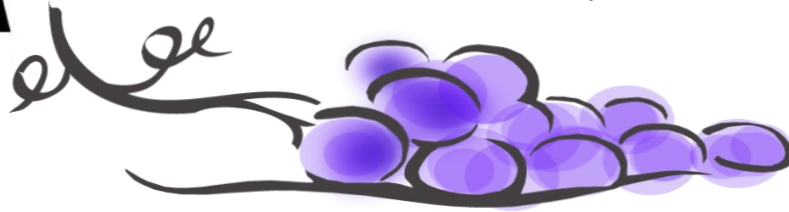




The Grapevine



May 2025

President's Message

Happy Mothers day to all. Enjoy the warm weather we're having.

What a wonderful turn out we had for Tea at the Posey Patch. I hope you all enjoyed the day. Congratulations to Mary Nauertz on her 50 years in HCE, The 12 items going to the state convention were chosen.

In this newsletter you will find the sign up sheet for dairy bar. Please think about asking your children, grandchildren or neighbor to help and give Donna Odeen a text or call and sign up.

We are collecting "Shoe Boxes" again for Nicaragua Home and Community Centers (formerly called Learning Centers) Please consider 1 or 2. Each box should have the same type of items in it. There is more information in this newsletter. We need them before state convention on Sept 15, please let Joanne Trunkel or myself know if you have some.

Reminder applications for the 4 \$750. scholarships are due June 23.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, see you at the fair in August.

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 May 6, 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 March 4, 2025 meeting were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was read.

Director Reports:

Vice President for Family and Community Outreach: Thank you for donation was read from Interfaith Caregivers. Several more cell phone classes will be offered in May. Dates will be published in Grapevine.

Dairy Bar: Sign-up sheet for fair Dairy Bar schedule will be published in Grapevine.

Bookworm: Have applied for and will be receiving funds from The Listeman Foundation. Between classrooms and children would like to order 400 sets of books this year. The 7-book sets would cost \$6,800.00 and the 8-book sets would cost \$7,600.00. The 8-book set would include two English/Spanish books. After discussion, Joanne Trunkel made a motion to take \$1,500.00 out of the HCE general account and put it into the Bookworm account. Mary Kip seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peggy will order 400 8-book sets for Bookworm.

Committee Reports:

Historian: Betty Loos showed two quilts that were donated by Deb Gries to go to the Oncology department at MCHS.

Marketing: Mary Kipp will be putting an article in the Update.

Cultural Arts: The slips for the cultural arts projects that will be going to State Conference have been turned in.

International/Citizenship: Shoeboxes for Nicaragua will again be collected at the State Conference. Each box should have the same type of items such as cooking/baking utensils, gardening tools, sewing tools, cosmetology items, school supplies, etc. Put a list of the contents on top and a note inside saying who it is from. Pressotherapy Project is looking for donations to help purchase need supplies for the project. Peggy Buchda made a motion to donate \$100.00 towards the cost of material for the Pressotherapy Project; Mary Kip seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ventures in People (VIP) will be collecting new, used, any brand, ink cartridges in any condition to recycle to raise funds for the VIP-Haiti General Fund. This program does not extend to toner or laser cartridges nor large printer cartridges at this time. Please contact Joanne or Lois if you have items to donate.

Scholarship: Continue to spread the word about the scholarships available. Applications deadline is June 23, 2025.

Continued Business/New Business:

The Clark County Association for Home and Community Education Standing Rules were reviewed and several revisions were made. The Standing Rules will be updated with the changes and we will review/approve at the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm with the Homemakers Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Hansen, Secretary



Club Happenings



Members of Hilltop HCE have been busy over the past couple of months. For both the March and April meetings members brought in donated items and put together baskets to be auctioned at fund raisers for two individuals with lifelong ties to the community. The first set for the Connie Elmhurst event is pictured above. A second set of baskets was donated for the Joe Cernik family fundraiser scheduled Saturday May 17th at JD's Brickyard Pub and Grub in Neillsville. All are encouraged to attend.

Hilltop now has 13 members with several joining over the past few months. Nine members attended the HCE Day Spring Tea and had a great time. Mary Nauertz was honored at the event as she joined Hilltop 50 years ago. Three members attended the recent West District Meeting in West Salem and had an enjoyable day.

Members of the Country Lane Homemakers have been having fun at our meetings. We tied quilts, decorated May bags and filled the bags with goodies.



Grapevine Deadline

Please send Clark County Extension any items your club may want posted in the Grapevine no later than the 15th of the month and we will post them in the next edition!

Scholarship News

Reminder

Clark County HCE
Scholarships

Applications Due:
June 23, 2025

Application can be found
on Clark County Extension
Website.



Cultural Arts Contest

The 2025 Clark County HCE Cultural Arts contest was held on, April 5 at Posy Patch Greenhouse, at our annual HCE Day event.

The judges were Donna Odeen and Mary Jo Fox. There were 22 items entered with 12 items being chosen to go on to State Conference in September, at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay.

The winners were: Roberta Hansen - "Boo" wool applique, Deb Ortnier - Small quilt & crocheted doily, Joanne Trunkel - set of 6 cards & table runner, Mary Naurtez - denim tote & embroidered picture on denim, Debbie Gries - small quilt, large quilt, communion dress, watercolor eagle painting, & alcohol ink painting. Debbie also received the People's Choice Award for her large quilt.

We collected \$31.27 for Pennies For Friendship.

Bookworms



Great news for the Clark County HCE Bookworms Project! Planning has been underway and because of many very generous donors we are able to increase the number of books being distributed to Head Start and 4K students in the '25-'26 school year. After discussion at the recent executive board meeting we decided to order 400 sets of 8 books. Full sets will be provided to all the students in Head Start and all the 4K students across Clark County!

We could still use your help! An important element in the program is having a volunteer go into the classroom to read the books and possibly engage the children in a related activity. We have some schools covered but could use several more volunteers if anyone is interested.

Please call Peggy at 715 743-6650 for more information.



Future Classes:

Date: July 2025 on Tuesdays/Thursday
(1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd)
Time: 2:00-3:00 PM
Location: Aspirus Stanley Hospital
1120 Pine St. Stanley, WI 54768

What is it: 7-session course (1 hour each) that guides participants through the topics listed on the right. Features a free workbook to help people with the tasks and decisions associated with end-of-life.

Register by June 24th with UW-Extension Clark County:
715-743-5121

planning AHEAD PROGRAM TOPICS	
	Getting Started
	Handling Financial Changes
	Advance Medical and Legal Directives
	Estate Planning
	Choices in End-of-Life Care
	Final Wishes
	Understanding Grief

Fundraisers

SHOE BOXES FOR NICARAGUA

ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED AT
STATE CONFERENCE
(BOXES SHOULD HAVE LIST OF CONTENTS
ON TOP WITH NAME OF WHO DONATED)

ITEMS TO DONATE:

- COOKING UTENSILS
- GARDENING TOOLS
- SEWING TOOLS
- COSMETOLOGY ITEMS
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES

HAVE ITEMS TO
DONATE?
CONTACT JOANNE OR LOIS



VENTURES IN PEOPLE (VIP)

VIP IS COLLECTING INK CARTRIDGES TO
RECYCLE & RAISE FUNDS FOR HAITI

- NEW
- USED
- ANY BRAND
- ANY CONDITION ACCEPTED

****NO LASER/ TONER CARTRIDGES OR LARGE
PRINTER CARTRIDGES ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME****

To donate Contact:
Lois or Joanne





JUNE DAIRY BREAKFASTS 2025



Friday, May 30 5:30- 9:30 AM	MACCI Dairy Breakfast and Agribusiness Recognitions	Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds Marshfield, WI 54449	Special Eggs (eggs, hashbrowns, mushrooms, onions & ham), cheese, milk, coffee, strawberry sundae and <i>NEW this year...</i> pancakes	Adults and youth- \$10.00 Ages 6 and under—Free
Sunday June 1 7:00 AM—12:00 PM	Abbotsford Dairy Breakfast	DeJong Dairy 102218 Draper Rd Dorchester, WI 54425	Pancakes, maple syrup, sausages, cheese, butter, applesauce, cookies, juice, coffee, milk, and ice cream	Ages 6 to Adult—\$5.00 Ages 5 and under - Free
Sunday June 1 7:00 AM—12:30 PM	Granton Dairy Breakfast	Schilling Farms Luke & Stacy Schilling W3514 Tree Rd Granton, WI 54436	Pancakes, special eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, ice cream, maple syrup, milk, juice, and coffee	Adults—\$10.00 K-5th- \$5.00 Pre-K & under- Free
Sunday June 8 7:00 AM—12:00 PM	Neillsville Chamber of Commerce & FFA Dairy Breakfast	Four Star Ag & Four Star Dairy W 4196 Pine Creek Rd Neillsville, WI 54456	Pancakes (plain & blueberry), scrambled eggs, Smith Bros. sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, ice cream, milk, coffee, and juice	Adults—\$8.00 Ages 5 to 12—\$4.00 Ages 4 and under—Free
Saturday June 14 7:00 AM—11:00 AM	Owen/Withee Days Pancake Feed	Carl Vater Memorial Pavilion 514 Division Street Withee, WI 54498	Pancakes, deluxe scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese, fruit, and beverages. Featuring fresh maple syrup from the FFA school forest!	All 10+ - \$10.00 Kids 5-9 - \$5.00 4-under - free
Sunday June 15 Father's Day 7:00 AM—12:30 PM	Loyal Dairy Breakfast	Homland Farm N8952 County Rd K Loyal, WI 54446	Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Butter, Maple Syrup, Cheese Curds, Applesauce, Ice Cream, Milk, Orange Juice, Coffee.	Adults—\$8.00 Ages 6 to 12—\$4.00 Ages 5 and under—Free
Sunday, June 22 7:00 – 12:30 AM	Thorp FFA Dairy Breakfast	Bill and Bridget Ciolkosz Dairy Farm N16329 Koser Ave Thorp, WI 54771	Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Cheese Curds and Ice Cream	Free will donation
Sunday June 22 7:00 AM—12:00 PM	Colby Dairy Breakfast	Verhoef Family Farm 225703 Pecan Rd Colby, WI 54421	Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese curds, cookies, milk, coffee, real maple syrup, butter, and Culver's ice cream	\$6.00 per plate Kids 5 and under - free
Sunday June 29 7:00 AM—1:00 PM	Greenwood Dairy Breakfast	Phil & Eliza Ruzic Farm N9031 Sidney Ave Greenwood, WI 54437	Pancakes, potato pancakes, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, butter, syrup, milk, juice, coffee, water, and soft serve ice cream	Adults—\$8.00 Ages 5 to 12—\$5.00 Ages 4 and under—Free



Annual June Dairy Month Recipe Contest
Theme is Mexican Foods
Wednesday, June 25, 2025



The contest is held at Loyal City Hall with registration running 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. and the program starting at 7:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Clark County Dairy Promotion Committee and the public is invited to participate and/or attend. The past year's winner will be the current year's chairperson.

The top 10 winners will take home over \$300 in prizes and all contestants will receive a dairy promotion gift.

Rules and Requirements |

1. Any person residing in Clark County may enter.
2. The recipe must include at least two generous portions of dairy products.
3. Entries must be made primarily from scratch. It can have a pre-packaged item as a minor ingredient, but not as the main component.
4. Circle the dairy products on your recipe. Remember eggs, cool whip, and margarine are not dairy products.
5. Recipes must be typed or neatly written. Give complete directions, state use of utensils necessary, and include approximate number of servings.
6. The name, address, and telephone number of the contestant should **NOT** be on the recipe. When entries are received at the contest a number will be assigned so the recipe and product are judged without a name.
7. Contestants must enter a dish made by themselves and must be present for entire program. No exceptions.
8. All recipes become Clark County Dairy Promotion Committee property and will not be returned. The committee also reserves the right to publicize any recipe entered.
9. The entries will be judged on flavor, use of dairy products, clear directions, appearance, and uniqueness.
10. The top winning person will be the contest chairperson for the following year and will choose the category. The category is a type of food (bars, soup, cake, breakfast bake, etc.). A category is NOT a specific ingredient.

Upcoming Events

Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
CLARK COUNTY

MASTER YOUR SMARTPHONE

UPCOMING CLASSES

MAY 19TH, 2025
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
OWEN COMMUNITY CENTER
SOCIAL MEDIA
REGISTER WITH EXTENSION
715-743-5121

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY:
PARTICIPANTS 60+ MAY STAY FOR A NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROVIDED THROUGH ADRC CONGREGATE MEALS FOR A SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION OF \$4.50. YOU WILL NOT BE TURNED AWAY IF UNABLE TO PAY

MAY 26TH, 2025
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AUDITORIUM
(CENTER NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING)
THE BASICS
REGISTER WITH EXTENSION
715-743-5121

CONTACT CRYSTAL WALTERS, HDR EDUCATOR
UW-EXTENSION CLARK COUNTY
715-743-5121
CRYSTAL.WALTERS@WISC.EDU

STRONGBODIES

Strength Training Class

Benefits of Strength Training:

Reduced risk for chronic diseases:

- Diabetes
- High Blood Pressure
- Heart Disease
- Osteoporosis
- Arthritis
- Some Cancers

Increased:

- Strength
- Muscle mass
- Bone density

LIFTING PEOPLE TO BETTER HEALTH

8 Week Strength Training Class
Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am to Noon
Starting June 3rd
Greenwood High School-Old Gym
Suggested Contribution: \$20
Call UW-Extension Office to Register
715-743-5121

STRONGBODIES

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CLARK COUNTY

STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS

STRONG BODIES

10 WEEK CLASS
LOCATION: DORCHESTER MEMORIAL HALL (175 N 2ND ST)
DATE: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS SEPTEMBER 2- NOVEMBER 13 (NO CLASS OCT. 21/23 OR NOV. 6)
TIME: 11:00-12:00 PM

BENEFITS OF STRENGTH TRAINING:

REDUCED RISK FOR CHRONIC DISEASES:

- DIABETES
- HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
- HEART DISEASE
- OSTEOPOROSIS
- ARTHRITIS
- SOME CANCERS

INCREASED:

- STRENGTH
- MUSCLE MASS
- BONE DENSITY

REGISTER WITH UW-EXTENSION CLARK COUNTY:
CRYSTAL WALTERS, HDR EDUCATOR
517 COURT STREET, ROOM 104
NEILLSVILLE, WI 54456
PHONE: 715-743-5121

SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$20

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LOCATION: OWEN COMMUNITY CENTER (112 E 5TH ST)
DATE: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS SEPTEMBER 2- NOVEMBER 13 (NO CLASS OCT. 21/23 OR NOV. 6)
TIME: 8:30-9:30 AM

BENEFITS OF STRENGTH TRAINING:

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		Dairy Bar Schedule		2025			
Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
10am-2pm	1	1	1	1	10am-1:30pm		
	2	2	2	2	1		
	3	3	3	3	2		
			4	4	3		
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11am-3pm	1	1	1	1	noon-4:00pm		
	2	2	2	2	1		
					2		
2pm-6pm	1	1	1	1	1:30pm-5pm		
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	3	3	3	3	2		
				4	3		
					4		
3pm-7pm	1	1	1	1			
	2	2	2	2			
6pm-10pm	1	1	1	1			
	2	2	2	2			
	3	3	3	3			

If interested in volunteering– CONTACT: DONNA ODEEN at (715) 255-8169

Chocolate Dessert Contest



Saturday, August 9
Clark County Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Building
Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Judging Begins: 10:00 a.m.
(Please note time change from previous years)



Clark County Dairy Promotion has partnered with Clark County Fair Board and UW-Extension to offer a Chocolate Dessert Contest open to all Clark County residents.

There is no entry fee and there are two divisions:

Youth—ages 8 through 18

Adult—19 years and older

Pre-registration is required. Limited to first 20 entries in each division.
 Call the Clark County UW-Extension Office at 715-743-5121 to pre-register.

Deadline to register is August 1st.

Contest Requirements and Guidelines:

1. Contest is open to any individual who resides in Clark County; one entry per person.
2. Entry must be made from "scratch" (no mixes).
3. Recipe must contain two dairy products and a generous portion of chocolate (any type).
4. Recipe must be submitted with entry on day of event and must list the ingredients, preparation instructions, highlight dairy and chocolate ingredients.
5. Recipe must be printed on one side of paper.
6. Name, address, and phone number of participant must be printed on the back side of paper.
7. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Prizes for Both Divisions

1st Place	\$25.00
2nd Place	\$15.00
3rd Place	\$10.00

A. Flavor	30 points
B. Overall Appearance	25 points
C. Creativity (appearance, ingredients, etc.)	20 points
D. Moistness and Crumb Texture	15 points
E. Consistency (size and shape)	10 points
TOTAL POINTS	100 points



Pre-registration required.
Register by calling the Extension Office at
715-743-5121
Registrations due by August 1st

Hey Genealogy lovers!

*Aloa Rueth is a Wisconsin State
Genealogical Society (WSGS)
newsletter editor and board member.
She would like to start something in
Clark County.*

*If interested in family history or
genealogy we could do a project
lesson in the fall on how to get
started.*

*Please let Joanne or Lois know if
you would like something to be
planned.*

