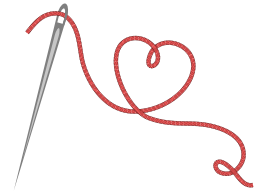
We are looking forward to more participation for the 2024 Riley Festival to be held October 3-6, 2024.

Homemakers start your project now!

Sarah Kesterson and Gail Gray, Co Chairman



# RILEY FESTIVAL HOME ARTS AND QUILT SHOW



## EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS



Hancock County Extension Homemakers went to the Ricks W. Center for the Arts Tuesday, October 17th for a celebration of love and laughter.

*HOME ALONE* was hysterical with a young man left alone at Christmas time thwarting 2 inept robbers. He learned he was more adept than he or his siblings thought. Some laughed till they cried at his antics.

The romantic musical of *MAMMA MIA* followed with lively songs and shenanigans of a bride trying to find her father from three men she invited to her wedding.

We have visions of celebrating again during the Christmas season with another movie night showing a couple of vintage Christmas movies. A festive night out for the girls!



### ***Homemade Pies Needed!***



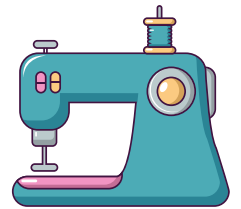
You can help provide for our county Volunteer Community Support projects by baking a pie for our Pie Booth at the Country Vintage Market. Pie pans and clam shell containers will be available at the President's Council meeting on October 25. Be sure you have your club president pick up one for you.

Remember: With refrigeration available, we can sell cream and custard pies, too. Pies need to be brought to the kitchen of the Sarah Burke 4H Exhibit Hall on Friday, November 3, 11a-6p or Saturday morning before 9:00a. Please direct any questions to Laura Lewis 317-644-9382 or [laura.lewis1229@gmail.com](mailto:laura.lewis1229@gmail.com)

## Fundraising Opportunity

If you're handy with a sewing machine, the Hancock County Children's Choir has an opportunity to raise some personal funds or funds that you could donate to your club. Many of the singers need their uniforms (long dresses, guys pants and shirt sleeves) altered. Just about everything is done with a long machine stitch and involves hems, tucks or darts. Hems are turned up and stitched, not cut and trimmed. Sometimes you have to take out the previous hem. The Choir has a set fee for alterations that members must pay; example, the fee for a hem is \$15.

If you are interested contact Debbi Green at 317-249-0781 or [djgreen49@gmail.com](mailto:djgreen49@gmail.com)



## Leftover Turkey Tetrazzini

1 pkg. (7 oz) thin spaghetti, broken in half  
 2 c. cubed, cooked turkey  
 1 c. mushrooms, sliced  
 1 small onion, chopped  
 3 Tbs. butter  
 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup, diluted



1 c. 2% milk  
 1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning  
 1/8 tsp. ground mustard  
 1 c. shredded cheese  
 1 c. shredded mozzarella cheese  
 1 Tbs. shredded parmesan cheese  
 Minced parsley

1. Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain and place in a greased 11x7-in. baking dish. Top with turkey; set aside.
2. In a large skillet, saute the mushrooms and onion in butter until tender. Whisk in the soup, milk, poultry seasoning and mustard until blended. Add cheddar cheese; cook and stir over medium heat until melted. Pour over turkey.
3. Sprinkle with mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses (dish will be full). Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with parsley.



## IEHA Week is 10/22-28

Each club is asked to select their project along with sharing photos to Facebook and our newsletter with what you have done to make a difference.

Thank you in advance!

We will also have a group project on Friday, November 10, at the Extension Office 5:00p-7:30p. Bring a beverage, along with sharp scissors, to make blankets with supplies furnished by the Indiana Donor Network.

Invite a friend, bring your children or grandchildren and join us! Please let me know (by 11/8) if you're able to join us for any amount of time that evening, so we can have enough supplies.

## First Books Program 2023-2024



There are still spots for readers at both the Fortville and Greenfield Head Start locations. The books are at the Extension Office and can be picked up any time.

*If you would like a spot, please call or email Mandy Gray, 317-462-1113 or gray89@purdue.edu with your name and best contact number so you can be reached in case of a cancellation.*

There will be enough books for each student in the classroom. When you arrive, the teacher will request that you fill out a donation form. Feel free to put down my information as the contact. The cost of the books is around \$1.00-\$1.50 each.

### Reading Locations

Fortville Head Start\*\*  
125 E. Staat St.  
Fortville, IN 46040

Greenfield Head Start  
311 Baldwin St.  
Greenfield, IN 46140

### Open Spots

Fortville  
@ 10:30am  
March 14th

Greenfield @ 10:15am  
3rd Wed of the Month  
November 15th  
March 20th

**\*\* NEW LOCATION: Please use DOOR 5 to enter Head Start Classroom**



## *In Loving Memory...*

*Many thoughts & prayers to the members of Kindness ROCKS Extension Homemakers. Susan Bernhard-Ellenburg was a charter member and very active in our organization.*

*Susan passed away Saturday, October 21. She always stepped up to ask how she could help. She will be deeply missed. ❤️*

*Arrangements will be announced on facebook.*



## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- November 4 - Country Vintage Market, 9am-3pm,  
Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall**
- November 7 - Extension Office closed**
- November 10 - *Veteran's Day (Observed)*  
Blanket Workshop, 5pm-7:30pm, Extension Office**
- November 11 - Community Connection, 4pm-7pm**
- November 15 - Council Meeting, Club Presidents, 6:45pm,  
Extension Office**
- November 23 - *Happy Thanksgiving!***
- December 7 - A Favorite Things Christmas Party, 6:00pm-8:30pm,  
Sarah Burke Exhibit Hall**
- December 15 - Council Meeting, Club Presidents, 6:45pm,  
Extension Office**
- December 25 - Merry Christmas!**



# Patricia Elmore Greenfield Senior Center

## CRAFT CLASSES

Please sign up at the front desk to ensure we have adequate supplies.

Partnership with  
"Kindness Rocks" Group



The third  
Wednesday of  
the month  
beginning  
August 16th  
2pm

There may be a nominal  
supply fee  
for some crafts.

**Patricia Elmore Center  
Senior Center  
280 N. Apple  
317-477-4343**



Greenfield Senior Center





*HANCOCK CO. EXTENSION HOMEMAKER'S COUNTRY  
VINTAGE MARKET*

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023  
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

**FREE PARKING  
FREE ADMISSION**

Food Trucks will be available

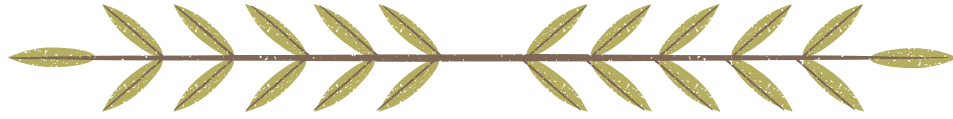
**START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY BY ATTENDING!!  
Something for everyone on your shopping list!**

**Tell your friends and family**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Inquiries-Vickie Ramsey, 317-753-4144 or Margie Clark, 317-498-1549**

# PURDUE EXTENSION'S



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**NOVEMBER 11TH FROM 4-7 PM**

**SARAH BURKE BUILDING  
620 APPLE ST. GREENFIELD, IN**

**CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER  
PREPARED BY HANCOCK HEALTH CATERING  
BENEFITING PURDUE EXTENSION PROGRAMMING  
(CASH OR CHECK ONLY)**

Carry out or Dine-in available while supplies last  
Adult Meal/ All Carry Out \$15  
Youth Meal- under 8 years of age- Dine-in only \$8  
Homemade Ice Cream \$4

**Silent Auction from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**Free Kids Activities and Door Prize Entry**

**Learn more about Health and Human Sciences, Agriculture  
and Natural Resources, and 4-H!**



# HOLIDAY FEST

*Friday, December 1, 2023*

*9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

**Hendricks County Conference Center  
4-H Fairgrounds  
1900 East Main Street  
Danville, IN 46122**



## FREE ADMISSION

### *Cookie Walk*

*Homemade cookies for sale.  
Sales begin at 9:00 a.m.*

### *Craft Booths and Entertainment*

*Select unique holiday gifts from many vendors.  
Enjoy holiday music from local children and adults.*


**Lunch Served 11a.m – 1p.m.**

For more information contact the Extension Office at 317-745-9260.

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Hendricks Power Cooperative**



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**HANCOCK COUNTY HOMEMAKERS  
PRESENTS**

# **A Favorite Things Christmas**

**DINNER & PARTY**

**\$20 PER PERSON - DINNER BY TY HUNT  
LIVE MUSIC BY EMMA SPANGLER**

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**DECEMBER 7, 2023**

**6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

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**HANCOCK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS: 4-H EXHIBIT HALL**

Please RSVP by November 26, 2023  
to Tracy Elsbury at 219-707-1685 or [tjadernak@yahoo.com](mailto:tjadernak@yahoo.com)

No reservations without payment. Checks made out to  
Hancock Co Ext Homemakers.

Mail checks to 7393 N 1000 E Wilkinson, IN 46186

**FAVORITE THINGS PARTY: PLEASE BRING A TRIO OF YOUR FAVORITE  
THING, WHICH IS NO MORE THAN \$10.00 EACH. EXAMPLE: A CANDLE  
THAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SCENT, YOUR FAVORITE COOKING UTENSILS,  
YOUR FAVORITE PAIR OF EARRINGS, ETC. BRING THEM UNWRAPPED, SO  
EVERYONE CAN SEE. AFTER DINNER, WE WILL EACH HAVE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO PICK 3 NEW FAVORITE THINGS TO TAKE HOME WITH  
US.**