

# Changing With Today

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello HCE members!

Having contact with kids is a great way to stay in touch with the change in seasons (it's back to school time), what's happening in our communities (football games and craft fairs), and learn how we can serve our world (fundraisers, Bookworms, volunteering at school, libraries and more.)

One of my volunteer jobs is subbing at my grandkids' parochial school on Monday afternoons for 6th-8th graders. I love the chance to see how they interact, what they think about current issues in our "Junior Scholastic" lessons, and watching them grow through the school year. It really is true that kids keep us young. So, my encouragement to you is to find some kids!! Maybe you can find a new way to interact with your own grandkids: make bread together, learn a new card game, or have them teach you a new game online.

Call your local school and see what you could do there: listen to kids read aloud or work on math together. Check in with your local 4-H club to see if you can share a skill like card making or another favorite craft with them. I'm going to help our 4-H club members make braided dog toys in February for a service project!

## September 2023

We have plenty of learning opportunities coming up this fall. Many of you attended the State Conference in September, and we can be so proud of the job many of our Columbia County HCE members did to organize this event! Enjoy sharing what you learned with other club members, and for individual members, share it with friends in any other way you can.

We'll be having the "New Ways with Bread" lesson on October 3; be sure to register with Donna Kohnke so we have enough handouts. There will be samples of bread, too!

We are hosting the Southwest District meeting on Nov. 2 along with our Fall Council meeting. Photography has become a passion for so many people with better cameras right in our phones, so we'll enjoy the program of "Beautiful Wisconsin" at this meeting. Look for details and be sure to register.

Lastly, it's time to start thinking of program ideas for next year. Please email them to me or Donna Kohnke.

I will look forward to seeing you at one of these events!

Becky Gutzman  
CCAHCCE President

## SAVE THE DATE/ UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 18-20, WAHCE Conference, Wisconsin Dells

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

Oct. 3, Leader training

Oct. 23, Registration due for Southwest District meeting/Fall Council

Nov. 1, Annual dues deadline

Nov. 2, Southwest District meeting/Fall Council

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

Facebook group:  
Columbia County Home & Community Education

## October Leader Training

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

"New Ways with Bread,"

Becky Gutzman, Foods judge  
and home baker

Contacts:

Donna Kohnke

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## 2024 HCE Dues Deadline

Columbia County HCE dues  
will remain at \$12/person and  
need to be paid by Nov. 1.  
Make checks payable to  
CCAHCE and mail to:

Carol Beck, HCE Treasurer  
5700 Prairie Stone Drive  
McFarland, WI 53558

Please include what club you  
are in, or if you are an individ-  
ual member. Please include  
your current email address if  
you have one.

## Special Note for Individual Members

One of CCAHCE's great pro-  
jects is collecting Pennies for  
Friendship. Thousands of dol-  
lars have been donated to  
help women all over the world  
improve their lives. Club mem-  
bers contribute to this in our  
regular club meetings. In order  
to allow and encourage indi-  
vidual members to be part of  
the Pennies for Friendship ef-  
fort, we will put out a collec-  
tion container at every lesson  
and meeting. Please feel free  
to donate as you are able to.

## Note for Executive Board Members

For the Fall Council/Southwest  
District meeting on Nov. 2,

your help is requested in  
making/providing morning re-  
freshments. If you are attend-  
ing and would like to help with  
this, please contact Bobbie  
Goodman at 608-429-3046  
or [rbgood90@gmail.com](mailto:rbgood90@gmail.com). Our  
CCAHCE meeting is from 9-10  
a.m., and then we will break  
for refreshments and welcome  
guests from the district. Please  
plan to arrive by 9 a.m. with  
your goodies. Thanks.

## Boxes of Love

A new service project is un-  
derway for CCAHCE. "Boxes  
of Love" are a supportive gift  
of comfort to families of sui-  
cide victims. Columbia Coun-  
ty suffers about 12-15 suicides  
each year, with three hap-  
pening in the last month. The  
Columbia County Medical Ex-  
aminer is in close contact with  
the families of victims and pro-  
vides the "Boxes of Love" to  
these families. Each box con-  
tains booklets on topics like  
grief and coping skills, and  
contains a small comfort item.

That's where HCE members  
come in. We will create small  
(about 4-5 inches) heart-  
shaped pillows to include in  
the boxes. They can be  
stitched of scrap fabric, and  
buttons or other favorite trims  
can be added. The edges  
can be cut with a pinking  
shears, then simply stitch and  
stuff them well, so they are  
very "comfy" when hugged.  
A template is included with  
this newsletter.

When you have completed a  
number of heart pillows, bring  
them to a meeting, or contact  
Liz Miller (608-742-4604, [lzmil-  
ler@palacenet.net](mailto:lzmil-<br/>ler@palacenet.net)) who will

arrange to get them and de-  
liver them to the Medical Ex-  
aminer's office.

## Cream Puff Thank You

Lights, camera, action! Thank  
you to all who helped sling  
cream puffs this past season.  
We endured some very hot  
weather. An Academy  
Award goes out to Jim Froeh-  
lich, Master of Ceremonies, for  
our cream puff whipper. It  
never went on strike the entire  
summer because of his good  
work. Chris Berger, my co-  
partner in crime, came up  
with the handy-dandy idea to  
use paper boats instead of  
napkins and paper plates. It  
really saved on Styrofoam  
products, which is so im-  
portant to all of us. Besides,  
paying for the boats, Chris al-  
so paid for all the Sassy Cow  
cream for Corn Days in Ran-  
dolph. She has taken to the  
stage and is a starving actor,  
and it was no easy feat. You  
can ask her at her next gig at  
Fall Council on Nov. 2.

The duo of Donna Kohnke, ex-  
pert money launderer, and  
Luther Pohls, mover and shaker,  
are both up for Oscars I hear  
and should be winners. The  
names have not been changed  
to protect the innocent.

—Bobbie Goodman

Bea Pierquet  
Phyllis Peterson  
Dee Sachtjen  
Margo Holzman  
Mary Ellen Ruesch  
Kris Young  
LuAnn Olson  
Sheila Burton  
Kay MacLeish  
Donna Kohnke  
Sharon Bartnick

Kim Sweney  
Judy Cuff  
Beth Hahn  
Dorothy Priske  
Jean Minick  
June Waterworth  
Alice Thompson  
Kelly Juarez  
Annette Monthey  
Linda Krejchik



# Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education, Inc.

## 2023 Southwest District Fall Meeting

Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education (WAHCE)

Hosted by: Columbia County Association for Home and Community Education (CCAHCE)

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023  
 Location: Poynette Village Hall, 106 South Main Street, Poynette, WI  
 Cost: \$15 per person (registration deadline is October 23, 2023)

### Agenda

*(CCAHCE will be conducting its Fall Council meeting from 9:00 – 10:00 AM)*

- 9:45 Arrival and registration for Southwest District guests
- 10 – 10:20 Morning refreshments
- 10:20 – 10:30 Welcome, Pledge, HCE Creed, Announcements
- 10:30 – 11:45 “Wisconsin—Beautiful by Nature,” The amazing natural beauty of WI as captured by international award-winning photographer Michael Knapstein, Middleton, WI
- 12 – 1:00 Sandwich and salads buffet lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 Southwest District business meeting
- 2:30 Closing: invitation to spring meeting, Prayer Creed and depart for home

Reservations are due October 23 and are non-refundable, only transferable. For questions about registration, contact Carol Beck, CCAHCE Treasurer at 608-669-1858

Southwest HCE Fall District Meeting, November 2, 2023

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to CCAHCE

Mail registration form and check to: Carol Beck  
Columbia County HCE Treasurer  
5700 Prairie Stone Drive, McFarland WI 53558

*Boxes of Love heart template*

