

Vigo County Extension Homemakers August 2024 Newsletter



Important Dates to Remember

August 2-18

August 12

September 16

September 24

Indiana State Fair

Past Presidents Meeting

Council Meeting

Sewing Day

Be sure to check our website www.extension.purdue.edu/vigo for news and updates.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone, welcome to an exciting year! Let me introduce myself. My name is Deborah (Debbie) Giffel, President of Vigo County Extension Homemakers Clubs. I am a member of Hearts at Home Extension Club in Seelyville. I've been an active member for the past seven years but was inactive for several years before that.

I've lived in Terre Haute since I was two years old. I've worked at Indiana State University in the Music, Arts & Science Deans Office, and Admissions. I also worked at Ivy Tech in Admissions & Advising. I am now retired!

I welcome communication from all members. My phone number is 812-243-3473 (cell); texting is best. I started a new email for the Extension Clubs: president.home.ext.vigo.co@gmail.com Please use this to send items you'd like me to include in the Newsletter or to ask general questions. We are also in the process of setting up FaceBook for the group.

Debbie Giffel

Debbie Giffel

Vigo County Extension Homemaker President

VIGO COUNTY FAIR

I had a very nice time at this year's Vigo County Fair. We cleaned on Friday and set up areas for exhibits, took in exhibits on Saturday, and I helped man the book sale a few times during the week with other club members.

Congratulations to **Jeanette Streeter**, Pierson Club: **Champion** with her Blueberry Bread and **Reserve Champion** with her Lemon Pound Cake and her Peach Jam. Congratulations also to **Ruth Ridener**, Sugar Grove Club: **Champion** with her Wild Mustangs Latch Hook. And, Congratulations to **Kim Waggoner**, Prairie Creek Club: **Champion** with her Pineapple Cheese Dip and **Reserve Champion** with her Blackberries.

Other Club members who entered exhibits and earned ribbons are:

Blue: Ruth Ridener, Janet Klept, Sarah Gossett, Jeanetta Streeter, Kim Waggoner, Sherry Riggs, and Stardust Watson.

Red: Ruth Ridener, Mary Lou Voll, Janet Kleptz, Diane Clayton, Jeanette Streeter, Kim Waggoner, Stardust Watson, Paul Watson, Sarah Gossett, and Diane Clayton.

White: Ruth Ridener, Kim Waggoner, Stardust Watson, and Paul Watson.

I believe others participated in exhibits; if I have missed anyone exhibiting items in the fair, please let me know and I'll include your information next month.

BAKERS' BEST CONTEST (Raisin)

18 participated with 28 entries.

Total income (auction):	\$602.00
Prize Expenses:	\$255.00
Net profit:	\$347.00

The **Grand Champion** is: **Marissa Oldham** with her Rum Raisin Apple Butter Cake

The **Reserve Grand Champion** is: **Shari Marlow** with her Classic Oatmeal Raisin Cookie

A special thanks and congratulations to our own, **Sarah Gossett**. She participated in Baker's Best and won 2nd place in Pies with her Raisin Apple Pie.

BOOK SALE THANK YOU!

I want to shout out a HUGE Thank You to all who worked the Book Sale. I think the different location in the building helped. Our profit is: \$321.72

CLUB DISPLAYS

The Club Displays were very interesting. We had seven clubs along with a display of the Vigo County Homemakers History.

1 st Place:	Hearts at Home
2 nd Place:	Prairie Creek
3 rd Place:	Fayette Extension

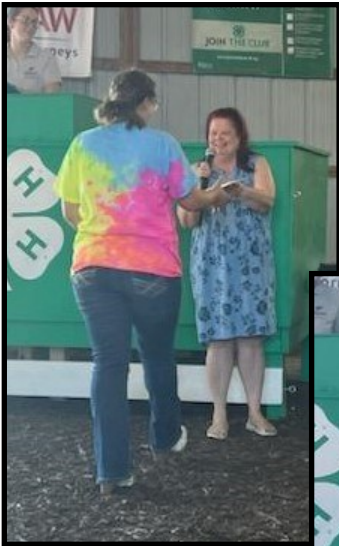
Please think about entering items next year in Open Class, Bakers' Best, or enter the Open Class BBQ contest.. We really need more participation from club members. Also, encourage you friends to enter—it is open to the public.

We had a new contestant in the Open Class BBQ this year. The Happiness Bag took 2nd place for the event and were chosen at the People's Choice for Open Class!



HOMEMAKER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

I, as the County President, had the pleasure to award two 4H children with Incentive Awards (*Homemaker Scholarship*) at the 4H Award Program on Saturday night. They had to fill out a form and explain why they think they should receive the award: what type of projects they've completed over the years and how their experiences have helped them. One of the requirements is that they be a 3rd or 4th year member. They received a Certificate and \$100.00.



NEW HOMEMAKER EMAIL

The Vigo County Extension Homemakers Clubs has a new email: president.home.ext.vigo.co@gmail.com

Please use this email to send me information you want in the Newsletter.

Or, if you have suggestions or questions. Please make sure everyone in your club gets this information.

INDIANA EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE

I had the pleasure to attend the Indiana Extension Homemakers Association State Conference in Noblesville in June. I joined Janet Kleptz, Georgia Hunt, Ruth Ridener, and Stardust Watson (1st time attendee). We attended session, learned a lot, and had fun. Plus I purchased several items from the Vendors in the hallway!

“NEW” STATE PRESIDENT’S INITIATIVE

Our new State President, Linda Carunchia, introduced her initiative for 2024-2025 at the State Conference. She would like all of us to provide “Boxes of Care” to those in our community in need.

A “recycled” Altoid tin or plastic case could be used. Items to include in the box include:

- Band-aids
- Compressed Wash Cloth
- .6 oz Toothpaste
- Thumb Toothbrush
- Safety Pins/Buttons
- Needle & Thread

COUNCIL MEETINGS will be at the
Meadows Learning Lab
55 S. Brown Avenue
Terre Haute, IN 47803
(the old Meadows Elementary School Building)
Executive Meeting is at 9am
Club Presidents come at 10am

SEWING DAYS

We have three scheduled days to work on items for Union Health. These will be at the Community Building at the Fairgrounds starting at 10am. You may want to bring a sack lunch (we've been there until around 2 or 3 in the past)...but you do not have to stay the whole time.

September 24, 2024

January 14, 2025

March 27, 2025

We may schedule more if needed. Thank you to all the ladies who bring their sewing machines, cutters, pins, and measuring items. The more people coming and helping makes for a fun, entertaining day...and we get done earlier!

EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Upcoming Events & Opportunities at OLLI!

I want to thank everyone that participated in the 2024 Vigo County Fair. The volunteers needed to make our small portion of the event happen are so appreciated.

This year, I would also like to THANK the huge number of volunteers, businesses, and other organizations that were involved with cleaning up the fairgrounds after the storm about a week before. They were there every day, all day, utilizing all of their personal resources and skills to do their best in removing trees and huge limbs and repairing buildings from the destruction. We would not have been able to have a fair at all if it had not been for their dedication to our community.

I hope that in 2025 – even more of you consider volunteering and/or participating in Open Class, Baker's Best, or the BBQ Competition.

BUT – now we move on to life after the fair. Every August, I want to go buy school clothes and a new notebook – as I watch everyone go back to school. If you feel the longing to learn more this Fall, the Oster Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Indiana State University might be a great opportunity. I will be doing **“Empower Me to Live Clutter Free”** for the OLLI program on Wednesday, August 14, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Cunningham Memorial Library (on ISU campus) Room 028.

OLLI offers many different programs and opportunities. If you would like to know more about OLLI, visit their website at <https://www.indstate.edu/community-engagement/olli> or call (812) 237-9040 or Email: Pete.Kikta@indstate.edu.

Also, I recently completed a training to be certified as an Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Leader. I will be offering the program on Tuesday mornings at the Meadows Learning Lab beginning in late August. I will offer a class from 10 am to 11 am and a class at 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. The class is only an hour and will focus on education, chair-based (or standing) exercises, and reducing stress. If you are interested, please call or email Gail at (812) 462-3371 or wrigh509@purdue.edu to register.

Gail

Gail Wright
Extension Educator
Health and Human Sciences