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**President's Message**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The snow is falling and the wind is blowing and looks like winter has finally arrived. At least we had a white Christmas. Hope everyone had good holidays.

I would like to thank all my Executive Board for the great job they did last year. Couldn't have done it without you. Thanks especially to Judy Ritter for serving as Secretary and Winnie Joos for being our Treasurer. We will miss you both. I would like to welcome Alberta Koneazny as our new Secretary and Dorothy Kaiser as our new Treasurer. Looking forward to working with both of you. Grace Kruetzfeldt has agreed to stay on as our International Chairman, also, so it looks like the Chippewa County HCE is ready for 2016!

The HCE display at the Chippewa Falls Public Library was fantastic. Thanks to Dolores Schryver and Diane Hayes for the wonderful job you did.

Our first baby for HCE week was born on Monday, November 2nd. It was a little boy born to Valerie Perushek. They were very appreciative of our basket which consisted of a fleece blanket embroidered with: "First Baby, HCE Week, Chippewa County 2015", 2 flannel blankets, a onesie, a sleeper, rattle, a Bookworm book, and a Culvers gift card.

Our January special interest meeting is another Tailgate Party. It will be held January 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Assembly Room. Come dressed in your favorite team apparel and bring a snack to pass. We will have games and prizes for various things. Hope everyone will join in for a fun afternoon.

We will NOT be having a breakfast in January. Our next one will be February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. at the Family Restaurant in time for Valentine's Day. Hope to see you there! Got to catch up on all the latest about everyone's holidays and everything else that is new.

Please make sure that your club dues and bakeless bake sale donations are sent to Alberta if you have not sent them in yet. Also, send in the club reports that are in your secretary book to the Extension Office as soon as possible.

We had a very good 2015 and looking to have a better 2016.

*Frances Sykora, Chippewa County HCE Board President*



## Calendar of Events 2016

### January

- 1**     **New Year's Day**
- 5**     **Executive Board Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Extension Office, Courthouse Room 13
- 18**    **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- \***     **Special Interest "Tailgate Party"**

### February

- 2**     **Executive Board Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Extension Office, Courthouse Room 13
- 11**    **HCE Valentine Breakfast**, 9:30 a.m., Chippewa Family Restaurant
- 14**    **Valentine's Day**
- 15**    **President's Day**
- \***     **Special Interest "Food & Nutrition"**



### **WAHCE is now on Facebook!**

To find the WAHCE Facebook page: from your own Facebook page, in the search bar (upper left hand corner) type in **Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education**, once there like or Follow us to get WAHCE information.

NOTE: you do need to actually visit the Facebook page to see all the various posts.

## CHIPPEWA COUNTY HCE INFORMATION

### 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President:	<i>Fran Sykora (715-288-6859)</i>
President-Elect:	<i>OPEN</i>
Vice President:	<i>OPEN</i>
Secretary:	<i>Alberta Koneazny (715-726-9537)</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Dorothy Kaiser (715-289-3279)</i>

### Educational Program Chairmen

Family & Community Outreach:	<i>OPEN</i>
Scholarship:	<i>Helene Anderson (715-874-5207)</i>
Historian:	<i>Diane Hayes (715-874-6145)</i>
Cultural Arts:	<i>Dolores Schryver (715-874-5920)</i>
Membership:	<i>Winnie Joos (715-835-8991)</i>
WI Bookworms™ :	<i>Jean Cronquest (715-28-3497)</i>
International:	<i>Grace Kruezfeldt</i>

### 2016 CLUB PRESIDENTS

Albertville	Barbara Topper	715-926-5813
Cadott	Helen Roberts	715-289-3866
Creswood	Vlasta Falkenberg	715-289-3886
Happy	Carol Bohl	715-723-0247
Longview	Veronica Knudsen	715-874-5634
OK	Marcie Greenwood	715-289-4504
Pleasant Hour	Judy Ritter	715-834-1737
Trout Creek	Arlene Hakes	715-723-3140
Unlimited	Evelyn Schemenauer	715-723-6030

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### **Newsletter Deadline**

Information for the HCE Newsletter is due by the 15th of the month, for the next month's newsletter.

*Please forward your club paperwork to the Extension Office for updates to the 2016 Club Information.*

## Chippewa County Association Home and Community Education Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, November 3, 2015 Courthouse Room 13

The meeting was called to order by Fran Sykora, with the Pledge to the Flag followed by the Homemakers Creed.

Roll call was taken with the following present: Fran Sykora, Judy Ritter, Jean Cronquest, Diane Hayes, Dolores Schryver and Winnie Joos.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved and placed on file for audit. Bills were paid.

### REPORTS

Jean Cronquest reported that there are two books left to read for Bookworms for 2015.

Dolores Schryver reported that 16 people attended the Craft and Hobby Workshop. Everyone attending had a chance to observe or do all three of the crafts and hobby. A fun afternoon was had by all and all went home with at least one project that they had made.

The Fall Luncheon was held at the Moose Lodge. The food was delicious and the game was a lot of fun. The members that had belonged for 55 plus years were recognized and the 25, 50, 65 and 70 year members were also recognized! Thank you to the Happy and Unlimited clubs.

Fall District Meeting had 52 in attendance and was held at Faith Lutheran Church. Mary Geissler was our speaker and did a great job. Thank you, Mary! The food was yummy as usual.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The first baby of HCE week was born on Monday, November 2nd. Fran delivered the basket to the baby boy and his Mom and Dad. They were very pleased.

The HCE week items will be set-up at the library after this meeting and will be up for the month. Stop in and take a look at it.

The Executive Board Christmas Party will be December 1 at 11:30 a.m. at Bridgewater. A motion was made to donate money to Feed My People. The new board members and Mary Geissler will be invited.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The Tailgate Party will be January 28th, 2016. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. You may bring snacks for all to enjoy.

Our next breakfast will be November 19th.

The newsletter articles are due by December 15th. There will not be a December newsletter.

The next meeting will be January 5, 2016.

The meeting was closed with the Prayer Creed.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!!

*Submitted by Judy Ritter, Secretary*



## Club News & Highlights

**Cadott Homemakers:** Dues were collected and sent in to the HCE office. The HCE luncheon was well attended. Marilyn Danielson and Flo Danielson received pins for their years of membership. HCE week is November 1-7! Marilyn Danielson's granddaughter presented "Tips for Saving Money" using coupons online and in newspapers, etc.

December Meeting: The Cadott newspaper devoted one whole page in the November 5, 2015 publication "...HCE fulfilling mission statement."

**Happy:** Christmas party will be on December 4th. A donation will be made for the use of facility to host the party. A secret pal gift exchange will be done. All dues were collected that he November meeting. Program books were filled in. Club election was held with Helen Bowe as President, Marian Michels as Vice President, Carol Bohl as Treasurer and Marge Krejci as Secretary. Demonstration of sock snowman and crocheted necklace done by Fran Sykora. Congratulations to Helen Bowe for winning the November door prize and raffle.



## Club News & Highlights (cont'd)

**Longview:** Members attended the Fall Luncheon. Report on District Meeting. The cultural arts display is set up at the Chippewa Falls Library. HCE gift given to first baby born during HCE week at St. Joseph's hospital. Discussion on Christmas project. Will donation \$50.00 to Feed My people Food Bank.

**OK:** Discussed the fall luncheon and the District meeting. The club decided to give the quilts to the Red Cross. Discussed Christmas gathering, will discuss more at next meeting.

**Pleasant Hour:** The group voted to provide a monetary donation to Feed my People and Warm My Children. Review of Craft & Hobby Workshop. New business discussion included the January tailgate party, donation made to the Humane Society, and election of officers.

**Trout Creek:** Peggy Sprague provided a report on learnings from the Northwest District meeting. Update on Bookworms® was provided.

**Unlimited:** Club meeting was held in conjunction with the Fall Luncheon. Members with 55+ years received certificates. The Cultural Art entries were on display. Everyone participated in a gift exchange which allowed everyone to play a game and open a gift. New Executive Board officers were installed.

## Wisconsin Bookworms™

*Greetings and Happy New Year!*

Our first four books have been read and distributed to the children at Head Start centers. Our faithful readers will be taking a winter break until we begin reading again in March.

The last book of our Fall session was "Who Has This Tail?" written by Laura Hulbert and illustrated by Erik Brooks. This fun and informative book shows pictures of animals' tails and invites readers to guess what animal belongs to this particular tail, for example, the Arctic fox uses its tail to stay warm while he sleeps. The book also contains a game where the children match the picture of the animals' tail to the correct animal. The children had a lot of fun with this book, and were very good at guessing the correct animal.

It is very rewarding to watch the children's progress as the school year unfolds. It is also fun to interact with them as we get to know each other better.

We would like to give all our readers and other helpers a big end-of-the-year Thank You for all your assistance to the Bookworm program. Thank you also to all the HCE clubs who have given donations, and to all members who have purchased Culver's gift cards from me. Ten percent of the sale of these cards is used to support Bookworms as well.

Wiggly and Jean hope that you all had a Merry Christmas, and best wishes for a great 2016.

**Jean and Wiggly** —Jean Cronquest,  
Wisconsin Bookworms Chair



## Cultural Arts

Happy New Year!! Our Cultural Arts display at the library was beautiful! Pictures of our 55+ year members were a hit! Whenever I was in the library I received many compliments.

Before you know it, our Spring Conference will be here. It's just around the corner in April. Continue to work on your projects!

**Dolores Schryver, Cultural Arts Chairman**


# Special Interest

# TAILGATE PARTY

**Thursday, January 28, 2016**  
**Courthouse, Room 3**  
**1:00 p.m.**

- **Wear your team colors.**
- **Bring a snack/dish to pass.**

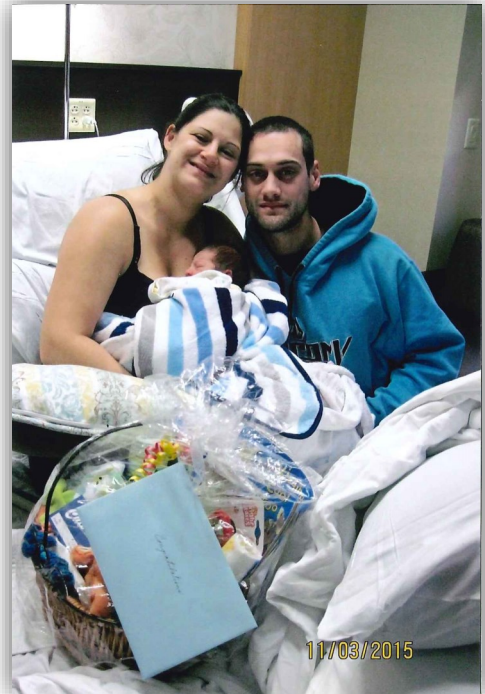
**Let's have a rootin' good time!**



# HCE Week - 2015



HCE display at the Chippewa Falls Public Library



Baby Boy Perushek was born on Monday, November 2, 2015. Baby and family were gifted a basket on behalf of HCE with some necessary baby items.



## DIY Sock Snowman

The sock snowman is adorable, customizable and can be placed in most places throughout your home. You don't need to know how to sew for this DIY!

What you will need:

- White terry sock
- Scissors
- Thread
- Wide cup or mug
- Pins
- Super glue
- Buttons
- Scrap fabric (for your snowman's outfit)
- Approximately 2.5 pounds of rice



Instructions:

1. Cut off the foot part of your sock just a few inches before the heel and turn sock inside out.
2. Using the string, tightly tie the cut end of the sock.
3. Turn the sock back out, making sure the string is tucked in.
4. Fill the sock with rice. If you need support while filling, place the sock in the wide rimmed cup or mug.
5. Tie the sock at the top and then shape the snowman's body.

6. Create a head by tying the string around the "neck". Cut off the excess string.
7. Use the foot part of the sock to make a hat and scrap cloth for the scarf.
8. Super glue the buttons on. And use pins to make a face

Source: [www.handimania.com](http://www.handimania.com)  
<https://womanfreebies.com/blog/diy-no-sew-sock-snowman/?socialshare=pinterestsharebottom>



Snowman made by Fran Sykora.

## DIY Heart Wreath

What you will need:

- ♥ Wire hanger
- ♥ Fabric
- ♥ Ribbon

Instructions:

1. Bend a wire hanger into the shape of a heart with the hanger hook part on the top V.
2. Cut fabric pieces into strips about 5-7 inches long by 1 inch wide.
3. Tie all the scraps around the heart part of the hanger. Cut more fabric strips as needed.
4. Add a bow at the top, if desired.

Source: <http://heckfridays.blogspot.com/2011/02/get-krafty-Wednesday-heart-wreath.html>



*Please complete this form and return*

## 2016 NEWSLETTER SURVEY

With the ever changing technology and budget cuts we are looking at all options to help streamline some of our processes and reduce expenses to both the UW-Extension Office and the Chippewa County HCE. With that, we are asking each of you to respond on your preference in receiving your monthly newsletter.

We will continue to send the newsletter via U.S. Mail to those that wish to receive their copy in that manner; however, we are looking to reduce the number of pieces that need to be printed and mailed. If you wish to continue to receive your newsletter via U.S. Mail it would continue to come to you in black and white format. If you wish to receive the newsletter in an electronic (email) format, it would arrive in your inbox in color. You would then be able to view the document and print at your leisure.

We are asking that you please complete this form and return it to the Chippewa County UW-Extension office by January 15, 2016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Appropriate Response:

I would like to receive the Chippewa County HCE Newsletter via email. (Please provide email address above.

I am not interested in receiving the Chippewa County HCE newsletter via email, please continue to send via U.S. Mail.

**Options for returning this form:** mail directly to the Chippewa County UW-Extension Office (address on back), bring this form to your January club meeting and have your club secretary send in to the UW-Extension Office with the January club minutes, or you may contact the Extension Office via phone at 715-726-7950 or email at [heather.lubs@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:heather.lubs@ces.uwex.edu) to indicate your preference. Thank you in advance for your response.

Exciting news to share! Beginning with this January 2016 newsletter, the Chippewa County HCE newsletters will be available to view on the Chippewa County UW-Extension website under the Family Living tab.

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# **CHIPPEWA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

## **HCE Mission Statement:**

- . Learning in a Social Setting**
- . Sharing what we learn**
- . Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities and the world**