

EHC NEWSLETTER

September 2020

Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree

Are you ready for the witch to return? Covid can't keep the witch away! Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree will be held via social media through Facebook this year. Plans are to present the program live on **September 29 at 10:00 a.m.** through the Howard County FCS Facebook page. If you haven't liked the page, you will need to go to <https://www.facebook.com/HowardCountyExtensionFcs> and like the page. You might also want to like <https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-4-H-233058435808/> which is the 4-H page. Deb will be conducting live programs on both pages.



She will show you how to make festive fall decorations, use pumpkins in decorating and even demonstrate a few party recipes. This program is always great and you will not want to miss it!

Can't watch on September 29? Never fear! When a live program is posted, you can watch at your convenience. Later in the day, the next day or the week after are all possible. In fact, you may be inspired to replicate something you see on the program. Facebook will allow you to view the program as many times as you want.

After the presentation on Facebook, a handout will be sent to all Howard County EHC members. If you have any questions about how to view the program, feel free to call me at 870-845-7517.

September Board Meeting

Howard County EHC Board will meet on **Tuesday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m.** at the EH Center in Nashville. The board will be discussing fundraising events and educational programs. At this time, only board members or their representative will be allowed to attend. We are still limited to only 10 people in face-to-face meetings. All persons attending must wear a mask and social distance.



Those who may attend are Tina C., Edith D., Dana N., Brenda J., Gladine B., Doris R., Alicia L., Jean Ann F., Margie G., Evalou B., and Pam W. If your name is listed and you can't attend and you would like to send a representative, you must let the office know who will be attending.

New Council Officers Installed

The 2020-2022 Howard County Extension Homemaker Officers were installed at the end of the August board meeting using a candy bar theme. New officers are:

Tina C. – President

Edith D. – Vice-President

Brenda J. – Secretary

Dana N. – Treasurer

Gladine B. – Past President



Club Meetings

Since we are still in phase 2 of Covid-19 restrictions, clubs may meet face-to-face as long as there are 10 or fewer people meeting. Everyone must wear a mask, wash their hands, and social distance. No food should be served at this time. When meeting at the EH house, the facilities must be disinfected after meeting. Supplies for disinfecting are available at the EH house. Please call the office at 870-845-7517 to let us know you are planning to meet.

Ouachita District EHC Rally

“Reconnect to EHC” is the theme for this year’s Ouachita District EHC Rally. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27** at the Saline County Fair Grounds located at 406 Fairfield in Benton. Registration will begin at 9:15 with the program starting at 9:45. The meeting will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

A registration fee of \$18 will be charged which includes snack and lunch. Registration is due by October 9. After that date, a late fee of \$7 will be charged.

Keynote Speaker will be Brittany Schrick, Asst. Prof. Family Life Specialist, U of A Div. of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service. She will be discussing mental health during the pandemic and managing stress.

This is an opportunity for you to network with Extension Homemakers from across the district.

Each county is being asked to bring Silent Auction items, which is a great way to kick off your holiday shopping according to Corliss L.!



You must wear a mask. All Arkansas Department of Health Guidelines will be observed. Sanitizer will be available.

Register online at www.uaex.edu/ehc or you may fill out a paper form at the Extension Office. Paper registration forms and fees must be received in the office no later than October 5 in order to avoid the late registration fee.

Anyone attending the meeting must be able to provide their own transportation. The state office is preventing agents from transporting others during coronavirus. If you have any questions about this meeting, contact the office at 870-845-7517.

Twenty-Five Year Members

If you have been a member of Extension Homemakers for 25 years and have not received recognition (certificate and pin) please let me know by October 5. You will receive recognition at the District Rally in October.

Member Reports are Needed!

To date, there have only been a few member reports turned in to the office. You may be thinking, "I haven't done anything this year due to coronavirus, so there is no need to turn in my report." Wrong! The year ran from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. You did a lot from July to March!

I need your reports for my statewide report which is due soon! Please bring or mail your report, found in the middle of the yearbook, to the office no later than **SEPTEMBER 25**. You may even scan it and email it to jince@uaex.edu or take a picture of it and text it to me at 870-200-0301. Club of the year reports are due at the same time.

Even though Covid has turned our world upside down, I know several of you have been busy! Did you read the leader lessons? If so, count that as self improvement hours. Did you serve on a committee in your club or at the county level? Count that as service hours. Did you assist with Real Deal at the schools? Count those hours as education hours. Don't forget, the year ran from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.



Ballot Issues

Cooperative Extension Service will once again provide Ballot Issue handbooks outlining the issues that will be on the November ballot on election day. To date, there are six issues; however two have been removed, two are in court awaiting the decision about being on the ballot and two have remained on the ballot, Issue 1 and Issue 6.

Issue 1: 0.5% State Sales Tax for State, County and City Roads, Bridges and Other Surface

Transportation: This issue would amend the Arkansas Constitution to continue a one-half percent (0.5%) sales and use tax for state highways and bridges; county roads, bridges and other surface transportation; and city streets, bridges, and other surface transportation after the retirement of the bonds authorized in Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91.

Issue 6 – Is a referendum on Act 579-An Act to Amend the Definition of Optometry. This issue is an act to amend the definition of "Practice of Optometry".

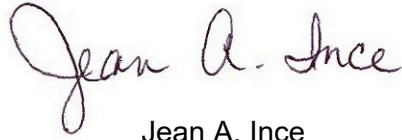
If you are aware of the ballot issue educational programs Extension has done in the past, you will want to get a copy of this fact sheet. The information is non-biased and in an easy-to-read form that allows you to understand what you are voting for.

We are expecting the fact sheets in October. We can contact you when they arrive so you can read over the information and make a decision on how you want to vote. In the meantime, you can check out the website, which has information about the issues at <https://www.uaex.edu/business-communities/voter-education/state-ballot-issues.aspx>. Voting is a privilege! Remember is to get out there and vote on November 3!



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean A. Ince". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jean A. Ince
County Extension Agent - Staff Chair

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