

EXTENSION & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ECA) - GASTON COUNTY April 2021 Newsletter

UPCOMING ECA MEETING - ONLINE OR PHONE

Thurs., April 1st | 10:00am - 11:00am

Join us for our monthly meeting - you can participate online or by phone.

You can participate via computer or by phone:

<https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/96741564997?pwd=RmE5b1UxUWhwNFhRRndOdmpvZXJ5Zz09>

Join by Phone: 1-470-250-9358

Meeting ID: 967 4156 4997 Passcode: 018487

Thanks to everyone who participated in last month's meeting. We had seven individuals who joined - it was great to check in and hear your voices. Although our online meetings do not replace seeing folks in person, the online option is a critical tool for us to conduct business and make decisions. Your flexibility and willingness to try new things is greatly appreciated!

RISING ABOVE: 7-WEEK JOURNEY TOWARD WELL-BEING

Begins Mon., April 5th

NC State is part of a new self-care program "Rising Above" being offered through Faithful Families. This free 7-week program is for anyone wanting to learn more about self-care and practice it in their daily life. Learn more and sign up by April 1st: <https://faithfulfamilies.com/rising-above/>



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thurs., April 15th | 10:00am - 11:30am Lucile Tatum Center

All board members are requested to attend this meeting - contact Audrey Hunt if you are unable to participate. This meeting is open to all members, but only Executive Board members can vote during this time.

2021 GASTON COUNTY ECA SCHOLARSHIP

Submission Deadline: Thurs., May 15th (Date change)

Gaston County ECA plans to award at least one \$1,000 scholarship for 2021 - both youth and adults can apply. Scholarship applications are available on our website (<https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/gaston-eca/>) and for pickup by appointment. Please share this information with anyone you know who can benefit! The Gaston County School system has the application on its website.

LEADER AND MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Application deadline: Fri., April 16th

It's time to get your best handwriting skills ready to vote for Leader and Member of the Year. Forms are due to Pam Bryson by April 16th at noon. These forms were emailed to the members and attached to the newsletter. The awards will be given at our Achievement Day on May 6th at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas, NC.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION VIRTUAL RUN

Sat., April 17th

Now is the time to plan for ECA's participation in this virtual run, with proceeds benefiting the ECA scholarship fund. We need walkers and/or runners to participate in this virtual event. Donation/info form is available online:

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/2021cfrun>



ECA COMMITTEE WORK

Although COVID-19 may prevent some of our ECA activities, such as in-person workshops, there is still much we can work on throughout 2021 through our committees. Both staff and ECA President will reach out to our committees to identify goals for this year - each of the following committee will be contacted soon to schedule a zoom meeting:

- Building Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Program Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Cookbook Committee

CERAMIC ROOM UPDATE

Many thanks to all ECA volunteers who helped with the sale and removal of kilns and ceramic molds. Both kilns have been removed, along with the molds. "Art on the Greenway" from Mt. Holly purchased the large kiln for \$450. Pat Mantooth purchased the small kiln for \$25. All monies for the 2021 firing fee have been returned to paying members.

Next, the plan is set-up the room, officially changed to the "Program Room" for classes and workshops. Some "crafty decor" - perhaps crafting projects - can be displayed, along with wall quilts, etc. This room is not an office, although it will have a small desk and computer, which can be used by ECA members.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER PROJECT

Plans are being made to begin work on the ECA cookbook project with the planning committee. More details to follow after the first committee meeting.

PROJECT ROOM DONATIONS

Due to COVID-19, staff are currently not accepting donations typically collected in the project room. Staff plan to work with the Building Committee to have completed blankets, lap robes, scarves, etc., distributed/mailed to their designated recipients as soon as possible.



**COOKING SMART
WITH FRESH HERBS**

Do you love the smell of fresh herbs, but unsure about how to include the taste of them in recipes? If so, this session is for you! Come discover fresh flavor ideas for your summer meals. Plus, you'll get recipes that are sure to help you eat smart with less added salt, sugar, and fat.

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING 2021 SESSIONS:	
Wed., April 14th 10 - 11am Registration Deadline: April 12th	
Wed., June 16th 10 - 11am Registration Deadline: June 9th	
Thurs., July 22nd 10 - 11am Registration Deadline: July 15th	
Wed., August 18th 10 - 11am Registration Deadline: August 11th	
INSTRUCTOR:	Linda J. Minges, MPH, RD, LDN NC Cooperative Extension

No cost to participants. All sessions held online. Ways to register:

- Online: eventbrite.com - search event name/date
- Contact instructor: linda_minges@ncsu.edu or 704.922.2127

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For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact site location within 5 business days of event.

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DO YOU HAVE **concerns** about **falling?**



A MATTER OF
BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

Weekly sessions are held online via Zoom - participants need a computer with internet connection.

WHERE:	Virtual workshop from home - participate from the convenience of your computer
WHEN:	Mondays & Wednesdays (total of 9 sessions) May 1 - June 2, 2021
TIME:	9:30am - 11:30am
COST:	No cost to you! (<i>Program valued over \$800</i>)
INSTRUCTORS:	Pam Bryson & Linda Minges
RSVP:	Pre-registration required by April 19, 2021: Phone: 704.922.2127 Email: linda_minges@ncsu.edu

You will learn to:

- View falls as controllable
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

You should consider attending this program if you:

- Want to improve balance, flexibility and strength
- Are concerned about falls or have fallen in the past
- Have restricted activities because of falling concerns

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ECA CULTURAL ARTS 2021

Mon. - Fri., April 26th - 30th

Join the fun of displaying your talents and gifts! Enter as many items as you can into the cultural arts contest. We want to see what you've been working on this past year.

Instructions for submitting entries:

1. *Drop-off and viewing all entries will be done by appointment only due to COVID-19 guidelines.*
2. Creative Writing entries must be submitted by April 12th - see Creative Writing Rules on page 6 of newsletter.
3. All other entries can be submitted by appointment only on Monday, April 26th (10:15 - 11:45am or 1:15 - 3:00pm) and Tuesday, April 27th (10:15 - 11:45am). Please call the Lucile Tatum Center to make an appointment.
4. Entries will be available for viewing on Thursday, April 29th (10:15 - 11:30am) and (1:15 - 3:00pm) by appointment only. Take time to vote for your favorite entry for the People's Choice Award!
5. Entries to be picked up on Friday, April 30th from 10:15-11:45 and 1:15-3:00pm.

The rules are simple:

1. Any current Gaston County ECA member is eligible to enter an article in any (or all) of the contest categories listed below. Only one article can be entered per category. The article must have been made by an individual member and must have been completed between March 2019 and April 2021.
2. Articles are allowed entry in the Cultural Arts Contest only one time.
3. If your name is on the article, cover it with tape so it is not visible to the judges.
4. Entries must be accompanied by a signed copy of the NCECA Cultural Arts Release Form, which is included in this newsletter, can be picked up at the Lucile Tatum Center, or found on the ECA website:
<https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/gaston-eca/>
5. ECA is not responsible for lost or damaged articles.

Look at each category below. How many categories can you enter? One item per category. Review the definition to see which categories you can enter! (Do you sew? Enter in Category 1 and 2 and 9! Do you do hand work? Look at Categories 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9! Get the idea? And don't forget Category 32 - if what you do doesn't fit in any other category.

NCECA CULTURAL ARTS CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. Sewing: Clothing (including smocked items), aprons, doll clothes, costumes, vests
2. Sewing: Home furnishings, draperies, pillow covers, placemats, wall hanging (with sleeve), table runner
3. Needlework: Tatting, lace, cross stitch, counted cross stitch, needlepoint, red work, Swedish embroidery

4. Knitting: any knitted item
5. Crocheting: Any crocheted item
6. Embroidery: Hardanger, candlewicking, crewel
7. Craft Recycling: Using recycled items to create a craft
8. Heritage Skills: Corn shuck dolls, braided or hooked rugs, gourd art, calligraphy, pressed flower art, baskets (reed, rag, pine needle), wood craft
9. Christmas Decorations
10. Jewelry
11. Scrapbooking: Submit only two pages

Fine Arts

12. Watercolors
13. Oils
14. Acrylics
15. Miscellaneous: Tole painting, stenciling, etching, painting on wood or glass

Quilts: All Sizes

16. Quilts: Appliqued, machine quilted
17. Quilts: Appliqued, hand quilted
18. Quilts: Pieced, machine quilted
19. Quilts: Pieced, hand quilted
20. Quilts: Stamped pattern (cheater's cloth), machine quilted
21. Quilts: Stamped pattern (cheater's cloth), hand quilted
22. Quilts: Machine embroidery, machine quilted
23. Quilts: Machine embroidery, hand quilted
24. Quilts: Wall hanging
25. Quilts: Other techniques-cathedral window, yoyo, crazy quilt, tacked

26. Flower Arrangement: Artificial or dried
27. Wreath: Artificial or dried
28. Photography: Black & White, Color (may be matted)
29. Dolls: Porcelain
30. Dolls: Fabric
31. Metal Arts: Use any metal for enameling, hammering, embossing, engraving
32. Miscellaneous: Only items that cannot be entered in the above categories are entered here.

Creative Writing

33. Poetry: Entry cannot exceed three pages
34. Short Story: Entry cannot exceed twenty pages

Creative Writing - General Instructions:

1. Only original work and unpublished writers are eligible.
2. Entry must be typed, not handwritten, on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper.

3. Entry must be double-spaced with one inch margins on each submitted page.
4. Each page must be numbered with the title included on each page with no identifiable markings (such as name, address, phone number or pictures) on pages or folder.
5. Entry must be placed in a plain manila folder.
6. Place the completed Cultural Arts Release Form (including title, number of pages) in an unsealed envelope.
7. Entries MUST be in the hands of the contest coordinator on the level of competition (county/district/state) THREE (3) weeks prior to the contest.
8. Entries will be judged on creativity, appearance, spelling and punctuation. Following guidelines described above
9. A critique of your work will NOT be available.

Revised 10/10/17

CULTURAL ARTS CONTEST RELEASE FORM

I, _____ agree to allow my entry in category # _____ to be in the possession of county, district and/or state members responsible for helping with the NCECA Cultural Arts Contest. I agree to pick up my entry or appoint a named person to do so after the county, district or state level of the contest and exhibit. In signing this form I am so stating that this article is entirely my work and that I have packaged my article for safe handling. Any damages occurring due to improper packing are my responsibility. NCECA, or any member helping with the contest, will not be responsible for any damage or loss. I understand if my item wins first place, it must progress to the next level of the contest.

Signed _____
Date

County _____
District

Special Interest Group

Home Address

City _____
Zip

Phone _____
E-mail Address

Item(s) Description:

ECA ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2021

Thurs. May 6th | 9:00am - 12:00pm - Citizen Resource Center, Dallas

Registration Fee: \$5.00

Registration Deadline: Thurs., April 29th - contact Pam Bryson @ 704.865.3291 or pam.bryson@gastongov.com

This year's theme is "*Derby Day*", so put on your hat and join us for some fun. All participants are required to follow COVID-19 guidelines, which includes social distancing and wearing a face covering. We have limited space for 25 members. A special invitation will arrive by April 6th.

Note: Due to NC State COVID-19 guidelines that restricts eating inside the building during the event, the Executive Board decided not to include a meal since it would have to be eaten outside.

ECA WEBSITE UPDATE

Please note that information has been updated on our website, located at:

<https://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/gaston-eca/>. At this site, you can find copies of the newsletter, forms, scholarship applications, and operational guidelines for ECA at both the state and county level.

Building Use Policy for the Lucile Tatum Center - Updated 12.13.20

The following COVID-19 guidance is provided in accordance with the Governor's Phase 3.0, NC State University, and Gaston County Government:

1. The Lucile Tatum Center is currently open to the public by appointment only and individuals must wear a face covering. The building is not available for rental use during this time.
2. Visitors and volunteers are to enter the building through the front entrance only. Three questions will also be asked to everyone entering the building. If they answer yes to any of the questions they will not be allowed in the building. Staff will follow county protocol and participants will not be allowed in the building.
3. During this time building use is for business only – this includes Extension & Community Association (ECA) activities. Volunteers are restricted from using the Center for personal activities.
4. Due to recent increases in COVID-19 cases, all ECA workshops are cancelled until further notice.

For further information: Pam Bryson, Lucile Tatum Center Director
704.865.3291 or pam.bryson@gastongov.com

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The building will be closed Friday, April 2nd for the Easter holiday.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please note that staff rely on the input from ECA members for the information presented in monthly newsletters. Since there have been recent comments that information is

incorrect and/or missing, we'll begin having the newsletter reviewed by the Executive Board prior to being distributed.

The deadline to submit items for the monthly newsletter is the 10th of the month. If the 10th falls on a weekend the information is due before the 10th. Information received after the 10th will be included in the following month's newsletter. Please note that information needs to be submitted in written form to Pam Bryson.

SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER

Many thanks to ECA member, Betty Agerton, who sends cards to our members who are sick, hospitalized, or experienced the loss of a loved one. Please let Betty know if any members who are in your special interest group have the need for a card. We would appreciate it if only one person from your Special Interest Group would contact Betty. If the ECA member is not part of a special interest group, please notify Pam Bryson or Audrey Hunt.

The Martha Goebel Special Interest Group is our new call tree partner that will provide reminder calls to members each month for the monthly ECA meetings. Thank you Martha Goebel Special Interest Group.

UPCOMING SPECIALTY GROUP MEETING

The **Martha Goebel Special Interest Group** will be meeting at 11:00am on April 6th at the Firestone Grill, Gastonia. All ECA members are cordially invited to attend.

MEMBER UPDATE

Many of our members are dealing with health issues and the isolation restrictions created by COVID continues to be a burden. Please reach out to ECA members with a phone call or card - your contact is so important and a great way to help check in with our members.

Please let others or Extension staff know if you become sick, develop health concerns, or have special needs, during this most difficult time. We are family and can work together to help look after each other!

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to family and friends of the following ECA members:

- *Gail Thacker*, member of the Martha Goebel Specialty Group, for the loss of her husband, Pete Thacker, who passed away on February 28th.
- *Martha Spurrier*, member of the Lucile Tatum Specialty Group, for the loss of her sister, Barbara Ladd Wilson Broome, who passed away on March 7th.
- *Betty Willis*, for the loss of her sister, Maxine Ellington, who passed on Friday, March 12th.
- *Kathie Andrews*, former member of Quiltmakers, for the loss of her husband, John Andrews, who passed on Saturday, March 20th.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE (schedule is subject to change)

Please note: We will continue with virtual meetings (1st Thursday of the month - 10am) until further notice due to COVID-19:

- No meeting in July
- Christmas party in December

ECA 2021 PROJECTS

The following projects are ongoing and supported by all ECA clubs:

1. Ronald McDonald House: collecting drink tabs (contact: Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)
2. Gaston County Schools: collecting school supplies in August (contact: Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)
3. First Baptist Mission Trips: collecting eyeglasses (contact: Martha Spurrier)
4. Pennies for Friendship: supporting Association of Country World Women (contact: Dana Croston)
5. Baby Quilts & Baby Caps: making quilts and caps for infants in the neonatal intensive unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center (contact: Gloria Snyder & Angela Nona)
6. Surgical Pillows: sewing pillows for surgical patients of CaroMont Regional Medical Center (contact: Pat Mantooth)
7. Operation Gratitude: knitting/crocheting scarves for the military
8. Shirt Savers for Holy Angels: making shirt savers for residents – cloth/supplies purchased by Holy Angels (contact: Martha Spurrier)
9. Farmers Market Activities: providing local food demos at the Gastonia Farmers' Market (contact: Audrey Hunt)
10. Warm Up America: making afghans for the homeless (contact: Angela Nona)
11. Habitat for Humanity Women's Build
12. Food Pantry: collecting food supplies for local pantries, twice a year
13. Gaston Skills: providing workshops for adults with special needs (contact: Audrey Hunt or Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)

GASTON CO. ECA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2021

President - Audrey Hunt President-Elect - vacant Secretary - Billie Taylor
Treasurer - Dana Croston Advisor - Patti Wells

STANDING COMMITTEE CONTACTS

- Building Committee - Jean Caldwell, Peggy Dameron, Jane Falls, Sandy Hamrick, Pat Mantooth, Martha Spurrier, & Patti Wells
- Marketing Committee - Dana Croston, Sandy Hamrick, & Patti Wells
- Program Committee - Pamela Myers & Patti Wells
- Scholarship Committee - Chairperson: Karen Rhyne, Martha Spurrier, Billie Taylor, & Patti Wells

AD HOC (TEMPORARY) COMMITTEE CONTACTS

- Cookbook Committee - Dana Croston, Karen Rhyne, & Nina Tarte

Executive Board Meetings dates for 2021 every 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am:

April 15th	May 20th	June 17th
July 15th	August 19th	September 16th
October 21st	November 18th	December 16th

2021 ECA SPECIALTY GROUPS

- Lucile Tatum - contact: Martha Spurrier
- Martha Goebel - contact: Mary Upton
- Quiltmakers - contact: Patti Wells
- Scrappers Unlimited - contact: Betse Cordell
- Creative Needlers - contact: Rita Kincaid

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Good Friday - April 2 (Friday)
- Memorial Day - May 31 (Monday)
- Independence Day - July 5 (Monday)
- Labor Day - September 6 (Monday)
- Veterans Day - November 11 (Thursday)
- Thanksgiving - November 25 & 26 (Thursday & Friday)
- Christmas - December 24 & 27 Friday & Monday

LUCILE TATUM CENTER

Location & Mailing Address: 959 Osceola St., Gastonia, NC 28054

Office Hours: Monday - Friday | 8:30am - 5pm (closed daily from 12-1pm)

For More Information:

Pam Bryson - Gaston County ECA Liaison

Phone: 704.865.3291

Email: pam.bryson@gastongov.com

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Mailing Address: PO Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053

Physical Address: Citizens Resource Center, 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas, NC

Office Hours: Monday - Friday | 8am - 5pm

For More Information

Phone: 704.922.2111 Website: gaston.ces.ncsu.edu

NC Extension & Community Association website: go.ncsu.edu/nceca

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@ExtensionHealthyLiving (NC Cooperative Extension: Nutrition & Wellness Programs)

@GastonExtension (NC Cooperative Extension)

ECA Executive Board Meeting - March 18, 2021

10 AM at Lucille Tatum Center

Audrey Hunt, President, called the meeting to order. In attendance: Audrey Hunt, Billie Taylor, Patti Wells, Pam Myers, Dana Croston, Pam Bryson.

Treasurer, Dana C. presented financial report/budget. There was some discussion about the Marketing item on the budget. The amount was corrected to \$1,030 from \$630. A motion was made and seconded to move the Fundraising Activities item to a Budget item. Motion passed. The Ceramics New Kiln & Maint. item will be moved to the General Fund.

Money still has not been received from On The Border fundraiser. Patti Wells has notified the General Manager and he assured her it would be taken care of. They want us to do this again, and all agreed not too until we receive the money from the first event.

Pam Bryson represented Gaston County at a state foundation meeting by zoom yesterday. She informed them that Gaston County is still active, doing baby quilts, scarfs for military and memory bears. She reported that the NC ECA is hurting and losing groups due to COVID. Thanks Pam for a great job.

There will be a link posted on our website for the purchase of RADA products by credit card. Patti Wells made a motion for ECA to move forward for online sale of RADA. Dana C. seconded, Motion passed.

Audrey has contacted David Fogarty at the Citizens Resource Center about the possibility of having Achievement Day there on May 6, 2021 with a lunch. He responded that it could be held there, but the lunch would have to be a boxed lunch served outside. There was discussion on this and it was decided that the Achievement Day Celebration would be from 9AM until Noon and then everyone could do lunch on their own. Audrey handed out an agenda for Achievement Day. Dana C. agreed to be the speaker. This will be ECA Derby Achievement Day. There will be a \$5.00 fee and each person will receive a gift bag. Awards will be presented for the Cultural Arts at that time.

Cultural Arts items will be dropped off at the Lucille Tatum Center on Monday, April 26, 2021 from 10:15 AM until Noon and again at 1:15 pm until 3 pm, every 15 minutes by appointments only. If there are not enough entries, The Cultural Arts will be cancelled. If we do have enough items, judges will judge on Wednesday. There will be three judges. Viewing of items will be on Thursday beginning at 10:15 AM. April 30th will be pick up

day to pick up your items. This information will be in April's newsletter. Pam Myers agreed to do the shopping for gifts for the judges.

We have received no applications as yet for scholarships. It was agreed to extend the deadline to May 15th.

Audrey has heard nothing about whether our Run For the Money logo won any money or not only that they said it "looked good".

ECA will not be advertised on the Something Pumpkin t-shirts this year but will still be advertised on Other marketing material at a cost of \$102. It was agreed to spend this money for this advertisement. It is not sure what part we will play in Something Pumpkin at this time.

There was some discussion about the cookbook fundraiser and whether we would be able to get members to sell the cookbooks. Also there was some discussion about other possible fundraiser events. Nothing has been decided definitely

The meeting was adjourned. It was so good to meet in person.

Submitted by Billie Taylor, Secretary

Gaston County ECA Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2021 - 10 AM

Call to order via Zoom at 10 AM by Audrey Hunt, President.

Attending: Audrey Hunt, Pam Bryson, Patti Wells, Billie Taylor, Pam Myers, Mary Upton, Dana Croston, Carol Dillinger, Gloria Snyder, Jane Falls.

Audrey Hunt opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the Thatcher family and did The Thought for the Day: Be present in the present and Be grateful.

Please turn in volunteer hours to Pam Bryson via US Mail (959 Osceola St., Gastonia, NC 28054) or email to pam.bryson@gaston.gov using new form created by Rita Kincaid.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction: the member on the phone was Peggy Dameron not Peggy Rowland.

OLD BUSINESS: Update to membership - we now have 43 members.

Audrey Hunt announced that on March 18th at 10 AM the Executive Board will meet at the Lucille Tatum Center in the big room. Social Distancing will be followed along with face Masks worn.

There will be a meeting soon of the Cookbook Committee to begin plans for the fundraiser by printing and selling cookbooks.

here was discussion on a scholarship in memory of Linda J. We now have \$765 donated for this scholarship. It was agreed to make it an \$800 scholarship. This is in addition to the \$1,000 scholarship given by ECA.

It was brought up about accepting payments online and Pam Bryson said the County will not allow this at this time.

Audrey Hunt informed us that the Community Foundation Run flyers are out and magnets for our cars are at the Lucille Tatum Center for pick up. Signs have also been put out In several yards. The logo is completed and will go out to the membership so everyone can see it. Hopefully we will win some money for this Logo. Pam Bryson is signed to walk so we will qualify.

Update on ceramic room: Bidding is over and the large kiln went to Arts on the Green in Mt. Holly for a bid of \$450. They were also allowed to take the left over molds since their Bid was so generous. Pat Mantooth got the small kiln for a bid of \$25. This money will go Into the General Fund.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Scholarship: Pam Bryson sent applications information to the Gaston Gazette, Belmont Banner, and the Cherryville newspaper. Also an application was sent to the school system so students' parents would have access to it.

Lifestyle: Pam Myers reported we are hoping to have in person classes by May.

Patti Wells gave info on the 7 memory bears that are being made for someone who contacted Us through Hospice. She met with Marsha and Pam and they agreed to do the bears. Five bears are cut out and 5 people will be at the center on Friday to sew and stuff at 9:30 AM.

Pam Bryson was contacted by the State ECA and asked what we had been doing during the Pandemic. She informed them we were still doing projects such as baby quilts, military scarf, Shirt savers, etc. just as we always had. She will report to ECA Foundation on March 17th.

Marketing: Our signs will be changed out front and it was suggested that we put up a sign asking for support for the Community Run. Everyone agreed.

We will be having Cultural Arts in late April. More information coming on this.

Please turn in nomination forms for Member of the Year and Leader of the Year by April 16th.

We are still having trouble getting our money from the restaurant fundraiser. They have asked that we do it again this year. Patti will keep trying to get our money so we may consider this.

Dana joined the meeting late due to an appointment and gave the budget report. She reported that the 1099 and tax returns have been sent to the IRS and membership dues will be sent to the state by June, 2021. She will check on fundraiser line item and report at the next meeting.

Carol Dillinger requested prayer for a procedure she will have next Friday due to heart issues. Please pray for Carol.

The meeting was adjourned.

REMINDER: Board meeting March 18th at 10 AM at Lucille Tatum Center.

Billie S. Taylor, Secretary

OUTSTANDING ECA LEADER APPLICATION

The selection of Outstanding Extension and Community Association Leader is based on the individual's ECA activities as an officer and/or chair of a committee for the 2020 year (Dec. 1 Through Nov. 30th). The individual should have served in a leadership role, such as an officer and/or committee chair at the special interest group or county level. Any member may nominate an active member for Outstanding ECA Leader. THIS IS NOT DESIGNED FOR SELF-NOMINATION. We realize you may not have all the information but please put the information you have. All information will be considered.

Please attach additional pages and number each item clearly. Please print.

Name _____

Name of member Nominating individual for this award _____

1. Why do you consider your nominee to be an outstanding leader?

2. List all ECA offices held, committees chaired, or leadership roles in projects this year that you are aware of.

3. List ECA activities your nominee was involved in without having a leadership role.

4. What difference do you think this person's contributions made?

December 2019 updated

OUTSTANDING ECA MEMBER APPLICATION

The selection of Outstanding Extension and Community Association Member is based on the individual's ECA activities as member (not in a leadership role) for the 2020 year (Dec. 1 Through Nov. 30th). The individual should have served in a role, such as an contact person and/or committee chair at the special interest group or county level. Any member may nominate an active member for Outstanding ECA Member. THIS IS NOT DESIGNED FOR SELF-NOMINATION. We realize you may not have all the information but please put the information you have. All information will be considered.

Please attach additional pages and number each item clearly. Please print.

Name _____

Name of member nominating individual for this award _____

1. Why do you consider this person to be an outstanding ECA member?

2. What difference do you think this person's contributions made?

3. List all projects and activities this person has worked on that you are aware of.

Updated December 2019