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President's Message

Happy St Patty's Day to all!

Mother Nature did not cooperate so our February Executive Board meeting was cancelled. Had to make some fast decisions because of that.

The Spring Conference will be held on April 1, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church. There is a registration form in this newsletter. I would like each club to be represented by their president and whoever else can make it. We are working on our speaker yet.

Don't forget this is also the day the Arts and Craft entries are viewed by all and judged. We have lots of talent in our county so I expect lots of entries. You can work on them seeing it is cold outside. This year we can only send eleven entries in the regular categories and one in the written work. Each county can have one special entry for "Let's Make Music". The different categories were listed in the February newsletter.

Our March breakfast will be March 10th at the Family Restaurant at 9:30 A.M. Hope to see you there!

On March 17th Julene Bowe will talk to us on the Ten steps Leading to Alzheimer 's Disease. That special interest meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse Assembly Room 3. Anyone can attend our special interest meetings. Bring your friends and family with you.

The Albertville and Longview Clubs are in charge of our Salad Luncheon this year. This is usually held on a Saturday in April. You will need to pick the place, date and take care of the white elephant and the silent auction. Each club is expected to bring a basket for the silent auction, three salads, a pan of bars and \$3.00 for buns. When you are doing your spring house cleaning, start a box to bring to this of all the things you don't need any more but and are still good. We all need to downsize. This is a good place to get rid of STUFF!! Remember your junk is somebody's treasure!

Hope you will be keeping track of your minutes for "On the Move and in the Grove. That starts February 28th and ends May 29th. That form to fill out was also in the February newsletter.

Have a Happy Easter everyone!

Frances Sykora, Chippewa County HCE Board President



Calendar of Events 2016



March

- 1** **Executive Board Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Extension Office, Courthouse Room 13
- 10** **HCE St. Patrick's Day Breakfast**, 9:30 a.m., Chippewa Family Restaurant
- 17** **Special Interest "Alzheimer's Disease"**, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 3

April

- 1** **Spring Conference**, 9:00 a.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls
- 1** **Executive Board Meeting**, 1:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls
- 1** **HCE Scholarship Applications Due**
- 14** **HCE Breakfast**, 9:30 a.m., Chippewa Family Restaurant



The Chippewa County HCE Newsletter is now on-line!

The monthly Chippewa County HCE Newsletter is now available on-line and can be found on the Chippewa County UW-Extension website at www.chippewa.uwex.edu under the Family Living Tab

This will provide you easy access to the monthly county information and forms to accompany your local events and activities. We have also added a "quick link" to the state WAHCE website which will be an easy access point for you to click between the two sites when necessary.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HCE INFORMATION

2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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

Educational Program Chairmen

Family & Community Outreach: *OPEN*
 Scholarship: *Helene Anderson (715-874-5207)*
 Historian: *Diane Hayes (715-874-6145)*
 Cultural Arts: *Dolores Schryver (715-874-5920)*
 Membership: *Winnie Joos (715-835-8991)*
 WI Bookworms™: *Jean Cronquest (715-289-3497)*
 International: *Grace Kruezfeldt*

2016 CLUB PRESIDENTS

Albertville	Donna Benson	715-874-5245
Cadott	Helen Roberts	715-289-3866
Creswood	Vlasta Falkenberg	715-289-3886
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OK	Jean Cronquest	715-289-3497
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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.

SPRING CONFERENCE

Friday, April 1, 2016
Faith Lutheran Church,
Chippewa Falls
"Think Spring!"



- 9 a.m. Coffee and Snack
View Cultural Arts through the morning
- 9:15 a.m. Business Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Speaker - To Be Announced
- 12 noon Lunch: Soup, Sandwich and Dessert

The theme of the program is *"Think Spring"*. Cultural Arts is a significant feature of this event. Send registration form and payment to the Extension Office by March 25, 2016. Cost is \$8.00, payable to: Chippewa County HCE. Tickets are transferrable, not refundable.

Spring Conference
 Friday, April 1, 2016, Faith Lutheran Church

Name _____

Club _____

Telephone _____

Amount enclosed: Transferrable, not refundable.

\$8.00/person _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Deadline: March 25, 2016

Send to: HCE Spring Conference
 Courthouse, Room 13
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Club News & Highlights

Longview: We had our Valentine party at Norma Ausman's. Joe Ausman was our speaker and spoke on memories of farm life when he was a young boy and how everything has changed in 70 years.

OK: Members were reminded of upcoming events. Marci received a thank you card from the Northwest Chapter of Red Cross. This is a response from the quilts we donated to the Red Cross last year. Discussed the recent article in the Chippewa Herald regarding staff cuts to UW Extension.

Unlimited: Celebrated Valentine's with a party. Each member received a Valentine from each other. We welcomed a new member who has transferred from another club.

Cultural Arts

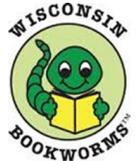
Keep April 1st marked on your calendar as we will have our Spring Conference and Cultural Arts at Faith Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. Coffee and assorted breads will be served at 9:00 a.m. so come early for coffee and bring your cultural arts projects to be viewed and judged.



Dolores Schryver, Cultural Arts Chairman

Cookbooks are still available for purchase. Please contact your club president for any books you may need or stop by the Extension Office.

Wisconsin Bookworms™



Greetings from Wiggly,

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter, and Welcome Spring. March snowfalls will likely appear, but the days are getting longer and the extra sunshine is greatly appreciated.

Another sign of Spring is that I have received the 2016-2017 Bookworm suggested reading list. I am looking forward to reading the books, choosing my favorites, making my suggestions, and hoping that the ones I like will be chosen to make the final cut.

Our second selection for our Spring reading is "If You Give a Pig a Party" by Laura Numeroff and illustrated by Felicia Bond. This is a cute story about the work involved in planning a party for a pig and all the problems that will have to be solved before the party can take place. The illustrations are colorful and add a lot to the humor of the story.

Remember Daylight Savings Time on March 13.

Sincerely,

Wiggly and Jean Cronquest, Wisconsin Bookworms Chair

HCE Scholarship Opportunity

HCE will once again be offering a two (2) \$400.00 scholarships to Chippewa County resident seniors enrolled in their first year of college or technical college. Applications are available on the Chippewa County UW-Extension website at www.chippewa.uwex.edu under the Family Living tab. A letter with an application has been sent to all Chip-

pewa County High Schools to share with all eligible seniors. Applications are due to the UW-Extension office on or before April 1, 2016. If you know a senior that would qualify for this opportunity, encourage them to apply.



International

International Night will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in Room 3 of the Courthouse and listen to a guest speaker regarding her trip to beautiful Italy. More information to come.



Special Interest

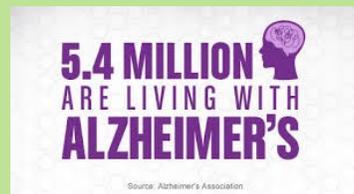
Ten Steps Leading to Alzheimer's Disease

March 17, 2016

1:00 p.m.—Courthouse Room 3

Julene Bowe from the Rutledge Charities will speak on the Ten Steps Leading to Alzheimer's Disease. Come and get a heads up on this awful disease that seems to be hitting more people every day.

Our Special Interest sessions are available to the public as well, please encourage others to attend.



January and February 2016 Special Interest Events



January Tailgate Party
Members wore their team colors, shared a snack and did some fun activities. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed and random drawings.

It was a fun time had by all.



NUTRITION

February Special Interest Event

“Are You Label Able?” Nancy Fastner, Chippewa County WNEP Educator presented an educational session on reading and understanding food labels.



It's a Hoot! Felt Owls from Styrofoam Balls

Inspired from "[Your Best Handmade Creations](#)" on Martha Stewart and [Not Just a Mommy](#), these chubby felt owls are a hoot and easy to make after all the cutting! These felt owls could be made around the colors of your themed party. You could use pastels or gender specific colors for a baby shower. You could also choose specific colors for a birthday or even a holiday!

Things you need:

2 – [4" Styrofoam Balls](#)
 4 – [25mm Googly Eyes](#)
[Felt sheets](#) – colors of your choice
[Glue Gun](#) and [Glue Sticks](#)
[Owl One Template](#)
[Owl Two Template](#)



Things to do for Owl One:

1. Flatten your styrofoam ball by gently pressing against a table's surface. This will be helpful later, to keep the owl from rolling.
2. Print out the [Owl One Template](#). Cut out each piece. Begin by tracing and cutting out your feathers (this is number 3 in the owl one template) from your felt squares. You may want to cut out two different colors of feathers, depending on the owl you may have in mind. Glue the felt feathers onto the styrofoam ball, starting from the bottom and go up. Stagger and glue on the feathers on top of one another until you have almost reached the top of the styrofoam ball. One color should be used for the front of the owl and the other color should be used as the backside of the owl.
3. To make owl one's face cut out shapes 1, 2, and 5 from the *owl one template* in felt of your choice. To make the beak of the owl, cut a feather out of brown felt. Place and glue the small eye piece (#2) onto the larger eye piece (#1). Glue on the googly eyes and brown felt feather nose with a dab of hot glue. Next, glue the cone shape (#5) over the glued felt eye pieces. Be sure that the point of the felt cone is aligned with the middle of the eyes as pictured. Do not round off the corners of the felt cone yet. This will come later.
4. To make the ears of the owl, trace and cut out two triangles (#4) from brown felt. Pinch the two corners of the

brown felt triangles and hot glue together. Here comes the tricky part of putting together your owl... you have to glue the felt ears onto the styrofoam body first. You will have to figure out the placement of the owl's face, then glue on the ears. After you have glued on the ears, hot glue the front of the face onto the styrofoam body. Gently wrap the remaining part of the felt cone shape around the styrofoam ball and round out the corners as needed before gluing.

Things to do for Owl Two:

1. Flatten your styrofoam ball by gently pressing against a table's surface. This will be helpful later, to keep the owl from rolling.
2. Print out [Owl Two Template](#). Cut out each piece. Begin by tracing and cutting out your feathers (this is number 3 in the owl two template) from your felt squares. You may want to cut out two different colors of feathers, depending on the owl you may have in mind. Glue the felt feathers onto the styrofoam ball, starting from the bottom and go up. Stagger and glue on the feathers on top of one another. Since owl two does not have a head covering, cover the entire styrofoam ball with feathers. One color should be used for the front of the owl and the other color should be used as the backside of the owl.
3. To make the eyes for your owl, cut out two of the large circles (#1) and cut two of the smaller circles (#2) from felt of your choice. Glue the smaller circles on top of the larger circles once you like the placement. Then hot glue the two googly eyes onto the smaller circles. Cut a brown feather (#3) for the beak.
4. To make the ears of the owl, trace and cut out two triangles (#4) from brown felt. Pinch the two corners of the brown felt triangles and hot glue together. Place and glue the ears onto the owl. This will be your guide for the rest of the owl's face. Place and glue the beak onto the owl. Finally, glue on the eyes with hot glue.

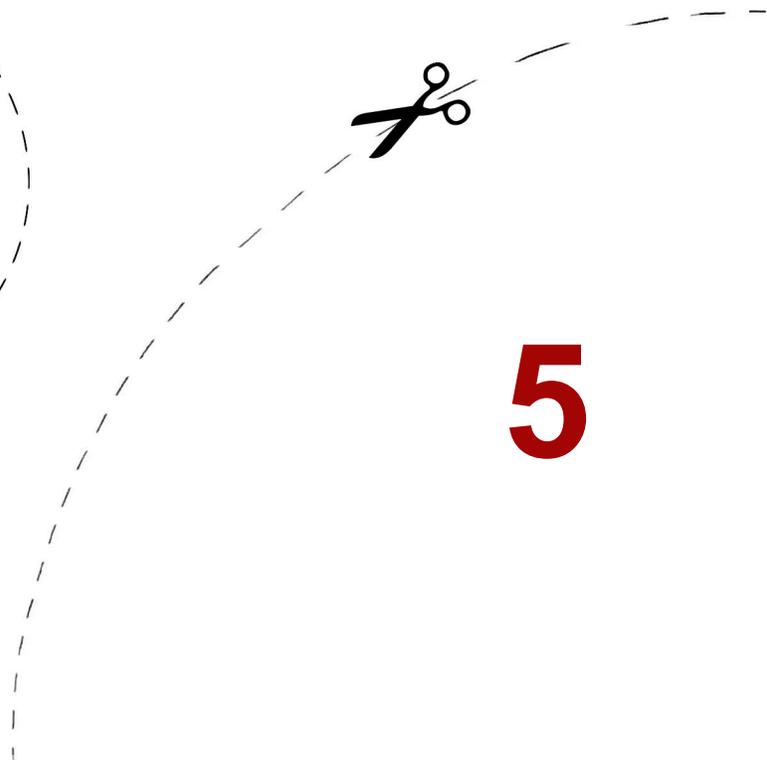
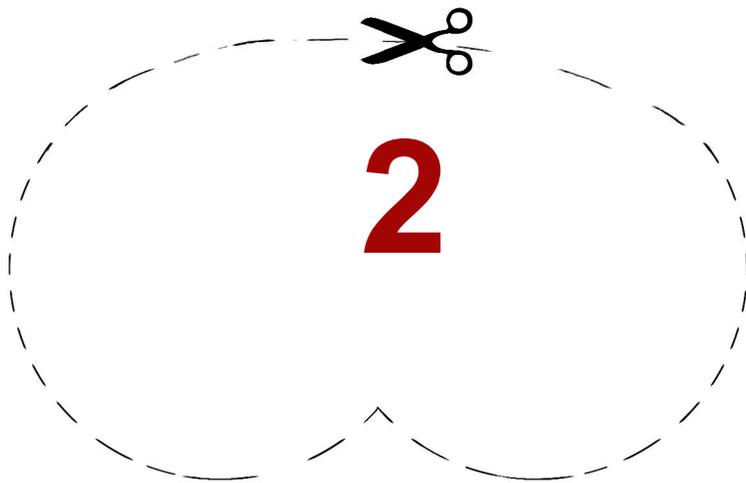
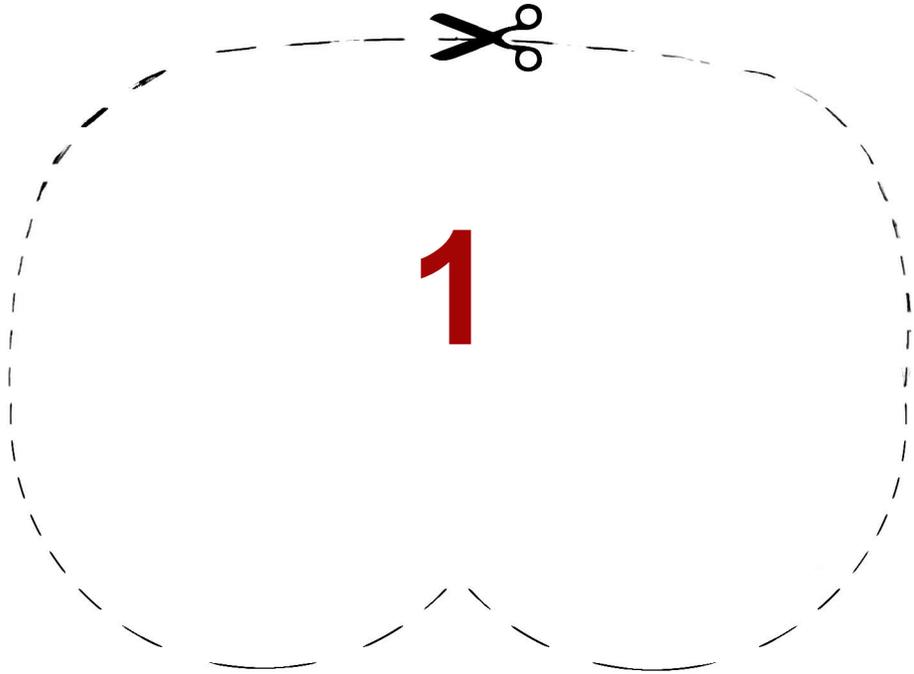
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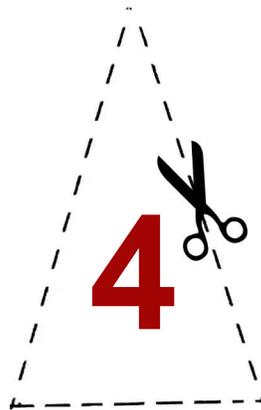
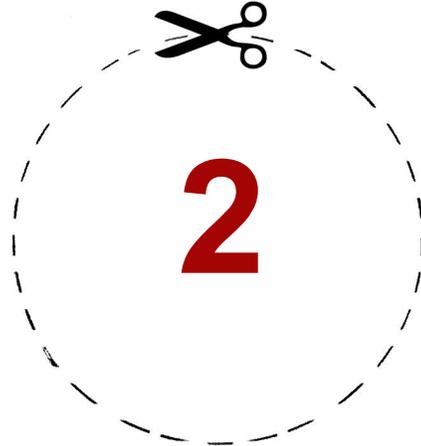
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- . Sharing what we learn**
- . Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities and the world**