

The Hearthstone Herald

A NEWSLETTER FOR EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

GREETINGS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

Happy Holiday Season,

Holiday season is upon us. Do some of your holiday shopping at the Country Vintage Market this Saturday, November 1.



Mark your calendars for the following events :

Holiday Party Tray November 5, 6 pm.

Bring your favorite holiday tray ideas with you to share.

Check out the flyers listed below:

Biz-Z-B's 75th Anniversary Celebration Friendsgiving,
November 13.

Hancock County Extension Homemaers Annual Christmas
Dinner, December 9.

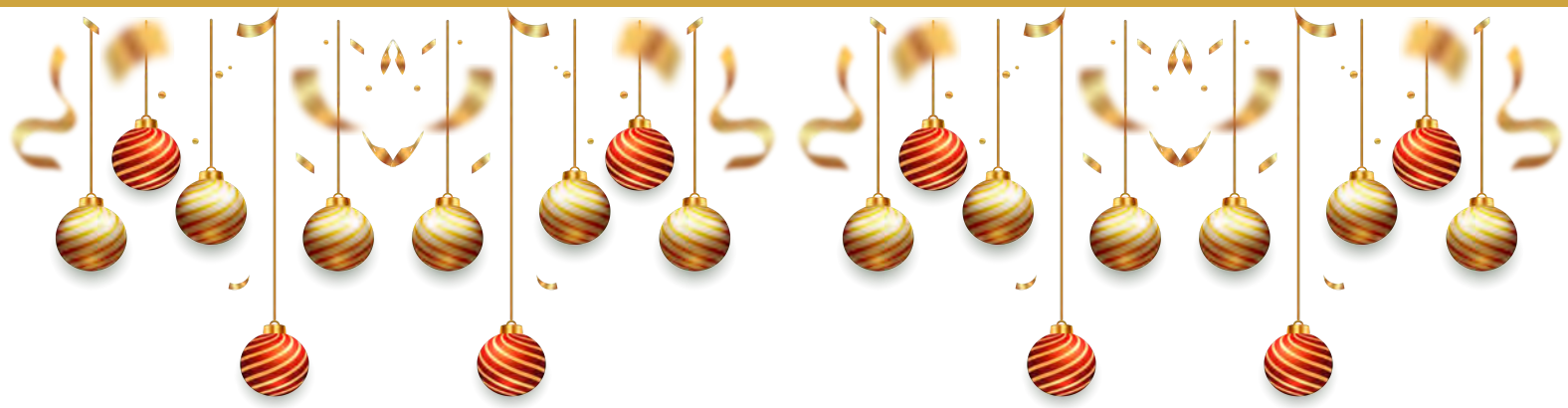
Even with all the shopping, cooking, parties or events, we need to remember that Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man.

My closing thoughts are I am looking forward to the New Year and all that it will bring for each and every one of you and your families. Let's keep the true gifts of Christmas, spreading them throughout the year of Peace, Joy and Love.*

-Jeanie Poole

Happier, Healthier Homemakers





Extension Homemakers,

I wanted to share that I have officially transitioned out of my role as the Health and Human Sciences (HHS) Educator and am now serving as the County Extension Director and 4-H Youth Development Educator here in Hancock County.

While I'm very excited for this new chapter, I will miss working alongside our wonderful Extension Homemakers. You have all made such a positive impact in our community and have been such a joy to work with. I've truly enjoyed the friendships, laughter, and shared passion for learning that we've built together.

Thank you for all the support you've shown over the years — it has meant so much to me.

Mandy Gray

HHS Extension Educator



Baker's Best 2025 Recap

This year's contest was held at our new location, Greenfield Library. The day was sponsored by Tuttle Orchards, Riley Festival and Hancock County Extension Homemakers.

First of all, I want to thank the homemakers who gave their time to check in the exhibitors, runners who helped to transfer exhibits from table to table, judges helpers, photographer Margie Clark, and our extension educator, Mandy Gray.

The library staff was so very helpful in setting up and tearing down our large room at the library, notable Kyle Turpin.

Pies Champion – Corrine Matlock, Lemon Meringue Pie

Cakes Champion – Gabriel Cochard, Lemon Cream Brulee Cupcakes

Cookies/Dessert Bars – Linda Brooks, Lemon Cheesecake Squares

Yeast Breads – Becky Dine, Lemon Braid

Quick Breads – Debi Hill, Lemon Loaf

Other – Becky Robinson, Lemon Cream Puffs

Grand Champion – Gabriel Cochard

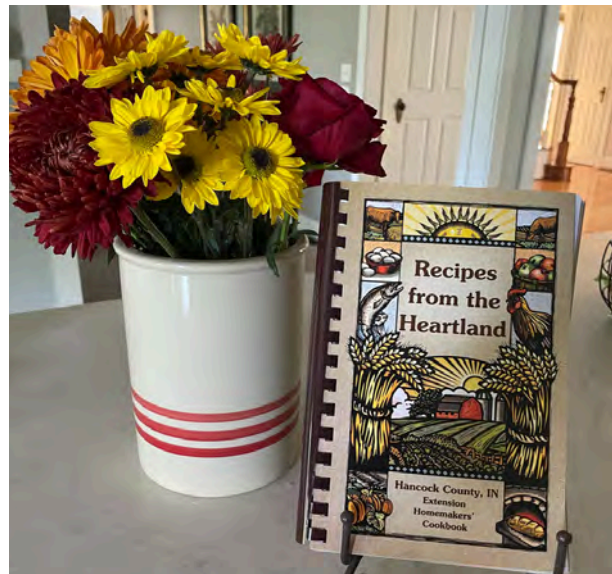


A special thank you to Tuttle Orchards for sponsoring our event again this year and much gratitude to all the volunteers who helped with the event!

Submitted by: Sarah Kesterson, Chairman

Recipes from the Heartland Cookbook Now Available!

Plan to shop at the
Country Vintage
Market on November
1st from 9am-3pm to
get your cookbooks
before the holidays!



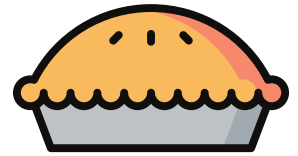
The Hancock County Extension Homemaker's Hearts & Homes Club would like to formally announce that our new cookbook "Recipes from the Heartland" is now available for purchase! Cookbooks contain over 400 recipes submitted by members of Hancock County and neighboring communities. They cost \$10 and revenue from the sales will go back to the community funding various philanthropic projects.

Cookbooks will be sold at the Country Vintage Market on Saturday November 1st at the Hancock County Fairgrounds from 9am-3pm. You may also purchase cookbooks by reaching out to a member of the Hearts & Homes Club or stopping in at the Purdue Extension Office during normal business hours from 8am-4pm. Books will also be sold at "Mom and Pops" Mini-Mart in Maxwell, Indiana.

Cash or check (made payable to Hearts & Homes) will be accepted. These cookbooks make wonderful gifts during the holidays. Our collection of homemade recipes will be a treasured keepsake for years to come! Get your book today!



PIES NEEDED!



We still need 9 inch pies for the Country Vintage Market. Pies will need to be delivered to the Exhibit Hall on Friday, October 31, between 3p-7p.

***Pie pans are available at the Extension Office.

If you have any questions, call Leisa @317-372-3281



Save the Date!

Extension Homemakers Fundraiser
@ Hometown Pizza
Wednesday, November 12th
from 4p - 9p





Spring Heritage Skills Program Demonstrators Needed



Do you have a heritage skill you'd be willing to share with others? Heritage skills are traditional, hands-on abilities passed down through generations. Please fill out the attached interest form and return to Vickie Ramsey, vickie.ramsey@keystonecoop.com



Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

November 1 - Country Vintage Market, 9a-3p

November 5 - Holiday Party Tray, 6p, Purdue Extension Office

November 11 - Veteran's Day (Observed), Extension Office Closed

November 12 - Hometown Pizza Fundraiser, 4p-9p

November 13 - Friendsgiving Dinner, Biz Z B Hosting, 6p
Mohawk United Methodist Church

November 19 - Executive Meeting, 6p, Extension Office
Council Meeting, 6:30p, Extension Office



November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27-28 - Extension Office Closed

December 9 - Annual Christmas Dinner, 5:30p, Riley Park Shelter House

December 24-25 - Extension Office Closed

December 25 - Merry Christmas!

January 1 - Happy New Year!

January 19 - Martin Luther King Day

January 28 - Executive Meeting, 6p, Extension Office
Council Meeting, 6:30p, Extension Office

Country Vintage Market



ARTS - CRAFT - FOOD

Spend your Saturday shopping for rustic finds and local treasures in two buildings - rain or shine! Antiques, farmhouse decor, handmade goods. Breakfast and lunch available for purchase.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2025
9:00A-3:00P**

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING!
HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
620 APPLE ST, GREENFIELD**



Vendor inquires:
Margie Clark, margieclk@aol.com or
Vickie Ramsey, gregandvickieramsey@gmail.com

Holiday Party Tray

PROVIDED BY THE
HANCOCK COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION



Wednesday, November 5th

**6pm EST
Purdue Extension Office
972 E Park Ave
Greenfield, IN**



Register by November 3rd:
Phone: 317-462-1113 or
email: lawren93@purdue.edu



For more information contact:
Jeanie Poole
jmpoole52@yahoo.com

BIZ-Z-B'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friendsgiving

A time for
fellowship &
conversation
before hectic
holiday seasons.



Biz-Z-B Club
providing ham,
turkey, & 75th
Anniversary
Cupcakes!

THURSDAY

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NOVEMBER

Mohawk United Methodist Church
2045 W 400 N
Greenfield, IN 46140

Starts at 6:00 pm

Bring an appetizer or side dish. Free will donation of @ least \$5 to offset paper products & a donation to the church. Pay at the door, but please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov 4 to Sharon Beatson, sdbeatson@yahoo.com.

Hancock County Extension Homemakers Annual Christmas Dinner



REGISTRATION AT 5:30 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 , 2025

Cost: \$20

Riley Park Shelter House
806 E. Main Street Greenfield, IN 46140

Menu: Smoked ham, tossed salad, au gratin potatoes and green beans. Cookies, brownies & ice cream cups. Sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade and water.

After dinner we will enjoy fellowship and join in Christmas games.

RSVP by November 19, 2025, to your Club President with number of guests AND payment.

We will be collecting childrens socks, underwear, leggings for girls, sweatpants for boys and diapers for both children and adults which will go to Bloomers.

We will also be collecting new or gently used bras for Support the Girls. If you have any samples of lotion, body wash, cologne, etc. they would be greatly appreciated too.

Heritage Skills Demonstration Interest Form

Do you have a heritage skill you'd be willing to share with others? Heritage skills are traditional, hands-on abilities passed down through generations.

How to participate: Complete this form and email it to Vickie Ramsey at vickie.ramsey@keystonecoop.com or drop it off at the Extension office (Attn: Vickie).

Please respond by: December 1

Your Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell phone: _____

Heritage Skill You Can Demonstrate

Tell Us About Your Skill

How would you demonstrate it (what you'd show/teach, approx. time, any space or supply needs)?

Questions?

Contact Vickie at 317-753-4144.

Examples of Heritage Skills (not limited to):

- Textile Arts: weaving, natural dyeing, spinning, quilting, embroidery
- Craftsmanship: blacksmithing, woodworking, pottery, basket weaving, glass blowing
- Foodways: sourdough baking, canning/preserving, foraging, beekeeping, traditional butchery
- Building & Repair: stone masonry, dry-stone walling, traditional plastering, furniture repair/upholstery

What to Expect

- Typical demo length: 30–60 minutes