



Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, March 24 **Waupaca HCE Executive Board Meeting**, 10:30 am – Noon. Manawa Municipal Center (City Hall) 500 S. Bridge Street, Manawa. Lunch on your Own

Monday, March 24 Special Interest Program, 1:00 – 2:00 pm **“SCAM BINGO”** Manawa Municipal Center (City Hall) 500 S. Bridge Street, Manawa

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

April 1 – Deadline for **HCE ACCENT articles for May-June, 2025** sent to HCE Secretary Marilyn Herman.

Tuesday or Wednesday, April 8 or 9, **Wisconsin Bookworm Readers** at Waupaca, Clintonville and New London Headstart Centers

Monday, April 14 **HCE SPRING CRAFT DAY** 10 am - 2 pm Diamond Dot Painting, Blue Jean Wreath, Spring Flower Centerpiece. Manawa Municipal Center (City Hall) 500 S. Bridge Street, Manawa. Details and Pre-Registration included in this issue. Public Welcome.

Thursday, April 24 Central District HCE Meeting 9:30 am – 3 pm. Fox Valley Technical College, Waupaca, hosted by Waupaca County HCE.

No April HCE Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday or Thursday, April 30 and May 1, 9 am - 2 pm, **Plastic Recycling Sorting**, New London Senior Center, Washington Center.

Program Cancellations: 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.

CORRECTIONS to 2025 Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education 2025 Program Book.

Page 9: Special Interest Program is March 24 NOT March 25

Page 15: Special Interest Program is November 24, NOT November 25

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HCE PRESIDENT

Winter is here! Where is Spring? 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.

We welcome back Judy Long to the Treasurer position! I think she missed us! 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.

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.

The WAHCE State Conference will be held at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. The dates are September 15-17, 2025. Available this year is the one day registration fee of \$75 to attend the conference on Tuesday. The two educational programs at the conference will focus on Suicide and on Brain Enrichment.

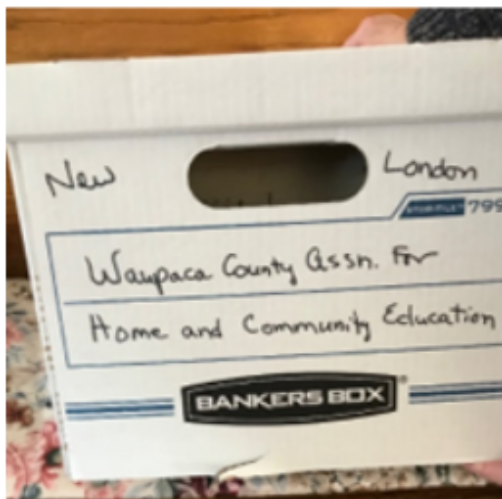
Stay Safe---Stay Well!

Lynn Marcks

Waupaca County HCE President

Waupaca County HCE Archives from 80 Years Sorted and Moved.

The Waupaca County Courthouse is undergoing a 2 year renovation. Many offices, including the Extension Office are being moved around in order to complete these changes. As a result, the 80 years of Waupaca County HCE that were archived in the basement had to be moved. This required a major cleaning of financial and historical records to be sorted and a new home found for them. We greatly appreciate the Extension staff that made arrangements for our work day and brought ALL the materials up from the basement so we could work on them in good light. Thanks to the hard work of members Diana Bonikowske, Doris Budwit, Donna Pruett and Marilyn Herman we took a day and went through 20 boxes of archived materials and records and reduced it to 9 boxes. Arrangements had been made with the Waupaca, Clintonville and New London Historical Societies to take our materials for permanent storage with their materials. Waupaca took 4 boxes, Clintonville took 4 boxes and New London took 1 box. Our thanks to Marilyn Herman (Waupaca), Doris Budwit (New London) and Mary Kautz and Karen Euhardy (Clintonville) for delivering our HCE archives to the respective communities. Whew! A big job made fun with lots of hands and plenty of reminiscing.



One of nine archival boxes with Waupaca HCE scrapbooks, programs, and newsletters sent to local Historical Societies.



Doris Budwit delivered Waupaca HCE historical records with information important to New London's Historical Society to Charmaine Gerndt

Home and Family Service Project Updates

2025 Plastic Cap Project with New London Will Be Completed in May Donated Plastic Caps turned into Eight Benches

This is our fourth and final 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. In total there have been 24 benches brought to the community and this year New London will concentrate on baseball field dugouts. The May cleaning day is the last day to clean caps at the Washington Center in New London.



Hopefully another community in Waupaca County will be willing to take on this community beautification project. Or perhaps another neighboring county will take on this program and we can still collect plastic caps and covers for them. Please speak to your community leaders about taking on this project. New London will happily mentor another group willing to take on this worthwhile effort.

Bloom Where You Are Planted- Central District Lunchtime Feature

In the many seasons of our lives we enjoy the colors, scents and meaning of the flowers and gardens we enjoyed. We will explore the special moments that gave us our roots and helped us branch out through our lifetimes. This lighthearted program will help us all appreciate the unique differences we, like flowers, bring to our home, family and community. LET YOURSELF BLOOM! With guest speaker, Marilyn Herman.



SCAM Bingo will be theme of March 24th Special Interest Program

Join a round of SCAM Bingo on Monday, March 24th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm at Manawa City Hall. We will learn about the latest scams and fraud schemes circulating that try to take your money, time and peace of mind. This is a serious subject but we will have some fun and a few prizes to help us learn how to protect yourself and others from getting ripped off. This HCE program is open to the public so fill your car with friends and family. You may also pick up game cards and information to replay this game at home or in the community. Pre-registration is not required for this session.



Central District Meeting- All Hands On Deck

Waupaca County HCE has invited members from our eight neighboring counties to the Central District Spring meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Fox Valley Technical College in Waupaca. The theme for our educational day is "**HCE: Ain't We Got Fun!**" The time frame is 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This fun educational day will include the yearly general meeting, break-out sectionals, a special learning time with our own Marilyn Herman, a little exercise time, and a live auction. Breakfast snacks will be available plus coffee and juice. A hot lunch buffet is also included.

Attendees are encouraged to donate one item for the live auction. This may be something homemade such as a craft item, baked breads, decorative wreath, embroidered towels/pillow cases, live plant, books for children/adults, or a collection of favorite recipes.

Waupaca County HCE members, please register by March 24th with Judy Long, HCE Treasurer by calling (920) 867- 2888. Meeting Location: Fox Valley Technical College-- Waupaca Regional Center, 1979 Godfrey Drive, Waupaca, WI 54981. **We ask ALL Waupaca County HCE Members to bring a batch or two of morning breakfast breads or muffins for the morning break.** HCE will provide hot beverages, fruit, juice and jam to go along with your baked goods.

Driving Direction to Spring District Meeting

From the East: Take Hwy 10 North to County A/Hwy 22 North exit. (First Waupaca Exit) Follow Hwy 22N to Godfrey Drive, Turn Left to parking lot.

From the West: Take Hwy 10 South to County A/Hwy 22N/Hwy 54E exit. (Last Waupaca Exit after Hwy 54, Hwy 22 S, Churchill Ave.) Follow Hwy 22N to Godfrey Drive. Turn Left into parking lot.

From the North: Take Hwy 22S/54W to round-about after the train viaduct as you approach Waupaca. Follow left around round-about on Hwy 22S/County A/Hwy 54W (do not stay on Royalton Ave.). Turn right on Godfrey Drive into parking lot.

From the South: Take Hwy 22 N to Hwy 10E. Exit after two exits to County A/Hwy 22N/Hwy 54E). Follow Hwy 22 to Godfrey Drive. Turn Left into parking lot.

From the Southeast: Take Hwy 49N to Hwy 10W. Go past Weyauwega to first Waupaca exit, Hwy 22N/County A/Hwy 54E. Stay on Hwy 22N to Godfrey Drive. Turn Left into parking lot.



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

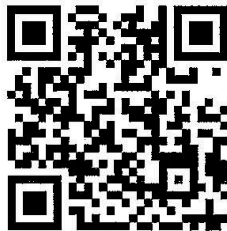


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Tuesdays
March 11th-April 15th
6 weeks of sessions
1pm-2:30pm
Free
Virtual on Zoom
Workbook included

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