



Horizon

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Message from your President

By Cheryl Gabrielson

I can't believe I'm writing this message with hardly any snow on the ground and record highs that resemble our Spring weather instead of our Winter weather. Well, like most people from Wisconsin say, "Just wait and the weather will change,"

We are making some changes in HCE this year with hopefully more participation and activities that you can participate in. Club and district meetings, Cultural Arts items, Silent Auction items, County programs, International sewing projects, and reading to children are just a few things you can get involved in or reinvolved in HCE. I'm looking forward to this year as your Jackson County HCE President. I'm trying some new things to get more involvement and publicity for the organization. We do a lot of neat things in this organization that people don't know about and we should share .

I have set a few goals for this first year as president. 1. Attend one meeting of our 7 clubs to get to know the people in the organization and see what their club does. 2. Having at least one program in Jackson County. 3. Revisit the idea of reimplementing the Dairy contest. 4. Represent Jackson County to the best of my ability and fulfill my duties as president.

Please note that the Cultural Arts Items are due on April 8th. This is earlier than last year. Jackson County is hosting the Spring district meeting at the Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station. We will need everyone's help to make this a successful meeting.

I ask that you make a resolution of one thing you can do to strengthen our organization and/or participate in this year.

**Cheryl Gabrielson —
Editor/Publisher**

**Rita Meyers—
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Proof readers**



6th Sewing-Sanitary Pads 10-3
BRF Methodist Church

11th Executive. Board Meeting
1:00pm Extension Office

15th Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship due to State President

30th County Financial reports due to State Treasurer

30th. Wisc. Bookworms report due to State treasurer

3rd Foster Closet Program
10:30-12 Evangelical Lutheran

8th. Cultural Arts Entries due
8th. Executive Board Meeting
1pm Extension Office

17th Sewing– Pillow Case Dresses
10-3 BRF Methodist Church

22nd.. West District Spring Meeting—9:30 am at Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station Jackson County

7th Spring Business Meeting
5:00 pm at Interfaith Building

13th Executive Board Meeting
1:00 Extension Office

13th Horizon Article for June/July/August due-Town and Country and East Fork

Jackson County Clubs Corner

Individual Members– Written by Lori Johnson

You know that anyone who has been in an organization since 1977, must really like it. And my being a member of Jackson County HCE as an individual member has been very rewarding and a lot of fun. I have always loved what the organization was all about, and when my local HCE club, Hixton High Hopes, voted to disband years ago, I was very glad that I could still be a part of HCE anyway as offered through individual membership. I found out there were several things I could do to be part of HCE, even if there wasn't a monthly club meeting to attend.

Until recently, I very much enjoyed attending the Jackson County Spring and Fall meetings, and writing articles for the paper. It was also fun to submit writings for Cultural Arts which resulted in State recognition, and once I even summed up my courage and entered the Dairy Recipe contest.

I have helped proofread the Horizons, so I had the chances to get a first hand look at the interesting issues coming up over the years.

The best thing is getting to know all the HCE members over the years. You are all amazing ladies, and I have been pleased to nominate several for Jackson County's Women in History. And I am just getting started!

So many women are in stages of their lives where they are so busy, either with kids' activities and/or jobs they just can't fit in one more meeting or in my case, being hard to get out and about. In any of those respects, being an HCE individual member would be perfect by getting access to all the wonderful things that HCE has to offer, but on their own terms. In fact, a good slogan might be "HCE individual membership - be as active as you can and want to be!"

Young Moderns—Written by Jan Eckles



We are happy to announce that we have a new member, Cheri Zahasky! She has already shared some of her many talents and we are anxious to get to know her better!

This past year or so, our club has had our meetings in places that accommodate members who cannot navigate stairs. We've met in the ELC library, the BRF Public Library, the Rustic Mill Park and Spaulding Place. Our most recent programs involving speakers included Mary Rykken, telling us of her mission trip to Alaska; Jaryan Smith, fitness trainer, who shared weekly meal prep tips, nutrition and fitness; and Lori Chown, who spoke to us about her author adventures – why and how she began writing.

Our group helped put labels on Bookworm books, made Thanksgiving tray favors for the assisted living facilities and celebrated Christmas with a potluck brunch. In 2023 until now, we have donated to Friends Sharing Food, Interfaith, Karner Blue Garden Club, Animal Shelter, Bolton Refuge, Mighty Table-Foster Meals, St. John's Thanksgiving Dinner, Project Christmas, Bookworm, Bruce's Legacy, and a special gift for a family in need, all totaling \$890.

We look forward to more adventures and a healthy and happy 2024!

This is the first JCHCE Program for 2024

Foster Closet of Black River Falls Area

What does the foster closet provide?

They provide a free resource to help caregivers of children in foster care settings by providing basic supplies and clothing for the children being cared for.

Items include Seasonal items, shoes, hygiene items, socks/underwear, diapers, baby care items/furniture, and new car seats.

Often children arrive in foster care homes with very few items of their own, especially in emergency placement situations. It is our intention to quickly respond to those needs of children and families as identified by the county social workers.

Three services that they provide are: Item Requests, Activity Fee Reimbursement, and Haircut Vouchers.

If you want to know more, attend this program individually or as your club's monthly meeting.

The Program meeting will take place at Evangelical Lutheran Church-Narthex in Black River Falls on Wednesday, April 3rd from 10:30 to 12:00.

International Committee Update-



As we move forward into 2024, I hope to align the activities and mission at the state level with what we are doing here in Jackson County. Your support of these programs will continue to make a difference in our communities and all around the world.

We are all very familiar with the Pennies for Friendship program. The monies collected help support three different projects. Your club can decide to designate your donation to a specific project or allow the state to decide. If undesignated, monies will go to a program that has the greatest need. The three programs are:

- Nicaragua: Support and promote the W/NP beekeeping and honey production, Learning Centers, or shipping.
- Ventures in People Scholarship project.
- ACWW agricultural and learning projects for food production, safe water, and women's health

When you submit your donations be sure to let us know where your club would like to see it go.

Another project at the state level is Zero Hunger. This aligns with Food Security and the United nation's millennium goal of Zero hunger by the end of the 21st century. That goal says, "It is the right of all people to always have sufficient healthy and culturally appropriate food available." We have hungry people in our communities and (food deserts) in the more rural areas in our county. We have been challenged by our State international Chair, Lylene Scholz, to donate to our local food pantries to combat hunger. Cheryl Gabrielson has suggested that we plan to **collect essential needs items at our Spring meeting**. So, if you **plan to attend this meeting bring 1-2 essential needs items**. If you wish, instead collect them at your club meetings and take them to the food pantry yourself. As this is a challenge it will be important for me to know how many items are donated so that I can send those numbers off to be included in the President's report at the 2024 NVON annual conference in July. **Suggested items for donation include shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, kleenex, toothpaste(adult/child), diapers and feminine hygiene**. Please no trial size items.

At our local level we have had a sewing day in January to make **pillowcase dresses**. We were able to make 15 dresses. You may remember that several years ago Joan Staffon led us in this project as well. I have contacts that do mission trips, and these dresses will be sent with them. Most recently Marcia Hagen traveled to Guatemala on a medical mission trip and took these with her. She will be going again in May so our next sewing day will be **April 17 from 10-3 at the BRF United Methodist Church**. Lunch will be provided. Bring your sewing machine and either homemade bias tape or premade double fold bias tape. If you are going on a mission trip or know of someone else and think it might be appropriate to take a few dresses, let me know and we can put some things together. We are always accepting donations of gently used clean cotton or cotton/poly blend pillowcases. These can be left at the Extension office.

On March 6 we will be having another sewing day for the Patricia Project. This project if you are not familiar with it is **sewing reusable sanitary pads for girls and women in Africa**. This will be held **at the BRF United Methodist Church from 10-3 PM**. Bring a sewing machine and or serger. Many of the items we use are already precut but non-sewers are needed to trim and tie in ends. Lunch will be provided. Come and go or spend the day. Please let me know if you plan to participate so that I might appropriately plan for lunch.

Submitted by, Charlene Galston, International committee

My contact information is:

Charlene Galston charlenegalston56@gmail.com 715 896 9055 call or text



West District Spring Meeting “Cranberry Marshing”

When: Monday, April 22, 2024

Where: Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station, W8510 County Rd. O
Black River Falls (Between Millston and Shamrock)

Registration at 9:00 AM with Refreshments

9:30 Welcome and Introductions

9:45 Business Meeting -Committee Reports

10:15 Short Break

10:30 Speaker: Tom Lochner-Wisconsin Cranberry Growers Association

11:30 Lunch or Outside Tour of Grounds

12:30 Outside Tour of Grounds or Lunch

1:30 Entertainment by Pat Carlson with some HCE Jackson County songs

2:15 Wrap-Up: Evaluation Sheets, Invitation to Fall District Mtg, and Door Prizes

2:30 Adjourn

Meal will be Chicken salad with cranberries or Ham salad sandwich on a crescent roll, salads, pickles, potato chips, dessert & drink

Name _____

Phone # _____

Number Attending _____ X \$15.00 = _____ Enclosed

Indicate sandwich choice: _____ Chicken _____ Ham

Make Checks payable to: Jackson County HCE

Mail payment to: Linda Nandory, 615 N. 10th Place, Black River Falls, WI 54615 linda.nandory@gmail.com

Registration transferable but not refundable.

Registration deadline: April 8, 2024

Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education, Inc. Cultural Arts and Textiles Contest & Show – 2024 Categories				State Registration Deadline: August 1, 2024	
1* - PAINTING		9 – HERITAGE SKILL		15 - SEWING	
1A*	Oil	9A	Hardanger	15A	Children’s Wear
1B*	Acrylic	9B	Tatting	15B	Adult Wear
1C*	Watercolor	9C	Woodworking	15C	Useful Item
1D*	Alcohol Ink	9D	Basketry	15D	Purse or Tote
1E*	Other	9E	Spinning/Weaving/Dreideling	15E	Pillow
2* - DRAWING		9F	Felting	15F	Item from Recycled Materials
2A*	Pencil	9G	Wool Applique	15G	Wearable Access (apron, hat, etc.)
2B*	Charcoal	9H	Rug Making	15H	Other
2C*	Other	9I	Rug Hooking	16* - BED QUILT	
3* - PHOTOGRAPY		9J	Quilting	16A*	Tied Quilt
3A*	Color – Landscape	9K	Other	16B*	Hand Quilted
3B*	Color – Waterscapes	10 – CONSTRUCTED ORIGINAL ITEM		16C*	Pieced-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
3C*	Color – Plants	10A	Clay/Pottery	16D*	Other-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
3D*	Color – Animals/Creatures	10B	Wood	16E*	Pieced-Machine Freehand Design
3E*	Color – People	10C	Fabric/Felt	16F*	Other-Machine Freehand Design
3F*	Color – Skyscapes	10D	Other	17* - SMALL QUILT	
3G*	Other	11 – PAINTED OBJECT		17A*	Tied Quilt
4* - CRAFT		11A	China	17B*	Hand Quilted
4A*	Cards – Paper Only – 6	11B	Glass	17C*	Pieced-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
4B*	Cards – Mixed Media – 6	11C	Fabric	17D*	Other-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
4C	Scrapbooking	11D	Wood	17E*	Pieced-Machine Freehand Design
4D	Craft Made from Recycled Materials	11E	Ceramic/Kiln Fired	17F*	Other-Machine Freehand Design
4E	Handcrafted Doll/Toy	11F	Other	17G*	Not Quilted
4F	Glass Craft	12 - KNITTING		18* - QUILTED WALL HANGING	
4G	Diamond Dot (Full)	12A	Wearable Item	18A*	Hand Quilted Fabric
4H	Diamond Dot (Part)	12B	Wearable Accessory (hat, scarf, etc.)	18B*	Machine Quilted Fabric
4I	Other	12C	Afghan	18C*	Other (i.e., Embellishments)
5 – JEWELRY		12D	Other	19 - QUILTED TABLE TOPPER/RUNNER	
5A	Bracelet	13 - CROCHETING		19A*	Hand Quilted
5B	Necklace/Pendant	13A	Wearable Item	19B*	Machine Quilted
5C	Set	13B	Wearable Accessory (hat, scarf, etc.)	19C*	Not Quilted
5D	Earrings	13C	Doily/Dresser Scarf	20* - BONUS CATEGORY “The Magic of HCE” (Open to Artist Interpretation)	
5E	Other	13D	Afghan	Please see Entry Requirement Criteria Sheet for size restrictions and entry requirements for categories marked with an (*). All entries that do not meet the entry requirements criteria will be disqualified!	
6* - POEM		13E	Other		
7* - PROSE		14 – HAND STITCHING			
7A*	Non-fiction	14A	Needle Point		
7B*	Fiction (Short Story)	14B	Embroidery		
7C*	Other	14C	Cross Stitch		
8* - ORIGINAL PUBLISHED BOOK		14D	Other		



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Cultural Arts & Textiles Contest & Show - 2024 Entry Requirements (* explanations)

1. **Painting (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E):**
Artwork Must be framed or canvas wrapped.
2. **Drawing (2A, 2B, 2C):**
Artwork Must be framed or wrapped. Please spray charcoal or pencil drawings with fixative to avoid rubbing off onto other artwork.
3. **Photography (3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G) :**
Size Requirement: Must be an 8" x 10" print. (Unmatted and Unframed and placed in an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet protector.)
- 49 **Craft (4A and 4B only):** Up to 6 cards without envelopes must be mounted as a group on a flat, sturdy display board.
Size Requirement: No larger than 14" x 22",
6. **Poem (6)**
The writer must have two copies typed (12 point font) which must accompany the registration form.
Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.
Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.
The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.
7. **Prose (7A, 7B, 7C):**
PA): This Must be an original **Non-Fiction** piece of writing written or published in the current year. {August 2023 to August 2024}
Written piece must be 3000 words or less.
The writer must have two copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form.
Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.
Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.
The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

(7B): This must be an original **Fiction** Short Story which has a beginning, middle, and end.
Piece will need to be written or published in the current year. (August 2023 to August 2024)
Written piece must be 3000 words or less.
The writer must have two copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form.
Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.
Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.
The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

(7C): Other This must be original piece of writing written and/or published in the current year. (August 2023 to August 2024)
Written piece must be 3000 words or less.
The writer must have two copies typed (12 point font) which must accompany the registration form.
- Entries must NOT be framed or in book form
Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page. The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.
8. **Original Published Book (8):**
Copy of book must accompany the entry.
Book must have been published in the current year. (August 2023 to August 2024)
16. **Bed Quilt (16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 16E, 16F);**
Size Requirement: Must be Larger than 60" x 80" (4,800 square inches). Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair.
A 4x6 picture is required for this category. (The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of quilt with a safety pin.)
17. **Small Quilt (17A, 17B, 17C, 17D, 17E, 17F, 17 Ci):**
Size Requirement: Smaller than 60" x 80" (4,800 square inches), Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair.
A 4x6 Picture is required for this category. (The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of the quilt with a safety pin.)
18. **Quilted Wall Hanging (18A, 18B, 18C):**
Size Requirement: Must be Larger than 50" square. One Item only allowed. Must be submitted WITHOUT frames.
20. **Bonus Category (20):**
Bonus Category Theme: "The Magic of HCE"
Directions: This category is open to the artist's interpretation. Artists are encouraged to collect ideas from fellow members. People can use any medium to create their one-of-a-kind pieces. Only one entry per county can be chosen to enter at the state level. This category will be judged on originality and how unique and creative the concept is along with how well it has been crafted and designed.
Size Restrictions: 10"Lx 10"W x 20"H. Sizes must be measured by the County Cultural Arts Chair and then written on each entry before it will be judged at the state level.

Cultural Arts Committee:

We would like to personally encourage you to enter at least one category this year. This will add more variety and participation in our Jackson County Cultural & Textile Arts show.

The cultural arts committee has come up with a few different things we want to do this year.

1. Entries are due on April 8th, 2024. They could be dropped off at the BRF Public library or the April Executive Board meeting. You will identify your entry with your name, category class, and description on an index card.
2. After judging, the items will be displayed at the Jackson County Spring Meeting. The members present will have the opportunity to vote for Viewer's Choice by putting money in the cups. The money raised will go toward the Cultural Arts Committee's expenses.
3. The twelve items that the judges choose to go to State competition will need to complete the pre-registration form at the JC Spring meeting.
4. To make our organization more visible in the community, we will be displaying the entries during the month of June at the BRF Library. The smaller items will be locked in a display case.
5. Items need to be given to Debra Sutton or Cheryl Gabrielson by Friday the 13th of September to be delivered to the State Conference for competition.

Submitted by the Cultural Arts Committee

Jackson County Memorials

Jackson County HCE has lost two very dedicated members within the last two months and their dedication to the organization was appreciated and will not be forgotten.



Elaine Seefeldt (7-25-24 - 12-12-23)

In addition to being a 4-H leader who represented Jackson County at a National Conference in Washington, D.C., Elaine was a member of both Jackson and Chippewa County's HCE for 50+ years. Elaine was a charter member of the Melrose Towerettes, organized in 1958. She held many offices in both the local group and on the county level. She was an active participant in Cultural Arts, the Holiday Potpourri, and Quilt Shows. Elaine attended College Week for Women, belonged to the Extension Chords, She collected information for the Schools of Yesterday book and County Resident information and used her words to promote Jackson County and HCE. Elaine's daughter Linda was an Extension Scholarship recipient and Elaine was named Outstanding HCE member in 1981. When the Towerettes disbanded in 2008, she became an individual member, wanting to keep enjoying her HCE involvement, which continued after she moved to Chippewa County.



Jeannine B. Lund (5-29-31 - 1-3-24)

Jeannine was a 4H member as a girl and traveled to Chicago for a National 4H Congress. She became known for her Swedish skills of sewing, weaving, quilting, carpentry and gardening. When she returned to Black River Falls in 2011 to be near family, she joined the Town and Country HCE club and was a member for 12 years, bringing her talent and leadership to the group. She actively volunteered, and attended Executive HCE Board meetings. Jeannine was a talented musician and played organ and piano at Little Norway Lutheran Church for many years. She was always there to help others.

Jackson County HCE - Spring Meeting

“Spring into Volunteering”

When: Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

Where: Interfaith Building 1451 Tyler Street, Black River Falls

Bring: A couple of Essential Needs items or monetary donation to support our Local Food Pantries. Essential needs are toothpaste, toothbrushes (adult/child), shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene, soap, razors, Kleenex, & diapers. Not trial size.

5:00 Registration and view the Interfaith building and Cultural Arts Display.

5:30 Greeting-Homemaker Creed- Dinner Prayer

Dinner will be served.

6:15 Panel of Interfaith volunteers

6:45 Business Meeting

1. Minutes of last Fall Meeting
2. Financial Report
3. Written reports from the Committee Chairmen

7:00 Adjourn

The meal will be Broasted chicken, meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, rolls, dessert, and drink. Catered by L& M.



Registration form:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number attending _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____ Enclosed

Make checks payable to: Jackson County HCE

Mail payment to: Linda Nandory 615 N. 10th Place Black River Falls, WI 54615

Email: linda.nandory@gmail.com

Registration transferable but not refunded.

Registration Deadline: April 23, 2024.

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Caring to make a difference in our homes,
communities and world.