HENDRICKS COUNTY HOMEMAKER HAPPENINGS

Mission Statement: To strengthen families through continuing education, leadership development and volunteer community support.

2023-2024 Calendar of Events

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Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **August/September Issue** are due by **July 22**. Submissions may be emailed to Melissa Phillips, News Chair, (PCS.ServingHim@gmail.com) and Lisa Pitts (pitts15@purdue.edu). Handwritten copies may be given or mailed to Melissa Phillips (9388 S. County Road 100 W., Clayton, IN 46118).

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- ✤ Home & Family Arts Show: Joanna Sell / Kim Weber
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- 🗞 3rd Member at Large: Lynn Lillard
- 🗞 4th Member at Large: Kim Weber
- ✤ News Chair: Melissa Phillips

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead Hendricks County Extension Homemakers this past membership year. I will continue to do my best in the position of First Member at Large in the new membership year starting July 1, 2024.

Please enjoy the word search included in the newsletter. Melissa Mikesell 23-24 County President



2024 Home and Family Conference

Date: June 10 & 11 Location: Embassy Suites & Convention Center, Noblesville, IN

Full Registration: \$200; One Day Registration: \$120 Day on the Town (Monday 9 am – 3 pm): \$35 Melody Makers Concert (Tues pm): \$5

Registration forms are available in the Extension Office.



As we celebrated a year filled with opportunities and happenings at Achievement Day, I wanted share and celebrate the accomplishments of the past six months within my time here as Health and Human Sciences Educator in Hendricks County. So far, my role as HHS Educator has been dedicated to empowering individuals and families with knowledge and resources to lead healthier, happier lives. From innovative educational programs to creating and nurturing meaningful community partnerships, let's journey through some of the highlights that have made 2024 a year to remember.

Jan-March- We have 48 participants for the Get Walkin' Program. It was such a hit, we plan to

bring the program back and better this Fall! Keep an eye out for an opportunity to engage in physical activity, create relationships with other walkers, and track your progress with hopes to win an end of the program prize!

March: Nearly 100 Pittsboro Elementary School third-grade students who graduated from the Captain Cash Program! I was able to bring the basic financial

management skills program to Pittsboro Elementary to teach the importance of basic financial concepts; learning and practicing important life skills such as communication, decision-making, problem-solving, managing resources, planning, and organizing to foster self-sufficiency. The students had a blast voyaging from island to island of Earning, Saving, Spending and Borrowing while enjoying games, activities, trivia, and more!

Co-host Chef University with our Program Assistant, • Rebecca Weiss. 17 3rd-5th graders were able to take advantage of this two day interactive program! With the basic cooking skills they learned they were able to make pretzel bites, chicken and spinach quesadillas, cauliflower elote, fruit salsa with cinnamon sugar chips, sloppy joes, and chocolate chip cookies. They also learned about

handwashing, how to read a recipe, how to correctly measure wet vs dry ingredients, knife safety, and more!

Since October 2024, I have taught over 20 single-session lessons to Sheltering Wings, BOAA, Brownsburg Library, Boys and Girls Club Morgan County, Pittsboro and Avon Elementary Schools!

I was able to bring together 14 Hendricks county leaders, those of which I have built relationships with, to discuss my role and developed my HHS Advisory

Committee!

I applied and was accepted into Leadership Hendricks County Class of 2024 to identify, educate, motivate, and develop myself as a leader, increase my awareness of Hendricks County, and engage and build relations with the LHC organization community.

Completed my first Ag Day with this year's interactive version of AgMall! Kids learned how vital agriculture is to our day to day living and how much we rely on materials we get from our farmers. The kids took an imaginary trip to the AgMall, a world without agriculture. Let's just say, they did not like a world without sports, toilet paper, or junk food!

I look forward to continuing my relationship with the Hendricks County Homemakers with a continued goal to be a leader in providing relevant, high-impact educational programs that transform the lives and livelihoods of individuals and communities in Hendricks County! Thank you for being part of my journey, and here's to a bright and promising second half of 2024. Together, we can achieve great things!

Amanda Marciano-Feutz

Extension Educator Health and Human Sciences Purdue Extension- Hendricks County









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EDUCATOR'S

Cultural Arts Tour



CULTURAL ARTS TOUR is on WEDNESDAY JUNE 19th at the Myers Dinner Theater in Hillsboro for a luncheon production of *9-to-5 The Musical*. The doors open at 11:30 am with lunch at 12:00 pm (noon) and the show begins at 12:30pm. For those of you who have signed up, you will be hearing from Ellen Looney soon with a few more details. The tickets that have been purchased are non-refundable. If you are not able to attend, you are more than welcome to find a replacement to go in your place.

Scholarship Winners

This year at Achievement Day, on May 2, the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers had the pleasure of introducing our three local \$1000.00 scholarship recipients: Addison Hacker (Plainfield H.S.), Hannah Prickett (Avon H.S.) and Jack Wagner (Plainfield H.S.). All three gave a short presentation about their collegiate field of study and how the scholarship will aid in achieving their goal. The Hendricks County Extension Homemakers provide a scholarship opportunity which is available to any student-resident of the county. Those interested in applying for the 2024-2025 scholarship should discuss with their school counselor and look for an applica-



tion in the early fall. The application deadline will be in February 2025 with selection determined before May 1, 2025. Again, congratulations to all of the Scholarship recipients and best wishes!

Everyone Say ' CHEESEBALL'



A new fundraising opportunity for the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers was discussed at this past week's Council Meeting. We are looking into making Cheeseballs and selling them at the Danville Fair on the Square September 7-8, 2024 (Saturday and Sunday) as well as the possibility of taking advanced orders for sale around the Holidays including Holiday Fest.

If you are interested in participating in the planning of the new Fundraising Opportunity, please let Ellen Looney know via text 317-797-8368 or e-mail

at <u>ellen_looney@yahoo.com</u>. We can arrange a Zoom meeting or an in-person meeting depending on the schedules of those interested. Some days already suggested are: May 23 or 24, 2024.

HOLIDAY FEST

During the May 14th Council Meeting there was discussion about the upcoming 2024 December Holiday Fest. Melissa Mikesell suggested a Subcommittee to keep things 'on-task'. This Subcommittee would be essentially "fact-finding" and present the information at the June 4, 2024 Council Meeting. Some items for review and reporting are:

- 1. Cost of Vendor Booths- raise the cost by \$5 across the board?
- 2. Lunch- menu/ prices?
- 3. Prices for cookies at cookie walk?
- 4. Layout for Vendors- Can we secure a larger space at Fairgrounds?
- 5. Homemaker's booth- need more room for items.
- 6. Publicity- what have we done in the past and is there anything NEW we can do??
- 7. Cheeseball Booth?
 - 8. Are any other Vendors selling Holiday Cakes/ Breads??



Please contact Ellen Looney at <u>ellen_looney@yahoo.com</u> or via text at 317-797-8368 if you would like to participate.



CLUB NEWS

Happy Homemakers:

In February the Happy Homemakers club meeting fell on Valentine's Day. Eight members and seven guests experienced a wonderful presentation; by our guest Sue Galyan on essential oils. We were introduced to two oils named "awesome day" and "pure joy". The day was not just an awesome day and pure joy in oils, but also in friendship. We all went home with a gift of oils to enjoy.

In March we met in Avon at Mary Woodens new condo. We enjoyed a pitch-in-lunch before our meeting.

In April, we travelled to Beech Grove for our annual lunch out. Fourteen members enjoyed the food and treats at the Rustic Root Tea Room.

We are looking forward to being with everyone on Achievement Day.

Three of our members enjoyed getting to know more women and participated in "Helping Hands". We are excited to welcome two new members, Lee Brooks and Marsha Chapell.

Fairfield Homemakers:

Fairfield Homemakers, which began on May 1, 1947, are celebrating their 77th anniversary. This year's Achievement Day exhibit displayed many items of club programs, projects and lessons over the past 77 years. At Achievement Day, two of our members, Phyllis Palmer and Donna Thurman, represented our club on the discussion panel. They expressed their ideas about meaningful, fun, educational, and memorable experiences. Donna told about the comedy of 5 coincidences that happened many years ago when the club meeting was to be at her house, but members ended up at the wrong house! The panel also presented ideas for the future of Extension homemaker clubs. Last month, the Fairfield group met at the home of Ruby McCormack for a delicious potato bar lunch and meeting. In May we will have lunch at McAllister's in Plainfield, followed by touring the Plainfield Friendship Gardens. (Submitted by Helene Reyburn)

Modern Homemakers:

The Modern Homemakers met on April 18 and we had 16 members in attendance. The theme for the night was "Happy Birthday." We were served Birthday cake, ice cream, candies, and sang *Happy Birthday*. Each member also received a party favor of fresh homemade applesauce from our hostess, Regina Hawkins. After refreshments, Regina gave us some interesting facts about ice cream. Here are some interesting facts that you have not have known.

- 1. It is estimated that each person in the U.S. eats 20 quarts of ice cream each year.
- 2. Brain freeze happens when the cold substance hits the roof of your mouth.
- 3. Ft Wayne, Indiana, ranks second in the country for ice cream manufacturing and production. It is home to Edy's and Dreyer's brands of ice cream.

After a brief business meeting of Achievement Day responsibilities and an approved motion to donate to the Fallen Officer, Hendricks County Deputy Sherriff Fred Fislar Family, we proceeded with the theme of the night.

Each member was to sign up for birthday party items using a website called Sign-upgenius.com.



We then assembled birthday party bags. Each decorative birthday bag contained a cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles, party decorations, toys, party favors, and balloons. We then distributed the bags to local food pantries and some items were also donated to the local blessing boxes. The club also held an auction and raised \$135 for future projects. Some of the Items auctioned off were jewelry, yard décor, household items, candles, and much more. It was fun and successful evening.



Helping Hands /Make a Difference Days June/July 2024

Here we are ready to wrap up this year of Homemakers. Our year will begin again in September for Helping Hands and Make a Difference Days. We have achieved so much since the fall of 2023. We have 253 fleece blankets that were purchased, washed, cut, and turned since September of 2023. We also made hygiene kits for Headstart and the homeless. We wrapped up 24 bags full of goodies for Cypress Manor residents and also made bunny decorations with bellies full of candy for a special surprise at their tables at Easter. We have been very busy. It is all because of the generosity of so many special ladies that gave of their time, talents, and finances that we were able to bless so many people. You are all amazing! We also had a great time doing it together. It gave us the opportunity to spend time talking, sharing and sometimes even sharing a meal together. If you didn't get to come to any of our Helping Hands or Make a Difference Days you missed out on lots of laughter and loads of fun. You didn't miss out entirely. Coming up in September we will start back up on the 11th and we will see if we can find more fun, food, and laughter at our next encounter. It will be at Bartlett Chapel on old 36 from 10-12. Come and see what it is all about. As I wrap up this article, I just want to say that I couldn't do this job without all your help. It is definitely a team effort and I appreciate all of you that have helped make all of this happen. Be sure and stop by the Homemakers booth at the fair. You just might see some of our projects!! See you at the Fair or September 11th at Bartlett Chapel from 10-12. Remember that there is nothing we can't accomplish if we do it together. God Bless You All!! Charlotte Lloyd

PURDUE CANCER RESEARCH

You donated \$231 to Purdue Cancer Research with your donations at our recent Achievement Day. Thanks for your generous support.

Amanda Marciano-Feutz and Lisa Pitts requested our thank you gifts to them be a donation to Purdue Cancer Research, also. Judy Ricketts, County Treasurer







WANTED

Paperback Books – Adults' & Kids' For EHM Booth at the Fair Keep the Reading... Going!!

Box in Extension Office for Donations



Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons dried basil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried minced garlic
- 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Directions:

- Place all the ingredients in a blender. Blend on high speed for 30 seconds until thoroughly mixed.
- Pour marinade over desired type of meat. Cover, and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.
- Cook meat as desired; delicious grilled!



Reminders for the Hendricks County 4-H Fair July 14—20, 2024

HOME & FAMILY ARTS OPEN CLASS SHOW

Booklets and registration forms available in the Ext. Office.

In person registrations will be on Tuesday, July 9, 3:-7 pm, Wednesday, July 10, 3-7 pm Thursday, July 11, 9 am-3 pm

Apple Contest

Thursday, July 18, 2024 Entries Accepted between 12-1:45 pm \$1 fee per entry Judging starts at 2 PM

Volunteers Needed

Open Class Watchers: Each club has been assigned blocks of time. Check with your Club President for any open positions.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers will be needed on Saturday morning, July 13 from 8:30 -12:00 to help get exhibits checkedin and delivered to the various departments. We will also need volunteers to get exhibits released on Saturday, July 20 from 7:00-8:00. If you are able to help, please contact the Director, Kim Weber (317-745-7247)

Submit Exhibits

Saturday.

July 13

9 am-12 pm

Quilt Block Contest

2024 Theme: Celebrating Our County's 200 Bicentennial

Pre-registration is not Required and there is no fee.

Blocks accepted on July 13, 9 am-12 pm.



Baked Goods Auction

Sunday, July 14, 6:30 pm Sign-up for "Fun Art Parties"

> June 12, 6:30 "Midway Fun"

June 29, 2 pm "Watermelon"



Homemaker's Booth: If you can work any day during the fair, please contact <u>Rosie Lenihan</u> to sign-up. This booth helps promote our clubs.



ESCAPE ROOM

Do you want something fun to do with your family or friends? Try creating an "Escape Room". Melissa Sexton, from Modern Homemakers, created one for her club, and was willing to share it with others. You can find the instructions at <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/</u> folders/1vvWa2IBgvgpsaPOJ-do0OU6WsRnF-IBc?



Find a Word from Past Program Books

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