

HOMEMAKER NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY

FROM THE AGENT:

Thanks to all our homemakers for a wonderful year we have had. Now, we look forward to the coming year, and the excitement of a new office building. The number of volunteer hours you give to our Extension Service and our county is phenomenal, and you continue to give daily.

I pray you have a great holiday and are ready for a wonderful year.

Edith

"HOLLY JOLLY"

One of our highlights this year has been our Holly Jolly Brunch. All tickets were sold, and we even had a waiting list. Thank you for all your hard work in making decorations, preparing food, serving the food and all with a smile.

This could not have happened without the great leadership of Emily and Denise; members of the Not So Pampered Chef Club and Cards Are Us. Everyone worked so hard that its hard to recall everyone. You are indeed appreciated.



Before you entered the Church, you were greeted with fabulous outdoor decorations. Thanks to Wanda Mabry and J. R. Keith who took on this big project.

*Merry
Christmas*
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Denise Salter never ceased to work, whether making decorations or cooking.



Emily Branscum put in numerous hours so this would be a magnificent event.



Even our men pitched in and helped.



Our Kitchen Helpers never stopped. They worked until they dropped.



One of the favorite drinks was the Mexican Hot Chocolate.



Our ladies wore their Red Aprons and served our 200 people.



Even our mates enjoyed the brunch.



The dessert table was one of my favorites.



Our Treasurer, Kim Toby took care of all the money taken in that day.



Even our Homemakers enjoyed taking the time to enjoy the Christmas Brunch.



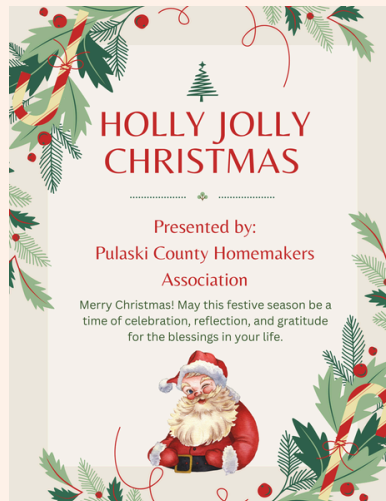
Even Santa Claus with his special mate was present for our "Holly Jolly Brunch."



Our homemakers worked lots and lots of hours making handmade items for the Christmas Trees at our Holly Jolly Brunch.



Beth, Margie, Edith and Abby (not in the picture) put on their white shirts and acted as servers at our Holly Jolly Brunch. Jennifer Keith was busy making the recipe booklet and Sheilah Childers was counting all the money. Thanks to the Pulaski Staff for all your work to make the program so successful.



Looking for a special gift for a friend? The Holly Jolly Christmas Recipe Book makes a great stocking stuffer.... just \$3.00. Get them at the Extension Office.



Thank you to Charlene Marrinan for all the pictures. If you had your picture made by Charlene and would like to have a copy let us know.

Do not forget to donate a "Teddy Bear" to share with our First Responders. These bears are given to children who are facing a trauma experience.



The Christmas Tree Decorations were donated to the Bethany House ladies and their children.



Thank You Debbie Wenning for making and donating the beautiful Christmas Quilt to the homemakers. It was won by Judy Rexroat, a homemaker from Russell County.



Table Centerpiece can be made at the Pulaski County Extension Office on Monday, December 16 at 1:00 pm. Free to homemakers and \$5 to others.

January 15, 2025, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Store the Harvest by dehydrating, freeze drying, and other food preservations. Register by scanning OR Code on the web.

UPCOMING EVENTS



There will be no leader training for the month of December. January is a mail out lesson enclosed with this newsletter; "Making Smart Lifestyle Choices."

Presidents if you have not picked up your Homemakers Yearbook, the 2025 Magnetic Calendar, and Plastic Server, they are available at the Extension Office.



Visitors at the Somerset Community College International Day got to sample hundreds of cookies made and served by the Pulaski County Extension Homemakers.



Lots of our Friends showed up for the class on Using Your I-Phone. Our T. J and Abby gave our guests lots of tips for using the I-Phone.



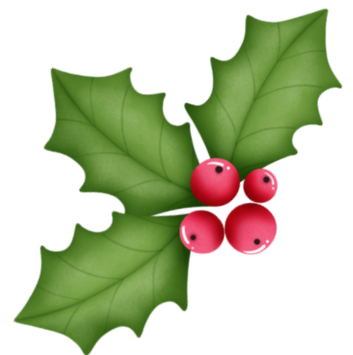
The Hinkle Belle Homemakers enjoyed the homemaker lesson on Foods from Around the World.



The Meadowlarks also had lots of Foreign Foods at their lesson on Foods from Around the World.



The Hilltopper Homemakers brought Teddy Bears to their meeting to share with the children in Pulaski County. The Bears will be donated to the First Responders in the county to give out to needy children during a trauma.



December

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 12: Derby Dinner Theater, pick-up Kmart-Parking Lot
December 13: 1:00 p.m.; Treats for our Friends Class. Please register in advance
December 16: 11:30 a.m.; Calendar Food Class Recipe "Slow Cooker Navy Bean Soup"
December 16: 1:00 p.m.; make a Christmas Center piece. All items provided. Please register in advance.
December 25-January 2: Office Closed
December 31: Funds must be submitted for Ovarian Cancer Program, Coin for Change, KEHA Scholarship Applications.

January

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January Roll Call: January Rings in the New Year. What adventure do you hope to find this year?
Thought for the Month: "Looking for adventure and whatever comes our way. Born To Be Wild" by Stephen Wolf
January 2: 12 noon; Young at Heart Potluck, First Baptist Church
January 6: 12 noon; Woodstock Senior Potluck Luncheon
January 11: Baking Class with Debbie Messenger
January 15: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Food Preservation Class.
January 20: Office Closed Martin Luther King Day.
January 27: 9:00 a.m.; Card Making Class
January 27: 1:00 p.m.; Homemaker Leader Training for February Class, How to Get Out of Mealtime Rut."
January 28: 11:30 a.m.; Calendar Food Class "Split Pea Soup"

I would like to thank everyone for all their wonderful gifts and thoughts and prayers. It's great to be apart of such a wonderful Extension Family. I am very thankful to be back at work. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and healthy Happy New Year.

-Lisa

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PULASKI COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2024

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by president, Mary Ellis at 11:30 am on October 23, 2024 at the Extension Office and updates were given on health status of some members. Sheila Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance. Edith Lovett blessed the food that had been provided for lunch.

Minutes from the last meeting provided by Trina Evans were reviewed. Sheila Adams moved to accept minutes, 2nd by Barbara Moore.

The financial report, which had been prepared by Kim Toby, was reviewed and discussed. Mary Ellis stated that 210 members had paid their dues and that Jennifer was working on the budget. It was noted that 200 tickets have been sold for the upcoming Holiday Tasting on November 15 with an income of \$5,000.00.

Members in attendance were Edith Lovett, Mary Ellis, Sheila Adams, Trina Evans, Debbie Peppers, Pam Surber, Betty Waddle, Jane Meece, Sherry Cordell, Gin Beam, Sharon Ware, Denise Salter, Emily Branscum, Barbara Moore, Debbie Roberts, and Jana Brown.

OLD BUSINESS: Edith Lovett stated that the new building has no electricity yet for installation of internet service. Also included in discussion was need for new member recruitment and that dues need to be turned in by November 15, 2024. Edith thanked all who provided cookies for the recent International Festival at SCC. All cookies leftover were taken to Hospice, Food Kitchen, Help the Homeless, and Bethany House. She noted that several members met with Marshall Todd and had picture taken in celebration of KEHA Week.

Denise Salter brought samples of crocheted tree ornaments to be used at the Holly Jolly Brunch.

Emily Branscum stated that Debbie Winning had donated a beautiful quilt to be raffled at the Holly Jolly Brunch and she recognized her by reading the lovely note she had sent her with the quilt. Our heartfelt appreciation to Debbie for her generosity.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was raised regarding participation in the upcoming Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser. There is a \$5.00 donation for group to have picture made.

Also discussed was doing a countywide event and each club donate stuffed teddy bears to the local fire departments to give to children. Sharon Ware moved to make donations of medium sized (10-12 inch) teddy bears. Pam Surber 2nd the move. Members may bring bears to their next meeting or to the Holly Jolly Brunch and place under the Christmas tree designated.

Each Homemakers Club needs a representative at Council Meetings.

Rosanna Foster discussed much needed help with the Somerset 516 Project. Services are provided to those in need of medical and dental care by the Somerset Christian Medical Mission at the clinic on East

Mt. Vernon Street every Wednesday night. Those willing to help this wonderful selfless mission in providing a meal of meat, side, and dessert for 10-12 persons would need to have food at the clinic at 5:15 pm on Wednesday once a month. If you are willing to help, you may contact Rosanna Foster at 606-224-9383 to schedule your time to help.

Denise Salter stated she attended the area meeting and discussed the upcoming Holly Jolly Brunch at the meeting. She discussed the importance of attending the meetings and recording volunteer hours. Area Cultural Arts time trying to set a date.

Edith stated she needs to get a newsletter out. She praised all who participated in International Festival at SCC by providing cookies. Leadership training meeting will be 4th Monday in November at 1:00 pm. There will be no Leadership training meeting in December.

The next Homemakers Council meeting will be December 11, 2024 at 11:30 am.

Adjourned at 1:12 pm

Minutes submitted by Trina Evans, Secretary.

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If you have not tried the Mexican Hot Chocolate serve it to your family during the holiday!

Mexican Hot Chocolate

- 4 cups milk**
- 1 cinnamon stick**
- 3 Mexican Hot Chocolate Drink Tablets**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla**
- Pinch of salt**
- Pinch of cayenne**

In a medium size saucepan combine the milk and cinnamon stick. Heat the milk over medium heat until the mixture begins to steam. Add the Mexican chocolate tablets and whisk until the chocolate is well combined with the milk. Remove from the heat and discard the cinnamon stick. Add the vanilla, salt and cayenne. Whisk vigorously mix the hot chocolate until it is very frothy, 3 to 4 minutes. You can also place the chocolate in a blender and blend for 1 to 2 minutes until frothy. Serve hot.