



# CROSSE COUNTY NEWS

*August 2026*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WOW!! The summer has whizzed by with extreme heat, lots of rain, and severe weather in many parts of the country. Doesn't seem possible it is August already.

Our county has had a busy summer, with a flower pounding craft day in June and Fun Day in July. We have also been going to Caretta Senior Living once a month and playing BINGO with the residents which is most enjoyable. They look forward to us coming.

In June, Cathy, Linda, and I made a trip to Stevens Point with a load of items for Nicaragua. We packed several Gaylords in the morning, had pot luck lunch and then headed home. Just as we were leaving a load of items came in, so the rest of the workers had more to do. I am hoping to make another trip this month if I have enough to take there. There has been a request for irons as they don't have very many and have to wait in line to use one. I was able to get 2 at Dawn's Dollar Deals, and will be checking other thrift stores.

As we move into fall, state conference will be a great time in Eau Claire partying on Gilmore Street. The theme for Tuesday evening is Roaring 20's, so we are getting our flapper dresses, beads, and headbands ready to go. As State membership chair, I will have the photo frame and am getting items together to reflect the era so members can dress up for pictures.

In October we will have our Fall Meeting so be sure and save the date so you can attend. More about this will be in the edition.

Until then, keep telling friends and family about our organization to try and get more members.

Sheryl Smith, County President



On June 18, 2026, we lost a long time member of LAHCE, Marie Dummer. Marie had been a member since 1984, serving on many board positions, She belonged to the Happy Hollanders Club. Marie was known for her sewing, quilting gardening, baking, and canning. She and her husband had been married for 67 years and raised 4 children. She was also Town of Holland Treasurer for 40 years and was a well known member of the community. Even though her health was failing, and she was unable to attend meetings, she insisted on staying a member so she could keep up on what we were doing. She will be missed.

# Report on NVON

By: Sheryl Smith

July 14-16, I attended the NVON conference as the second delegate for Wisconsin. I also was recruited to teach a craft class on chain painting which I did the morning of the 14th.

Starting Tuesday night, we had Wisconsin night where members in attendance who were from WAHCE were to wear red shirts. The entertainment was a presentation about Frank Lloyd Wright by Donna Oschsner. After dinner, the pre-business session was held which mostly consisted of roll call of states, and introduction of attendees. Preliminary reports were given and discussed, including items to be voted on at the business session on Wednesday morning.

The opening session of the business meeting started at 9 AM Wednesday with the presentation of flags, at which I had the honor of carrying the Wisconsin flag. This meeting consisted of approval of agenda, secretary's report, and financial reports.

At noon luncheon, the speaker was Crystal Treu talking about her and her husband's journey with cancer. In the afternoon, there were educational and craft sessions that could be attended.

Speakers at dinner were Barb and Ken Wardius who have explored many Wisconsin lighthouses.

Wednesday was a continuation of business meeting with discussing the project in Common, which is Mental Health Awareness/Mental Health Well Being 2025-2027. Speaker at lunch was Gabby Myers from Ocean Spray talking about the cranberry industry. Lunch was followed by educational and craft sessions. Wednesday evening dinner was a wrap up of the conference and invitation to the 2027 NVON conference in Arkansas.

I learned so much about NVON and CWC and ACWW at this conference and how they all work together to promote communication, education, and volunteerism for all people.



## Save the Date!!

LAHCE Fall Meeting

Monday October 5th, 2026

1:00 PM, Holland Town Hall

Refreshments will be provided by the executive board.

Speaker will be Shari Hegland, editor of the La Crosse  
Women's Magazine.

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