

# The Grapevine

**September 2023**

## President's Message

Hope you all had a wonderful summer. Now it is down to business again.

Thank you to those who worked at the fair dairy bar. Not sure how many members actually worked or family members. I realize we are all getting older. Thank you to Donna Odeen and all of her students who helped. We had a very good year. She had to get more ice-cream for the malts and shakes. Thanks again Donna.

The Fall business meeting will be on October 3 at the Greenwood Fire Hall. Please plan to have a representative from your club attend as we need your input on issues. Also you can turn in your 2024 rosters and dues at that time.

On October 9 we will be hosting the West District meeting in Loyal at Trinity Lutheran Church. Please see the registration sign up sheet elsewhere in Grapevine. As members you are eligible to attend without paying the registration fee. The county HCE will pay. We do need to know how many are coming. We also will be looking for a couple people to help with the morning refreshments and clean up. Also need some quick bread. If you can help, let me know, or I will be calling.

We have someone who took over from Nancy, her name is Crystal Walters., Maybe some of you met her at the fair. Welcome aboard Crystal!

We are in need of members to be on cultural arts, scholarship and international/citizenship committees. Please let me know if you are interested. Also if you would like to be on the executive board, we need new blood.....

Have a great fall and hope to see some of you at the fall business meeting or the west district meeting.

Your president,

Lois Becker

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**Session 1: October 3**  
How to Access & Read a Credit Report

**Session 2: October 10**  
Credit Score Basics

**Session 3: October 17**  
How to Build Good Credit

**Session 4: October 24**  
Strategies for Getting Out of Debt



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# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## May 2, 2023

HCE Executive Board Meeting Minutes August 29, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Lois Becker with the Flag Pledge and the Homemakers Creed. Members present were: Lois Becker-President, Betty Loos-Historian, Roberta Hansen-Secretary, Diana Schuette-Bookworm; Donna Koski-Scholarship Committee member; Donna Odeen-Dairy Bar Coordinator.

Crystal Walters the new Human Development and Relationships Educator, Clark County UW Extension Office attended our meeting.

The Secretary minutes from May 2, 2023 meeting were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was read and placed on file. Reviewed budget figures for 2023. Motion by Roberta to accept as presented with correction to Dairy Bar.

### Director Reports:

Vice President for Family and Community Outreach – Still need someone to fill this position.

Dairy Bar: Donna Odeen gave report on this year's Dairy Bar success. Nothing left to return, needed additional supplies this year. 32 HCE members covered shifts at the Dairy Bar with the rest covered by community members. Shakes were real popular this year. Will have final figures soon.

Bookworm: Received \$1,000.00 from Listeman Foundation.

HCE Day Coordinator: None

### Committee Reports:

Historian: None.

Marketing: Mary Kipp submitted a wonderful article about Clark County which was published in the August 2023 Update.

Cultural Arts: Need to get items for State Convention to Joanne Trunkel or Lois Becker if you are not attending yourself.

International/Citizenship: Still need members for this committee.

Scholarship: Will submit article about scholarship winners for publication in papers. Reviewed application and discussed possible revisions for next year's application.

### Continued Business/New Business:

Fall West District Meeting will be October 9, 2023, Trinity Lutheran Church in Loyal. Debra Gries will talk about her trip to Africa. Meal will be catered by Kow Kickin Kafe. Entertainment will be provided by Dennis Sisco, Neillsville. Registration forms will be in the Grapevine. We will be looking for help in the kitchen serving morning refreshments and clean up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Hansen, Secretary





Hello,  
I'm Crystal!

Human Development and  
Relationship Educator  
UW Extension

Primary: Financial Education  
Secondary: Life Span Education

## About Me

Hello HCE!

My name is Crystal Walters and I'm the new Human Development and Relationship Educator for UW Extension! (The new Nancy.) I'm excited to meet and be a part of this organization. Here's a bit about myself:

- I have two degrees; BA History and Political Sciences from Lakeland University and BS Secondary Education and History from UWSP.
- I was formally a teacher in the Wisconsin Rapids School District for three years teaching high school social studies and middle school virtual homeschoolers.
- My husband (Daniel) and I live in Marshfield with our two cats.
- My favorite things to do are going to Disney, hiking, and spending time with my family.

I can't wait to see what we can create together in the future.



Baby "Raybert"



Bagheera

# HCE West District Fall Meeting

2023 HCE West District Fall Meeting

Monday, October 9th, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church

201 N West Street, Loyal, WI 54446

- 9:30 Registration, coffee, refreshments  
10:00 Welcome, Clark County HCE President Lois Becker  
10:10 Speaker, Debbie Gries, Clark County HCE member  
Debbie will share her unforgettable travels to South Africa, Zimbabwe,  
and Botswana.  
11:15 Short break  
Business meeting, Mary Ann Bays, West District Director  
12:15 Lunch  
1:00 Entertainment  
Dennis Sisco and friend, on guitar and mandolin.  
1:45 Committee Reports  
2:00 Summary, Invitation to West District Spring Meeting



**Please RSVP by  
September 25, 2023**

## Registration Form

HCE West District Fall Meeting

Registration Deadline:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration form and \$12.00 check, payable to Clark County HCE, to:

Lois Becker  
N8094 County Rd K  
Loyal, WI 54446

If you have any questions, please contact Lois at 715-255-8307 (home) or  
715-255-2658 (cell) or email [beckjl46@gmail.com](mailto:beckjl46@gmail.com)

# 2023 Chocolate Dessert Contest Winning Recipe



## White Chocolate Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake

**Alissa Durham**

### Ingredients

1 (12 oz.) package frozen raspberries

1/2 cup water

2 TBS sugar

1 TBS cornstarch

1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs

1/4 cup butter, melted

2 cups white chocolate chips

1/2 cup half and half

3 (8 oz.) pkg cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

1 TBS flour

3 eggs, room temperature

1 tsp vanilla extract

### Instructions

In a medium bowl, mix together graham cracker crumbs and melted butter. Press mixture into the bottom of a lightly greased 9 inch spring form pan.

In a medium saucepan, make raspberry sauce by combining raspberries, 2 tablespoons sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to boil, and continue boiling 5 minutes, or until sauce is thick. Strain sauce through a mesh strainer to remove seeds.

Place a baking pan filled with hot water on the lower rack of the oven. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a metal bowl over a pan of simmering water, melt white chocolate chips with half and half, stirring occasionally until smooth. Alternately, white chocolate can be melted in the microwave with the half and half in a glass bowl, at 50% power, stirring every 30-60 seconds until smooth.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar with an electric mixer until smooth. Blend in flour. With mixer on low speed, blend in eggs one at a time. Blend in vanilla and melted white chocolate.

Pour half of batter over crust. Spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce over batter. Pour remaining cheesecake batter into pan, and again spoon 3 tablespoons raspberry sauce over the top. Swirl batter with the tip of a knife to create a marbled effect.

Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until filling is set. Cool, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 8 hours before removing from pan. Serve with remain raspberry sauce.



Back: Makenna (youth 1st)

Front: Alissa (1st), Bunny (2nd), Betty

If you would like a copy of the June Dairy Month or Chocolate Dessert Recipe Contest winners, via email or mail, please contact the

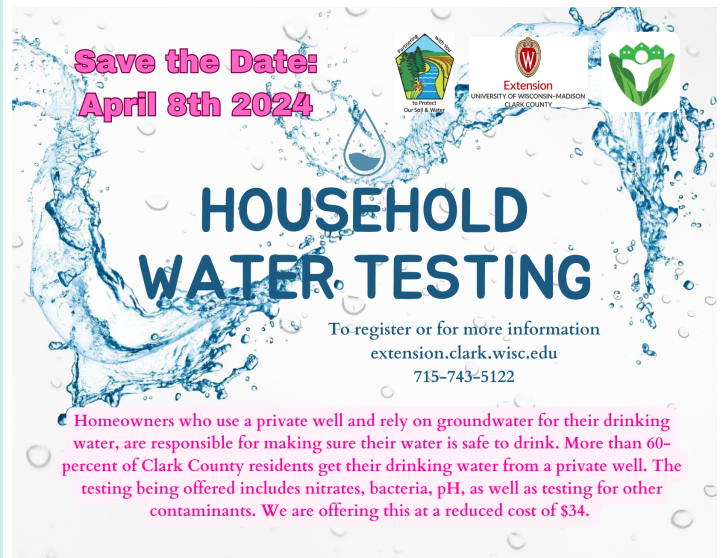
Extension Office at

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or email Val at

[valerie.wood@co.clark.wi.us](mailto:valerie.wood@co.clark.wi.us)





## WHAT Can I Bring to Clean Sweep?

Before bringing hazardous waste to the Clean Sweep, try to use it or share it with others who may need it. It costs about \$3.00/pound to dispose of hazardous waste.

- Agricultural: fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, captan, parathion, toxaphene, heptachlor, lindane, 2,4,5-T/Silvex, dioxin products, poisons, animal health products, acid washes, sanitizers. **DO NOT MIX LIQUIDS and/or SOLIDS.**
- Automotive: engine & carburetor cleaners, fuels, ether, brake, transmission & hydraulic fluids, vehicle batteries, and tires.
- Household: air fresheners, moth balls, drain & oven cleaners, dry cleaning fluid, spot remover, mildew cleaner, paints (oil and lead), peroxide, swimming pool chemicals, and floor, silver & furniture polishes, thermostats (in plastic bag/container).
- Lawn & Garden: insect repellent, arsenic, insecticide, chlordane, DDT, malathion, pesticide, poison, fungicide, rodent & slug bait, herbicide, and 2-4-D.
- Medication: all medications (in original containers—cross off personal names), thermometers (in plastic bag/container); **no needles allowed.**
- Workshop: glue, stripper, gun cleaning fluids thinner, lacquer, turpentine, lead-based & oil paints, varnish, pentachlorophenol ("Penta"), and wood preservatives containing PCP's.
- Unknown chemicals - greater than 5 gallons or 50 pounds.
- Appliances: televisions, refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, central heating/cooling units, heat pumps, computers & related equipment, microwaves, freezers, dryers, sump pumps, copiers, heat lamps, stoves/furnaces, dehumidifiers, and hot water heaters.
- Tires: passenger, truck, and tractor **NO RIMS ACCEPTED / empty water from tires**
- Batteries: Motorcycle, lawn mower, auto, truck, and tractor.
- Well pumps

