



*Dunn County  
Association for Home &  
Community Education*



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*“Life is like a camera: Focus on what’s important.  
Capture the good times. And if things don’t work  
out, take another shot.”*

*Zlad K. Kaldemour*

**Note from our President:  
HCE State Convention:**

The State HCE Convention was held Sept 18-20. Several of our members won ribbons at the Cultural and Textile Arts Show. They will be recognized later in this newsletter. However, there were two very special awards I cannot wait to tell you about:

1. Popple Creek received a Services of Love award for their work with Patti Stangel's Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release program. The award came with a check for \$100.
2. Julia d'Angelo-Woodford won the People's Choice award in the Cultural and Textile Arts Show. The award came with a certificate and special medallion.

**All-member Meeting, Sat., Oct. 21,  
1-3pm, Christ Lutheran Church:**

Last year we replaced the Presidents' meeting with the All-member meeting. We are planning the same for this year at the same place. This event will include snacks and some Halloween game. Feel free to come in costume or wear your favorite hat.

We will be deciding on programs for 2024 so come with your ideas. We will also discuss our annual programs - Spring Fling, REAL Saturday, International Night and the Holiday Tea. What are we doing well and what can we do to improve?

*Margaret Breisch* breischm@gmail.com

HCE IS ON FACEBOOK! If you are on FB, please look up HCE Dunn County and give it a “like”. Contains event info, newsletter, and pictures.



# HCE HOLIDAY TEA

## An Ornamental Christmas

Saturday, December 9, 2023 1-3 pm at Menomonie Senior Center

- Each Club:
1. Bring a Holiday Gift Bag for table decoration and door prizes - valued around \$10 - filled with consumables (candy, cookies, preserves, wine, candles, soaps, beauty products, etc.)
  2. Bring 4 dozen Holiday Cookies on a plate ready to be set out on the cookie table.
  3. At least 2 silent auction items (when you bring in your items for silent auction, please be sure that you stop at the Silent Auction Check-in table to fill out a sheet for each item with description, value, donation by, etc.)

A suggested \$2 donation will be taken at the door to help cover the room cost.

For our theme "An Ornamental Christmas", members are encouraged to bring a special Christmas tree ornament and share the story of the ornament with those at their table.

In addition, attendees should bring an ornament to be used as prizes for games.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Oct 21	ALL MEMBER MEETING, 1-3pm, Christ Lutheran
Oct 30	Cyber Security Info, 1pm, Rm 60, Gov. Center
Dec 9	Holiday Tea, Menomonie Senior Center, 1-3pm

Our annual book sale was hugely successful. We had lots of room, lots of COOL air (especially a drawing this year) and lots of books! We took in over \$1,100.



This picture shows my Elk Meadow Club helping me with “stickering” the 23-24 books making them ready to distribute to the kids. The Bookworm Program supplies us with Stickers for the books. This was no small task, we “stickered” 910 books. Our program gifts 130 books each month to Moundview Pre-K and Head Start in Menomonie classes. There are 7 books for each student this year. I will try to include a picture next month of kids watching “Grandma Metta” reading.

We hope that you will remember to save books for us during the year for the 2024 Booksale. For 2024 we will not be accepting any CDs, DVDs, or VHF tapes. The reason for this change is we have no way to make sure that the media is viewable or of good quality.

Thought you might find it interesting to know that some of the books we did not sell and were not chosen to save for 2024 were donated to the Ridgeland Library. Thank you for participating in our 2023 Booksale. We hope that our 2024 Booksale will be even greater!! Normetta Hurlburt, Bookworm Coordinator

**Report on Session: Getting Started with Advance Directives** held on September 25. Six members attended the presentation by the Dunn County Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Manager Tracy Fisher. Wisconsin is one of five states that does not have a next of kin provision for medical decisions. If you were in an accident, your spouse would not be able to make medical decisions for your care. A Power of Attorney for Health Care makes it possible for adults in Wisconsin to authorize another to make decisions on their behalf in the event you are unable to make the decisions for yourself.

The Power of Attorney for Finances allows you to appoint someone to make financial decisions for you. Unlike the Power of Attorney for Health Care, it becomes active immediately unless you specify otherwise. You should consider including a statement such as “This Power of Attorney for Finances is limited to times my Power of Attorney for Health Care is active”.

## CYBER SECURITY Info Session

**Mon., October 30, 1pm  
Rm 60 Government Center**

Presentation by  
Dr. Tyler W. Thomas,  
UW-Stout, Cyber Security Dept.

To register contact Margaret Breisch via email [breischm@gmail.com](mailto:breischm@gmail.com) or call her at 715-235-7124  
Everyone welcome-bring your friends



Patti with one of her baby owls.

### Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release program

ITEMS NEEDED – collect at your meetings and give to an HCE board member.

Bird Seed, Suet, Apples. Soft nuts (walnuts, cashews) Cash donation, or Kwik Trip Fuel cards, peanut butter, cream corn, Pedialyte, heating pads, tarps, laundry soap, bleach, and white paper towels.

**CLUB NOTES - NORTH CENTER**

**Baxterville** - At our September meeting we cut reusable cloth menstrual pads for young women in Honduras. Without them, many need to drop out of school.

**Ideal-Aug.:** We had a pot luck picnic at the home of Becky Kneer.

**Ideal-Sept.:** The group discussed the success of the book sale at the County Fair. Decisions were made regarding the upcoming field trip to the Green Oasis in Lake Hallie where we will do a succulent plant project (small fee) for the October meeting. Then, for the November meeting, we will get to see Sandie's new home.

**In Memoriam**

**Maxine Hintzman - Ideal HCE**

July 25, 1934 - September 25, 2023



Beloved member of Ideal HCE for over 55 years.

**Popple Creek-July** we went to Klemish Dairy in New Auburn. We sampled several flavors of their ice cream made on the farm. There was no tour, we just purchased asst. flavors ice cream from their freezers at the farm.

In August we visited the Saffort Gardens near Rice Lake. The garden had many beautiful themed flower beds, and interesting sculptures created by Mr. Saffort out of old machinery and tools.

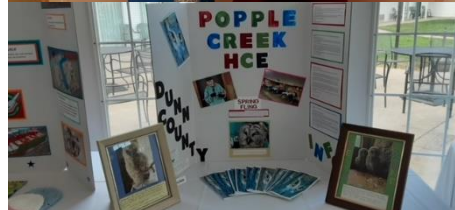
September: We met at Chris' summer home in Holcombe for our annual picnic. We shared what year we joined HCE and why! There were a variety of reasons for joining; from needing an outlet from being home with our toddlers to needing time and conversation with fellow adults; or being invited by a

member.

Chris reported the cost and time of making the Raffle Quilt. Thank you to Chris for graciously making the quilt as her donation to Dunn HCE.

We congratulated Maureen on winning first place at state for her photo of "Mother and Fawn".

Lana applied for the Services of Love award regarding Popple Creek's project with Patti Stangel and Wildlife Rescue and Rehab. Chris and Geri made a display of this project for the State Conference. We received first place and \$100 from the state, that we will in turn present to Patti to help continue her project. Chris and Geri heard many positive comments on a unique project such as this.



Dunn Co. HCE with have Patti's Wildlife and Rescue for a county project for the current year. Geri will collect the donations from all of the County Clubs at the Board Meetings and deliver them to Patti as they come in. We are looking forward to the impact the HCE Clubs in the County can make with donations for this worthwhile cause.

A report was made on the fund-raising efforts at the state conference in raffle, and silent auction. Dunn County received the highest bid for the basket Geri

put together with items from the board. We began our work with Colfax Asst. Living Center Activity Dept. in Sept. with Geri collecting donation of items to deliver to the center. She will keep track of donations as they come n. Chris made six quilts for the Spirit of Christmas in the Chippewa Valley. She received a nice acknowledgement letter from them.

**CLUB NOTES-SOUTH CENTER**

**Elk Meadow HCE** did not meet during the summer months, but did gather for a pot luck picnic in August. The September meeting will be on Sept 25 with the plan to collect school supplies to be donated to the elementary school and to assist Normetta with placing the bookplates on the books to be used for this year's Bookworms.

**In Memoriam**

**Virginia Grohn – Elk Meadow HCE**

May 25, 1946 – September 26, 2023



Active member of Elk Meadow Club for over 40 years.

**Cedarlings-June:** We held our annual pot-luck picnic at the home of Larry and Vicki Jess.

**Cedarlings-Sept:** Health-Mary Baier reported the new Covid vaccine will be available soon. Melanie Yaeger reported the RSV vacation is available but may not be covered by individual insurance. International-Melanie Yager reported on the depletion of water supplies. Water levels in aqueducts are dropping. With climates warming, water evaporates rather than soaking into the soil. As aqueduct water levels drop, there is a danger of being replaced with ocean water or dangerous minerals such as arsenic.



**2023 DONATIONS**  
July-September

**Bookworms:**

7/27/2023 Elaine Villeneuve \$25.00 in memory of Luther Grohn  
 8/21/2023 Normetta Hurlburt \$25.00 in memory of Luther Grohn

**Scholarships:**

6/5/2023 Vicki Maves \$25.50 for raffle ticket gaming license

**Member and Board Information**

The Executive Board met on September 14. Bookworms chair Normetta Hurlburt gave an overview of our Used Book sale including ideas for improvements in 2024. Six members attended the state convention: Geri Bates, Margaret Breisch, Julia d'Angelo-Woodford, Chris Lorenzen, Vicki Maves and Rosalie Werner. Julia went early to help with the set-up of the Cultural Arts display. Julia also brought donations from Cultivate Creativity to raise money for the state Cultural Arts program

**HCE Board Members:**

President – Margaret Breisch 715-235-7124  
 Vice President - Julia d'Angelo-Woodford  
 Secretary – Elaine Villeneuve  
 Treasurer – Vicki Maves  
 Marketing/Membership - Christie Pittman  
 Historian – Elaine Villeneuve  
 Bookworms – Normetta Hurlburt  
 Rosalie Werner –Past President and Communications  
 Scholarship Chair – Janine Thull  
 Cultural Arts Chair – Julia d'Angelo-Woodford

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**2023 WAHCE Cultural & Textile Arts Show - Dunn County Ribbon Winners**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ribbon</u>
Mary Baier	Quilted Wall Hanging	Machine Quilted Fabric	Blue
Mary Baier	Bed Quilt	Tied Quilt	Blue
Julia d'Angelo-Woodford	Painting/Drawing	Acrylic	Blue
Julia d'Angelo-Woodford	Constructed Original Item	Clay/Pottery	Blue
Julia d'Angelo-Woodford	Craft	Glass Craft	Blue
Julia d'Angelo-Woodford	Heritage Skill	Woodworking	Blue
Delores Falkner	Lap/Baby Quilt	Hand-Quilted	Blue
Maureen Scott	Photography	Color-Animals Creatures	Blue
Christie Pittman	Baby Quilt	Tied-Quilt	Red
Fay Swenson	Painting/Drawing	Watercolor	Red

A WAHCE State Conference -Cultural Arts Report prepared by Julia d'Angelo-Woodford will be coming to you in a separate email.