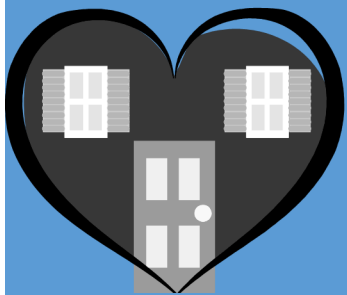


Summer Edition  
June-August 2025



JOHNSON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

# Bits and Pieces

## SUMMER TIMES

Summer is on the way, and so is the 2025 Johnson County Fair! We at Extension are all so thankful for all the help and support you provide during this event. I routinely hear comments from others about how wonderful our fair is, and how so many look forward to fair season in Johnson County. And you all are key ingredients to its success.

Still lots of opportunities to volunteer as a Scott Hall hostess—please see inside for the sign-up link and available shifts. Bonus: you'll receive a fair pass for serving as a hostess!

If you want to try being an exhibitor in the Open Class categories, please stop by our Extension office and pick up an Open Class Fair book. We have plenty of Exhibitor cards and entry tags all ready for pickup.

\*with sincere appreciation,

Linda Clutz, HHS Extension Educator, Johnson County



**Come celebrate Johnson County  
4-H this year at the County Fair!  
July 13th-July 19th!**

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Johnson County Extension Office, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 484 N. Morton St., Franklin, IN 46131 -(317) 736-3724  
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## CRAFT FAIR REMINDERS



All Clubs are responsible to display signs to advertise both Spring and Fall Craft Fair. The signs will be ready 2 weeks before craft fair. You will need to pick up signs at the Extension Office. They will need to be set out in a high traffic yard or area. Signs should be returned to the Extension Office within 1 week following each craft fair.

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### 2024-2025 SHOWCASE OF ACHIEVEMENTS:

Wed., Sept. 24, 2025: 6 PM registration; program at 6:30 PM.

**Busy Bees**—Program, Name Tags, Registration, Food, Table Decorations.

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## Calendar for June/July/August 2025

### JUNE 2025

- 2-4 Home & Family Conference, Noblesville, IN.
- 12 Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Johnson Co President's Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### JULY 2025

- 1 Beginning of new club year
- 1 Open Class Style Show Judging, 6:00 p.m. Extension Office
- 4 Office Closed Holiday
- 8 Open Class Style Show & Awards, 7:00 p.m. Artcraft Theater
- 11-12 Check-in Open Class Fair Exhibits
- 13-19 Johnson County 4-H and Agricultural Fair
- 15 Extension Homemaker Day at the Fair – **Pineapple Baking Contest**
- 20 Fair Check-out 1-3 pm
- 31 Deadline for scrapbook, secretary's book, president's report

### August 2025

- 14 Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Ed Room
- 14 Johnson Co President's Council Meeting, 6:30 pm Ed Room

## News from Lora Lee Curren, Johnson County President

As we close out our year, I want to thank you for all of the time and energy you've given throughout the year in support of your communities and each club's county tasks. We kicked off the year with Creative Circle presenting our achievements of the past year. Gingham created a wonderful meal for Holiday Happenings, with Nibble Thimbles helped us Deck the Halls with the wreath and mantel décor program. We celebrated Backyard Bonanza with Trafalgar preparing our Tea and Providence providing a 'Blooming' program from Miss M's. And we were provided a wonderful breakfast by Chat-N-Do for May Day as Dog Tags took us on an Honor Flight. We look forward to Creative Circle and Homecrafters rounding out the year with their contributions at fair time with the Style Show and Homemaker's Day at the Fair. And Busy Bees with help us start next year highlighting all the wonderful things from 2025. I know that each event takes time and talent and that is so appreciated. The care that is taken with each even is evident with the strong turnout of our members. Your participation helped make these gatherings successful and memorable for everyone involved.

I want to congratulate you all with your generosity in contributing approximately 22,000 volunteer hours so far this year. It is a reflection of your commitment to your communities and the mission of Johnson County Extension Homemakers. The willingness to help and go above and beyond does not go unnoticed, and it continues to make a meaningful difference to each of us and those in the community.

As an organization, we successfully completed and distributed 200 hygiene bags in response to the State President's request. This project, like many others, highlights what we can accomplish when we all work together. A big thank you goes to Nimble Thimbles for sewing those bags and everyone for working together at May Day to fill those.

We're excited to welcome the new members who joined us this year. At the same time, we take a moment to remember and honor Diana Etter and Martha Naper. Their passing is a great loss, and we are grateful for all the work they have contributed over the years.

We hope you enjoy the time spent with your clubs, have a relaxing and fun summer, and we look forward to seeing you at the fair and again in August.

Lora Lee

JoCo President

# 2025 Nimble Thimbles “Sew with Me” Workshops

Location: Education Room, Johnson County Extension Office  
Johnson County Fairgrounds  
484 N. Morton Street  
Franklin, IN

- How to Register: Call Becky Kaylor at 317-341-3562 - be sure to leave a message.
- Sewing Machines: Bring your own working sewing machine, as long as you know how to thread and operate it properly, or let us provide a machine for you.
- Sewing Tools, scissors, rotary cutters, pins, etc. will be provided
- Basic Sewing Skills helpful.

**Saturday: June 21**

**Time: 9AM - 12 Noon**

Make and take workshop. We will demonstrate and help you to each make a draw string bag. You and a daughter/son, grandchild, a friend, or neighbor are invited to join us for a fun sewing workshop. This draw string bag could be entered into the County Fair as an Open Class or as a 4-H exhibit. Fabric and supplies will be provided by the Nimble Thimbles.





# SCOTT HALL FAIR HOSTESSING -July 13th to July 19th

## ... We need Hostesses!!

7/13/25 Sunday	11:30 –3pm	4 people
	3-6 pm	3 people
	6-9 pm	4 people
7/14/25 Monday	11:30 –3pm	1 person
	3-6 pm	4 people
	6-9 pm	4 people
7/15/25 Tuesday	11:30-3pm	1 person
	3-6 pm	3 people
	6pm-9pm	1 person
7/16/25 Wednesday	11:30-3 pm	2 people
	3-6 pm	4 people
	6-9 pm	4 people
7/17/25 Thursday	11:30-3 pm	4 people
	3-6pm	3 people
7/18/25 Friday	11:30-3 pm	2 people
	3-6 pm	3 people
	6-9 pm	3 people
7/19/25 Saturday	11:30 –3 pm	3 people
	4-6 pm	4 people
	6-9 pm	4 people

**Follow this link to signup to  
be a hostess at Scott Hall**

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ACA72BAAFFC70-56115442-2025>

**Rooted in Tradition**

**Growing into the future**

**Fair dates: July 13-19,**



**Did you know the Johnson County Open Class book is online?**

**[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/johnson/\\_docs/2025-johnson-county-fair-open-class-book.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/johnson/_docs/2025-johnson-county-fair-open-class-book.html)**

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

## ***TOP IT OFF WITH A TABLE TOPPER!!***

Table Toppers are a great decorating idea..... and even better is making one in your own special colorway. Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club is making table toppers to be donated to be sold at the Hog Roast on December 4 at Scott Hall. All proceeds support local food banks.

Why not consider making one for you and one to donate to Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club?

Other styles of free patterns can be found at <https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/table-runners/free-table-topper-patterns> .

### **MAY DAY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE RECIPE**

#### **Biscuits and Gravy Casserole**

*Ingredients:*

8 count tube of Grand Biscuits

6 eggs

1 package of gravy mix (I used Pioneer sausage flavor) if you love gravy prepare another package to use.

1 lb Sausage any flavor

1 cup shredded cheese (I used mild cheddar)

1/2 cup milk

Salt & Pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9x13 Pan. Brown the sausage drain thoroughly.

1. Cut Biscuits into 1" pieces, line the pan with the pieces.

2. Layer cooked sausage over the biscuits,

3. Layer shredded cheese over sausage.

4. Whisk eggs and milk, add salt & pepper. Pour over.

5. Mix gravy according to the package pour over everything.

6. Bake for 35-45 minutes. If you find the casserole is getting too brown, put a foil tent over it.

If you choose to prepare the night before, you will need to increase the cooking time by about 20 minutes.

Barb Blake  
Chat-N-Do

## MORE MAY DAY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE RECIPES

### **POINDEXTER SAUSAGE AND EGG SOUFFLE - submitted by Annie Leser**

**6 eggs, beaten**

**2 cups milk**

**6 slices white bread, cubed**

**1 teaspoon salt**

**1 cup Cheddar cheese, shredded**

**1 teaspoon dry mustard**

**1 pound sausage**

**Mix first 6 ingredients together.**

**Crumble, brown sausage, drain, cool. Add to mixture.**

**Pour into 13.5 x 8.75 inch Pyrex dish; bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.**

### BAKED FRENCH TOAST - submitted by Sue Morris

Baking Dishes: 1 9x13 or 2 8x8 dishes

1. In saucepan, over medium-low heat, mix and melt:
  - a. 1 cup packed brown sugar
  - b. ½ cup butter
  - c. 2 Tbsp. lite or dark corn syrup
2. When mixture melts, spray baking dish with non-stick spray.
3. Pour well-blended butter-sugar mixture in baking dish
4. Take one loaf of Texas Toast or French Bread cut in 1 inch slices, arrange bread slices flat on top of butter-sugar mixture.
5. Sprinkle ½ cup brown sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon on top of bread.
6. Add another layer of bread
7. In a blender, mix:
  - a. 5 eggs
  - b. 2 cups cream
  - c. 1 cup milk
  - d. 1 tsp. vanilla
8. Pour over bread slices.
9. Cover and refrigerate overnight
10. Sprinkle cinnamon on top before baking
11. Pre heat oven to 350 F; uncover and back for 30 minutes



## ***May Day Breakfast***

Thank you to all the ladies who attended and worked May Day Breakfast. We had two excellent speakers: Jerry Vest, from Indy Honor Flight spoke on taking veterans to Washington DC to visit the many monuments in their honor. Our next speaker was Donna Herrick, a Korean War nurse who treated many burn patients. Donna was presented with a beautiful quilt for her service, made by Dog Tags member, Carolyn Mathauer.

Prior to our speakers, we all enjoyed a delicious breakfast, prepared by Chat and Do. Their table decorations captured our theme of flying to DC with plane balloons and red/white/blue tablecloths and fresh flowers.

Lora Lee Curren awarded the Scholarship Award to Danielle McLaughlin, an exceptional young lady, both academically and in serving our community.

Jerie Cooper-Meyer presented Cultural Arts winners: Special Project (Placemat): 1st: Jerie Cooper-Meyer, 2nd: Donna McElwain, and 3rd: Elizabeth Ruff. Other winners:: 1st: Donna McElwain, 2nd: Margie May, and 3rd: Donna Herrick.

This year's state president asked each county to assemble small care boxes for people within their community. However, Lora Lee Curren and others felt we could improve on the boxes. Nimble Thimbles made much larger and nicer zippered pouches. Following our event, all the ladies quickly filled the 200+ pouches with basic necessities: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc. These were later presented to Kic-it, and Interchurch Food Pantry.

On behalf of Dog Tags. Thank you Again



Meet our new Program Assistant Rozlyn Riley! |

Before moving to Johnson County, Rozlyn graduated with Honors from Whitko High School in South Whitley, Indiana in 2018 and graduated from Butler University with a BA in Theatre with Distinction and a minor in Business Administration in May 2022. She interned at the Whitley County Extension Office for a summer where she gained experience with the 4-H Fair process, which was huge part of her upbringing. After graduating from college, she received the Summer Intern position at Kosciusko County Extension Office, and the year after she was hired as the 4-H Program Assistant. Rozlyn recently got married in September to her husband Isaac, and they currently reside in Greenwood. She may be new to the area, but is looking forward to getting to know more about the community within Johnson County and its people.

#### Fun Facts:

- Rozlyn is a 10-Year 4-H Member of Whitley County!
- Rozlyn was crowned Miss Whitley County in 2020!
- Rozlyn is directly related to the 9<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, William Henry Harrison!

#### FUN FAIR FACTS AND RECORDS:

Taken From <https://showmensmuseum.org/history-traveling-shows-america/carnival-facts/> downloaded 3/3/25; contributed by Linda Clutz, HHS EXTENSION EDUCATOR, JC

- The **first annual fair** in the American colonies was held in 1641 in New Amsterdam (now New York City) to showcase farm products of the local area.
- The USA's **first state fair** was held in Syracuse, New York in September of 1841.
- What we call "**Cotton Candy**" was originally called "**Fairy Floss**" and was invented in 1897 by candy makers William Morris and John C. Wharton of Nashville, Tennessee. It was introduced at the St. Louis **World's Fair** in 1904. It has also been called "Spun Sugar" and in the United Kingdom it is called "Candy Floss".
- The **first World's Fair** was held in 1851 in England at London's Crystal Palace. The fair exhibited American machinery of the Industrial Revolution.
- The **Ferris wheel** was invented by George W. Ferris for the **1893 World's Fair**, which was held in Chicago to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Columbus's landing in America.
- The **Eiffel Tower** was built by Gustave Eiffel for the **Paris World's Fair** of 1889, which honored the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the French Revolution.
- The first time that fair goers ate hot dogs and ice cream as they walked along the midway was during the **Saint Louis World's Fair** in 1904, thus coining these two foods as the world's first "**fast foods**".



## ***Walk in the Wilderness" Quilt Show***

September 19 and 20, 2025

*Presented by:*

*Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club  
Franklin, Indiana*

### **QUILT SHOW TIMES**

Friday: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### **SPEAKER**

Friday - 6:00 pm

Speaker Claudia Lash, the Owner of Presto Avenue Designs, will present a Trunk Show.

Claudia loves to "design quilts, sew quilts, teach quilt classes, and spend time with quilters."  
You won't want to miss her exciting presentation!

### **LOCATION:**

Scott Hall  
Johnson County Fairgrounds  
250 Fairgrounds Street  
Franklin, IN 46131

Free parking at the Fairgrounds.

### **TICKET PRICES (cash only)**

Friday  
\$10 advance sale  
\$12 at the door  
(This ticket will admit you  
both Friday and Saturday.)

Saturday \$5.00 (at the door)  
(Children under 12 are free)

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For Ticket Information contact:  
Vera (931) 337-2180  
Jan (317) 965-6433

### **EVENTS**

- Browse and enjoy the quilts on display.
- Shop vendors.
- Shop our "Treasure Chest" sale table booth at your leisure.
- View Members' Challenge Quilt Contest
- Learn a new skill at our "Mini-Quilting" demonstrations.
- Patrons may vote for "Viewer's Choice" of quilts displayed.
- Food available for purchase on Saturday.





## **FALL RAFFLE QUILT**

This quilt is 108 inches square and made by Nimble Thimbles and community members. It is machine quilted. Tickets will be sold at Nimble Thimbles “A Walk in the Wilderness” Quilt Show, Sept. 19-20 and again at the Johnson County Fall Craft Fair Oct. 4. Both events are held in Scott Hall at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. You can also email Pam at [pamkissel@gmail.com](mailto:pamkissel@gmail.com) to secure tickets. Proceeds benefit Johnson County FACS teachers who teach sewing and fiber arts. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. |





## AT THE HOG ROAST: CHRISTMAS BARN QUILT RAFFLE

This quilt will be raffled off at the Annual Hog Roast held on Thursday, December 4 at Scott Hall. This is a large throw with a lovely holiday theme. This quilt was made and donated by a member of the Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club. Tickets will be sold at Nimble Thimbles' "A Walk in the Wilderness" Quilt Show, Sept. 19 & 20; at the Johnson County Fall Craft Fair Oct. 4; and at the Hog Roast on December 4. All events are at Scott Hall at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. You can also email Elizabeth at [elizabeth.herronruff@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.herronruff@gmail.com) to secure tickets. All proceeds benefit local food banks. |



# *The Johnson County Fair PRESENTS*

## **2025 Pineapple Baking Contest**

**Sponsored by:**

**Johnson County Extension Homemakers Association**

**Date- July 15, 2025 Time- 1pm**

**Location— Purdue Extension Johnson County Office, Education Room**

**Registration begins at 12 noon / Open Judging begins at 1 pm.**

**Categories include:**

**Pies, Bread, Cookies & Miscellaneous**

**Awards will be given per categories:**

- **1 Champion \$25**
- **1 Reserve Champion \$15**
- **6 Honorable Mention \$10**



**These are all chosen from the blue ribbon entries.**

**THE OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION IS CHOSEN FROM THE 4  
CATEGORY CHAMPIONS- \$100**

**Rules and more information is listed in the Open Class Exhibit Book.**

**Hardcopy is available at the Purdue Extension Office or online:**

**[https://extension.purdue.edu/county/johnson/\\_docs/2025-johnson-county-fair-open-class-book.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/johnson/_docs/2025-johnson-county-fair-open-class-book.html)**

## Do you like to sew for yourself or someone else?

### JOHNSON COUNTY STYLE SHOW JUDGING DETAILS

1. PLEASE NOTE: All garments judged at the private judging are expected to be modeled in the County Public Style Show and Awards Program on Tuesday evening, July 8 2025, at 7 p.m. Location is The Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 N. Main St. Franklin, IN.
2. DATE OF PRIVATE JUDGING: TUESDAY, July 1, 2025
3. PRIVATE JUDGING LOCATION: Purdue Extension Johnson County Office, 484 North Morton Street Franklin, IN
4. PRIVATE JUDGING SCHEDULE: All participants in a division will be judged at one time. Please note the time of YOUR Division below. Within the divisions, we move through the categories as presented on the registration form unless all registered participants are present. Should a participant arrive after their division has been judged, they will be judged but not considered for division Champion, Reserve Champion or Grand/Reserve Grand Champion placing.

ESTIMATED JUDGING TIMES    6:00–6:15 p.m.. – Professional Division  
   6:15 –7:30 p.m.. – Non-Professional Division  
   7:30–8:00 p.m.. – Consumer Fashion Division

All rules and entry forms are available in the Open Class Exhibitor Book,  
which is available online or at the Extension Office or online.



***Join the Fun at the Johnson County***

***Showcase of Fashion***

***July 8, 2025***

***time-7:00 PM location- Historic Artcraft Theatre!***



**Meet our 2025 Extension Office  
Summer Interns: Emilee and Melia**



#### **EMILEE:**

My name is Emilee Pickerel. I live in Trafalgar and was a ten-year 4-H member. I have raised pigs for nearly my whole life. I am a freshman at Ivy Tech. I am so happy to have this internship opportunity!

#### **MELIA:**

A little bit about me is that I am from Greenwood Indiana. I am currently a junior credit wise, however this is only my second year in college. I am a current agribusiness management major, and I just recently transferred to Purdue from Purdue University Fort Wayne where I studied business management while competing in track and field. When I was younger I participated in 4H doing sewing projects and showing pigs. I look forward to meeting you!

Help us make this year's Triathlon our best EVER.  
 All are teams of 2  
 Can play all 3 events, or golf ONLY  
 Call or email if there are any questions.  
 Punky Corbin 317.538.8077 [macorbin6@outlook.com](mailto:macorbin6@outlook.com)  
 Thank you

DEBT OF GRATITUDE. / THANKS AMERICAN GI'S.

2025

# DOG TAGS *Triathlon*



Bluff Creek Golf  
Greenwood



HiWay Lanes  
Franklin



Corn Hole  
New Whiteland  
VFW 6978

**Saturday, August 2, 2025**

*Want a great day of fun.... And help struggling veterans at the same time. This TRIATHLON is for YOU!!*

**Information / Registration Form**

FB: Dog Tags of Johnson County

Email: [dogtagsjc@gmail.com](mailto:dogtagsjc@gmail.com). 317.538.8077

Registration Deadline: 7/25/2025

## ENTRY

2 PERSON TEAMS

Golf: 18 holes

Bowl: 2 games

Corn Hole



**\$300 PER TEAM**

\$200 GOLF ONLY

Check In: 6:45 AM.

Tee Time: 7:30.

BOWL: 2:00

CORN HOLE: 4:30

## Ideas to enjoy more Club Time and

### show others what's happening in your club.

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

## Club Meeting Days and Times

MON.	TUES.	WED	THUR.	FRI.
Dog Tags 4:30pm at Extension Off.		Homecrafters 7:00 pm		Nimble Thimbles 9:00 am
	Providence 9 am			
Gingham 7:00 pm	Trafalgar 6:00 pm	Busy Bees Cards & Crafts 6:30 pm	Creative Cir- cle 11:30 am	

**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.





**IEHA Indianapolis District 23rd Annual Retreat**  
**Monday, September 15 & Tuesday, September 16**

Waycross Camp and Conference Center  
7363 Bear Creek Road, Morgantown, IN 46160  
Phone: 812-597-4241 or 800-786-2267

Wear your best **GREENS!**

**Please print clearly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation by mail (include a self-addressed stamped envelope) \_\_\_\_ or Email \_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a handicap room? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ On the ground floor? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Double/Triple occupancy room **\$140.00** \_\_\_\_ Single occupancy room **\$175.00** \_\_\_\_

Would you share a double bed and have a single bed in the room allowing an occupancy of 3? \_\_\_\_ Yes

Do you have special dietary needs? We will try to accommodate if possible. \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**\$75.00** One Day ONLY Registration includes meals and classes: Mon. \_\_\_\_

**See next page for class descriptions, class size and instructions.** We will try our best to fulfill your request for classes. First choice: please circle one selection for each of the following sessions:

**Session 1: 1 2 3 Session 2: 1 2** Second choice: **Session 1: 1 2 3 Session 2: 1 2**

Please mail your registration and check made out to **IEHA Indianapolis District** to cover the cost of accommodations, and meals to:

**Terri Meal**

**4507 Frontage Rd.**

**Fairland, IN 46126**

For additional questions please contact: Terri Meal @ 317-626-0689 Email: tmeal24@aol.com

**Registrations after August 15, 2025 please add \$25.00 late fee.**





**Monday: Session 1 (1:45pm – 2:45pm)**

Class 1. Copper Ornament & Potato Stamps Class limit: 15 Instructor: Cindy Saferight

Class 2. Vegetable Printing T-shirts (bring a pre-washed light colored shirt)

Class limit: 20 Instructors: Sarah Kesterson & Terri Meal

Class 3. Zwirnknöpfe Button Instructor: Jane Miller

**Tuesday: Session 2 (11:00am – 12:00pm)**

Class 1. Fancy Hearts Class limit: 25 Instructor: Sarah Kesterson

Class 2. Memory Wire Bracelets Class limit: 20 Instructor: Cindy Saferight

**Community Project 9:15am – 11:15am** We will be filling hygiene rolls to be distributed in our counties. We ask each county donates 100 of the assigned items. These are to be travel size items:

**Morgan County—** Toothbrushes

**Hancock County—** Combs

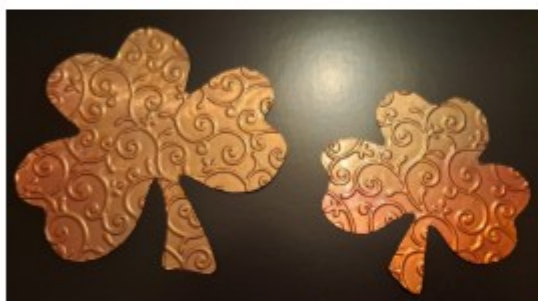
**Boone County—** Bar Soap

**Shelby County—** Toothpaste

**Johnson County—** Shampoo

**Hamilton County—** Deodorant

**Don't Forget your Silent Auction items:  
Handmade items and Homemade Goodies  
are always a hit!**



**Session 1 Class 1 Copper Ornament & Potato Stamp**



**Session 1 Class 2  
Vegetable Printing T-shirts**



**Session 1 Class 3  
Zwirnknöpfe**



**Session 2 Class 1– Fancy Hearts  
Session 2 Class 2-- Memory Wire Bracelet**



# 2025 HOME & FAMILY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member ☐ Guest ☐ 1st Time Attending ☐

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number Home/Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email confirmation? Yes ☐ No ☐

County \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information **\*This section MUST be filled out completely.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Attendee also? Yes ☐ No ☐

Heritage Skills/Crafts - mark 1, 2, 3 preference	Heritage Skills/Crafts - mark 1, 2, 3 preference
<b>Monday, June 2 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm</b> ___ Flower Arranging Demonstration free ___ Lavender Sugar Scrub \$ 7.00 ___ Line Dancing free ___ Paper Crafting \$ 11.00  <b>Monday, June 2 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm</b> ___ Safety Pin Bracelet \$16.00 ___ Diamond Painting \$ 6.00 ___ Ghost Wall Hanging \$11.00 ___ Vendor Demonstrations free	<b>Monday, June 2 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</b> ___ Sourdough Baking Demonstration free ___ "See Thru" Pressed Flowers \$ 6.00 ___ Counted Cross-Stitch Bookmark \$ 6.00 ___ Macrame Christmas Ornament \$ 7.00

Concurrent Sessions - please mark to register	REGISTRATION TOTAL & PAYMENT
<b>Tuesday, June 3 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm</b> <input type="checkbox"/> President's Roundtable <input type="checkbox"/> Empowering Warriors: Journey from Sacrifice to Strength <input type="checkbox"/> Aging in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Listen Up, Laugh It Up <input type="checkbox"/> Notes of Positivity: Musical Wellness Experience  <b>Tuesday, June 3 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary/Treasurer Roundtable <input type="checkbox"/> Dare to Lead: Personal Development/Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Aging in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Strategies for IEHA <input type="checkbox"/> Growing Our IEHA Family  <b>Tuesday, June 3 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm</b> <input type="checkbox"/> International Study Program <input type="checkbox"/> Apples Around Indiana <input type="checkbox"/> Aging in Place <input type="checkbox"/> Navigating Good Health <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Family Dinners Across America	<input type="checkbox"/> FULL Registration \$200.00 <input type="checkbox"/> One Day Registration \$110.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, June 2 or <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, June 3  Late Registration after May 1st <input type="checkbox"/> FULL Registration \$210.00 <input type="checkbox"/> One Day Registration \$120.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, June 2 or <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, June 3  <input type="checkbox"/> Tour - Monday \$ 35.00  <input type="checkbox"/> Melody Makers Concert - Tues. pm \$ 5.00  Heritage Skills Total \$ _____ Craft Classes Total \$ _____  <u>All Registrations (mail/online) and Transfers must be received BY May 15.</u> <b>TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES \$ _____</b> <u>*make check payable to IEHA 2025 H&amp;F Conference</u> <u>*please complete reverse side also</u>

**MEALS:** *included in registration but must be marked which meals you will be attending for meal count with the hotel.*

☐ Monday, June 2 - Plated DINNER  
☐ Monday, June 2 - PAST STATE PRESIDENTS' DINNER *by Invitation Only*

☐ Tuesday, June 3 - Plated LUNCH

☐ Wednesday, June 4 - Plated LUNCH

**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:** *be specific*

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Breakfast is included in your hotel room reservation and includes a made-to-order hot breakfast!

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:**

Tuesday, June 3 at 9:00 am in Waters B of the Convention Center - Free of charge to all IEHA members.

**PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RELEASE:**

I grant IEHA the right to use, publish, and copyright my image for educational programs and publications, websites, and promotion of Indiana Extension Homemakers Association.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

Mail to:  
Ellen King, Conference Registrar  
9995 South State Road 25  
Rochester IN 46975

Phone number: (574) 835-0227  
Email: [eaking92@gmail.com](mailto:eaking92@gmail.com)

If you wish for a mailed confirmation, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with registration.

OR

Online Registration & Payment:  
[www.ieha-families.org](http://www.ieha-families.org)

**\*No refunds will be given.**

**\*All Registrations (mail/online) & Transfers must be received by May 15.**

**CONFERENCE LOCATION:**

Embassy Suites & Convention Center  
13700 Conference Center South  
Noblesville IN 46060  
(317) 674-1900

Group Rate Code: CES93I (*\*that is Letter I*)

Cut-off date for special rate: May 1st @ 11:59 pm

2025 Home & Family Conference  
Concurrent Sessions – Descriptions & Presenters  
Tuesday, June 3

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

**Presidents' Roundtable – Cathy Wilkymacky**

2025-2026 County Presidents are invited. One representative per county, please.

**Empowering Warriors: Journey from Sacrifice to Strength – Jennifer Jenkins**

Discover the transformative work of the Wounded Warrior Project in empowering veterans and their families. Jennifer Jenkins, a Warriors Speak Spokesperson and caregiver, will share her personal story and highlight how Wounded Warrior Project strengthens communities through resilience, advocacy, and support. Attendees will learn how individuals and groups can take meaningful action to support this vital mission. *Sponsored by Volunteer Community Support Focus Group*

**Aging in Place – Danielle Scott**

Aging in place is defined as growing older in your own home. Join Danielle to gain a better understanding of what it means to age in place and make simple home modifications to assist with aging in place.

**Listen Up, Laugh It Up – Rik Roberts, Keynote Speaker**

Want more from our Keynote Speaker? This session is high-energy! Through improvisational exercises, humor, and laughter, you will learn how to better engage with our membership and community. Learn how to ask better questions by learning how to listen in a whole new way.

**Notes of Positivity: A Musical Wellness Experience – Angela Song**

We can face unexpected challenges making daily life more difficult as we age, including serious illness, limited income after retirement, concerns for the well-being of loved ones, mobility issues, or hearing difficulties. It's no wonder anxiety can become more prevalent as we age. According to the Anxiety & Depression Association of America, it's estimated that 14-17% of individuals aged 65 and older have been diagnosed with anxiety disorder. Music has shown numerous benefits for our physical and mental well-being. Incorporating practical stress-relieving techniques such as listening to music positively impacts our mood, reduce pain and anxiety, and provide opportunities for emotional expression.

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

**Secretary/Treasurer Roundtable – Ellen King & Linda Wesseler**

2025-2026 County Secretaries and Treasurers are invited to review information for the new program year. County Secretaries and Treasurers only!

**Dare to Lead: A Personal Development/Leadership Toolkit – Leadership Committee Members**

Of the three pillars of IEHA's mission, leadership development might just be the hardest for our members to shoulder. Leadership Development does not mean you are being 'groomed' for becoming an officer at the local, county, district, or state level. There are leadership opportunities in our everyday life, including at home, work, or in your community. Come explore the opportunities presented in this toolkit to work on personal development for you or others in your life.

*\*Sponsored by the Leadership Focus Group*

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### **Membership Strategies for IEHA – Louanne Gressman-Dunn**

Strategies to increase interest and membership in IEHA. Louanne will share her approach and ideas for membership.

*\*Sponsored by Membership Activity Committee*

### **Growing Our IEHA Family – Diana Stone**

How can we grow the size of our IEHA family? IEHA has so much to offer our community as well as individual members. The key is to share our story and encourage others to join us. Strategies and tips to enhance our recruiting and marketing skills will be shared. A few ideas that will be discussed are new program ideas, events that reach new audiences collaborating across generations/cultures, and personal growth opportunities. You'll go away with a variety of new ideas and plan for your county organization to enhance your outreach to potential members. Let's share all the great benefits of being an Extension Homemaker while growing our IEHA family.

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### **International Study Program – Jo Almond, Cathy Wilkymacky, and Terri Mea!**

Learn how the International Study Program can expand your knowledge of countries and societies throughout the world.

### **Apples Around Indiana – Tara Slaughter**

Tara Slaughter and her family are first generation orchardists and owners of Slaughter Orchard & Cidery in Bloomington and Hainlen Orchard in Converse. In this session, Tara will share all about growing apples, pressing sweet cider, perfecting apple butter, and fermenting hard cider. She will discuss what does into growing your Fall favorites all year long in the orchard. She will also share how her family has created product partnerships with other Indiana farms and small businesses around the state including putting their cider and apples in soap, fudge, pies, dumplings, and cookies. Tara will also share how Slaughter Orchard & Cidery is working on multiple USDA research grants. Join us for a taste of the fall in June including samples of some of the orchards apple products.

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### **Navigating Good Health – Heather Foy**

Heather has a passion for helping people adopt healthy behaviors with a focus on disease prevention. Come listen as she shares how you can make your health a priority. *Sponsored by Education Focus Group*

### **Promoting Family Dinners Across America – Kelsie Muller & Joyce Miles**

Sharing a family meal has been found to be good for the overall health of all family members. Purdue Extension and the Center for Families at Purdue University have joined efforts to promote family meals across the state.



## 2025 Home and Family Tour Information

Join us this year in touring the Hamilton County Historical Society. This historic building served as the Sheriff's Residence and the Jail until 1977. The Jail is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the 1876 Museum houses items of county historic interest, restored Victorian rooms, a research library, and jail cells which once housed the infamous Charles Manson and Ku Klux Klan leader, D.C. Stephenson. It is located on downtown Noblesville Square. After visiting the Historical Society, we will walk over to Rosie's Place for lunch. Rosie's is well known in the Noblesville area for their breakfast and lunch items, with prices running between \$7 and \$16. If there's still time after lunch, you can walk part of it off by shopping around the square, where there is plenty of opportunity to browse. Cost: \$35



### Heritage Skills and Crafts:

#### 1:00 – 2:00 pm classes

**Flower Arranging:** A representative from Wasson's nursery will present a demonstration on flower arranging. This is a free class, but we ask you to register your attendance.

**Lavender Sugar Scrub** – Presenter Melissa Park

Come and learn how to make an easy exfoliating natural sugar scrub. You will leave with some sweet smelling ways to leave your skin smooth

Cost: \$7

Class Size: 15

Melissa is in your first district meeting and will bring her sample for you to the meeting.

**Line Dancing** – Presenter – Kris Peterson

Want to learn how to line dance? This is the perfect class for you. We will learn some basic steps and get your feet moving. No experience necessary.

**Paper Crafting** – Presenter – Debby Jordan

#### 2:15-3:15 pm classes

**Diamond Painting** – Presenter – Peg Peter

Join us to make a flower coaster using diamond art. All supplies will be provided.

Cost: \$6

Class size: 20



**Safety Pin Bracelet** – Presenter – Debby Jordan

You will be provided with all the materials to make a bracelet as pictured. There are many colors available.

Cost: \$16

Class Size: 15-20



**Ghost Wall hanging** – Presenter - Karen Schultz

Come and make a Ghost Wall hanging perfect for the fall! The banner will be 15 x 25 and is made with cotton duck canvas and felt decorations. All supplies will be provided except for a pair of craft scissors.

Cost: \$11

Class size: 12

#### **Vendor Demonstrations:**

2:15 *Teapots4u* will provide a demonstration of the product she has available for sale. While there is no cost for this demonstration, we ask that you register attendance .

2:45 *Pampered Chef* will provide a demonstration of cooking for one or two, using many of the Pampered Chef Products she will have available. Again, while there is no charge for this class we ask that you register your attendance.

### 3:30-4:30 pm classes

#### **Sourdough Baking – Presenter – Betty Clark**

This class will instruct the attendee on how to make sourdough bread. You will review the different stages of fermentation, when to feed the starter dough, and what it looks like before making bread. This is a demonstration only, and while there is no charge, we ask you to register your attendance.

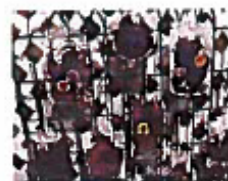


#### **"See Thru: Pressed Flowers – Presenter Carol Keppler**

Each person will have a supply kit at their table to create their "See-Thru" make-it/take-it, as I lead them with directions. I will open to questions on flower pressing.

Maximum # of crafters - 20.

Cost of Class - \$6 per kit/person.



#### **Counted Cross Stitch – Presenter -Peg Peter**

Learn how to do counted cross stitch while making a bookmark. Class will explain all the different materials and tools used for this craft.

Cost: \$6

Class Size: 15



#### **Macrame Christmas Ornament – Presenter – Cathy Wilkymacky**

Ready to learn something new? Or do you remember your knot tying skills from Scouts? Have fun making a beginner friendly macrame Christmas ornament for your tree or to give as a gift. You will also leave with written instructions to create more or to teach other club members and friends to make them. All materials are included to make one ornament.

Cost: \$7

Class Size: 15-20



## Quilt Block: Folded Corners



## 2025 Fair Quilt Block Contest

1. Only one entry per person. Entrants must be a member of Johnson County Extension Homemakers or a resident of Johnson County.
2. You must use the fabric colors indicated, fabrics included in the kit and pattern furnished so all blocks will be consistent.
3. Fabrics must be pressed. Starch is optional.
4. DO NOT quilt your block.
5. Blocks will be judged on: color selection where applicable, design and workmanship.
6. Write YOUR NAME IN PERMANENT INK ON A SMALL SEAM ALLOWANCE ON THE BACK OF THE BLOCK.
7. To enter, bring or mail (Either flat or rolled) to: Johnson County Extension Office, 484 N. Morton St, Franklin, IN 46131 (This is on the northeast corner of the Johnson County Fairgrounds.) **Deadline is June 20, 2025.** No late entries will be accepted.
8. Your block will be on display in Scott Hall during the Johnson County Fair. All blocks entered in this contest will become the property of Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club and will not be returned to the entrant.
9. The winning block will receive \$25, second place \$20 and third place \$15. Prize money is sponsored by Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club.
10. The contests winners will be announced with the Scott Hall Open Class awards at the Johnson County Fair.

Fill out and return with block

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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2025 Fair Quilt Block Contest  
Deadline to turn it in: June 20, 2025

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**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

**Don't forget you will receive a 1-day pass for working  
one shift as Hostess in Scott Hall, so sign up today!**  
**Follow this link to signup to be a hostess at Scott Hall.**

**Link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ACA72BAAFFC70-56115442-2025>

**Some hints about using the SignUp Genius link:**

1. Click on the link- it should be live. If it doesn't work, copy and paste it into your browser field, click Enter, and that should work. (It's what I had to do)
2. Scroll down main screen to see all available spots. Times and dates are listed, as well as number of volunteers needed per shift.
3. When you find the day and shift time you want, click on the green button saying "Sign-Up" (on the right side).
4. Then click on "Save and Continue", a green button at the center bottom of the screen.
5. Then enter your name, email address, and click the "Sign Up Now" green button. Or if you made a mistake, click the Cancel button. It's a good idea to double-check the date and time you are signing up for before clicking the signup button. Once you enter your name and click "Sign Up Now", the main screen should reappear. Your name and initials will be visible in the box listing the date and time slot you selected.

**"Rooted in Tradition Growing into the Future"**

**Join us at the Johnson County Fair**  
**July 13-19, 2025**