Janet Carson Will Speak in Glenwood on “Getting Your Garden Off to a Good Start” Thursday, April 9.

**Janet Carson** is Extension’s state coordinator for the Arkansas Master Gardener program and gives leadership to consumer horticulture. Carson writes a weekly column in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, does a radio call in program on KARN every Saturday, and is on Today’s Garden TV show on AETN & cable stations.

This visit to Pike County is hosted by the South West Central Retired Teacher’s Association. The program starts at 2:00 p.m. at the Grace Baptist Church in Glenwood, Arkansas. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

The Church of Christ in Glenwood has graciously shared their space with us for several years but the location will not be available for this year’s Spring Council Meeting. If you know of another meeting place in the north part of Pike County that we can use Thursday, April 16th, please contact Eva Langley or Jeanette Deaton. Thank you!

**Spring AEHC Education Workshop - Wednesday, March 11**

The upcoming AEHC Education Workshop will be conducted at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center on **Wednesday, March 11** beginning at 9:30am and continuing until around 3pm.

Betty Oliver says a great program has been planned by the Vice President, Karen Bell Fox and committee members.

The theme of the meeting is "MY AEHC LEGACY".

We have the 15 members signed up to attend.
CLUB ASSIGNMENTS FOR RONALD McDonald House CARE PACKAGES

Workday Set for 10:00 a.m., March 18 at the Pike County Extension Office

The Pike County EHC project for this year is FAMILY CARE PACKAGES. At the February 11 board meeting, needed items were divided between the six county clubs so that each club would be responsible for only a few items. Because some of the items may cost a little more, it was decided to set a goal of putting together at least 15 complete packages. All the items need to be the travel size except for bowls, napkins, forks, spoons and paper towels.

A workday is set for 10:00 a.m., March 18 at the Extension office to put the packages together, so please bring your items to this meeting or drop them by the extension office before that date.

Service Project Assignments:

1. East Delight: caps, wash clothes, Clorox wipes, paper towels.
2. Sweet Home: crackers, cotton balls, pens, gallon zip lock bags.
3. Diamondettes: razors, sewing kits, deodorant, hair conditioner.
5. Langley: Plastic bowls, plastic forks and spoons, shampoo, napkins.
6. Pisgah: lotion, hair spray, hair brushes, combs, notepads.

Everyone can contribute pens/pencils and totes if you have these extra.
Pisgah EHC Makes Valentines for Meals on Wheels and Murfreesboro Senior Center

Pisgah EHC continued its tradition of making valentines for our seniors. The members has carried on this tradition well over 15 years and enjoys putting together original cards to send out to each shut in and give to each senior who attends the senior center at Valentines. Not only do the members get original, but they enjoy the fellowship as they work. It is a labor or love. This year they made over 100 to be sent out.

Pisgah Club Members Bessie Harris, Etta Teeter, Jeanette Deaton, and Avonne Petty with their quilt top squares laid out at the Pike County 2nd Annual Quilt of Valor workshop on February 7 in Glenwood. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Remember to send Eva photos and club news. She will put them in the next newsletter and post them on Facebook. The Pike County Facebook page is www.facebook.com/UAEX.PikeCounty.

IN MEMORY

Madge L. Bledsoe passed away on Monday, January 26, 2015. She was born on December 3, 1924, She was a member of the Glenwood EHC club and received the 1996-97 Homemaker of the Year Award.

Geneva Walker was born on September 7, 1917 and passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. She was a long time East Delight EHC member and was very active in serving her club and community.
2015 Pike County 2nd Annual Quilt-Along: Mystery Quilt

“When Life Gives You Scraps, Make a Quilt!”

What’s a Quilt-Along?  It is an online quilting group who are using the same pattern to make a quilt but instead of meeting in person everyone works on it in their own home with instructions posted online at scheduled times. Everyone starts at the same time and finishes their quilts at the same time.

What’s a Mystery Quilt?  It is a surprise! Quilters are given the material list, cutting instructions and sewing directions but NOT a photo of the finished quilt, so they do not see the finished quilt till all the pieces are put together!

Who Can Join?  You and your friends, of course! Instructions will be posted on the UAEX Pike County Facebook page according to the schedule. If you want to join us but do not have a Facebook page just call me at 870-285-2161 to have instructions emailed to you or to have a paper copy mailed to you.

More Details:  2015 Pike County Quilt-Along:

It is time for the 2nd Annual Pike County Quilt-Along! I hope you like surprises, because this one is a Mystery Quilt!! This quilt is very modern, made up of large pieces that will go together quickly and easily. It is a great quilt top for beginners but it has a visual impact that all quilters will love regardless of their quilting experience.

Finished Quilt size is 62” X 79”

Here is this year’s Schedule:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - Material List

MONDAY, MARCH 9 - Cutting Instructions
(Come by the Pike County Extension Office if you would like some help with this. I will be glad to help you get off to a good start if you have never used a rotary cutter and mat. Just give me a call and we can schedule a time to meet.)

MONDAY, MARCH 23 - Strip Sets No.1 & No. 2 Instructions
MONDAY, APRIL 6 - Row 1 & 2 Instructions
MONDAY, APRIL 13 - Row 3 & 4 Instructions
MONDAY, APRIL 20 - Row 5 Instructions
MONDAY, APRIL 27 - Instructions for joining rows for center of quilt.
MONDAY, MAY 4 - Border Instructions. Now, take a look at your FINISHED QUILT TOP!!!

Remember, people will see your quilts long after you are gone....NOT your housework!

If you are interested in joining the Pike County Quilt-Along, you can find the Material List on our UAEX Pike County Facebook page or you can call/email Eva for mailed/emailed directions.
President’s Memo ~ Jeanette Deaton

What a winter we are having! Now that we have had our snow, I am ready to garden. How about you? March will be a busy month for EHC: first, the Spring meeting at Ferndale is just a few days away, and we have several attending. Secondly, do not forget to collect your items for our project that I listed in my last memo and have them in the Extension office by March 18. We will put together the packets at that time and plan to deliver them to the Ronald McDonald house. If you can help in this effort, please plan to do so. Of course, you have your monthly meetings. Please plan to be an active part in these meetings, enjoy the fellowship, and be an encourager to each other. Lastly, pray for one another! We have had and are still having so much illness among our ranks this year plus we just need to remember each other and hold each other up to the Lord! I love each of you and value your talents, your friendship, and your encouragement.

Jeanette

Have a Wonderful Day!

Eva Langley
County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 11—AEHC Spring Meeting at Ferndale
March 18—Deadline for having project items at Extension Office
March 18—Work day at Extension office for putting together Family Care Packages—everyone is invited.
April 9—Janet Carson speaking in Glenwood
April 16—Spring Council and Board Meeting at Glenwood
May 1—Deadline for registering for the state meeting
June 2-4—State EHC Convention at Hot Springs

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