TOGETHER

AEHC STATE MEETING
June 4-7, 2019 | Hot Springs Convention Center
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

THANK YOU to all of the Executive Officers and Planning Committee members for the planning and work done this past year to make our annual meeting a great success.

A special thanks to our District Directors and Associate Directors as they will complete their term of office this month. Delta District, Deborah Teague, Ozark District, Roberta Shankle and Ouachita District, Bettie Huntley. We salute our Associate Directors, Delta District, Mary Ann Carroll, and Bettye Johnson, Ozark District, Ann Vance, and Ann Pew, Ouachita District, Sheila Ballard and Alberta James.

Each of these members has brought a unique perspective to Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council along with many great talents and activities.

This week we will honor our Milestone Members and show respect to our members who have gone on before us. Your achievements in clubs and counties will be recognized.

Let us also enjoy the time we share with each other and the activities planned for our learning and enjoyment. Looking forward to seeing all of you. AND especially looking forward to another great year in AEHC.

YOU ARE THE BEST!! Remember, without you there would be no Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council.

Karen Bell Fox, AEHC President
(front row, l-r): Bernadette Freigy, Parliamentarian; Carolyn Morris, Treasurer; Ruth Hall, Secretary; Debbie Thompson, Vice President; Cheryl Stewart, President-Elect; Karen Bell Fox, President; Johnette Johnson, Immediate Past President. (second row): Rachael Price, FCS Program Technician; Betty Huntley, Ouachita District Director; Deborah Teague, Delta District Director; Marilyn Spence, Membership; Kaye Green, Past President and Product Sales; Janie Woods, Craft Exhibits; Ann Vance, Ozark Associate Director. (third row): Dr. Laura Hendrix, Associate Professor, Personal Finance & Consumer Economics and AEHC Advisor; Elaine Stoll, Past President and Staging; Peggy Barnett, Craft Exhibits; Karla Wadley, Creative Skills; Mary Anne Carroll, Delta Associate Director; Darlene Holliday, Bingo/Talent Night; Roberta Shankle, Ozark District Director; Diane Clements, Committee Advisor. (not pictured): Brenda Robinson, Creative Skills; Charlene Dixon, Silent Auction; Ann Pew, Ozark Associate Director, Alberta James, Ouachita Associate Director, Sheila Ballard, Ouachita Associate Director, Bettye Johnson, Delta Associate Director, John Stoll, Staging and Angel Weldon, Staging; and Mary Ann Shepherd, Product Sales.

2019 PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Cheryl Stewart, Chair
- Karen Bell Fox, Ex-Officio
- Debbie Thompson, Awards and Education Classes
- Ruth Hall, Secretary
- Carolyn Morris, Treasurer
- Bernadette Freigy, Parliamentarian & Education Classes
- Peggy Barnett and Janie Woods, Craft Exhibits
- Betty Huntley, Memorial Table/Centerpiece
- Roberta Shankle, Cultural Arts
- Deborah Teague, Registration
- Charlene Dixon and Angel Welden, Silent Auction
- Karla Wadley and Brenda Robinson, Creative Skills
- Eva Marie Pearson, Education Class/Blog
- John, Elaine Stoll and Angel Welden, Staging & Equipment
- Darlene Holliday, Bingo/Talent Night
- Diane Clement, Committee Advisor
- Dr. Laura Hendrix, AEHC Advisor
- Rachael Price, Facebook/Blog
- Melody Curtis, Admin. Specialist
**TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

12:45 – Doors Open for Opening Ceremony Tea (Horner Hall)

2:15 p.m. Tickets Required.
Attendees with wheel chairs and walkers may enter first.
*Fire code prevents turning up chairs.*

1:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony Tea (Horner Hall)
Karen Bell Fox, AEHC President, Presiding

Introduction:
Better Together
Karen Bell Fox, Cleveland County

Presentation of County Flags

Pledge of Allegiance
Debbie Thompson, Vice President, Polk County
*Please stand during the Pledge of Allegiance

(You may start eating)

Welcome
Christina Clement, Garland County EH Council President

Introduction of Guests
Karen Bell Fox

Greetings from Dr. Rick Cartwright,
Associate Vice President for Agriculture-Extension and
Director – University of Arkansas System Division of
Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service

EHC Strong – Dr. Laura Hendrix,
Associate Professor, Personal Finance and Consumer
Economics and AEHC Advisor, Division of Agriculture

Milestone Service Awards
50-year, 60-year, 70-year and plus Member Recognition
Dr. Cartwright, Dr. Laura Hendrix and
Debbie Thompson, Vice President.

Keynote Speaker
Phyllis Bell, Child Welfare Senior Advisor and
Intern Director for Governor Asa Hutchinson
Betty F. Oliver Scholarship  
presented to Mallory Jaelynee Perkins, Lonoke County

Dr. Lynn Russell Memorial/AEHC Scholarship  
presented to Nikki Lockard, Faulkner County

National Education Association of  
Family Consumer Sciences Arkansas Scholarship  
presented to Rachel Chaney, NEAFCS AR President

4-H Scholarship  
presented to Georgia Patterson, Carroll County

Introduction of Candidates for District Director  
Debbie Thompson

2019 Annual Meeting Program Review  
Cheryl Stewart, AEHC President Elect

Door Prizes. Adjourn to classes

**EDUCATIONAL CLASSES**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  • **Throw Away Your Car Keys and Zoom** (Room 204)  
Mary Poling, Coordinator for Interactive Communications, Division of Agriculture

• **Simplifying** (Room 207)  
Julian Carpenter, FCS Agent, Independence County and Terrie James, FCS Agent for Hempstead County

• **What Wikipedia Can’t Tell You About Etiquette** (Room 202)  
Von Talbot of Hot Springs, Owner of The Graces/Gentleman, an etiquette education program

• **Disagreeing Agreeably** (Room 208)  
Diane Clement, FCS Agent, Cleveland County

• **Natural Looking Make Up For Older Skin** (Room 205)

Educational Classes repeated from 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**CREATIVE SKILLS CLASSES**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  • **Wired Wrapped Stones** (Room 102)  
Jane Atchley, Gosnell EHC, Mississippi County
• **Painted Wooden Snowmen** (Room 203)
  Debbie James, Heart N Hands EHC, Jefferson County

• **Rolled Paper Beads** (Room 103)
  Ann Prince, Gifford EHC, Hot Spring County

• **Mason Jar Luminary** (Room 104)
  Joy Ann Miles, Loyal Ladies EHC, Garland County

• **Iron-on “Stained Glass” Flower on Fabric** (Room 105)
  Joyce Rice, Crazy Quilters EHC, Garland County

Creative Skills Classes repeated from 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

  4:30 p.m. **Silent Auction, Product Sales and Craft Show close**

  7:00 p.m. **Bingo Night** (Ballroom at the HHS/
  formerly the DeSoto Room.)
  Chair Darlene Holliday, Montgomery County

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

  8:30 a.m. Registration opens in front of Horner Hall

  8:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Board of Directors Meeting** (Ballroom at the HHS)
  Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. SHARP. Coffee available.

  10:15 – 11:45 a.m. **NEAFCS-AR Meeting** (Ballroom at the HHS)
  Following Board of Directors Meeting

**EDUCATIONAL CLASSES**

  9:00 – 10:00 a.m. • **Take Your Meetings from Zero to Hero** (Room 202)
  Pia Woods, Staff Chair for Jefferson County

  • **Coconut Oil: Superfood or Superfool?** (Room 207)
    Dr. Debi Head, FCS Associate Department Head/Associate Professor Nutrition – EFNEP

  • **Beekeeping** (Room 201)
    Jon Zawislak, Entomology Instructor, Division of Agriculture

  • **Hoarding** (Room 205)
    Dr. Brittney Schrick, Assistant Professor, Family Life Specialist, FCS, Division of Agriculture
• **Yoga** (Room 208)
  
  *Addie Wilson, Program Associate, Health, FCS, Division of Agriculture*

Educational Classes repeated from 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

11:40 a.m. **Doors open to Awards Luncheon** (Horner Hall)
Attendees with wheel chairs and walkers may enter first.

12:00 p.m. **Awards Luncheon** (Horner Hall),
*Debbie Thompson, Vice President, Presiding*

- **Invocation/Blessing**
  *Ruth Hall, Secretary*

  *(You may start eating)*

**Welcome AEHC:**
Better Together
Debbie Thompson, Vice President

**Greeting from NVON**
*Linda Kaletch, National Volunteer Outreach Network President*

**Membership Awards**
*Marilyn Spence, Membership Chair, Crawford County*

**Pauline Bartholomew Young Homemaker Scholarship**
*Mary Fisher, Chair, Past Presidents Organization*

**AEHC Education Awards/Project Books**
*Debbie Thompson, Jo Ann Carr and Marnette Reed, Co-Chair Project Book Committee*

**Ozark District Awards for Project Books**
*Roberta Shankle, District Director; Ann Pew, Associate Director; and Ann Vance, Associate Director*

**Delta District Awards for Project Books**
*Deborah Teague, District Director; Bettye Johnson, Associate Director; and Mary Anne Carroll, Associate Director*
Ouachita District Awards for Project Books
Bettie Huntley, District Director;
Sheila Ballard, Associate Director;
and Alberta James, Associate Director

Door Prizes

Adjourn

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.  Silent Auction Doors will be closed
(pick up and pay for items won from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  • What Women Need to Know About Money Management (Room 203)
Dr. Laura Hendrix, Associate Professor, Personal Finance and Consumer Economics and AEHC Advisor,
Division of Agriculture

• Beyond the Quilt Raffle – Raising Funds to Support the Extension Homemakers Program (Room 208)
Brian Helms, Director of Stakeholder Relations, Division of Agriculture

• Why Leadership is the Secret Ingredient (Room 204)
Dr. Joe Waldrum, retired Professor of Leadership and Development and Director of LeaderAR, Division of Agriculture

• Hobbies (Room 205)
Rebecca Simon, Program Associate, Best Care Coordinator, Division of Agriculture

• Age-appropriate Style, How to Be Trendy Without Looking Ridiculous (Room 207)
Jamileh Kamran, Owner of the Arkansas Fashion School

Educational Classes repeated from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  Pick Up Silent Auction (Rooms 209)
4:30 p.m.  Craft Show and Product Sales closes
7:00 p.m. **Anything Goes Talent Show** (Ballroom at the HHS)
   Chair Darlene Holliday, Montgomery County

   Previous Talent Winners:
   2015 Shannon Bettis
   2016 Eller Vann
   2017 Judy Vann-Hamilton
   2018 Donna Odom, White County
   2019 (Could be you!)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7**

9:30 a.m. – noon **General Session**
   Cheryl Stewart, President-Elect, presiding

   Music presented by Spa City Brass

   **Volunteer Impact**
   Rachael Price, FCS Program Tech – AEHC, Division of Agriculture

   **Memorials**, Karen Bell Fox, President

   **Mini-Grant Award**
   Debbie Thompson, Vice President

   **Recognition of Outgoing Officers**
   Karen Bell Fox, President and Dr. Laura Hendrix, Associate Professor, Personal Finance and Consumer Economics and AEHC Advisor, Division of Agriculture

   **Installation of 2019 – 2021 District Directors**
   Johnette Johnson, Immediate Past President and Karen Bell Fox

   **Door Prize Drawing**
   AEHC District Directors and Associates assisting

   **Closing Remarks/Creed** (back cover of program)
   Karen Bell Fox

   Adjourn
A special thank you to all the presenters who have come to our state conference to educate, entertain and help us to be “Better Together.”

LIVE WELL CLASSES
Chair and Vice President Debbie Thompson, Polk County

Coconut Oil: Superfood or Superfool?
Dr. Debie Head, FCS Associate Department Head/Associate Professor Nutrition – EFNEP, Division of Agriculture
Learn how coconut oil (and other supplements) may enhance health while understanding the importance of using science-based facts to make informed health decisions.

Beekeeping
Jon Zawislak, Apiculture Specialist, Division of Agriculture
Jon will present the basics of beekeeping and show you how to get started. He will answer questions following his presentation.

What Women Need to Know About Money Management
Dr. Laura Hendrix, Associate Professor, Personal Finance and Consumer Economics, Division of Agriculture
She will present some basic financial information that women need to know.

Simplying
Julian Carpenter, FCS Agent, Independence County and Terrie James, FCS Agent for Hempstead County
Eliminating stuff you don’t use. Learn what to keep (those items that bring you joy and value) and what to do with stuff you get rid of.

Hoarding
Dr. Brittney Schrick, Assistant Professor, Family Life Specialist, Division of Agriculture
Looking at the emotional and mental components of keeping things stacked on shelves and needing more storage when there is no more space for what is being kept and stacked on top of more and more.
CREATIVE SKILLS CLASS (TUESDAY MORNING ONLY)
Chairs – Karla Wadley, Lawrence County and Brenda Robinson, Jefferson County

Wineglass Snow Globe
Brenda Robinson, Heart N Hands club EHC, Jefferson County
Design a beautiful winter scene under a wine glass with a tea light glowing on top. This will really wow your guests next winter. All supplies are provided in the $5 class fee. Class size limited to 20 people.

Christmas Ornament
Connie Herrin, EHC-Heart and Hands EHC, Jefferson County
Create your own Christmas ornament in this easy tutorial. Leave with a beautiful snowflake and an angel in shades of blue to grace your tree. All supplies are provided in the $5 class fee. Class size limited to 20 people.

CREATIVE SKILLS CLASSES (TUESDAY AFTERNOON)

Wired Wrapped Stones
Jane Atchley, Gosnell EHC, Mississippi County
Create a stunning pendant from native AR stone wrapped in copper wire and worn on a black leather cording. This would make a great accessory for any outfit. All materials provided in the $5 fee. Limited to 15 people per class.

Painted Wooden Snowmen
Debbie James, Heart N Hands EHC, Jefferson County
This trio of snowmen will bring a touch of whimsy to your winter blues. Give each one their own personality with different expressions. All supplies will be provided in the $8 fee. Limited to 25 people per class.

Rolled Paper Beads
Ann Prince, Gifford EHC, Hot Spring County
Help bring back this heritage skill by rolling beads from newspaper and leaving with a finished necklace. All supplies are provided in the $5 fee. Limited to 25 people per class.

Mason Jar Luminary
Joy Ann Miles, Loyal Ladies EHC, Garland County
Learn the technique of frosting a jar using Mod Podge and glitter for use as a luminary decorated in red, white and blue and brightened by a battery operated candle light. All supplies are included in the $5 fee. Limited to 25 people per class.
Iron-on “Stained Glass” Flower on Fabric
Joyce Rice, Crazy Quilters, Garland County
Decorate a fabric panel using a variety of colors and fabrics to create a stunning stained glass effect that can be used for a number of decorative purposes. No quilting required for this beautiful pieced flower. All supplies are provided in the $5 fee. Limited to 20 people per class.

LEADERSHIP CLASSES
Chair Eva Marie Pearson, Cleveland County

Take Your Meetings From Zero to Hero
Pia Woods, Staff Chair, Jefferson County
From agendas to comfortable seating, all play a part in the success of your meeting. Meetings are an important way for members to communicate. Whether there are two or 200, if conducted in the right way, they can be incredibly effective and efficient. Explore tips and techniques to enhance your meeting experiences.

Disagreeing Agreeably
Diane Clement, FCS Agent, Cleveland County
Disagreement is a natural part of life and living. Differing attitudes, beliefs, values, needs, personalities and past rivalries can contribute. However, this does not mean that disagreeing must be disagreeable. It is possible to disagree in an agreeable fashion by organizing thoughts, validating and strengthening opinions with evidence and communicating ideas effectively.

Beyond the Quilt Raffle – Raising Funds to Support the Extension Homemakers Program
Brian Helms, Director of Stakeholder Relations, Division of Agriculture
The proverbial quilt raffle has been the traditional way to raise funds for many EH clubs. The method keeps many clubs in fundraising mode year-round and limits the true impact they can have on their communities. This workshop will explore ways to bring additional resources into the county/club treasury without wearing out the members and your local community.

Throw Away Your Car Keys and Zoom
Mary Poling, Coordinator of the Interactive Communication Office of Information Technology, Division of Agriculture
Meeting by Zoom (online videoconferencing) can expand the ability to reach, communicate and teach more AEHC members and prospective members
from the comforts of their home or office. This session will cover when it is appropriate to meet via Zoom and demonstrate how to:

- Join a Zoom meeting from a computer and a mobile device;
- Use the Zoom audio controls;
- Share your screen in a Zoom meeting;
- Access a free Zoom account.

**Why Leadership Is the Secret Ingredient**

*Dr. Joe Waldrum, retired Professor of Leadership and Development and Director of LeadAR, Division of Agriculture*

The secrets (but not really secrets) to becoming a better leader will be discussed based on the five leadership behaviors recommended in “The Leadership Challenge” by James Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner: 1) Model the Way; 2) Inspire a Shared Vision; 3) Challenge the Process; 4) Enable Others to Act; and 5) Encourage the Heart.

**A BETTER YOU CLASSES**

Chair Bernadette Friegy, Sharp County – Assisted by Roberta Shankle, Ozark District Director, Sharp County

**Age-appropriate Style, How to Be Trendy Without Looking Ridiculous**

*Jamileh Kamran, owner of the Arkansas Fashion School*

What to wear!! As we age but still want to look sharp and to dress according to the fashions in style today. John an Arkansas entrepreneur and see what is happening in the fashion world.

**Natural Looking Make-up for Older Skin**

Learn ways to take care of your skin as well as highlight your best features.

**What Wikipedia Can’t Tell you About Etiquette**

*Von Talbot of Hot Springs, formerly of Pine Bluff, owner of The Graces/Gentleman, a program for etiquette education*

Etiquette is not just about which fork to use, but showing respect for yourself and others. Good manners go hand-in-hand with common sense. Review the basics of etiquette in a changing world, populated with all kinds of electronics.
Hobbies
Rebecca Simon, Program Associate – Best Care Coordinator, Division of Agriculture
In this session, participants will learn that hobbies are not just to pass the time of day or a way to kill time. They serve an important place in our psychological tool kit as a way to relieve and cope with stress. They are also a way to keep mentally active, creative, and give a sense of accomplishing and fulfillment during periods of anxiety, depression, and circumstantial stress.

Yoga
Addie Wilson, Program Associate, Health, Division of Agriculture.
Chair and mat yoga will be offered. Chair yoga is the perfect exercise for those looking to improve posture, increase flexibility, and improve balance while avoiding injury. A well-rounded exercise program includes flexibility and balance exercises and chair yoga is a great place to start. This session will include chair and floor poses that will relax your body and mind. Make sure you are wearing comfortable clothing and well fitted shoes for this session.

2019 MILESTONE AWARD WINNERS

50-YEAR MEMBERS

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60-YEAR MEMBERS

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70-PLUS-YEAR MEMBERS

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Memorials

DELTA DISTRICT
Arkansas County
Eleanor Bullock

Craighed County
Dorothy “Brownie” Gibson
Gerrilyn “Gerri” Keene
Pauline Jones
Betty Meredith
Eural Elkins Moore
Orva Dee Slinkard Peachey
Irma Evelyn Sharp
Erma “Curley” Smith

Craighead County
Dorothy “Brownie” Gibson
Gerrilyn “Gerri” Keene
Pauline Jones
Betty Meredith
Eural Elkins Moore
Orva Dee Slinkard Peachey
Irma Evelyn Sharp
Erma “Curley” Smith

Cross County
Juanita Pruitt
Glenda Tarwater

Desha County
Ruthie Richardson

Drew County
Stella Bullock Judkins
Joan Kilcrease Bordeaux

Lonoke County
Judy Douglas
Dorothy Henry
Dorothy Williams

Poinsett County
Doris King
Ruthie Roberts

Prairie County
Nelda Adams
Barbara Holmes
Lennie Holmes

White County
Larry Blansett
Alice Marie Choate
Carolyn Moore

Woodruff County
June Bullington
Dollie Pankey

OUACHITA DISTRICT
Clark County
Shirley Olson

Dallas County
Carol Ables
Annette Archer Finley
Dora Lee Matlock
Martha Elizabeth Russell

Howard County
Jo Billings
Sarah Blue

Miller County
Lavelle Brune
Dorothy George
Maerenna Turner

Montgomery County
Waunetta Howe
Maxine Wornick

Pike County
Martha Cassady
Gwen Doss
Shirley Forbes
Helen Leamons
Charlene Owens
Etta Teeter

Pulaski County
Irma Frances Roller

Saline County
Ruby Nute

Scott County
Bob Ford
Fayrene Stringer

Union County
Carol Lambert

OZARK DISTRICT
Benton County
Dianna Afuvai
Edna Harmon
Shirley Kennedy
June Morris
Millie Peters

Crawford County
Betty Cole
Peggy Richardson

Madison County
Mary Ann Erlinger

Newton County
Cora Bingham
Eul Dean Clark
Carol Leak

Sharp County
Dorris Carter

Van Buren County
Myrtice Emberton
Helen Gray
Mary Hyman
Edith Lorene Olinger

Washington County
Helen “Marie” Cahill
Fleeta Clark
Marilynn “Kay” Deetz
Mary Mitchell
Shirley Nesbitt
Marva Ann Wood

Yell County
Faye Derrick
Margie Keller
Nina Sue Goff
Bessie May
Emmy Wilson
AEHC PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

1930-31
Mrs. E. L. Salyers (Pulaski County)*

1932-33
Mrs. Earl Perkins (Lonoke County)*

1934-35
Mrs. E. L. Casner (Greene County)*

1938
Mrs. Charles Rogers (Union County)*

1938-39
Mrs. W. L. Woods (Ashley County)*

1940-41
Mrs. R. C. Harville (Pulaski County)*

1942-43
Mrs. Custer Chaffin (Lee County)*

1944-45
Mrs. W. C. Tindall (Lincoln County)*

1946-47
Mrs. Clyde Taylor (Miller County)*

1948-49
Mrs. Charlotte Abington (White County)*

1950-51
Mrs. J. Howard Crawford (Clark County)*

1952-53
Mrs. Lois Grundon (Craighead County)*

1954-55
Mrs. Marguerite Maxwell (Washington County)*

1956-57
Mrs. Pauline Bartholomew (Poinsett County)*

1958-59
Mrs. E. M. Park (Johnson County)*

1960-61
Mrs. Frances Royston (Pulaski County)*

1962-63
Mrs. J. A. Carpenter (Independence County)*

1964-65
Mrs. Merl Bragg (Saline County)*

1966-67
Mrs. Alma King (Phillips County)*

1968-69
Mrs. Callie Jameson (Union County)*

1970-71
Mrs. Marge Phillips (Columbia County)*

1971-73
Mrs. A. J. Meinert (Washington County)*

1974-75
Mrs. Gayle Jones (White County)*

1976-77
Mrs. Lorna Ogilvie (Johnson County)*

1978-79
Mrs. Barbara Wasson (Clark County)

1980-81
Mrs. Betty Dixon Stalnecker (Cleburne County)

1981-83
Mrs. Doris Garner (Crawford County)*

1983-85
Mrs. Hanky Broadway (Craighead County)*

1985-87
Mrs. Dottie Stewart (Izard County)

1987-90
Mrs. Loretta Johnston (Garland County)

1990-92
Mrs. Joy Riggs (Mississippi County)*

1992-94
Mrs. Jo Lampkins (Greene County)

1994-96
Mrs. Pauline Myrick (Lincoln County)

1996-97
Mrs. Mary Lawrence (Howard County)*

1997-2000
Mrs. Debbie Moreland (Pulaski County)

2000-2002
Mrs. Maureen Zoerner (Ouachita County)

2002-2004
Mrs. Marietta Gutierrez (Pulaski County)

2004-2006
Mrs. Mary Ann Shepherd (Randolph County)

2006-2008
Mrs. Elaine Stoll (Lawrence County)

2008-2010
Mrs. Joyce Hall (Pulaski County)

2010-2012
Mrs. Phyllis Pipkin (Garland County)

2012-2014
Mrs. Kaye Green (Cleveland County)

2014-2016
Mrs. Mary Fisher Johnson (Yell County)

2016-2018
Mrs. Johnette Johnson (Montgomery County)

*Deceased
Benton County – Benton County EH Council: Peace at Home
The Benton County Extension Homemakers Council chose Peace at Home as their project because it showed how we could be involved in helping women (and men) with small children who had been in abusive situations. At Fall Council, members brought items to be used for the Santa Sack project at Peace at Home. These donations resulted in three carloads of gifts, cash and gift cards. Some members helped the day of Santa Sack by wrapping gifts. At Spring Council, members brought laundry baskets full of items; two pickups and an SUV were filled.

Benton County – Evening Star EHC: Peace at Home
The Evening Star Extension Homemakers Club chose Peace at Home for their project because it touched their hearts to see the help this facility was able to give to abused women (and men) with young children who were trying to escape their situation. Members brought two large boxes of items to be used for the Santa Sack project to Fall Council and some helped the day of Santa Sack to wrap gifts. Members also brought a laundry basket full of items to Spring Council from a list of items provided by Peace at Home.

Benton County – Highfill EHC: Blankets and Cloth Napkins for New Beginning Learning Academy
Members of the Highfill Extension Homemakers Club made 23 Blankets and 29 Cloth Napkins for New Beginning Learning Academy in Decatur, Arkansas. The blankets were needed so each child would have a blanket when napping. The cloth napkins were requested and is a teaching tool for meal time.

Benton County – Maysville EHC: Northwest Arkansas Children’s Shelter
Having supported Northwest Arkansas Children’s Shelter monetarily for several years, the Maysville Extension Homemakers decided to expand our support by adopting them as our community service project. Along with our usual monetary support, members purchased Christmas gifts for the children, and collected several boxes and blankets to donate to them. We also toured the facility, learning more about their tremendous service, of providing a safe haven for children.
Benton County – Vaughn EHC: Essential Outreach
The Vaughn Extension Homemakers Club adopted Essential Outreach for its year-long community service project. Their purpose is “to collaborate with communities outside of the I 49 corridor to assist those in need. The goal is to provide essential items which otherwise may be unattainable for those living at or near poverty.” Each month, we selected one item from their needs list and each of our members bought one or more of the items. We contributed 348 personal care items for the year.

Carroll County EH Council: Sleep in Heavenly Peace
The Carroll County Extension Homemakers Council selected Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a pillow case project. Our goal was to produce two cheerful pillowcases for each resident at two local charity missions. Twenty sets of nice uniquely made pillowcases were completed and delivered along with chocolate bars and cards to the women of the Jeremiah House of Green Forest, AR and the Freedom Seekers of Berryville, AR.

Carroll County – Busy Bee EHC: Giving a Little Happiness to Children at Arkansas Children’s Hospital NW
When the Busy Bees Extension Homemakers learned that a new Arkansas Children Hospital was being built in NW Arkansas and that they were in need of several items, they chose “Giving a Little Happiness to the Children” as their project. They held several workshops and made or donated eight Afghans, 13 blankets, 37 caps, 24 personal hygiene kits, 32 pillowcases, 12 teaching dolls, six throws, 20 toys and small pillows, 29 q-tube covers, 15 quilts, and 13 coloring books and crayons and puzzles. When we delivered the items we got to tour the beautiful new hospital.

Carroll County – Domestic Divas EHC: Holiday Tray Favors for Meals on Wheels
The Domestic Divas Extension Homemakers Club chose for their project Holiday Tray Favors for Meals on Wheels. They made around 90 to 100 favors during the year. Some were made for Valentine’s Day, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Favors are taken to the Berryville Senior Center and distributed to shut-ins in the Meals on Wheels Program.

Cleburne County – Good Springs EHC: Margie’s Haven House Donations
Good Springs Extension Homemakers Club chose Margie’s Haven House Donation as their Community Service Project. Margie’s Haven House is a “safe house” where women and children go to escape from domestic violence.
Members brought non-perishable food, pillows, cleaning and hygiene supplies and clothing valued at $1,248.24 to the monthly club meetings. Many women and children were helped.

Cleburne County – Seven Springs EHC: Veterans - A Debt to be Paid
The Seven Springs Extension Homemakers Club was asked to help make Christmas better for several of our veterans who needed help. The club voted for their project to be “Veterans - A Debt to be Paid,” which became an act of love and respect. The club purchased gift cards and poinsettias. Wal-Mart also donated to this project. Small mittens were made for the gift cards.

Cleburne County – Today’s Homemakers EHC: Providing Needed Supplies for the Community School of Cleburne County
The Community School of Cleburne County was in need of help in making cot covers for the pre-school students to be used at nap time. Today’s Homemakers Extension Homemakers Club decided to not only help the preschoolers, but also do something for the older students. They chose Providing Needed Supplies for the Community School of Cleburne County as their project and collected 15 aprons, and 12 sugar-free baking and frosting mixes for the cooking classes to help them learn to be more independent. We also made a cash donation to help buy additional baking supplies. We made 26 cot covers in two patterns for the preschoolers.

Conway County EH Council:
Room 29:11, Foster/Guardianship Children’s Closet
The Conway County Extension Homemakers Council heard that the Methodist Church had loaned rooms to a lady who wanted to help families/children living in foster and guardianship homes. Every member was able to participate in the Room 29:11 project one way or another. They set up a rotation schedule to work one day a week in Room 29:11. Some sorted and hung clothes, some made casseroles to freeze for the families and each member was able to purchase an item of clothing or a gift card and be a part of this project.

Conway County – Hilltopper EHC:
Making Friends at Cottonwood Place
For our project this year, Hilltoppers Extension Homemakers Club chose to work with the residents at Cottonwood Place. This is a facility that is designed to enable people with developmental disabilities access to community life. We visited with them once a month. We brought coloring sheets and we colored with them. We brought books to read to them or read their books. One visit
we made crafts with them, we had an ice cream social one month and also brought snacks for them at other visits.

**Conway County – New Horizon EHC: Quilts of Honor**
The members of the New Horizon Extension Homemakers Club wanted a project honoring our local Veterans. Together with the Conway County 4-H clubs, and the Conway County Piecemakers, they chose the pin wheel block for their first quilt of the year. Members of all ages sewed quilt block together, a club member sewed them into a top, the Conway County Piecemakers quilted it and a club member hemmed the quilt.

**Conway County – Oppelo Twilite EHC:**
**Conway County Foster Care Coalition**
Conway County had 75 foster care children and very few foster care households. The Oppelo Twilite Extension Homemakers had bake sales, white elephant sales and craft sales at our monthly meetings. We contributed $400 for the coalition’s advertising campaign asking for foster care parents. We grew from two to eight foster families, so we are making progress.

**Conway County – Petit Jean EHC: KC Pet Rescue**
The Petit Jean Extension Homemakers Club decided KC Pet Rescue would be our 2018 project to save homeless and abandoned dogs from risk of euthanasia, at shelters for abused or neglected animals in our local area. Our club, and community volunteers, assisted in raising $860 in funds and essentials helping sustain sanctuaries so KC Pet Rescue can find Forever Homes for pets.

**Crawford County – River Belles EHC:**
**New Start for Children and Families**
River Belles Extension Homemakers Club chose the New Start for Children and Families as their project because the ladies who run the facilities NEED help from the community to organize their clothing and food pantry. We worked at their fundraisers to help raise money for the rent on their building, we helped organize the clothing and the food pantry, and we built and painted three book shelves for their playroom.

**Crawford County – TLC EHC:**
**New Start for Children and Families**
The TLC (Turner Ladies Club) Extension Homemakers Club held a fundraiser for our club’s community project New Start for Children & Families. We sold drinks furnished by Atwood’s, the location where the fundraiser was held, and had a bake sale. Some club members toured the new facility and presented them the money the club had raised.
Izard County EH Council: Craft Day at Two Nursing Facilities
The Izard County Extension Homemakers Council wanted to do something related to our local nursing facilities because these folks have given so much to our community. We decided to have a Craft Day at two nursing facilities. Some members went to Crownpoint in Horseshoe Bend and made a Valentine project. Other members went to Pioneer Rehab and Therapy and made a Hand Print Sun Catcher. Two past members are residents of Pioneer which made it even more rewarding.

Izard County – Gid EHC: Becky’s Kids
Members of Gid Extension Homemakers Club heard about a very important nonprofit organization called Becky’s Kids. They help with the needs of underage youth in the foster system. This year Izard County has 24 kids they are helping take care of. Gid club donated to this very deserving cause in hope of helping to provide for these kids.

Izard County – Franklin EHC: Little Rock Project
The members of the Franklin Extension Homemakers Club have hearts especially drawn to hurting children, families and our country’s veterans, thus the Little Rock Project came into existence. Local residents frequently require the services of not only the Children’s Hospital and the Veteran’s Hospital, but Ronald McDonald House as well. We made hand-crafted teddy bears, learning dolls, more than 200 hats and collected assorted playroom supplies for ACH, Ronald McDonald House received paper supplies, snacks, playroom supplies and thousands of soda can tabs; and many books, snacks, shoes and lap robes were delivered to the Veterans’ Hospital.

Izard County – Zion EHC: 2017 Holiday Craft Show
Zion Extension Homemakers Club held a Holiday Craft Show fundraiser to be able to donate to local agencies to help them keep running. We made craft items, baked goodies, canned relishes and pickles to sell. It also makes us feel good to do well.

Johnson County – Hagarville EHC: Riding the Toys for Tots Train
The major project of Hagarville Extension Homemakers Club this year was helping with the Johnson County Toys for Tots campaign. Instead of having an Angel Tree, the Toys for Tots program created a Train Tree. Over 2000 children received toys. We supplied baked goods for a bake sale, placed a donation box at our club’s annual fundraiser to collect toys and donations, and instead of doing our traditional Christmas ornament exchange within our club, we
each brought a toy to be donated. We helped with manning donation points, separating toys and labeling them on distribution date. We volunteered, explained and guided parents through the shopping areas to select different items for the Train Tree gifts.

**Johnson County – ReRuns EHC: Needy Paws**
The ReRuns Extension Homemakers Club chose Needy Paws, the local animal shelter, as their project for the year. Members donated money and items the shelter needed to feed and care for the animals in their facility. They depend entirely on donations as they are not tax supported and it is a “no-kill” shelter.

**Logan County – Booneville EHC: Feed our Firefighters**
The Booneville Extension Homemakers Club wanted to help fortify and energize our local volunteer city fire department. We voted to serve a hot meal each quarter to the men during their monthly training meetings. Many of them get off work, attend the fire meeting/training to get home at 10:00 p.m. or later without ever having supper. It wasn’t hard to see a need that needed to be met, no one had done anything like this for them and we were just the women to do it! Each quarter our club provided and delivered a meal to the fire department at their station. The individuals participating on that particular night provided a dish at their expense. The chairperson went back after the meal was done and cleaned everything up. We formed a bond with our City Fire Department that we didn’t have before and since they had no clue as to what our club was, they all in return learned a little on what EHC is all about.

**Madison County – Aurora Ladybug EHC: History of Club**
The first “Aurora Home Demonstration Club” started in 1952 and went until 1985. Projects included putting up name markers along the roads, making gowns and feather pillows for rest homes, donating sheets and pillowcases for the hospital and the establishment of the Aurora Roadside Park, which still exists today. It was re-established on March 13, 1997 and became known as the Aurora Ladybugs Extension Homemakers Club. We maintained the Aurora Roadside Park, had bake sales, community ham and bean dinners and yard sales. In 1999 we started a fund to raise money for a new roof for the Aurora Community Building.

**Madison County – Farmers & Charmers EHC: DHS Foster Children Carry Bags**
The Farmers & Charmers Extension Homemakers Club chose to make Carry Bags for DHS Foster Children. A member had been told that many
of the foster children have to carry their belongings from their home to the foster homes in trash bags. We met and cut, surged and sewed the bags. Two members had donated materials and supplies. Drawstrings were added to the bags. At the May monthly meeting members delivered the bags to the local Department of Human Services in Huntsville.

**Newton County – Deer Lady Bug EHC:**

**Worry Buddies for Young and Old**

The Deer Lady Bug Extension Homemakers Club wanted to provide something to comfort the children who were having procedures at area health agencies. They collected small stuffed animals, cleaned and repaired them, attached a ribbon with a small card with a poem that seemed to fit this project, creating the Worry Buddies. These were given to the Boston Mountain Health Center and the Newton County Health Department to be handed out to the children. Word was received from the Newton County Nursing Home that their residents would love to have Worry Buddies to present to family members such as grandchildren or just to keep themselves. The club decided to provide 12 Worry Buddies each month for bingo prizes at the nursing home.

**Sebastian County EH Council:**

**Pillows for Breast Cancer**

The Don W Reynolds Cancer Support House requested heart pillows for their Breast Cancer Patients. These pillows alleviate some of the pain and discomfort. They are small enough to fit under the arm and padded enough to put between the incision and drains. They also help with the seatbelt in the car. The Sebastian County Extension Homemakers cut, sewed and stuffed over 700 heart shaped Pillows for Breast Cancer patients at the Reynolds Cancer Support House.

**Sharp County – Hardy Country Ladies EHC:**

**Christmas Cards for Local Area Nursing Home Residents**

The Hardy Country Ladies Extension Homemakers Club decided to brighten up nursing home residents’ Christmas holiday with Christmas cards. The goal was to make enough cards to give one to each resident at the Ash Flat Nursing and Rehab and Eagle Crest Nursing and Rehab Centers. The members used card stock embellished with holiday cut outs from recycled Christmas cards, ribbons, stars, etc. pasted onto the card stock. They were all unique as members used their imaginations to create different patterns, color combinations and holiday messages. A total of 146 cards were created and delivered to the residents of the two nursing homes.
Yell County – Spring Creek EHC: Walker Caddies
The Spring Creek Extension Homemakers Club chose as their project Walker Caddies for Chambers Hospital Rehabilitation Unit. The hospital uses these for patients in Rehab to carry items while they are walking. The patient then takes the caddy home with them to use while they have to use a walker. Forty-five Walker Caddies were made and delivered to the Rehabilitation unit.

2018 DELTA DISTRICT AWARDS FOR PROJECT BOOKS AND SUMMARIES
Deborah Teague, Delta District Director
Bettye Johnson, Delta Associate District Director
Mary Ann Carroll, Delta Associate District Director

Arkansas County EH Council: Arkansas Children’s Hospital
Arkansas County Extension Homemakers Council have helped make a difference in the lives of Arkansas Children’s Hospital patients by donating crocheted hats. Members and guests made approximately 100 hats and donated them. All yarn was donated.

Arkansas County – New Providence/Turley EHC: Senior Citizens Day at Arkansas County Fair
The New Providence/Turley Extension Homemakers Club sponsored the Senior Citizens Day Activities at the Arkansas County Fair. They registered seniors for door prizes which are furnished by local businesses. They served sandwiches, homemade cookies, soft drinks and other kinds of sweets. Members enjoyed serving the approximately 100 seniors who attended.

Arkansas County – Prairie Gems EHC: Blankets for Kids
Twenty-four blankets were made for Dana’s House (a home for children) by the Prairie Gems Extension Homemakers Club. Members met at the Arkansas County Cooperative Extension Service office for a fun day of sewing, fellowship and potluck lunch.

Craighead County EH Council: Funding Scholarships
The Craighead County Extension Homemakers have been Funding Scholarships since 2001. They hosted a 2018 Red Bean and Rice/White Bean Day. They sold tickets as well as prepared and served Red Beans and Rice or White Beans along with cornbread, dessert and a drink. They were able to award a $1000 scholarship to Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.
Craighead County – Black Oak/Lake City EHC: Teddy Bears for Kids Who Need an Ambulance Ride
The Black Oak/Lake City Extension Homemakers Club chose to make small teddy bears and collect small stuffed animals to give to the Lake City Medic One Ambulance Service as their community service project. They cut, sewed, stuffed and decorated the teddy bears. Along with some donated stuffed toys, the club was able to donate 74 stuffed animals to the Medic One Ambulance Service in Lake City.

Craighead County – Oak Grove EHC: Puzzle Pillows
The Oak Grove Extension Homemakers Club took on a special project for Lebonheur Children’s Hospital in Jonesboro. They requested some Puzzle Pillows, which are used by patients to help them be calm and relaxed. They were made using fleece, clear material for the window and ribbon. They were filled with Rice and a mixture of small items. A list of the items to search for was attached with ribbon and stored in the pocket on the back of the pillow. Members made and delivered 25 Puzzle Pillows.

Craighead County – Opportunity EHC: Helping Neighbors Food Pantry
The Opportunity Extension Homemakers club donated 455 pounds of non-perishable food items and $90 in cash to the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. By doing this, we were instrumental in helping to feed the needy in Jonesboro and Craighead County.

Craighead County – Pleasant Grove EHC: Personal Care Kits and Magazines
The Pleasant Grove Extension Homemakers Club members chose to help with the needs of the residents at Lexington Place Healthcare. The facility requested unscented hand/body lotion for the residents for Christmas. Members purchased plain plastic ornaments and decorated them along with cards to use to decorate the bags for the lotions. They delivered over 100 bags, one for each resident, along with some magazines.

Craighead County – West Mart EHC: Beck PRIDE Center at ASU
West Mart Extension Homemakers Club selected The Beck PRIDE Center at Arkansas State University as their Community Service Project. It offers resource support for combat wounded veterans attending ASU. Each month members donated to the center, school supplies, snack and dog supplies along with some cash/gift cards.
Jefferson County EH Council: Fair Judging School
The Jefferson County Extension Homemakers clubs realize the importance of being knowledgeable in all areas of fair judging and voted to sponsor a Fair Judging School. Ten counties were represented. Members prepared refreshments as well as lunch. Instructors were Family and Consumer Science Agents as well as other people with expertise in their areas.

Jefferson County – Grace Willing Workers EHC: Hope of the Delta
Grace Willing Workers Extension Homemakers Club members chose Hope of the Delta, a non-profit organization established to assist women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy, as their community service project. They filled individual baby bottles with spare change each month, worked in the office answering the phone, worked in the Mommy Bucks store assisting parents, sorting and organizing new inventory. They rode on the mobile unit as advocates and volunteered at the center talking with and praying for soon to be new moms and abortion-minded girls.

Jefferson County – Heart-N-Hands EHC: Bingo Prizes for Davis Life Care Center
The Heart-N-Hands Extension Homemakers Club members donated one hundred and thirty Bingo Prizes to Davis Life Care Center. In addition, members volunteered to assist at the bingo games and decorated a Christmas tree for residents to enjoy while playing bingo.

Jefferson County – Willing Workers of White Hall EHC: Trinity Village Retirement Community
The Willing Workers of White Hall Extension Homemakers club was asked by Trinity Village Retirement Community to teach some craft classes for the people living there to keep their hands and minds busy. Because of their age, we made the crafts simple and easy enough for them but would still keep their interest.

Lawrence County – Scrappers EHC: Get Up, Get Moving - Smoothie Bike Demonstrations
The Scrappers Extension Homemakers Club participated in a county-wide Community Health Fair. They elected to use the Get Up, Get Moving display, and the Smoothie Bike Demonstration to draw attention to healthy nutrition and exercise. Attendees chose the fruit for their smoothie, pedaled the bike and sampled the finished smoothies. The Smoothie Bike and samples were the most popular booth at the health fair.
Lincoln County EH Council: Small Animals for Small Patients
Imagine you are a small child in your County Health Unit who has just gotten a shot. Wouldn't you feel better if you had a small soft stuffed animal to hold? The Lincoln County Extension Homemakers thought so, so they chose Small Animals for Small Patients as their project. They made and donated fifty adorable animals for the Lincoln County Health Unit to give children when they get immunizations or vaccines.

Lincoln County – Hickory Grove EHC: Survival Kits
How often do we recognize our first responders? Do we wait only until after we need them? Hickory Grove Extension Homemakers Club decided to show the first responders in Lincoln County they were appreciated everyday by giving Survival Kits, in appreciation for protecting our community, to everyone at our Sheriff, Police, Health, Fire, Forestry and Game and Fish Departments. They printed Survival Kit labels and pasted them on white paper sacks. They put corresponding messages on different kinds of candy such as “Lifesavers - for the many times you’ve been one.” Seventy-five kits were distributed.

Lonoke County EH Council: Teaching Dolls for ACH
The Lonoke County Extension Council chose to make teaching dolls for Arkansas Children’s Hospital as our service project. Members used donated fabric, cut, sewed and stuffed the dolls. One hundred seventy-seven dolls were made. This project is dedicated to member, Judy Douglas, who passed away in October.

Lonoke County – The Quilters of Lonoke EHC: Duffle Bags for Open Arms Shelter
The Quilters of Lonoke Extension Homemakers Club chose to make Duffle Bags and Toiletry Bags for the residents of Open Arms Shelter of Lonoke County for their 2018 service project. The shelter provides both temporary and long-term housing to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. The bags were made using donated materials and purchased strapping. The Shelter was given a total of 33 duffle bags, 33 toiletry bags and donated toiletries.

Poinsett County – Lucky 13 EHC: Christmas Stockings for DHS Children
Poinsett County has one of the highest numbers of children in foster care and one of the lowest number of available foster homes. The Lucky 13 Extension Homemakers Club members chose Christmas Stockings for DHS Children for their project to ensure that all children in the county receive something for Christmas. We held two workshops and made 180 stockings and stuffed them with various items.
Prairie County EH Council: AARP Drivers Safety Course
Prairie County Council sponsored an award-winning AARP Smart Driver Course. Participants refreshed their driving skills and learned new laws and regulations for Arkansas. Council members provided morning refreshments and lunch.

Prairie County – Biscoe EHC: Sharing Our Blessings
The Biscoe Extension Homemakers Club chose Sharing Our Blessings as their community service project, to demonstrate kindness and caring to those who might need encouragement. Members brought and prepared LOVE Boxes of useful items to give chosen recipients. In Memory donations were given for the loss of community members, and trained members also volunteered freely to assist individuals applying for Medicare Savings.

Prairie County – Busy Hands EHC: Margaret Fisher Literacy Challenge/Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
The Busy Hands Extension Homemakers Club was proud to help the children of our community by supporting the Margaret Fisher Literacy Challenge/Dolly Parton Imagination Library in honor of our friend Charlotte Wrigley. Members voted to have a Spaghetti Supper to raise money for our project. With the proceeds, a total of forty-seven children will receive free books.

Prairie County – Couponista’s EHC: Random Acts of Kindness
The Couponista’s Extension Homemakers Club chose “Random Acts of Kindness” as their community service project. Club members felt Blessed to be able to surprise several different groups with Acts of Kindness throughout the year in an effort to spread peace, joy and positivity in the community.

Prairie County – Idlewild EHC: Hazen S.T.E.P. UP Inc.
The Idlewild Extension Homemakers Club chose the Back to School Fair for our community service project. The community had a back to school fair and our club set up a table with school supplies for grades 1 - 12. Students were able to get what they needed for their classes. Over 200 students attended the fair.

Prairie County – Oak Prairie EHC: Helping to Fight Hunger in Our County
The Oak Prairie Extension Homemakers Club chose to collect and donate canned goods and non-perishable staples for the Prairie County Food Pantry. Through our monthly contributions we collected over two hundred pounds of canned items and other staples. It was a blessing to know we were “Helping to Fight Hunger in Our County.”
White County EH Council: Women Helping Women
The White County Extension Homemakers Council members decided that an event for the community was needed. Women Helping Women was initiated. At the seminar several subjects were addressed that might assist women in times of need or in disaster situations. Also a Make and Take Disaster Kit was provided and a game of Bingo was played for prizes. Participants were asked to bring a can of food to be eligible to register for a gift certificate to Bath and Body Works. The canned food was donated to a local food bank. Refreshments were provided by club members.

White County – Bald Knob EHC: Fall Party for White County Foster Families
The Bald Knob Extension Homemakers Club had a Fall Party for Foster Families in White County. Carnival was our party theme. We decorated the gym for the kids with games, prizes and food for all. Modern Woodmen and Walmart provided some financial help for the event. EHC members provided homemade cookies. Fifty foster children and families attended.

White County – El Paso EHC: It’s So Easy to Sew in Love
It’s so Easy to Sew in Love was the theme of the El Paso Extension Homemakers Club project for patients being treated in Arkansas Children’s Hospital. During 10 workshops, the 21 members made 225 teaching dolls, 565 hand-knitted or crocheted hats, and 58 pillows. They also donated and purchased toys and books as gifts for patients during the holidays.

White County – Floyd EHC: Wall Hanging Organizers for the Elderly
Staying organized is critical when living accommodations are limited. After seeing a Wall Hanging Organizer a member had purchased for a family member, the Floyd Extension Homemakers Club members realized how much one would help others living in the same conditions. Members constructed and distributed 35 of these organizers locally which will hold a multitude of small items needed on a regular basis.

White County – Little Indian EHC: Backpack for Kids
Hearing the need for kids to have nutritious snacks after school and weekends, the Little Indian Extension Homemakers decided to assist with the Searcy Public Schools Backpack for Kids program. Members brought snacks and drinks to at least 10 meetings and these were delivered to the Searcy Daily Citizen for pickup by the Searcy Schools. An estimated 1,000 items were collected and donated.
White County – U-Neek EHC: Crochet Workshop
The U-Neek Extension Homemakers Club presented a Crochet Workshop for those of the community who wanted to learn a new craft or just to hone up on their skills. Seventeen were present and instructions given with much requested one-on-one assistance. Refreshments were served, and many asked for an encore presentation.

2018 OUACHITA DISTRICT AWARDS FOR PROJECT BOOKS AND SUMMARIES
Bettie Huntley, Ouachita District Director
Sheila Ballard, Ouachita Associate District Director
Alberta James, Ouachita Associate District Director

Calhoun County EH Council: Hogskin Quilt Show
The Calhoun County Extension Homemakers Council selected the Hogskin Festival Quilt show as their community service project in order to generate funds to support our local 4-H. The funds provided a $500 scholarship to a graduating senior and $500 for prizes and awards for exhibitors in the quilt show. Members donated time and support for the quilt show.

Calhoun County – Artesian EHC: Food Preservation
The Artesian Extension Homemakers Club planned and scheduled a Food Preservation Workshop to equip county residents with the latest information to insure safe preservation of their home canned products. Workshop was limited to 10 participants. Twenty-four jars were canned and some were entered in the County Fair. Some participants reported using information gained in additional home food preservation and some purchased new canning equipment.

Calhoun County – Needle Art EHC: A Veterans Quilt
The Needle Art Extension Homemakers Club, with help from the Thornton and Artesian EH club members, made a quilt that was presented to a Veteran at the annual Veterans Day ceremony conducted by the local Veterans Administration. Members made 25 quilt blocks which were set together in a star pattern to form the quilt top. Members hand quilted the quilt and sewed the binding on the quilt. Two volunteers also assisted with the construction of the quilt.

Calhoun County – Smart Belles EHC: Holiday Tasting
Holiday Tasting was selected by the Smart Belles Extension Homemakers
Club as their project. They wanted to share a variety of healthy recipes with participants. There was a good increase in attendance. Other area clubs participated and forty-five recipes were submitted and compiled in a cookbook. Twenty recipes were prepared for the tasting.

**Calhoun County – Thornton EHC: 4-H Christmas Crafts and Baking**
The Thornton Extension Homemakers Club sponsored a two-day workshop for 4-H members on Christmas Crafts and Baking. Projects were: Snow globe, decorated lighted bowl, felt door knocker, lighted Christmas tree, decorated Christmas cookies, pumpkin bread in a can and candy making. Twenty-four 4-H members participated. Other clubs in the county participated in this project. 4-H members learned how to measure and use creative thinking to make the selected projects their own.

**Cleveland County EH Council: Disaster Preparedness**
The Cleveland County Extension Homemakers chose Disaster Preparedness as our yearly project as this is an area where citizens of our county need continued education. We thought the County Quorum Court would be the best place to start. The County Judge chose a date for us to be on the agenda. We prepared brochures, flyers and other information along with a slide show that would pertain to our county disasters. We started with a refreshment hour at the Sheriff’s Office. We put together goodie bags for deputies and members that couldn't stop by for refreshments. We then went to the Quorum Court meeting, where we presented a slideshow and handed out disaster preparedness information in the form of brochures, flyers and ink pens.

**Cleveland County – Friendship EHC: Ronald McDonald House**
The Friendship Extension Homemakers Club chose to collect pop tabs and paper products for the Ronald McDonald House as its project. Many friends and relatives in Rison save their pop tabs for us. The club purchased $80 in paper products to donate. When delivering the items, members toured the three story house. We were allowed in the kitchen, pantry and dining area. There are several lounging areas as well as comfortable bedrooms for the families to use. The money and products donated take some of the worry off the shoulders of the families.

**Cleveland County – New Home EHC: What’s For Dinner**
The New Home Extension Homemakers Club sponsored a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser for Tammie Wilkins, who was diagnosed with Primary Biliary Cholangitis and was in need of a liver transplant. The “What’s For Dinner” fundraiser was a great success thanks to our wonderful community and
friends. Our club worked tirelessly together to prepare, cook and distribute approximately 250 dinners, earning $1,500.

**Garland County EH Council: Special Needs Rodeo**
The Garland County Extension Homemakers Council became a sponsor of the Special Needs Rodeo by preparing and serving lunch to all participants of this yearly event. The participants are students of Lake Hamilton School and First Step. The smiles on all these little faces are well worth the effort and time put into our part of this project. A total of 185 smiling cowboys and cowgirls were served.

**Garland County – Fiber Therapy EHC: Little Hats, Big Hearts**
Members of the Fiber Therapy Extension Homemakers Club heard of a new program for Arkansas, the Arkansas Heart Association was distributing tiny red hats to newborns at participating hospitals during February to encourage heart healthy living by the moms. We rallied and, with the addition of about 20 caps from another crochet group in our area, in just over one month Big Hearts knitted or crocheted over 250 Little Hats. These were distributed to moms of new babies born in February -- calling attention to healthy hearts in both moms and babies.

**Garland County – Lakeside EHC: Drawstring Backpacks for Ouachita Children's Center**
The members of Lakeside Extension Homemakers Club voted to make Drawstring Backpacks for Ouachita Children's Center (a non-profit child advocacy organization that provides emergency shelter for children). We purchased fabric for the outside of the bags and donated coordinating fabric for the linings. We bought grommets and cords for the projects. Members met to sew the backpacks and after reading and discussing the directions thoroughly, twenty-four drawstring backpacks were made with the cords being put in by the rest of the members at a club meeting. One member made three tote bags from scraps of fabric left over from the backpacks. Members decided to donate any unwanted suitcases along with the bags and five suitcases were also donated.

**Garland County – Loyal Ladies EHC: The Caring Place**
The Caring Place of Hot Springs is a facility dedicated to safe and stimulating adult day care for those suffering from dementia/Alzheimer. The Loyal Ladies Extension Homemakers chose to donate to the Caring Place and also had visitation with Snacks provided. It is our hope that through donations we have given some caregivers in our community the opportunity to have a day to get away and recharge or handle important business making life a little easier for all involved.
Grant County EH Council: 4-H/EHC Apron Sewing Workshop
The Grant County Extension Homemakers Council sponsored a Sew with Cotton Workshop for 4-H members. Ten youths attended and were assisted in material selection pattern layout, cutting, sewing machine basics, sewing, and modeling the aprons. The finished aprons were judged for the Farm Bureau Sew With Cotton contest and they also modeled their aprons at the annual Farm Bureau meeting and were awarded prizes. The aprons were also entered in the Grant County Fair.

Montgomery County – Oden EHC: Dress Your Door
The Oden Extension Homemakers Club held an Education Class with the intention of obtaining new members. We invited people in our community and hoped some would end up as new members. A member of the club volunteered to teach a class on mesh wreaths, Dress Your Door, and furnished the supplies for all that signed up. Eleven students signed up for the class and all ended up with a finished wreath. Two of the students ended up as new members. The club considered this project a great success.

Montgomery County – Stitchin’ Friends EHC: Quilts of Valor
The Stitchin’ Friends Extension Homemakers Club started participating in the Quilts of Valor Program about eight years ago. Donations of fabric and money to buy fabric come from friends, community and the Mount Ida Extension Homemakers, which enable us to continue this program. We have been doing presentations throughout the year as well as on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. This year we had five presentations.

Ouachita County – Friendly Neighbors EHC:
Volunteering: It’s What We Do
The Friendly Neighbors Extension Homemakers Club decided to volunteer their time and resources to community projects. We donated paper goods, blankets and household items to the Women’s Crisis Center. We volunteered at the Union Grove Center that hosts various events for the community, and we helped prepare meals to serve in order to raise funds for scholarships. We chose to volunteer as a service project because we loved the theme “Volunteering: It’s What We Do.”

Pike County EH Council:
Curtains and Covers for Murfreesboro Nursing Home
Pike County Extension Homemakers Council chose to make curtains and twin bed quilts or covers for the Murfreesboro Nursing Home residents as their community service project. The nursing home needed 28 sets of
curtains. Workshop was held and six members met and worked all morning measuring, cutting, pressing and sewing curtains and finished 20 of the 28 sets needed. The other eight were cut out and were finished the next day. Members quilted quilts at home and 16 were donated. After the Christmas, Council members presented the quilts and curtains and visited with the residents, helping them select the covers they wanted and presenting Christmas Cards to each of the residents.

**Pike County – East Delight EHC: Bringing it Back - Cemetery Restoration**
The East Delight Extension Homemakers Club chose “Bringing it Back - Cemetery Restoration” as their project with the goal of reaching community members across the county with educational workshops that would teach the proper way of preserving headstones without causing damage. A workshop was held to teach basic repair and cleaning of gravestones and a hands-on cleaning demonstration was held in the Delight Cemetery. Fifty community members attended the workshop. We hope through our work to preserve our local cemeteries that others will become involved in restoring cemeteries in their communities.

**Pike County – Glenwood EHC: Ribbons Fade, Buckles Tarnish but Friendships Last Forever**
The Glenwood Extension Homemakers Club’s main object in their project was to promote EHC and to help build up the Pike County Fair, due to declining entries in the past. They chose “Ribbons Fade, Buckles Tarnish but Friendships Last Forever” as their project title. They provided information to the public about Extension Homemakers Club, were present in the exhibit building to help with judging and overseeing of the exhibits. They had made homemade jellies and sold them in the Country Store, along with other items and other clubs in their County. We contributed to making our fair bigger and better.

**Pike County – Pisgah EHC: Stockings of Love for Christmas**
The Pisgah Extension Homemakers Club decided to keep their project at home this year by supplying 16 Stockings of Love for Christmas for the children at CADS, whose facility resides on the Delight School Campus, where the club meets. One member knitted toboggans for each student. One embroidered each student’s name on the individual stockings and another made angel Christmas tree ornaments and attached them to each of the stockings. Members purchased other items including flashlights, books, candy canes, snowmen, and stickers to add to the toboggans and placed them into the stockings.
Pulaski County – Sylvan Hills EHC: Little Lending Library
When the library in Sherwood was moved it left a void in the community so the Sylvan Hills Extension Homemakers Club voted to place a Little Lending Library at the old library site. Permission was obtained from Mayor Virginia Young to put it in the Butterfly Garden. Books were collected by club members, plus 20 books were donated. A ribbon cutting was held to open the library in January 2018. The library works on the honor system. We plan to continue collecting books, checking the library weekly and restocking as needed.

Saline County – Dabblers EHC: Quilt of Valor
The Dabblers Extension Homemakers Club chose Quilt of Valor as their annual project. We reached out to the community to find a local veteran to honor for their service to our country. We bought material, picked a pattern and met regularly to put the quilt together and get it quilted. The quilt was presented at the Quilt of Valor Ceremony in our local community center, filled with family and friends.

Saline County – Sunshine Craft EHC: Sewing Pillows for ACH
The Sunshine Craft Extension Homemakers Club found a need at Arkansas Children's Hospital for small pillows for the children to have. They gathered fabric and poly fill and spent several hours cutting, sewing and stuffing these pillows. They had three sewing days with some working from home. This Sewing Pillows for Arkansas Children’s Hospital project resulted in close to 200 pillows being delivered to ACH.

Scott County – Busy Hands EHC: Tote Bags for Children
The Busy Hands Extension Homemakers Club members were contacted by the Waldron Public Schools to provide a sewing experience for their 3rd grade summer school students, as an enrichment class. They chose Tote Bags for Children as the project. The club chose the design and the school provided the fabric, lining and webbing. The club prepared a kit for the students and they could choose the fabric they used. Seven students participated and made individual tote bags over the course of four - 1 to 1 1/2 hour sessions.

Scott County – Pleasant Hill EHC: Soup for Law Enforcement
Soup for Law Enforcement was chosen by the Pleasant Hill Extension Club to show thanks and appreciation for the great job that the Waldron City Police, Scott County Sheriff and deputies and area Game Wardens do. The Pleasant Hill EHC, along with Busy Hand, Scrap Pack and Dutch Creek Valley EHC cooked soup, cornbread and desserts. The meals were delivered to the Scott
County Sheriff’s Office and the Waldron Police Station. The hard working law enforcement officers could come by their offices and have a warm meal on a cold and rainy February day.

**Scott County – Scrap Pack EHC: Scrapbooking with Dalton’s Place**
Dalton’s Place Assisted Living was chosen by members of the Scrap Pack Extension Homemakers Club to be our project for the year. Scapping supplies were provided by local churches and members of the club. Members went monthly to help the residents organize and display their memories on pages. Stories, pictures and memorabilia were shared. Scrapbooking at Dalton’s Place was enjoyed so much that we’ve been asked to continue the program.

**Sevier County – Gillham EHC: Survival Bags**
The Gillham Extension Homemakers Club decided to make all the teachers and staff members of the Wickes Elementary School Survival Bags for the start of the school year. The school secretary was contacted to find out how many was on staff and a date was set to go to the school and place the cute Survival Bags into the teachers and staffs mailboxes.
PRODUCT SALES/INFORMATION ROOM
Kaye Green and Mary Ann Shepherd | Room 206
Tuesday • 8:00 — 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 — 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday • 8:00 — 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 — 4:30 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION
Charlene Dixon and Angel Welden
Rooms 209
Tuesday • 8:00 — 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 — 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday • 8:00 — 11:30 a.m. and 1:45 — 2:30 p.m.
Closed for tabulating: Wednesday • 2:30 — 3:00 p.m.
Pick up Silent Auction Items: Wednesday • 3:00 — 4:30 p.m.
(If silent auction items are not picked up by 4:30 p.m., item will go to next person on list.)

CRAFT SHOW
Peggy Barnett and Janie Woods
Lower Level of the Lobby | Tuesday and Wednesday
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

BINGO NIGHT
Darlene Holliday
Ballroom at the HHS, formerly DeSoto Room
Tuesday • 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Ballroom at the HHS, formerly DeSoto Room
Wednesday • 8:00 — 10:30 a.m.
(Council Presidents required, open to anyone)

NEAFCS-AR MEETING
Ballroom at the HHS, formerly DeSoto Room
Wednesday • Immediately following Board Meeting

ANYTHING GOES TALENT SHOW
Darlene Holliday
Ballroom at the HHS, formerly DeSoto Room
Wednesday • 7:00 p.m.
Enter for chance to win a traveling trophy.
Draw for nice door prize in Anything Goes.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Our keynote speaker, Phyllis Bell, is the Child Welfare Senior Advisor and Intern Director for Governor Asa Hutchinson. She is a powerful advocate for Arkansas’s youth and sees potential in others that is often overlooked. Before coming to the Governor’s office, Phyllis managed her family’s poultry and cattle farm, construction business and eventually her own consulting firm.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

$1,000 BETTY F. OLIVER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

$1,000 DR. LYNN RUSSELL AWARD
given to a college junior majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences

$2,500 COUNTY AGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

$1,000 4-H SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to a 4-H college student majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences

$75 PAULINE BARTHOLOMEW SCHOLARSHIP
Given to a young EH member attending state meeting, presented by the Past Presidents’ Association
EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CREED

I believe in the Extension Homemakers Club program and accept the responsibilities it offers to be helpful to others and to provide for continuous improvement in all levels of living.

I believe that through working together in a group we can enlarge the opportunities, enrich the life of our people, and create a more contented family and community life.

I believe in my own work as a homemaker. I believe that the greatest force that molds character comes from the home, and I pledge myself to create a home which is morally wholesome, spiritually satisfying, and physically healthful and convenient.

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