



Homemaker Herald

2024 in Review



Calendar of Events

January (2025)

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 7 HCE Executive Board Meeting, 10 a.m.,
Room 433, Melvill Hall, RC Campus
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day



February

- 2 Groundhog Day Shadow? No Shadow?
- 4 HCE Executive Board Meeting,
10 a.m., Room 433, Melvill Hall, RC Campus
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 17 President's Day



March

- 4 HCE Executive Board Meeting,
10 a.m., Room 433, Melvill Hall, RC Campus
- 4 Mardi Gras!
- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring Ahead 1 Hour
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins!



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"Get Real" Volunteers Needed!

April 23, 2025 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Snacks, Lunch, & Drinks provided.

Come help work at "Get Real" showing/teaching local high school students how to manage money, budgets, life events, and more. It is a fun event that leaves an impact!

Contact the Extension Office to sign up! 608-647-6148 or email: jennie.silver@wisc.edu





Hello everyone,

Wishing Everyone better health in 2025. With daily aches, pains, illness, and aging, we aren't as active as we once were.

Enjoy the simple things in life. Enjoy family, friends, and Richland County WAHCE members in your clubs. Share past HCE stories, recipes, events, and memories.

Encourage others to join our clubs: County Liners, Five Points Gals, and Yuba Homemakers.

Please sign up to help at Get Real. It is a beneficial program for our area high schoolers. Look forward to seeing you at Get Real!

Sincerely,
Kathy Fanta, Richland County HCE President



Sarah Kubiak is the new Human Development and Relationships Educator in Richland County, and she is very excited to begin working with the county!

She has a B.S. In Astrophysics and Science Communication from UW Madison, and an M.S. in Journalism and Media Communication from

Colorado State University. Before joining UW Extension, she worked as a graduate teaching assistant at CSU and as a Horticulture Communications Intern where she created a communications plan to more effectively communicate information to Colorado horticulturists.

She also volunteered with various Wisconsin science organizations, like the UW Astronomy Department and the Badgerland Girl Scouts to disseminate complex science information to diverse audiences.

Sarah enjoys painting, gardening, and exploring the great outdoors of Wisconsin. As she begins to understand her role in the community and what programs she could offer feel free to reach out with ideas or questions at sarah.kubiak@wisc.edu.

HCE Executive Board Meeting February 6, 2024

Our February meeting was held at Melvill Hall, our new location for meetings.

Kathy Fanta and Cecile Haugh held an informal meeting with secretary Jennie Silver. We were updated about the status of hiring a new FLE. The county board has made efforts to hire, some have not met standards, one was approved but declined because it did not fill all his expectations.

Our finances were given much consideration. Our last financial report was \$983.04, however the remaining 2023 State Convention expenses still needing to be paid are approximately \$340 and our upcoming scholarship payment of \$500 will leave us approximately \$143 in checking. Therefore we will have to cash our certificate of deposit which is approximately \$1020 to remain solvent. It will also be necessary not to offer a scholarship in the 2024 budget.

Our county is scheduled to host the fall district meeting, at a date to be determined. Cecile is assigned to get a speaker which will then determine the date for the meeting. The date will be October 15, 2024.

Our Spring Fling is scheduled for April 27, 2024 at the Yuba Community Building. We plan to have a silent auction to help raise funds. Michele Nolen-Karras and Randy Durst are in charge of the program.

Extension secretary, Jennie Silver, is collecting dues and working on the 2024 pamphlet.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting March 5, 2024

Our March 5, 2024 meeting was cancelled since Kathy Fanta and Cecile Haugh were the only Executive Board members available to attend.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting April 2, 2024

Our April 2, 2024 meeting was held at the home of Cecile Haugh due to inclement weather Kathy Fanta and Cecile Haugh were in attendance.

We discussed our Spring Fling and set April 27th for its date. It will open with refreshments and viewing the silent auction items.

The program will consist of the presentation of membership awards, a presentation on the caves of Richland County and the Yuba musical group providing accompaniment for a group sing along.



The Yuba club will do a Spring Cleaning ahead of the Spring Fling.

Cecile was asked to call Eileen Eberle to see if Kathy Popp was interested in rejoining the organization. Also to get in touch with Kathy Granger regarding being our Cultural Arts Judge again this year, which will be held at Schmidt Woodland Hills, 2nd floor. The date to be announced. Cecile will be in charge of the entries.

The meeting closed at 11:30 a.m.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting May 13, 2024

Present included: Kathy Fanta, Deb Winzenried, and Cecile Haugh.

The April minutes were read and approved. The Treasurers report was read, approved, and put on file. President Kathy Fanta and Treasurer Deb Winzenried discussed whether all reports and dues to the state had been sent and all were in order.

Kathy pointed out that the WAHCE website has an "In Loving Memory" certificate for families of members who have passed away. To be further discussed after a discussion with the clubs.

The Cultural Arts Show will be held on July 16, 2024 at Schmidt Woodland Hills on the 2nd floor at 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cecile is in charge of Cultural Arts. Kathy Granger has been hired to judge the entries. A potluck to follow. The room has been reserved.

Our Culvers Share Night will be on August 7, 2024, 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. The proceeds are used for scholarships.

The SW District meeting will be hosted by Richland County, the date is set for October 15th, at the Yuba Community Center. Our speaker will be Deb Johnson from St Vincent de Paul. The topic will be on drug abuse and her personal story on the effects of drug abuse on the family. Ideas are needed for an interesting craft.

Richland County Executive Boards open positions are Historian and Marketing. Talk to Kathy Fanta if you are interested in filling one of these positions.

Last year the scholarship recipient did not continue her education so the money budgeted (\$500) for her will now be in escrow for a scholarship for the 2025—26 school year.

The WAHCE State Convention will be held in Appleton, WI this year. Date: September 16—18, 2024.

Financially it was necessary to re-write the by-laws. After much discussion, the decision was: The Executive Board will pay the registration, meals, and hotel. If non-members share the room, they will pay for their portion of the room expense. Travel will be reimbursed at \$0.14 a mile.

The state is again requesting items for Nicaragua. The boards decision was to send one shoebox of small sewing notions. We will bring these items to the June 4th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting June 4, 2024

Present included: Kathy Fanta, and Cecile Haugh.

The June 4th meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

Discussions were regarding the future of HCE. The space for the Extension Office is still in question, the only suggestion presented by the County Board was a spot at the fairgrounds, which realistically does not have enough space to function.

As of this date, the County Board is interviewing candidates for the Family Living Educator position, but none has officially been hired.

Also discussed was the dropping membership of HCE, which is in 2024 only 33 members. We need suggestions for how to create interest in this worthy organization.

Culvers notified Kathy, they had a scheduling conflict and changed our Share Night from August 7, 2024 to Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will need volunteers for this scholarship fundraiser.

Our July meeting will be held on July 16, 2024, at Schmidt Woodland Hills, 2nd floor, at 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with our Cultural Arts Show. We invite all members to attend this event.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting July 16, 2024

Our Cultural Arts Show was held at Schmitt Woodland Hills on July 16, 2024.

There were 13 items entered for the State Convention. Twelve items were sent to the State Show plus 1 bonus item. Kathy Granger was our judge.

Lunch and a social hour were enjoyed.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting August 8, 2024

Our meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Kathy Fanta. Deb Winzenried and Cecile Haugh were present. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Creed were recited.

The Secretary's minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given and filed.

We received our Cultural Arts Show which was judged by Kathy Granger. We are sending 12 items and 1 bonus item to the state conventions Cultural Arts show.

Kathy reported that Sarah Kubiak has been hired as our new FLE and began her job on June 24.

Kathy also reminded us that Culver's Share Nigh is August 13th. Cecile will get a member to help her work the 4 - 6 shift. Kathy and



Deb will work the 6 - 8 shift. Our earnings will be used for scholarships. It was agreed to donate 1 shoe box of small sewing items for Nicaragua which the attendees will take to the state convention and then send to Nicaragua with all the other donated boxes.

A basket for the State Convention was discussed. We agreed to make gifts in a jar. Deb is donating the basket. Kathy will make a decorated glass pumpkin for the convention raffle.

Kathy Fanta, Deb Winzenried, Bridget Stowell, and Sue Fronk will be attending the convention which is being held in Appleton, WI, on September 16 - 18, 2024.

We are hosting the Southwest Fall District meeting at the Yuba Community Center on October 15, 2024. Deb Johnson from St. Vincent de Paul will speak on drugs and its' effects on the family.

We will decorate glass pumpkins for our craft. We will also sell raffle tickets for items that each executive member will donate. The proceeds will be used for scholarships.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting September 2024

President Kathy Fanta, Deb Winzenried, and Cecile Haugh met at Cecile Haugh's home to discuss and organize items necessary to take to the state convention and to assemble our basket for the conventions silent auction.

No official meeting was held.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

Southwest Fall District Meeting HCE Executive Board Meeting October 15, 2024

The Southwest Fall District meeting was hosted by Richland County HCE at the Yuba Community Center on October 15, 2025. Five members were present and three guests. President Kathy Fanta welcomed the members.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Creed were recited and roll call was taken. Updates of the State Convention were discussed, followed by an art project, which was a lighted glass pumpkin.

A delicious lunch was served followed by a speaker, Deb Johnson, an RN from St Vincent de Paul, who gave a personal presentation on her 18 year struggle with her son's drug addiction. There was a Q&A following her presentation.

The meeting closed at 2:30 p.m. with the Homemaker's Prayer.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE Executive Board Meeting November & December 2024

Due to the President's illness, we did not have a meeting in November or December.

Sincerely submitted by
Acting Secretary Cecile Haugh

HCE State Conference 2024

State WAHCE Convention

By Kathy Fanta

WAHCE State Conference was held September 16—18, 2024, at the Hilton Appleton, WI. The theme was "Experience The Magic of HCE!".

Starting the conference with a tour of the History Museum at "The Castle" and school bus tour of Appleton. It ranged from local history to Magician Harry Houdini's legacy with photos, videos, and artifacts used by the man himself.

Meeting and classes I attended were WAHCE Business meeting, "Honey" is it worth the sting, Lessons from a small farm by Inga Witscher, Importance of stories of Genealogy, and Card making.

Banquets entertainment included: "The Magic of Leadership" by Dr. Annie Jones. Her areas of research include indigenous methodologies. The use of the Native American medicine wheel and cultural teachings to enhance planning and evaluation. Inga Witscher, a passionate dairy farmer that lives near Osseo, WI, turns her attention to collaborating on narratives for the PBS program "Around the Farm Table." Magician DJ Ehlert from Bristol, WI, included great audience participation with his magic.

Always enjoy seeing WAHCE members and friends.

WAHCE State Convention

By Deb Winzenried

WAHCE State Conventin was held at Hilton Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI, on September 16—18, 2024. This years theme was "Experience the Magic of HCE".

The workshops I attended were:

1. "Honey" is it Worth the Sting
2. Barn Quilts
3. Preserving your Plate
4. Butterfly Garden Design

Attended the Business meeting and Treasurer workshop.

Entertainment was provided by the following:

- Dr. Annie Jones—The magic of Leadership. From indigenous people, her research included, the use of Native American methods of the medicine wheel and cultural teachings.
- Inga Witscher—A dairy farmer that lives near Osseo, WI. She aired it on PBS Television. Her show is named "Around the Farm Table". I have had the opportunity to watch many of her shows.
- DJ Ehlert, Magician— is a magician from Bristol, WI. He performed acts that included the audience.

The State Conference is very informative and a good time. This is the second one I attended. I had a great time and was able to talk and interact with other members.



Richland County HCE held their Spring Fling on April 27, 2024 at the Yuba Community Center in Yuba, WI.

Music was provided by Sharon Arnold, Randy Durst, and Mike Grindemann.

There was a silent auction held as well as a presentation by Mike Grindemann on Caves of Richland County.

Spring Fling 2024!



Yuba Homemakers group donated items to Richland Center St. Mary's Parish for their Christmas Angel Gifts program. Items will benefit local assisted living facilities. Sharon Arnold, pictured, had delivered the items to St. Mary's Parish.

Yuba Homemakers donated 10 Christmas boxes to Passages for young children & teens. Cecile Haugh crocheted baby hats for Richland Hospital. Displayed with her is her donation and seated is Yuba member, Kathy Fanta, who has crocheted hats in the past.

Yuba Homemaker Happenings

September 10, 2024 Yuba Homemakers visited Pioneer Village 3 miles east of Reedsburg on Hwy 33. Thank you Michele Nolen-Karras for setting up tour. The lady's name is Carrie Hanson - President of Reedsburg Pioneer Village. It was a very enjoyable tour.



Left to right in picture.
Sharon Arnold - Vice President
Michele Nolen -Karras - President
Randy Durst - Secretary
Kathy Fanta - leaving President position





SW District Fall 2024



Richland County WAHCE hosted the Fall District Meeting on October 15, 2024 at the Yuba Community Center.

We introduced New FLE Sarah Kubiak.

Speaker was Deb Johnson "Drugs And The Effects On The Family".

Crafted a Glass Pumpkin craft and had a Silent Auction.

Shirley Steinhorst gave SW District Meeting & District Treasurer Report.



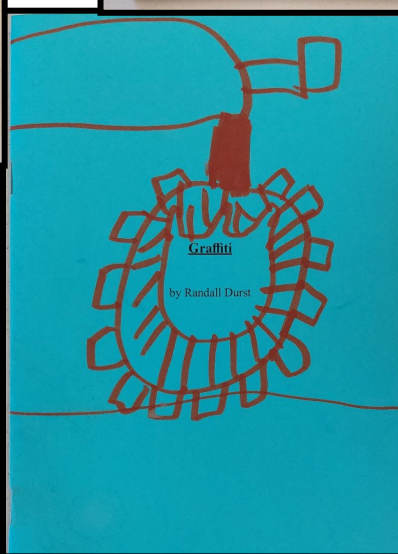
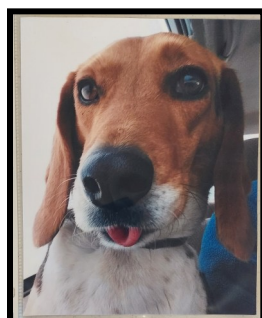
HCE Cultural Arts 2024!



Our Richland County HCE Cultural Arts show was held at Schmitt Woodland Hills on July 16, 2024.

Kathy Granger judged. 9 items went to the State Convention in Appleton, WI.

1 Bonus Category centerpiece themed "The Magic of HCE" made by Michele Nolen-Karras went to the State Convention in Appleton, WI.





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