

# Bits and Pieces

## Volunteer Community Support Report

We are nearing the end of another year! Have you turned in your volunteer hours from page 42 of program book? EVERYONE should be doing this! It is easiest if you keep track of that information on a monthly basis instead of trying to remember what you did in the past year!

From the Backyard Bonanza, we collected \$47.00 for the cancer research fund. This was from the sale of the cute gardening gloves and packet of seeds on the tables.

I will be attending a day at the upcoming state Home and Family Conference for IEHA in June. I plan to sell my EPP Christmas Tree ornaments and IEHA Softsoap dispensers for additional money to go towards the cancer research fund.

Do me a favor, after you turn in your volunteer hours for reporting purposes, please take a nice stroll outdoors and contemplate the many hours you have done for this organization this past year and be thankful for the opportunity!

Thanks

Rita Tapp

Volunteer Community Support Chair



Help spread the word!

Purdue Fast Start Program - Free opportunities, assured admission and big savings. These benefits are at the heart of our new program, which offers Indiana students and their families another pathway to Purdue University.



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## Calendar for June/July/August 2023

- June 8 Executive Board 5 pm  
EH President's Council 6pm - 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 Presidents
- June 24 Deadline to get tickets out please sign for Fair Hostess signup-  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4ca4a92ca1f85-2023#/>
- July 1 Begins the new Club Year!
- July 3-4 Holiday-Extension Office Closed
- July 6 Private Open Class Style Show Judging - Extension Office begins at 6 pm
- July 11 Open Class & 4-H Public Style Show - Public Welcome,  
The Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 N Main Street, Franklin at 7 pm
- July 14-15 Open Class Check-in Friday 6-8 pm & Saturday 9-11am  
& Judging Saturday afternoon
- July 16-22 Johnson County Fair week....Join the Fun!!
- July 23 Open Class & 4-H Projects Check-out 1—3 pm
- July 31 EH Presidents' End of Year Reports, Secretary Books, Scrapbooks,  
Volunteer Hours due to Extension Office by 4:30 PM
- August 10 Johnson County Extension Homemakers Executive Board Meeting, 5 pm  
at Purdue Extension Office.
- August 10 EH President's Council & Officer Rollout-2023—2024 Club Presidents & All  
Club Officers, 6 pm, at Purdue Extension Office.
- August 15 Bits and Pieces articles due for the Fall Edition/September-November  
2023. Please email Cathy Cook at [cook334@purdue.edu](mailto:cook334@purdue.edu).



***A Tip to promote new membership:***

*Share your Bits & Pieces with someone that  
is not an Extension Homemaker!*

# Updates and News from Johnson County President Dee Kirkham

The sun is out and it is warming up. This spring weather has been crazy. We went from cold to rain then we went to lots of rain and cold again! Now here comes the sun and the warmth. As our year is starting to wind down, I look forward to a busy and enjoyable summer.

Doing good DEEd's this spring is donating snacks to the local Law Enforcements in Johnson County.

In April, we had our First Books Garage Sale and had a full house. Thanks to Cathy, Penny, Punky, and Deb it was successful.

Backyard Bonanza we had a full house and everyone enjoyed making their own bouquet. Thank you to Jim Small for teaching and donating the silk flowers for this lesson. A big thank you to Heartland club for the program. As well a big thank you to Homecrafters Club for the table decorations and the meal, if you walked away hungry it was your fault.

May Day Breakfast we presented the 2023 Johnson County Memorial Scholarship to a senior from Greenwood Christian Academy, David McLaughlin. David knew five ladies that are or were Johnson County Extension Homemakers, he said they help mold him to what he is today. Thank you to Creative Circle for a very good Buffet Breakfast. Our guest speaker, Debra Slone (known as the Apron Lady) walked us thru time with aprons. She had several aprons and knew the history behind them. The Cultural Arts Contest was supervised by Rita Tapp our VCS Chair. This year, as in the past, the contest was by popular vote; Rita announced the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will go to Home & Family Conference. Receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place in "All Cultural Arts Categories" is Donna McElwain for her quilt, 1<sup>st</sup> in Special Categories, which is "Fairy Gardens", goes to Cathy Cook for her Farming Fairy Garden. Thanks to Nimble Thimble for planning the program, creating the table decoration and having an "Apron parade". Door prizes were given, they were the Dress Forms made by Jane Miller.

The Spring Lunch & Learn held on May 11<sup>th</sup> was attended by 23. Our first lesson was "Creating Relationship and Crafts" by Pandora Woodward Taylor, HHS Educator from Boone Co. We each created a painting using "Squeegie Art". We enjoyed pizza, break sticks, salad and cookies for our lunch. The second lesson given by Mandy Gray, HHS Educator from Hancock Co. was "Food and Mood".

This year's theme for the IEHA State President was "Scattering Kindness with Hearts". I would like to thank all the clubs, the homemakers and the Hopewell 4-H Club (Hopewell 4-

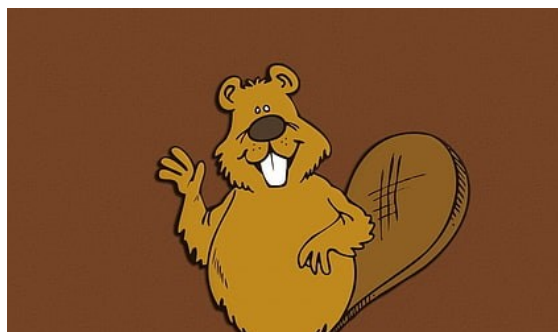
Hers made the hearts that were on the tables at the May Day breakfast). When I brought the idea back to Johnson County, I made one for each of my officers and each of the club presidents. Club members from different clubs told me where they handed them out. Some went to nursing homes, fire stations, police stations, nurses, restaurants, drive thru, exercise classes, cashiers. People put them on their desk for their workers and visitors to take. See someone that looks like they are down on their luck, give them a heart, watch them smile, look at you, saying you made my day. Then leave one with your tip.

At May Day I recognized my board. They were Cathy, Amanda, Arlene, Kathy, Rita, Penny, Punky, Laura Lee, Bev and my mom. My behind the scene were Margie, Donna, and Jane. I made each one a card and put a heart inside. This project is close to my heart. And I would like to thank each and every homemaker for supporting this project. Just to let you know my estimate is over 4,000 hearts. We still have until June 4, 2023 to turn our total in at Home and Family Conference.

Don't forget to get your open class projects ready for the Fair & to sign-up to be hostess at Scott Hall during the fair. If you have not done either I challenge you to enter one project and serve as hostess 1 time this year! The fair dates are; Project Check-in is July 14 & 15, County Fair is July 16-22.

Thank you all for helping make 2022-2023 a wonderful year.

Dee Kirkham  
President,  
Johnson County Extension Homemaker



**Remember Be Busy like a Beaver!**

# Recipes from Chef Margie May

**Recipe for: Tomato-Basil Bisque** Serves: 8 (side dish)  
From the Kitchen of: Margie May

**Ingredients**  
1 cup chopped celery  
¾ cup chopped carrots  
¼ cup chopped onion  
1 Tbsp minced fresh garlic  
1 Tbsp butter  
2 cups tomato juice  
1 cup chicken broth  
1 Tbsp dried basil, crushed

**Ingredients**  
1- 7.5 oz. can tomatoes, cut up  
3 oz tomato paste  
½ tsp black pepper  
¼ tsp dried oregano, crushed  
1 cup whipping cream  
4 tsp sugar  
¼ cup snipped fresh basil  
2 Tbsp prepared basil pesto

**Recipe Instructions**  
In large saucepan, cook celery, carrots, onion & garlic in butter until tender but not brown. Add tomato juice, chicken broth, undrained tomatoes, tomato paste, dried basil & oregano and pepper. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered about 30 min. until slightly thickened. Place ½ the soup in blender & blend until smooth. Repeat with remaining soup. Return to saucepan. Stir in cream & sugar. Heat through. Stir in ¼ cup snipped fresh basil. Garnish with pasta.




**Recipe for: Panna Cotta** Serves:  
From the Kitchen of: Margie May

**Ingredients**  
2 cups Half & Half sweet cream  
1 ½ cups granulated sugar  
1 Tbsp unflavored gelatin

**Ingredients**  
1 cup cold water  
2 cups sour cream  
2 tsp vanilla

**Instructions**  
Soften gelatin in cold water & let stand 5 minutes. In saucepan, mix sweet cream and sugar. Heat until lukewarm. Remove from heat. Add softened gelatin and stir until dissolved. In large bowl, heat sour cream and vanilla until smooth. Continue beating and slowly add sweet cream mixture. Pour into desired containers. Refrigerate until set. Serve with your choice of fruits or sauces.




**"Every Birdy Welcome"**  
**Quilt Show**  
September 22-23, 2023  
*Quilts Surround You With Love,  
Beauty and Warmth!*  
  
Presented by:  
Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club  
Franklin, Indiana

**QUILT SHOW TIMES and SPEAKER**  
Friday: 4:00 - 8:00  
Saturday: 9:00 - 3:00  
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Friday - 7:00  
Speaker "Mary M. Hogan"  
Nationally known quilter, speaker,  
author and designer. Her specialty is  
string quilting. You won't want to miss  
her exciting presentation!

**EVENTS**

- Browse and enjoy the quilts on display, shop vendors and our "Treasure Chest" booth at your leisure.
- Members' Challenge Quilt Contest
- Old Fashioned Quilting Bee
- "Mini-Quilting" demonstrations throughout the show. Come and learn a new skill!
- Patrons may vote for "Viewer's Choice" of quilts displayed.
- Food available for purchase on Saturday only.
- Bring your knives, scissors, etc. for sharpening by "Snippy Jim" during the show.
- Free parking at the Fairgrounds.

**TICKET PRICES**  
(cash only)  
Friday = \$10 advance, \$12 at the door  
(This ticket will admit you both Friday and Saturday.)  
Saturday Only = \$5.00 (at the door)  
(Children under 12 are free)  
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For Ticket Information contact:  
...Carolyn (317-460-6370)  
...Betsy (812-343-3437)

**LOCATION:** Scott Hall  
Johnson County Fairgrounds  
250 Fairgrounds Street  
Franklin, IN 46131



Johnson County Open Class  
Presents  
July 18th, 2023  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12 NOON . JUDGING BEGINS AT 1 PM

**CHERRY**  
BAKING CONTEST

Categories include:  
Pies, Cookies, Breads, & Miscellaneous

Rules and more information can be found in the  
Open Class Exhibit Book, available at the  
Extension Office.

**Join the Fun at the  
Johnson County Showcase  
of Fashion**

**July 11, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**  
**The Historic  
Artcraft Theatre**



## Meet our Summer Office Interns!



### The Purdue Extension Office staff is so happy to welcome the Summer Interns!

Makena Hogue, (pictured on the left) I grew up in Trafalgar, Indiana and graduated in 2021 from Indian Creek High School. My parents are Tim and Stacey Hogue and I have 3 siblings. I grew up in 4-H where I exhibited pigs for ten years and cattle for 6 years in Johnson County. This fall, I will be a Junior at Oklahoma State University, majoring in Animal Science with a focus in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

Kylee Marlin, (pictured on the right) I am 19 years old! In the fall I will be a Sophomore at Purdue University majoring in Agricultural Economics with a Concentration in Pre-Law & Policy as well as double minoring in Political Science and Farm Management! A fun fact about me is that I have a twin brother!

### FAIR HOSTESSING As of May 15th ... We need Hostesses!!

7/16/23 Sunday	3-6 pm 4 people
	6-9 pm 4 people
7/17/23 Monday	11:30 –3pm 4 people
	3-6 pm 4 people
	6-9 pm 4 people
7/18/23 Tuesday	11:30-3pm 4 people
7/19/23 Wednesday	11:30 3 pm 4 people
	3-6pm 4 people
	6-9 pm 4 people
7/20/23 Thursday	11:30-3 pm 4 people
7/21/23 Friday	3-6 pm 4 people
7/22/23 Saturday	11:30 –3 pm 1 person
	4-7 pm 4 people
	7-9 pm 4 people

**Follow this link to signup to hostess at Scott Hall.**

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**"THERE IS NO TIME LIKE FAIR TIME"  
at the Johnson County Fair!**

**July 16th to 22nd, 2023**



## TEN TIPS FOR SUMMER SAFETY

1. Weather is unpredictable. Prepare for anything by checking the weather forecast. Use your cell phone to check on weather and storm predictions. Stay alert!
2. Wear the right clothing, light colored and light weight clothes help to reflect the sun. A wide brimmed hat and sunglasses will help to provide protection for your skin and eyes from the sun.
3. Use sunscreen SPF 30 or higher, apply 30 minutes prior to going outside and reapply every 2 hours if swimming.
4. Staying hydrated is very important with increased outdoor activities in the summer. Drink plenty of water, do not wait until you are thirsty to drink fluids.
5. Know the signs of heat exhaustion: dizziness, muscle cramping, weakness, fatigue, confusion, heart palpitations and nausea. If you notice these symptoms go inside immediately. Rest in a cool place and drink water, blot your skin with cool water to lower your body temperature.
6. Water safety awareness, not only at the pool or the beach. Be aware of fountains and ponds and keep a close eye on all children when near the water. Never swim alone. Wear life vests when needed.
7. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. It only takes a few minutes for your vehicle to heat up to lethal levels.
8. Pack a first aid kit to help treat summer injuries including: gauze, tape, and antibiotic ointment for minor cuts and scrapes, insect repellent, Aloe Vera to sooth sunburns and Hydrocortisone Cream for relief from insect bites and poison ivy.
9. Firework safety. Keep a safe distance once they are lit. Do Not point fireworks toward your face or body. Keep water close to extinguish fireworks if necessary.
10. Most importantly... Do What You Love. Find joy in life and your activities in order to keep yourself mentally and physically young. Take time to rest and relax this summer season.

***Enjoy your Summer!!***

***Donna McElwain***

**Do** you want to share an article about what you club or an individual member is doing.... Remember to turn in your Article by the 15th of the months of August, November, February or May so they will be in the  
Bit & Pieces Newsletter



**Ideas to enjoy more Club Time and  
show others what's happening in your club.**

1. Write a newsletter article.
2. Invite another Club to your club's meetings.
3. Invite more clubs to join in a "fun night"  
to make this summer fun!
4. Invite last year 4-H members to a meeting and  
congratulate them in some way for their  
accomplishments.

**Club Meeting Days and Times**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dog Tags –As Needed 4:30pm at Extension Off.		Homecrafters 7:00 pm		Nimble Thimbles 9:00 am
	Providence 9 am Chicks that Stitch 1 pm	Chat 'N Do 7:00 pm		
Gingham 7:00 pm	Trafalgar 6:00 pm	Busy Bees Cards & Crafts 6:30 pm		

LOOKING BACK IN TIME by Shirley Kirkham

*The following information came from Clark Township secretary books, scrap books and program books. (I have program books from 1937 through 2022/23 as well as a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Book, & IEHA History "100 Years of IEHA 1913 – 2013").*

INDIANA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting, January 17, 1913

Miss Mathews called the meeting to order and said that the purpose would be to have a discussion in regards to organizing an Indiana Home Economics Association. It was suggested that Mrs. Lewis Taylor act as temporary chairman and Mrs. Howe as a temporary secretary. Mrs. Taylor took the chair. Mrs. Kline opened the discussion speaking of the good of such an organization, the advantages to be gained from it and the work that could be done.

The subject was discussed generally.

Mrs. Oliver Kline made a suggestion that a temporary constitution be drawn up. A Motion was made and seconded that we proceed to a permanent organization.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith read a skeleton constitution which was afterward adopted through the motion be Mrs. Kline.

Election of officers followed:

President – Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City

Vice President – Mrs. Flora Meeks, Parker

Secretary – Mrs. Lewis Taylor

Executive Committee Members:

Prof G.I. Christie, Purdue

Prof. Mary Matthews, Purdue

Motion made and seconded that we proceed to obtain membership and pay dues as per constitution – carried.

Fifty – eight names were placed on the list as members of the organization.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn – carried.

Lafayette, Indiana

Amy Howe

January 17, 1913

Temporary Secretary



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Past Johnson County President in 1980-81 & 2007-08

Page 6. Trivia answers:



3. Canning Industries (52 million cans that year)  
2. Edinburg,  
1. Bob Glidden,

## Did you know the Johnson County

### Open Class Fair Book is online

[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/johnson/\\_docs/open-class-2023-book](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/johnson/_docs/open-class-2023-book)

**& for a paper copy of the Open Class fair book, the exhibit tags, registration numbers and cards are available at the Extension Office.**



### Trivia Questions of Jo. Co. History

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was sponsored by Ed Martin Ford. He began his drag racing career in the 1960's in a 427 Fairlane.
2. What is the oldest town in Johnson County? (Settled in 1821)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. There were 22,000 people living in Johnson County in 1942. There were 5,560 people working in what Industry in 1942 in Johnson County. \_\_\_\_\_



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