

2013-2014 Project Book Summaries

Delta District

- Craighead County—Black Oak EHC—Black Oak EHC Assists Lake City Museum—The Black Oak EHC members have spent a total of 180 volunteer hours assisting at the Lake City Museum in Lake City, Arkansas, located in the northeast section of the state. The museum director needed assistance with several areas—keeping the museum clean, keeping it open to the public, and cataloging memorabilia. We also assisted with a special book signing for a local author held at the museum, and we are planning a fundraiser for the museum in the near future.
- Craighead County—Greensboro EHC—Comfort Blankets for Children—The NEA Children’s Advocacy Center let us know they were in need of comfort blankets for children who are brought into the center for investigation into child abuse. The 8 members of our club got busy making blankets of flannel and fleece. We made 30 blankets and donated them to the Advocacy Center, and we felt so great knowing we had a part in helping these children become comfortable enough to tell their story.
- Craighead County—Oak Grove EHC—Cooking with Extension: Cooking Matters—The Oak Grove EHC members worked with the CEA-FCS agent to hold cooking classes to serve low-resource families. 2 sessions of “Cooking with Extension: Cooking Matters” were conducted with our members serving as facilitators for the classes. Our goal was to promote healthy eating and cooking habits and share tips for stretching food dollars. We presented participants with a graduation certificate and baking pans.
- Craighead County—Opportunity EHC—Helping Neighbors Food Pantry—The Opportunity EHC donated approximately 397 pounds of nonperishable food items to the Jonesboro-based Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Our club was proud to be instrumental in helping feed the needy of our community.
- Craighead County—Pleasant Grove EHC—Comfort Pillows for Arkansas Children’s Hospital—Our club chose to make children’s comfort/travel pillows for ACH. We hoped to brighten the children’s stay while in the hospital and beyond. 12 club members worked approximately 216 hours completing 100 pillows. The hospital was very grateful when we delivered the pillows in March 2013.
- Craighead County—WestMart EHC—Comfort Blankets for Children—A total of 110 Comfort Blankets were donated to the NEA Children’s Center during the year 2012-2013. Fleece blankets were either purchased or made by WestMart members at a total worth of \$367. Walmart donated a \$40 gift card to help with buying the

materials. Over 60 volunteer hours were accrued for this project. We delivered 42 of the blankets in October with the last delivery of 68 blankets being a few months later.

- Cross County—Wynne EHC—Community Support and Awareness—Our members worked at several of our community-supported volunteer projects including the Back to School Bash, Toys for Tots, Relay for Life, 4-H club activities, transporting people to and from medical appointments, Cross County mass flu immunizations, and domestic violence/bullying sessions by teachers. Our 12 active members helped 68 local residents to enjoy a better standard of living.
- Desha County—McGehee EHC—Ronald McDonald House Family Packs—Our club donated 25 family packs to the Ronald McDonald House. Walmart donated a \$75 gift card to help fund this project. We had several members donate their time and money to make this happen.
- Jackson County Council—Cot Sheets for Arkansas Early Learning Center—Our EHC members, in collaboration with Arkansas Early Learning Center, felt there was significant need for cot sheets at the Head Start facility. Having new sheets for the center allows the children a more comfortable time when napping. 7 members of our club worked to make 50 new sheets.
- Jefferson County Council—Health Fair for Jefferson County—Jefferson County Council sponsored a free Health Fair for our county and the surrounding counties. The 495 participants saved more than \$3,000 for medical services. We had 31 exhibitors and 12 wonderful sponsors. WE did 495 screenings, 108 blood pressure tests, 107 glucose tests, and 103 cholesterol tests. We received grants from Jefferson Regional Medical Center and the Arkansas Minority Health Commission. We provided free cookies and drinks.
- Jefferson County—Camden Road EHC—Hats for Babies—Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff discussed with us the need for little knitted caps for newborn babies to keep their heads warm in the hospital and when leaving the hospital with their family. All members of the club participated, and some members even learned to crochet just for this project. We delivered 340 caps to the hospital for all newborns there and enough for the immediate future. We intend to make this an ongoing project.
- Jefferson County—Grace Willing Workers—Supporting the Transformation Project—Grace Willing Workers supported the Transformation Project by donating 53 school supply items. We also provided Thanksgiving food baskets for 2 families, contributed money and gifts for their Angel Tree, donated 16 coats for their coat

drive, assisted at Kids Fest, and donated many items for their food pantry. We feel we promoted a positive change in many families.

- Jefferson County—White Hall Willing Workers—Dolls for the White Hall Nursing Home—Our club made and donated 92 dolls and dressed them for the White Hall Nursing Home. We know how lonely the ladies are, and the dolls gave them something to take care of. The patients, their families, and the nursing home workers were all happy with the dolls.
- Lincoln County Council—AARP Driver Safety Program—To give back to their community, the Lincoln County Council sponsored the AARP Driver Safety Program to help improve the driving skills of older drivers. This program is for drivers 50 and older to help maintain their mobility and promote independence among these older adults. Driving rules have changed a lot since drivers in this age group first took their driving test. This is a refresher course and can help them get better insurance rates.
- Lonoke County Council—Youth Summer Damp Camps—Our Council and the county 4-H clubs worked to provide youth camps to introduce our youth to sewing, which is becoming a lost art. The camps were fun and rewarding for both youth and teachers. We had 20 youth between the ages of 8 and 19 attend the advanced camp. The project was county-wide with all clubs helping with planning, cutting fabric, and otherwise assisting the kids. This has been an ongoing project for several years. We purchased approximately \$400 worth of equipment and supplies for the camp. All fabric was donated.
- Poinsett County Council—Helping 3 Rivers Healthcare and Rehabilitation—Three Rivers Healthcare and Rehabilitation Nursing Center in Marked Tree requested our help with their need for lap quilts, fleece throws, and lap afghans for seniors. 2 Poinsett county clubs (Lucky 13 EHC and Whitehall EHC) worked together to make these items. The Council donated \$149.72 for materials used and 7 members donated 202 hours valued at \$4,401.58. We presented them with 25 items that were greatly appreciated.
- Poinsett County—Lucky 13 EHC—Cot Sheets for CDI Head Start—Our club held 2 workshops to make cot sheets for our CDI Head Start program. These sheets will be used at all Head Start locations in NEA. Head Start provided the king size sheets needed and 5 members worked 131 hours to make the 183 cot sheets. Our council donated \$67.60 in elastic and thread plus the sewing hours needed. We felt this was a worthwhile project which would benefit several children.
- Poinsett County—Whitehall EHC—Shower for Restoration House—The Restoration House is a place for people who have had special problems in their lives and are

looking for ways to change those problems. The house was in need of some items that could be used to make this house seem more like a home for these residents. The 9 members of our club decided to give a shower for residents, and each members brought helpful items. We hope we have helped to restore their lives back to the lives they once had.

- Prairie County—Biscoe EHC—“We Care” Back to School Event—We decided to show appreciation for the school personnel of the Biscoe community. To show our appreciation, we decided to host a “Back to School” appreciation dinner for all personnel of the school districts of Hazen, Des Arc, Lonoke, and Forrest City. The event was held at the First Baptist Church of Biscoe, and members prepared and served the food. The personnel were appreciative and delighted that we chose to honor them.
- Prairie County—Busy Hands EHC—Supporting Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department—We chose to support the Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department by planning a spaghetti supper to help raise money for a much-needed firefighting tool. We also hosted a ladies’ luncheon for donations. Later we honored the firefighters by serving them a delicious meal at one of our meetings. Our efforts paid off, and they were able to purchase their needed equipment.
- Prairie County—Idlewild EHC—School Supplies for Hazen Elementary School— Some students at Hazen Elementary School were unable to buy what they needed for the new year and teachers needed help in stocking their rooms with essential items. 10 members of Idlewild EHC shopped for items such as backpacks, notebook paper, pencils, crayons, rulers, paper towels, cups, Kleenex, and scissors. WE delivered these to the school who gave them to the children who needed them. They were very appreciative.
- Prairie County—Oak Prairie EHC—Lending a Hand to Prairie County Pantry—The Oak Prairie EHC decided to lend a helping hand to the Prairie County food pantry in Des Arc as our project. Members brought canned food and nonperishable food items each month to our monthly meetings. We collected and donated almost 200 pounds of food items and other staples during the year.
- Randolph County—Water Valley EHC—Supporting the Water Valley Fire Department—Our club made a quilt to auction off as a fundraiser for the Water Valley Fire Department. Club members contributed fabric for the scrap quilt made in the Ohio Star pattern and worked to set together the pieces for the blocks. At the auction, the quilt brought \$510 for the fire department. The fire department personnel were very appreciative.

- White County—El Paso EHC—Our Children, Bless Them—Our Children, Bless Them is the theme of El Paso's project for ACH. After 9 workshops, we were able to donate 457 teaching dolls, 74 holiday lap robes/blankets, 220 hand knitted or crocheted hats, and 131 pillows. We also purchased toys, games, books, puzzles, underwear, and socks for the patients. The members spent \$531.58 on materials and supplies and donated 1,737 hours toward this project.
- White County—Floyd EHC—Lap Quilts and Bibs for Beebe Retirement Center—This project was dear to our hearts as many of the members of the retirement center are former members of our EHC. We wanted to make something that would make them more comfortable in their senior years. 12 members assisted in making lap quilts and bibs for the former members of our EHC family. A total of 90 volunteer hours were contributed.
- White County—U-Neek EHC—Cookies for CARTI—Several years ago, U-Neek members served as volunteers for CARTI. We came up with the idea of making homemade cookies for the patients and families when they come for treatments at CARTI. Each member agreed to take 1 holiday and prepare cookies. With 12 members, we were able to prepare and deliver 3 dozen or more cookies for 12 holidays throughout the year. This is an ongoing project and our members love it and get a lot of satisfaction from it. The patients seem happy with it also.
- Woodruff County—Fakes Chapel EHC—Woodruff County 4-H Camp—Fakes Chapel EHC decided to show our support for a Woodruff County Special Community Project called 4-H Camp. This project help boys and girls of our community learn about life. Fakes Chapel EHC prepared and served a wholesome lunch for the camp on a chosen day. The community was grateful and we considered it a pleasure to help and bring back memories of days past with our children.

Ouachita District

- Calhoun County—Calhoun County EHC—Little Dresses for Africa—Little Dresses for Africa was an interesting and inspirational project for us. The project's focus was on helping those who are less fortunate. A special workshop was held to teach those who wanted to work on their own at home and others who would meet to sew together. All materials for making the dresses were donated. Some dresses were made from pillowcases and others from just fabric with a pattern. We sent approximately 30 dresses to Africa.
- Cleveland County Council—Celebrating 100 Years of EHC Sign—Designing and purchasing a roadside sign advertising the 100 year celebration of EHC and placing

it on the highway was decided on as our project for this year. We had the sign made by the Department of Corrections and installed the sign at the intersection of HWY 70 and HWY 35 at Rison, the county seat of Cleveland County. We decided this would be the most visible place in the county, right beside the “Welcome to Rison” sign. We this this will bring attention to EHC and will be a great marketing tool for our organization.

- Cleveland County—Rison EHC—Cleveland County Senior Center Bingo—Members of Rison EHC visited the Senior Center members, ate lunch with them, and played Bingo. The club members planned what to purchase as prizes and the dates for the events. Members donated the items for the prizes, which included some items needed at the Senior Center such as paper towels, soap, hand towels, hand lotion, cookies, and toilet paper.
- Garland County Council—Feeding the Children at Pioneer Days—The Garland County Courthouse asked the EHC to participate in their annual project called Pioneer Days. 3 Garland County EH clubs participated in making a hot lunch for 800 school children plus 100 accompanying adults. After lunch, we presented demonstrations of the pioneer way of life, which included butter making, story time of old times, weaving, and jewelry making.
- Garland County—Cooks R Us EHC—Ouachita Children’s Center—Ouachita Children’s Center is the only emergency shelter for youth in Garland County. They serve at-risk youth ages 6 to 17 who may be runaways, homeless, abused, neglected, in foster care, or in minor trouble with the law. We teach children life skills and ordinary skills like cooking once a month. The children help us prepare food, and they are eager to help. They are proud of their accomplishments and love eating it. We have 14 members who regularly participate in this worthwhile project.
- Garland County—Park Heights EHC—Lap Robes for Seniors—Park Heights EHC made 35 creative lap robes for seniors. The robes were made with sashes for wheelchair bound patients so they could be tied to the chair. Some had pockets for personal items such as tissues, etc. All fabric was donated. We met at the fairgrounds building to cut and sew while others counted and separated. We had 7 club members participate.
- Grant County Council—AEHC 100 Year Anniversary—We had an educational exhibit at the County Fair showcasing the EHC 100-Year Anniversary. We also held a reception at the Grant County Courthouse celebrating our 100 years. During the Christmas season, EHC members donated 100 pieces of fruit to the local nursing home.

- Montgomery County Council—Kaye's Retirement Party—THE EHC members of Montgomery County held a retirement party to honor our FCS agent Kaye Shrout after 39.5 years of service as an agent. At least 50 people attended the event including EHC members, Master Gardeners members, and 4-H leaders. Several agents from other counties and people representing the Extension Service in Little Rock and Fayetteville attended. All food was provided and prepared by EHC members of the county. Over 100 volunteer hours were put into this successful event.
- Montgomery County—Yarn Workers EHC—Warm Heads and Warm Toes—The Yarn Workers EHC has an ongoing project of making items for Montgomery County Nursing Home and Assisted Living. This year we started a new special project of making items for children. We want the children of Montgomery County to have hats, scarves, socks, etc. if they need them. We visit schools, the Christmas Parade, and other events to share our work. This year we made over 450 items worth over \$3,000 and accrued 4,000 hours. All material for making these items was donated.
- Pike County Council—Scrapbooking—This project by Pike County Council was born of a need by some members to learn a technique of preserving memories. 3 scrapbooking workshops were held, designed and conducted by 2 presenters. These workshops were attended by 32 people and resulted in books being used in public displays and as gifts by various members. Many lives were enriched by these records of memories through scrapbooking.
- Pike County—Pisgah EHC—Doelle's Pillow Packs—Our club contacted ACH and learned that many children needed a bag for their clothing and other items brought from home and would also enjoy colorful pillowcases while in the hospital. The club made 37 pillowcases with drawstrings in the top to use in the hospital as a pillowcase and to late use to take their belongings home. This project was named in memory of Doelle Clay, a faithful member of our club who loved to sew. We also sent 7 more cases to victims of the Oklahoma Tornado disaster and taught Pike County 4-H members to make them.
- Polk County Council—2013 Ouachita Quilt Show—Our quilt show was a county-wide project and showcased the quilting talent of people from our county. Our quilt show helped raise money for a charity in the Ouachita District. Participation by our members enabled the Polk County EHC to donate \$2,850 to the Single Parent Scholarship Fund helping to fund 26 college scholarships for single parents in Polk County.

- Pulaski County Council—Ronald McDonald House Pop Tabs—Members of Pulaski County EHC decided to help the Ronald McDonald House as our project this year. We assisted them by helping to collect supportive items including pop tabs. The total amount collected from the pop tabs was almost \$10,000. Our club continues to donate pop tabs and various other items.
- Saline County Council—Saline County Food Drive—Our council sponsored a food drive for residents of Saline County who are in need. We decorate a Christmas tree at a local business and ask people to bring nonperishable food items to place under the tree. These items were donated to CJCHON for distribution. We enjoyed the fellowship of decorating the tree and collecting the items for this cause. Over 30 members from clubs in the county participated.
- Saline County—Sharon EHC—ACH—Our club made dolls, hats, pillows, blankets, stockings, and tote bags and delivered them to ACH. We have enjoyed helping to support ACH as an ongoing project for several years, and we are proud to be a part of such a worthwhile cause. We had 18 members who participated this year, and we made 188 hats, 34 pillows, 24 blankets, 119 Christmas stockings, 38 dolls, 18 tote bags, and 30 toys. We accrued over 1,000 volunteer hours, and the items made were worth more than \$2,500.
- Scott County Council—Feeding the Hospital, PT, and Nursing Home Staff—To show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the Waldron Nursing Home employees, the Mercy Hospital employees, and the Physical Therapy employees, the 5 clubs of Scott County prepared soup and dessert for 109 employees of the 3 facilities. This project has become a yearly event and grows each year. We delivered a total of 13 gallons of soup and 8 cakes, along with crackers and chips to the 3 different facilities. The event has the benefit of providing great public relations for our EHC of Scott County and of reminding those in the county that we are a vital, caring organization.
- Scott County—Busy Hands EHC—Busy Hands Scholarship Raffle Quilt—Our club is made up primarily of members who are interested in quilting and sewing. Making a quilt to raise money for our Scott County EH Scholarship is one of our yearly projects. Each finish the quilt. We entered it in the Scott County Fair and won a blue ribbon. All clubs in Scott County helped sell tickets on the quilt, and the drawing was held at our EHC Fall Council Meeting. The proceeds go toward a \$500 scholarship given each year by our Council.
- Scott County—Scrap Pack EHC—Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Project—The Scrap Pack Club has participated for 2 years in this ongoing project to help Ronald

McDonald House. It takes 1,200 pop tabs to make 1 pound and approximately 120 to fund a 1 night stay at RMH. All clubs of Scott County helped us collect several large containers of pop tabs, and our club delivered these to Ronald McDonald House.

- Scott County—Pleasant Hill EHC—Skin Cream for Waldron Nursing Center—Our main project this year was to provide homemade skin cream for each of the residents of the local Waldron Nursing Center. Ingredients and containers were purchased, and 19 volunteers met, and made the cream. 70 residents of the Nursing Center received the cream to be used to maintain good skin health care. They knew that someone was thinking about them.
- Sevier County Council—Food for Backpack Program—Our council secretary brought this project to our attention at our annual Fall Council meeting. There was a need at the De Queen Elementary School and Kindergarten for help with their backpack program. The school sends food home in the backpacks for several children who are in need. County members brought food to our next Council Meeting and delivered it to the school. We collected and donated approximately \$450 worth of food. We were happy to help, and they were happy to receive.

Ozark District

- Baxter County Council—Fun at the Fair—After many years of helping at the Fair by entering exhibits, helping the judges, entering our own items, and making our educational booths, we decided to do something that might draw more people to the fair. We added a new activity, a “Bake Walk”. Cookies, candies, and breads were individually wrapped and given to the lucky individual who landed on the chosen number. We also provided a Kids Kraft Korner where kids could choose to make a fish or a ladybug. More fun at the fair.
- Baxter County—Oakland/Promise Land EHC—Sweet Treats for the Mountain Home Food Basket—Our club chose to donate sweet treats, such as candy, pudding cups, cookies, etc. to the Mountain Home Food Basket for them to give to their clients. The food pantry was unable to provide treats along with the other food, and Food Basket clients were unable to afford things like this for their children. We delivered some of these items each month to the pantry and tried to make them holiday appropriate, such as Halloween candy, Christmas cookies, and Thanksgiving pudding cups, etc. We feel we put smiles on many little faces.
- Benton County Council—Tote Bags for Children—Because of the need at a local children’s shelter, we chose “Tote Bags for Children” as our project. Children come

and go quickly at the shelter and were in need of something besides Walmart bags to carry items obtained at the shelter to their next location. 128 members spent 300 hours making over 300 totes at a cost of \$1,335. We intend to make this an ongoing project for our club.

- Benton County—Evening Star EHC—Caps for Cancer Victims—Because cancer has affected many members of our club, Evening Star EHC decided to do something for cancer victims. We decided to make caps, turbans, and scarves that were mostly crocheted or knitted. However, since some of our group did not crochet or knit, some turbans and scarves were made from fabric. Our items were donated to the Benton County Facility for Cancer Treatment, and at last count, our club had donated 382 items. We made items for both adults and children. We have decided to make this an ongoing project. We donated at least 525 volunteer hours to this project.
- Benton County—Maysville EHC—Maintenance of the Maysville Community Center—The Maysville Community Center provides a place for community gatherings, various club activities, and individual family celebrations. The Maysville EHC has been made the overseers of the Maysville Community Building, and we do this by keeping the building in good repair through donations of both time and money, fundraisers and grants.
- Benton County—New Meadowbrook EHC—Autumn Place Christmas Party—Club members planned a Christmas party for the residents of Autumn Place Assisted Living Center in Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Members provided all the trimmings for the Christmas dinner. The center provided the turkey. Our members made enough lap robes for all the residents, and after the dinner and a program of songs and readings, we presented the residents with the lap robes. A good time was enjoyed by all.
- Benton County—Vaughn EHC—Saving Grace Home for Girls—The Saving Grace Home for Girls is for girls who have aged out of the welfare system. We adopted the Home as our project, and our goal was to provide supplies for the common pantry that the 14 girls in the home shared. We contributed 327 items for the pantry during the year, and at Christmas, we gave each girl a gift bag containing various items. At the end of the year, we took a tour of the Home and were happy to see a full pantry.
- Boone County—Grubb Springs EHC—EHC Scholarships—Our club has an ongoing project of providing scholarships for deserving students who plan to major in agriculture or FCS. Through the years, over \$20,000 has been raised and awarded to students. To help fund the scholarship this year, we made homemade crafts and

food items that we sold at the Gingerbread House, which is an event held each November.

- Carroll County Council—Supplies for Carroll County Learning Center—Most of the clubs in our county participate in a project to provide some supplies for the Carroll County Learning Center. We donated 55 sheets, 42 quilts, 5 blankets, 48 pillows, and 5 pillow cases to the center. This is an ongoing Council project.
- Carroll County—Busy Bees EHC—Making Bibs to Benefit the Carroll County Adult Learning Center—Our club made 25 adult bibs for the Senior Citizens Thrift Store to sell to raise funds for “Meals on Wheels”. Then we found out that the Carroll County Adult Learning Center was in need of some big bibs for their clients. We then made 45 more bibs and delivered them to the center. We made them out of donated towels for backing with bright print fabric on the front side. We even made a crumb catching pocket.
- Cleburne County Council—Artisan Bread Making—Our club chose to sponsor a bread making class, which drew a lot attention and favorable publicity for EHC. A local noted bread maker taught the classes for free at the First Presbyterian Church. We held the classes on consecutive Saturdays with 6 to 8 people attending each class. The students enjoyed the whole hands-on experience.
- Cleburne County—Seven Springs EHC—Quilts for the Sheriff’s Youth Ranch—Our club decided to use the scraps left over from making cancer caps to make quilts for the Sheriff’s youth Ranch at Batesville, AR. Several of our group would meet and sew the squares. We had the quilt tops machine quilted and ended up with 4 beautiful quilts. We then made a trip to the ranch to deliver the quilts, and they were very appreciative of our hard work.
- Conway County Council—Focus on Health—Conway County Council worked with several other organizations this year to focus on health. We assisted with 3 events including the Senior Health Fair held at the Senior Adult Center, a Community Baby Shower Event for low-income first time mothers, and the Mass Flu Clinic, filling out forms and bringing food for the nurses and staff.
- Conway County—Birdtown EHC—Helping Hands and Caring Hearts—Birdtown EHC members wanted to help the senior citizens at the River Chase Care and Rehab Center. Our members made cards, gave flowers and boutonnieres, provided music and sang gospel songs for them. Our goal was to bring joy and happiness to the sweet residents of the center.
- Conway County—Hilltoppers EHC—Quilts of Valor—The Hilltoppers EHC successfully made 13 patriotic-themed quilts for combat veterans. A bake sale was

held at Morrilton Walmart to help cover the cost of quilting materials. 10 of the quilts were presented on July 4 at St. Vincent Hospital's outdoor flag display in Morrilton, AR. The veterans were honored to receive such treasured mementos of their service to our country. The club was equally honored to show our appreciation to those who protect our freedom.

- Conway County—New Horizon EHC—Supporting our County 4-H Clubs—It is the goal of the New Horizon EHC to support the Conway County 4-H program. With the help of our FCS agent, we decided on sewing classes. We were able to schedule 2 classes resulting in 2 finished projects for each student. Future projects are on the table, and we look forward to continuing our work with these youth and to including the boys in our next project.
- Conway County—Oppelo Twilite EHC—DHS Health Kits—DHS expressed a need for health kits for their clients and for the Conway County Care Center. We wanted to do our part. So over a 3 month period, we collected items for the kits and assembled them in plastic baggies. We could see the great need and the appreciation each time we delivered the kits and wished we could do more. We intend to keep up this program for a while longer.
- Conway County—Petit Jean Mountain EHC—Quilts of Valor—The Petit Jean Club achieved a unique goal through our Quilts of Valor program. The patriotic quilt we worked together to make was made specifically for a local WWII hero. We were able to achieve a unique situation by enlisting the support of our whole community to recognize and honor one of our own residents. Our personalized quilt was queen-sized and reflected the service and valor of the person receiving it. Club members and residents of the mountain were proud to present this unique and inspirational memory to a veteran well deserving of the honor. We intend to designate Quilts of Valor as a yearly service project.
- Crawford County—River Belles EHC—Lending a Hand to Those in Need—Our club members have joined together to lend a hand to several groups in our community. We gathered food items, school supplies, and money to help the following programs: Backpack program, the Alma Food Pantry, Stuff the Bus project, and the CASA organization. Our 12 members collected \$400 in food and volunteered 22 hours.
- Izard County Council—Fairground Facelift—Izard County EHC members take pride in our North Central Arkansas District Fair. Therefore, when the fairground needed a facelift, we were happy to help. The bakery display case in the exhibit building was no longer big enough for all the entries, so our club donated \$650 toward a new case

and it became a reality. Our club also joined in painting both bathrooms and laying vinyl flooring. We donated a large mirror and beautiful framed counted cross stitch pictures for the ladies' room.

- Izard County—GID EHC—Pioneer Days Homecoming Luncheon—Our club helped sponsor, prepare, and serve food to persons aged 70 years and above for the annual Pioneer Days Homecoming Luncheon. Our members registered and interviewed those coming into the luncheon so that special recognition awards could be given. This was a joint project with all the clubs in Izard County participating, but it was our responsibility to see that everyone was registered and served.
- Izard County—Zion EHC—Pamper Yourself at Home—Zion EHC members attending the Leadership Training Meeting in February enjoyed the lesson on “Clean and Green”. We decided to create an education booth for the County Fair focusing on how to make beauty products at home, such as liquid shower soap, moisturizing body lotion, and brown sugar scrub. Samples and recipes were available at the booth, and the result was an award-winning fair display.
- Johnson County Council—Hosting Ozark District Rally—The Johnson County Council hosted the Ozark District Rally as a fundraiser for the Council. Many members from all county clubs took part in the project by preparing 187 meals. We made arrangements to have the rally at the Clarksville Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and also served morning snacks and drinks. Proceeds from the dinner helped fund the Council’s many community projects.
- Johnson County—Oark EHC—The Little Cover Ups—Our project “The Little Cover Ups” took about 3 months to complete. With 2 workshops and several members working at home, 7 members spent 170 volunteer hours on this project. We were able to deliver 43 crib sheets, 100 tot-cot sheets, and 8 baby bibs to the Forester Davis Organization which meets the needs of the mentally challenged in the area. The appreciation shown to us was as truly rewarding gift.
- Johnson County—ReRuns EHC—4-H Workshops—upon deciding to make the 4-H organization our project, we conducted 2 workshops—sewing pillow cases and making Christmas ornaments. At least 10 4-H youth attended each workshop. We taught them to construct pillow cases and ornaments, and they seemed very pleased with their newly learned skills.
- Marion County Council—Marion County Fair—The Marion County Council is a big force behind our county fair. We like to work to try to preserve the skills from the past so they won’t become a lost art. Our members serve as superintendents at our

fair and also at the District Fair. We also judge at surrounding fairs. We sponsor a Country Store at the fair to raise money for other community projects.

- Newton County—Jasper Pioneers EHC—Pet Tails—Our club decided to help an organization in NWA named “Ozark Homeward Bound”. Our organization helped gather supplies and raise awareness for this organization, which placed dogs and cats in forever homes. Our members gathered almost 100 cans and bags of dog and cat food and sleeping beds for this organization.
- Searcy—Oxley EHC—Oxley Scholarship Fund—Oxley EHC enjoyed giving scholarship money to a deserving graduating senior from the Oxley Community. Oxley is a low-income community without ways to raise funds needed, so we decided on a Bingo Night. The club sponsored 3 bingo nights and contributed baked goods and other items as prizes. We were able to raise \$300 for our scholarship, and we presented it at a community picnic where each family brought a dish.
- Sebastian County Council—Disaster Buckets for Red Cross—Our council decided to make disaster buckets for the Red Cross as our project. All members donated supplies to make the buckets which would be used to aid disaster victims and help with the cleanup in case of flood or tornadoes. All members donated supplies for the buckets, which would cost about \$56 to \$66 each. The buckets were delivered to Sebastian County Red Cross, who were very appreciative.
- Sharp County—Hardy Country Ladies EHC—Flowers for Nursing Home Residents—Our club decided to brighten up the rooms and surroundings of the nursing home residents. We made our beautiful flowers from colorful tissue paper, pipe cleaners, and wooden flower stems, and the residents loved them. We delivered 175 flowers to 2 different nursing homes during the winter months when other flowers were not available.
- Van Buren County—Highway 10 EHC—Arkansas Traditional Quilt and Craft Show—Highway 10 EHC spearheaded the project of having a quilt show to raise funds for the Van Buren County Scholarship Fund. Each club in the county supplied volunteers to work on this project. We had 60 to 80 visitors daily, and 15 vendors selling wares and taking part in educational demonstrations.
- Washington County—Bethel Grove EHC—Children’s Activity Bags—The Veterans’ Administration Hospital in NWA needed some activity bags to occupy the time of children of veterans while their parents are seeing to their health needs at the facility. Our members supplied fabric to make the bags as well as coloring books, crayons, and toys for each bag. We made 30 bags in all, and the hospital staff was very appreciative. We donated 61 hours and \$183 of club money.

- Yell County Council—Nursing Home Luncheon—Our Council wanted to honor members in the nursing home who are unable to attend our regular club and council meetings. There were members from several different clubs in the home, so we worked together to put on this luncheon. A special menu, flowers for the event, and people from all clubs combined to make this an enjoyable event. Nursing Home members shared with us a special story they had of their time in EHC. They asked that we continue this special time each year, and we are happy to do this.
- Yell County—Spring Creek EHC—Sharing and Caring—Sharing and Caring is a food pantry in our area that helps local citizens who need assistance. Our club decided to support this organization as a community service project. We brought nonperishable food items and money for a “shower” for the pantry to our April meeting and delivered the items the next day. We plan to keep collecting for the pantry and continue this project in the future.