



*Dunn County  
Association for Home &  
Community Education*



July-August-September 2024 Issue	
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Special Interest Meeting on Sept. 30  
“AI – Artificial Intelligence”  
Presented by Dr. Tyler Thomas, UW-Stout  
1pm, Rm 60, Gov. Serv. Bldg.  
Registration info will be emailed to you.

**Note from our President:**

I want to thank everyone who helped out at Spring Fling. Without needing to say anything, the tables were put in place, food arranged, plates and utensils set out. Afterwards, tables were automatically cleared off and cleaned. It reminded me of the old TV show Bewitched. Samantha would twitch her nose and magically everything would go into its place. It was such a blessing to see everyone pitching in and to make set-up and clean-up run so smoothly. Also, a special thanks needs to go out to Mary Baier from Cedarlings Club for her presentation “Gratitude/Finding Joy”.

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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.

**Northwest HCE District Meeting – April 25, Stone Lake**

Four members from Dunn County attended, Geri Bates, Rosalie Werner, Vicki Maves and Julia D’Angelo-Woodford. There was a very interesting and in-depth report of the cranberry industry in Stone Lake and surrounding area. The presenters stressed the importance of bees to the success of their crops. We enjoyed a tasty lunch. Julia D’Angelo Woodford, Cultural Arts Chair for the District, reported on Cultural Arts and demonstrated a painting project.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>July 11</b>	<b>Executive Board Meeting, 1pm, Rm 60, Gov. Ctr</b>
<b>July 24-28</b>	<b>Dunn County Fair – Used Book Sale</b>
<b>Aug. 2</b>	<b>Cultural Arts Competition, 12:30-3:30, Rm 60, Gov. Ctr</b>
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>Executive Board Meeting, 1pm, Rm 60, Gov. Ctr</b>
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>Special Interest Meeting “AI-Artificial Intelligence, 1pm, Rm 60</b>

The Dunn County Fair will be here before we know it. We hope you have books to donate for the book sale. We will once again be setting up for the sale in the Fanetti room. The greatest thing about the Fanetti Room is the air conditioning!! We need your help in the setting up and also the taking down. Please make sure that you show up at the fairgrounds at the times that you agreed to at your various club meetings. If you didn't volunteer and would like to help, you may call either myself (715-879-5105) or Margaret Breisch (715-235-7124).

We need to make our book sale a special success this year as we will be adding 35 sets for the Boyceville school district. The Baxterville Club will be reading there. The seven book sets are priced at \$16.70 each. We have ordered 165 sets, so our total obligation is \$2,755.50. Elk Mound 4-Year Preschoolers and Menomonie Head Start represent the other 130 sets. Just imagine all the smiles from the 165 4-year-olds each month.

If you have books to donate you may bring them to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 23 (10:00 - 2:00) or Wednesday, July 24 (1:00 - 3:00). You may also call Normetta or Margaret (phone numbers above) and arrange other ways for us to get the books. We need fruit

boxes for displaying the books, so if you have some or could get some for us, that would also be appreciated.

Check with your friends and neighbors, maybe they have books they would like to donate. Also, remind everyone that you know that we will be having the sale and encourage them to come and shop!!

In the last newsletter, I listed the seven books we will be reading. The Pete the Cat's Train Trip will not be included. Instead, Pete the Cat: Scuba Cat by James Dean will be our seventh book.

Thank you to all our readers. Season's Harvest donated nine geranium plants and they were distributed to nine club members in exchange for \$10 donations to Bookworms at the Spring Fling. That brought an additional \$90.00 to the Bookworms account.

One final word from Normetta. If you would like to contribute to the Bookworm cause, you may do so. We gratefully accept any donations. Mail your donations to County treasurer, Vicki Maves, E4990 920th Ave, Boyceville, 54729. See you at the Fair!!  
Normetta Hurlburt, Bookworms Chair



### International Night April 25



Our focus country this year was Vietnam. 15 members attended. Five Vietnamese students attending UW-Stout -Victoria Pham, An Nguyen, Claire Le, Simon Nguyen and Luckey Pham were our presenters. The presentation was broken out by geographical area – North, Central and South Vietnam. We saw many beautiful landscapes: mountains with some highland areas covered by jungle in the northern region, rolling hills and plateaus in the central area, and flat marshy areas with rich soil in the southern area. The pictures of food they shared looked very inviting.

When the students were asked which were their favorite dishes that members brought for the potluck, they mentioned:

The Chicken braised in Koh Sauce with plain rice and fresh veggies (carrot sticks, cucumber slices, tomato slices and bean sprouts) prepared by Vicki Maves, the Banhmi sandwiches prepared by Elaine Villeneuve, the Cream Cheese filled Wontons prepared by Normetta Hurlburt and the Egg Rolls and Banana Bread prepared by Rosalie Werner.

## Spring Fling May 29

We had 25 members attend the Spring Fling. In addition, our 2024 scholarship winner, Alison McRoberts and her mother attended as our guests. Alison was introduced by our scholarship



chair, Janine Thull, and thanked us very much for the \$500 award.



Our featured speaker was Mary Baier who presented the program Gratitude / Finding Joy.

Sometimes we are full of energy ready to take on the world, but then start to burn out. We talked about triggers that help us get back to feeling joyful again.

Membership recognition for years of service was presented by membership chair Christie Pittman and Janine Thull. Nancy Johnson - Popple Creek has served longest with 67 years followed by Nancy Doane -Elk Meadow and Christie Pittman - Cedarlings with 65 yrs.



Special honor to Elaine Villeneuve and Nancy Doane for long-time service to Bookworms!

Bookworms chair Normetta Hurlburt presented recognition certificates for Bookworms Readers. Special recognition was given to Nancy Doane for 23 years serving as the coordinator and Elaine Villeneuve 25 years as serving as a coordinator.



Nine geraniums donated by Seasons Harvest for centerpieces were given out in exchange for \$10 donations to bookworms. They went in no time at all.

## CLUB NOTES - NORTH CENTER

**Baxterville – Apr.-June:**



Baxterville Club had a busy spring. We cleaned our local town

hall with nearly our whole group at our April meeting. This is really our only fundraiser we do to cover the expenses for the year. We had our meeting and then started our new quilt project. Many of us finished our square that night. In May, we had our meeting at a local greenhouse, Good Roots. We enjoyed it so much last year with the owner, Sue, sharing her love of herbs that we decided to go again this year. We actually had our lunch and meeting there. Sue and her husband, Allen, run this small greenhouse along with a rental cabin and campground. We all came away with new plants to try. I actually got myself a plant called “Moonflower”. It blooms in the evening, so really looking forward to that. My mojito mint is ready, so bring on summer!  
Sue Anderson

**Ideal-May:** Book chosen by Menomonie Library in memory of Clarice Groepper is WWII book, “Masters of the Air”, by Donald R. Miller. A label will be placed in front of this book stating this is in memory of Clarice from HCE Ideal Club. It was suggested that a note be sent to Clarice’s family that this book is now in the Menomonie Library. Becky will ask Elaine V to do this. Dunn County Fair (July 24-28) Used Book Sale schedule was discussed. Sharalyn and Sandy will cover Ideal’s Thursday, July 25, 12-3:30pm, shift. Elaine and Nadine will be involved in set-up. New Business: Discussed Ideal summer outing suggestions. Becky offered a picnic in her garage, possibly August. Sharalyn suggested craft event at an Altoona greenhouse (same place that didn’t work out last summer). Rosalie suggested a local butterfly house. Sharalyn will try to schedule the Altoona

greenhouse first. If this does not work, Rosalie will look into the butterfly house experience. This would be held as our September meeting. Two members brought donations for Janine's mission trip to Peru. Others also plan to donate.

**Ideal-June:** J. Thull reported on the success of the Spring Fling and the food was delicious. In the future, a few people should be assigned a protein dish to bring. The plant sale at the end was a great way to raise \$90 quickly for Bookworms. General feedback was that they liked the noon luncheon opposed to an evening event. J. Thull thanked J. Langlois, S. Marlett and R. Werner for making lunch for the Habitat volunteers. E. Villeneuve shared the letter that she wrote to the family of Clarice Groepper who was an HCE member who passed away recently. A book was purchased in her memory and now is in the Menomonie Public Library.

**New Business:** S. Schweger reported that she's contacted the Green Oasis Greenhouse for a September activity. S. Schweger and S. Marlett are planning to work at the Book Sale on Thursday, July 25 at the County Fair. E. Villeneuve and N. Schlough are setting up. Prices of the books might be raised. It was decided that the monthly meeting will continue to meet at 1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

Two members brought donations for Janine's trip to Peru.

**Popple Creek-Apr.:** We began the meeting with members sharing an obsession she had. We learned a lot more about each other who we have known for years, however, some were obvious to us! 😊

Nancy brought the Easter Baskets she made at REAL Saturday. We had a card making class by Geri; Air Fryer/Insta Pot demos by Elaine and Becky; and a basket-making class by Margaret. All followed by a potluck lunch. It was a fun morning.

Maureen brought fabric and fleece fabric and some constructed lap quilt tops to give to Chris. Chris has much of the raffle quilt for the county raffle put together.

Pennies for friendship were collected. Also collected 3 bags of items for Colfax Senior Center and 3 bags of items for Wildlife Rehab and Rescue.

Discussed road trips for the summer months.

Lana read about "One-room Schools Leave Memories" from the Wisconsin Agriculturist. We shared memories of our one-room school days.

Chris distributed "Healthy You Good to the Bone" and reviewed five exercises to strength bones in our legs.

**Popple Creek-May:** We went on a road trip to Holcombe and visited two Amish Greenhouses and had lunch in Holcombe. Many of us are now ready for our flower gardens this summer.

We had a brief meeting at lunch discussing upcoming events for the spring months.



**Elk Meadow-Apr-June:** Elk Meadow HCE met as usual in April and May. In April, clothing and personal items were collected for Bridge to Hope/Winter Haven and a monetary donation was approved for the Elk Mound graduation party. Several members attended International Night. In May, money was collected for Bookworms. Elk Meadow HCE has been participating in the Bookworm program at Elk Mound Schools for 10 years and recognition for years of reading will be noted at Spring Fling. Several of our members volunteered to assist with the book sale at the Dunn County Fair for set-up as well as helping with the sale itself. Following our regular May business meeting, we had our traditional White Elephant sale. We do not have regular monthly meetings during the summer months, but plan to have a club picnic at the Lion's Park on Monday, August 12.

**Cedarlings -Apr.:** We received a Thank-you note from Habitat for Humanity for providing a lunch for their workers in March. Mary Baier reported finding additional books we can use for our "Read to Me" program for 3-year-olds. Melanie Yager reported on a Consumer's Report article telling about plastic from packaging and plastic containers getting into our food.

**Cedarlings-May:** We read our last 2023-24 school year book for our "Read to Me" program for 3-year-olds.

**Cedarlings-June:** We served a lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers. We also held our annual club picnic at the Senior Center.



APRIL-JUNE

Bookworms

May - Elk Meadow HCE	\$58
May - Mary Ann Ausman memorial for John Ausman	\$50
May - Normetta Hurlburt memorial for John Ausman	\$25
May Spring Fling donations:	
Margaret Breisch	\$10
Lynn Dummer	\$10
Becky Kneer	\$10
Janine Thull	\$10
Sharalyn Schweger	\$10
Judy Dieter	\$10
Nancy Doane	\$10
Rosalie Werner	\$10
Maureen Scott:	\$10

Scholarship

May – Vicki Maves	\$25.50
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Member and Board Information

Our next board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11 in Room 60 of the Government Services Building. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. The main topic will be the used book sale at the Dunn County Fair. If you have ideas for improvements to our used book sale, please share them with a board member. Board members who are unable to attend a board meeting are encouraged to ask another member to attend in their place.

HCE Board Members:

President – Margaret Breisch 715-235-7124  
 Vice President – Janine Thull  
 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

North Center

Chair: Geri Bates  
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 Baxterville  
 Popple Creek  
 Ideal

South Center

Chair: Julia d’Angelo-Woodford  
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 Elk Meadow  
 Cedarlings

**2024 USED BOOK SALE SCHEDULE**

<b>Tuesday Setup</b>	<b>7/23/24</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Elk Meadow and Exec Committee</b>
<b>Wednesday Setup</b>	<b>7/24/24</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Ideal and Exec Committee</b>
<b>Thursday Sales</b>	<b>7/25/24</b>	<b>12-3:30pm</b> <b>3:30-7:00pm</b>	<b>Ideal</b> <b>Elk Meadow</b>
<b>Friday Sales</b>	<b>7/26/24</b>	<b>12-3:30pm</b> <b>3:30-7:00pm</b>	<b>Popple Creek</b> <b>Baxterville</b>
<b>Saturday Sales</b>	<b>7/27/24</b>	<b>12-3:30pm</b> <b>3:30-7:00pm</b>	<b>Cedarlings</b> <b>Baxterville</b>
<b>Sunday Sales</b>	<b>7/28/24</b>	<b>12-3:30pm</b>	<b>Popple Creek</b>
<b>Packing Books</b>		<b>3:30-7:00pm</b>	<b>Cedarlings</b>

# Dunn County HCE Cultural Arts & Textile Contest & Show

Friday, August 2, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Government Services Building, Room 60



Constructed Original Item

Exhibits by Dunn County HCE Members  
Drinks and Refreshments will be Provided  
Friends and Family Welcome



Photography



Quilting



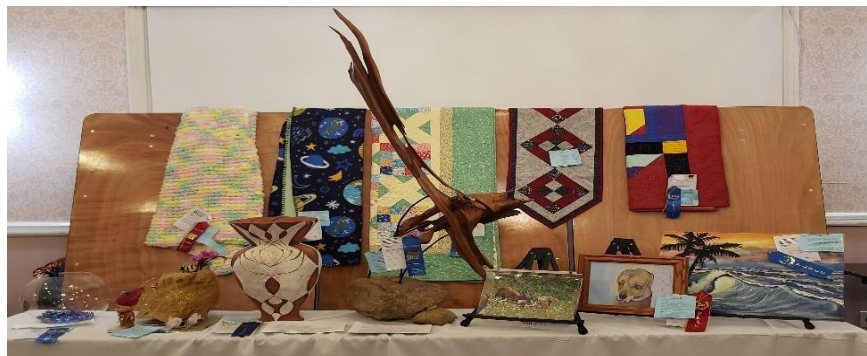
Crocheting



Woodworking

...Plus Many More Categories...

Volunteers needed to help with set-up, take down, organize and stage all artwork and to give out awards. Please call or send an email to Cultural Arts Chair Julia d'Angelo-Woodford and list what areas you are interested in helping with. 715-440-5061 [CultivateCreativityInc@gmail.com](mailto:CultivateCreativityInc@gmail.com)



Dunn County HCE Cultural Arts Finalists - 2023 WAHCE State Cultural Arts & Textile Awards  
Photo by Julia d'Angelo-Woodford