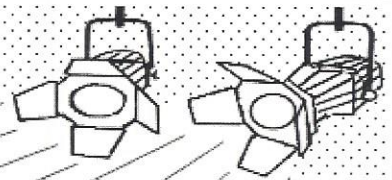


Macon County
November—December 2025

HCE HIGHLIGHTS



"Enhancing the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences,
encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community."

Annual

Fall

Meeting

October 29, 2025

First Baptist Church on Arbor Dr, Decatur IL

\$20/Person

Reservations due by 10/23 (reservations received after 10/23 will cost an additional \$5.) If you reserve by phone to Sally by 10/23, you won't be charged extra.

RSVP to Sally Dennis and make checks payable to MCHCE Speakers from Macon County Honor Guard and Ronald McDonald House of Springfield, two organizations that MCHCE supports. Please come hear about their programs!

Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the meeting begins at 9:30 AM.

2025 has been a year of Making Time for the many activities of HCE, as well as family and many more aspects of our lives.

50/50 Drawing with proceeds donated to Operation Enduring Support.

Please bring Cultural Enrichment items to display and be voted on for IAHCE Conference.

MENU: Meatloaf with Roasted Tomato Glaze, White Cheddar Smashed Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Tossed Salad with Ranch and French Dressing, Pumpkin Bread Pudding with Spiced Glaze.

Lunch will be prepared by Richland Catering

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This year's \$500.00 scholarship recipient is Chase White. He is the grandson of Linda Austin, who is a member of the Maple Grove unit. Chase is attending the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky. His field of study is Information Technology Sciences.

Chase wants to pursue a career in Cybersecurity.

Congratulations, Chase!!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 1

MCHCE Membership Dues
Submission Deadline

Wednesday, November 5

Mini District Workshop
11:00—3:00 PM
First Baptist Church

Monday, November 10

HCE Board Meeting
1:30 PM
First Baptist Church

Thursday, November 20

"So, What's in a Fingerprint?"
Lesson
9:30 AM
First Baptist Church

Friday, December 5

Volunteer Hours due to Karen
Cahill

Monday, December 8

HCE Board Meeting
1:30 PM
First Baptist Church

REMINDER

The Macon County
Extension Office
will be closed on
the following dates:

Nov 27,28:

Thanksgiving

Dec 24—Jan 1:

Christmas Break

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Laughter is Good for the Soul

HOW THE FIGHT STARTED.... I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the T-Bone steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's when the fight started....

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust." And then the fight started....

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started....

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat, and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." I replied, "Your eyesight's just about perfect." And then the fight started....

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started....

Yummy Recipes!

These yummy recipes were served at our International Day Luncheon.

JOLLOF RICE (Serves 8)

Ingredients:

2 Cups long grain, white rice (Uncooked, rinsed)
4-5 Cups broth and/or water
1 large red bell pepper, diced small
2 Cups tomato, diced (either fresh or canned)
1 medium red/white onion, finely diced
1-2 garlic cloves, minced or crushed
2-3 Tbsp cooking oil
2 Tbsp butter
1 Cup tomato juice/puree
1-2 Tsp curry powder (or more to taste)
1 Tsp ground thyme (can use 1 Tbsp fresh)
1/4 Tsp ground white or black pepper
Salt to taste

Directions:

In a pot, add vegetable oil, chopped onions, bell pepper, tomato, and tomato puree. Sauté for 3-5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onion and pepper are soft. Add garlic and spices and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring. Add liquid and bring to a boil. It is important you do not add too much water as doing this will make your jollof rice soggy. When this comes to a boil, add the already washed rice. The water level should be a little bit above the rice. Stir and cover with foil before covering with the lid (if your lid doesn't fit tightly), and cook on low heat for 15-20 minutes. After about 15 minutes, open the pot of rice. At this stage, the rice should be almost cooked and you will see some of the stew nicely settled on the rice. Stir gently. Cover the pot and leave to cook for another 5 minutes. Open the pot and stir the rice. Let stand about 5 minutes uncovered.

The trademark of authentic Nigerian party jollof rice is the burnt, smokey flavor. In fact, it's best to let it burn to achieve this. The rice can be refrigerated for 3 days or frozen for 3 months. I added ground cumin and paprika to get the smokey flavor without having to burn the rice.

SCALLOPED POTATOES

Ingredients:

1 Cup chopped onion
1 Clove garlic, minced
2 Tbsp butter
2 Tbsp AP Flour
1/2 Tsp salt
1/2 Tsp pepper
1 1/4 Cup milk
3 medium potatoes (1 lb.) peeled

Directions:

Grease a 1 1/2 quart casserole, set aside. For sauce, in a small saucepan, cook onion and garlic in butter, until tender. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper. Add milk all at once. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Thinly slice potatoes in prepared casserole. Cover with half of the sauce. Repeat potato and sauce layers. (Can cover with sliced or shredded cheese). Bake, covered, in a 350 degree oven for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake for 15-20 more minutes until potatoes are tender.

CARROT CAKE

Cake Ingredients:

2 Cups white sugar
4 large eggs
1 Tsp vanilla extract
2 Cups all purpose flour
1 Tsp baking soda
2 Tsp baking powder
1 Tsp salt
2 Tsp cinnamon
1 Tsp ground ginger
1/4 Tsp ground nutmeg
3 Cups grated carrots
1 1/2 Cups vegetable oil
3/4 Cups shredded coconut
1/2 Cup chopped nuts
3/4 Cup canned crushed pineapple (drained)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and line 9x13 pan. In a large bowl, beat the sugar, vanilla extract, and eggs together and slowly mix into the oil. In a bowl, sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda, seasonings, and salt. Add the egg mixture into the dry ingredients and mix well. Add the grated carrots, nuts, coconut, and pineapple to the mixture. Mix well, but don't overmix. Pour the mixture into your pan and bake for 50-75 minutes, or until cooked through. Keep an eye on the cakes as you want them cooked through but still moist.

For the frosting, cream the butter and half of the icing sugar in a bowl. Beat the creamed butter and icing sugar mixture until it forms a fluffy consistency. Add the cream cheese and continue to beat at a slow speed before adding the remaining icing sugar and vanilla extract. Don't overbeat—just make sure everything is well mixed. Frost completely cooled cake and sprinkle with chopped walnuts. Because of the cream cheese frosting, it is best to keep carrot cake in the fridge. Enjoy!

SOUTH AFRICAN MALVA PUDDING

Pudding Ingredients:

2 Tbsp butter
1 Cup sugar
2 Tbsp smooth apricot jam/preserves
2 Tsp white vinegar
2 Cups flour
2 Cups milk
2 eggs
2 Tsp baking soda
Pinch of salt

Directions:

To make the pudding, preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13 pan. In a saucepan set over medium-high heat, melt together butter, sugar, apricot jam, and vinegar until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for 5 minutes, then pour into a large mixing bowl. Sift the dry ingredients together and add to the butter mixture, alternating with the milk, mixing well after each addition. Stir in the beaten eggs. Pour the batter into the prepared dish and place into the oven. Bake for 30 minutes until the pudding is dark brown and baked through.

While the pudding is baking, prepare the syrup. Bring all the syrup ingredients to a boil and reduce heat. Allow to simmer for 5 minutes. Pour the syrup over the pudding as it comes out of the oven. Allow to stand for 20 minutes then serve with custard or cream. Enjoy!

Syrup Ingredients:

1 1/2 Cups sugar
1/2 Cup boiling water
4 Tbsp golden syrup (can use maple syrup or honey)
1 Cup unsalted butter
1 Tsp vanilla extract

Macon County Home & Community Education Board Meeting

August 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 1st Vice President Sandy Severe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sandy Severe

HOMEMAKERS' AIM: Sandy Severe

JOKE: Sandy Severe

ROLL CALL: Elaine Hamm

Units represented: Hickory Point; Maple Grove; Oakley-Pleasant Grove; Patchwork; Rock Springs

Total in attendance: 11 (Karen Cahill, Cathy Gipson, Karen Halicki, Elaine Hamm, Liz King, Lois Miller, Mary Ann Platt, Carol Ropp, Cheryl Sample, Sandy Severe, Lyn Stevens)

SECRETARY: Minutes of the July 14, 2025 Board meeting were previously accepted as read via email for inclusion in the newsletter.

TREASURER: In Sally Dennis' absence, Carol Ropp reported a bank balance of \$4,752.65.

CORRESPONDENCE: Karen Cahill received a thank you note from Val Logan, a Red Cross Disaster Relief volunteer, who presented with Mary Johnson at the Mini District 2 Workshop in June. Mary Ann Platt has received a thank you from Ronald McDonald House for 4.4 pounds of pop tabs and 121 pillowcases.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

1st Vice President: Sandy Severe reminded us of the Bachrach Mansion lesson on August 21 and Farm Progress Show. Our September 8th Board meeting will be held at the Christian County Extension Office in Taylorville at 1:30 p.m., following 11:30 a.m. lunch at Angelo's.

Carol Ropp informed us that her son, Jeff, has generously offered the use of his shed for the August 25 and September 29 sewing days, which were previously canceled due to anticipated construction at the Extension office.

2nd Vice President: Lyn Stevens pointed out that the most important issue of the IAHCE newsletter is the December issue, as it includes annual conference information. It is time to start collecting the \$21 2026 dues before the November 1 deadline. When paying same, please be sure to include the member's name and unit name. Lyn noted that those who serve at the DAV fundraiser should wear their name tag and also have extra newsletters available to hand to anyone interested. She also shared some ideas she gleaned from her breakout session at the IAHCE District 2 Workshop in Springfield.

Community Outreach & Family Issues: Mary Ann Platt reported that the Ronald McDonald House will accept holiday pillowcases. She thanked everyone who helped at the sale of Sharon Middleton's fabric.

Cultural Enrichment: Cheryl Sample shared that she did get to a few fairs and hopes to see how 4-H fared with judges at the Illinois State Fair. She is getting ready and determining categories for cultural enrichment judging at our fall meeting and would appreciate being notified before October 29 of what items to expect.

Historian: Carol Ropp is preparing the Bachrach Mansion lesson.

International: Lois Miller and Cathy Gipson gave an update on their preparation for International Day. Cathy brought samples of some delicious sweets, which will be served that day. Several outstanding framed photographs of animals living in Africa, which were photographed by Gini Smith's brother, Gary Largent of Tennessee, will be sold through a silent auction at International Day. It was decided which units would prepare specific dishes for that day or handle set up and clean up duties. Cathy has ordered tea bags and cookies and will make what is the favorite cookie of African children.

District 2 Director: Karen Cahill thanked all who helped at the IAHCE District 2 Workshop.

OLD BUSINESS:

Note date/time changes during HCE Week:

The antiques lesson by Ed Walker has been moved to Monday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

The Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, at 1:30 p.m.

On Thursday, October 16, Liz King will present the lesson on Cooking Fatigue – Meals for 1-2, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

The Patchwork unit earned \$231 at the DAV on July 25.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lesson planning ballots were passed out for distribution to each respective unit.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Hamm

Macon County Home & Community Education Board Meeting

September 8, 2025

Note: Prior to the meeting, lunch was enjoyed at Angelo's in Taylorville, Illinois.

Our meeting was held at the Christian County Extension office, where the Center unit had beautifully- decorated tables awaiting us.

CALL TO ORDER: President Liz King

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Liz King

HOMEMAKERS' AIM: Liz King

JOKE: Liz King

ROLL CALL: Elaine Hamm

Units represented: Center; Hickory Point; Maple Grove; Oakley-Pleasant Grove; Patchwork; Rock Springs

Total in attendance: 19 (Board members: Sally Dennis, Cathy Gipson, Karen Halicki, Elaine Hamm, Liz King, Mary Ann Platt, Carol Ropp, Cheryl Sample, Sandy Severe, Lyn Stevens, Vicky Wooten and Center unit members: Herbertta "Ann" Bandy, Susan Brown, Janet Engeling, Delores Hunt, Penny Moomey, Mary Lou Poor, Sandi Sample, Dorris Schroyer)

SECRETARY: Minutes of the August 11, 2025 Board meeting were accepted with a correction of the number of pillowcases most recently donated to Ronald McDonald House increasing by six to 127.

TREASURER: Sally Dennis reported a bank balance of \$4,752.72. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: A sympathy card from a McLean County HCE member for the loss of Sharon Middleton and a thank you note from Ronald McDonald House were passed around.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

1st Vice President: Sandy Severe reminded us of International Day and HCE Week.

2nd Vice President: Lyn Stevens pointed out that this will be her last Board meeting before leaving for Texas. Membership pins will be presented at the fall meeting. Currently, we have 112 members. Reminder: Annual dues (\$21 payable to MCHCE) are due to Sally by November 1.

Community Outreach & Family Issues: Mary Ann Platt reported that 77 pillowcases were made at the August sewing day, plus 9 from the Mt. Zion unit. Linda Hooe delivered pillowcases to Salvation Army and Webster-Cantrell in addition to those given to Ronald McDonald House. Mary Ann will deliver 100 machine-embroidered crosses that she has made to Operation Enduring Support.

Cultural Enrichment: Cheryl Sample shared she is preparing for the cultural enrichment portion of the fall meeting. There will be three outside judges. She will have check-in and set up assistance.

Historian: Carol Ropp requests photos and articles be saved and given to her.

International: Cathy Gipson passed out yummy cookies she made that are the favorite cookie of South African children. International Day set up is from 1-3 p.m. on September 16.

Public Relations: Toni Strait has agreed to work with Linda Austin on newsletters and will chair the Public Relations position. The next newsletter deadline is October 1.

District 2 Director: Carol Ropp reported for Karen Cahill. Socks for the Red Cross can be brought to International Day or the November Mini District 2 Workshop. Previously, 310 pairs were donated.

At the Mini District 2 Workshop on November 5, Cheri Burcham will speak on mental health and the Board will provide a taco/nacho bar for lunch.

OLD BUSINESS:

At this time, the 1st Vice President and Secretary positions are still open on the Board.

President Liz reported that our participation in the orange marmalade project for the Christmas Tea at the Governor Oglesby Mansion will get the word out about MCHCE, with our expenses being covered. We have been asked to produce 30 commemorative jars to sell along with the marmalade to serve.

The Hickory Point unit earned \$255 at the DAV on August 29.

NEW BUSINESS:

Suggested fall meeting speakers: Jade Cothorn of New Life Pregnancy Center; Macon County Honor Guard; Integrative Medicine Nurse Practitioner. There will also be a Chinese auction and craft sale.

The Tri-County HCE Board meeting will be at the Vespasian Warner Public Library in Clinton on October 6.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed delicious pies homemade by Ann Bandy and graciously served by the Center unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Hamm

Officer's Reports

President

Liz King

Hello MCHCE Members,

As I write this note, the calendar says it is fall, but the temperature of 87 degrees outside says we are still enjoying summer. I know that soon enough, the leaves will be gone, and we'll have snow on the ground. I'm looking forward to HCE Week and Fall Meeting and hope to see many of you at those events. Please make your reservations and put the finishing touches on your Cultural Enrichment projects to bring with you to the Fall Meeting.

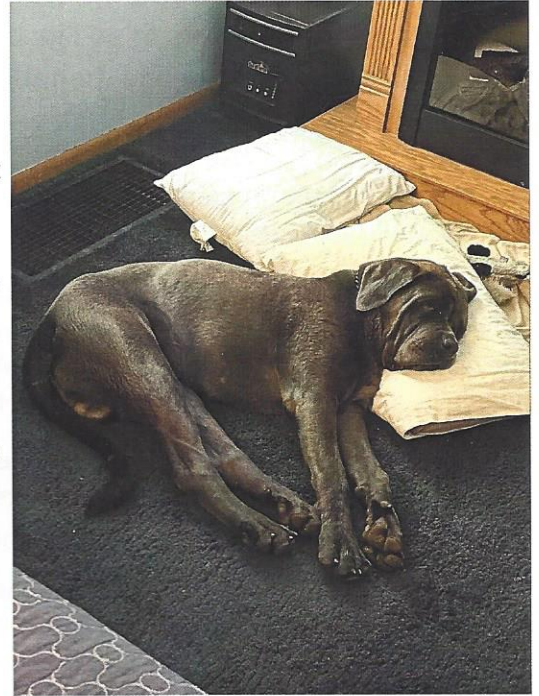
International Day was a great event, thanks to Lois Miller and Cathy Gipson!

It's time to track your volunteer hours!! That information is due to Karen Cahill on December 5th.

In the last newsletter, I shared that we lost our dog Bruiser, but now we have a new dog. A 10 month Cane Corso named Baer (for now). He's a very energetic puppy who already weighs about 75 pounds.

We're approaching a busy (and sometimes stressful) time of year. I pray that each of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas surrounded by friends and family.

Thank you all for your time, dedication, caring, generosity, and unending energy. MCHCE is only as strong as our members.



First Vice President

Sandy Severe

As they say, Happy Fall Y'all!!

Upcoming dates to remember:

Fall Meeting on **Wednesday, October 29**. RSVP by October 23. It will be at the First Baptist Church, cost \$20 payable to MCHCE, and send to Sally Dennis.

Please bring Cultural Enrichment items to be voted on for conference!

November 1 dues are due of \$21.00, made out to MCHCE and send to Sally Dennis.

Wednesday, November 5 will be the Mini District Workshop from 11:30—3:00 at First Baptist Church.

Monday, November 10 will be the Board Meeting at 1:30

Thursday, November 20 "So What's in a Fingerprint?" Lesson from 9:30—11:00 at First Baptist Church.

Don't forget, your volunteer hours must be sent to Karen Cahill by **December 5**.

Second Vice President

Lyn Stevens

You should be getting this copy of the newsletter soon after the Fall Meeting. I hope many of you attended. Congratulations to all the new members who received their HCE pin. I want to thank the membership for the privilege of serving as the county 2nd Vice President over the many years. I know that Georgette Merrifield, who was elected at the Fall Meeting to replace me on January 1st, will do a wonderful job of stepping into the position.

REMINDER...

The 2026 HCE dues are/were due (November 1st)!! If you haven't paid yet, please get them sent **ASAP**. Checks should be for \$21.00 and made out to MCHCE. They are to be mailed to Sally Dennis (7562 Bonnie Rd. Dalton City, IL 61925). Also, I want to make sure everyone realizes that if your dues are not received before February 1, 2026, according to the bylaws, you will be dropped from membership. You can still pay after that date, but your years of membership will start over at zero.

Officer's Reports (cont.)

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Cheryl Sample

Happy Fall!.....Or is it fall yet?

The calendar and the temperatures certainly don't match. Hopefully, you are displaying your fall decorations. I love fall colors and the warm, cozy feeling they give our home.

Our next big gathering will be the Fall Meeting on October 29 at the First Baptist Church. What a wonderful location that proved to be for International Day! It had a large meeting room with a great kitchen. Now we will use the church again for our meeting, and display our items for Cultural Enrichment. Items will be displayed, judged, and selected for our state meeting in March. Hopefully you are finishing and preparing to bring your project and see what other members have brought.

I recently took two other members to another county to attend their Cultural Enrichment Day. The trip was well worth our time. Not only did we see some wonderful projects, but how they displayed their work. And we were also treated to a nice lunch and interesting speaker.

When you look up the description of Cultural Events, many opportunities are listed. We should be enjoying plays, reading, trips, and community involvement. Hopefully you are enjoying some of those types of activities!

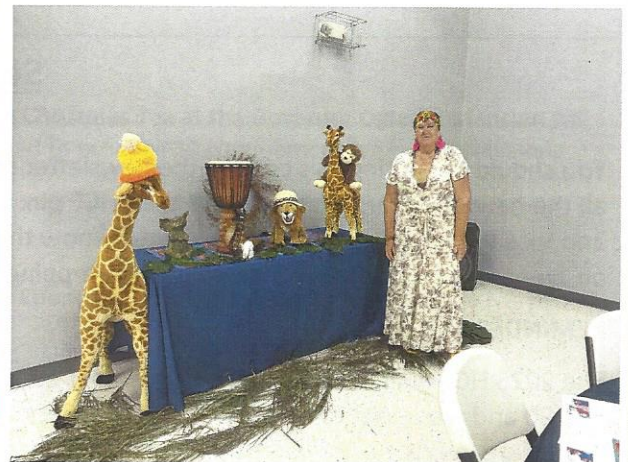
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call 217-426-1420. I will be glad to pick up and return items, or help you make any needed arrangements. I'm looking forward to seeing you!

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Lois Miller and Cathy Gipson

Well, the International Day meeting was a big success in my book. The South African decorations were just beautiful! They were provided by the church and Gini Smith (She's a very good decorator). The day before, we really enjoyed setting up the tables for the 78 ladies attending. The Mitchells, from Okaw Valley Apple Orchard, graciously gave up time from their busiest season to speak to us. We greatly appreciated them! Our afternoon speaker was Jean Brady. She was very informative and entertaining. Her question and answer section was enjoyed by all. Liz King did a wonderful job of informing us of HCE happenings.

Now, I can't fail to mention Cathy Gipson, who did a bang up job of manning the kitchen with assistance from all of our fabulous helpers. The food we had was delicious! Thanks to Cathy and everyone who worked in the kitchen. Oh yes, I was there and thoroughly enjoyed every part of the day of South Africa. Preparing for it was fun too!



Unit News

MT. ZION Susan Jones

We met in August at Pop's Place in Decatur for lunch. A list of suggested programs and trips for 2026 were handed out. Our unit was responsible for fruit at International Day and will be responsible for selling deserts at the DAV Dinner on November 21. Upcoming events were mentioned, and we then went on to Rock Springs Nature Center for a self-guided tour. They have a wonderful new patio area, with plenty of comfortable seating!

MAPLE GROVE

Carol Ropp

We met in July at Sharon Methodist Church. There was a discussion about the Decatur development as presented by Andrew Taylor. Future meeting dates were discussed. We are looking forward to HCE Week!

ROCK SPRINGS

Lyn Stevens

The Rock Springs unit meeting for August was in Clinton, IL. Rosemary Knap was our hostess. Her plan was to have the meeting and lunch at Cinco De Mayo restaurant. They failed to tell her they were remodeling the main dining room. So, they were putting all customers in the back meeting room. The noise was terrible! We ordered lunch which was very good, and had great service. After eating, we went next door where the Clinton Extension Office welcomed us to have our meeting. We had eight members present. Cathy Gipson won the hostess gift. Board members shared information from the District 2 meeting in Springfield and the last Board Meeting. Cathy Gipson talked about International Day. Our unit is responsible for the Chicken Pot Pie for the lunch that day. Lyn Stevens reminded everyone that the 2026 dues are \$21 and need to be paid by November 1st. She also reminded us that our items for God's Shelter of Love should be brought to the September meeting.

September found us at Benny's in Decatur. Bev Brown was the hostess. We ordered and enjoyed lunch first, and held our meeting after we all had full tummies. We were all brought up to date on what was discussed at the county board meeting. Lois Miller, Cathy Gipson, and Liz King shared plans for the International Day. We got a preview of the menu and placemats. They looked so nice. Cathy, once again, let us sample cookies that she will be making for the event, and of course they were delicious. We ended up with a nice variety of items to donate to God's Shelter of Love. Lyn Stevens delivered the items after we were finished. The people at God's Shelter are always so appreciative. Linda Hooge will be our hostess in October.

OAKLEY- PLEASANT GROVE

Patty Lovecamp

We met in February at One Stop Diner with seven members present. Sandy Severe was our hostess. The IAHCE Conference coming up in March was discussed. Our new program books were passed out, and we filled in hostesses for the year. Congratulations was given to Alice Bray for being a 60 year member!

In March, we met at One Stop Diner with five members present. Sally Dennis was our hostess. We were reminded of the upcoming March lesson and reservation deadline. We also talked about Sewing Day. We were informed of all the pillowcases, hearts, and pop tabs that were delivered to The Ronald McDonald House.

In April, we met at the Red Apple in Sullivan with five members present and Barb Stinson as our hostess. We were informed of some date changes in our program books. We discussed the April Spring Meeting as well as the upcoming April lesson. Sandy Severe and Sally Dennis told us about their attendance at the State Convention.

We are small in number, but always enjoy our meetings and time spent together.

Unit News

CENTER UNIT REPORT

Mary Lou Poor

On September 8, 2025, Center HCE members welcomed Macon Board members to Taylorville. They met at Angelo's for lunch. After lunch, they traveled to the Christian County Extension Office for their board meeting. Macon County invited Center HCE members to attend their meeting. There were 9 Center members and 11 Board members present. Tables were decorated with beautiful fall arrangements and pumpkins by Sandy Sample. Joelynda Conrad made hand-stitched pumpkins and ghosts for the nut cups. Ann Bandy made 5 different delicious cream pies for refreshments.

CVH

Karen Cahill

It's that time of year already when you need to record your volunteer hours. Remember that due to changes from the state IAHCE, I need to submit the hours earlier than in past years. I am requesting you to PLEASE get your information to be by **December 5**. Remember that I need **three numbers: HCE volunteer hours PLUS hours from any other areas where you did volunteer work equals the TOTAL number for the year**. I will be glad to answer any questions. Forms will be available at the annual meeting. You can turn your hours in at the office, or mail them to me at:

Karen Cahill
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To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.
THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN SO MANY WAYS.

Come join the fun on Wednesday, November 5th for our Mini District Meeting!

HCE members from most of our 15 district 2 counties will be gathering at The First Baptist Church (1320 W Arbor Dr, Decatur, IL) to share ideas, learn updated news from IAHCE, enjoy a delicious taco salad lunch with Mexican fried ice cream, etc. Registration will start at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served at 11:45. We are asking for a monetary donation for lunch plus \$1 or \$2 for the use of the church since we cannot use the Extension office for the rest of the year. Please consider joining us, and let me know by Wednesday, October 29th.

BRIEF MESSAGE

Clarence Middleton has asked for someone to share and/or take over managing the MCHCE website. If you are interested in learning more, please contact him at **217-620-1656**. Thank you!

Please detach, complete, and include with your payment to Sally Dennis with your dues. Thank you.

DUES RENEWAL FORM

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Unit: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Membership: Renewal

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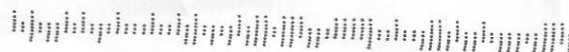
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