**McLean County Home and**

**Community Education News**

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| **JUNE**    **JULY**  **2025** | Diagram  Description automatically generated |

**(All programs Open to Public, some with fees)**

**LLL = Local Leader Lesson**

**EX = Extension Office: 1615 Commerce Parkway, Blm**

**FB or FB=Farm Bureau Bldg, 2242 Westgate Dr, Blm**

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES….**

# **EAT, Shop, Visit!!!**

# **Thursday, June 12**

Thur., June 12 BUSY CORNER LUNCH & SHOP

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| **11 am -Busy Corners Lunch**  **A sign with a cup of coffee  AI-generated content may be incorrect.**  ***302 S Eureka St. Goodfield, IL***  **RSVP by Fri, June 6 to Ruth:**  [**grppoppe@frontier.com**](mailto:grppoppe@frontier.com)  **or text 309-287-8214**  **Carpooling on your own** | **Afterwards, Shopping**  **In Eureka with last stop**  **at Eureka College and the Reagan Peace Garden** |

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| **Read & Share 2-3:30p**  **Meet at McLean Co Extension Ofc**    **FREE, Public invited.**  **Info:  LaVonne C. 309-825-6558** | child |

**Jun 16 - *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.**

**DIFFERENT BOOK & TITLE/AUTHOR than previously publicized**

**HCE INTERNATIONAL STUDY**

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| **2025**  **INTERNATIONAL STUDY OF**  **South Africa** | A map of south africa with different colored states  Description automatically generated |

**South Africa has a population of about 62 million (as of 2022) and has diverse origins, cultures, languages, and religions. The population has continued to increase from 13.6 million in 1950 and then 55.3 million in 2015. South Africa has about five million** [**illegal immigrants**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illegal_immigration)**, including some three million Zimbabweans. To Learn More, Attend:**

**\*\*International Day, Thursday, October 9, 11a-1p\*\***

**McLean County Farm Bureau Auditorium**

**Kathleen Emery will speak of her South Africa Adventure**

McLean County HCE MEMBERSHIP Activities

Visit a HCE unit meeting, workshop, or class for wonderful lifelong learning.

For more information of HCE membership:

**Joann Hart, 309-310-9205,** [**jh1610@aol.com**](mailto:jh1610@aol.com)

**Paula Miller, 309-824-0661,** [**pami2468@hotmail.com**](mailto:pami2468@hotmail.com)

**Monthly Programs (September – June)**

**Coming to a Unit Meeting NEAR YOU!**

**Kathleen 309-824-2784, k**[**semery@frontiernet.net**](mailto:semery@frontiernet.net)

**Becky Toohill 309-532-2125,** [**becktohill@aol.com**](mailto:becktohill@aol.com)

**LLL(Local Leader Lessons) are free & open to the public.**

**FB: Farm Bureau Auditorium, 2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington**

**107th Annual Meeting of the**

**McLean County Association for**

**Home & Community Education &**

**Cultural Enrichment & Fine Arts Show**

**Plan to enter your fine arts projects completed within past 2 years**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025 8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**St. John’s Lutheran Church,**

**1617 E Emerson St, BLM Lower Southside entrance (no stairs)**

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| Alarm Clock Clipart, Alarm Clock Clip art, Scrapbooking, Party Invitations,  Colorful Variety Digital Clock Illustrations Commercial | **“MAKE TIME”**  **for**  **McLean County HCE** |

**Tickets: $20**

**Business meeting, officers installation, program and luncheon. Rosemary Martin, 309-473-2876**

**8:30-9:00 Registration & Fine Arts & Crafts projects brought in**

**9:00 Annual Meeting with program & luncheon to follow.**

**Program: Dr. Michael Lockett, Storyteller/Author**

**Fine Arts & Craft Show will be going on with judging & winners to go to state announced after the program.**

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| **McLean County Fair**  **And 4-H Show**  **July 23-27, 2025** | **A picture containing text, graphic design, clipart, graphics  Description automatically generated** |

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| **A rainbow colored heart on a black background  Description automatically generated with medium confidence** | **Thursday, July 24**  **Young at Heart Day at the**  **McLean County Fair**  **8:30-11:30am**  **Cloverleaf Auditorium** |

**Refreshments, musical entertainment, Educational**

**booths of organizations serving seniors,**

**and LOTS OF FUN**

**Call one of the Chairs for more information:**

**Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797; Donna LaMar, 309-829-2537**

**Next YAH Meeting: Thu, June 26 , 7pm @ Donna’s**

**May 27 2025**

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**McLean Co HCE Newsletter**

**June/July 2025**

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| **107th YEAR**  **McLean County**  **Home & Community**  **Education** | **MAKE TIME**  Alarm Clock Clipart, Alarm Clock Clip art, Scrapbooking, Party Invitations,  Colorful Variety Digital Clock Illustrations Commercial  **For McLean County HCE** |

**Serving the Community. . . . . . . . . .**

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| **HCE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY**  **Tuesday, Jun 17 ~ 9a - 2p**  **Focus Project: Patriotic Clothing Protectors**  **Farm Bureau- 2242 Westgate Dr, Bloomington**  **Come & go as needed** | A picture containing company name  Description automatically generated |

**Bring your own projects or work on HCE focus projects.  Bring your machine if you have one. We have two sewing machines available for those who sew but have no machine. We can always use more sewers. Kits are available for those who like to work from home. Non sewers are also welcome...we have projects for you also!!**

**Questions: Betty Jensen, 309-531-2183 bjgrannie@hotmail.com**

**SOLDIER PROJECTS**

**Questions/Contact: Cindy Kelley 309-824-4797**

**FAMILY ISSUES**

**2025-2026 special project to have collections for**

**Humane Society of Central Illinois**

**Gina McDannold, Chair - 309-242-3801 or**

**JunkerGina@yahoo.com**

**VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME with CVH & RSVP**

**HCE Community Volunteer Hours – CVH Chair will accept your volunteer hours. Contact info:**

**Paula Miller: 309-824-0661,** [**pami2468@hotmail.com**](mailto:pami2468@hotmail.com)

**McLean County HCE is a RSVP agency. If already a RSVP volunteer, your HCE hours can be reported to RSVP. If not a RSVP,**

**learn about signing up today.**

**Pat Pulokas, 309-530-5327 or palp@mchsi.com**

**National Volunteer Outreach Network**

**“Planting Many Seeds…Expect Growth”**

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| **NVON**  **26th Annual Conference**  **July 8-10, 2025**  **Springfield,**  **Illinois !!**  **RSVP due June 1, 2025** | **A picture containing circle, graphics, graphic design, drawing  Description automatically generated**  **www.nvon.org**  **(For more details)** |

**A delegation from McLean County is attending!**

**More information: Cindy Kelley, 309-824-4797**

**Website: www.mcleanhce.org**

Do you have HCE Information to put on our public sites?

Website: Paula Miller- 309-824-0661 or [pami2468@hotmail.com](mailto:pami2468@hotmail.com)

Facebook: Robin Bagwell- 309-750-6715 or bobbinlace@frontiernet.net

Newsletter: Pat Pulokas- 309-530-5327 or [palp@mchsi.com](mailto:palp@mchsi.com)

**LIKE our facebook page at: McLean-County-Association-for-Home-and-Community-Education.**

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| **$$$ MONEY MATTERS $$$** |  |

**2025 HCE Bake Sale Booths**

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| **IMG_3131** | **Downs Village Market @ Dooley Park**  **Wed, 4-6 p.m. Jun 4 & Sep 10**  **Bloomington Downtown**  **Farmers Market**  **Sat, Aug 9 7:30a - 12 noon**  **Attic Treasures & Bake Sale**  **Thu, Sep 25, 3-7p; & Fri, 26, 8a.–1p** |

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| **A plate of spaghetti with sauce and cheese  Description automatically generated with medium confidence**  Avanti spaghetti, bread, salad homemade desserts  & drinks | Towanda HCE  Spaghetti Supper  Thursday, July 3, 2025  4:30-6:30 pm  Towanda Community Building  At the door tickets:  Adult/$10 Child/$5 (2-7 yr)  Under 2 yr. FREE  309-824-4797 |

**Towanda Fireworks when dark on Thurs., July 3, 2025**

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**HCE Attic Treasures & Bake Sale**

**Thur, Sep 25, 3-7pm & Fri, Sep 26, 8am-1pm**

**McLean County Fairgrounds**

**Mini Expo Building**

**Holiday, Christmas, household, books, small furniture, linens, crafts, baked goods and so much more! We do NOT sell footwear or clothing but we do sell purses, scarves,**

**and jewelry. More details- 309-824-4797**

**Set up & Bring priced items on Wed, 9a-3pm.**

**Sale Proceeds to benefit: HCE Community Outreach Projects and HCE Scholarship(s) Fund.**

**IAHCE DISTRICT 2 WORKSHOPS**

**\*\*\*Wed, June 25 Mini meeting in Decatur, IL \*\*\***

**11:45a- lunch provided, donation bucket RSVP Jun 20**

**\*\*\*Wed., August 6, 2025 \*\*\***

**Southern View Chapel, Springfield, IL**

**More details to come**

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**McLean County Association for Home and Community Education is affiliated with:**

**Illinois Association for Home & Community Education (IAHCE)**

**National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON)**

**Country Women's Council USA (CWC)**

**Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)**

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**May 27, 2025**

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