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“Meet & Greet with Bea”



(2025-2026 Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers President)

...along with the Executive Council

Tuesday, August 12th, 2025

11am-Noon Tippecanoe County

Extension Office Basement

1950 South 18th Street, Lafayette, IN

We Will:

- *Review duties of Club Officers and Focus Groups/Committees
- *Offer new member information
- *Distribute 2025-2026 Handbooks, *“What You Focus on Becomes Your Reality”*
- *Present updates from VCS, Education, Leadership and Membership Chairs
- *Enjoy some snacks

Please share this invitation with your club so all can attend this

Officer & Focus Group Training

Membership Committee

The Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers Executive Council and Membership Committee will be hosting a “pop-up” OFFICER & FOCUS GROUP TRAINING on 8-12-25 from 11 am to Noon in the Extension Office Basement. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new 2025-2026 TCEH President and Executive Council, and find out what is projected for this upcoming year! Postcard reminders will be sent, via USPS, to your club members that are listed in the new handbook as Officers, Focus Group Chairs, and on Special Projects Committees.



Many thanks to those that attended this year's 4-H Fair and volunteered their time at the Membership table: Dottie Warner-Halsema, Cheryl McCool, Jan Harlow, Nancy Crum, Pat Brouwer, Joan Bonnet, Lisa Ariano, Sharon Albregts, and Emalese Adams. Your efforts gave us information for 20+ new members. Information packets were also handed out to perspective new members to take home. And kids again enjoyed selecting a free book to take home!

The Membership Committee will be hosting tables at the following upcoming events: Purdue Homesteaders Day at the Farm at Prophetstown State Park on August 16, 2025, and the West Lafayette Farmer's Market during IEHA week in October.

Membership Committee

Cheryl McCool & Emalese Adams

Lacemaking Workshop

The Lafayette Lacemakers were on hand at the Open Show at the county fair. They are sponsoring an immersive and hands-on lacemaking workshop; tools and thread will be provided. Free class for ages 12+ on Saturday, September 13, 2025. In the Art Room at The Arts Federation, 638 North Street, Lafayette. Enter through basement door from the parking lot. Morning Session: 9-12; lunch on your own 12-1; afternoon session 1-4 pm. RSVP by August 31, 2025 to lacedobes@aol.com.

Submitted by Nan Dobbins

Home and Family Conference 2026 “Special Cultural Project”

Announced at IEHA annual conference in June by incoming President Cathy Wilkymacky. The Tippecanoe County winner at our Spring Ed Day will advance to the 2026 Conference in Nashville Indiana the week of June 15. It is to be a hand/ home-made book or toy for children of any age. Maximum size of 18x18x18"; smaller is fine. Use any medium - wood, paper, canvas, crochet, knit, quilting, etc. For books, no commercial printing or publishing, but parts can be printed from a printer and printed transfers can be used. The earliest toys were made of materials found in nature like rocks, sticks, and clay.

Let's see what we can do!

Submitted by Dottie Warner-Halsema

Purdue Extension – Health & Human Science Educator Update

Hello everyone! I hope you were able to enjoy the fair this season! It is hard for me to believe it is back to school time. School will bring a change in routine, new experiences, and new opportunities to make an impact within the community. I look forward to doing just that!

I have a couple programs coming up this fall. These programs are **Free of Charge** thanks to the help of our local health department. I will be presenting another session of *A Matter of Balance and Be Heart Smart*. If you or your group would like a specific program or educational topic, please feel free to contact me.

The class dates are below:

- *Matter of Balance* – September 29th, October 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th, & 24th, at the Purdue Extension Building from 9:30-11:30am
- *Be Heart Smart* – September 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th, at the Purdue Extension Building from 9:30-10:30am

If you would like to register, please call the office at 765-474-0793, or register online. Again, the program registration cost of \$25 is covered by the Tippecanoe County Health Department, but space is limited! Register early! Attend with a friend or family member! Come and enjoy these great programs!

I will leave you with an idea that came to me this weekend. I volunteered to coach my youngest son's soccer team. It can be a humbling experience to teach 6- & 7-year-olds anything, let alone a new sport. But, I had to reflect and be happy with the effort I put forward. I think trying our best to do good things is a good thing. I know TCEHs do so much within the community and beyond. Keep doing good things and I will work to do the same!

I hope you stay happy and healthy!

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It's Pumpkin Spice Season!

**Join the Montgomery County Extension Homemakers in celebrating
Autumn at the Lafayette Fall District Meeting**

October 8, 2025

Whitesville Christian Church

3603 S Ladoga Road

Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Doors open at 9:00 am; Meeting begins at 10:00 am.
(I have no information on the meal being served)

This form, with list of names, and payment of \$18/person is due to Nancella Dobbins, 3033 Greenbrier Ave, WL 47906 on Friday, September 19.

Club Name



Townhouse on Ferry Street (facebook page of Sean Lutes)

Lafayette History Preservation
Wednesday, October 15, Fall Education Program
Community Reformed Church, Lafayette, IN

10:30 am check in: Coffee/Iced Tea/Lemonade/ no breakfast items

11:00 Speaker: Sean Lutes, President, Lafayette's Historic Preservation Commission

12 noon Lunch: Great Harvest: half sandwich (turkey/ ham & Swiss, chicken salad)/half cookie/chips

1:00 pm Speaker: Carla, owner of Two Tulips and Every's Ice Cream Shop, downtown Lafayette

List below the names of attendees. The cost is \$10/per person. Make check payable to Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers (TCEH) and mail names and one check to Nancella Dobbins, 3033 Greenbrier Avenue, West Lafayette, IN 47906. **The due date is Tuesday, October 7.**

Club Name _____

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Tippecanoe County Fair — Open Show Highlights

Submitted by Mindy Swank and Krystal Sigman

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped bring this year's Open Show to life! Your support -from check-in and check-out, judging, and assisting throughout fair week at the Welcome Table - was truly appreciated and made the event a memorable success.

We're proud to recognize the Tippecanoe Co. Extension Homemaker Council for sponsoring the Spirit of the Fair Award. This year's award was presented to longtime supporter Kelly Jones Buntin, who received a handmade serving board handcrafted in Lafayette area following the Foods Judging on Saturday. Kelly's dedication to the Open Show over the years has not gone unnoticed.

The Open Show welcomed 403 entries from 184 participants. Among them, 26 individuals submitted a combined 70 entries, with Extension Homemakers contributing 50 entries of their own. An additional 20 family members of Homemakers also participated. We're proud to share that nine of these entrants were honored with Champion, Reserve Champion, Sweepstakes, and Special Awards.

We were thrilled to see a noticeable increase in entries across several categories this year, with quilting and foods seeing the most growth. The Foods Auction was a resounding success, and the proceeds will directly help sustain and enhance future Open Shows. Our sincerest thanks go out to the Hillwood Club and Tippecanoe County Extension Homemakers for your generous donations and continued support.

Participating clubs included Hillwood, Quilt Club, Highland, Lamplighters, Laughing L's, and Meadowlarks. The Lamplighters led the pack with an impressive 35 entries!

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We'd also like to give special recognition to Krystal Sigman, Missy Leist, and Dottie Warner for lending their talents through demonstrations that brought excitement and enrichment to the Open Show. In addition, The Lafayette Lacemakers delighted attendees with live demonstrations on the intricate techniques of lacemaking, while the Tippewa Spinners Guild of Greater Lafayette showcased the fascinating process of spinning wool into yarn.

For more information about these groups:

The Lafayette Lacemakers: LafayetteLacemakers@gmail.com or Carolyn at Lacedobes@aol.com

Tippewa Spinners Guild of Greater Lafayette, IN: Email kauai-dee@yahoo.com with questions

Looking Ahead: 2026 Tippecanoe County Fair

Dates: July 17–25, 2026

Theme: Celebrating America

We're excited to kick off preparations for next year's fair, where we'll be honoring all things American—bold traditions, family favorites, and timeless charm. Keep an eye out for updates in the coming months.

As for the beloved “Old Time Favorite” category in Foods—nothing says “America” like **apples and cherries**.



VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SUPPORT

It's been a hot, hot summer, but we need to think about the cold weather coming and those in our community who are without proper clothing to stay warm.

At our Fall Education Workshop, we will be collecting new or gently used hats, gloves, socks, and coats. These items will be donated to the "Under The Bridge Project." This is a project supported by the Emergency Nurses Association out of IU Arnett. They will go out in the community to find people living on the streets, under bridges, or in abandoned houses and distribute these items plus hygiene products, and try to connect them with services. Last year the Lafayette Police helped with this program.

Let's help them with this worthwhile project.

Submitted by Jan Wallace



Nancy Jones has had a change of e-mail address; her new e-mail address is nancycj77@hotmail.com. Please update your Extension Homemakers handbooks with this information. Also, if you have sent anything to her old e-mail address (james_jones_668@comcast.net) since May 2, 2025, please re-send to the new e-mail address.

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