

EH NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Fair Volunteers

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Howard County Fair successful! You are the best!



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Walk Across Arkansas

Walk Across Arkansas begins this Monday, September 13 and goes through November 6. Teams should register online at www.uaex.uada.edu/life-skills-wellness/health/health-programs. If you need help registering a team, please contact the Extension Office.

Catering Event-Class Reunion

A class reunion catering event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17 at the EH Center. Volunteers are needed on Saturday to help serve and clean up at **11:00 a.m.** Others will be needed earlier in the day to help with food preparation. Those who have volunteered include Dana, Joy, Laura, Pam, Mary, Deb, and Tina. If you would like to volunteer, please let Deb know by calling the office at 870-845-7517. Deb will be contacting workers for the Friday, September 16 workday.

The Many Surprises of Thrift Shopping

Do you love to Junktique? Do you like to help others in need? Do you love to save money on great items? If so, you will want to attend the leader training lesson, “*The Many Surprises of Thrift Shopping*” scheduled for **Tuesday, September 20** at 10:00 a.m. at the EH Center in Nashville. The program will look at bargains to be found at resale, antique and/or thrift stores. We will also look at how the money you spend at these stores goes to help others in need and who does it really benefit?

To make the program interactive, each person attending should bring a “bargain” they found at a resale/thrift store. With the concern over the economy and daily challenges with making money go further, this program will be beneficial to anyone interested in saving money. This program is open to the public, not just EH members.



September Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting for September will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 11:00 following the leader training. Items on the agenda will include:

- Final plans for Fall Council Meeting
- District Rally
- District Fair Volunteers
- Fundraising Activities
- Plus, much more

Please make plans to attend this meeting to take care of the business of your organization. All council officers and club presidents are encouraged to attend. Anyone may attend. Only voting members will be able to vote.

District Fair

The Southwest Arkansas District Fair and Rodeo will be held September 27-October 1. If you entered items in the county fair and would like to send them on to district, they **must be** in the office by **Monday, September 19**. Items will be taken to the fair and returned to the office on October 3. There is no entry fee to enter items. Howard County will also be taking two booths, EHC and 4-H which will need to be set up on Sunday, September 25 or by Monday, September 26 no later than noon. Even if you do not send items to District Fair, you might want to check out all the exhibits that week. They will officially open on Wednesday, September 28.

Several have volunteered to help with judging and educational exhibits on Tuesday, September 27. Those who have committed to helping include Dana Newberg, Tina Conzel, Joy Barr, Pam Wynn, Laura Dupree and Deb Kreul. We will leave the EH center at 8:15 and should return by 5:00 p.m. or when we get finished displaying exhibits.

Fall Council Meeting

The Fall EHC Council Meeting has been **rescheduled to Friday, October 7, 2022**, due to a conflict with 4-H National Food Challenge Competition. The program will be held at the EH Center in Nashville. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:00. Several programs, including annual award presentation, are planned. We will take a look back at 2022.

Fall decorating, growing fall flowers, and an easy craft workshop will be part of the program. Lunch will be potluck. Each member attending should bring their favorite Fall dish-casserole, salad, dessert, etc.



There will be a silent auction. Each member is asked to bring an item for the silent auction. It should be something nice. Money collected from the auction will be used to fund educational programs at the EH Center.

Participants will have the opportunity to make a fall decoration. A supply fee of \$10.00 will be charged to cover program costs. Please bring a blow dryer if you have one. This part of the program will be optional, but in order to have the needed supplies, please let the office know you would like to make one. Call the office by October 1 to register.

This will be a day of fun, reminiscing, and social interaction. Please make plans to attend this meeting. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome.

Crock-tober

Back by popular demand, Howard County EHC will be having a Crock-tober fundraiser on Tuesday, October 11. A variety of soups will be served along with a dessert and all the “fixins”. The event will be held from 11:00 to 1:00. Tickets will go on sale, Monday, September 12 and there is a limited number. Please help with this project any way that you can. Help will be needed with ticket sales, preparing soups, serving the day of the activity and cleanup.



Help will be needed to set up on Monday, October 10. Please bring quilts, quilt stands, crocks and wooden items to be used in decorating. Be sure to put your name on them so we can return them to the rightful owner. We will start decorating at 9:00 a.m.

If you can help with decorating, serving, clean-up or in any way, please let the office know. You can call the office at 870-845-7517 for more information. Please share the word about this event and get involved!

Quilt/Crochet Class

The next quilt/crochet class will be held on Friday, September 30 at 9:00 a.m. Feel free to bring a current project you are working on or try this one.



Easy Autumn Table Topper

Let's get ready for Fall. Here is an easy table topper to make. You will need a variety of Fall colored fabrics. This is made with 2 ½ inch squares, so scraps are perfect! Finished size is 18-inch square.

- (40) assorted 2 ½ inch squares
- (1) fat quarter or ¼ yard of cream fabric
- ¼ yard fabric for binding
- 1 yard backing and batting

Note: You might want to make a rectangle table runner by putting three squares together with sashing. If so, adjust yardage accordingly.

Ouachita District Rally

"Making Every Connection Count" is the theme of this year's Ouachita District EHC Rally scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 in Benton. This meeting features speakers and programs along with recognition for 25-year membership. There will be door prizes and a silent auction.

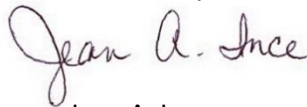
A registration fee of \$25 will be charged to cover program costs and lunch. If you are interested in participating in this event, you must register by October 3. Registration is online at https://uada.formstack.com/forms/districtallies_2022. If you have been a member of Extension Homemakers for 25 years and have not received a 25-year pin, please let our office know as soon as possible. Those members will be recognized at this meeting. If you have been a member of Extension Homemakers for 25 years and have not received a 25-year pin, please let our office know as soon as possible. Those members will be recognized at this meeting.

Project Books

EHC members do a lot of good work! Why not be recognized for the work you do? Project books are short summaries of the good work your club does to help those in the community. The books are due in the office by October 21. Guidelines and forms are on the website under member resources or at the Extension office. If you need help completing the project book, contact Jean at the office. Wouldn't it be great if Howard County was in the lineup of awards at the 2023 AEHC Annual Meeting?

****Note:** All meetings and activities will follow current Covid guidelines. Mask wearing and social distancing will be encouraged. Please stay safe out there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jean A. Ince". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jean A. Ince

County Extension Agent - Staff Chair

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