

# ABOUT PEOPLE

## Around n About Homemakers hold January meeting



Members of the Around n About Homemakers Club present at the January meeting were (from left, front) Courtney Biggerstaff, Kathy Haile, Rita Gentry, Todd Stephenson, Maria Denton, Kala Holland, Cindy Strode; (back) Connie Hays, Penny Hurt, Shirley Moody, Kim Hollinsworth, Glenna Gerald, Donna Murray, Marketta Dubree, Charolette Arnett, Donna Allen and Betty Bartley.

The Around n About Homemakers met on Thursday, January 8, 2025 at the home of Rita Gentry with Rita and Donna Allen hosting.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Betty Bartley.

Inspiration and roll call were given by Secretary Charolette Arnett. Members answered roll with their favorite hobby since January is National Hobby Month. Secretaries report was then given by Charolette.

Donna Allen gave the treasurers report. As of today, our balance is \$717.98 with an extra \$94 earmarked for a 4-H Camp Scholarship.

We hold club fundraisers periodically to contribute to the camp funds. Connie Hays made a motion to approve the reports and Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Club business included:

Club assignments for 2026 will be Exceptional Egg Hunt, Christmas on Main and Autumn Fest in Gamaliel.

All individuals wishing to serve in volunteer roles for 4-H programs, projects, events, or activities, must go through a screening process before volunteering. If any members wish to assist, please see Charolette and she can get you started on the application.

Betty let the club know there may be a possible charter bus trip to the 2026 KY State Fair. More details will be forthcoming.

Rita and Donna will be conducting a mini lesson on banking policies at our next meeting.

Regena Lyons (County Leadership Development Chair) has a wonderful promotional graphic for homemakers on her Facebook page if members would like to share it.

Each member was asked to complete a 2026 Community Health Needs Assessment survey from MCMC.

4-H Talk Meet/Demonstrations/Mock Interviews will be held on Feb. 16th. Members are

encouraged to assist with judging but will need to complete the volunteer application process before.

Businesses/Volunteers are needed for 4-H Reality Store 8th graders at MCMS on February 18th. If you are interested, contact Tina or Charolette at the extension office.

The Homemaker Spring Bake Sale will be held April 2, 2026 and the Spring Weave (basket weavers) will be on March 20-21. Contact the extension office for more info.

Ongoing club service projects discussed were Blessing Box donations, recycled cards for Wee Care Day Care, Coins for Change, 4-H Scholarship fundraisers and bottle cap donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be hosted by Donna Murray and Courtney Biggerstaff on Thursday, February 12th at the home of Courtney.

Submitted by Charolette Arnett

## VanDyke - Graves wed

The families of Ellie VanDyke and Stetson Graves would like to announce their wedding on May 10, 2025.

They were married at Shaker Springs in Fountain Run.

Ellie is the daughter of Nikkie and TJ VanDyk of Newbern, Tenn.; the granddaughter of the late Emma Wade and Mike Way, Becky and Jeff Sloat, and Faye and Tony VanDyke. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Shelby Wade and Doyce Wade and the late Mary Newell and Don Newell.

Ellie graduated from Murray State in 2025 and is employed by the Calloway County School District as a special education assistant.

Stetson is the son of the late Kim Graves and Charlie Graves of Tompkinsville. He is the grandson of Betty and Bobby Turner and Carolyn and Raven Graves. He is also the great-grandson of the late Della and Dee Turner, Gertrude and Bill Tooley, the late Jewell and Elmer Copass and the late Ovie and Charlie Graves.



Stetson and Ellie Graves

Stetson graduated from Monroe County High School in 2022. He is studying veterinary science at Murray State and working at Westside Veterinary Clinic as a veterinary/kennel assistant.

They will be making their home in Murray.

The couple would like to express their apprecia-

tion to Brenda Hunt and Bobby Sprowl for hosting the event; Brenda Hunt, Carlotta Voorhies and Judy Myers for organizing the reception; Kim Shaw and Brookie Humes for creating the flower arrangements; and to everyone who celebrated with them and sent gifts.

## Top Scholars featured

Several post-secondary institutions recently released their top scholars lists for the fall semesters.

### UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberland has announced the following students were named to the President's List for the Fall 2025 semester:

— Gamaliel: Brandi Bartley, Haley Warren;  
— Tompkinsville: Mackenzie Bryant, Alison Delgado, Daisy Graves, Jessalyn Graves, Ella Massingille, Lilly Proffitt, Chelsea Smith, Garrett Smith, Rebecca Turner;  
— Fountain Run: Khloe Byrn; and  
— Summer Shade: Tiffany Matthews, Molly Rigsby.

Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester:

— Tompkinsville: Chad Arms, Austen Arnett, April Copas, Hannah Estep, Steven Morgan, Michela Page,  
— Summer Shade: Courtney England

— Gamaliel: Ashley McPherson, Meagan Petty; and

— Fountain Run: Ashley Brandon.

### LINDSEY WILSON UNIVERSITY

Lindsey Wilson University opened 2026 by celebrating students who achieved academic success during the 2025 fall semester. Among students honored were Carlee Yokley on the President's List for a GPA of 4.0 and on the Dean's List (those who have attained a 3.5 or greater):

— Gamaliel: Jack

Holland, Lexi Proffitt, and

— Tompkinsville: Haley Adams, Fernanda Aleman, Jerrica McFarland, and Travis Wood.

### SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Dakota Fields of Summer Shade was named to the SNHU's Dean's List for the Fall of 2025.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.699 for the reporting term and a minimum of 12 credit hours over a 16 week period.

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# Thank You

I so very much enjoyed my 93rd birthday on December 28.

Thank you to all who cared enough to remember me.

I cherish all the birthday cards and your friendship.

God Bless,  
Geraldine Carter

## Ink & Strings

Join us for an unforgettable night celebrating songwriters and original Music!

Sign up on the Clay Chamber Facebook page!

February 7th  
6:00 P.M.

Painted Pig Pizza Hermitage Springs  
16150 Clay County Hwy.  
Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150

## 102nd Birthday to be celebrated

### Wilma (Brown) Scott is celebrating her 102nd birthday.

She was born to Zelda and Lonnie Mack Brown at Mud Lick (Monroe County) Kentucky, on January 20, 1924.

She has been researching family history for over 30 years, and loves receiving the *Tompkinsville News* where she has gleaned a lot of information.

Cards may be sent to:  
**Wilma Scott**  
c/o Charles Martin  
PO Box 425, Springdale, AR 72765