

# Changing With Today

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello HCE members!

Where has the summer gone? That means I have been busy, as you are too. I always laugh to myself a little when I hear a program on lists of books to read on those lazy, summer days...what??? In the summer, we have flower and vegetable gardens to care for, fairs and concerts to attend, and lawns to mow. I feel like summer is my busiest time of year, but I love it!

I am in the middle of another summer of county fairs, as I continue on my quest to judge at every fair in the state. There are a few counties (Columbia, of course is one of them) with more than one official fair, and only one county that doesn't have a fair (Menominee, which is mostly a reservation) so the number that I am aiming for is 76. By the end of the summer, I hope to have reached 74 of them! I love meeting new people, seeing unique projects, and talking with exhibitors about why and how they made their entries. Sometimes I see the same type of project over and over (tied fleece blankets) but then someone finds a totally new way to use a technique...last week, a youth entered a white

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fleece unicorn cape, complete with twisted horn, and it was created with the "tied fleece blanket technique." She used three rectangles of fleece, tied together to make the body, another square to make the hood, and then accented it all by adding in purple and pink ties into the white for extra fringe on the seam down the middle of the back! The only sewing she had to do was wrap thread around the horn, and stitch it in place on top of the hood.

I come home from the fairs with many ideas of things I would like to make or try, but alas, my regular work awaits me, and not many of those ideas make it into reality. So, speaking of getting back to our regular work, HCE clubs will get back to regular meetings in September and the Board will be working on fall programs, state conference and the district meeting that we will be hosting.

I hope that many of you are planning to attend the state conference in Wisconsin Dells since it is so close—a treat. Executive Board will meet a week earlier (September 12) due to the state conference the following week. It's not too

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## SAVE THE DATE/ UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 15, deadline to register for WAHCE State Conference

Aug. 25-26, Taste of Portage

Labor Day, Randolph Corn Days

Sept. 7, Leader Training

Sept. 12, Executive Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., ADRC

Sept. 14, drop off cultural arts projects at the Columbia Co. Admin. Bldg., 1-2 p.m.

Sept. 18-20, WAHCE Conference, Wisconsin Dells

Sept. 22, pick up cultural arts projects at the Columbia Co. Admin. Bldg., 1-2 p.m.

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

Facebook group: Columbia County Home & Community Education

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early to be thinking of programs for 2024, so when you have an idea of something you would like to learn about, or a place you think we might like to travel to as a group, jot it down and send it to me anytime.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Columbia County Fair. It takes the help of many volunteers to make it all go smoothly, and we don't say "thank you" enough. If you think you will have a little more time as summer winds down, why not start on a fair entry for next year? Maybe we will all be more successful at finishing projects this winter!

Becky Gutzman  
CCAHC President

### September Leader Training

Sept. 7, 2023, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
Human Services Bldg./ADRC  
Rooms 2-3  
"Climate Change and Your Health," Dr. Bruce Krawisz,  
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### State Cultural Arts Show and Contest

This is a reminder to the people whose items are going to the state conference. I will be in the lobby of the Columbia

County Administration Building on September 14th from 1 PM until 2 PM to collect the items.

I will be at the lobby of the Administration Building again on September 22nd from 1PM to 2 PM to return projects to their owners. Please contact me if you are not going to be collecting them at that time. 608-617-3812 or email me at [centerrafarm@gmail.com](mailto:centerrafarm@gmail.com).

—Cheryl Neef, Kay MacLeish  
Cultural Arts Chairs

### 2023 WAHCE Conference

The Southwest District will be hosting the 2023 WAHCE Conference at the Wintergreen Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells September 18-20. Registration deadline is August 15.

Go to the WAHCE website for the registration form.

Pictures from the Columbia County Fair cream puff booth. See more on Facebook at Columbia County Home & Community Education!



### Thank You from Scholarship Winner

Dear Columbia County Association for Home & Community: Thank you dearly for choosing me as one of your 2023 scholarship recipients. With your support, I will be able to focus more on my studies rather than my financials. Thank you again, and your support does not go unnoticed.

—Brooke Luedtke

