



*Dunn County
Association for Home &
Community Education*



October-November-December 2024 Issue	
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Note from our President:

We have two major events coming up in the next few months – the All-Member meeting in October and our Holiday Tea in December.

Our All-Member meeting will be held October 30 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in room 60 of the Government Services Building. Snacks will be provided. We will review our programs from the year and see what we can do to improve. Our biggest change was in our Spring Fling. We held a noon salad luncheon rather than an evening formal meal. We will also be deciding on our special interest programs for 2025. Be thinking about possible programs and presenters for the programs. We will also have some Halloween trivia with “fabulous” prizes. Consider wearing something that goes along with Halloween. Rosalie had a fantastic witch's hat last year.

Our Holiday Tea will be held December 7 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Senior Center. Our theme this year is “Holiday Memories”. Think about a special memory to share with those at your table. One way to get new members is to invite them to special events such as our Holiday Tea. Consider bringing a friend.

We will also have our special interest meeting on Artificial Intelligence on October 28 at 1:00 pm in room 60 of the Government Services Building. Dr Tyler Thomas who presented on Cyber Security last year will be our presenter again this year. These programs are open to all members. No registration is required.

Finally, we are planning a half hour tour of the Mabel Tainter on Friday November 15 at 1:00 pm.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Special Interest Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, October 28
“AI – Artificial Intelligence”
Presented by Dr. Tyler Thomas, UW-Stout
1pm, Rm 60, Gov. Serv. Bldg.
Bring a friend – no registration required.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 28 Special Interest Meeting "AI-Artificial Intelligence, 1pm, Rm 60, GSB
- Oct. 30 ALL MEMBER MEETING, Rm 60, Gov. Serv. Bldg.
- Nov. 14 Executive Board Meeting, 1pm, Rm 60, Gov. Serv. Bldg.
- Dec. 7 Holiday Tea , 1-3pm, Menomonie Senior Center

I had the privilege of attending the state convention in Appleton Sept. 15 - Sept 17. It was great! I met the state Bookworm Chair, Marianne Geiger (out going) and the newly installed Bookworms Chair, Jean Brew. Both women had much to share about the Bookworm program.

Eleven Elk Meadow Homemakers had a work meeting on Monday, September 23 to place the bookworm stickers into the books. One of the members present, Nancy Doane, shared that she put them in herself for many years. Hats off to her! We all sat around my dining room table, and it took us about 2 hours.

I delivered 70 sets to Mound View Elementary in Elk Mound on Tuesday. On Thursday I met with Sue Andersen from Baxterville Homemakers to deliver 35 sets of books for the reading program in Boyceville. Lastly on Friday the 60 sets were delivered to the Menomonie location of Head Start. Reading will begin in October at all locations.



Consider donations to Bookworms throughout the year either in Memoriam or in Honor of a special person. You may send these to our County Treasurer:

Vicki Maves
E4990 920th Ave.
Boyceville, WI. 54729

The Bookworms Program is very near to my heart. It is so important to teach these young 4-year olds to appreciate and value books!!

Hoping to see you at the All-Member meeting on October 30.

Normetta

Note: We did make \$1200 at the Used Book Sale this year – Thank you All!

CLUB NOTES

Cedarlings-Sept.: Roll call: Ideas for our club: "go with the flow," picnic, gather and communicate, enjoy projects like collecting animal edibles, helping Habitat for Humanity, and the reading program.

Dues are \$10 this year, usually paid in October; raffle tickets were passed out.

Melanie reported on pesticide residue/ contamination in food based on Consumer Reports article. Potatoes & strawberries often had the most residue, as well as raw foods imported from other countries. Joyce reminded us to use caution in construction zones. Margaret reminded us of upcoming

events including the holiday tea, the all-member meeting, and the Special Interest meeting (topic is AI.)

Christie's quilt received a white ribbon at the state competition. Five and ten-year membership certificates were handed out; Christie got a 65 year award!

Mary continues to work on the children's reading program. Also, funds are needed for Bookworms. We could try donations to win door prizes, or we could bake pies to sell at the Ludington Guard concert. Options will be considered.

What's Happening in Menomonie: Vicki Maves passed on a report on events in the Menomonie Area for the month of October.

2025 Officers: Jeanette Fremouw asked to step down from her role as club president. Mary Baier will replace Jeanette as club president and Margaret Breisch will replace Mary Baier as vice-president.

Elk Meadow-Aug.-Sept.: We enjoyed a club picnic including spouses and guests in August at the Elk Mound Lion's Park. Members brought school supplies to be donated to Mound View Elementary for those in need at the start of the school year. In September, a monetary donation was collected for the Moulder Meal program and in October, clothing will be collected for the Moulder Closet. Members also

gathered in September to assist Normetta in placing name plates in this year's books for Bookworms. Readers received the books to be read for the 24'-25' school year. Raffle tickets for the Christmas Tea on Dec. 7th were distributed to those who were interested. A motion was approved to donate \$50.00 to Stepping Stones to assist with the current need.

Popple Creek-Sept.: We opened the meeting sharing what each one would like to see the club do in the coming year. We will continue to support Colfax Rescue and Rehab. with our donation of supplies needed and monetary gifts. We will also continue the Sr. Living Center Project helping to supply the residents with essentials that are no longer covered in the cost of living there. We also provide fun items for them to have and support their dime bingo games. We will also help with special projects when we can.

A review of the past events was discussed. One improvement would be to have a microphone for the speakers at International Night. Spring Fling was enjoyed by all. We were pleased with the outcome of the Book Sale at the Fair. Chris made and delivered 22 lap quilts and quilts to different areas in WI and Texas.

Geri and Chris will be going to the State Conference in Appleton. Geri put together the Silent Auction basket from Dunn Co. Chris and Geri donated 4 boxes of kitchen supplies, sewing supplies and craft supplies for the icaragua/Honduras Project.

We discussed facts and processes involved when treated for breast cancer. It was very informative.

Pennies (dollars) for Friendship were collected.

Baxterville – Aug: We held a bridal shower for one of our members, McKenna Anderson, who is getting married in October. We brought our gifts in brown bags as if we were having one of our "brown bag auctions". We have these auctions to raise money for local charities.

In September we made wreaths.

Ideal-Sept.: Members were excited to get together and catch up with each other after a very busy summer even though we had a great picnic gathering in late August. Everyone is looking forward to the October road trip to Green Oasis Greenhouse with lunch beforehand. We brainstormed some very interesting program ideas for 2025 and are eager to share them at the All Member Meeting on October 30. Election of officers will take place in November. All members should consider taking on one of the leadership roles.

State Convention

The State HCE Convention was held Sept. 17th-19th in Appleton. Geri Bates, Margaret Breisch, Normetta Hurlburt, Chris Lorenzen, Vicki Maves and Julia d'Angelo-Woodford attended.

The state convention provides updates on topics such International, Bookworms, Cultural Arts and Treasurer/Bookkeeping requirements. Special topic sessions are also offered each day. These always include two

Educational Programs that are to be brought back to the counties. We are required to offer at least one.

Christie Pittman, Nadine Schlough and Julia d'Angelo-Woodford had entries in the State Cultural and Textile Arts show. All did well.

The two Educational Programs offered this year are "Milk, Mail, and Medications – *Navigating Care Roles*" and "Social Isolation and Loneliness"

"Milk, Mail, and Medications" focuses on different types of care-giving and tools caregivers can use to help with the challenges.

"Social Isolation and Loneliness" focuses on the risks of social isolation and loneliness. These include a higher risk of premature death, higher risk of heart disease and stroke, higher risk of dementia among other things. The program also goes into what we can do to avoid social isolation and loneliness.

At our October All-Member meeting, we will decide whether we want to present one or both of these programs in 2025.

REMINDER!
DUES FOR 2025
ARE \$10

This is our beautiful raffle quilt sewn and donated by our own Chris Lorenzen. It's hard to see, but in the left corner is an oval blue label designating this as an HCE quilt. Thank you Chris!



2024 DONATIONS
July - September

Bookworms

Sept - \$20 from Judy Dieter in honor of Nancy Doane's birthday

Sept - \$20 from Barb Schumacher in memory of her husband Paul Schumacher

Member and Board Information

Our next board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, Room 60 of the Government Services Building. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. We will be working out final details for the Holiday Tea. Board members who are unable to attend are encouraged to ask another club 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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South Center

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Elk Meadow

Cedarlings



HCE HOLIDAY TEA

Holiday Memories

*Saturday, December 7, 2024 1-3 pm
at the 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 “Holiday Memories”, members are encouraged to come with a special Christmas memory or memories to share those at their table.

Raffle drawing will be at 2pm.

