

Changing With Today

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



May 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear HCE Friends,
How good it is to renew connections with HCE members around the county and state! I attended the Southwest District meeting recently, and was reminded how our goals are being achieved. You may belong to a small club, or be an individual member, but together we achieve much. Hundreds of children receive books of their own, and are read to each month; many high school students have received scholarships over the years to help further their education; 4-H members receive gifts of encouragement to make their best better at the county fair; and many, many pennies (totaling 1000's of dollars) are collected and shared with Ventures in People, Associated Country Women of the World, and the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners to help women and children educate and train themselves for better living.

We keep coming up with new ideas to be of service to our communities. At the district meeting, we learned about Lasagna Love (making a meal for a family in need) and Boxes of Love (a supportive gift of comfort to families of suicide victims).

The Lasagna Love project is nationwide, but has active groups in Wisconsin. The need

is interpreted very broadly: it could be a family experiencing severe illness, an absent service parent, or a recent death. There are no financial limitations; if there is a need, a warm meal can be a comfort to anyone.

Boxes of Love contain uplifting quotes, small booklets on topics like grief, guilt, or coping skills; and a small comfort blanket. Coroners help distribute these to families who are experiencing this traumatic event.

Other ideas suggested that day were making small "port pillows" that can cushion the site of a port from the pressure of a seatbelt, and lightweight chemo caps. These would both be most appreciated by women undergoing cancer treatments. We'll be discussing these projects at our county HCE board meetings to see what we would like to take on. If you have thoughts about these potential projects, please let me know.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our May lesson on medicinal herbs, and then growing them! Maybe we will all be entering herbs at the county fair this summer (entry deadline is June 20.) Enjoy your summer!

Becky Gutzman
CCAHCCE President

SAVE THE DATE/ UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1, Pennies for Friendship due to Carol Beck, Treasurer

May 2, Leader training, 1:30-3:00 p.m., ADRC, Rooms 2-3

May 16, Executive Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., ADRC

July 26-30, Columbia County Fair

Aug. 15, deadline to register for WAHCE State Conference

Sept. 18-20, WAHCE State Conference, Wisconsin Dells

No newsletter will be mailed in June and July

View forms, newsletters, and WAHCE information at: <https://wahceinc.org/wahce-counties/>

Facebook group: Columbia County Home & Community Education

May Leader Training

May 2, 2023, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Human Services Bldg./ADRC
Rooms 2-3

"Medicinal Herbs to Grow in
Your Garden," Julie Saalsaa

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Cultural Arts Show and Contest

Thanks to all HCE members
who participated in this year's
cultural arts show and contest.
There was a lot of time and
energy that went into these
projects.

The club members winning a
state qualifying project are
listed below:

LuAnn Olson — counted cross
stitch Merry Christmas Santa
and hand stitched Chicka-
dees candle mat

Kathleen Koclanes — cat
painting

Sandra Pohl — flower photo,
dog photo, and jewelry set

Becky Gutzman — hand-
made purse

Amanda MacLeish — Old Sa-
lem Harbor photo and artist at
work photo

Margo Holzman — poem
"Mother's Lament"

Kris Young — quilt

Jane Vandenberg — paper
maché koala

The "Build a Beehive" bonus
category winner is Kris Young.

The viewer choice award
went to Donna Kohnke for her
diamond dots picture.

The HCE Merit Award was giv-
en to LuAnn Olson for the
counted cross stitch Merry
Christmas Santa.

Thank you all for attending
Rendezvous.

—Cheryl Neef, Kay MacLeish
Cultural Arts Chairs

2023 State Conference

The Southwest District will be
hosting the 2023 State Confer-
ence at the Wintergreen Con-
ference Center in Wisconsin
Dells September 18-20. Regis-
tration deadline is August 15.

Donations

Donations for our Nicaragua
partners will be collected at
the state conference in Sep-
tember. Below is a list of items
to include in shoeboxes:

Sewing

sewing machine needles
spools of thread
scissors/cutting wheels
bias tape/lace/buttons
measuring tapes
pins/needles

Gardening

garden gloves
garden clippers
garden string
garden markers
other garden items

Cooking

wooden spoons
measuring spoons
measuring cups
cupcake papers

spatulas
other cooking items

Hair/Personal

combs/brushes
hair clippers
hair clips/barrettes
barber scissors
rollers
other hair items

Shoeboxes should be tied and
labeled with the name of the
county and contact information
along with a note listing the
small items you have placed in
the box. All items should be in
good working order.

Large items you wish to do-
nate must be taken to the Wis-
consin/Nicaragua Partners
warehouse in Stevens Point.

Pennies for Friendship

Pennies for Friendship are due
to Carol Beck by May 2. Send
to her at:

5700 Prairie Stone Dr.
McFarland, WI 53558

Donations may be sent un-
designated or designated for:
"Ventures in People," Wiscon-
sin/Nicaragua Partners
(general fund, water filters,
etc.), or ACWW. ACWW will
have two projects and decide
where they need the funds

—Donna Kohnke

Cream Puff Schedule

The schedule was circulated
at Rendezvous. Volunteers
are still needed. Individual
members are welcome to sign
up for any of the available
shifts.

—Bobbie Goodman

**Columbia County Fair Cream Puff Schedule
July 26-30, 2023**

CENTER	DAY	DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	
Poynette	Wednesday	July 26	1-5 pm	Dee Sachtjen	Margo Holzman
To volunteer call: Kris Young, (608) 695-0651			5-9 pm	Mary Ellen Ruesch	Kris Young
Caledonia/Portage/ WI Dells/Lewiston	Thursday	July 27	1-5 pm	LuAnn Olson	
To volunteer call: Linda Heckel, (608) 742-6410			5-9 pm	Sheila Burton	Donna MacLeish
Cambria	Friday	July 28	1-5 pm	Sharon Bartnick	Kim Sweney Lori Rausch
To volunteer call: Beth Hahn, (920) 348-5699			5-9 pm	Judy Cuff	
Fall River/ Columbus	Saturday	July 29	1-5 pm	Dorothy Priske	
To volunteer call: Elsie Taylor, (920) 992-5317			5-9 pm	June Waterworth	
Pardeeville	Sunday	July 30	1-4 pm	Kelly Juarez	Annette Monthey
To volunteer call: Bobbie Goodman, (608) 429-3046					