

# The Hearthstone Herald

A NEWSLETTER FOR EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

## GREETINGS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS



Hope everyone is enjoying these last days of summer and of course early fall.

We have some upcoming events to look forward to for September and October.

- Baker's Best, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Kesterson is our leader for this event. Hancock County Public Library @9:15am. Workers arrive when library opens at 9am.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall District Meeting in Shelby County. Hope to see several ladies from our county there.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Hancock Health Womens Event. Ashleigh Guenin will be talking about Perimenopause, Menopause and Breast Health. This will be at the Hancock County Public Library starting at 6pm. Please RSVP by calling the Extension Office @317-462-1113.
- IEHA week October 20 - 25th with Make a Difference Day on October 25th.
- Rosie Hunt is the contact person if you are in need of additional Meat Raffle tickets and if you have not turned in any unsold tickets or your money, please do so and contact Rosie.



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- Calling all pie makers! Let Leisa Harmon know how many and what kind of pies you will be doing for the pie booth at the Country Vintage Market November 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember these are 9 inch or 5 inch pies. For the 9 inch pies, let the President of your club know and they will pick up your pie pans and the clam shells at our next President's Meeting.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> will be our Holiday Party Tray Lesson. Still accepting anyone who would like to demonstrate ideas for party trays. If you are interested in this, please let me know. Either email me at [jmpoole52@yahoo.com](mailto:jmpoole52@yahoo.com) or call me 317-490-9555.

At this time, I would like to thank Kelli Silcox for the two lesson ideas. Line Dancing and Cake Decorating. Let your club president know if you're interested. If we get enough, then we will add it to our calendar of upcoming events.

Until next month, everyone enjoy family and friends. Take time for yourself. Step back take a deep breath and savor some beautiful fall days!

*-Jeanie Poole*

Happier, Healthier Homemakers



# Educator Update



Happy Fall Extension Homemakers,

Strengthening Social Wellness



Health isn't only about eating well and staying active — it's also about the connections we keep. October is a wonderful month to nurture relationships that support your well-being.

- **Stay Connected:** Whether through a phone call, a walk with a friend, or attending a club meeting, positive social interactions can lift mood and reduce stress.
- **Give Back:** Volunteering or helping a neighbor strengthens community bonds and provides a sense of purpose.
- **Set Boundaries:** Healthy relationships also mean knowing when to say “no” and making time for self-care without guilt.
- **Mix Wellness With Friendship:** Try combining movement and connection — like walking with a friend, joining a group class, or cooking a meal together.

When we feel supported by others, we're more resilient and better able to handle life's challenges. This September, make social wellness part of your health focus.

*Mandy Gray*

HHS Extension Educator



# First Books Program 2025-2026



There are still spots for readers at the Greenfield Head Start location. The books will be at the Extension Office and will need to be picked up by the Monday before your scheduled reading day. *If you would like a spot, please call or email Mandy Gray, 317-462-1113 or [gray89@purdue.edu](mailto: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 and one for the teacher. When you arrive, the teacher will request that you fill out a donation form. Feel free to put down my information as the contact person. The cost of the books is around \$1.50 - \$2.00 each.

## Reading Location

Boys & Girls Club Head Start  
715 Lincoln St.  
Greenfield, IN 46140

Mrs. Hall, 765-524-9644 – *You WILL need to call her to be let in.*\*\*

## Open Spots

Boys & Girls Club Head Start  
@ 10:00am  
3rd Thur of the Month  
October 16th  
November 20th

If you need to cancel or change your reading time, please contact me directly, do not contact the Head Start teachers. I will do my best to find a fill-in reader without disruption of Head Start's schedule.

Reading takes 20-30 minutes and is a great way to get Homemakers name out there.  
Darla White, 317-501-4254 or [whitefarms@myninestar.net](mailto:whitefarms@myninestar.net)



*Save the Date!*

Extension Homemakers Fundraiser  
@ Hometown Pizza  
Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 4p – 9p



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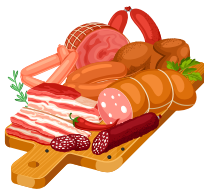


The As the Page Turns Bookclub would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of the book donations! We received so many cookbooks, children's books, fiction, and non-fiction books. Thank you!

We sorted books by genre at our September meeting. Please visit our booth at the Country Vintage Market on November 1st. We will be selling the used books at the booth as well as book marks and specially wrapped mystery books that would make great gifts for the holidays! All funds raised at our sale will be donated to a local teacher to allow her to purchase books for her students. Thank you for your continued support!

In September we read *Local Woman Missing* by Mary Kubica. If you like suspense, this book is for you! It has so many twists and turns. Many members finished this book in just a few days!

Our October book is *South of the Buttonwood Tree* by Heather Webber.  
Happy Reading, Lori Yeager



## *Meat Raffle Update*

We are coming down to the wire on our raffle fundraiser!

November 1<sup>st</sup> will be here before you know it. Sell, sell, sell those tickets for the meat prize! Turn in stubs and money to Rosie Hunt no later than our October Council Meeting.

Let's make this our biggest raffle fundraiser ever.

Meat prices have not come down. I wouldn't mind winning this one myself. My freezer is waiting, how about yours?

Rosie Hunt, Meat Raffle Chair



## Brandywine Club Update

The Brandywine Home Extension Club had a wonderful meeting at Daniel's Vineyard in August. The weather was perfect. We also took this opportunity to wear our new T-shirts that we designed and printed ourselves at Organic Robot Designs.



Left to Right: Anita Anderson, Debi Hill, Bernadette Gordon, Marijo Carr, Amanda Lawrence, Kelli Silcox, Linda Petty, Vicky Johnson



### 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. If you have any questions, call Leisa.

Leisa Harmon, 317-372-3281



# 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](mailto:vickie.ramsey@keystonecoop.com)



## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

**October 2** - Indianapolis Fall District Meeting, Shelby County

**October 2-3** - Extension Office closed

**October 2-5** - Riley Days Festival Home Arts, Downtown Greenfield

**October 9** - Menopause & Breast Cancer Awareness, 6p-7:30p,  
Hancock County Public Library, Hancock Health

**October 13** - *Columbus Day*

**October 16-17** - Focus Day & State Board Meeting, Hendricks Cty

**October 20-25** - IEHA Week

**October 22** - Executive Meeting, 6p Extension Office  
Council Meeting, 6:30p, Extension Office

**October 25** - Make a Difference Day

**October 27** - *Newsletter Articles due to Bobbie (for Nov/Dec)*

**October 31** - **Happy Halloween!**

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

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

**November 11** - **Veteran's Day (Observed)**

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

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

**November 27** - **Happy Thanksgiving!**





# HANCOCK HEALTH WOMEN'S EVENT



Let's talk about

- Perimenopause
- Menopause
- Breast Health

OCTOBER 9, 2025  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



**START AT  
6:00 PM**

**HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
900 W MCKENZIE RD.  
GREENFIELD, IN 46140**

**Presented by:  
Ashleigh Guenin, NP  
Nurse Practitioner, Hancock Health Women's Clinic**



-  - To register for this FREE event, call 317.462.1113  
by October 8, 2025



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# 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](mailto:margieclk@aol.com) or  
Vickie Ramsey, [gregandvickieramsey@gmail.com](mailto:gregandvickieramsey@gmail.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](mailto:sdbeatson@yahoo.com).



## Heritage Skills Demonstration Interest Form

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How to participate: Complete this form and email it to Vickie Ramsey at [vickie.ramsey@keystonecoop.com](mailto: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

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### Tell Us About Your Skill

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

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### 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