



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

FEBRAURY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Hello Ladies,

It is hard to believe 2025-2026 year for Montgomery County Extension Homemakers is coming to and end. It has been a fabulous year with many accomplishments filled with hard work, dedication, fun and laughter.

Thank you for your help and support. You as individuals or as a club have continued to put yourselves out there to make our organization what it is. Goals can be made and dreams do come true.

Congratulations sassy, classy ladies.

Susan Vaught & Judy Tulley

2025-2026 Partners in Crime



Spring DISTRICT MEETING



Several Members of MCEH traveled to Brook, Indiana on April 16th for the Spring District Meeting.

The meeting was held in the Brook United Methodist Church and hosted by the Newton County Extension Homemakers. Thank you ladies, for a delightful day.



Brittany Baughman was the guest speaker. She shared her story with us, it was called “Baking Up a Business”. A wife and mother started baking bread and rolls selling them from her front porch. Her items became so in demand, she is now taking orders, selling at farmers markets and small retail stores. How uplifting it was to hear her story and connect with her enthusiastic spirit in making people happy just in the joy of baking bread.



SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING

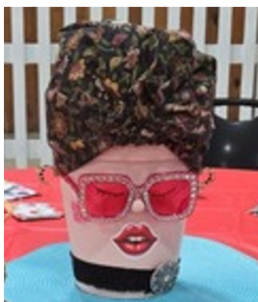


MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING IS JUNE 9, 2026 IN THE EXHIBIT HALL @ 6PM. THIS MEETING IS FOR ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS (NEW AND OLD), COUNTY OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS. IT IS A PITCH-IN WITH DRINKS AND TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH. CLUB HOSTESS IS MNO.





April 7, 2026 at 6:00pm the Montgomery County Extension Homemakers were host to their annual Spring Tea. The tables were decorated with the very Classy, Sassy Ladies, made from clay flower pots and anything else the committee could get their hands on from sunglasses, bandanas to sparkling earrings and colorful hair. Each Lady had her own personality and they were most definitely the conversation of the evening. The Back Porch Pickers Band did a tremendous job entertaining with their unique instruments and a variety of songs. It was an enjoyable evening with friends. Thank you all who joined, it was fun!





We are so excited to welcome three new members to our organization. L - R: Sherri Suiter, Rie Dougherty, Carly Bowers.

Achievement Night

On May 12th, 32 members and 2 guests, Health and Human Science educator, Monica Nagele and County Extension Office Manager, Lindsay Williamson, celebrated this year's special achievements. The night was spent highlighting and honoring years of service and remembering those members that are no longer with us. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of Cultural Arts, New Officer Installments, and a meal catered by Swick's Kitchen and Emporium.

CKC Club was awarded with their 45 year anniversary certificate with members Kathy Hall and Kathy Addler.



To finalize the evening, Rita Kirkpatrick entertained us with her "Classy Sassy Ladies" rendition of installation of officers.

Attire might fool you, but the names and faces are familiar from the past year. It isn't broke yet, so I guess we are'nt going to fix it.



Co-Presidents: Susan Vaught, Judy Tulley; Vice President: Carol Vice; Secretary: Gloria Oliver; Treasurer: Moina Buckles (Beth Carroll in photo); Advisor: Judy McBride; Membership: Minnie Howard





Cultural Arts



Judy McBride presented Cultural Arts certificates to
Carol Vice, Special Project Award
 (children's book);
Roxana Clark, People's Choice
 Award Quilting;
Linda Miller, People's Choice Award
 Needlework;
Kathy Addler, People's Choice
 Award Knitting and Crocheting;
Anita Himes, People's Choice Award
 Miscellaneous Craft.



Anita Himes (not pictured) won the Viewer's Choice Award with her diamond art painting that took her 2 years to complete!
Anita Himes and **Carol Vice** will represent the Montgomery County Extension Homemakers at the Home and Family Conference in June.



You are cordially invited to...

Falln' in Tippecanoe



**Tippecanoe County District Meeting
October 6th, 2026
St Andrews United Methodist Church
4703 N 50W
West Lafayette, 47906**

**Doors open at 9am
Catered lunch - \$18**

Featured Speakers

Sean Lutes

Historian from
Preserve Historic
Lafayette

Adriana Harmeyer

Clinical Asst Professor at Purdue
SUPER CHAMPION on Jeopardy!

RSVP by September 18th, 2026 to
Nancella Dobbins
3033 Greenbrier Ave, WL 47906
dobbinsnj@comcast.net
765-426-7579



Meet and Greet @ 9am

Light Refreshments

Meeting starts @ 10am

Lunch Buffet

Garden Salad w/ Ranch or Raspberry Vinagrette
Dressing

Warm Dinner Rolls with Butter

Parmesan Crusted Pork Loin

Rice Pilaf

Seasoned Green Beans

Variety of Fall Desserts

Water and Tea

Cost \$18

Please send one check per county with list of
names of those attending

Note: Donations for Silent Auction are greatly
appreciated and helps to defer costs. Thank You!

The Volunteer Community Support Committee has visited the Assisted Living and Nursing Home Facilities to ask how Montgomery County Extension Homemakers can help. Here are their Wish Lists!

Whitlock | Leanna (Activities Director) | 765-366-7129

Denture glue

Toothpaste/toothbrushes

Snacks: Chocolate, Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Popcorn, Teddy Grahams, Potato Chips snack bags, Peanut Butter Crackers, Vienna Sausages, Juice, Canned Pop, Bottled Water, Ensure or Boost

Greeting cards

Note pads and Pencils

Coloring books

Puzzles 48 piece to maybe 100 piece

Playing Cards

Puzzle books (word search)

Socks

Kleenex

Hand creams like Aquaphor, Vaseline, or medicated

They love mints

About 55 residents at the moment

Usually Thursday morning or 1:30 normally in afternoon, they have crafts. Would love a group to come in and help

Belle's Place (Memory Care) | Natalie (Activities Director) | 765-362-2000 | Managed by Bickford

They do bingo 3x week.

Need prizes for bingo:

Seasonal decor, door hangars (from Dollar General)

Snacks

Also could use lap blankets

Walker bags for walkers to hold items

Stuffed animals

Lotions

Ben Hur Nursing Home | 765-362-0905

Simple puzzles

Playing cards

Markers

Crayons

Colored pencils

Lane House | Julie (Activities Director) | 765-362-0007

They do bingo 3x week and Tuesday Evenings (Bingo has become big). Need prizes for Bingo:

Snacks: Chips, soft cookies, soft candy bars, soft candy

Word search books

Stuffed animals

Headbands

Stretchy bracelets

Body lotion

Men's body wash

Women's body wash

Handkerchiefs

They also play a candy dice game 2x week and could use bags of candy for that

Wellbrooke | Crystal (Activities Director) | 765-362-9122

Throws (like the \$5 ones at Walmart)

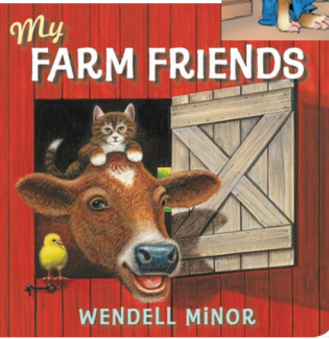
Bingo prizes:

She buys things from the Dollar Tree

Could use "main brand items" like hand lotions, body lotions, shampoo.

They are out of her budget so she can't afford things like that

First Books for Kids

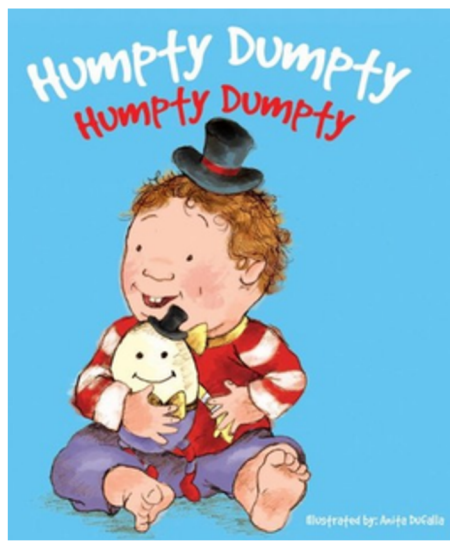
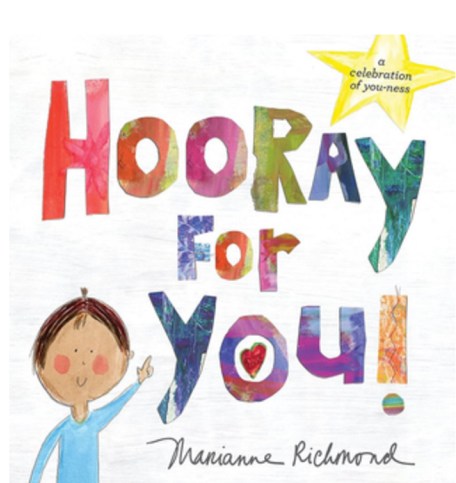


In March, we read *Just a Teacher's Pet* to the children at Head Start. *My Farm Friends* was read to them in April. Everyone had fun making farm animal sounds!!!



We ended the school year in May by reading *Hooray for You* to the 3-4 year olds and *Humpty Dumpty* to the 2-3 year olds.

Our program will take a break for the summer and resume in September.



UPCOMING DATES

- June 9 Summer Council Meeting, Ex. Hall, 6:00pm
- June 15-17 Home and Family Conference
- July 8 Open Class Check-In, 4:00-5:00pm
- July 9 Open Class Check-In 12:00-1:00pm
- July 10-15 4-H Fair
- July 10-14 MEHM Host Open Class, Exhibit Hall
- July 15 Open Class Check-Out, 11:30am-12:30pm

