



Tar Heel HOMEMAKERS E-news

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Coming Soon . . . Centennial Planning Packet!

In a few days, your county should receive a packet that contains a few items that need your attention as we plan to **CELEBRATE 100 YEARS of ECA!!**

Included will be:

- a special report form for reporting major activities and projects over the last 100 years. We would also encourage each county to write its own ECA history, if you did not do so for the FCS Centennial!
- information regarding an art contest for notecards
- information a marketing item
- instructions regarding the history DVD!
- Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Share Your Stories

“Do you remember when”? A good beginning to many a great story and Extension Homemakers/ECA members have lots! You are invited to share those stories and “remember whens” this summer captured on a DVD. If you don’t record it or write it down, it is gone forever. We need your stories from every corner of North Carolina.

You have seen this article other times and hopefully, heard this announced at District Day, thought about it and then put in on the “back burner” of your To Do list. Well, the time has come to get-it-done and you need to give me a call (704) 786-5324 or send in the page from your District program asking for participation.

I promise it will be painless and lots of fun. Don’t loose your history and those “remember whens!” We need your help to make our ECA Centennial celebration complete. Joyce W. Kluttz

Past Presidents to Meet

The yearly meeting of our NCECA past presidents will be in Concord on June 18th and 19th. Mrs. Elmer Lagg (1974 president) serves as secretary for this group and does an excellent job keeping current addresses and news from members.

In celebration of our 100 years, our past leaders will have an opportunity to talk about Home Demonstration projects or impacts that Extension Homemakers’ made in their time. This is all part of a DVD project for our celebration event in 2013 and you can participate. Just give Joyce Kluttz a call (704) 786-5324...we want to hear from you!

On Tuesday morning, guest will have an opportunity to tour the Kannapolis Research Park or maybe stop in at Concord Mills for shopping. This is always a fun event that travels around the state and next year everyone will go to the coast.

centennial cent\$

For the next two years (2012 & 2013), we will be collecting loose change in observance of the 100th birthday of ECA!

These \$\$ can be sent to Faye Lanier, Appointed Treasurer. You may also continue to collect Pennies for Friendship for ACWW if your club wishes.

In 1951, members starting contributing \$2.50 each toward a dream "house" to serve as a center for association activities. In 1966, \$100,000 "seed" money was given to NCSU toward building McKimmon Center. That is \$10,000 per year for 10 years!!

What can we collect in 2 years as we prepare for our centennial?



Master FCS Volunteer

is a certification program for ECA members where members will receive valuable up-to-date training to become an integral part of the FCS information network. To be certified, members will attend 14 required leadership classes and choose 3 elective classes. Once certified, a Master FCS Volunteer will serve as a valuable resource to FCS educators and/or may opt to pursue additional specialized training, such as Master Food Preservation, Master Financial Planning etc.

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Across the State

Northeast

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell,

Tyrrell County

The Tyrrell County ECA Council recently provided the meals for the annual District Craft Workshop at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth. Much looked for items included chicken and pastry, vegetable beef soup, strawberry ice cream cake and lots more! This has been a major fundraiser for the Council for several years and proceeds go to community needs as well as ECA leadership development.

The Tyrrell ECA County Council President is set to graduate - from High School! This could be a first in ECA history! Rachel Furlough, inaugural member of the Teen ECA Club, will graduate from Columbia High School on June 15. She has been active in her club since its inception in 2008, and has done an excellent job as County Council President. She will go to East Carolina University in the fall and major in Elementary Education and minor in Spanish. She plans to continue her role as County Council President for the next 2 years. Congratulations, Rachel! We are proud of you!

Tyrrell ECA has planned the annual Appreciation Event for County Commissioners, the Town Board, department heads and elected officials, as well as the general public. It will be held on June 19 as part of the County Commissioner's regularly scheduled meeting. An overview of the contributions of ECA in the county throughout the past year will be shared. Following the presentation, the Tyrrell winners of the NC Governor's Volunteer Awards will be announced. Don't tell anyone, but 2 of the winners are ECA members! Their names will be announced in the next e-Tar Heel Homemaker.

Pasquotank County



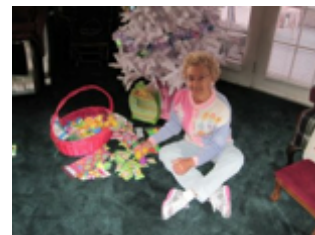
April 12, 2012 Brite Meadows ECA club project Baby Shower for Albemarle Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Pictured (L-R) Deb Witherow, Georgine Armstrong, Faye Meads, Brenda Simpson, & Nancy Sawyer. Guest, Margaret Evans took this photo.

Dona Yunker, Mt Hermon ECA making Easter bags for Nursing Homes.



and Valentine favors for the Nursing Homes.



Jane S McKimmon Society

JSMS is a special recognition program designed for friends of the NC Family and Consumer Sciences and/or NC Extension & Community Association Foundations who wish to support these entities in an innovative way.

The JSMS recognizes those who contribute \$1000 or more in unrestricted funding to either aforementioned foundation. The contribution may be pledged up to 5 years. Such a contribution illustrates a significant commitment to improving the lives of families across North Carolina.

Southeast

Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Sampson, Wayne, Wilson

Craven County



Krafter's Klatch Gets a Dirty Deal. . . Members of the Krafter's Klatch had a pleasant surprise while attending a tour of the Tuscarora Landfill on April 12. It was anything but a "Dirty Deal." Bobbie Waters, Solid Waste Planner/Outreach Coordinator (otherwise known as the "Diva of the Dump") gave an excellent tour and explained the process of delivery, dumping, compacting and encapsulating our trash. Ms. Waters further explained the processes of collecting and disposal of the liquid and the methane gas waste. The members observed the processing of vegetation waste into mulch and compost. The tour continued at Ingenco where Mr. Jose Delgado, Operator IV-M, took over and explained the company's process of receiving the methane gas and how it is processed into power that is purchased by Progress Energy. The day was anything but a "Dirty Deal," it was "Delightful."

Johnston County

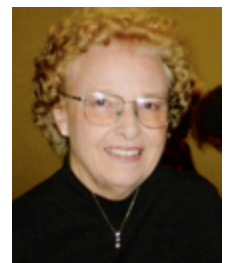


Jo Co Quilters make Bags for Harbor

JoCo Quilters members, an ECA Club with Johnston County Cooperative Extension presented filled ditty bags to Mary Hodge from Harbor. Club members made the bags from quilt patterns and donated fabric, then filled them with toiletries. For more information about JoCo Quilters, please contact Ms. McBurney at 919-989-5380.

Pictured: Jayne McBurney, Family & Consumer Science Agent, Cooperative Extension; Flora Grantham ECA President; Ms. Hodge; Larayne Cunningham and Susan Feibel both of Clayton.

Elizabeth "Betty" Cauley, 79, passed away peacefully on May 2, 2012 with her family at her side in her home in Clayton, NC. Betty was an active member of Extension and Community Association for many years. She served in many officer capacities locally and was a past President of the North Central District. A retired high school Home Economics teacher, Betty continued to share her skills with others. She was a member of the Clayton Club and Sew & Share. Betty made several black gingham bears for Victory Junction.



Duplin County



Duplin ECA Prepares to Donate Handcrafted Infant Wear

Duplin ECA members are handcrafting infant wear for donation to the local hospital maternity ward. At the May monthly meeting, members brought their items together so a presentation date could be set with Vidant/Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville. The collection included handcrafted infant caps, booties, blankets, and other clothing, as well as donations purchased for newborn wear and use. Pictured above Duplin ECA members and their Liaison, Wanda Clay, Director of Duplin County Center NCCE, show their collection of items for newborns. Ms. Clay remarked that this group of volunteers contributes more than just

Necrology Report

Counties are encouraged to follow the new recommendation for submitting necrology reports. (2012SR 10) Many NCECA members have made friends with others around the state, through State Conferences, District Days and many redistrictings. They are interested in knowing when a friend passes, rather than ask about them and be embarrassed to hear of the passing.

NVON

National Volunteer Outreach Network

The annual Conference will be July 17-19, 2012 at the Double Tree Hilton in Columbia, SC.

The theme of the conference is **Leaders, Step Forward.**

For more information, conference schedule and registration materials, visit www.nvon.org/events

'things' to local citizens; they find areas of service where there is a strong need and they have a positive impact.

Duplin County ECA Cultural Arts contest winners participating in the Southeast District Cultural Arts competition are pictured left to right: Willie May Williams, Annie Ruth Pickett, Annie L. Williams, Ruby Brinson, Theresa Bowles, Olivia Williams, Ruth Dobson, and Doreatha Roberts.



The North Carolina Extension & Community Association Foundation is committed to acquiring and managing resources that enhance families through the development of volunteer leadership and support of educational programs on the local, district and state levels.

North Central
Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Vance, Wake, Warren

There are advantages for ECA Clubs/County/District Councils to place funds in the NC ECA foundation: 1) The funds are covered by the Ag Foundation's 501c3, therefore protected from IRS scrutiny. 2) The Foundation provides accounting and record keeping, yearly audits and required IRS reporting. 3) You retain control over how your funds can be used. 4) Any profits made by the ECA Foundation from your account will be used to benefit and grow ECA programs.

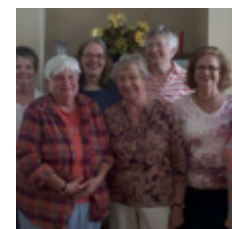
Randolph County



The Randolph County ECA held its seventh annual **Soup's On for Habitat**. The fund-raiser was held in support of Habitat of Randolph County and took place on Thursday, April 19th at Central United Methodist from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. Additionally, Habitat held its Art's On for Habitat Silent Auction in conjunction with Soup's On. Local artists created original pieces for the auction that were open for bidding to raise additional money. Tickets were \$25 each and all proceeds from ticket sales went directly to Habitat. ECA members prepared both vegetable beef and vegetarian vegetable soup, baked broccoli cornbread, brewed tea and provided a variety of homemade desserts. In addition to a delicious meal, each attendee of the Soup's On event received a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by potters. The event combined the talents of area potters and the cooking ability of local extension and community association members to provide the community with an opportunity to help Habitat. The event raised \$4,800 for Habitat. Habitat of Randolph County informed ECA members that they have raised so much money over the years that the next house they build will be named the "ECA Built House."

Orange County

Antioch ECA Club met in Highpoint at Cathy Henderson's for a wonderful lunch and a tour of High Point.



Tar Heel Homemakers

The deadline for sending information to Sue Glover for the printed Tar Heel Homemakers are



Wake County

Thirty-four members of Wake County ECA visited Boys and Girls Homes of NC on May 24. After lunch with representatives of B&GH, the group toured the campus and presented donated items for the girls. What an inspirational outing that reinforces why we continue to support B&GH of NC! Thanks, Gary Greene and Gary Faircloth, President and CEO!!

August 31

November 30

**Tar Heel
HOMEMAKERS
E-news**

will be published six (6) times in 2012! The deadlines to email information to Wanda Denning, at wwdenn@gmail.com are:

August 1
November 5
December 1

The E-news is distributed via email and is posted on the NCECA website. County Councils and/or liaison agents are encouraged distribute the E-news via email to your members and print copies for those members without email. It is extremely important that all members are kept informed of the happenings of their organization



Dates to Remember:

- June 1
- Pennies for Friendship due
- July 1
- County Leadership Team slate due
- July 17-19
- NVON Conference
- July 30-31
- NCECA Leadership Team meets

Always check the yearbook for more information!

South Central

Anson, Bladen, Cabarrus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland, Stanly, Union

A delightful **South Central District Day** was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord. SC District President Pat Wickliff and Cabarrus County ECA members hosted the day with a theme of "ECA Stars Light the Way." Special guests included State ECA President Dianne Brown and State ECA President-elect Wanda Denning, Dr. Wilma Hammett, Gary Greene, Director of Civic Club Development of the NC Boys and Girls Home, Cabarrus County Commissioners Jay White and Chris Measmer, and Cabarrus County Manager Mike Downs, and Deputy County Manager Jonathan Marshall.

Highlights of the day included each county sharing one "Star Program Idea" from their county. These ideas provided tips on membership, marketing, programs and fund raising. Guest speaker Catherine Ritch Guess entertained and motivated the 142 in attendance.

Members enjoyed the Silent Auction and participated in a Raffle Drawing and 50-50 ticket sales. The SC District Cultural Arts entries were lovely and all enjoyed viewing the skills of ECA members.

During the afternoon business session, new members and first time attendees were recognized. A special welcome was given to the Lincoln County ECA members that will be joining the SC District and the Montgomery County group that is in the process of forming Montgomery ECA. Also during the session the SC District proposed by-laws were adopted. Joyce Peeler, incoming SC District President issued an invitation to attend the 2013 ECA Spring Day which will be held in April 2013 in Lincoln County.

2013 South Central District Officers

President, Joyce Peeler – Lincoln County; Secretary, Benelia Reese – Catawba County; Treasurer, Colene Philmon – Alexander County; Advisor, Pat Wickliff – Cabarrus County; Cultural Arts Coordinator, Betty Willis – Gaston County and Liaison Agent, Melinda Houser – Lincoln County.

Lee County

Lee County ECA members spent an evening at the **2011 Lee Regional Fair** sharing their special skills. This year the "Let's Chat" front porch was a new addition to the exhibit hall and allowed various artisans to showcase their talents. Ann Clarke and Terri Sharpe members of the Lee County Hearts and Hands ECA Quilter's Guild sat on the front porch and visited with Brenda Gwenn as they demonstrated their quilting techniques. Ann Blakely, ECA member at large and Shirley Pardue with Common Thread, showed participants how to weave plastic bags into fabric that will be turned into tote bags



Lee County ECA Clubs Award Scholarship Gregorio Lara Jr, who plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill this fall, has received a \$300 scholarship from the Lee County ECA during the Annual Achievement Night program. The scholarship will assist Gregorio in pursuing his education in the field of medicine. His goal is to work in the area of diabetic research. The Lee County ECA presents this scholarship annually. Special consideration is given to applicants seeking a career in the area of home economics or a related field. Pictured (l-r) Linda Shook, Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners, Gregorio Lara, Jr and Brenda Willett, President of Lee County ECA.



Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Service with a forward by North Carolina State First Lady Mrs. Susan Woodson is a 300-page coffee table quality book highlighting the past of Extension Home Demonstration and the impact of Family and Consumer Sciences and its Extension & Community Association volunteers. **Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Service** is available at the Hoke County Extension Center. The \$40.00 fee supports the Family and Consumer Sciences Program.

If your ECA Club or County Council has an event ... farmers market, program, yard sale, etc. Why not display and sell your county's books. A great way to market FCS and ECA!

Lee County ECA Club Members of The Year

Phyllis Andrews with the Hearts and Hands ECA Quilters Guild and Carol Cox with the Lemon Springs ECA Club were both recognized as the 2012 Club Members of the Year. Presenting this honor was Mrs. Linda Shook, Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners. Brenda Willett, President of the Lee County ECA County Leadership Team assisted with the presentation. Photo: (l-r) Linda Shook, Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners, Phyllis Andrews, Hearts and Hands ECA Quilters Guild; Carol Cox, Lemon Springs ECA, Brenda Willett, President, Lee County ECA



Stanly County



Another successful **Serendipity Afternoon Tea** was held on February 4, as our "annual" fundraiser for the Betty Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all who had a hand in helping set up, prepare food and clean up. Teamwork really shows in Stanly County!

We accepted reservations for 192 people including our South Central District President Pat Wickliff (Cabarrus County); Past State ECA President Joyce Kluttz (Cabarrus County); and past South Central District ECA President Sandra Nobles (Columbus County) along with others from nearby surrounding counties.

Adelina Cato, a senior at North Stanly High School who played a number of pieces on the violin, which was both enjoyable and inspiring, provided entertainment.



February 2, 2013, is the date for Serendipity Tea V. It's not too early to put it on your calendar. Additional information regarding planning for this event will be coming soon!

Achievement Day was held the morning of March 17. With the theme "The Fabric of Your Life," the committee focused on the original tapestry commissioned by our Stanly County Extension Club and completed in 1989 by Martha Heine for the grand opening of the Agri-Civic Center where it has been hanging ever since. Threads were extended from the tapestry to depictions of various aspects of life in Stanly County—agricultural, family, church and ECA. Since it was St. Patrick's Day tables were decorated in green. Each attendee was given a quilted coaster made by the West Stanly Apparel classes as their favor. Chris Brown, a local comedian, was the featured speaker and treated us to a most memorable collection of jokes, funny and sometimes serious stories, and an unforgettable "clothing malfunction."

Awards were given for perfect attendance, outstanding program leader, best scrapbook, fair booth winner and books read. Special award winners were announced: New London ECA Club, Club of the Year; Ann Duckwall, CVU Service Award; Jane Rogers, Leadership Award; and Judith Coen, Outstanding Member of the Year.



New London ECA - 2011 Club of the Year!

(L-R) Lucy Manley, Lola Burris,

Dean Reams, Ann Greenwell, Betty Shackelford, Kayla Shomaker and Eva Aldridge

Photo courtesy of: Kayla Shomaker

Save the Date!!

October 26, 2013
NCECA's
Centennial Celebration

Brick/Courtyard
Dedication &

Legacy Luncheon:
Celebrating 100 years of
Ordinary Women!

at McKimmon Center

Memorial Bricks to be Sold

To celebrate ECA's 100 years, we will be selling laser engraved bricks. The bricks will be installed to replace bricks in the Jane S McKimmon Garden at McKimmon Center. 4x8 bricks will cost \$100 and 8x8 bricks can be sold to corporate supporters, county councils, etc. for \$500. Order forms and detailed information will be available soon.

The proceeds from the sale of the bricks will benefit the work of the ECA and the FCS Foundations.

Hazel Ross Lee (12-30-13 – 1-10-12) lived her life to the fullest and in good health for nearly an entire century. She did it with great faith, strength, tenacity, resourcefulness and energy! In honor of the love that her family knew she had for EH (ECA), it was their final tribute to her to request that in lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to the Betty Watson Scholarship Fund in her memory.



Hazel was recently remembered during our 91st Annual Achievement Event on March 17. Her daughters, Jane Lee Watson and Sandra Lee Stone, attended the event and lit a candle in memory of their mother.

Cabarrus County

Cabarrus County hosted a wonderful **2012 Cultural Arts Contest** under the leadership of Carolyn Cross and Wanda Ritchie on April 10-12. Forty-two lovely items were entered, and 22 first place entries were on display at the SC District Cultural Arts Contest. We were pleased that Cabarrus ECA members captured ten first place honors and will be entered at the State Cultural Arts Contest. Congratulations to first place winners: Barbara Looney (2), Joan Martinkovic (2), Peggy McAnulty, Brian Stancil, Betty White, Linda Kay Bittle (2), and Linda Black.

Gail Linker, Strengthening Families Coordinator has announced plans for the intergenerational trip for the summer. This is offered as a way to help strengthen families while enjoying a day trip with several generations. **The Intergenerational Day Trip** will be held Tuesday, June 26, 9:30-3:30pm. The group will travel in an air-conditioned bus to beautiful Dan Nichols Park in Salisbury. They will enjoy several programs, and a picnic lunch complete with an ice cream cone included! Cost is only \$12, and we invite any interested ECA members and their families to join the group. Reservations and payment are due by June 22. Call Gail (704-786-3832) or Bobbie Sheperis (704-785-1534) for details.

The Cabarrus County ECA Council has also announced plans for their annual 3 day **Christmas bus trip** to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Tuesday, November 27-Thursday, November 29, 2012. Two deluxe chartered buses will be escorting you during the 3 days of fun, good food, holiday performances, shopping, viewing decorations and enjoying great fellowship. This trip will fill up very quickly. If you would like more details contact Gail Linker (704-786-3832) or Bobbie Sheperis (704-785-1534).

Scotland County

The Scotland County ECA **"Ladies on the Move"** are in AcTiOn! We've become a part of the electronic age and plan to let you hear Scotland County ECA news regularly. We are super-hyped as we begin our 2013 Centennial celebrations.

On current news front "Ladies on the Move", Town & County ECA Club, (Mary Lou Dunsford, Margie Sharpe, Edie Rhonehouse, and Evelyn Barringer) put their hands and needles to work making 15 afghans for Scotland County Hospice patients. Hospice staffs were very delighted with the new blankets. Anything that brightens a patient's day is truly a gift of love and these ladies share a lot of love around the Scotland County community. The Central Friendship club has provided gift bags for Scotland County "Meals Wheels Program" for several years in hopes to brighten the lives of shut-ins in our community

How safe is your home? About 4 years ago, Sharon English, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent brought the idea of how we could provide a method for citizens to protect themselves from identity theft. Through the collaborative efforts between Scotland County Cooperative Extension, ECA clubs, and Rose White, with the Attorney General's office shred day became an important project to provide information and awareness in identify theft, while providing a safe, economical and environmentally friendly way to remove potentially damaging information from homes. Our 4th annual Scotland County, Drive-Thru Shred Day drew more than 250 citizens who safely disposed of 7,900 pounds of paper (about 40

trees) through the services of the company, Shred-It that specializes in secure document management. The service is offered once a year to citizens free of charge. It gained in popularity so much that people started arriving hour earlier than event start time and even before the truck arrived. The success of the annual Shred-It is contributed to the volunteers from the ECA, Family & Consumer Science Advisory Council and the Laurel Hill Baptist Church youth group of 25 giving up a Saturday morning for a great cause.

State Attorney General Roy Cooper suggests the following tips to prevent identify theft: protect your social security number, destroy documents you don't need, monitor your finances, watch over your credit reports, get a free security freeze, protect passwords, protect your mail, protect your information online and beware of scams and fraud.

As you know, one good project leads to another and on our 3rd year of Shred-it, we partnered with the Laurinburg Police Department, Sherriff's Department, Mid-Carolina's Region and NC Safe Kids sponsored program "Operation Medicine Drop". Operation Medicine Drop is a statewide initiative to provide people with a safe way to dispose of old or unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications. Collections included controlled substances, prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and an unknown category.

Scotland County ECA and North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Family & Consumer Sciences working together with state and local agencies to provide safe and happy homes to the citizens in our communities.

West Central

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Davie, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Rutherford, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin

Rowan County

Rowan County ECA member **Rebecca Lyerly** brought home several ribbons after attending the 2012 NCECA West Central District Day on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Center in Lincolnton. The theme for the meeting was "ECA Reminiscing: The best is yet to be."



The District Cultural Arts contest featuring creative writing, heritage crafts, photography and various handmade items was held. First place winning items from county contests were entered for competition in the district contest. First place winners from the district will advance to the contest to be held at the State ECA meeting in October 2012. Cultural Arts Contest winners from Rowan County were as follows:



1st Place Sewing – Coat, Rebecca Lyerly

- 1st Place Christmas Decorations, Santa, Rebecca Lyerly
- 2nd Place Flower Arrangement – Wreath, Rebecca Lyerly
- 2nd Place Embroidery – Sweater, Rebecca Lyerly
- 3rd Place Home Decorations – Calendar, Rebecca Lyerly
- 3rd Miscellaneous – Glass Block, Rebecca Lyerly
- Best in Show – Coat, Rebecca Lyerly

Rebecca "Becky" Lyerly is a member of the St. Paul's ECA Club. Currently there are four ECA Clubs in Rowan County: Liberty, Locke, Southside and St. Paul's Clubs.

Lincoln County

Lincoln County ECA hosted the 2012 **NCECA West Central District Day** on May 15 in Lincolnton. The theme was **ECA Reminiscing: The Best is Yet to Be.**"

Members from North Brook II, Boger City, Crouse, Hickory Grove and Lowesville clubs exemplified their leadership and organizational skills. The evaluations from 150 attendees indicated a successful event!

The keynote speaker was Daniel Barefoot, a writer and historian. He was an attorney for 35 years and served three terms in the NC House of Representatives. During the morning workshop, counties were asked to share unique, high impact ideas related to programming, fundraising or membership recruitment.

The District Cultural Arts Contest featured creative writing, heritage crafts, photography and various handmade items was also held during the day!

West

Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Cherokee Reservation, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga,

We had a **GREAT WEST DISTRICT DAY** at First Baptist Church in Murphy, May 10, 2012, hosted by Cherokee County. Our theme was "MAKE NEW FRIENDS, CHERISH THE OLD". It was about friendship and welcoming the new counties into the West District. Scholarship winners were Alyssa Shyla Quinn - Buncombe County, and Porshia Dawn Whitener - Cherokee County. Thank you to Aileen Buckner, Coordinator - Cultural Arts- West District, for coordinating all aspects of the competition this year and congratulations to all our winners.

The mayor of Murphy, Mr. Bill Hughes, welcomed everyone to the farthest-point west in the state and told some of the history of the area. Greetings from The NCECA Foundation & NCFCS Foundation were made by Executive Director, Wilma Hammett, whom reported on plans for the upcoming Centennial Celebration and distributed brochures on the opportunity to celebrate your legacy by purchasing a brick in the Dr. Jane S. McKimmon Garden at the McKimmon Center. Also, she informed us of the upcoming applications for grants available soon for newly formed clubs in ECA.

We are always honored to have Dr. Daniel Smith, Extension Director for West District, join us. He thanked all the ECA members and FCS Agents for their work over the years and for the great impact they have made on our community and the area they represent.

Our Inspirational Speaker was Rev. Susie Webb, who gave a "Firecracker" message on "Friendship and How to Have a Friend and Escape Loneliness is to be a Friend."

Nancy Elizabeth Helms, member of Grape Creek ECA, gave an informational talk on the new clubs that have been formed recently in Cherokee County and told us of the future prospects and requests of individuals who have expressed interest in helping their communities by starting new ECA clubs in their community.

The West District Liaison Agent, Teresa Wiley Goley, who gave us information on the health benefits of including a "Rainbow of Colors" in our daily menu, presented a Nutritional Training Session and she displayed a beautiful array of colorful vegetables and fruits.

Brenda Blount, a new prospective member in the Texana Community, led our lunch invocation and thanked all the people present for the gracious gifts Texana has received and the many kindnesses from the various communities in the area after the tornado brought devastation to their community.

**Cultivating the
Future with ECA!**

**2012 Annual
NCECA
Conference**

October 29-31, 2012

**Double Tree Hotel
Rocky mount, NC**

<http://go.ncsu.edu/nceca>

“Storyteller” Clay Logan of Clay’s Corner presented entertainment. We laughed until we cried about the humorous tales and several of the ladies said they laughed about the old-fashioned stories all the way home.



West District Officers for 2013 and 2014 will be installed at NCECA State Convention at Rocky Mount in October.

Pictured left to right, Sue Rhodes-Advisor, Kay Higgins-Cultural Arts Coordinator, Candy Myers-Cultural Arts Coordinator, Cathy Hohenstein-West District Liaison Agent, Aileen Buckner-Cultural Arts Coordinator, Cindy Harmon – President, Mary Sue Boyles-Secretary, Sonja Jones-Vice President-, Nellie Jo Maney - Treasurer.

Cherokee County

Unaka Hearts and Hands Extension Community Association in Cherokee County held two workshops on May 22, 2012, to make bibs for Autumn Halls of Unaka, Assisted Living for the developmentally disabled. Forty bibs were finished that day and several ladies took bibs home to sew and bring back to the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2012. Plans were made for future projects to help the Unaka Community including visits and food for the homebound. Pictured left to right – Joyce Pastore, Shirley Hayes, Jenny Keith, Carolyn Dempsey, Bonnie Butler, Kathy Downs, Deb Fitt, and at table, Bonnie Oller.



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