

Tar Heel HOMEMAKERS E-news

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Notes From Your President . . .

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As we count down to the end of 2024 and prepare for a new year, I commend you for the work you continue to do in your communities!

I also want to remind you that your Yearly Activity hours are NOW due to be logged online. The form has been revised . . . you only have to post your ECA/Extension hours and lump all other hours into Other . . . this would cover faith, youth, community partners, etc. . . . anything that is not ECA or Extension related!

I want to thank you for the support that you have shown as I took this journey as your State President, again! I truly appreciate your extra effort as we tackled Strategic Planning. I trust that you will embrace the changes that were made at State Conference 2024. They are not major but were intended to enable ECA to grow. And if we do not strive to grow, we will cease to exist!

I am not going away . . . I'll always have an affinity for ECA and its mission and will continue to be a part and give total support to Dorothy and her team as they take the helm of our organization.

Love you all and happy holidays!

Wanda

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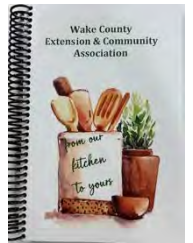
Across the State

Northeast

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

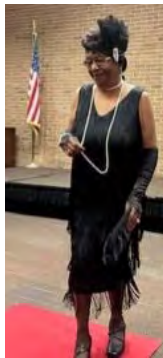
Wake County

Wake County ECA held its Achievement Day on November 14. The theme was *“Teamwork is the Heart of Great Achievement.”* One of the highlights of the day was the unveiling of the cookbook that members have worked on all summer! Besides submitting recipes and helpful hints, members sold ads. The books are for sale for \$20.



Members were recognized and celebrated for their achievements this past year. Aside from the awards given at State Conference, President Janie Green recognized members who had gone above and beyond in their service to Wake County ECA!

The entertainment for the day was a Fashion Show, the brainchild of and was directed by Sara Perry, Wake County ECA Vice-president. Members selected and modeled outfits from their closets. They also wrote the narrative for their ensemble.



To close the day, the 2025-26 Officers were installed!

Southeast

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

Wayne County



Wayne County ECA held its Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 23.



Wayne County, continued



Town and Country ECA won first place at the Christmas Tree competition at the Wayne Regional Agricultural Fair!

Duplin County



Stanford-Duplin ECA's Annual Fashion and Hat Show was a success once again this year! There were hats galore . . . big hats, medium hats and small hats in every color of the sun with fashions to match that were worn by the models. The show was hosted by member, Colleen Newkirk. She wore a sassy gold colored cowboy hat and dress to match!



We were entertained by 10 year old, Peyton Moore. who is a professional dancer who competes in competition.

Food was catered by member Linda Williams. She had a variety of tasty dishes to choose from. Our models were from the community made up of family fiends. We are looking forward to next year. The monies raised are to help us buy supplies next year.

Stanford - Duplin ECA supports Mooretown Community Garden Project, through team efforts. Robert Moore, Project Manager, works closely with teens to teach them to tend the land and to get it to yield according to the need. He also teaches them how to maintain land and keep financials. For their hard work, each received a certificate.



ECA displayed a booth at the county Agribusiness fair this year to show the crafts the members made for nursing homes in the community, school children and hospitals. We also show crafts where we compete among ourselves and members from other clubs in our district. This is one of the ways we communicate to the public our purpose and mission to the community, especially seniors and children.

Duplin County, continued



Lupus Walk hits close to home. Our member, Jackie Lisane's daughter, Anisha Bryant has Lupus. Heavenly Butterflies Team Walk is the name of her team. This year's event was at the Lois Britt Agriculture Center in Kenansville. Several of our members, Theresa Bowles, Margueritte Robinson, Carolyn Lisane and Jackie Lisane took part in the walk to help raise money. All donations will benefit the

Lupus Foundation of America. Anisha Bryant won a medal for raising over a thousand dollars for the charity.



Stanford-Duplin ECA will always be there for those in need. Our club came together to donate to the Hurricane Helene victims in western North Carolina. ECA donated toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothbrushes and bleach. Donations were sent through the local county schools.

A few weeks later, handmade lap throws made and donated by members were given to Pansey Hall, one of our newest members, for distribution through her church, First Missionary Baptist Church in Kenansville, to send to western North Carolina.

North Central

Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Wilkes, Yadkin

Caswell County



Caswell County ECA volunteers enjoyed getting into the holiday spirit today by crafting paper ornaments led by arts instructor Carol Dodson.

Randolph County

Randolph ECA visited Homeland Creamery on October 10. Homeland Creamery is owned and operated by the Bowman Family in Julian. They are 6th and 7th generation farmers who have raised and milked dairy cows on the same homestead for nearly three quarters of a century. Today, they partner with Wright Farms in Franklinville, NC, Gerringer Farms in Gibsonville, NC, and Langley Farms in Staley, NC to provide customers with the same high quality, local milk. Wright, Gerringer, and Langley share the same farming practices and ethics as Homeland Creamery. Following the dairy visit, the ECA trek continued to the Alamance Historical Museum, followed by lunch in downtown Graham



Randolph ECA visited the NC Museum of Art on September 20th. The docent led tour focused on Iconic Women Artists. Following the tour, the group had lunch at "Seaboard Station" which was attached to Logan's Garden Shop. The restaurant officially "retired" on September 28 after more than 30 years of wonderful times. Logan's Garden Shop will continue at the same location until mid 2025; it will then move to the NC State Farmer's Market.

Orange County

Give the joy of the Holidays

RAFFLE FOR EDUCATION

Enter to win this beautiful pre-lit, frosted, 7-foot Christmas tree and support our youth scholarship offered by the Extension & Community Association.

Tickets \$10 only
Get your tickets **at the Orange County Extension office** and see this beautiful tree in person.

Ticket Drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 18th
Pick tree by Saturday December 21st

For more details about the Extension & Community Association work, go to orange.ces.ncsu.edu/oceca/

The Extension & Community Association is an equal opportunity provider.



Orange County ECA is holding a Raffle for Education to fund ECA's scholarship for Orange County students. We accept cash and checks made to OCECA.

Surry County



Beulah ECA Club enjoyed a Belk Fashion Show featuring fall and winter clothing at their October 15 meeting at the Beulah Community Center. Leon Baskerville, Mt. Airy Belk Store Manager was emcee and coordinator. Models were club members and Belk employees. The audience was able to ask questions about the clothing brands, prices, fabrics, etc. at the conclusion of the show.

In November, members made Thanksgiving fruit baskets for sixteen homebound community members. As a special treat, a retired florist and new club member instructed the group on making beautiful holiday bows.



Surry County Continued



The **Pilot Mountain Achievers** traveled to Second Harvest Food Bank in Winston Salem for their October meeting. The group worked a shift with other volunteers to pack 240 shelf stable meal boxes to be transported to those in need in Western NC.

In November the group participated in the Extension at Home program "Holiday Classics with a Spin." Extension agent Carmen Long prepared several of the recipes shared during the class for the group to taste.

The **Siloam ECA Club** enjoyed a program on "Appeeling" Desserts at their October meeting. Information was shared on the advantages of making healthy and colorful fruit desserts. Fruits contain many important nutrients to benefit our health and are naturally sweet. Members and guests sampled many different recipes made with fruit and learned some healthy cooking techniques.

In November, club members assembled teacher thank you bags in celebration of American Education Week for the teachers at Copeland Elementary School.

South Central
Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cumberland, Gaston, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Union

Gaston County



Gaston County ECA, Gaston County Government and Gaston County Extension held their Christmas Bazaar on November 16. ECA had a silent auction and quilt raffle going on too and all proceeds go back into the community!

Lee County



The members of the **Lemon Springs ECA** visited with a local church sewing group to observe the sewing projects going on.

ECA members presented a check for the first-place winners in the Diaper Derby contest at the fairgrounds.



Hearts and Hands Fair Booth at Lee Regional Fair in September. These quilts will be given to veterans in November and December. Members also had a quilt class in September.



Dates to Remember

- December 1 Tar Heel Homemakers eNews deadline
Pennies for Friendship to Appointed Treasurer
County Membership dues to appointed Treasurer
- January 1 All 2025-26 officers take over



West

Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Cherokee Reservation, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey

Cherokee County



Cherokee County ECA: Sew Much Fun Sewing Club Finishes their Fall Beginner Sewing Class

The **ECA Sit & Knit Club** has launched a heartwarming initiative to help Cherokee County residents stay warm this winter. Through their dedication to craft and community service, members of the **Sit & Knit Club** have hand-knit or crocheted cozy hats, scarves, blankets, and gloves to be placed on two Christmas trees, known as “Giving Trees.” These trees, located at Murphy Public Library and Andrews Public Library, are adorned with handmade items available for anyone in need to take for free.



This thoughtful project highlights the spirit of giving and emphasizes the importance of community support during the colder months. The Giving Trees serve as a symbol of warmth and generosity, inviting anyone in need to help themselves to the carefully crafted items.

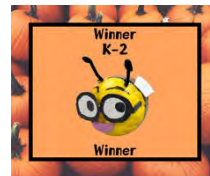
The **ECA Sit & Knit Club** and Cherokee County libraries have partnered to make this effort a reality, demonstrating the strength of community collaborations. The libraries are thrilled to support the club’s initiative by providing high-traffic locations where community members can easily access the items.



The Giving Trees will be on display at Murphy and Andrews Public Libraries throughout the holiday season, with items restocked as needed. The **ECA Sit & Knit Club** encourages community members to visit the libraries, take what they need, and enjoy the warmth and care knit into each piece.

Cleveland County

Cleveland County ECA monitarily sponsors Somethin' Pumpkin every year with three of our local libraries. Somethin' Pumpkin is a seasonal program that offers fun learning activities for the entire family and encourages families to try different pumpkin recipes to enjoy this delicious winter squash. ECA members supported local agriculture by assisting the libraries in purchasing approximately 50 pumpkins from local farmers. This year, 40 decorated pumpkins were returned and winners were awarded in five categories. Children enjoyed decorating book-themed pumpkins and having them judged. Patrons visiting the library and on social media/Facebook were able to participate in viewing and voting for their Fan Favorite. Library staff, families, and ECA members enjoy this annual fall project.



Cleveland County ECA members are part of the Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren & Kinship Care (BRGRG) Support Group volunteer team each month. The October 17th meeting featured ECA members Pat Farley, following up with participants on the importance of volunteering and she encouraged them to share ways they had volunteered in their schools and communities, Jean Ann Privett and Jo Anne Owens, and DSS volunteer Peggy Ross, carried out special fall activities with the younger children's group. ECA also coordinates a monthly BRGRG Book Club that lets the children and adults select a book or magazine of interest to them and to encourage family literacy.

Lauren Greene, Area Specialized Agent, Poultry - Western NC planned a Poultry Processing Day on November 7th in cooperation with NC Cooperative Extension staff from Rutherford, Polk, and Cleveland Counties; the NCSU Poultry Science Department; NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; Cleveland Community College Animal Science Department; and other volunteers, including **Cleveland County ECA** County Council President, Pat Farley. The day included class instruction for the animal science students and others enrolled who plan to process poultry at home. This was a full day with lecturing, demonstrations, and hands-on learning.

Pat Farley and Nancy Abasiekong, – Cleveland County FCS Agent worked with Sheri Ledford, Rutherford County FCS and others to sanitize the birds as part of the post-processing operation in the kitchen.





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