

July 2026 Goldnotes

Sheboygan County Association for Home & Community Education President's Message



Dear HCE Members,

There is still a lot of summer to enjoy before the busy fall season approaches. As we turn the calendar to August, we can continue to appreciate the more relaxed pace of summer. We have some exciting things coming up in the next couple months. I hope you are ready to get involved, participate and serve where you can.

We have members attending the NVON National Conference and the Wisconsin Association of Home & Community Education Conference. HCE will be staffing the booth at the county fair to spread the word about all our organization offers. Your Executive Board has been at work preparing to host the SE District Fall Meeting in October. Watch for ways you can volunteer to help host this meeting. Take note of the donation list found at the end of the Board minutes in this newsletter.

One of my favorite things toward the end of summer is enjoying the fresh produce from the garden or farmer's market. Savor those fresh flavors.

Yours in HCE,
Joyce Smies, President
Sheboygan County HCE



Kindred Heart Families

The following list of items are requested for the months of August and September.

“Back to School Bash” Backpacks, folders, notebooks, composition notebooks, looseleaf paper, binders, pencil boxes/pouches, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, dry erase markers, glue sticks, bottled glue, scissors, rulers, calculators, planners, water bottles, markers, colored pencils, highlighters, Kleenex.

“Back to School Drive” New clothing for infant through teens, new shoes & socks, new underwear, new backpacks, personal hygiene items.

These items will need to be dropped off at 1626 Illinois Ave, Sheboygan, on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 12-5:00 PM.

Community Outreach Project

I need suggestions for next year's project so I can research before our Annual Meeting in October.

Prior projects have been Angel Hugs, Teen Mops, Bridgeway, Open Door, Safe Harbor, Camo Quilts, Fresh Meals on Wheels and Pay It Forward.

Thanks for your help,

Julie Boedecker



Thursday, September 3 - Monday, September 7
Sheboygan County Fair Booth

Thursday - September 10 – 11:30 AM
HCE Book Club
Pizza Ranch, Sheboygan

Monday - September 14 – 3:00 PM
Executive Board Meeting
Extension Room 5020/5022

Monday - September 14 – 6:00 PM
Iris Paper Folding
Extension Room 5024

Monday - September 21 – Wednesday, September 23
State Conference, Lismore Hotel, Eau Claire

Monday - October 12 – 6:00 PM
Annual Meeting & Member-to-Member
Extension Room 5020/5022

Wednesday - October 14 – 9:30 AM
Fall Southeast District Meeting
Crossroads Community Church, Sheboygan

Monday - November 9 – 6:00 PM
Dementia Live: Step Into My World
Extension Room 5020/5022

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2026 Fair Booth Volunteer Information

Why do we have an HCE Booth? To share information about the educational, leadership, and community service opportunities provided by HCE. Last year we introduced the QR code to access the recipe handout. If you are not familiar with using QR codes, here is a guideline to use. This year we will be adding a Coloring Page Competition to generate more interest in HCE.

QR Code Step-By-Step Guide

1. **Point the phone camera at the QR code.** Ensure the code is well-lit and clearly visible in the camera's view.
2. **Wait for the scan.** Your phone will automatically detect the code.
3. **Tap the notification or link.** A notification or link will appear on your screen, usually above or below the code. Tap it to open the associated content.



2026 Fair Booth Schedule September 3 - 7

Thursday 12-3pm	Marie Kalies and Deb Roitt	Sunday 10-1	Alice Walter **
Thursday 3-6pm	Judy Diener	Sunday 1-4	JoAnn Gadicke
Thursday 6-Close	Amanda Smith	Sunday 4-7	Kathy Bonde
		Sunday 7-Close	Pam Fiedler **
Friday 10-1	Julie Boedecker		
Friday 1-4	Ruth Hering	Monday 10-1	Peggy Watson and Nancy Wagner
Friday 4-7	Joyce Smies	Monday 1-4	Lynn Boenisch
Friday 7-Close	Linda Smith	Monday 4-7	Kathy Bonde and Mary Olsen
Saturday 10-1	Myra Eischen		
Saturday 1-4	Sharon Claerbaut		
Saturday 4-7	Carolyn Dreier		
Saturday 7-Close	Pam Fiedler **		

** No need for Pass

NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK YOUR SHIFT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.

Also, if you are at the Fair for other reasons, drop in and give the shift member a potty break!

Workers will receive your Fair Pass in the mail. Note: Only one pass per shift.

All PGE members that are available can come to help set up the booth on Wednesday around 11am and help with cleaning up Monday around 7pm.



SCHCE Coloring Contest

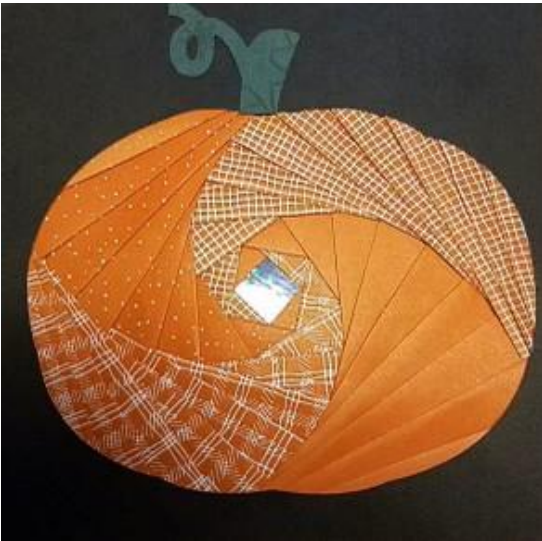
The Sheboygan County HCE will be holding a coloring contest at the Sheboygan County Fair. The contest entry sheets will be handed out from the HCE Fair Booth. The completed entries will be returned to the extension office before September 21, 2026. The committee will judge and choose one winner per age group. Please tell your family and friends to pick up an entry form at our booth. It will be available with the QR code from the HCE website.



September Education Meeting

Monday September 14, 2026, 6:00 PM

Amanda Smith will be presenting our Fall Craft program, "Iris Paper Folding"! I am excited to learn something new and hope you are also!



Please e-mail mariek6968@gmail.com or text Marie Kalies @ 920-676-7871 to sign up by September 7. We really need good numbers so Amanda can prepare! See you then!

Note the time, 6:00pm at the extension office.

Cost--\$5, pay Amanda at the meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Book Club News

On September 10, we will be discussing *True Colors* by Kristin Hannah. It is the story of 3 sisters whose lives are shattered by jealousy, betrayal, and a shocking crime. Set on a sprawling horse ranch, it explores family dynamics and the quest for approval amidst adversity.

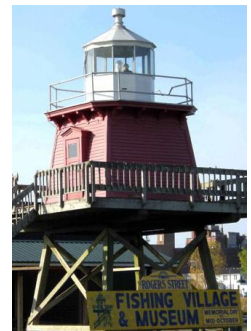
We will meet at Pizza Ranch, 3518 Kohler Memorial Drive on Thursday, September 10, at 11:30 am. Please pay for your lunch as you come in. Come with a couple questions for the book discussion. All are welcome to join, even if you haven't read the book. We welcome suggestions for future books. Hope to see you there!

The 2026 HCE Tour is in the books! This year we traveled north to Two Rivers, Wi.

The first leg of the tour was the Hamilton Print Museum. We toured the world's largest collection of type and type making equipment. Dennis, our tour guide, a retired science teacher, shared a lot of information. We had many "aha" moments, like why letters are referred to as "upper case" or lower case." Hamilton produced more than print type. For instance, they made the first gas clothes dryer and built furniture for print type as well as medical office and school specialty items.



Our next stop was at Lighthouse Inn on the Lake for lunch. A member of the VanLanen Family joined us for a brief history of this landmark! First opened in 1973, this family-run lakeside resort features 70 rooms, a private beach, and the on-site Water's Edge Restaurant. Two Rivers residents remember a shell of a hotel on the lake for years in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The hotel was finally completed by the VanLanen family with the help of a grass roots capital venture of local merchants. One of our HCE members even remembered seeing Joan Rivers there back in the 70's when they had celebrity shows. (These events were short lived due to the small size of the venue and lack of profit).



After a tasty lunch, we headed to The Rogers Street Fishing Village. (Due to the weather and time constraints, we did skip the Washington House museum). We toured six historic buildings that portrayed exciting stories! From a fishermen's family home, a real fishing tug (with a woman that worked on the boat in the 70's), the actual lighthouse, antique Kahlenberg Marine Oil Engine, finishing up with a tour of the newest exhibit building that gave us better understanding of our Great Lakes Coast Guard. We heard the story of the first scuba diving suit. We were able to view several shipwreck displays, featuring artifacts rescued from the depths of Lake Michigan's most famous shipwrecks such as the VERNON, sunk in 1887, or the ROUSE SIMMONS, the legendary Christmas tree ship lost with all hands during a furious storm November 23, 1912. We viewed a beautiful Native American mural to learn about our earliest fisherman and saw a large display of Native American arrowheads and other items.

We ended the day at the Lakeside County Store, (Mennonite family owned). Bulk food, spices, deli and bakery items and more were available!

Even with the rain for half the day, everyone had an exciting time learning more about Two Rivers!

Sharon S. Richardson

COMMUNITY HOSPICE



CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Richardson
PALLIATIVE CARE

Dementia Live®: Step Into My World

Monday, November 9, 2026, 10:00–11:30 AM

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Marie Kalies at mariek6968@gmail.com

Join us for a powerful, hands-on experience that offers an inside-out understanding of dementia and the aging process. Using specialized gear and guided simulation, participants will experience the sensory and cognitive challenges faced by those living with dementia. This immersive training builds empathy, deepens understanding, and helps improve care and communication.

Presenter: Connie Thimmig, MSOLC, CDP

Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice



For more than 30 years, Connie has worked in senior care in leadership roles across the continuum of care and currently serves as the Director of Richardson Palliative Care. In her dual role, she also leads external education efforts for Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice and contributes to the organization's broader education initiatives.

Connie was involved in the development of an adult day service and memory clinic and served as a member of the clinic's diagnostic team. She holds multiple dementia certifications, earned her Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Change from Edgewood College, and volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association.

**Location: UW Extension Office
On the UW-Green Bay Sheboygan Campus
5 University Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081**



Sheboygan County Association for
Home and Community Education

Cultural and Textile Arts State Winners

1. Painting/Drawing—Amanda Smith-Alcohol ink drawing
2. Crafts—Amanda Smith-Cards
3. Diamond Art—Myra Eischen-Cardinals and Lillies
4. Poem—Myra Eischen-65
5. Heritage Skills—Amanda Smith-Tatted Doily
6. Painted Object—Amanda Smith-Wood Shield
7. Knitting—Phyllis Nyhof-Baby Blanket
8. Crocheting—Nancy Wagner-Baby Blanket
9. Hand Stitching—Nancy Wagner-Winter Lodge Sample
10. Sewing—Joyce Smies-Adult Wear
11. Small Quilt—Marie Kalies-Tree Skirt-(16E)
12. Small Quilt—Marie Kalies-Somersault Bargello (16C)

Congratulations to all the winners!

*I need all entries by September 18.
You can call 920-207-0009 and drop
off at my home. You can either pick
up your entry on Tuesday from me at
State or see me about pick up any
other time.*

Pam Fiedler

NVON -NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OUTREACH NETWORK Conference JULY 2026 AT WISCONSIN DELLS.

Marie Kalies and Kathi Bonde went to the National Conference to take home business from the ACWW from Ottawa Canada.

Two Resolutions were approved by our ten member states that make-up NVON.

Project in Common Update:

1. Break the Stigma, Ignite Hope, Mental Health Matters. This topic includes focusing on us.
2. Child-Care Deserts: addresses barriers to affordability and equitability. Inadequate childcare severely limits employment opportunities, increases work-family conflict and psychological distress especially to mothers.

Contacts, and newly elected positions, along with the NVON Handbook, were updated by the Board.

State Displays were seen along with each President's Report. We had a chance to speak to other members and get ideas. Some coordinated with other organizations to make a difference by expanding HCE to various types of Specialty Clubs or Units such as Book Clubs and teaching sewing and culinary arts with young people. We could possibly coordinate with 4-H and/or other organizations.

Wisconsin entertained us by taking us on the Dells Ducks and Bowman House tours.

It was a fantastic conference, well worth attending.

I would like to share a quote from NVON that sounded quite appropriate:

“Volunteers are not paid because they are Worthless; but because they are PRICELESS!

Kathleen Bonde

July 13th Sheboygan County HCE Board Meeting Minutes

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SCHCE July 13, 2026, board meeting

President Joyce Smies called the meeting to order.

Association creed was led by Marilyn Voskuil

Present: Julie Boedecker, Kathi Bonde, Carolyn Dreier, Myra Eischen, Pam Fiedler, Marie Kalies, Joyce Smies, Marilyn Voskuil, Nancy Wagner, Joan Walvoord, Deb Zimmermann. Absent:

Joanne Gadick, Excused: Kay Keyes, Ann Meyer, Joanne Schroeder.

Minutes were discussed and approved. Treasurers report read and filed.

Jayna Hintz was asked to attend and give us a report as to what is happening with support staff.

She was unable to attend. Administration position was posted and hopefully will be filled by the

end of the month. As of now we are on our own to compile any paperwork that needs

assembled and printed. Joyce Smies has volunteered to do the newsletter this time and Joanne

Schroeder has offered to compile the recipes for our October Member to Member meeting.

Please get your recipes to Joanne or Joyce as early as possible to make this task easier.

Cultural Arts: We voted to ask the same judge to come to our cultural arts exhibit next year. She will be asked to keep her comments to 15 min.

Stitches Of Love: No report

HCE Book Club: Next meeting will be Sept. 10 at Pizza Ranch, Sheboygan. Book "True Colors"

Looking for inexpensive books for 2027.

Family & Community Life: Peggy Watson and Julie Boedecker have volunteered at Kindred

Hearts. We got a new handout on things to donate for the Back to School Bash and will keep us updated on Christmas Lists.

WI Bookworms: Books arrived, 125 bookbags are ordered and will cost \$185, stickers are ordered. Readers are lined up. Waiting till August to see how many books are needed for each classroom.

International: Remember to tell all your friends and family to save ink cartridges. We will collect them at each meeting and the money generated is sent to Haiti.

VP Programming: November meeting will now be presented by Sharon S. Richardson Hospice the topic will be: "Dementia Live, Step Into My World." Limit of 24 people.

Marketing and Membership: Kathy will begin putting ads in newspapers, Facebook and look into possibly finding someone to make a video to promote our county and HCE.

The Two Rivers tour was excellent- thanks to Marie Kalies. Tentative 2027 trip will be to Oshkosh.

If you have other ideas let Marie know.

Marie Kalies and Kathi Bondi will be going to NVON July 14-16 in the WI Dells.

We voted to change the times for Rally Day Banquet to 2-2:30 cultural arts drop off. 3:00-4:30 judging, 5:00-5:30 viewing, 5:45 judge's remarks, 6:00 meal and program. We also decided

rather than spending money on entertainment we liked having a game to play and interact with.

WAHCE State Conference will be Sept. 21-23, 2026. Attending will be Joyce Smies, Carolyn Dreier, Marie Kalies, Kathi Bonde, Amanda Smith, Julie Boedecker, Pam Fiedler, Debbie Roit,

Joanne Gadick, Deb Zimmermann. Pam offered to fix up the tri-fold display for Sheb. Co. Pam will take our entries for Cultural Arts to state -please have them to her by Sept. 18. Do not leave them at the extension office, as there is no one there to protect them.

Fair Booth set up and take down will be done by PGE. Schedule is complete. If you run into an emergency and can't fill your time slot, please get a replacement or call Carolyn Dreier.

After an extensive discussion on the idea created by Amanda Smith for having a coloring contest in conjunction with the fair booth, a motion was made by Marie Kalies as follows;

"I move that we form a committee with Amanda Smith being chairperson to adapt an abbreviated version of Amanda's proposal for the 2026 fair coloring contest. Providing room for expansion in upcoming years. Committee will have reign over decisions to initiate this project.

Overall cost not to exceed \$100 for printing, advertising, prizes.”

Deb Zimmermann 2nd it and a unanimous vote was taken to approve. Marie Kalies and Kathi Bonde will be on committee with Amanda Smith.

Member to Member will be Recipes for Special Diets. Please send to Joanne Schroeder.

SCHCE bylaws were reviewed and a few revisions and updates were made, mostly changes in punctuation, and wordage to make it more understandable and consistent. They will be reviewed again in 2028.

Fall SE District meeting is on track for October 14, 2026. The location will be Crossroads Community Church, 4321 Co. A Sheboygan. The fee will be \$200 for the use of the church.

Myra Eischen, Kay Keyes, Julie Boedecker will be in charge of the food. The menu for lunch was voted on to be hot ham, dinner rolls, German potato salad, green beans, cookies, depending on costs, a salad may be added. Morning refreshments of sweet breads, coffee cakes, juice, coffee will be ready by 9:30. Please have your donations to the church by 8:30am. Attached find a list of items we need- please contact Myra to sign up.

Program will be by Michelle LeMahieu on Livasu, optional tour will follow.

Hospitality and signage will be done by Lakeview club. Registration and nametags by Nancy Wagner, Joanne Schroeder, Mary Bunger. Invitations and program by Joyce Smies. Centerpieces by Amanda Smith, Table clothes, paper products by Myra Eischen. Myra, Joyce, Julie will tour the facility ahead of time and make final arrangements for set up of facility. We will need a head table for state officers. Set up and clean up will be done by all members available.

Association Prayer was led by Joan Walvoord.

Meeting was adjourned by Joyce Smies

Myra Eischen, SCHCE Secretary

HCE SE District meeting donations- please have to church by 8:30am Oct. 14, 2026

1. 1 loaf sweet bread or 1 dozen muffins: _____
2. 1 loaf sweet bread or 1 dozen muffins: _____
3. 1 loaf sweet bread or 1 dozen muffins: _____
4. 1 loaf sweet bread of 1 dozen muffins: Franklin
5. 50 fruit cups: _____
6. ½ gallon milk: Julie Boedecker
7. ½ gallon cranberry juice: Pretty Good Eggs
8. ½ gallon cranberry juice: _____
9. ½ gallon O.J.: Franklin
10. 1/2 gallon O.J.: Julie Boedecker
11. 5 dozen cookies: Lakeview
12. 20# Ice _____