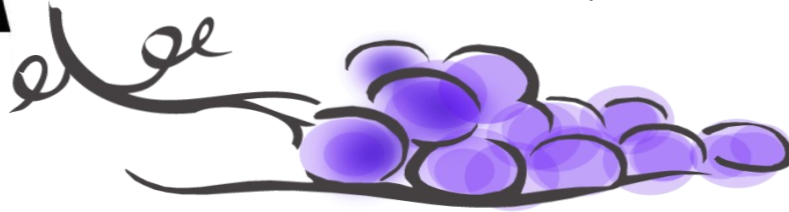




The Grapevine



March 2024

President's Message

Hello, hope you are having a great day.

If you are planning to go to West District meeting at the cranberry research station at Black River Falls on Monday April 22, please let me know by April 1 as we need to preregister. The invitation was in last months Grapevine.

HCE day is coming up on Wed. April 17, do you have items for cultural arts? The speaker will be Pam Selz Pralle and we will have refreshments. It looks to be a fun evening, so bring a friend along. 6:pm at Loyal City Hall.

The cultural arts forms are found in this newsletter. Be sure to read the instruction page carefully as some rules have changed. Be sure to measure quilts to get in correct category. There will be extra copies of the forms at the judging night.

Just a reminder to remember items for Ronald McDonald house when you come to HCE day.

Also there will be Dairy Bar sign-up sheet at the meeting.

President Lois Becker

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Growing Stronger, Reaching Wider, Caring To Make A Difference

HCE Offers Opportunities For:

- *Learning in a social setting.*
- *Sharing what we learn.*
- *Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities, and the world.*

Meeting Minutes

HCE Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Greenwood Firehall by President Lois Becker with the Flag Pledge and the Homemakers Creed. Members present were: Lois Becker-President, Joanne Trunkel-VP for Program & Community Outreach, Mary Kipp-Marketing/Membership, Betty Loos-Historian, Roberta Hansen-Secretary, Peggy Buchda-Bookworm, Deb Ortner-Cultural Arts Chair, Crystal Walters-Human Development and Relationships Educator, present by telephone: Debra Gries-Treasurer.

The Secretary minutes from February 6, 2024 meeting were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was read and placed on file.

Director Reports:

Vice President for Family and Community Outreach: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 1:00pm Loyal City Hall – Lynne McDonald, Clark County Aging and Disability Resource Center, will give a presentation about resources the ADRC has to offer.

Dairy Bar: None.

Bookworm: Will continue to obtain numbers and present at next meeting for further discussion. Will be working on preparing and distributing the donation letters. A \$100.00 Bookworm donation was received from the Hilltop Homemakers. A thank you letter was received from Neillsville Public School for donated Bookworm books.

HCE Day Coordinator: HCE Day Event will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 6:00pm Loyal City Hall. Pam Selz Pralle will be the guest speaker. We will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield. List of needed items will be in Grapevine. We will serve bars, coffee and bottled water at the event. Mary and Betty volunteered to make the bars. County Lane Homemakers will make additional bars.

Committee Reports:

Historian: Will put together a small presentation for HCE Day event.

Marketing: Working on possible fall presentation – Air fryer/Instant Pot uses/benefits. Will make sure advertising goes out for HCE Day and Scholarship applications.

Cultural Arts: Judges have been selected for this year's Cultural Arts judging. It is time to get working on those entries. Entry form will be in the next Grapevine.

International/Citizenship: Will collect donations at HCE Event in April for the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield. Will publish list in the Grapevine.

Scholarship: Putting together an advertising campaign to get the word out regarding the scholarships that are available. Advertise in the papers, on the radio, hang posters and post on social media.

Continued Business/New Business:

27 quilts were completed and 4 were partially finished at the quilt event in Loyal on Tuesday, February 20th. The 4 partially finished quilts were finished after the event. A total of 31 quilts were donated to Marshfield Clinic Health System.

Annual Spring Garden Conference will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024, Clark County Courthouse Auditorium starting at 9:30am. Put copy of flier in the Grapevine.

West District Spring Meeting – Monday, April 22, 2024, starting at 9:00 am; Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station, Black River Falls. Registration deadline: April 1, 2024.

There will be no April board meeting. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:00 pm at the Greenwood Fire Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Hansen, Secretary





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HOUSEHOLD WATER TESTING

April 8, 2024

UW-Extension Clark County and Clark County Public Health have teamed up to provide household well water testing to all Clark County residents for \$34.00 (50% off)

Sign up at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPRUfuK3N0CXaSRq8W9uwGpGGz5paZYvX8PwAVN1hWjCJ5_w/viewform?usp=sharing

or by calling: 715-743-5121

EVERYONE NEEDS SAFE DRINKING WATER.

1. Register: Submit a registration for each participating household using sign up information above.
2. Bottles will be distributed at various locations around the county for pick up starting March 25th, depending upon registrations.
3. Take the water sample on April 8th (keep it cool) and return to various locations in the county. The samples of the water have to be returned to the various locations by 4:30 p.m. on April 8th or to the Clark County Courthouse by 9a.m. on Tuesday, April 9th.
4. Test results will be mailed by the lab
5. There will be an in-person educational program in May. Time and location TBD.



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EVERY WEDNESDAY
NOON-4:00 P.M.
NEILLSVILLE SENIOR CENTER
CONTACT ADRC WITH QUESTIONS
715-743-5166**

