

Changing With Today

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



October 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Autumn Days to you, HCE friends!

While I appreciate all the seasons in Wisconsin, I really love the crisp mornings, changing colors, and smells of the harvest around me. Summer activities have given way to "back-to-school" schedules and HCE activities are planned. I couldn't attend the State HCE conference this month, but I hope that those who made the trip to Green Bay enjoyed all the learning sessions.

Many Bookworms volunteers gathered recently to label the books and insert activity sheets into each book for our young readers across Columbia County. Donna MacLeish is such a hero! She puts in countless hours, sorting the books and supplies into the correct amounts for each school. The teachers appreciate having the Bookworms program in their classrooms, and the volunteers love reading to the kids and doing activities to extend the learning, but none of this would be possible without Donna's effort to organize and lead the program. Thank you, Donna—we appreciate you!

I hope that many of you will be able to attend our fall programs:

October 2 lesson on houseplants at the ADRC, 1:30 PM

Southwest District meeting in Sauk City on October 23

November 5 Fall Council at Pardeeville Senior Center

All of these are open to club and individual members. Be sure to invite a friend to your local meetings and to our county lessons and then ask them to consider joining.

Thank you for continuing "to work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life."

Becky Gutzman, Co-president

SAVE THE DATE/ UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars:

Oct. 2, "Houseplants," ADRC, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Oct. 9, deadline to register for Southwest District meeting

Oct. 23, Southwest District meeting, Sauk City, 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 26, deadline to register for Fall Council

Nov. 1, annual dues deadline

Nov. 5, Fall Council, "Armchair Traveling," Senior Center, Pardeeville, 9:00 a.m.

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

Facebook group: Columbia County Home & Community Education

No newsletter will be sent in November and December

October Leader Training

Thurs., October 2, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Columbia County ADRC, Rms. 2-3
"Houseplants"
Ian LaVigne, Edgewater Greenhouse
Sign up with Donna Kohnke:
(920) 210-5037
kohnkedonna@gmail.com

2025 Scholarship Winner

Sarah Behm was awarded a \$1,000 CCAHCE scholarship and



will attend Minnesota State University in the fall, majoring in Health Sciences and Spanish. She is from Randolph.

Fall Council

Nov. 5
Senior Center
113 Industrial Dr.
Pardeeville
Becky Gutzman will present on her trip to Greece and Lee Cantillon will talk about Kuwait.

Agenda

- 9:00 Registration/refreshments
- 9:30 Business meeting
- 10:30 Presentations
- Noon Lunch

Lunch will include soup, sandwich, vegetable and fruit trays, and a chocolate dessert.

If you plan to attend, please send a check to CCAHCE for \$15 no later than **October 26** to:
Carol Beck, CCAHCE Treasurer
5700 Prairie Stone Dr.
McFarland, WI 53558

HCE Dues

Columbia County HCE dues are \$12/person and need to be paid by Nov. 1. Make checks payable to CCAHCE and mail to:
Carol Beck, CCAHCE Treasurer
5700 Prairie Stone Dr.
McFarland, WI 53558

If you write a check for the whole club, please include the names of those members.

Southwest District Fall Meeting Thursday October 23, 2025

Blackhawk Bethlehem (Methodist) Church
S10174 County Road C
Sauk City, WI 53583
9:00 am Registration and morning refreshments
Welcome—Jean Brew, Sauk County President
10:00 am Speaker: Alex Harrington, "Tornado of 1918 Plain, WI"
11:00 am Southwest Business Meeting, Shirley Steinhorst SW Dist Director
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Speaker: "Remembering First Ladies of WI," Jean Brew
Reservations are due October 9, 2025, and are nonrefundable, only transferable.

Cost is \$12.00 per person payable to Sauk County HCE. Mail check to:

Cheri Rhinehart
1201 Maple Street
Reedsburg, WI 53959

Cultural Arts State Results

Jane VanDenBerg—crepe paper roses—red ribbon
LuAnn Olson—counted cross stitch kittens—medallion; three miniature felt bears—blue ribbon
Kathleen Koclanes—gecko oil painting—red ribbon

Sandy Pohl—photo of animals—blue ribbon
Donna Kohnke—part diamond dot fireplace scene—blue ribbon
Cheryl Neef—zoo wallhanging—medallion; small quilt—blue ribbon
Kin Sweney—full diamond dot Northern Lights—blue ribbon

Congratulations everyone!

—Cheryl Neef, Kay MacLeish
Cultural Arts Chairs

Thank You from 2025 Scholarship Winners

Dear CCAHCE,
I am deeply honored and grateful to the committee for selecting me as a recipient of this scholarship. Your support has not only ^{reduced} the financial burden of my education but also inspires me to continue striving for excellence. Thank you for investing in my future.
—Issac Brubender

Columbia County HCE Association,
Thank you so much for your generosity in awarding me the Columbia Association for Home and Community Education Scholarship. I was extremely excited when I learned of this award. I'm looking forward to attending UW Platteville this fall, and this will help make my schooling much more affordable.
Many thanks again,
Samuel Schumacher