

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 27th, Sarah Kesterson is our leader for this event. Hancock County Public Library @9:15am. Workers arrive when library opens at 9am.
- October 2nd Fall District Meeting in Shelby County. Hope to see several ladies from our county there.
- October 9th 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 1st. 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 5th 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 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 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



Save the Date!

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



THANK you



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 1st 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

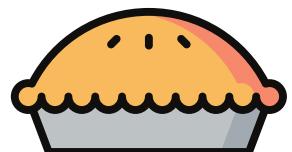
The Brandywine Home Extension Club had a wonderful meeting at Daniel's Vineyard in August. The weather was perfect. We also took this opportunity to wear our new T-shirts that we designed and printed ourselves at Organic Robot Designs.



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



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



Sponsored by:
Hancock County Extension Homemakers



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 inquiries:
Margie Clark, margieclk@aol.com or
Vickie Ramsey, 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 at 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, sbeatson@yahoo.com.

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