President’s Comments:

It is hard to believe that it has been fifteen years since the terrorist attack on our country shocked the world. As this date passes, many have asked themselves and others - “Do you remember what you were doing September 11, 2001?” If you were Benton County EHC members, you may have the same memory I have - being at the Benton County fairgrounds for the opening day of the 2001 fair, it was also judging day in Home Arts, 4-H, and other departments.

You will recall that information about the attacks trickled in throughout the morning as we went about the judging. It was very difficult to keep our minds on the fair, most of us would rather have been at home glued to our televisions. At noon, prior to lunch we gathered in the auditorium, along with many exhibitors and workers from all over the fairgrounds, for a moment of silence, followed by prayer from Millie Peters. We sang “God Bless America” and I think everyone in the auditorium joined in the song. It will always be my most memorable Benton Co. Fair moment. Let us all pray that we never experience another day like 9/11/01.

Our great organization has always practiced, taught, and recognized good citizenship. This is one of the many things of which we can be so proud. For instance, on Fun Day in June, our program included an emphasis on our flag. We open all our meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Many of our members will be working at the polls on November 8 when we are given the right as individuals to make our voices heard through casting our votes. And we respect our fellow members individual rights to vote their choice. We support our veterans through numerous community service projects. We strive to be good citizens.

Fall is upon us, and the holidays will be here too soon. As we plan our holiday celebrations, I hope each of you will join me in remembering just how blessed we are - as Extension Homemakers, residents of this beautiful part of Arkansas, and living in the United States of America. And let’s sing “God Bless America” more often.

Katie Rieff, Council President

Ballot Issue Information

Are you confused by the commercials and ads you receive in the mail regarding issues that will be on the November election ballot? Well, the Extension Public Policy Center has put together a booklet with all the information you need to make an informed decision before you vote. Stop by the Extension office to pick up your copy.
Cultural Arts Workshops
October/November/January

The October 20 Cultural Arts class will be **vinyl designing on a T-shirt**. Bring a pre-washed cotton or cotton-blend T-shirt (cheap ones work great). Go to Pinterest and search under vinyl designs for T-shirts to find a design you like. You can choose a monogram, name, a saying, or a picture. Bring $3 for the vinyl which will be furnished (we have all colors.) It is important that you choose your design in advance of the class because we have only 2 computers to work from and don't want to keep others waiting. The class will be limited to the first 15 callers. Half of the class will come at 9:30 and the other half at 10:30. **Make your reservation now by calling Lois at 479-366-8683.**

On November 17 at 9:30 a.m. Judy Bell will demonstrate and assist in creating **Christmas crafts**. Judy will prepare kits for making a snowman (hot cocoa) gift set, a set of 4 coasters, and wire ornaments. The snowman kit will not include the cocoa ingredients. To make the coasters, members will supply own photos or designs to decopage. The fees for these kits are: Snowman Kit $2.50, Coasters Kit $2.50, Wire Ornaments kit $1.00. **Order your kits before November 1st deadline** by calling Lois at 479-366-8683.

No Cultural Arts in December.

We will feature Community Service in January by **sewing fetal demise kimonos**. The flannel and ribbon will be supplied. Bring your machine if you'd like and help to sew kimonos for these stillborn angels. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on January 19.

Lois Adams
Cultural Arts Chairman

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Fall EHC Council

Fall Council will be November 18 at the Heritage Baptist Church in Gravette. Registration and social time at 9:30 and meeting begins at 10:00. The theme will be **“Thankful Hearts”**. Each club is asked to bring a centerpiece related to the theme or just holiday. This will be a potluck awards luncheon so bring your favorite dish to share.

**Program:** Oasis of NWA
Katherine Luck, Director

**Entertainment:** Gravette High School choir group

**Registration:** Highfill

**Hostess Club:** Maysville and Sager Creek

**Silent Auction:** Vaughn

For the silent auction (funds going to 4-H scholarships) Each CLUB is asked to bring one or two NICE items (this is voluntary).

**Community Service** - See Chick’s article with details on what to bring.

**Remember:** ALL clubs are asked to help with clean-up

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January/February Leader Lessons

The **Leader lesson training** will be held on Friday, January 6th. in the Public Service Building Auditorium beginning at 9:30 am. The January lesson is **“Care of Your Cookware”** and the February lesson is **“Accentuate the Positive”** at 10:45 am. I may have a new agent help present one of the topics, so I hope we will have a good attendance.

Remember these lessons are open to anyone (even non-members), so please encourage anyone who has an interest in one or both topics to attend.

**Inclement weather policy:** If the Bentonville Schools or County offices are closed, our office is closed and programs are cancelled. This applies to all EH activities. Programs will be rescheduled when possible.
Community Service

We still need places to take the teaching dolls. NW Hospital ER did accept some from Lois. Please go by the office & pick up some if you know a clinic or agency that could use them. Keep track of how many and where you deliver the dolls and get a photo of the presentation if possible for our county report.

For Fall Council Community Service project collection, each member is asked to bring a 16-count box of crayons and small coloring book for the ShoeBox Ministry (or Operation Christmas Child). We will give them to the First Baptist Church of Centerton to go in their boxes. We are already planning some good projects for next year. Please contact me if you know of a need.

Chick Reid
Community Service Chair

County Fair Report

I want to start my fair report with a super size THANK YOU to all the superintendents and hostesses for a job well done. Though the fair, overall, was down in many ways, our Home Arts area looked great. Entries were up in some areas, down in others. The catalog was not ready for distribution at the time we had expected it and publicity for the fair itself was lacking. But - the positives!

* Educational exhibits were beautiful - congratulations Master Home Furnishings Club on winning the sweepstakes.
* Thank you Bella Vista Homesteaders for the delicious lunch for the judges and workers.
* Thank you, Coretta Sumpter for organizing the country store and Lavon Stark for scheduling our workers throughout the week.
* And, as always, thanks to Susan Pickle and the office staff for all they do for us.

Katie Rieff

Education and Fun!

Remember those “Slumber Parties” and how much fun they were? Well, we are going to have one, just without the “slumber part”, on Saturday, October 22nd at 10:00am. Come to the extension office auditorium dressed in your best pajamas or just comfortable clothes, bring a favorite finger food and maybe your sleeping bags and pillows. MOVIE & POPCORN will be provided! This will be a great way to get to know one another and have a lot of fun too!

Coming in early December, we will have a “Christmas Tea” and learn a few things about this wonderful beverage. President’s will receive information with the date and time when it is set and information will be provided at fall council.

Melinda Crawley,
1st Vice-President
Education/Leadership Chair

PROJECT BOOK WORKSHOP

A Project Book Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 10:30 am the Public Service Building Training Room. I will be there to help you prepare a club project book and we will work on the County Project book (4-H scholarships, country store). If you plan to do a club project book, come with your project book supplies (photos, newspaper articles, letters, flyers, thank you notes, etc). Bring any items you have that can be used for the county project book too.

The project book is for work done during the last year – July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 and can be on a community service project or educational program.

We had 5 winning project books last year. I hope we will have one or two more this year.
## Calendar of Events

### October
- **20** Cultural Arts Workshop
- **27** EHC District Rally

### November
- **17** Cultural Arts Workshop (9:30 am)
- **18** County & Club Project Books due to Extension Office
- **18** Fall Council Meeting
- **24-25** Happy Thanksgiving! (Extension Office Closed)

### December
- **Dec 23-Jan 2** Happy Holidays! (Extension Office Closed)

### January
- **6** Leader Lessons
- **19** Cultural Arts Workshop
- **20** Newsletter articles due to Extension Office
- **20** Name Tag Orders due to Extension Office