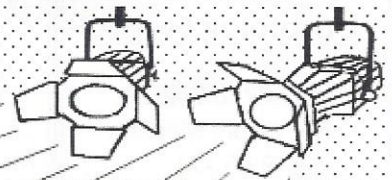


## Macon County July-August 2025

# HCE HIGHLIGHTS



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

Dear Friends of Extension,

We're excited to invite you to be part of the 2025 Farm Progress Show, taking place on August 26, 27, and 28 in Decatur! This is a fantastic opportunity to support the Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation while raising funds for your volunteer organization. We'll be running a food stand during the event and need 90 volunteers each day—including mature junior high and high school students, as well as adults.

#### Volunteer Roles Include:

Grill Workers – Seasoning, racking, and distributing meat  
Sandwich Prep – Wrapping and stocking sandwiches  
Sales – Taking orders and handling money  
Runners – Delivering food and drinks to counters  
Other Tasks – Recycling, wiping tables, distributing pop, and daily setup or clean up

#### Important Details:

Volunteers will receive a follow-up letter with parking, admission, and other logistics.  
Please consider your health before signing up—temperatures are typically in the 90s, and most roles require standing for long periods.  
Shuttle service will be provided from the parking lot to the food stand.  
Each participating group (4-H, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, HCE) will receive a share of the profits based on the number of volunteers they provide.  
Please use the Google Form to sign up by Monday, July 31. <https://tinyurl.com/maconfps>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Macon County Extension Office at 217-877-6042.  
Thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do it without you!

Warm regards,  
Toni Brown  
President, Macon County 4-H and Extension Foundation

Dena Hyde  
Event Coordinator

Jamie Boas  
County Extension

### IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!

The Extension Office will be closed on the following dates for special training sessions. This is information that you might need if you plan to go to the office.

The dates are: August 4, September 8, and November 3

### NOTES FROM KAREN CAHILL, District 2 Director and CVH Officer

Ladies,

I am writing to invite you to the District 2 Mini-Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 25th at the Macon County Extension office. The address is 3351 N President Howard Brown Blvd. Decatur. Feel free to arrive any time after 11:00AM. We plan to eat about 11:45. Macon County Ladies will provide a variety of salads and desserts. A donation bucket will be set out. Please feel free to invite others from your county who are interested and not on this list. I would like an RSVP by June 20th. I apologize for the late note, but I have had some scheduling issues since Richland CC owns the building and is planning major remodeling.

The NVON meeting will be in Springfield this July. Illinois is hosting this year. You can check out the details at NVON.org Looking forward to seeing you in June. REMEMBER TO MAKE TIME FOR HCE!

The annual program planning meeting will be held on Monday, July 14th at 10:00AM in the Clover Room. Plan to join us with your ideas of possible lessons for next year. If you can't make it, please give any ideas to a board member. Your input is important!

It's hard to believe that we are looking at the second half of the year already. With that in mind, please take a few minutes to work on your volunteer hours if you haven't been keeping up with them. It will make things easier in December when I request your totals. Feel free to contact me with any questions



## Upcoming Events

### Monday, July 14

HCE Board Meeting  
9:00 AM

Macon County Extension  
- Clover Room

### Thursday, July 17

HCE—EDC  
9:00 AM

Macon County Extension  
Clover Room

### Monday, July 28

HCE Sewing Day  
9:00 AM

Macon County Extension  
Clover Room

### Wednesday, August 6

IAHCE District Workshop  
Springfield, IL

### Monday, August 11

HCE Board Meeting  
1:30 PM

Macon County Extension  
Clover Room

### Thursday, August 21

Bachrach Mansion  
9:30 –11:00 AM

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# Laughter is Good for the Soul

Many thanks to Lyn Stevens for her jokes.

What do you call a dog with no legs?... IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO COME ANYWAY!

Why does a chicken coop only have two doors?... BECAUSE IF IT HAD FOUR DOORS, IT WOULD BE A CHICKEN SEDAN

A Sandwich walks into the bar. The bartender says.... SORRY WE DON'T SERVE FOOD HERE

Why did the giraffe get such bad grades?... HE ALWAYS HAD HIS HEAD STUCK IN THE CLOUDS

Why are frogs always so happy?... THEY EAT WHATEVER BUGS THEM

## Yummy Recipes!

Cathy Gipson brought this delicious rhubarb coffee cake recipe to the Spring Meeting. Many people asked for the recipe, so here it is!!!

### RHUBARB COFFEE CAKE

2 Cups finely chopped rhubarb.  
1 1/2 tsp. Baking powder  
1/4 Cup margarine  
1/2 c. Milk or orange juice  
2/3 Cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. Vanilla flavoring  
1 Egg  
1 tbs. Sugar combined with 1/2 tsp  
1/4 tsp. Salt  
1 tsp. Cinnamon  
1 cup plus 2tbs. Flour

Cream together margarine and sugar. Beat in the egg. Add salt, flour, baking powder, liquid, and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Fold in rhubarb. Spread batter evenly in a greased or sprayed 8 or 9 inch square baking pan. Sprinkle top evenly with sugar/cinnamon mixture. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until done.

### Gluten-Free Breakfast Casserole

1lb Bacon  
20oz Hashbrowns, thawed  
2c Cheese  
1/4 Green onions, sliced  
12 Eggs  
1c Milk  
1 Tsp salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions:

In medium frying pan over medium heat, cook bacon, remove pan from burner. In large mixing bowl, combine hash browns, cheese, and diced green onions. Add bacon. Stir to combine (cheese might melt a little). Pour mixture into a baking dish and spread evenly. In the same mixing bowl, whisk eggs with milk and salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over bacon and hash brown mixture (egg mixture will start to sink in—NO mixing) Bake for 1 hour uncovered or until center is set and edges brown. Remove from oven and let sit for 10-15 minutes before serving. Store leftovers in the fridge for up to 3 days. If overnight, cover with plastic or foil. Take out of fridge and bring to room temperature before baking.

Cathy also sent these delicious recipes. These were also at the Spring Meeting and were requested to be in this newsletter! Thank you, Cathy!

### RHUBARB AND STRAWBERRY JAM

3 cups of chopped rhubarb with a little bit of water  
1 cup of sugar  
1 box of strawberry Jello

Bring rhubarb to a boil and cook. Add sugar and stir until mixed well. Remove from the heat. Add the Jello then put the mixture into the hot jars and seal with wax.

### NUTTY RHUBARB MUFFINS

3/4 c. brown sugar  
1/2 c. buttermilk  
1/3 c. vegetable oil  
1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 c. diced rhubarb  
1/2 c chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, mix sugar, egg, vanilla, oil and buttermilk. In a medium sized bowl, mix flour, baking soda, and salt. Stir sugar mixture into the flour mixture and blend until evenly moistened. Stir in rhubarb and nuts. Spoon into well greased and floured muffin tins. Stir together the topping ingredients and sprinkle evenly over the top of each muffin. Bake about 20 minutes or until the center springs up when touched. Makes 1 dozen muffins.

**Topping**  
1/4 c. brown sugar  
1/4 c. chopped nuts  
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

### CHEESEBURGER CASSEROLE

Lois Miller

1 pound hamburger  
4 or 5 big potatoes sliced moderately thin  
2 cups shredded sharp cheese  
1 can cream of chicken or celery soup

After the hamburger is browned, alternate the rest of the ingredients in a baking dish that has been sprayed with olive oil and bake 40 minutes at 400 degrees. Enjoy!!!!



# Macon County Home & Community Education Board Meeting

April 14, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Liz King

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Liz King

**HOMEMAKERS' AIM:** Liz King

**JOKE:** Karen Cahill

**ROLL CALL:** Elaine Hamm

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

Total in attendance: 12 (Karen Cahill, Sally Dennis, Cathy Gipson, Karen Halicki, Elaine Hamm, Linda Hooge, Liz King, Lois Miller, Carol Ropp, Sandy Severe, Lyn Stevens, Vicky Wooten)

**SECRETARY:** Minutes of the February 10, 2025 Board meeting have previously been reviewed and approved for inclusion in the newsletter.

**TREASURER:** Sally Dennis reported a bank balance of \$3,926.95.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS:

**President:** Liz reported the IAHCE annual conference was fun and informative, with one-third fewer attendees than in 2024.

**1st Vice President:** Sandy Severe informed us of the following program book changes due to unavailability of meeting rooms while the Extension office is being remodeled:

Page 14 – Perennial Plants by Master Gardeners – Thursday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Page 15 – History of Ice Cream – Tuesday, June 17

Page 15 – Mini District Workshop – Wednesday, June 25 at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church Annex.

Page 16 – Thursday, July 17 - Andrew Taylor will be the speaker instead of Nicole Bateman.

Page 17 – Bachrach Mansion lesson - Thursday, August 21

Page 17 – Monday, August 25 - Sewing Day is canceled

Page 18 - Monday, September 29 – Sewing Day is canceled

Page 21 – So What's in a Fingerprint? – Thursday, November 20

Everyone should update their respective program book.

**2nd Vice President:** Lyn Stevens is looking for a replacement for her position at the end of the year when her term is completed. She would like to start working with someone soon for an easy transition.

**Community Outreach & Family Issues:** Linda Hooge reported that 37 pillowcases were made at the March sewing day. These will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House and Salvation Army.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Cheryl Sample was absent but is gathering dates for county fairs and bookmaking.

**Historian:** Carol Ropp reminds everyone to keep collecting MCHCE articles.

**International:** Cathy Gipson advised that tariffs could affect 35,000 jobs in South Africa, such as almonds, citrus, steel and metals.

**District 2 Director:** Karen Cahill – As mentioned earlier, the Mini District 2 Workshop will be held at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church on June 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NVON Conference is July 8-10 at the Northfield Inn, Springfield. It will not be back in Illinois for nine years.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was further discussion on the Kirby Foods – Sullivan possible fundraiser, resulting in a decision to table the matter until 2026. Liz and Sally were thanked for their time researching the details. We will focus on the DAV and Farm Progress fundraisers this year.

The Rock Springs unit made \$242 at the first bake sale at the DAV Friday meal. A tote is stored in our closet in the Extension office with everything needed, except aprons, cash and desserts! Each unit will be given a list of tips for a successful experience. So far, the following dates have been reserved for the respective units:

May 23 – Rock Springs

June 27 – Maple Grove

July 25 – Patchwork

August 29 – Hickory Point

September 26 – Oakley/Pleasant Grove

October 24 – Maple Grove

## NEW BUSINESS:

It was noted that any future email correspondence to Board members should also be sent to Carolyn Barnett, Georgette Merrifield and Delores Hunt.

Spring Meeting on April 30 - Board members signed up to bring breakfast items to serve. There will be Chinese auction and sale items and a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Macon County Honor Guard. Carol Ropp will conduct a memorial ceremony honoring our members who died this past year. Clocks and time pieces will be used for table décor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Hamm



# Macon County Home & Community Education Board Meeting

May 12, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Liz King

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Liz King

**HOMEMAKERS' AIM:** Liz King

**POEM:** Liz King

**ROLL CALL:** Elaine Hamm

Units represented: Hickory Point; Mt. Zion; Oakley-Pleasant Grove; Pana; Patchwork; Rock Springs

Total in attendance: 13 (Carolyn Barnett, Sally Dennis, Cathy Gipson, Karen Halicki, Elaine Hamm, Linda Hooge, Liz King, Georgette Merrifield, Mary Ann Platt, Cheryl Sample, Sandy Severe, Lyn Stevens, Vicky Wooten)

**SECRETARY:** Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Board meeting were accepted as read.

**TREASURER:** Sally Dennis reported a bank balance of \$4,466.15. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

## OFFICERS' REPORTS:

**1st Vice President:** Sandy Severe advised that per the April 14, 2025 minutes, some lesson dates have been changed due to meeting room unavailability.

Liz and Mary Ann reported that since there is no Master Gardener available for the May lesson, a pre-recorded video on "Dividing Perennials" will be viewed.

June 2 is the date of the Tri-County Board meeting.

Since the Extension office will be closed on June 9, our Board meeting will be held at the United in Faith Church in Pana.

Other location changes:

September 8 - Board meeting - NSEC Building, Room 103;

October 13 - Lincoln Theater lesson - NSEC Building, Room 117; Board meeting - NSEC Building - Room 103

October 14 - Humble Casseroles - NSEC Building, Room 117; Antiques - NSEC Building, Room 117

October 16 - I'm Tired of Cooking - NSEC Building, Room 117

November 5 - Mini District 2 Workshop - TBD

November 10 - Board meeting - NSEC Building, Room 103

November 20 - So What's in a Fingerprint? - NSEC Building, Room 117

**2nd Vice President:** Lyn Stevens gave us a membership update and shared that Georgette Merrifield is a candidate for filling her position of 2nd Vice President.

**Community Outreach & Family Issues:** Mary Ann Platt reported that she delivered 64 pillowcases and over five pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. Linda Hooge also listed additional organizations that receive pillowcases: Webster-Cantrell Hall (including Youth Advocacy), Salvation Army, DOVE, Homeward Bound and DCFS. If you know of any additional charities that could use pillowcases, please advise Mary Ann or Linda.

Karen Halicki suggested taking pillowcases to the Good Samaritan Inn at Christmas time.

A sock collection was also mentioned by Linda.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Cheryl Sample would like to have a themed project where each unit makes a craft, such as a holiday table setting, to be displayed at the fall meeting.

**Historian:** Carol Ropp reminds everyone to keep collecting MCHCE articles.

**International:** Lois Miller is keeping up with articles on Africa for our newsletter. Cathy Gipson is making table favors for International Day.

## OLD BUSINESS:

June 20 is the RSVP deadline for the June 25th Mini District 2 Workshop.

President Liz expressed concern with the small attendance at the spring meeting and the need to spark increased interest and involvement. An option is to consolidate to one annual meeting, rather than having spring and fall meetings, which would require a bylaws change.

As to the upcoming open positions on the Board for the term beginning January 2026, details of the duties of each position will be outlined in the newsletter.

## NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion relating to our rental agreement with the University of Illinois for the services we receive. Sandy Severe moved that we donate \$500 for use of the Extension office; Linda Hooge seconded. Motion passed. Liz will sign the contract for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and turn it in to Jamie Boas.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Hamm



## Officer's Reports

### President

Liz King

Hello MCHCE Members,

As we approach summer, I can't believe we're halfway through 2025. We have so much going on and a lot of updates, please read through your newsletters to stay informed. The fundraising efforts at the Disabled American Veterans Club have been very successful. If your unit has not signed up for a bake sale, there are still plenty of opportunities for the remainder of this year.

The Extension office in Decatur is undergoing renovations which will disrupt many of our activities beginning September 1. Updated dates and locations are included in this newsletter and we will update you as needed. The Farm Progress Show is coming in August. This is a volunteer opportunity for all members and generates money for our organization. Details on when and how to volunteer are included in this newsletter. There are several positions opening on the MCHCE Board to be elected at the Fall Meeting in October. If you are interested or someone you know in HCE has the skills needed for these positions, please contact me or another Board member.

I wish everyone safe travels this summer if you are taking summer vacations.

As always, thank you all for your hard work and dedication

### First Vice President

Sandy Severe

Welcome Summer!

Upcoming lessons:

Tuesday, June 17 "Lesson on Ice Cream", 9:30-11:00

Wednesday, June 25 Mini District Workshop presented by Karen Cahill our District 2 representative, lunch provided by Macon County Board. 11:00-3:00

Monday, June 30 Sewing Day 9:30-3:30

Thursday, July 17 Decatur Economic Development Corporation presented by Andrew Taylor 9:30-11:00

Monday, July 28 Sewing Day 9:30-3:30

Wednesday, August 21 lessons on the Bachrach Mansion presented by Carol Ropp  
9:30-11:00

No sewing day in August

Tuesday, August 26 through August 28 Farm Progress Show—be sure to sign up for a shift—more volunteer hours for you.

July is our program planning time. Please let the President or any board member be aware of any ideas for lessons you would be interested in learning.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter my term is expiring this year.

Duties of First Vice President

-step in for President if need arises

-compile the county program book with the help of the board

-write article for the county newsletter

Hope this gives you an idea what to expect. But definitely expect to be with wonderful ladies who will give you a hand anytime you need it! These are ladies who are truly working to make sure HCE is the best it can be! Think about taking the position!

### Second Vice President

Lyn Stevens

I, personally, would like to thank all of the wonderful members who attended the Spring Meeting. I was part of the committee who worked diligently to get the Constitution and Bylaws updated. I volunteered to type the new by-laws and present them at the meeting. It was so good to have enough members to vote the changes into effect.

I am so pleased to let everyone know that I have a volunteer to replace me as 2nd Vice President to be voted on at the Fall Meeting. Our membership continues to grow. I cannot say it enough. Bring friends and family members to meetings and lessons. The more members, the merrier!



### CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Cheryl Sample

It's June! That means school is out and children are enjoying time outside and riding their bikes. Remember learning to ride your first bike? I always thought town kids had it so much better with all their side walks. My sister and I just had a rough, cracked sidewalk from our old farm house to the barn yard. I have come to realize farm kids really had it better. We had so many places to explore. Haylofts, old wooden corn cribs, implement sheds to name a few of our places to explore.

And now the fairs are starting. Again, I encourage everyone to attend if possible. Visit the Home Ec building and you will see the amazing projects our young people are designing and constructing. So much more than just clothing, cooking and floral arrangements. While attending the Dewitt County Fair last year I heard a young man explaining how the piece of furniture "worked" that he had designed. As he explained the process to the judge, he listed the tools he had used and how he had acquired them.

And of course fairs are all about livestock. Lots of practice goes into preparing to show livestock. Sometimes the best plans can go astray if the animal decides to have its own way!\

#### **Save The Date**

Wednesday, October 29 is our annual meeting. This is also the date your Cultural Enrichment projects will be judged for state competition. Please consider entering a project, something you want to "show off" to other attendees. The reason I mention attending fairs is to inspire you and realize your skills can be used for others to enjoy. (No livestock need attend our annual meeting ;)

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### International Report

Lois Miller

Well, I've talked about a food in South Africa that is very much like our own barbecue. I've also talked about the landscaping and flowers like the daisy and iris which are very much like ours in the United States. So this month, I will hopefully entertain you with safaris and some of their inhabitants. First of all, we can't forget about the herds of elephants we will see on the safari, a lion stalking its prey, and a leopard snacking on a tree. Hopefully, we will see rhinos and buffaloes.

These animals are known as the Big 5 and are found along with many other animals in the Kruger National Park. That's all for this month but I hope to see you all at the September International meeting where there will be more entertaining news about South Africa.



## Unit News

### MT. ZION

Susan Jones

Our May gathering was held at Mari-Mann in Decatur. We had a delicious lunch while listening to a presentation about natural supplements. A short meeting followed that covered upcoming events and date changes.

### MAPLE GROVE

Carol Ropp

The Maple Grove Unit visited the Marquis Beverage Roastery for a tour May 22nd. Our tour began with the opportunity for us to sample three different roasts. All were very good, but my favorite was the Ethiopian. Next, we visited founder Dave Cooper's office and other areas where we saw many coffee roasters he collected during his life. Finally, we went to see coffee being roasted under 2,000 degree temperatures. It was a very interesting experience. We then went next door to Door 4 to have lunch.

### HICKORY POINT

Janet Feller

For our June meeting, we went to Taylorville. Our first stop was Fur Love and we met with the owner for a tour of the renovated 1896 building. They buy and sell to donate money to animal shelters and to the community.

We found many little shops on the square and had lunch at the Legendary Small Town Trading. Later we visited Yesteryear and Elladies Boutique. We had a treat from Dairy Queen before heading home.

### ROCK SPRINGS

Lyn Stevens

Our May meeting of our unit was held in the pavilion at Dreamland Lake (Duck Pond in Fairview Park). It was a beautiful day for a picnic. We all brought our lunch and drink. Lyn Stevens was the hostess and she made a Strawberry Honeybun Cake for our dessert. There were a LOT of Canadian geese and OODLES of babies. They were fun to watch. First we visited with each other as we ate our lunch. Then we had our business meeting....followed by more visiting.

### OAKLEY- PLEASANT GROVE

Patty Lovecamp

We met in February at One Stop Diner with seven members present. Sandy Severe was our hostess. The IAHC 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 sixty year member.

We met in March 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 Ronald McDonald House. We met in April 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 and 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 together. In December we celebrated with a catered lunch followed by Bingo with gift items as prizes. We also used the gift giving season to help our local people.

### CENTER UNIT REPORT

Mary Lou Poor

Center HCE members met on May 5, 2025, at CC Extension Office with 13 members and 1 guest. Ann Bandy was the hostess and planned months ahead to have a Tea Party. She asked that the ladies to wear hats to the meeting. She brought her beautiful teapots, cups & saucers and other beautiful decorations that covered four tables. Joelynda Conrad made bows to place on the chairs and a place card for each member with an attached tea bag. Besides the beautiful decorations she also provided us with a delicious meal. She made quiche, scorns, pretzel salad, jellies with a cup of tea served in her cups and saucers. Our meeting was very impressive and enjoyed as knowing the planning & organizing Ann had done for the Tea Party. Each member took home a remembrance of the party.

Center HCE members met on June 2, 2025, at CC Extension Office with 10 members and 2 guests. Janet Engeling was hostess and decorated the tables with pots of beautiful petunias and served delicious refreshments. Angela Anslem, Nurse Practitioner at Gateway Foundation gave a presentation on Integrative Health & Wellness. Members asked a lot of questions and were much interested in her talk. She will be opening her own office in Taylorville on June 26, 2025. To increase the funds in our treasure, members decided to have a white elephant auction. Our auctioneer was Janet Engeling and kept the members in laughter. Hygiene items were brought for the Food Pantry. Plans were made for our Fun Day in July. Members went home with an item to help them plant their flower.

### PATCHWORK REPORT

Karen Halicki

This is the quilt that was donated by Sharon Middleton and completed by Cheryl Sample. This may be a raffle item at our Fall Meeting.





## DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Bake Sale Fundraiser

Liz King

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Bake Sale Fundraiser  
1700 N Lake Shore Dr, Decatur, IL 62526

June 27 (Maple Grove), July 25 (Patchwork), August 29 (Hickory Point), September 26 (OPG), October 24 (Maple Grove)  
November tentative date November 21 available  
December tentative date December 19 available

3-4 volunteers are needed. Two to slice and plate desserts (although pre-sliced is appreciated) and 1 person to take money. Take the tote from the HCE Closet at the Extension Office. Inside you should find: serving plates and utensils, carry out containers, tablecloths, signs, a cleaning bucket, cloth and dish soap.

Arrive around 4PM so you have time to set up, slice and plate desserts. The DAV starts serving dinner at 5 PM but people will start buying desserts as soon as you set up. Groups are usually done by 6:30 but it might run later.

Homemade desserts are preferred. Fruit pies, cakes and fluff desserts sell best. If you purchase desserts, please be sure they are good quality.

You are welcome to order food and eat there, the food is good and reasonably priced.

At the end of the night if you have desserts left over you can leave those for the staff, they are much appreciated and/or discount the price and place into carry out containers to go.

### Kickapoo Tea Room





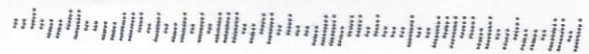
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