



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

Note from our President:

Another state WAHCE convention has come and gone. Our district was responsible for putting on the convention this year - and I must say - we did a great job. The event was held at the Lismore in Eau Claire. Theme was Party on Gibson Street where we celebrated the Golden Age of HCE (the 1920 & 30's era). Many, including our own Mary Baier, dressed up in 1920 & 30's fashions. I just wore beads. In addition to Mary Baier and me, Janine Thull, Vicki Maves, Rosalie Werner, Normetta Hurlburt, and Lynn Dummer attended the event. My favorite program was "Cooking for 1 or 2". It included great ideas for extending the useful life of fruits and vegetables, meal preps, and meeting our nutritional needs. It would be a great program for us to schedule for one of our 2027 events.

Our October **All-Member Meeting** is scheduled for October 22. Desserts and beverages will be provided. The event will include a Cultural Arts **"Show and Tell."** **There will be no competition or judging**—just a chance to share something of interest that you or a friend made. The event will also include the selection of programs to present in 2027. Clubs are encouraged to discuss ideas in advance and bring recommendations to the meeting. Please try to have a presenter in mind when making a recommendation.

I am looking forward to our **Holiday Tea**. The Holiday Tea Committee has come up with exciting new ideas for the event. It will be more like a traditional tea. Instead of cookies, we will have warm scones, delicious tea sandwiches and yummy sweet treats.

Margaret Breisch breischm@gmail.com

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ALL-MEMBER MEETING

Thursday, October 22

1 pm, Room 60

Government Services

Building

**Important that members attend and
clubs are well represented.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 22 HCE All-members meeting, 1pm, Rm 60 GSB

Oct. 25 NW District Fall meeting, 2pm-3:30pm, on zoom

Nov. 12 HCE Board meeting, 1pm, Rm101 GSB

Nov. 23 Special Interest Mtg "Menomonie Tourism", 1pm, Rm 60 GSB

Dec. 5 HOLIDAY TEA, Holtby Hall at Rassbach Museum, 12 noon

The magic number for fundraisers seems to be \$1400.00. The used book sale took in \$1,442 and netted \$1,267. After paying the room rental of \$175. I was very skeptical when I heard that we were being charged for the room, but thanks to all our volunteers we succeeded! Yay!

The books came in August. A huge thank you to Elk Meadow Club. They agreed to postpone our meeting to the last Monday in September so we could apply the stickers to the books, all 1,211 of them! We chatted and many hands made light work. I was so busy, I forgot to take a picture until the books were back in my garage ready for distribution. The books have been delivered to the sites and soon will be in the hands of our eager young pre-K's. If you are a reader, consider using the suggestion sheets given you. Some of the books in the set are quite short, so make use of the ideas and engage the kids in discussions.

I hope you are able to go for a drive or walk to enjoy the fall colors. My husband and I drove to Ridgeland to deliver the Baxterville books yesterday and the colors of the trees and the fall sky were absolutely gorgeous! Saw lots of deer as well.

Normetta



Normetta and Lynn Dummer



Normetta delivered books to Menomonie Head Start



Sue Anderson (Baxterville) and Normetta



CLUB DUES UPDATE

Possible Dues Increase for 2027

The state increased our dues by \$2 last year. We discussed a possible dues increase at our October All-Member Meeting last year but decided not to increase dues at that time because some clubs had already started collecting dues at the 2025 rate.

This year, we will vote on a \$2 dues increase to cover the increase in state dues. The vote will take place at our All-Member Meeting on October 22.

Report on Special Interest Meeting "Healthy Septic Systems held on Sept. 28."

Michelle Hrdlicka from the Dunn County Environmental Services Dept talked about the dos and don'ts of maintaining healthy septic systems. Seven members attended the event.

The dos included proper disposal of cigarette butts, paper towels, sanitary napkins, leftover medications, diapers, cat litter, hazardous chemicals, and anything plastic. These items can damage a septic system if flushed down the drain.

The don'ts included flushing wipes or any products other than toilet paper. "Flushable wipes" are not truly flushable and can cause sewage backups.

WAHCE State Conference Report

Cultural & Textile Arts Awards at WAHCE Convention:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Award</u>
Mary Baier	Cedarlings	Bed Quilt	Red
Mary Baier	Cedarlings	Small Quilt	Red
Margaret Breisch	Cedarlings	Prose-non-fiction	Blue-Medallion
Margaret Breisch	Cedarlings	Prose-fiction	Red
Margaret Breisch	Cedarlings	Prose-Allegory	Blue-Medallion
Sandy Marlett	Ideal	Table Runner	White
Nadine Schlough	Ideal	Wearable Accessory	Blue
Nadine Schlough	Ideal	Crocheted Bedspread	Blue
Sharalyn Schweger	Ideal	Crafts	Blue
Faye Swenson	Ideal	Watercolor	Blue
Faye Swenson	Ideal	Colored Pencil Drawing	Blue
Janine Thull	Ideal	Rug Making	Blue



Margaret with two medallions!



Attendees Margaret Breisch, Janine Thull, Rosalie Werner, Vickie Maves. Not pictured: Mary Baier, Normetta Hurlburt, and Lynn Dummer



Some conference attendees dressed up for the 20's & 30's theme!



Membership Chair, Janine Thull received the award for Dunn County HCE adding four new members.

August 24 Craft Day Report

Normetta Hurlburt (Elk Meadow); Becky Kneer, Jean Langlois and Janine Thull (Ideal); and Mary Baier, Margaret Breisch and Jeanette Fremouw (Cedarlings) completed 13 pillowcases filled with children's items for Bridge to Hope. We also made scarves for teddy bears, with each bear's face embroidered. The completed pillowcases were delivered to Bridge to Hope, where they were gratefully received.

Special Interest Meeting **"Menomonie Tourism"**

Monday November 23
1pm Room 60, Government Services
Bldg
Presented by Tammy Simon
Director of Tourism
No registration required.
Bring a friend!

CLUB NOTES

Cedarlings: We did not meet in July or August. In September, Vicki Maves reported on plans for the Holiday Tea. One suggestion was to encourage clubs to donate one or two additional silent auction items while donating fewer raffle items. The Holiday Tea committee has already collected numerous gift cards and baskets for the raffle. Additional raffle items may not increase sales, while additional silent auction items could help increase revenue. We also discussed ideas for Special Interest topics for 2027. Cooking for one or two was suggested as a possible topic. After the meeting, we put together three more pillowcases filled with items for children to be donated to Bridge to Hope.

Baxterville-Sept.: We met at Karen Hemann's home and went over plans for the rest of the year. We are still working on our quilt squares. There will be a drawing for the completed quilt later in the year. We also checked our progress on New Year's Resolution Bingo. At the beginning of the year, members made blank Bingo cards and filled each of the 25 squares with things they would like to accomplish in 2026. As we complete our goals, we cross off the corresponding squares. At the end of the year, we will see how many Bingos we have achieved.

Elk Meadow-July-Sept.: We resumed our regular meeting schedule in September after not meeting during the summer. We did enjoy a club picnic in July and collected school supplies at that time to be donated to Mound View Elementary at the start of the

school year. In September, we assisted Normetta in placing the nameplate stickers in each of the books for Bookworms for the 26-27 school year. Books were distributed to the readers as well. We also collected a monetary donation for Mounder Meals. For October, the club voted to collect clothing donations for the Foster Closet in Menomonie. Plans were discussed regarding the Christmas Tea with several suggestions for baskets and gift certificates.

Popple Creek- July – Sept.:
July – All seven members volunteered to work at the Dunn County Fair in the HCE used book sale. Two worked opening setup, four were involved in the Thurs and Saturday assigned sessions and two for closing day. In August, we travelled to Holcombe for our annual club pot luck picnic at the summer home of Chris Lorenzen. Discussion centered on the two silent auction contributions for \$20 to \$25 each from the club for the silent auction at the HCE County Christmas Tea. Chris suggested placemat baskets be filled with themed items. She volunteered to make the baskets. Nancy took the seven pillowcase activity kits to Bridge to Hope after we completed that project for the county this year. In September, Geri recorded items that each member brought for donations to Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release and the Colfax Senior assisted living center. Contributions to Wildlife Rehab began in June 2021 with contributions made at each club meeting since. Contributions to Colfax Health and Rehab began in June 2023. Pennies for Friendship is collected at monthly meetings for

the state program focus. Chris donated five quilts to the Linus Project at Colfax Public Library for the Dunn County group. Geri, Nancy and Connie made table favors for the state convention in September with three other Dunn County members and Chippewa County members. Several members plan to attend the Healthy Septic Systems program.

Ideal-July-Sept.: In August we had a delicious club picnic at Sharalyn's farm. While we did tour her farm, especially interesting was her Memorial Garden featuring special family flowers and meaningful antiques. For our Sept. meeting, we took a field trip to Potter's Field cemetery and Highland (Johnson Family cemetery). Both were very historical and meaningful. At Highland, members of the Johnson family gave a presentation to us. Elaine V.'s husband, Lee is buried in Highland. Afterwards, we met for a club meeting at the Cobble & Vine Winery. We discussed the upcoming state convention and Holiday Tea. Also, program ideas for 2027 and the upcoming All Member meeting.



Ideal Club trip to Potter's Field



Unmarked graves at Potter's



Ideal at Highland Cemetery
with Johnson Family
members giving presentation

THANK YOU!

A grateful thank you to my HCE
friends for memorials for
Wisconsin Bookworms in my
husband Lee's memory. He was an
avid reader and helped support
the program.

Elaine Villeneuve
Ideal

Member and Board Information

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, in Room 101 of the Government Services Building. All members are welcome to attend. The main topic will be the used book sale at the Dunn County Fair. We will also review the June 2 Pie Sale at the Ludington Guard Band concert. Board members who are unable to attend 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 – Rosalie Werner
Treasurer – Vicki Maves
Membership and South Center Chair – Mary Baier
Historian – Elaine Villeneuve
Bookworms – Normetta Hurlburt
Past President and Communications– Rosalie Werner
Cultural Arts and North Center Chair – Vacant
Scholarship Chair – Janine Thull

North Center

Chair: Vacant

Baxterville

Popple Creek

Ideal

South Center

Chair: Mary Baier

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Elk Meadow

Cedarlings



2026 DONATIONS

July-September

\$0

REGISTRATION FORM FOR:

Dunn County Association for Home & Community Education

HOLIDAY TEA

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Holtby Hall at the Rassbach Museum

1820 John Russell Road, Menomonie, WI

Admission Fee: \$10 payable at door

General Seating

**Doors open at 11am, Event begins at 12noon.
Bring your own tea cup or one will be provided.**

RSVPs are due by Monday, November 16.

**List your name, club name or guest, Dietary Restrictions: such as Gluten Free, Lactose, Nuts
(Fill out form as a club or individually)**

	NAME	CLUB/guest	DIETARY RESTRICTIONS
Sample	Jane Doe	Ideal	GF
Sample	Tom Buck	Guest	Nuts
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**Bring Registration Form to the October 22 All Members Meeting or
send to Janine Thull at**

jathull02@yahoo.com or 715-556-0063

HCE-Holiday Tea-Registration Form xls 9-18-2026