



Homemaker Herald

Winter/Spring 2023



Calendar of Events

February

- 2 Groundhog's Day
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 President's Day
- 21 Mardi Gras
- 22 Ash Wednesday



March

- 12 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins



April

- 1 April Fools Day
- 2 Palm Sunday
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 22 Earth Day



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Happy New Year and welcome to a new year of HCE!

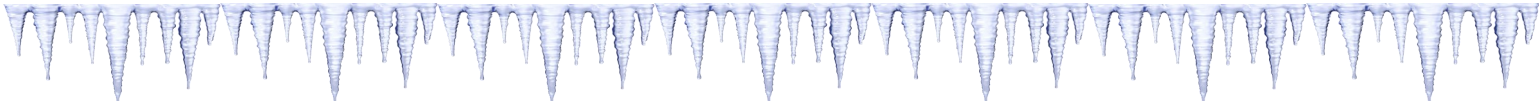
I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and that you are getting through the winter alright. I know it can be tough with the uncertainties of winter weather and illnesses. Take care of yourself by eating well, enjoying movement, and maybe picking up a good book or a talk with a friend.

Extension programming in this first quarter of 2023 includes a series of Parent Cafes in partnership with the Brewer Public Library, working with Hispanic/Latinx students on college-readiness, and getting ready for Get Real! If you are able to volunteer at Get Real on April 26, we'd love to have you. More information is in this issue of the Herald, along with getting caught up on meeting minutes and upcoming opportunities.

If you would consider serving as an officer in the Richland County HCE Exec Board, we are in need of a president for this year. It is a fun way to get together with others and make sure that HCE continues to provide excellent service to our community.

Take care and hope to see you soon!

-Chelsea



HCE Executive Board Meeting April 5, 2022

Present included: President Yvonne Chapman, Treasurer Cecile Haugh, Kathy Fanta, F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke, Brianna Schmitt, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at the UW-Platteville Richland East Building with the meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Yvonne Chapman.

The March minutes were dispensed with as each had a copy to review. Some highlights were reviewed by the group and minutes accepted as presented. The treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Cecile Haugh, approved as given, 2nd, and filed.

The 2022 memberships were discussed and contact to be made with the Extension office to verify membership.

The Southwest District Spring meeting will be Thursday, April 28 at the Blackhawk United Methodist Church on Highway C in Sauk County. Painting on soap will be the craft of the morning and a talk on Air Plants. Lunch will follow and the District meeting will be held in the afternoon. Southwest District will be responsible for hosting the 2023 State Conference in Wisconsin Dells September 18-20, 2023. We need ideas and discussion on this. 3 or 4 officers of Richland H.C.E. will attend this program.

We are doing the shoe box project for Nicaragua. This includes various sewing supplies put into shoe boxes and these going to Nicaragua. The scholarship committee of Kathy Fanta and Cecile Haugh will select the winner from the applications. H.C.E. is giving a \$500.00 scholarship this year.

The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland and Riverdale School districts. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter. We are doing this virtual in 2021 and 2022. Hopefully we can go back into the schools and read next year. Books were obtained this year and at the April meeting, the officers of H.C.E. put together 12 packets of books for this program being a total of 48 books. These were taken to Doudna School to use with the K/4 students providing books for the classrooms. Labels in the books honor former members and others contributing to this program.

We will be doing the "Stitches of Love" booklet to enter a state contest and need all the things you make, donate, or promote, and the amounts you do by July. President Yvonne Chapman will put the figures and booklet together. Our main thrust will be hats, scarves, and mittens with this being sewing or crocheting activities. These will be distributed to Passages, schools, hospitals, etc.

The State WAHCE Conference is September 19-21st in Onalaska. Several board members will attend. President Yvonne Chapman needs materials to put together an entry for the "Stitches of Love" program booklet we are entering. We will also have a table display of our county activities. We do a lot of worthwhile activities and need to share this with other groups. We will be taking "quiltlets" being made in Richland County, to the state and given for the Nicaragua project that is being done statewide. Our theme on our table will feature our wonderful apron show.


We are to get our number of volunteer hours to Yvonne by June

2022. The F.L.A., Chelsea Wunnicke, announced she is continuing programs in the county, has Brianna Schmitt of Richland County shadowing her as Brianna is studying to become an Extension Agent. Chelsea is busy with "Get Real" and many other projects. She is our advisor and very busy. Thanks for all.

Some news of club events were discussed and yarn will be available to those for crocheting and knitting projects for the community, Richland Hospital, and Passages. Wonderful community involvement.

Motion to adjourn was made by Yvonne Chapman and President, Yvonne Chapman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M. and the board proceeded in putting together the book packets.

Sincerely submitted by
Secretary Eileen Eberle



HCE Executive Board Meeting May 10, 2022

Present included: President Yvonne Chapman, F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke, Cultural Arts Chairman Diane Dalberg, and Secretary Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday May 10, 2022 by ZOOM meeting with the meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Yvonne Chapman. (Zoom meeting set up by F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke)

The April minutes were sent to each for review and discussed by the group followed by a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The treasurer's report was presented by Chelsea Wunnicke, due to the absence of the treasurer, approved as given, and filed. Pennies for Friendship was sent to the state.

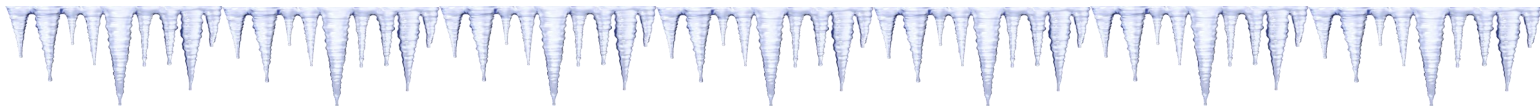
The Richland HCE Summer Fling will not be held this summer due to the Covid 19 and illnesses of members. The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland and Riverdale School districts. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma. We got a letter of appreciation from the Richland Schools thanking us for the books given the 4/K classrooms this past year and the appreciation of the students.

Respective clubs are assisting in the area. Blankets for babies, wreaths at Greenway terrace, mittens, serving at funerals, new born baby caps, other fund raisers, etc. We need to get information to the President Yvonne on what we are doing.

Kathy Fanta and Cecile Haugh attended the Southwest District meeting in Sauk County and will give a report on the information from that meeting at the June meeting of the H.C.E. executive board. Iowa County will host the Southwest District H.C.E. meeting in the fall on October 27th at Barneveld at the Lutheran Church.

President Yvonne purchased fleece to make mittens for students in area schools. Cecile is providing mittens, also. Eileen and Diane are going to make some as well. The Project of Shoe Boxes containing sewing supplies continuing and Yvonne will take these to the collection center near Steven's Point.


Several members are going to the state conference September 18-20. Reservations to be made for a room for Richland County. We



will set up a display table to show the things we do in Richland County. The Cultural Arts Show was cancelled for this summer and we will send the winners projects from last year as we couldn't attend last year and these projects didn't get to state due to Covid19. Get your hours of volunteer work for H.C.E. to Yvonne by June 7th so she can add the time into our records for the state.

Our next meeting will be June 7, 2022 by a Zoom meeting due to the highway being resurfaced in front of the Extension Office and no through traffic at that time. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. by President Yvonne Chapman and the meeting was closed.

Sincerely submitted by
Secretary Eileen Eberle



HCE Executive Board Meeting June 6, 2022

Present included: Cecile Haugh, Treasurer; Kathy Fanta, President of the Yuba Club; Eileen Eberle, Secretary; Chelsea Wunnicke, Richland County F.L.A.; Yvonne Chapman, Richland County H.C.E. President.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday June 6, 2022 by Zoom and phone at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting called to order by President Yvonne Chapman. Roll call taken. The May minutes were sent to each board member to review by Secretary Eileen Eberle. Being as no changes, a motion made to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd, and carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Cecile Haugh. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit.

The Richland County Cultural Arts Show is not going to be held this year. We are sending on the projects from last year as they were not at state last year due to Covid problem.

A basket for the raffle for the State Conference Fund Raiser is being organized of Richland County items for the silent auction. Homemade items from Richland County would be good. Contact Cecile on items. She and Yvonne are putting this together.

Members going to State Conference September 19-21 need to sign up for the programs. This conference is in Onalaska. A room has been reserved for Richland County. It was decided to put up a Richland County display at this years State H.C.E. Conference in Onalaska. Some of the members will be attending this conference. We will have a sampling of project work in our county and instruction sheets for hand-outs. Our President is also doing the "Stitches of Love" program, because of our county has many great projects going and need to let others know of these projects.

The Summer Fling for the summer was canceled due to the Covid epidemic.

Members kept track of their volunteer hours and got these to Yvonne and these were recorded for the state. The Southwest District meeting is Thursday October 27th in Barneveld at the Lutheran Church. The President is meeting with the editors of area papers to get some publicity out of our activities.

The July meeting of the executive board will be July 5th at 10:00 a.m. at East Building, UW-Platteville Richland.

The Scholarship Committee of Kathy Fanta and Cecile Haugh reported that Elizabeth Case is to receive the \$500.00 Scholarship for

2022. She will be presented with this award with some officers and an article gotten to the area papers.


Richland Homemakers have been very busy with projects in the area. Some of them include: 58 baby hats for the Richland Hospital, 40 pair of mittens made for Hillsboro Schools, 10 blankets for the Richland County Sheriff's Department, 20 blankets for children in Nicaragua, 10 hats and scarves for Passages, 6 hats for Doudna School K/4, 95 masks to prevent Covid to a doctor in Richland Center, more masks, mittens, hats, blankets, and scarves being made all the time and given to various organizations.

A letter was read from the Richland School District thanking us for the books in the 6 classes of K/4 students that were provided for the classrooms during the past year by the Grandparent's Reading Program funded by Richland H.C.E. and Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Cost to H.C.E. was \$126.00 for 2021-22 school year.

Our F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke is busy with her projects of "Planning Parent Café", "Food, Family Fitness" for youth, and with Spanish speaking programs working with 4-H agent Karleen Craddock and the group to tour Southwest Tech College.

Motion to adjourn was made by Yvonne after asking if there was any more business, and there being none, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Sincerely submitted by
Secretary Eileen Eberle



HCE Executive Board Meeting August 2, 2022

Present included: Yvonne Chapman, President; Chelsea Wunnicke, F.L.A.; Cecile Haugh, Treasurer; Ava Barth, and Eileen Eberle, Secretary.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at East Hall, UW-Platteville Richland at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting called to order by President, Yvonne Chapman.

The U.S. Flag Pledge and Homemaker's Creed were recited. Roll call taken. Pennies for Friendship were collected. The June minutes were distributed by Secretary Eileen Eberle. Motion to approve as presented was made by Yvonne Chapman, 2nd, and carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, approved as given by Yvonne Chapman, and filed.

The board attended the Richland County financial meetings in July instead of a meeting of the executive board as this concerned much of Richland County future activities. The next meeting concerning these proposals is August 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the court house.

The Cultural Arts items were discussed and 11 items will be going to the state H.C.E. Conference. Yvonne, Kathy, and Diane will take these items to Onalaska to the State H.C.E. Conference in September. Diane has registered these items.

Five members of Richland H.C. E. will attend the State Conference for H.C.E. in Onalaska on September 19-21. Richland County is putting up a display of our activities and stress our programs and Chelsea got the permission for this. Cecile is in charge of this display. We will donate items for the state raffle for Cultural Arts of a glass plate and an item for bidding on for state scholarships of



a basket of "Homemade items from Richland County H.C.E.". There will not be a meeting in September due to the state conference and put together the tripod for the table at state. Yvonne will attend the President's workshop as well as 2 of the "Pool Packet Programs" from state.

The Fall Southwest District meeting has been set for October 27th at the Lutheran Church in Barneveld.

The Reading Grandparent's Program (Guest Readers) is continuing at the Richland and Riverdale School districts. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma. Scheduling of readers will start the later part of September. Come join us.

Using the funds from the award of our last year's prize from winning "Stitches of Love" at state we made and donated the following articles to various organizations. Hats and scarves for Passages, blankets for youth for the Sheriff's Department, 125 pair of gloves for area schools, 100 newborn baby hats for area hospitals, hats for Doudna School, and other activities. Money well spent.

An amount of yarn was donated to Richland H.C.E. and the County Liners are using this in a project with assisted living residents and other activities. They will make newborn hats for babies and scarves. These will go to the hospitals and Passages. Thanks for this material.

The Yuba Homemakers are making blankets for Nicaragua from cotton fabric and will take approximately 15 of these to the state conference to be taken to Nicaragua. W also filled shoe boxes with sewing equipment and sent these to Nicaragua. Our activities are far reaching and doing good in many areas.

Also some boxes of fabric were given to area H.C.E. members and projects are being developed to use this in the area for service projects.

An article of activities of Richland County H.C.E. members was written by Yvonne and featured in the state "Update" magazine. Yvonne also put together a booklet on our activities and entered it in this year's contest of "Stitches of Love" to the state.

Our F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke is busy with lessons on end of life preparation that she is teaching at the libraries and will be doing 7 or 8 sessions in October in Lone Rock. This will include estate planning, Hospice care, financing, etc.

A saying from a former president as a quote from John F. Kennedy is " One person can make a difference and everyone should try ". A great motto to live in our lives. Richland H.C.E. is doing much to keep our area supplied with many useful items. Saying supplied by Yvonne.

Following the saying of the H.C.E. creed a motion was made by Cecile Haugh at 10:45 a.m. to adjourn the meeting , 2nd, and carried. President Yvonne Chapman adjourned the August meeting.

Sincerely submitted by
Secretary Eileen Eberle

HCE Executive Board Meeting October 4, 2022

Present included: President Yvonne Chapman, Cecile Haugh, Kathy Fanta, FLA Chelsea Wunnicke, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the UW-Platteville Richland East Hall with the meeting called to order by President, Yvonne Chapman. Homemaker's Creed and Pledge to Flag recited.

Roll call was taken. The August minutes were discussed by leadership of Yvonne. There were no changes, it was accepted as presented, 2nd, and carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, approved as given, and filed. Debbie Winzenried will be the new treasurer of our organization as Cecile Haugh has resigned. Thanks tons for your great years of service to the county H.C.E.

Richland HCE members are making quiltlets for Haiti and Nicaragua. The executive board is collecting supplies to put together cloth bags of supplies for Passages. Cecile is collecting all of these materials and organizing these. Supplies can be left at the extension office before November 1st. There will be 40 bags put together at the November meeting of the board. Board members signed up for which supplies they could bring.

A scrap book of the history of Richland County H.C.E. that was done by Doris Young was given to the board and it will be placed in a Historical place in Richland County.

Kathy Fanta gave a report on the state conference. There was a T-shirt design contest and there were 67 entries, and Kathy's design won first place in the contest. Congratulations and pictures will be taken at the November meeting. Richland County did great at the state Cultural Arts Show. Cecile Haugh got a blue on her ceramic horse drawing. Eileen Eberle got a blue on her apron and a blue on her story. Diane Dahlberg got a medallion on a photo, many blues on her sewing and quilting, and other projects. We could send 13 items in various categories and we did super. Congratulations to all.

October 27th is the Southwest District meeting at the Barneveld Lutheran Church.

Yvonne introduced us to the "Operation Christmas Child" Program where shoe boxes are filled for children's holiday gifts throughout the world. We are going to do this. It takes a \$10.00 donation to mail these and this is being done also in some local churches. It was started by Evangelist Billy Graham.

President Yvonne Chapman presented each board member with a crocheted towel and holder for a holiday gift that she had made. They are lovely and such a useful gift. Thanks tons.

F.L.A. Chelsea Wunnicke is busy with planning and organizing programs on Planning Ahead in area towns. These will be October 26th to November 18th in Lone Rock.

The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland School district. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma. Scheduling of readers will start in October. Ten packets have been put together for the readers and the classrooms. More books will be ordered from Scholastic.

Jennie Silver is assisting us at the office and we much appreciate all





she and our F.L.A. are doing to help us get things accomplished. We like the way the Herald is being published. Thank you much.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chelsea at 11:35 a.m., it was 2nd, and the meeting was adjourned. The Homemaker's prayer was recited.

Sincerely submitted by
Secretary Eileen Eberle



**HCE Executive Board Meeting
October 31, 2022**

Present included: President Yvonne Chapman, Cecile Haugh, Kathy Fanta, and Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County HCE Executive Board met Monday October 31, 2022, for the November meeting at East Hall, UW-Platteville Richland at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting called to order by President, Yvonne Chapman.

The U.S. Flag Pledge and Homemaker's Creed were recited. Roll call taken. Pennies for Friendship were collected. The October minutes were distributed to all by Eileen Eberle, Secretary with a motion to accept as presented by Yvonne Chapman, 2nd, and carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Cecile Haugh, approved by Kathy Fanta, 2nd, and carried. Cecile paid the members who attended state conference the amounts allowed by the rules of our county. We paid the drivers to District and State.

We put together over 40 cloth comfort gift bags for Passages at this meeting. Diane Dalberg's club, the Five Points H.C.E. Club, made some bags, and the other members of Richland County H.C.E. collected items for these bags. Such items for emergency overnight bags could include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, wash cloths, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, packages of tissue, panty liners, etc. Thanks so much to all of you who helped with these items and helping make these gift bags to help others. Some members are making hats, gloves, and scarves for Passages. Yvonne donated some yarn to help with this project.

The Yuba HCE are making mittens for youth of our area. The fleece fabric was donated by club members. The County Liners HCE is making blankets for babies at the Richland Hospital and new born hats.

The Reading Grandparent's Program is continuing at the Richland School district. Any members who want to be readers, please call Eileen at 583-5544. This is along with Delta Kappa Gamma.

Each person who went to state conference wrote an article for the Herald. This entitles them to be paid for the banquet dinner at state conference. Kathy Fanta is the photographer for the Executive Board activities in Richland County.

We are helping with the global wide program and area organizations with a shoe box program, where we fill shoe boxes for youth of other nations. The county filled some and so is the Yuba Club doing some of these. Other organizations are helping do this.

We made a donation to Badger Camp for 2022. The cost of this is \$50.00.

Eileen gave each member a "scrubbie" and some English Toffee and the recipe. Kathy gave each a Chicken Casserole recipe she got at District.

We are saving coupons for schools. Contact a member of the executive board if any questions of types. Also used ink cartridges for computers are being collected.

For the holidays, we would like each member to "pass it forward", by doing some kind thing for another person or group. We are so blessed and able to do good in our communities, that we should share these blessings. Thanks.

We will be helping plan and work at the 2023 state conference September 18—20, 2023, at the Wintergreen in Wisconsin Dells. Southwest District is in charge. The theme is 'Driftless Dreaming'. Kathy Fanta gave a report on the District Meeting and the State Conference. She showed her art work and the corn husk doll she made.

At the December meeting, we will have a gathering. We will have a potluck lunch, play the game "Farkle", enjoy each others company, and have a door prize. Of course we will take care of any business needing to be completed.

Motion was made at 12:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by President Yvonne Chapman and she adjourned the meeting. Happy Halloween to all.

Sincerely submitted by
Secretary Eileen Eberle



**HCE Executive Board Meeting
December 6, 2022**

Members attending included: President Yvonne Chapman, International Kathy Fanta, Treasurer Cecile Haugh, Cultural Arts Diane Dalberg, New Treasurer Debbie Winzenried, and Secretary Eileen Eberle.

The Richland County H.C.E. Executive Board held their regular monthly meeting at East Hall, UW-Platteville Richland, December 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with the meeting called to order by President Yvonne Chapman.

Secretary Eileen Eberle highlighted the November minutes with a motion to accept this from Yvonne. Treasurer Cecile Haugh presented the treasurer's report and stated we had contributed funds to Badger Camp. She is taking in the Pennies for Friendship and wants to send these to state. Clubs to get these funds to Cecile. Cecile paid the bills for 2022 that were due.

Cloth bags that had been filled were to be taken to Passages along with hats, scarves, and mittens made by members from yarn donated by Yvonne. We will be filling more of these bags so please keep saving supplies and get them to Cecile. We will be making approximately 80 of these Passages bags.

Kathy Fanta, of our county, designed the state selection of an H.C.E. shirt for this year. She was presented with a shirt and pictures are to be taken for the papers. Eileen presented the President Yvonne Chapman and Treasurer Cecile with some of these shirts to thank them for their many years of service to the Richland County H.C.E. Executive Board. Both have resigned from the board.

Debbie Winzenried was sworn into office as the new treasurer of Richland County H.C.E. Executive Board. The county is in need of a new President. Please have someone step forward for this office. Yvonne will help with getting a new President.



President Yvonne Chapman made 50 of the Covid protecting masks for Dr. Burch. Richland County put together shoe boxes filled with gifts for other people in the world of which worldwide over 200,000,000 were made by churches and other organizations. Richland County made 14 of these and paid the postage of \$10.00 per box on their 2 boxes from Richland County and 12 were paid for postage by the Yuba Club for the 12 boxes they made. Great job Richland County and club members.

The board played the game 'Farkle' to much entertainment. Competition was wonderful and Cecile won the game getting the 'Farkle' game for her prize. Each member was given a copy of the rules of Farkle and with 6 dice and a glass, they can play this now with their families. Fun was had by all in this game.

There was an exchange of cards and gifts from members including candy deer made by Kathy Fanta, scrubbies from Eileen Eberle, mitten candy decorations from Yvonne Chapman, candy bars from Diane Dahlberg, and an apron, scarf, etc. from Cecile Haugh, and other holiday items.

Kathy took many pictures, and the ambiance was superb. We shared a potluck lunch of many very good foods. We exchanged some new recipes and enjoyed each others company. A good day.

Get Real! Volunteers Needed!

Just a quick note to ask you to "save the date" for **Get Real! 2023**, which will take place on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023** at the Richland Center High School.

Please feel free to share this notice with others who would like to volunteer this year. We will be providing more information for you to RSVP as a volunteer in the coming month.

Thanks for your interest and we hope to see you this year!

What is Get Real?

Get Real is a fun, immersive day for students from multiple area High Schools to learn about personal finance. Participating students will be given a life scenario, including job, spouse, children, debt, and more.

In this simulation, they must navigate a month's worth of financial transactions, purchasing necessities and "making ends meet." In preparation for the day, students research a typical salary for a career they are interested in, gain an understanding of the educational requirements for that job, and decide if they wish to be pet owners in the future. All of these decisions help create the scenario that they work through at *Get Real!*

It takes over 120 enthusiastic community and local business volunteers to create this opportunity, with many area businesses and community organizations participating.

For more information, or to obtain information about volunteering, contact the Extension Richland County office at 608-647-6148 or email: chelsea.wunnicke@wisc.edu



Your support helps make this a successful learning experience for all our students!

SW District Spring 2023

The spring SW District meeting is April 27th, 2023 in Monroe, Green County, at the Pleasant View Building, parking in the lower level.

It will start at 10:00 a.m.

More information will follow as it becomes available.

President Yvonne Chapman swore in the new HCE Executive Board Treasurer, Deb Winzenried.





“Squirrels in the Attic”

Living in the country is wonderful. The beauty of nature, the sounds of the birds, and the quiet of long sunny days, gives an melancholy uplift to life. But for some reason, the animals of nature seem to be getting much too friendly.

This past fall, I had noticed squirrels scampering across the roof of my house. The pine trees near my house gave them the passage way to the roof.

One night I was rudely awakened by the sound of the patter of feet coming from the attic. I thought the footsteps were too close to be on the roof. I looked up in the attic the next day, but didn't see anything.

My daughter and her family came for a visit from California, and one evening my grandsons were playing on their games in the bedroom, when all of a sudden one of them came screaming down the hall way from the main bedroom “Get on all of the lights. The ghosts can't get you if the lights are on .Hurry, get on all the lights.”

We adults, of course, ran to see what the excitement was, and found out the boys had heard the squirrels in the attic. We informed them Grandma didn't have ghosts in her attic, but it was just a squirrel problem. Now that the family was here from California, hopefully, a cure would be found for getting the squirrels out of the attic.

My daughter, Angela and her husband, Joe, looked up in the attic. They had their sons running around in my house with brooms in case the squirrels would come down into the house. Up in the attic, they saw 2 huge gray squirrels walking around on the rafters. The squirrels didn't leave and they had no way to get rid of them at the time, so they retreated to the kitchen of my house to discuss the problem of the squirrels and how to get rid of them.. Of course, we had some very excited children.

My son-in-law, Joe, went outside the house to find the entry of the squirrels and found holes in the area under the eaves trough that had been made by a woodpecker. Even the area woodpeckers are starting to take over my area.

Joe went to the area hardware store and got some strong mesh wire and nailed it over the hole of entry. The next day, the squirrels had chewed a hole in the wire and they could come and go again as they wished. And of course, Joe had gone back to California and taken his family with him.

I heard these squirrels many times and had no idea how I was going to get rid of them, as I could even hear them rolling walnuts across the floor of the attic. And of course, this kept irritating me.

After my children left for California, I finally got a gun. I aimed that gun at my living room ceiling and I pulled the trigger. I walked down the hall and I again pulled that trigger. I pulled that trigger on that gun, pointing it to the ceiling in my bathroom, then onto the bedrooms aiming always at the ceiling, and hopefully this was taking care of the squirrel problem in the attic. (Oh, did I say this was **a laser repellent gun**, and gives off a loud noise human ears can't hear. It said in the directions for the gun, that if the red light was on, the gun was working.) The light was on so I figured the gun was working.

For several days, I thought my problem of the squirrels was over, but again the noise of little feet was heard in the attic.

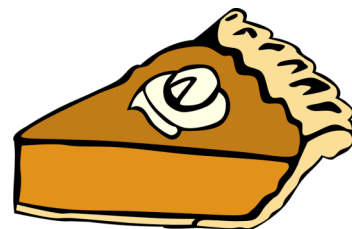
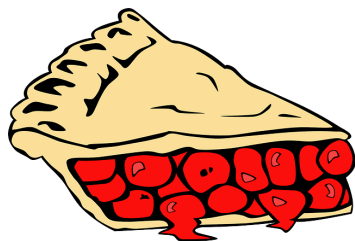
Now I got **the Sheriff**. I placed this in the front yard near that pine tree that the squirrels were using to get on the roof. I also put the Sheriff into the hole in the overhang and into my attic. These squirrels are smart. You'd think they would be scared of the Sheriff, but that didn't stop them either. {The **Sheriff** is a spray you put on trees to keep animals away from them and it is supposed to repel rodents.}

In the spring, my son made sure the squirrels were out of the attic, put new metal sheeting on the overhang, and blocked the entry to my attic by these predators.

Now, temporarily, the squirrels are locked out of the attic, and my home in the country is peaceful, relaxing, and much more. The animals hopefully can live in peace with me. Whoops! Again last night there were sounds of squirrels running across my roof. What was I to do to get rid of the squirrels who seemed to love my home?

A neighbor came and cut down the two pine trees near my home that had provided access to my roof for the squirrels. Even though the squirrels are running around yet on my lawn, along with the deer, the sand hill cranes, and other Wisconsin wildlife, they no longer have access to my roof or attic. And, I wouldn't trade my place in the country, even with all of these animals in nature, for any other place on Earth.





Pies

Find and circle all of the types of pies that are hidden in the grid.
The words may be hidden in any direction.

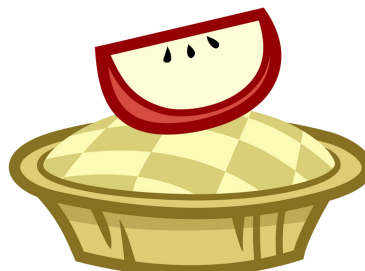
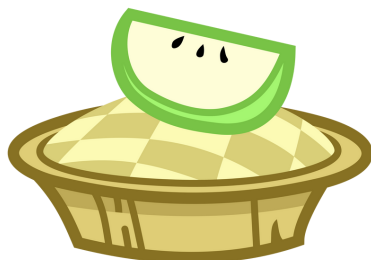
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G S T R A W B E R R Y T U B R Y

APPLE
BANANA CREAM
BLUEBERRY
BOSTON CREAM
COCONUT CREAM
GRASSHOPPER

GREEN TOMATO
KEY LIME
LEMON MERINGUE
PEACH
PEANUT BUTTER
PECAN

PUMPKIN
RASPBERRY
RHUBARB
SHEPHERD'S
STRAWBERRY
SWEET POTATO

Mmm!



Yum!



HCE is a wonderful organization that spreads smiles wherever they go!

Top left: Kathy Fanta swore in Deb Winzenried, the new Yuba HCE club Treasurer.

Middle left: Newborn hats knitted by HCE members donated to hospitals.

Bottom left: After many years, Cecile Haugh is retiring from being the Executive Board Treasurer. A cutting board was given as a Thank You.

Middle: Eileen was the recipient of an Apron in the gift exchange at the December meeting.

Middle bottom: They played *Farkle*, and although the picture looks serious, laughter echoed through out the building.

Top right: Angela Droll and Isa at Heritage Elementary in California, Reading to a 2nd grade class.

Middle right: Hats and mittens knitted & crocheted by HCE members donated to schools.





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