

# May Proclaimed Extension Homemakers Month

Extension Homemakers throughout Arkansas are observing May as Extension Homemakers Month. For 105 years the Extension Homemakers/Home Demonstration program has been ongoing in Arkansas, providing its members with education and leadership development and service to the communities in which the organizations are located.

As a part of the observance, County Judge Eddie Best has officially proclaimed May as Extension Homemakers Month in Arkansas County. The proclamation was signed and presented to Arkansas County EH President, Barbara Jones at the EH Spring Council Meeting held on May 3 at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall in DeWitt. Thirty-three Extension Homemaker and Extension Get Fit members attended the meeting.

The EH Spring Council program was “Flowers” by Jackie Johnson of Lauren’s Garden and “Deskercise” by Shea Wilson, Prairie County Extension Agent – FCS/4-H. 2017 Miss Arkansas County Rice, Harley Bishop was introduced and served her dish “Farmers Pie” sharing the recipe.

Following potluck lunch, business was discussed. Shirley Fread, representing the nominating committee presented the 2017-2019 slate of officers. Patsy Coose, President; Sandra Webb, President-Elect; Odella Smith, Vice President; Toni Butler, Secretary; Charlene Wingfield, Treasurer; and Barbara Jones, Reporter. Alta Lockley, CEA-4-H/FCS installed the new officers using a “Flowers” Installation ceremony closing with “EH members make a lovely bouquet, pledging to each other that we will cooperate through the coming years to make our council one of beautiful friendships and harmonious associations.”

Alta Lockley thanked the Extension staff for their support. Extension Homemakers and Extension Get Fit members were invited to submit comments or suggestions for county programs.

Lockley reported the success of the first Crochet Connection. As an ongoing community service project, Arkansas County has helped make a difference in the lives of Arkansas Children’s Hospital

patients by donating crocheted hats. Those who like to crochet or want to learn crochet basics were invited to the next Crochet Connection on Thursday, May 11 at 1-3 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council will be held June 6 through 8 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. A variety of educational and heirloom crafts seminars will be presented, along with awards for outstanding local projects and scholarships. County council presidents and milestone members of 50 years and more will be recognized. A memorial service will be held for deceased members. Three Arkansas County EH members and Alta Lockley, CEA-4-H/FCS plan to attend.

The Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council is a volunteer organization associated with the Cooperative Extension Service, part of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

To learn more about Extension Homemakers, contact the Arkansas County Cooperative Extension Service at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346 or visit <https://www.uaex.edu/health-living/extension-homemakers/>.

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