



ACCENT

January/ February 2025

Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education

Calendar of Events

Tuesday or Wednesday, January 7 or 8, Wisconsin Bookworm Readers at Waupaca, Clintonville and New London Headstart Centers

No January HCE Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday or Thursday, January 29 or 30, 9 am - 2 pm, Plastic Recycling Sorting, New London Senior Center, Washington Center.

February 1- Deadline for HCE ACCENT articles for March-April, 2025 sent to HCE Secretary Marilyn Herman.

January HCE On-Your-Own Lesson “Keep Your HCE Hands Healthy”

Tuesday or Wednesday, February 11 or 12, Wisconsin Bookworm Readers at Waupaca, Clintonville and New London Headstart Centers

No February HCE Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday or Thursday, February 26 or 27, 9 am - 2 pm, Plastic Recycling Sorting, New London Senior Center, Washington Center.

February HCE On-Your-Own Lesson “No-Bake Valentine Treats” Program Cancellations or Corrections: In the event of inclement weather or hazardous roads, listen to WDUX Radio 8:30 AM and 92.7 FM or WIMQ 92.3 for cancellations and possible rescheduling.

Check the most recent ACCENT newsletter for the latest activity updates, change of date, time or place updates from your Program Booklet

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HCE PRESIDENT

Wishing you the best in the New Year! With winter weather---all those cold temperatures, wind, ice, and snow---what a great time to work on cultural arts projects. I am trying my hand at designing a weaving project. But, since I am back to work as a Music Therapist, my free time is a bit limited.

I want to thank Donna Pruett for serving this past year as our Treasurer. We welcome back Judy Long to the Treasurer position beginning her term in January 2025. We are still seeking to fill 2 board positions: Cultural Arts and Family and Community Outreach. If you are interested in learning more about these 2 positions, please contact Marilyn or myself.

I have passed on my Central District Director position to Cheryl Eilert of Marquette County. Waupaca County is in charge of planning the Central District meeting in April. Plans are well underway. We are seeking help from all of our able members to assist with this fun educational day. Please say "yes" to helping when you are contacted. Save the date: Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Central District will be hosting the WAHCE state conference in 2027. I met with two of the co-chairs in Appleton to share information and gather ideas for the conference. The conference will be at the Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel located on the Fox River. It is a beautiful relaxing setting.

The Waushara County HCE again held their Craft Faire in Wild Rose. I donated a holiday wreath for one of their raffle packages. I also took a few friends to the Craft Faire and we all came home with cookies, breads, and craft items.

Stay Safe---Stay Well!

Lynn Marcks

Waupaca County HCE President

Home and Family Service Project Update



On November 16th Waupaca County HCE members Helen Heise, Marilyn Herman, her daughter and Karen Euhardy along with Portage County HCE member and Pieceful Hands Quilt Guild member Jean Schwartz were joined by youth librarians at Manawa's Sturm Library to host a hands-on "Make your Own Fleece Headband Earwarmer Project."



Directions were on the bulletin board and we all staffed a station to keep up with the crowd. In two hours we had children and interested adults make 23 earwarmers, no two alike. The fleece was donated by past member, Myrtle Kutchenritter and was the final program she had planned for our HCE group for community outreach.





Headband
Ear Warmers

with:
♥ Marilyn
♥ Jean
♥ Vee
♥ Lyn

Step 1
Pick a Fabric

Step 2
Measure Your Head

Step 3
Cut Your fringe

Step 4
Sew Your Seam

Step 5
Tie your Knots

At a Table

WHOO Loves the Library?

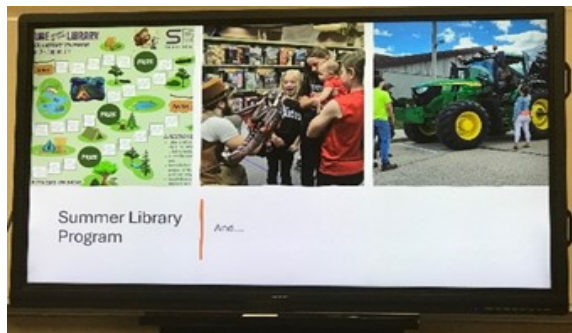
Bradley Shipps, Regional Director of the Waupaca and Outagamie Library System (17 libraries) and network technology support for 30 locations including the Brown County libraries was our guest speaker at this public invited program on November 25th at the Sturm Memorial Library. Our local public libraries have been meeting our learning and community gathering needs for over 100 years. Program highlights included seeing how local libraries make our lives interesting; gave a glimpse of what is on the horizon for local library services and demonstrated how libraries help our communities thrive. Since Covid our local libraries have greatly expanded broadband, internet, technology support and software service for our communities. Your InfoSoup library card opens these resources to all residents. Last year more than 830,000 book titles were requested in our two-county network with 2-3 day delivery to your local library. Little known but well-used library services include a notary service, witnessing signatures, tech support for learning about computers and Job Resources. Recollection Wisconsin helps anyone research magazines, ancestry, newspapers, local history and obituary indexes. The key library focus is literacy.





That includes child and adult reading literacy, financial literacy, information literacy, homeschool, English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education as well as cybersecurity literacy. Summer Library programs work to limit summer slide of reading skills by children and teens, as well as offering community space for tutoring, virtual job interviews, meeting rooms, teen spaces, exhibit space, telehealth, maker spaces and play spaces. Both New London and Fremont will be building new facilities in the next year with special grants and community fundraising support to keep our community libraries thriving.

How can we support our local libraries? Spread the word about what is happening at the library, join the friends of the library, talk to your elected officials about the benefits of your library to you, volunteer for special projects or advisory boards and advocate for the library budget at the local, county and state level.



2024 Donated Plastic Caps turned into Eight Benches

This is our third year of collecting, cleaning and sorting plastic caps to be made into benches. On November 8, 2024, 1550 pounds of caps were transported to Evansville Indiana. Eight benches were made, loaded and brought back to New London.

They were placed in the following locations:

New London Middle School – 2, 8 foot red

Lincoln Elementary – 1, 6 foot blue

Readfield Elementary – 1, 8 foot red

Memorial Park - 6 foot red

Dog Park - 2, 4 foot blue

Legion Clubhouse - 6 foot blue (to go to

Rosholt Camp)



In total there have been 24 benches brought to the community and next year we will concentrate on baseball field dugouts.



This is the final year for New London Senior Center sponsorship of this effort. They are looking for another organization to mentor so that this program can go on in the area. We have many folks dedicated to saving

caps, and still more who like to sort, including several Waupaca County HCE members. The final sorting dates for 2025: All Wednesday and Thursdays: Jan 29-30, Feb 26-27, Mar 26-27, Apr 30-May 1, May 28-29. Sorting is done at the New London Senior Center any time between 9 AM and 2 PM.

If you know of any organization that has some storage space and a willingness to take on this recycling project, Lori Schneider, New London Senior Center Activities Supervisor is more than willing to mentor, train, and help out in any way for the first year of your taking over.

Waupaca Headstart Center Children Say “Thank You”

We received a very special thank you note from the teachers and 3 and 4 year old Headstart classrooms in Waupaca for the 50 sets of winter hats, mittens and scarves delivered by Waupaca County HCE. The two letters were ‘signed’ by the little ones with their signatures, some even able to print the letter of their first name! Look for their special thank you letters in our Historian Book next year.

Results of Program Interest Survey for 2025

Marilyn & I met to go over the 2025 Program Surveys you filled out. We picked out 6 different topics to do programs on. She’ll be working on getting speakers for them.

Craft ideas favored Diamond Dots & Gnomes. Trips were Alpaca Shearing & Visiting a Greenhouse for Easter. Also you preferred having programs in person 10 compared to 3 that preferred information in newsletters. Morning programs got 7 votes to afternoon ones getting 6. Having programs in the morning received 7 votes and 6 votes for afternoon. Programs were preferred on Tuesday & Thursday. Craft projects preferred 6 in Spring to 5 in Fall.

Keep saving plastic caps & covers, aluminum tabs, used greeting & Christmas cards & calendars.

Doris Budwit Program Chair & Historian

Remembering HCE Member and Friend, Beverly Ann Berg



Beverly Berg, age 78 passed away peacefully on November 19th, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family.

Bev was the first child of Edwin & Virginia (Peterson) Splitt. Growing up on the family farm she began her education at Bell Corners School, a one-room schoolhouse for six years until being bussed to the Clintonville Schools. She later graduated from

Clintonville High School in 1964.

Bev was happily married to Lynn Berg for 54 years. Together they raised two daughters. During her life Bev had worked at various places. She will be remembered most as an excellent wife, mother & grandmother.

She was happiest spending time at their family cottage up north, where she made many memories with family & friends. She tended to a large garden, and paid special attention to the raspberries and pumpkins. She knit dish cloths, quilted, babysat, was an avid bird watcher, loved to travel, and enjoyed winter time jigsaw puzzles. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a member of the Modern Maids Homemaker Club for 45 years.

The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been and the memories we've made. Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories, our hearts keep the love, and faith lets us know we will meet again.



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Wednesdays for 6 weeks (must try to attend all sessions)

Wednesdays, January 22 - February 26

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Online via Zoom

Register by calling 920-832-4763 or
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