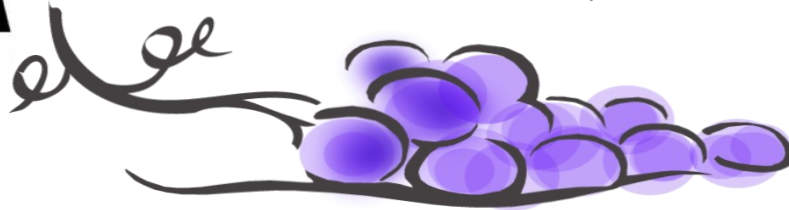




The Grapevine



September 2024

President's Message

Summer is just about over, looking to have a beautiful colorful fall.

The dairy bar at the fair was once again a great hit, Thank you to Donna Odeen for all your hard work, without you this would not be happening. Also thank you to Haven Perosek for all the work she did. Thank you to anyone who worked or got family or friends to work a shift Thank you also to Donna's FCCLA students who put in many hours.

I have received the invitation to the fall west district meeting in Elroy on October 14. Be sure to check it out elsewhere in the newsletter.

There are 4 members going to the state convention of HCE in Appleton. Hopefully we are energized and bring back some good information. Good luck to all who have items going for the cultural arts contest. Thank you to Hilltop, Countree Gals, Country Lane and Town and Country for Shoebox items for international.

Our fall business meeting will be on October 1 at 6:15pm at the Greenwood Fire hall. It would be great to have each club represented.

On October 2 there will be a project lesson on air fryers. Look for the information in the newsletter.

Enjoy the fall days.

Lois Becker, President

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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 August 20, 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, Donna Odeen-Dairy Bar Coordinator, present by telephone: Debra Gries-Treasurer.

The Secretary minutes from May 7, 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: Air fryer/instant pot program will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2024, starting at 6:00pm at the Cart Center in Neillsville. Presenters will be paid \$100.00. Crystal will advertise this program to help increase attendance.

Dairy Bar: Donna presented initial figures for the Dairy Bar. Approximately 370 gallons of ice cream was served this year. 44 gallons of milk was used this year; ½ cup of milk at a time. After discussion, motion by Betty to increase pay for Haven Peroshek to \$100.00 and donate \$1,000.00 to the Loyal FCCLA for helping work at the Dairy Bar this year. Motion seconded by Peggy. Motion carried. Donna will have the Dairy Bar mural repainted as it has faded.

Bookworm: 194 sets of books have been ordered this year. Atlas employees counted the books and will put labels on them when the labels are delivered after State Conference in September. Still looking for book readers for Colby, Abbotsford, Owen Withee and Thorp. Anyone interested in reading please contact Peggy Buchda, 715-743-6650 or bandit@tds.net.

HCE Day Coordinator: Did not get much feedback for what we can do to increase attendance at HCE Day Event. Received a thank you from the staff at Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield for the wish list items collected at HCE Day.

Committee Reports:

Historian: None.

Marketing: Nice article written for the Update.

Cultural Arts: Need to get selected Cultural Arts items ready to go to State Conference in September.

International/Citizenship: Shoe Box Project items will be delivered to State Conference in September.

Scholarship: Scholarships winners were listed in the Clark County Press.

Continued Business/New Business:

State Conference: Discussed Silent Auction item to be donated by Clark County. Decided that we will donate a bird house made by Jim Becker. Lois will make sure it gets to the State Conference in September.

Fall Business meeting will be held Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at the Greenwood Firehall. Will print the Member at Large application form in the next Grapevine. Member list forms will be going to the club presidents shortly for completion.

Fall West District meeting will be held Monday, October 14, 2024 at the Elroy American Legion in Elroy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Hansen, Secretary



BookWorms

The Clark County Wisconsin Bookworms project is well underway. A total of 194 sets of 8 books have been delivered to Atmus Filtration in Neillsville. The employees there are using their community volunteer hours to label and count out the books. We will begin distribution books in October with a set of 7 books going to each child in the Head Start program in Dorchester and a set of 3 books going to each child in 4K throughout Clark County.

We now have volunteers to read the books in Head Start and in several schools. If anyone is interested in reading to classrooms in the northern area of the county please contact Peggy.

This project would not be possible without the support of many businesses, clubs and individuals. Since last fall donations have been received from the following:

Listeman Foundation
St. Anthony PCCW
Joan Staffon
M.E. and Jim Sjolin
Neillsville Red Hats
KSKJ Willard
Hilltop HCE
Loyal Lions Club
Holy Family PCCW
Neillsville Optimist Club
Atmus (formerly Cummins) Filtration
Next Home Realty Julie and Jake
Neillsville American Legion Auxiliary
Citizens State Bank
Simplicity Credit Union
O-W Vets Club

We really need and appreciate these donations to Clark County Wisconsin Bookworms! Please thank them if you have an opportunity and consider a donation from organizations you are involved in.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me.

Peggy Buchda

715 743-6650

bandit@tds.net



2024 HCE Scholarship Winners



Clark County HCE Scholarships Awarded

The Clark County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) has announced this year's scholarship recipients. Four \$500 scholarships were awarded to deserving college students.

The following are the recipients:

- ♦ Devani Hinkelmann is 2022 graduate of Loyal High School. Devani is attending UW-River Falls pursuing a degree in Agricultural Education.
- ♦ Avrey Horvath is a 2022 graduate of Greenwood High School. Avrey is attending Concordia University Wisconsin pursuing a degree in Computer Science.
- ♦ Micah Horvath is a 2020 graduate of Greenwood High School. Micah is attending UW-Madison pursuing a degree in Linguistics.
- ♦ Katlyn Lindner is a 2021 graduate of Greenwood High School. Katlyn is attending Palmer Chiropractic School pursuing degrees of a Bachelors of Science and a Doctorate of Chiropractic.



Dairy Bar Update

Clark County Fair Dairy Bar

Fun Facts:

Since 2021, we have increased our sales by 721 (approx..) items! Record Breaking!

44 Gallons of Milk were Used this year,
1/2 a Cup at a time!

Almost 400 Gallons of Ice Cream were used!

This year, We sold-
49 Root Beer Floats
181 (1 Scoop) Ice Cream Cones
JUST ON SATURDAY ALONE!



Air Fryers Info Class

Air frying has a fast-growing following, for good reason: The air fryer is a powerful, efficient cooking tool that utilizes time-tested technology with delicious results.

In this class, Barb Petkovsek and Debby DeWitt will explain the science behind that power and provide you with what you need to know to make the most out of your air fryer.

Information provided will include the science behind air frying; delicious and innovative recipes that demonstrate the versatility of the technique; designing meals made entirely in an air fryer, recipes and a sample taste testing of quick and tasty treats made from an air fryer.

Class Information

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: CART Center
205 E 4th St. Neillsville, WI

Please call Extension Office to Register.
715-743-5121





*Clark County Association for
Home & Community Education*

*Growing Stronger—Reaching Wider
Caring To Make A Difference*

Member At Large Application

*Member at Large
2024*



2024 Member-At-Large Registration / Renewal Form

Please register me as a Member-At-Large with
Clark County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE)

Name

Mailing Address (include PO Box if needed)

City and Zip

Telephone Number

Please return completed form and your payment of \$13.00 (made payable to Clark County HCE) to:

Deb Gries
Clark County HCE Treasurer
9381 County Road 11
Delano, MN 55328



Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

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West District Fall Meeting

Fall Has Gone to the Dogs



When: Monday, October 14th, 2024

Where: Elroy American Legion Hall
402 Franklin Street
Elroy, WI

Registration at 9:00 AM with refreshments

9:30 AM Welcome and Introduction

9:45 AM Business Meeting - Committee Reports

10:15 AM Short Break

10:30 AM Speaker: Juneau County Sherriff's K-9 Unit and Support Dog

11:30 AM Business Meeting, cont.

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Tour of Elroy Museum or Activity at Legion

2:15 PM Wrap-Up: Evaluation Sheets, Invitation to Spring District Meeting and Door Prizes

2:30 PM Adjourn

**Please RSVP by
September 19, 2024**

Meal will be chicken salad or ham sandwich, salad, pickles, potato chips, dessert and drink

Name _____

Phone _____

Number Attending _____ X \$15.00 _____ Enclosed

Indicate sandwich choice: _____ Chicken _____ Ham

Please Send Registration form and \$15.00 check, payable to Clark County HCE, to:

Lois Becker
N8098 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**

2024 Chocolate Dessert Contest Recipe Winners



Bunny Dux of Neillsville, first place,
"chocolate devil dessert"

Reita Gelandar of Willard, second, triple
chocolate cheesecake with an Oreo crust

Junitta Nikolai of Loyal, third, chocolate
peanut butter cheesecake



Chocolate Devil Dessert

From: Bunny Dux
Serves: ?

Cook Temp: 350°
Cook Time: 35 min

Instructions

- 1:
Heat oven to 350°.
Mix first 6 ingredients and pour into wax paper lined/greased round pans. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Cool completely then remove from pans.
- 2:
In large saucepan, combine milk and flour. Cook over medium heat whisking gently until mixture becomes very thick. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature.
- 3:
In bowl of stand mixer, cream butter and sugar till light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add vanilla and mix. Add Completely cooled flour mixture and mix on high for 5 minutes.
- 4:
Take first cake layer, put on plate, put creamed mixture on layer then put second layer on top.
- 5:
Put chocolate chips in bowl, heat heavy cream to just before boiling, pour over chips and stir till smooth. Cool and drizzle over cake.
- 6:
Garnish with cherries and whipped cream.

Ingredients

- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 4 Eggs Beaten
- Dash of Salt
- 1 Cup Flour
- 16 Ounces Hershey's Chocolate Syrup
- Dash of Salt
- 1 Cup Whole Milk
- 5 Tbsp. Flour
- 1 Cup Butter
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 24 Ounces Chocolate Chips
- 1 and 1/3 Cups Heavy Cream
- 2 Tsp. Vanilla
- Maraschino Cherries
- 1 Cup Heavy Cream (Whipped)

Triple Chocolate Cheesecake with Oreo Crust



From: Reita Gelandner
Serves: ?

Cook Temp: 325 degrees
Cook Time: 1 hr 15 min

Instructions

- 1:
Preheat oven to 325°
- 2:
For the crust— In medium bowl, combine the crushed Oreos and melted butter. Press into bottom of a 9-inch spring form pan to form the crust. Set aside.
- 3:
For the Cheesecake Filling— In a medium bowl, beat the softened cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each one. Stir in the sour cream.
- 4:
Divide the batter into three equal portions, about 1 1/2 cups each. Then mix the melted dark/semi-sweet chocolate into one portion, then the milk chocolate in the second one, and last the white chocolate in the third bowl.
- 5:
Pour Cheesecake batters into the prepared crust, layering them as desired. You can leave them in layers or use a knife to swirl them together for a marbled effect. Place the pan on a baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes or until center is slightly set but still as a slight jiggle. Turn off the oven and leave cheesecake inside with door slightly ajar, can use wooden spoon to hold it open, for another hour to prevent cracks. Once hour is up, remove cheesecake and let cool completely at room temperature. Then refrigerate for at least 4 hours or ideally overnight.
- 6:
Remove the cheesecake from pan (it helps to carefully run a table knife around edge to loosen cake). Then place cheesecake on your serving plate.
7.
For the Ganache— In a small saucepan, heat the heavy cream over medium heat until it simmers. Remove from the heat and pour over the 2 chocolates combined in a small heat proof bowl. Let it sit for a few minutes, then whisk until smooth and glossy. Spread carefully a light covering around the sides of the cake to cover, then pour over cheesecake and spread as needed. Top with whatever you would like for garnish (M&M's, white Kit Kat's, Cookies & Cream, Milky Way's)
8.
Refrigerate for another hour for the ganache to set.

Ingredients

Crust:

- 24 Oreo cookies, finely crushed
- 1/4 Cup butter, melted

Cheesecake Filling:

- 3 packages (24 oz.) Cream Cheese, Softened
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 3 Large Eggs
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream
- 1 Cup dark or semi-sweet chocolate, melted and cooled slightly
- 1/2 Cup milk chocolate, melted and cooled slightly
- 1/2 Cup white chocolate, melted and cooled slightly

Ganache:

- 1/2 Cup Heavy Cream
- 1/2 Cup dark or semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 Cup milk chocolate, chopped
- Chocolate shavings or chopped candy for garnish

Chocolate Peanut Butter Cheesecake



From: Junitta Nikolai
Serves: ?

Cook Temp: n/a
Cook Time: n/a

Instructions

- 1:
For the Crust– Mix the Graham Crackers, Sugar, Brown Sugar and Butter together. Press into an 8 1/2 inch round cake pan. Put in the freezer for 10 minutes.
2.
Then mix the cream cheese, peanut butter, powdered sugar until smooth. Fold in half of the cool whip. Then pour mixture into the crust.
3.
Mix the cocoa with the remaining cool whip. Then spread it on the filling. Top it with the Reese's pieces, peanut butter cups and drizzle the melted chocolate on.
4.
Chill at least two hours before serving.

Ingredients

Crust

- 1 1/2 Cups chocolate graham cracker crumbs
- 2 Tbsp. Sugar
- 1 Tbsp. Brown Sugar, packed
- 7 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 2 Tbsp. Nutella Cocoa, melted

Filling

- 1 (8 oz.) Cream Cheese
- 1/2 Cup Creamy Peanut butter
- 1/2 Cup Powdered Sugar
- 8 oz. container Cool whip (Divided)
- 2 Tbsp. Cocoa

Topping

- 1/4 Cup Reese's pieces (chopped in blender)
- 5 Reese's Pieces Peanut Butter Cups
- 1/4 cup Mini Chocolate Chips (melted)
- 1 Tbsp. Cocoa

If you would like a copy of the Chocolate Dessert Recipe Contest recipe book, via email or mail.

Please contact the Extension Office at

715-743-5121 or email Courtney or Val below

Courtney.becker@co.clark.wi.us

Valerie.wood@co.clark.wi.us



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 - Osteoporosis
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 - Some Cancers
- **Increased:**
 - Strength
 - Muscle mass
 - Bone density

UPCOMING 2024/2025 CLASSES

- Greenwood (12 week classes-Starts Sept. 10th)
- Granton (10 week classes- Starts Oct. 7th)
- Loyal (10 week classes- Starts Sept. 9th)
- ~~Owen (10 week classes- Starts Sept. 10th)~~ **FULL!**
- Colby- Dates TBD
- Neillsville- Dates TBD
- Dorchester- Dates TBD

Suggested Contribution: \$20

Please contact the UW-Extension office to register:

517 Court Street, Room 104

Neillsville, WI 54456

Phone: 715-743-5121

How is Clean Sweep Sponsored?

- Clark County Board of Supervisors
- Department of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection Grants
- Atmus Filtration (Cummins) Grant



Leadership for the Clean Sweep effort is through the following Clark County Departments:

- UW-Extension
- Emergency Management
- Public Health
- Forestry & Parks
- Highway
- Sheriff's Department



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CLARK COUNTY

Clark County reserves the right to reject any materials brought to Clean Sweep which do not meet the reasonable intent of the program.

No materials, including tires and appliances will be accepted before of after Clean Sweep hours.

Questions? Contact Us

Clark County Extension Office
<https://clark.extension.wisc.edu/>



(715) 743- 5122



ExtensionAdminStaff@co.clark.wi.us

Clark County Clean Sweep 2024

September 6th



**Owen - Highway Department
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Neillsville - Fairgrounds
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**