President’s Comments:

Fall is beginning to creep in and we can look back on a busy summer concluding with the county fair. Now it is time to look forward to craft fairs, fall color and the holidays. In EHC, fall brings our fall council meeting and awards for the past year’s accomplishments.

And speaking of awards - did you know someone we EHC members know very well has recently received a very prestigious award? Our own Susan Pickle has been honored as a Distinguished Agent by the Cooperative Extension Service. This designation is awarded to agents based on excellence in all areas of work for which they have been given responsibility during their entire extension career, have been recognized for service and leadership in their profession, and have a record of outstanding accomplishments over several years work. Congratulations Susan!!! We know you are most deserving of this award.

I would also like to recognize an active EHC member, Vida Marler, of the Liberty Bell Club. She rarely misses a club meeting and enjoys attending county councils. She is always eager to do her part for any club or county project. Vida is a fifty plus EHC member which began after she retired from a full time job. In Benton County we have many members who deserve recognition for their contributions to EHC. However few, if any, have celebrated their 100th birthday! Happy Birthday, Vida. Thank you and all our long-time members who have contributed so much for Extension Homemakers. You inspire us.

Katie Rieff, Council President

January - February Leader Lessons

The Leader Lesson Training will be held Friday, January 8 in the Public Service Building Auditorium beginning at 9:30 am.

The lessons will be January—”New Year, New You-Eat Better in 2016” and February “Get the Best Sleep for the Rest of Your Life” at 10:45 am.

These lessons are open to anyone (even non-members), so please encourage any members who have an interest in one or both topics to attend.
**November & January Cultural Arts Workshops**

Plan to join us **November 12 (one week earlier)** at 9:30 for a Christmas décor project in the Public Service building auditorium. For the project, you will need to bring: any size candle - from votive to pedestal and candy canes of a size to match your candle size and a glue gun if you have one. We will attach the candy canes to the candle with the glue gun for a festive decoration to be used for Fall Council.

The **January 21** Cultural Arts project teaches an unusual edging to hem a tee-shirt. To do this finger crochet project you will need to bring: a tee-shirt, matching thread and needle, and a pair of scissors. Glenda Hodson will show us how it is done. Same time (9:30 am) and same place (Extension Office Auditorium.) Come join the fun as we share with one another.

**Lois Adams**
Cultural Arts Chairman

**COUNTY FAIR REPORT**

Every year at this time, I am wondering how to thank all our members who work so diligently to make the Home Arts Division of the fair run smoothly. The superintendents who had to deal with a new bookkeeping system, Coretta Sumpter, Glenda Hodson, and all the volunteers who did a great job with the country store, and Susan Pickle and the office staff, the judges, and Bella Vista Homesteaders who provided the delicious lunch for all of us on Monday.

Entries were down in most departments, but the quality of exhibits was not. We had many beautiful items and the weather was not too hot.

For next year - let’s all work to make the public aware of the fair and the fact that it is for everyone, not just EHC and 4-H members. Once again, thank you. Our EH members are the greatest!!

**Katie Rieff**

**Country Store**

We want to thank you for all your support. We had a good turn out this year for raising 4-H Scholarship funds. Many thanks to all the help we had in the store besides all the donations and the hours you put into them. I want to give a special thanks to helpers Madelyn Adams and Haley. Maybe they will take our place in the future.

We had an abundance of zip-top bags and water and we have enough zip-top bags for next year. The amount we took in was $1,885. Keep up the good work.

**Coretta (Corky) Sumpter, chair**
Glenda Hodson
Membership-Let’s Continue to Grow!
I’m glad fall is here and I’m looking forward to meeting more EHC members and seeing everyone at the Fall Council First is the “Bring a Friend” club-meeting. One EHC club is interested in having a Friendship meeting in February. I will provide the program and door prizes for the guests at these scheduled meetings. I look forward to hearing from other clubs to set dates for “Friendship meetings.” My phone number is 479-656-1234 and e-mail is tjarding000@centurytel.net.

Second, I am working with Susan Pickle to plan an informational meeting to get a new club started and possibly an evening club to provide more options for potential members. Please let Susan Pickle or I know if you are interested in attending these meetings.

Let’s continue to work together to GROW EHC in Benton County.

Terri Jarding
2nd Vice-President/Membership Chair

Community Service
I hope some of you will continue to make the nursing cover ups. September was Breastfeeding Month and WIC has requested more of the cover ups to provide to their moms. (We still have boning left, so let us know if you need this or a pattern). This will be an ongoing project as well as the Pink Angels (made from towels) that are distributed by the Bella Vista firemen.

For our Fall Council, we will be collecting food items for Faith in Action. This organization ministers to senior citizens who are on a very limited income. The list of items needed are the following:

* sugar-free Jell-O or puddings
* Carnation instant breakfast
* fruit packed in water
* low-sodium small cans of soup
* Regular items are cream of wheat, breakfast bars, small cans of chicken and tuna, cornbread mix and instant potatoes.

This helps supplement their diet toward the end of the month when they run short of income. To avoid having too much of one thing, each club might split up some of the items among their members. Of course, we do not expect clubs to bring everything.

Please call Chick Reid or Lavon Stark (787-5678) if you have a question.

Chick Reid
Community Service Chair

Education and Fun!
Happy Fall Everybody! Hope you enjoyed the 3rd Annual Game Day, Friday, October 16th. If you missed it (because you were out crafting), you missed a lot of fun, fellowship and good food.

I also want to congratulate all of the clubs who did an Educational booth at the fair. Job Well Done! They all looked GREAT!

I am still needing volunteers to serve on the Educational committee. I need new ideas, so if there is something you would like to learn, you should be on this committee.

Melinda Crawley
1st Vice-President Education/Leadership Chair

PROJECT BOOK WORKSHOP
A Project Book Workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 11 am the Public Service Building Auditorium. We will work on the County Project book (nursing covers). If you plan to do a club project book, come with your project book supplies (photos, newspaper articles, letters, flyers, thank you notes, etc) and get help putting it together.

The project book is for work done during the last year – July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 and can be on a community service project or educational program.

Thanks!
Without volunteers, Extension could not accomplish all the work we do. I greatly appreciate the very willing and TER-
Calendar of Events

November
12 Cultural Arts Workshop (9:30 am)
17 EHC Project Book Workshop (11 am)
20 County & Club Project Books due to Extension Office
20 Fall Council Meeting
26-27 Happy Thanksgiving! (Extension Office Closed)

December
Dec 24-Jan 1 Happy Holidays! (Extension Office Closed)

January
8 Leader Lessons
21 Cultural Arts Workshop
22 Newsletter articles due to Extension Office
22 Name Tag orders due to Extension Office

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension Office as soon as possible prior to the activity.