County Council Elects New Officers

During their annual Spring Council Meeting on Monday, May 20, the Lonoke County Extension Homemakers County Council elected new officers to serve the organization for the next two years. In an installation ceremony where she likened their offices to threads used to create a beautiful tapestry, County Extension Agent, Dianna Bowen, welcomed the new officers into their positions. They will assume their duties on July 1, 2013.

County Extension Homemakers met at the Woodlawn Community Center and enjoyed a delicious pot luck meal before the program. Charles Saunders from the Arkansas Attorney General’s Office was the keynote speaker, giving the members valuable information on consumer protection issues.

Officers from left to right:
President - Glea Williams
Treasurer - Jeraldine Brown
Secretary - Margaret Kinley
Vice-President - Peggy Williams

Lonoke County Extension Homemaker Clubs

England EHC – 3rd Monday, 2:00 pm
President – Peggy Williams
Meets at England Community Building

Lonoke EHC – 4th Monday, 6:00 pm
President – Mattie Wade
Meets at the home of club members

The Quilters EHC – 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm
President – Karen DeVinney
Meets at the Lonoke Extension Office

Sylvania Tri-Community EHC–2nd Tuesday, 10:00 am
President – Evelyn Hoggard
Meets at Old Austin Methodist Church

Woodlawn EHC – 3rd Thursday, 1 pm
President – Alice King
Meets at Woodlawn Community Center

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital or veteran status, 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.
Activities & Events

Calendar of Events

June 4-6 – State AEHC Meeting, Hot Springs Convention Center
June 11 – Service Project at Woodlawn Community Center; 10 am-2 pm, making lap quilts for the nursing home. Lunch – bring items for a “Dump Salad”
June 18 – EHC Leader Training, 10 am, County Office
June 18 – EHC Officer Training Workshop, 12:30 pm (see article)
June 18 – Adult Rice Recipe Contest, 6:30 pm, County Office (see article)
June 25-26 – Beginning Sewing Day Camp, 8:30-4:00, County Office
June 27-28 – Advanced Sewing Day Camp, 8:30-4:00, County Office
July 1 – EHC Board Meeting, 1:00 pm, County Office (Dues, registration and volunteer hours paperwork due to Ruth, see article)
July 10-11 – Cooking Day Camp, 8:30-4:00, County Office
July 16 – EHC Leader Training, 10 am, County Office
July 16 – Workshop – Wreath Making by Evelyn Hoggard, 12:30 pm
Aug 2 – Rice Expo, Stuttgart at the Grand Prairie Center
Aug 12 – Fair Planning Meeting, 10 am, County Office (see article)
Aug 20 – EHC Leader Training, 10 am, County Office
Aug 20 – Workshop, Working with Beads by Judy Douglas, 12:30 pm
Sept 9 – EHC Board Meeting, 1:00 pm, County Office
Sept 15 – Check in Day at the County Fair, Fair Grounds

Fair Planning Meeting

Yes, it is time to start thinking about the Lonoke County Fair. There is no way that I could do the fair without the wonderful volunteers who help in the Education Building. There are, however, some things that we need to discuss to be fully prepared for the exciting fair season. For this reason, we will have a planning meeting, Aug 12 at 10 am, for the volunteers who will be helping in the Education Building. It is very important that all volunteers attend this meeting.

As you know, there were some changes last year that seemed to make the process easier. We are going to be making a few more changes this year that we hope will make it even better. We will be looking at the check-in process, including the entry tags and books, judging and recording process, and the check-out process. To make sure that we are all in agreement and understand how the process will flow this year, again, it is very important that every volunteer attend this meeting. Please mark your calendars now for Aug 12, 10 am, to attend this very important meeting. If you know someone who volunteers at the fair and they do not receive this newsletter please pass along this information.

Officer Training Workshop

Lonoke County, in cooperation with Prairie County, will be hosting an Officer Training Workshop on Tuesday, June 18, at 12:30 pm at the Lonoke County Extension Office. Newly elected county and club officers are urged to attend as well as anyone who would be interested in learning leadership skills. The training will be two to two-and-a-half hours in length.

The training will focus on leadership skills including: officer responsibilities, Parliamentary Procedure and conducting a meeting, and retention and recruitment. There will be time allotted for a question and answer session and sharing of ideas by participants. Join us as we begin the new fiscal year of Extension with exciting expectations for a wonderful year.

Reports Due

The end of the EH year is upon us and it is time, once again, to pay dues, complete forms and turn in volunteer hours. A representative from each club, who was in attendance at the board meeting in April, was given a folder with the required paperwork in it. Each club needs to submit:

- G-2 – EHC Officer & Leader Mailing List
- FCS-377 – EHC Membership Mailing List
  - Dues-$10
  - Volunteer hours
- Annual Financial Report

These forms need to be completed and ready to turn in to Ruth at the July 1 Board Meeting. She has a deadline for completion of her paperwork and must get it into the State Office. If you have your completed folder returned to her by July 1 she can complete her forms and submit them before the deadline, which will greatly reduce her stress.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in completing this very important paperwork.

Adult Rice Recipe Contest

Lonoke County will be conducting an Adult Rice Recipe Contest on Tuesday evening, June 18, at 6:30 pm in the conference room of the Lonoke County Cooperative Extension Office. Any county resident ages 19 and above is eligible to enter the contest. The county winner will be expected to represent Lonoke County at the Arkansas Rice Expo in Stuttgart on August 2, with the first place winner of that contest assisting with rice promotional activities during Rice Month in September and may be asked to attend other rice promotion activities throughout the year.

Judging will be done on appearance and palatability of the rice dish, ease and clarity of the recipe, and an interview with the judges to discuss their rice dish and knowledge of the rice industry. A complete list of rules and an entry form can be obtained from the Lonoke County Extension Office. Registration deadline for the county contest is June 7.

Additional Events:

- EHC Board Meeting, 1:00 pm, County Office
- EHC Officer Training Workshop on
- EHC Leader Training, 10 am, County Office
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