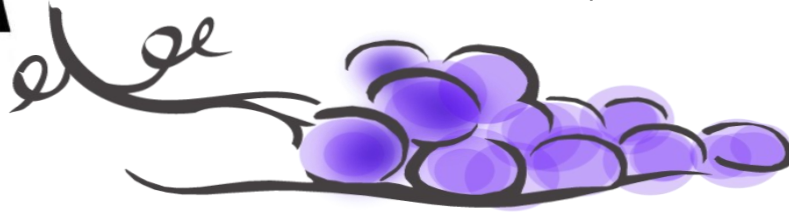




The Grapevine



March 2025

President's Message

Happy St. Patrick's day .

At our March board meeting, excitement is growing for our HCE Day Spring Tea. It is coming up on April 5. Deadline for registration to Joanne Trunkel is March 26. Plans are being finalized. Hope we have a great turn out of cultural arts items also.

The Smart phone class was very well received. The time went way too fast. Crystal will be doing a continuing class sometime in April. Watch for posted dates.

Reminder to get the word out about our scholarships that are available.

We received a thank you from the Loyal FCCLA. They worked very hard at the dairy bar for us and we gave them \$1000. for their hard work.

The West district meeting is coming up on April 28 in West Salem. You will find the invitation in this newsletter, if you are interested in going, let me know by April 5. as we need to register.

Stay warm on the cold days and enjoy the warmer weather that is sure to come.

President Lois Becker

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Included: Cultural Arts Show Registration

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, 2025

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, and Crystal Walters-Family Living Educator/HCE Advisor; present by telephone: Debra Gries-Treasurer.

The Secretary minutes from February 4, 2025 meeting were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was read.

Director Reports:

Vice President for Family and Community Outreach: Smart phone lesson program was a big hit. Crystal has agreed to set up Part 2 of the program for sometime in April.

Dairy Bar: Received a thank you from the Loyal FCCLA for the volunteer opportunity at the Dairy Bar and financial support contribution.

Bookworm: Fundraising going well. In good shape to order books. Looking into how to go about ordering dual language books. Will follow up on this at next meeting. Will be looking for readers to read to the children when the new books come in.

HCE Day: We will be having a HCE Spring Tea at Posey Patch on April 5, 2025. Hang posters and encourage registration. We decided to give 5 door prizes for the following: 1) Best Spring hat, 2) Traveled the farthest, 3) Registration number drawing (2), and 4) Best Spring outfit. Decided to give a \$10.00 Posey Patch gift certificate to each winner.

Committee Reports:

Historian: We have one 50-year member this year. Will give a short presentation at the HCE Spring Tea.

Marketing: Will work on getting posters distributed to get the word out about our Spring Tea. Crystal is assisting with advertising in papers/on radio. Please let Courtney know where posters have been put up so a list can be put together.

Cultural Arts: Working on selecting 2 judges for our cultural arts items that will be judged at our Spring Tea in April. Motion by Peggy Buchda to pay each judge \$25.00, second by Mary Kipp. Motion carried.

International/Citizenship: Donation of \$500.00 will be made to Interfaith Care Givers after our HCE Spring Tea.

Scholarship: Distribution of posters has begun. Continue to spread the word about the scholarships available.

Continued Business/New Business:

Peggy requested that information regarding donated project fabric be put in the Grapevine so that members could assist with making requested projects.

May meeting: will review the by-laws and standing rules. Deb will send these to Courtney so she can include them with our May meeting agenda.

West District meeting will be held April 28, 2025 in West Salem. Put registration information in next Grapevine.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Hansen, Secretary



Club Happenings

Members of Country Lane club enjoyed making this candle snowmen crafts during their January Meeting.

They also took their Husbands out for dinner for February!



Hilltop HCE is off to a good start in 2025. We had our Christmas gathering in early January with a dinner out at the Brickyard in Neillsville. We exchanged gifts and enjoyed time together. Following dinner some members played bingo at the Brickyard and had lots of fun with that. We even had some winners! At our February meeting we had a special activity we call a blind/white elephant auction which is a fund raiser. We all wrap up a few items that we do not want but might be of value to someone else. The items are then auctioned off to the highest bidder. Lots of surprises and laughter resulted in raising over \$160 which we decided to use towards a fundraiser for a community member who is battling cancer. The best part of the meeting was being joined by several guests and we had three new members join that evening. Some others expressed their intention to join at the next meeting. We are looking forward to HCE Day Spring Tea at Posy Patch Greenhouse and the cultural arts program.




Molly Hochman
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Kacie Bauer

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Hope Petersen
Eaton Brock
Summer Wright

Hazel Fitzl


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Summer Smith
Hallen Kurz
Arabella Wilke
Mallia Smith
Jordyn Corder
Bryce Deegen

Stefany Degenhardt
Kenzie Hahn

Dear Clark County HCE,
Thank You so much for the incredible
volunteer opportunity at the ice-cream
stand, as well as your generous financial
support! Your contribution has made an
impact, helping us with transportation
for competitions and leadership events.
We appreciate your continued support
that has allowed us to grow, learn, and
open doors to valuable experiences!

Best regards,

Loyal FCCLA

THANK
YOU ♥

Scholarship News

We need your help! We have four \$750 scholarships to award and would love to have many applications to choose the winner from. Extension has been sending out information to newspapers and posting it on line. Many posters have been put up around the county. What we need now is for members to spread the word and encourage eligible college students to apply. Please share the information with students you know in your community or with key people who may still keep in touch with recent graduates. If we all work together we can get a good number of applications for the scholarship.

Thank you!





2025



Clark County Scholarship

Four (4) \$750 scholarships available
Applications Due: June 23rd 2025

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must live in Clark County or have lived in Clark County during High School
- In the process of or have completed at least 1 year of higher education beyond High School and have 24 credits by June 1st
- Must have cumulative GPA of 3.0 or Higher.

For more information or to request an application, please contact the
Clark County Extension office at 715-743-5121
Applications are also available online at:
<https://clark.extension.wisc.edu/hce-information/>

WEST DISTRICT SPRING MEETING



When: Monday, April 28, 2025

Where: West Salem Presbyterian Church

625 West Franklin St. West Salem, WI.

9:00 AM Registration with refreshments.

9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions

9:45 AM Business Meeting and Committee Reports

10:15 AM Short Break

10:30 AM Speaker: Terry Visger, Professional Storyteller

Terry takes on the role of a clammer's wife and explains how mussels were harvested, and how they were made into buttons. She will also talk about the valuable pearls that were found. Then she will talk about mussels and the clamming industry. Terry weaves stories for all ages and engages her listeners, educates & take them on a journey of the imagination.

11:30 AM Business Meeting (cont).

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Chair Yoga with Jean Mengelt

2:00 PM Wrap-Up: Invitation to Fall Meeting and Door Prizes

Meal will be pulled pork on buns, salads, veggies and dip, desserts and beverages (Please let us know if there are any dietary restrictions).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register by: April 5th

If you plan to attend-

Call or Email:

Lois Becker

Beckj46@gmail.com or (715)255-8307

HCE PAYS REGISTRATION FEES



2025 HCE Day

Spring Tea at Posy Patch Greenhouse

N11839 WI -HWY 73
OWEN, WI 54460

April 5, 2025

CHECK-IN & CULTURAL ARTS
REGISTRATION: 9:30 AM
STARTS: 10:00 AM

SERVING BRUNCH & TEA,
COFFEE, JUICE

\$ 5.00/ PER PERSON

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

REGISTRATION/ QUESTIONS CONTACT:
JOANNE TRUNKEL
BY MARCH 26TH

**DRESS UP
AND WIN
PRIZES!**

**ANYONE CAN
JOIN!**



2025 HCE Day

Registration below. Cut out and mail back to Joanne Trunkel by March 26th
(please keep in mind postal service time)
Limited to 30 participants

2025 HCE Day Spring Tea Registration

April 5, 2025
Posy Patch Greenhouse

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Do you belong to a Homemaker Club? Yes or No

If you answered yes above, Club

name: _____

Registration Fee of \$5.00

(make checks payable to "Clark County HCE")

MAILED TO:

Joanne Trunkel
Vice President for programs & Community Outreach
N9569 River Ave
Greenwood, WI 54437

**Brunch with Tea, Coffee
& Juice will be served**

Anyone welcome!

Planning AHEAD

*Advance directives, Handling financial changes, Estate planning,
and Arriving at Decisions for the end of this life*

Save the Dates!



**Thursday, April 10 –
Thursday, May 22, 2025
weekly, 1-hour sessions
starting at 11:00am**

**Registration is \$35 and
will open at the end of
February.**

Scan for more
information:



**For questions, contact Life
Span Program Manager, Sara
Richie, at sara.richie@wisc.edu**



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UPCOMING
CLASSES



MARCH 31, 2025

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

LOYAL LIBRARY

FOCUSING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

REGISTER WITH EXTENSION

715-74.3-5121

APRIL 23, 2025

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

OWEN LIBRARY

DURING LUNCH N' LEARN WITH ADRC



PART 2 COURSE

REGISTER BY CALLING OWEN LIBRARY

715-229-2939

APRIL 24, 2025

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

LOYAL LIBRARY

PART 2 COURSE

REGISTER WITH EXTENSION

715-743-5121

CONTACT CRYSTAL WALTERS, HDR EDUCATOR
UW-EXTENSION CLARK COUNTY
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CRYSTAL.WALTERS@WISC.EDU

Explore, Learn, and Connect:

Join Us at the Library



Colby (715-223-2000)

Maddie Month: In memory of Maddie Thums, library volunteer and former nurse, take and make its will be available beginning March 3 throughout the month of March (until all are gone). Sew the items at home and bring them back by March 31 to be donated to the Marshfield Medical Center for youth patients. Items to be sewn are comfort covers, reusable ice bag covers, and baby blanket/burp cloth sets. The flannel fabric will be provided by Thrivent, Creative Hideaway, and Friends of the Colby Library.



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

