



***Dunn County  
Association for Home &  
Community Education***



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### **Note from our President:**

We will be holding Spring Fling similar to last year. We will have a noon salad luncheon. Clubs are asked to bring one dish to pass for every four people attending. Our speaker will be Mary Baier who will

present on Social Isolation and Loneliness - How to Mitigate the Negative Impacts. No charge to attend; registrations are not necessary. Bring a friend!

Also, consider bringing a donation for Patti Stangel's Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release program. Patti was our 2023 Spring Fling speaker. Desired items include bird seed, suet, apples, soft nuts (walnuts, cashews), peanut butter, cream corn, Pedialyte, heating pads, tarps, laundry soap, bleach, and white paper towels. Also welcome are cash donations.

The Exec Board also put together a Cultural Arts plan. Many would like to show items they have created but are not interested in having them judged. To address this, we will have a Cultural Arts show as part of our October All-Members meeting. Bring an item you or a loved one made to put on display. I plan on bringing a wooden bowl my uncle Roy made.

For those interested in having their projects forwarded to the State Convention in September, bring them to the Spring Fling. Come a half hour early so we can get them set up.

### Potential Pie Sale at Ludington Guard Band Concert:

The Exec Board approved putting our name into sponsoring the pie sale at one of the Ludington Guard Band concerts. We would expect to make about \$1,000. The books for Bookworms cost about \$2,750 and the used book sale at the fair only covers a little over \$1,000 of the cost. We have had some very generous donations over the past few years to cover the difference. We also received some grants for this year. However, we cannot count on generous donations and grants. If selected, we will need about 40 pies or pans of bars. Start thinking about whether you would be able to contribute pies or bars if we are selected.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 23 International Night, 5pm, Rm 60, GSB – Program: Singapore  
Apr 17 Spring District Meeting, 10:30am, Deer Park  
May 8 HCE Board meeting, 1pm, Rm 60, GSB  
May 22 Spring Fling, 12pm, Rm 60, GSB

We should be receiving the list of books we will be reading for the 2025-26 school year very soon.

This year we added Boyceville to our Bookworms schools. Baxterville provides the readers. It has been great fun for the students, teachers and readers. Normetta arranges readers for Moundview Preschool in Elk Mound and Janine Thull arranges readers for Head Start in Menomonie.

Save your used books for the used book sale held at the Dunn County Fair. The event helps fund our Bookworms program. The Dunn County Fair is being held July 23-27 this year.

Submitted by Margaret  
For *Normetta*

### Spring NW District Meeting Invitation

The Spring NW District Mtg will be held April 24, 2025 at the Stanton Town Hall, 2245 Cty Rd T, Deer Park WI. All members are welcome to attend. Registration begins at 10:30 am with lunch at 11am. The speaker is Anita Setter who will talk on the Benefits of Honey. Cost is \$10. Registration deadline is April 16.

You can register by making a check out to St. Croix HCE and mailing it to Lois Burri, 2215 Hwy 46, Deer Park, WI 54007. Include your name(s) and the County (Dunn). You can also register by

calling Lois Burri 715-269-5145 and arrange to pay at the door.

### HCE Scholarship Winner

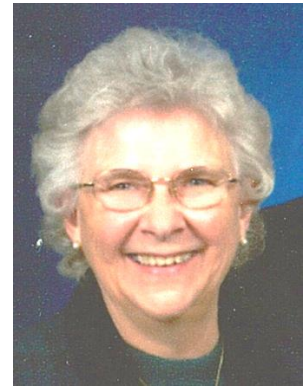
Theo Hovde, a senior at Colfax High School, is the 2025 recipient of the \$500 scholarship. He is a 4.0 student who was involved in athletics and his community. He missed by all plans to pursue a degree in exercise science at one of the University of Wisconsin schools in the fall.

Thanks to committee chair Janine Thull and members Vicki Maves and Sandie Marlett for reviewing all applications and selecting Theo Hovde as our winner.

We received 10 completed applications and 2 additional that did not meet minimum qualifications.

member of Ideal HCE for 41 years. She was active in the club and county activities. She also served as our club treasurer for many years. Judy will be remembered for her spunk and sense of humor. She loved art and loved to paint on canvas and share her work with friends. Judy will be her knew her, but we all have some wonderful memories.

### **NANCY ANN JOHNSON**



### *In Memoriam*

#### **JUDY HINRICHS**



Our dear friend Judy Hinrichs was called to her heavenly home on Wednesday, Feb 26. Judy was a

It is with sorrow that the members of Popple Creek HCE announce the passing of Nancy Ann Johnson of Colfax, who passed away on March 18. She was a member of PC Homemakers for 67 years; the last years as an honorary member. In 2017 Nancy was recognized as a Diamond member at the state convention as a 60 - year member. Nancy was a gracious hostess. She hosted a "Come as You Are" breakfast in 1963 where many of the ladies showed up in their nightgowns. During the years she served her club in the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Nancy also served as county secretary. She attended

leader training meetings which she brought back to the club. Nancy was a planner and encourager. She worked on club quilts, the two Popple Creek banners (1976 & 2007), the committee planning the county celebration of 50th Anniversary of Homemakers in 1989, the Farm Progress Days in Dunn County in 1998, read in Bookworms at Colfax Head Start and contributed to outreach projects of children of club members, the Colfax nursing home and community food pantry. Nancy and Elaine Sundby volunteered for many years during judging at the Colfax Free Fair. Nancy also participated in College Week for Women and in the Northwest district of HCE.

#### **CLUB NOTES**

Baxterville - Jan: We filled out our program books and made plans for our annual quilt. It will be a farm animal quilt using a friendship pattern. Each member makes a block and at the end of the year, one of our members takes home the quilt.

Baxterville - Feb: Lori Boesl brought sour dough starters for each of us. She taught us how to feed the sour dough and provided us with some sour dough recipes.

Baxterville - Mar: We made fabric shamrocks.

Cedarlings - Jan: The Read to Me program for 3-yr olds update included the books that had been ordered, funds were in order, and volunteers were signed up for the spring dates in the classrooms. Educational reports included a reminder to use care where there is ice, a review of our national situation regarding undocumented immigrants, and a calendar of

community events we could attend. We discussed the possibility of the Dunn County HCE pie sale at one of the Ludington Guard Band concerts to raise money for Bookworms. We also discussed the Holiday Tea gift basket and how to cover the cost. .

Cedarlings - Feb: Our educational reports included a reminder to keep emergency supplies in our cars during winter weather, and an interesting report about how a 3-D printer was used to create a model of a titanium bone-replacement in an elbow. We discussed eco-friendly diets and sustainability diets, designed to lower carbon emissions. These include choosing food sources which are not water-intensive, omitting foods which have been transported long distances, and minimizing meat products which require longer times for animals to mature so they are fed larger amounts over longer times. This results in more damage to pasture land, creates more pollution in water, and adds more passed gas to the air.

Cedarlings - Mar: Our educational reports included a reminder to be careful in snow-melting conditions, a discussion of the measles outbreak, and a brief review of the federal budget and the national debt.

Elk Meadow - Jan-Mar: We did not meet in January due to the extreme cold on meeting day. In 2025, we have welcomed 3 new members to our club, Betty Heltne, Jayette Giere and Ruth Smith. In February, our monetary donations were directed to Fierce Freedom and in March to Wildlife Rehab. The donation for April will be to Bridge to Hope. Members also approved donations to Elk Mound

PTO and the Elk Mound graduation party.

Popple Creek - Jan: Secret pals were revealed for each member for 2024. Geri sent correction of dates to County HCE events scheduled in the program booklet. These include: Wed Apr 23 International Night at GSB; Wed May 22, 12 noon Spring Fling; phone number of the Extension office is 715-232-1636. Lana shared information of warnings and side effects of pain killer medications. At our next meeting Feb 10, Geri will bring the Who Knows You Best game.

Popple Creek – Feb: Geri reported receiving a check for \$500 from Dunn Energy to go to the Bookworm project for 24-25 year. Several members are on the Mosaic Technology Exchange. Moving to a Firestick or Roku to replace aging Amino receiver for cable TV discussed.

Popple Creek – Mar: Lana shared scams on check cooking, multi-stage grandparent scams, utility scams reported by Dunn Energy, and scams in Barron Cty recently reported in the Chetek Alert. We discussed having a club tour to Mound to view gas station pumps and other items of yesteryear.

Ideal - Jan.: Club Christmas Party held at the Great Escape on Monday, January 13 coordinated by Jean Langlois.

Ideal – Feb: We reviewed the 2025 program books, discussed the distribution of our \$10 annual dues, the potential of hosting the Pie Social at one of the Ludington Guard Band concerts this summer and the changes forthcoming with the Cultural Arts program. Scholarship information was sent to all local high school guidance

counselors.

After each business meeting we will have a "Show & Tell" time. Members are encouraged to share projects they are working on or completed, fun classes they've attended, delicious recipes or whatever they want to share. Hopefully this time of fellowship will be filled with great ideas, support and laughter.

Ideal - Mar: We all talked about our interaction with Judy Hinrichs, one of our members who died suddenly. She was a loyal member and served as our Treasurer. She was cheerful and friendly and she will be greatly missed. We will give money to the Public Library for a book in her memory. We agreed that we are willing to help at a pie social to raise money for the Bookworm project if it is approved by the Board. We brought many projects to show the other members. We sure are creative! This will be an ongoing feature since we all appreciated what our friends had made.

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### **Basic Cell Phones Feb 24**

Presented by Dr. Tyler Thomas, UW-Stout. Twelve members attended the presentation. Topics included data security, apps, updates, camera, flashlight and silencing the phone.

We were told some apps include malware so you may want virus

protection if you download lots of apps. The safest place to get apps is through Google Play Store because they check them out. The Google Play Store has some virus protection apps. We were shown how to remove apps.

We were told updates are needed to fix problems that arise when new threats come up or to fix problems discovered by those using the phone. Most of the time these updates take place automatically.

Help was also given to those attending who had specific questions concerning their camera.

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### **Menomonie News Network (MNN) Mar 31**

Becky Kneer from the Ideal Club gave a presentation on the Menomonie News Network. 9 members attended the event.

In September 2022, a group met together to discuss the decline of local news. They surveyed the community find out where residents were currently to getting their local news and also what local news they would like to see. It was decided to focus on residents of the Menomonie School District because the Colfax Messenger, Hay River Review and Glenwood City Reporter covered

areas outside the Menomonie School District.

The organization is non-profit, non-partisan and citizen led. The first issue came out on November 20, 2024. The publications come out every Wednesday through email. It is free to subscribe, but donations are accepted.



Becky Kneer showing Lana Anderson how to use the QR code to subscribe.

A promotional graphic for the Menomonie News Network. It features a large blue 'M' logo with the text 'menomonie news net' and 'Local news for an informed Community' below it. A QR code is displayed with the text 'Or Scan Below'. To the right, a list of features is shown with yellow circular icons: 'Online weekly newsletter plus searchable website', 'Hyper-local news: city, county, schools, organizations', 'Free - Donations encouraged', 'Non-profit, nonpartisan', 'Community/volunteer led', and 'Collaboration with other local news sources'. The website 'menomonienewsnet.org' is also mentioned.





## 2025 DONATIONS

January-March

### Bookworms

March 2025

\$25.00 from Elaine Villeneuve IMO Judy Hinrichs

\$20.00 from Janine Thull IMO Judy Hinrichs

### Member and Board Information

Our next meeting will be held on Thurs, May 8 in Rm 60 of the Government Services Building. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. The main topic will be the pie sale at a Ludington Guard Band concert if we win a spot in the pie sale drawing. We will know by the end of April if we have a spot. We will also finalize plans for the used book sale at the Dunn County Fair. Board members who are unable to attend are encouraged to ask another member to attend in their place.

North Center Chair: Geri Bates  
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Baxterville  
Popple Creek  
Ideal

South Center Chair: Vacant  
Elk Meadow

### HCE Board Members:

President – Margaret Breisch 715-235-7124

Vice President – Janine Thull

Secretary – Elaine Villeneuve

Treasurer – Vicki Maves

Marketing/Membership Co-Chairs –  
Christie Pittman and Janine Thull

Historian – Elaine Villeneuve

Bookworms – Normetta Hurlburt

Rosalie Werner –Past President and  
Communications

Scholarship Chair – Janine Thull

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 picture

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## **INTERNATIONAL NIGHT** **COUNTRY: SINGAPORE**

*Wednesday, April 23, 2025 5PM*

*Government Services Building Rm 60*

*3001 US HWY 12 E, Menomonie, WI*

**PRESENTERS: VICKI AND LARRY JESS**

Please join us for an evening of food, camaraderie and learn about another country.

Please bring a dish to pass for every four people attending.

As always, feel free to bring along a neighbor, relative or friend to join us.

Donations to the Wildlife Rescue and Release program are appreciated but not necessary.

### **Flag of Singapore**

consisting of red and white horizontal stripes with a white crescent moon and five white stars, symbolizes universal brotherhood and equality (red), purity and virtue (white), a young nation on the ascendant (crescent), and Singapore's ideals of democracy, peace, progress, justice, and equality (stars).

## 2025 Spring Fling – Salad Luncheon



**Thursday May 22**

**12:00 Noon**

**Government Services Building  
Room 60**

**3001 US Hwy 12 E  
Menomonie, WI**

Donations and gifts are welcome but not necessary

**Program:** Social Isolation and Loneliness:  
**How to Mitigate the Negative Impacts**  
presented by Mary Baier

**Cultural Arts:** Bring your crafts, art work, crocheting, knitting, quilting, photography projects at **11:30 am** for display and judging. Top judged items will be submitted to the WAHCE State Conference.

**Recognition of members** for years service and Bookworms

Please bring a dish to pass for every four people attending.

Feel free to bring along a neighbor, relative or friend to join us!

### Years Service Recognition

Melissa Gilgenbach-Baxterville-15 years  
Connie Curtis-Popple Creek-25 years  
Sandra Barth-Elk Meadow-30 years  
Juliann Kettner-Cedarlings-35 years  
Delores Falkner-Elk Meadow-35 years  
Nancy Berg-Popple Creek-35 years  
Lynn Dummer-Elk Meadow-40 years

Rhonda Jenson-Elk Meadow-40 years  
Becky Kneer-Ideal-45 years  
Faye Swenson-Ideal-60 years  
Geri Bates-Popple Creek-61 years  
Barbara Schumacher-Elk Meadow-63 years  
Nadine Schlough-Ideal-65 years  
Christie Pittman-Cedarlings-66 years

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