



Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education



April marks the beginning of brighter days, fresh starts, and the small joys that come with the changing season.



Calendar of Events

Wednesday or Thursday, April 30 and May 1, 28 and 29 9 am - 2 pm, **Plastic Recycling Sorting**, New London Senior Center, Washington Center. May 29 is **FINAL DAY** for Plastic Recycling Program in New London

Thursday, April 24 **Central District HCE Meeting** 9:00 am – 3 pm. Fox Valley Technical College, Waupaca, hosted by Waupaca County HCE.

No April HCE Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 9:30-2:30 pm **Waupaca County HCE Spring Business Meeting, Cultural Arts Show and Awards Program**. Fox Valley Technical College, Waupaca. Registration enclosed with this issue of ACCENT.

August 1 – Deadline for **HCE ACCENT** articles for **September - October, 2025** sent to HCE Secretary Marilyn Herman.

Program Cancellations: In the event of inclement weather or hazardous roads, listen to WDXR 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

Hello HCE Friends and Happy Spring and Summer! It's garden time--grilling out time--picnicing time---and meeting with friends and family time!

I am ready for the warmer weather. And, I am sure you are ready as well! Enough of the cold and wet snow and that awful ice. I retrieved my gardening log from the book shelf and started to review what, where, and how I planted flowers and vegetables last season. Recently, I purchased an assortment of wild flower seeds along with herb and lettuce seeds to plant. Now, I am just waiting for the official planting time to begin!

The Accent for the May/June edition contains all sorts of information for you to read about. Look for articles/clips about our Spring Meeting & Cultural Arts Faire; Central District Meeting in Waupaca that we are hosting; the WAHCE Conference in Green Bay; special creative designing day; and much more. HCE members keep active and continue to grow!

Stay safe--stay well!

Lynn Marcks

Waupaca County HCE President

Waupaca County Wisconsin Bookworms Report

The Wisconsin Bookworms (WB) early reading program finished in April at all of our three Head Start reading sites. It was a great year to share books with the young learners. The WB books landed in each child's hands to read and take home to their family.

An additional reading book on finance was distributed to children and their families as part of the Great Read Grant sponsored by the state. Our Alicia Utke Becher, Waupaca's Human Development and Relationships Educator, wrote the grant. Thank you Alicia!

As of this writing, the WB reading books for the 2025-2026 school year have not been selected. Diana and Lynn will share these with you at our May Spring Meeting. Also, Diana will have children's books for sale---all reasonably priced!

The Waupaca County HCE Board voted to order the sets of 7 books for the 2, 3 and 4 year old Head Start classes. The cost for the books is not known to date. The Waupaca County HCE has supportive funding to purchase the books. We received a \$1,000 check from the Anthony Family Foundation to support our early reading program.

A **BIG** thank you and **APPLAUSE** to our WB reading team: Diana Bonikowske, Marilyn Herman, and Vicki Much were faithful in reading monthly to Head Start children.

Lynn Marcks and Diana Bonikowske
Wisconsin Bookworms Co-Chairs

SPRING HCE BUSINESS MEETING, CULTURAL ARTS SHOW AND AWARDS CEREMONY

We will be closing out our very busy HCE year with our Spring Meeting, Cultural Arts Show and Awards Ceremony. We ask everyone to pre-register, including our Honorary Members. The date is Thursday, May 15 from 9:15am – 2 pm at the Fox Valley Technical College in Waupaca, 1979 Godfrey Drive, Waupaca. The cost is \$15.00 per person for club or individual members. No cost to honorary members. The theme is “HCE...How Sweet It Is” and our speaker is a local beekeeper on the Life and Labors of a Honey Bee.

Morning beverages will be served. Lunch is hot beef sandwich, fruit and vegetable sides, Potato salad, ice cream sundaes. Gluten free buns will be available as a choice. We ask that you bring your Cultural Arts Entries, any donations of school, kitchen, sewing or beauty school small items for our Shoebox collections at State Conference. If you have any Christmas holiday décor or ornaments for the Silent Auction Basket at State please bring them along as well.



Directions to Fox Valley Technical College in Waupaca are as follows:



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.

HCE LESSON “SCAM BINGO” STRESSED WAYS TO PROTECT OURSELVES



These days, newspaper reports from the local Sherriff Department include scam investigations going on in our own neighborhoods. TV news, radio and magazine articles share current fraud alerts. Our personal information is being hijacked through email, card readers, phone calls and companies you do business with. Two federal departments that previously intercepted scams from other countries have now been dismantled. At the same time, social media companies have amended their privacy and protection policies and no longer screen or take action to take down fraudulent sites, leaving users to fend for themselves. Since it is our money and our personal information being stolen it now becomes our responsibility to deal with the loss of money or privacy. We thank McKenzy Wagner of the Appleton Police Department for sharing the SCAM BINGO game we played at the March HCE Program. Everyone received a black ink gel pen to mark their bingo cards and were encouraged to use them when writing checks as gel ink is harder to scrub your information off a check and reroute it through your bank to steal your money.

Since seniors are more likely to “follow the rules” as well as be come, here are some new ways to protect yourself:

- Never say “yes” or “no” to a phone caller when you answer. Your voice can be used to sign up for unwanted goods or services. Answer the questions “Is this....?” Or “Can You Hear Me...” with “How may I help you?”
- If you receive an unsolicited email bill do not look at it or respond to the attached phone number. Just delete the email.
- If you get a phone call or email and you are pressured to act quickly to win a prize or prevent jail or send money through cryptocurrency, hang up.
- If you get an unwanted email and are asked to UNSUBSCRIBE, just delete the email. Any action you take in response lets them know you are alive, connected and can be conned.
- Do not carry your Medicare Card, Social Security Card or extra credit cards with you in your purse or wallet. These are a gold mine to scammers trying to use your identity to take out credit or launder money. Carrying a debit card with direct access to your checking account can be drained in just a minute. Protect your debit card like you would your cash.

2025 ALPACA SHEARING, KRAFT SHOW AND MORE



When we completed the Program Interest Survey of members last fall, several members said they would be interested in going to the Llama Shearing Event in Bear Creek. This will take place on Saturday, May 24th at the Dennis and Josie Kruzickis Kemo Kritters Farm, W9813 Cherry Road, Bear Creek Wisconsin starting at 9:30 and going until 4 pm. Details are below and hopefully if you or your family are interested in attending you can do so.

Great FREE family fun for everyone at the farm to watch the shearing of 80 alpacas from their winter fleece to their summer cuts and health checks! Browse and shop the nearly 20 local craft vendors (9:30am – 1pm) and shop in the Kritter Kloset for your year-round alpaca wear.

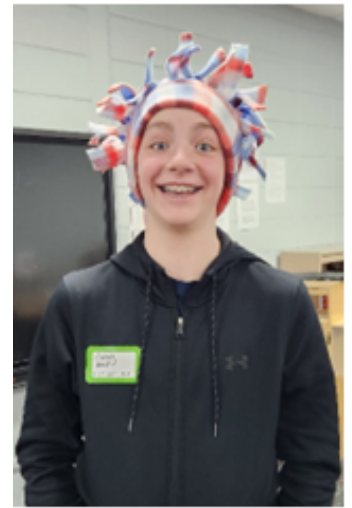
Enjoy a burger or brat, watch amazing demonstrations of a local blacksmith and the spinning of raw fleece into yarn by the Spinners Guild.

Take a ride on the horse / mule drawn wagon rides! (9:30am until mid-afternoon)

4H SUPER SATURDAY OFFERED THREE WORKSHOPS WITH HCE

More than 30 workshops were offered to 4H members and leaders in Waupaca County on March 29th. HCE was invited to offer three workshops, two sessions for making fleece headbands and one making a mending owl pincushion. With the help of Helen Heise, Marilyn Herman and her daughter, 4H'ers cut, sewed and knotted 20 fleece headbands and made 10 Owl Pincushions. The fleece to make the earwarmers was donated on behalf of Myrtle Kutchenriter, past HCE members and avid crafter.





2025 WAHCE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, CONFERENCE INVITATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Let's get *"Going Wild with HCE!!"* at the 2025 Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education Annual Business Meeting and Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Hotel Details:

The Tundra Lodge Resort, Waterpark and Conference Center is located at 865 Lombardi Ave. Green Bay WI 54304. We can start making reservations by calling the hotel directly at 1-877-886-3725. Mention the "WAHCE Conference" to get the conference room rate. The Conference Center provides rooms that are all suites. In addition, each room receives 4 waterpark passes. All rooms are suites and are at the rate of \$99.95 per night. Rooms choices are Kind Quite, Double Queen Suite, Queen Cabin Suite (bunks in separate room without door) or Queen Family Suite. Ask the hotel when booking if you have questions. There are a number of ADA rooms available.

There will be a bit of walking due to the layout of the hotel. Most conference events and session rooms are on the lower level. There are elevators. The dining room is on the main level.

Any questions, please contact the Conference chairs, Terra Malama (920) 255-0308 or Louise Dahlke, (920) 362-4756.

CULTURAL ARTS ENTRIES FOR STATE CONTEST 2025

The WAHCE Cultural Arts Contest for 2025 includes many changes in entry options. Please read the following descriptions and requirements before deciding where your entries best fit. Besides the changes in categories there are many new directions on what information, pictures or descriptions need to be attached or included. If you have any questions about your entry please call Marilyn Herman, Waupaca County HCE Secretary or bring your questions to the county cultural arts contest and we will do our best to get you entered in the correct category. We always enjoy the wide variety of items on display and everyone's handiwork!

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Cultural Arts & Textiles Contest & Show – 2025 Entry Requirements (* explanations)

1. Painting/Drawing:

Artwork Must be framed or canvas wrapped.

Please spray charcoal or pencil drawings with fixative to avoid rubbing off onto another artwork.

2. Photography:

Size Requirement: Must be an 8" x 10" print. (Unmatted and Unframed and placed in an 8 ½" x 11" sheet protector.)

3. Craft: Cards:

Up to 6 cards without envelopes must be mounted as a group on a flat, sturdy display board. *Size Requirement: (Diamond Art) No larger than 24" x 24".

4. Poem:

The writer must have Two Copies typed (12 pt font) which must accompany the registration form. Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.

The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

5. Prose: (6A Non-Fiction):

This Must be an original **Non-Fiction** piece of writing written or published in the current year. (Apr. 2024 to Aug. 2025)

Written piece must be 3000 words or less.

The writer must have Two Copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form. Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.

The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

(6B Fiction): This must be an original **Fiction** Short Story which has a beginning, middle, and end. Piece will need to be written or published in the current year. (Aug 2023 to Aug 2024)

Written piece must be 3000 words or less.

The writer must have two copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form.

Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.

The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

(6C Other): An original piece of writing written and/or published in the current year (Apr. 24 to Aug. 2025)

Written piece must be 3000 words or less.

The writer must have two copies typed (12 pt font) which must accompany the registration form.

Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page. The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

6. Original Published Book:

Copy of Book must Accompany the Entry

Book must have been published in the current year. (Apr. 2024 to Aug. 2025)

7. Bed Quilt:

Size Requirement: Must be Larger than 60” x 80” (4800 Square Inches) Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair.

A 4x6 picture is required for this category. (The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of quilt with a safety pin)

8.Small Quilt:

Size Requirement: Smaller than 60” x 80” (4800 Square Inches) Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair.

A 4x6 Picture is required for this category. (The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of the quilt with a safety pin)

9. Quilted Wall Hanging:

Size Requirement: No larger than 50” square. One Item only allowed. Must be submitted WITHOUT frames

"GROWING CAREGIVING SKILLS"



Resource Fair For Seniors & Caregivers

Hosted by the Waupaca Caregiver Alliance

May 16th, 2025 10am-2pm

Waupaca Senior Center-407 School St. Waupaca

Register by May 5th, 2025: (920) 289-1303

Speakers - Booths - Lunch - Prizes

Free to the community

Sponsor opportunities available!

To sponsor: (920) 289-1303 or email: Carrie@foxvalleymemoryproject.org

Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers



A Free 6 Week Workshop

for Caregivers of Adults with Chronic Illness

- Learn strategies to reduce stress
- Build confidence in your decisions
- Manage time, set goals, and solve problems
- Better communicate your feelings
- Make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources

Date: Wednesdays June 4th-July 9th

Time: 3:00-4:30 PM

Place: Mosquito Hill Nature Center

N3880 Rogers Rd, New London, WI

Registration is required.

Please call or email to enroll

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