

Changing With Today

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Late summer greetings to all my HCE friends,

Even though I love fall, I really don't want summer to be over... it has gone by too fast! Between fair judging, town committee meetings, and canning pickles, it has been a very busy summer. We never got around to finishing the conversion of my garden to raised beds, and I haven't really had time to miss the garden. What my kids haven't kept me supplied with, I was able to pick up at a farm stand. My oldest son planted his first garden last year with all sweet corn. This year he cut back on the corn (thankfully) and planted cucumbers... lots and lots of cucumbers! So, we've been making pickles of every sort: relish, dill, and sweet. The great news is that the grandkids have been helping. It is wonderful to hear a 12-year-old boy say "Grandma, I like canning."

I am happy to report that by the time you read this, I will have accomplished my goal of judging at every county fair in the state of Wisconsin! This is my 51st year of judging, but I've really been working on this "bucket list" of reaching them all for a little over 15 years.

August 2024

There are about 79 official (state-aided) county fairs in the state, because several counties like Columbia, have two official fairs (Lodi and Portage.) I've also judged at a few non-state-aided fairs like the Alto and Stoughton Fairs as well as the State Fair. This summer was my first time at the Stoughton Fair, and they asked me to judge their pie contest. Little did I know there would be 135 entries, and 27 pies in the cream pie class alone! And yes, I tasted every single one... it's a tough job, but someone's got to do it!!

Earlier this summer, I had three phone calls from HCE Executive Board members, asking if I was okay, and what kind of help did I really need. Both said they had received emails that purported to be from me, saying that I was too busy to do "this" myself, and could they help. "This" involved purchasing gift cards and sending them to someone (I think). I assured both of them that it sounded like a scam, and I certainly hadn't sent any email like they described. I hope that none of the rest of you received this fake email, or if you did, I hope you ignored it! I couldn't help realize what a good lead this example is for our September program on
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SAVE THE DATE/ UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 5, leader training, 1:30 p.m., ADRC

Sept. 10, CCAHCE Executive Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., ADRC

Sept. 16-18, WAHCE Conference, Appleton

Oct. 3, leader training, 1:30 p.m., ADRC, "Microgreens," Ardyce Peihl, Master Gardener

Oct. 15, Southwest District meeting, Yuba City

Nov. 1, annual dues deadline

Nov. 12, Fall Council, Poynette Village Hall

View forms, newsletters, and WAHCE information at: <https://wahceinc.org/columbia-county-hce>

Facebook group: Columbia County Home & Community Education

internet safety. There continues to be bad actors in our society who are eager to prey on whomever they can, and we need to be prepared to recognize and avoid these scammers. In addition to internet safety, we'll also be learning about personal safety from the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. Both of these topics are needed and timely. I hope that each of you will be able to make it.

I hope to see you there!

Becky Gutzman, HCE President

2024 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Logan Neary and Gwen Hahn! They each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Columbia County Home and Community Education.

Logan will be attending UW-Oshkosh and studying biology/neurobiology. He is from Pardeeville.

Gwen will be attending UW-Platteville majoring in veterinary science. She is from Cambria.

Cultural Arts Projects for State Convention

I will be at the Columbia County Administration building on Thursday, Sept. 12, to collect the items headed to the HCE convention. Then on Friday, Sept. 20, to disperse them unless you have already collected them. Both days it will be from 1-2 PM. If you are

unable to do either, please contact me so other arrangements can be made.

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—Cheryl Neef
Cultural Arts Chair

September Leader Training

Sept. 5, 2024, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
ADRC Rooms 2-3

“Women’s Personal Safety,”

presented by Columbia County Sheriff’s Office detectives Emily Leland and Kourtney Fleischhacker AND “Financial

Scams: What You Need to Know to Protect Yourself,”

presented by Amanda Emery-Morris from Farmers Merchants Union Bank.

2025 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 individual member. Please include your current email address if you have one.

HCE Brochures

Brochures are available to give to anyone interested in joining HCE. A supply will be on hand at the Fall Council.



Logan



Grandmother Beth Hahn with Gwen



Gwen with Kim Sweney, CCAHCE Vice President