

The Grapevine



Presidents Message

We had a beautiful day at the Posey Patch for our HCE Spring Fling. Once again a delicious brunch, a great number of cultural arts items, (22). Twelve were picked to go onto the state convention. Pennies for Friendship collected for the People Choice Award was \$64.98. Also collected were 52 cake mixes, 34 cans of frosting and numerous candles, plates, napkins and etc. Thank you all for being so generous in our community project. The birthday cake kits were assembled on Tuesday, May 5 at the board meeting. They will be delivered to the Neillsville, Loyal and Greenwood food pantries

If anyone is interested in going to the state convention this year, talk to someone on the board or club president, as they should have convention information. There is a one day registration this year and it is in Eau Claire. Hope to see some of you there.

Please consider a shift at the dairy bar or if you can't work, get your children or grandchildren involved. Thankfully Donna is able to bring in many of her students to get the job done. See sign-up sheet elsewhere in Grapevine and give Donna a call. 715 255-8169 (cell)

As I have stated in previous Grapevine's, I am retiring from the president position as of December 31. Joanne has also indicated that she is retiring from VP also. We need someone to step up and take 1 or both of these positions. It would be great if they could be installed at the Fall Business meeting in October, to take over on January 1. I don't want to see HCE end, but I can't do it forever, I have been president for at least 10 or 11 years.

Lois Becker, president

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May 2026



*Growing Stronger,
Reaching Wider,
Caring to Make a
Difference*

HCE Offers Opportunities For:

- Learning in a social setting
- Sharing what we learn
- Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities, and the world

Meeting Minutes

HCE Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm at the Greenwood Fire Hall by President Lois Becker with the Flag Pledge and the Homemakers Creed.

Members present were: Lois Becker-President, Joanne Trunkel-VP for Program & Community Outreach, Roberta Hansen-Secretary, Peggy Buchda-Bookworm, Debbie Brey and Deb Gries-Treasurer by phone.

The Secretary minutes from March 3, 2026 meeting were read and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was read and placed on file.

Director Reports:

Vice President for Family and Community Outreach: None

Dairy Bar: Will not raise the price of ice cream this year even if the cost goes up.

Bookworm: It is time to order books. Will need 375 sets of books. Discussed 7-book verse 8-book sets. Joanne Trunkel made motion to purchase the 8-book sets, second Roberta Hansen. **HCE Day Event:** HCE Spring Fling at Posey Patch went well. Received lots of good comments. **Committee Reports:**

Historian: None.

Marketing: None.

Cultural Arts: 12 items were selected to go to the State conference for judging. Will collect before State meeting.

International/Citizenship: Will make up 50 cake kits to distribute to local food pantries.

Scholarship: None.

Continued Business/New Business:

State Conference: discussed who was planning on going. There are 4 rooms available. Board members and committee chair persons will receive stipend in the amount of registration and meal package. 1-day registrations will receive \$125.00. Carpooling is encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Hansen, Secretary

Joanne Trunkel, Vice President for Programs & Community Outreach



Club Happenings

LIVE & LEARN CLUB met at Stoney River Assisted Living in Marshfield on March 11th. Gladys Olsen and Joan Smith, Charter members of the Club, talked about the formation of the Club in September, 1954, when a group of ladies met at the Loyal Library and decided to organize the Club. They shared many memories of the early projects and the fun times they enjoyed with new friends.



March meeting we held a tea party ... we had fancy hats and Susan Feist and Vickie Oldham were our hosts. Also in March we helped with the food prep for the ucc food give away and despite the huge snow storm they were able to deliver them before it hit. Then in April we attended the HCE tea at the Posy Patch. Some of our members entered the craft contest and Mary Nauertz's pillow is moving on.

Upcoming Events

Chocolate

Dessert Recipe Contest

Saturday, August 8th at
10:00 am.

Clark County Fairgrounds,
Fine Arts Building

Pre-registration is required and limited to
the first 20
entries in each division (youth and adult).

The deadline to register is August 1st.
Contact UW-Extension Office to Register:
715-743-5121



Free Pressure Canner Testing

Offered at the following
locations and dates:



Hene's Supply: June 9- June 30

Cloverdale: July 2- July 27

Clark County Extension office:
Call for availability times
715-743-5121

Food Preservation questions:

Call: 1-866-540-4636

Email: answer@iastate.edu

Website: go.wisc.edu/AnswerLine



Reminder!
Applications Due
June 15th

2026 Clark County Scholarship

For more information or to request an application, please
contact the Clark County Extension office at 715-743-5121
(press option #1)

Applications are available online at:
<https://clark.extension.wisc.edu/hce-information/>



Cultural Arts Contest Review

The 2026 Clark County HCE Cultural Arts contest was held on April 18th at Posy Patch at our annual HCE day event and luncheon.

The judges were Donna Voss and Mary Neunfeldt. There were 24 items entered with 12 items selected to go to state competition in Eau Claire in September.

They are as follows:

Lois Becker- Diamond Art

Donna Eckes- Embroidery

Debbie Gries- Acrylic Painting

Watercolor

Embossed-Engraved metal

Pieced- Bed Quilt

Roberta Hansen—Wood Applique

Mary Nauertz- Sewing-Pillow

Deb Ortner-Hand quilted- large quilt and small quilt

Machine quilted- table runner

Joanne Trunkel- Fabric Basket

Debbie Gries also received the peoples choice award for her large tote bag.

We collected \$64.98 for Pennies for Friendship. Submitted by: Deb Ortner, Cultural Arts, Chair.

International Report

Thank you for the \$64.98 Pennies for Friendship that were collected at HCE day. From the state report here is the breakdown of how the pennies collected last year were distributed.

- Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners \$3,400
 - o includes \$1,000 for Community Centers (Balance to their general fund)
 - Ventures in People (VIP-Haiti) \$3,400
 - o includes \$1,050 for 6 students-balance to their general fund)
 - ACWW \$3,348.32
- Total Pennies collected and distributed \$10,148.32**

In the February Grapevine it explained about Ventures in People-Haiti and the Wisconsin/Nicaragua partners The ACWW- Rural Women in Action. The strategic plan of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) for 2022-2026, includes focusing on empowering rural women, addressing systemic issues, and enhancing community development through advocacy and grassroots projects. ACWW's work within this plan is divided into three areas of focus: Climate Smart Agriculture; Rural Women's Health; Education and Community Development. The ACWW Triennial Conference was held in Ottawa, Canada on April 26-May 1, 2026.

Please keep saving your used ink cartridges for VIP-Haiti. (Toner cartridges and large printer-ink containers are NOT included in this recycling program)

Drop-off will take place at the 2026 WAHCE Conference in Eau Claire.

Dairy Bar Schedule 2026

Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10am-2pm	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	10am-1:30pm 1 2 3 4
11am-3pm	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	noon-4:00pm 1 2
2pm-6pm	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3 4	1:30pm-5pm 1 2 3 4
3pm-7pm	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2	
6pm-10pm	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 2 3	

If interested in volunteering– CONTACT: DONNA ODEEN at (715) 255-8169