



JACKSON COUNTY
HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Horizon

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Message from your President

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Only in Wisconsin do we have 50 degree temperatures one week and 6 inches of snow the next. I guess we all like variety in our weather because it is always changing. That is why we choose to live in Jackson County.

Well I hope you are looking forward to this 90th Anniversary of Jackson County Home and Community Education as much as I am. We will be inviting past HCE members to our celebration on Monday, July 13 at the Interfaith Building from 10:00-2:00. We are encouraging members to bring historical items to share. Each past and current member has a historical story to share and they will have their chance during our complementary lunch.

Last year was spent on approving our By Laws and Standing Rules, the publishing of our 90th Anniversary cookbook, and earning a Stitches of Love State Award.

Many of you will be choosing a County activity that you'd like to get more involved in; which might include reading to preschool children, activities at the farmer's market, making pillow case dresses for Guatemala, bake sale, selling brat's at the Brat Barn, sharing your cultural arts items, providing books and bibs to new mothers in our County, having our grandchildren receive scholarship money, donate goods and items to community projects just to name a few.

A new project this year will be spearheading a Babysitting class in Jackson county for 12-15 year olds. This hasn't been offered for at least 18 years. A West District project of making a Bookworm Quilt was initiated and sewn by Jackson County. Another possibility is to make Roman's Wraps which are created out of a need for a family who experience an infant loss to allow for precious time to hold and love their baby.

I hope you are thinking about getting more involved in some of the things JCHCE is doing to get involved within our community and providing a better place for our boys and girls to live in.

Looking forward to our year long 90th Anniversary!



1st Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship due.

9th Executive. Board Meeting 1:00 Extension Office

12th Sewing Day 10-3
BRF Methodist Church

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13th West District Spring Meeting

20th Executive Board Meeting
1:00 Extension Office

20th Cultural Arts items Due

20th Club Pictures are Due

5th Sewing Day 10-3
BRF Methodist Church

11th Executive Board Meeting
1:00 Extension Office

11th Horizon Article for
June/July/August due-
Town and Country and East Fork

19th Spring Business Meeting-
Warrens

Jackson Country Clubs Corner

Individual Member - Lori Johnson

Greetings from your one and only remaining Individual member of Jackson County HCE! It's so exciting celebrating HCE 90th anniversary this year, and believe it or not, I have belonged to HCE for almost 50 of those 90 years.

Yes, as a newlywed coming to live in Jackson County, I joined "Homemakers" in 1977. I wanted to get to know ladies in my new area and I had heard of all the great things being done in this organization. Our local group was the Hixton High Hopes, and it was the wonderful combination of generations which makes clubs so interesting. The High Hopes provided learning opportunities, often involving health, nutrition and home management through the UW Extension. We met in each other's homes or the Hixton Village Hall. I can remember learning the Heimlich Maneuver, and oohing over the pretty picture of rows of several varieties of canning done by one of our members. And the fun experience of learning how to make chocolate covered strawberries. The group even hosted a baby shower for me and another club member which was a lot of fun.

Community Service was another part of being a member of the Hixton High Hopes. My favorite was when the group hosted Halloween parties for the Hixton school children, held at the elementary school gym for many years. I wish I could find the picture of me in costume as a hippie ghost, complete with long haired wig, bandana, wearing the latest in ghost sheet wear and flashing the peace sign to everyone I saw. I will never forget the smiles and excitement of the kids over the years.

It about broke my heart when the High Hopes voted to disband, and I did not want to let go of Homemakers entirely. At that point in my life, though, with keeping up with the activities of my boys, I didn't feel I had the time to devote to local club and meetings that they deserved. So I was glad that individual membership was offered, and I jumped at the opportunity to get all the news and have the opportunity to participate as I was able. Until recently, I was able to attend and cover the county meetings for the paper and hear about all the wonderful things accomplished.

This generation finds kids having even more activities going on than my boys did, and I can understand why dedicated parents support and encourage their kids' extracurricular activities - I just wish moms had more time to do things they wanted for themselves and know that with HCE, they can do both. s for the paper and hear about all the wonderful things accomplished.

Cheers to 90 years JCHCE and many, many more!

Young Moderns—2025 Review



We began 2025 with a speaker. In January, Karen Pennecamp, from the Jackson County Humane Society, shared everything they do and she took time to answer our many questions. We collected from our group of eleven members to donate to their organization for our monthly charity. Other local charities, we gave to in 2025, included the Boys and Girls Club, Bolton Refuge, Bookworms, Interfaith, BRF School District Angel Fund, St. John's Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Project Christmas and Salvation Army. Over the course of the year, our collections totaled \$790. We also turned in \$65 for Pennies for Friendship.

We enjoy doing projects that brighten other's days. Making tray favors for our local nursing homes has become a tradition. For three of our monthly craft activities, we had fun making candy vessels for Valentines Day, a Summer Daisy and Christmas. This was the second year that we made Christmas cards for Interfaith to give to their clients. We were also involved in creating activities for the children at the Black River Falls Farmers Market.

Young Moderns were "Busy Bees" as we were the hosts for the bee themed Spring Fling on May 19th at the Interfaith Building. Our speaker, Joe Williams, talked to us about "Bees and their Habitat" and how beneficial they are to our environment and food supply. Members shared their talents making the centerpiece/door prizes and baking the desserts featuring honey.

Some of our members were involved with various activities at the state and local levels and were awarded recognition in 2025.

- Charlene Galston's Toallas Amigas Project, in conjunction with the Black River Falls United Methodist Church, received the State HCE Award called "Stitches of Love". Charlene was also awarded the Outstanding Jackson County HCE Member of the Year. She and some of our members along with various churches worked on sewing reusable pads and collecting other supplies to give to women and girls in need from Guatemala.
- Cheri Zahasky was very involved with the 90th Anniversary Cookbook. She was the editor and worked closely with the Cookbook Chair. The Cookbook Committee was awarded the JC HCE Outstanding Committee of the Year..
- Jan Eckles was the Chair for Bookworms for over 20 years and along with the other volunteer things she has done for the community she was awarded the JC HCE Community Volunteer Service Award.

We continue to meet at Spaulding Place, in their wonderful Community Room, which allows us plenty of space no matter what activities we are doing. Our gatherings are on the second Monday of each month at 9:30am. Our two resident members are our gracious hostesses!

International Committee

I'd like to share some information from the WAHCE Update. One fundraising project for the Ventures in People which is supporting a school in Haiti is the collection of **used ink cartridges**. This project is ongoing from 2025. I am encouraging all HCE members to save your used ink cartridges. (*Please note: Toner cartridges and large printer-ink containers are not included in this recycling program.*) *There will be a drop-off place at the 2026 WAHCE Conference in Eau Claire.*

WISCONSIN NICARAGUA PARTNERS

Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners is once again collecting cooking and sewing supplies for the learning centers there. There is a box at the extension office for your donated items. I will be setting up a date later in the year to take our current items to Stevens Point where the warehouse is. I will also be gathering information on when volunteers are needed to help pack the crates. Be watching for more information in future Horizons.

We continue to sew pillowcase dresses monthly at the United Methodist Church in Black River Falls. Our next sewing dates are April 9 and May 5. We will not be gathering to sew during the summer but if you wish to work on dresses, I can put together some kits with needed supplies. Just reach out to me.

Charlene Galston, International Chair

Farmers Market committee

We will once again be present at the Jackson County farmers market this summer. As usual we will be there one Saturday in June, July and August from 9-12. The farmers market committee would like to have us there more often and we have considered this but we would need a commitment by more individuals and /or clubs to participate and interact with the children. Please talk about this at your club meetings. In the past we have had a small craft project for the children to do while we read a story. Other ideas would be to play a game such as dominos, checkers, or memory or just to color a picture. We are very grateful to Judy Hunter for providing us with books from the Bookworm project to read at the Farmers Market and that the children will be able to keep them afterwards. Be watching for more ideas and dates as June approaches.

Charlene Galston

HCE Spring West District Meeting
Trempealeau County
Monday, April 13, 2026

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 109 Elm St. Strum, Wi 54770
(handicap accessible)

Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome ... Carolyn Boehne, Trempealeau County President
- 9:35 a.m. Business Meeting
- 10:35 a.m. Networking with our local school (Kris Husby, Member of Eleva-Strum School Board)
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert, milk, water, coffee)
- 12:15 p.m. How important are volunteers to your community (Dawn Hering, Director of Strum Public Library)
- 1:00 p.m. Committee Reports
- 1:30 p.m. Invitation to the Fall 2026 West District Meeting
- 1:35 p.m. Wrap-up

Member/Club Registration

HCE West District Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026

Name(s)_____

County_____

Phone # or E-mail address_____

The cost of this meeting is \$15.00 per person which includes morning refreshments and lunch.

___Members attending X \$15.00 = _____.

Please make check payable to Trempealeau County HCE, and send to Julia Bjorgo, N49949 Missell Rd, Strum, Wi 54770 by April 9, 2026.




Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education, Inc.
Additional Rules/Sizes for Cultural & Textile Arts Entries



On all "other" categories, please attach a card with details of what the item is made from or how it was made, or what embellishments were used. All items with multiple or loose pieces please tie them together or put it in a box.

Counties: when you are bringing your items for check in, please have them in the same order as the Category Sheet. Also, whoever is keeping the claim tickets, there will be a sheet for your name and phone number if we need to contact someone.

1. **Painting/Drawing:** Artwork Must be framed or canvas wrapped. Please spray charcoal or pencil drawings with fixative to avoid rubbing off onto another artwork. Must bring an easel with your name attached.
2. **Photography:** Size Requirement: Must be an 8" x 10" print, unmatted and unframed. Place inside of an 8 ½" x 11" protective sheet.
3. **Crafts:** 4 to 6 cards as stated on category sheet, without envelopes, must be mounted as a group on a 36" x 48" tri-board.
4. **Diamond Art:** Size Requirement: No larger than 24" x 32". All pictures need an easel with a name attached.
6. **Poem:** The writer must have two copies typed (12 pt 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** This must be an original Non-Fiction piece of writing written or published in the current year. (August 2025 to July 2026). Written piece must be 3,000 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 Fiction:** 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 2025 to July 2026). Written piece must be 3,000 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 2025 to July 2026) Written piece must be 3,000 words or less. The writer must have two copies, typed (12 pt 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.
15. **Bed Quilt:** 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 4"x6" picture is recommended 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.
16. **Small Quilt:** 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 4"x6" picture is recommended 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.
17. **Quilted Wall Hanging:** Size Requirement: No larger than 50" square. One Item only allowed. Must be submitted WITHOUT frames
19. **Bonus Category Theme:** "Celebrate HCE". Directions: This category is to be made with dried and/or silk flowers. Accessorize with other items. Size Restrictions: Container should not be larger than 10" square and 10" tall and needs to be measured by the County Cultural Arts Chair and size written on the entry form to be judged at the state level. Each county may submit one entry in the bonus category. The bonus category will be judged on originality and how unique and creative the concept is along with how well it has been crafted and designed.

Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education, Inc. 2026 Categories for Cultural Arts and Textiles Contest and Show				State Registration Deadline: August 1, 2026	
1*	PAINTING/DRAWING	8	HERITAGE SKILLS	14	SEWING
1A*	Oil	8A	Hardanger	14A	Children's Wear
1B*	Acrylic	8B	Tatting	14B	Adult Wear
1C*	Watercolor	8C	Wood carving or burning	14C	Useful Item
1D*	Alcohol Ink	8D	Basketry	14D	Purse or Tote
1E*	Pencil	8E	Spinning/Weaving	14E	Pillow
1F*	Charcoal	8F	Felting	14F	Item made from recycled materials
1G*	Any other item not listed.	8G	Wood Applique		
2*	PHOTOGRAPHY	8H	Rug Making	14G	Wearable Access (apron, hat, etc.)
2A*	Color – Landscape	8I	Rug Hooking	14H*	Any other item not listed
2B*	Color – Waterscape	8J	Quilling	15*	BED QUILT – 60" x 80"
2C*	Color – Skyscape	8*K	Any other Heritage Skill	15A*	Tied Quilt
2D*	Color – Plants	9	CONSTRUCTED ITEMS	15B*	Hand Quilted
2E*	Color – Animals/Creatures	9A	Clay/Pottery	15C*	Pieced-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
2F*	Color – People	9B	Woodworking item		
2G*	Any other photo not listed	9C	Textile/Fabric	15D*	Other-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
3*	CRAFTS	9D*	Any other item not listed		
3A*	Glass Craft	10	PAINTED OBJECT	15E*	Pieced-Machine/Freehand
3B*	Plastic Canvas	10A	China	15F*	Other-Machine/Freehand
3C*	6 Cards – Paper only, hand drawn	10B	Glass	15G*	Other - Embellishments
		10C	Fabric	16*	SMALL QUILT – Less 60" x 80"
3D*	6 cards – Paper only, stamped	10D	Wood	16A*	Tied Quilt
3E*	6 cards – Mixed media	10E	Ceramic/Kiln Fired	16B*	Hand Quilt
3F*	4 cards – fun fold cards	10F*	Any other item not listed	16C*	Pieced – Machine/Computer
3G*	Craft made from recycled materials	11	KNITTING	16D*	Other – Machine/Computer
		11A	Wearable Item	16E*	Pieced – Machine freehand
3H*	Any other craft not listed	11B	Wearable Accessory (hat, scarf, etc.)	16F*	Other – Machine freehand
4*	DIAMOND ART			16G*	Other - Embellishments
4A*	From a kit – full picture	11C	Afghan	17*	QUILTED WALL HANGING
4B*	From a kit – part picture, may include lights	11D*	Any other item not listed	17A*	Hand Quilted Fabric
		12	CROCHETING	17B*	Machine Quilted Fabric
4C*	From a kit – other not a picture	12A	Wearable item	17C*	Other – Embellishments
4D*	Original design – not a kit	12B	Wearable accessory (hat, scarf, etc.)	18	QUILTED TABLE TOPPER/ RUNNER
5	JEWELRY				
5A	Bracelet	12C	Afghan	18A	Hand Quilted
5B	Necklace	12D	Doily/dresser scarf	18B	Machine Quilted
5C	Earrings	12E*	Any other item not listed	18C*	Other - Embellishment
5D	Set of 2 or 3 pieces	13	HAND STITCHING	19*	BONUS ITEM "Celebrate HCE"
5E*	Any other item not listed	13A	Embroidery		
6*	POEM	13B	Cross Stitch		
7*	PROSE	13C	Counted Cross-Stitch		
7A*	Non-Fiction	13D*	Any other item not listed		
7B*	Fiction – Short story				
7C*	Any other item not listed				

Forms updated 1/11/2026

Please see **Entry Requirement Criteria Sheet** (previous page) for any category marked with an (*). All entries that do not meet the entry requirement criteria will be disqualified.

Cultural Arts 2026

We are looking forward to seeing what everyone has been working on for the Cultural Arts show. Jackson County has so many creative people in HCE. Wouldn't it be great to have a record number of items entered this year?!

- Entries will be due on April 20. They can be dropped off at the Executive Board Meeting at the Extension Office or at the BRF Public Library that day. Another option is to leave your items at the Fellowship Hall next to Grace Lutheran Church in Alma Center on Wednesday April 15. Each item should have an index card attached to your entry with your name, category class (5A for a bracelet) and a description (color, from a kit etc.) You do NOT need to fill out the entry form at this time.
- After judging, the items will be displayed at the Jackson County Spring Meeting on May 19. 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 expenses.
- The twelve items that the judges choose to go to State Competition will need to have a registration form completed at the Jackson County Spring Meeting on May 19.
- To help make our organization more visible in the community, we will display the entries during the entire month of June at the BRF Public Library. Smaller items will be locked in a display case at the library.
- After that you can collect your items from Deb Sutton or she will keep them for the summer to take to State Conference for competition September 20 -23. If you have collected your items at the end of June, you will need to return them to Deb Sutton by Friday, September 18.

Cultural Arts Class:

In early March I will be offering a **wool applique class**.

Please contact Deb Sutton at 715-964-1018 or 715-210-4982 if you are interested.

Date to be determined.

2026 NVON Conference

Wisconsin will be hosting the AVON Conference in 2026. The dates are July 14-16, 2026. You can come for 1 day (\$125.00) or for all 3 days (\$250.00). It will be at the Wisconsin Hotel and Conference Center; you might remember it as the Wintergreen. Hotel rates are \$149.00 for a king room, \$169.00 for any double queen room. Registration form will be on the NVON website.

Jackson County HCE – Spring Meeting “Spring into the Cranberry Museum”

When: Tuesday, May 19th, 2026

Where: Shirley Ann’s Café, 204 Main Street, Warrens, WI

Bring: Used ink cartridges for a school in Hati.

10:30 Registration and view the Cultural Arts Display.

10:45 Greeting-Homemaker Creed- Dinner Prayer

11:00 Dinner will be served.

12:00 Program: Tour of the Cranberry Discovery Center
and

View Cultural Arts Display - Vote for Viewer’s Choice or visit the Gift Store.

1:00 Business Meeting

Minutes of last Fall Meeting

Financial Report

Written reports from the Committee Chairmen

2:00 Adjourn



The meal will be Chicken Salad Sandwich on Cranberry Wild Rice Bread, Cole Slaw, Chips, and Ice Cream for dessert, and drink.

Registration form:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number attending _____ x \$13.50 = \$ _____ 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.

Jackson County HCE
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Learning in a social setting.
Sharing what we learn.
Caring to make a difference in our homes,
communities and world.