



# Changing With Today

Columbia County Association for Home and Community Education

June 2017

## President's Message

Greetings to all of my friends,

The executive board is still looking to fill vacant positions. Center chairman positions are available for the Cambria and Fall River/Columbus groups. Let's see if we can get these positions filled. Our executive board meetings are looking a little sparse.

Several positions on special committees are available. Gert Stilson needs assistants with cultural arts, and the position of education program coordinator will be vacant when Kris Young takes over the position of president in January. Please consider all open positions. We need your help.

### Barn Quilt Tour

We all had a great time! We were having such a good time laughing, visiting and viewing that Brenda, our tour coordinator, had to remind us to listen. Margo and Gert told us the story behind all the barn quilts we were seeing. We also learned the history about the beginning of the barn quilt era.

We arrived at Feil's Supper Club early, and as a result we had to wait for our lunch. For the most part, the lunch was great. I had a Reuben, chips, and my favorite, ice cream.

After lunch we headed over to Nancy's Notions in Beaver Dam. We toured through the warehouse and office area. There are a lot of people working there that you never see when you are just shopping. You should see all the fabric in the



warehouse. Some people did some serious shopping while there. I think I saw sewing machines in the baggage compartment of the bus.



Teddy, the bus driver, knew his business. We never got lost, bumped into things, or turned into areas he could not maneuver out of. He was a fun and

helpful person to have as a bus driver. On our trip home, when we were not looking at barn quilts, Brenda, our tour coordinator, told funny stories, gave out water, chocolate and mints. She was very entertaining. She also had lots of door prizes for lucky people. Thanks Brenda and Teddy.

### REMEMBERING THE PAST

#### I Did It Without Training Wheels!

My first bike was a hand-me-down from my brother, Robin, who along with Hayden had received a new one. When I needed a bike to ride to school, I was given his old one which was a little smaller than his new one. I had my bike; I had to learn to ride.



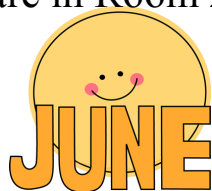
While I can't remember all of the details, my instructions were to look straight ahead, keep pedaling, and if I seemed to be in danger of tipping, to turn in that direction. My brother was supposed to hang on to the seat and help by gently pushing, and for a few feet things went just great. My feeling of exuberance was only temporary. When I peeked backwards and saw my brother just standing some distance back I tipped over and skinned my knees and elbows. Subsequent attempts were not much different. When my brother let go I would panic and lose control. Whether or not I had control in the first place was a good question.

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# Dates to Remember/This and That

## UW-Extension Office has moved!!

Our new location is:  
Administration Building  
112 E. Edgewater St.  
Portage, WI 53901  
(we are in Room 212)



**ON THE MOVE AND IN THE GROOVE** reports are due June 10. Give to your club president or send individually to: Donna Kohnke, N6664 Kohnke Rd., Cambria, WI 53923 or kohnke@centurytel.net



thank  
you!

Thanks to all those that donated food pantry items at the Rendezvous. Bobbie Goodman delivered a car trunk full of food to the Wyocena Helping Hands. (See thank you note on p. 6)

Thank you to Mary Jean Noltner and Becky Gutzman for donating yarn and craft supplies for 4-H camp projects.

### Executive Board Meeting:

September 19

All meetings are at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Annex Bldg., Portage

The Historic Indian Agency House in Portage would love to have your HCE club visit them this summer. A tour of the Agency house with all of its beautiful 1830's quilts and samplers, the use of a meeting room and refreshments will be included for a special rate of \$5 per person. To make your reservation, please call 608-742-6362, or e-mail [historici-indianagencyhouse.com](mailto:historici-indianagencyhouse.com). Open Wednesday through Sunday 10am to 4pm; other times by appointment. —Jennifer Blau



### President's Message cont'd...

My brother decided on another strategy. He found a knoll in one of the fields that seemed to be just right for coasting and his theory was that if I didn't have to concentrate on using the pedals, perhaps I just might be able to remain upright. A few attempts convinced me that there was some merit in the theory although things were not going that much better, and since I was traveling faster, the falls seemed worse and my body told my mind that I had better figure something out soon.

I did. All of a sudden I was able to remain upright and pedal at the same time while



steering wherever I wanted to go. I was riding circles around the grain bins and also around my mother who advised me to save some energy for the next day. ONE TOUGH KID, NO TRAINING WHEELS OR HELMET.

### UNUSUAL EVENT

I have orioles, rose breasted grosbeaks, and red-headed woodpeckers at my bird feeder. I can't remember the last time I had all three.

Kay MacLeish  
Columbia County HCE President

## ***SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS***



Carlie is Vi Bermeister's (Forty-Niners Club) great granddaughter.

May 21, 2017

Dear CCHCE,

Thank you so much for granting me this scholarship. As a graduating student, the reality of the expense of college becomes more and more real each day. I will use this scholarship to pay for my studies at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay as I major in Spanish and minor in Humanistic Studies. Because I plan on going into mission work after college, my goal is to finish college debt free. This scholarship will help me to achieve this goal. Once again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,

*Carlie LaBerge*

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May 4, 2017

Dear members of CCAHCE,

I am writing this letter to thank you for the generous scholarship that you awarded me this past week. I am very grateful for the financial assistance and honored to have been chosen to represent the Columbia County Association for Home & Community Education.

I will be attending Milwaukee School of Engineering in the fall. I have already been accepted into their nursing program. I am extremely excited about going to school there, as it is a small private college, known for its great programs and success rates. Their nursing program has state of the art training facilities. I look forward to reaching my goal of becoming a nurse.

My goal, being a nurse, is helping people get better and back to what they love. I want to make them as comfortable as possible. I want to support the families of patients, as well. I have a very caring personality, so being a nurse and taking care of people is perfect for me.

Emma is Mary Mittlesteadt's (Circle Club) granddaughter.



Sincerely,

*Emma Calkins*

## ***CULTURAL ARTS CONTEST RESULTS***

The Cultural Arts Show Contest was held with our Rendezvous on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Portage, WI. Twelve items were selected (maximum) to go on to the State Conference being held Sept. 11-13, 2017, in Wisconsin Dells at the Glacier Canyon Lodge (part of the Wilderness Resort). “HERE COMES EXCITEMENT”! Our judge was Patti James of Pardeeville who has previously judged other cultural arts shows for us and fairs over the years. A special “thank you” to Patti and to ALL of our talented ladies in Columbia County! Well done all of you – and you now can begin doing projects for 2018.

### **THE WINNERS GOING ON TO STATE CONFERENCE**

Jennifer Blau – 8F – Felted Hedgehog, Durwards Glen  
Lorraine Hahn – 1B – Acrylic Painting, Kozy Korner  
Betty Heller Hobbs – 7D – Recycled Materials, picture of Wisconsin Dells – 49-ers  
Barbara Kell – 4A – Knitting – Poncho – Durwards Glen  
Donna MacLeish – 3A – Sewing – Children’s Outfit – Circle  
Donna MacLeish – 6C – Counted Cross Stitch – Humming Bird Hoop – Circle  
Cheryl Neef – 10B – Lap Quilt – Marcellon  
Sandy Pohl – 2A – Color Photo – Landscape, sunset – Individual  
Sandy Pohl – 13C – Jewelry – Wire wrapped earrings – Individual  
Nonalee Savoy – 8J – Rug, Rug Hooking (Moroccan Vessels) – Marcellon  
Donna Wenzel – 6B – Hand Stitching, Embroidery – Table Topper – Marcellon  
Kris Young – 2C – Color Photo – Plants, Iris flowers – Country Women  
Cheryl Neef – 19 Bonus Category – Three “Chairs” for HCE – Marcellon

\*People’s Choice Award – Winner chosen by written vote of those attending Rendezvous for Nonalee Savoy’s rug hooking, “Moroccan Vessels.” And our Bonus Category was won by Cheryl Neef called Three “Chairs” for HCE. Congratulations Nona Lee and Cheryl. Both of these ladies are from the Marcellon Club. And for everyone else, thank you for participating in our local 2017 show. We didn’t have any writings going to State this show, but we would be happy to print them in our future *Changing With Today* newsletters if you would share them with us. We know you spent much time on them.

I would like to take this time to very much thank those helping check in each entry and putting them on display in the right categories: namely, Judy Robbins, Janice Blau, Joyce Abegglen, Dorothy Priske, Nancy Mickelson, Sandy Pohl, Vi Burmeister, Margo Holzman and members of the Board. You were so helpful. Thank you! Thank you!

We had a total of 77 entries broken down as follows: Marcellon – 15, Durwards Glen – 14, Pleasure Hill – 2, 49’ers – 8, New Settlers – 6, Kozy Korner – 1, Circle – 6, Handi – 2, Country Women – 6, Individual – 17. This is the most we have entered in the years I’ve been on the Cultural Arts Committee. GREAT JOB HCE MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUALS!

We will let the winners going on to State know via phone or by our *Changing With Today* monthly newsletter where to bring your projects to get them to State. We do not have a place to call “home” at present in Portage as we have met for our last board meeting where our offices have been – but now have to move out and don’t as yet know where in the new Administration Building we will have a “new home.” It will get straightened out eventually and we’ll go where they have room for us.

Gertrude Stilson, Cultural Arts

## ***HCE FACEBOOK***

Facebook is what people call a social media platform. It is a way to communicate with friends or make new friends. I have made a page for our Columbia County HCE. You can find it if you go to a search box on the top of a Facebook account: Home & Community Education - HCE Columbia County WI. Technically the address is: <https://www.facebook.com/columbia.uwex.edu>.

If you don't have a Facebook account, it is easy to sign up for one. You will need to enter your name, your e-mail address, and you will need to make a password. In making passwords, it is best to not use words like "password." You can use random numbers and letters – just write them down so you can remember them. You will be asked who can see your posts: public, friends, friends except, specific friends, or only me (which means just you). You will be asked who can send you friend requests: everyone or friends of friends.

As an active pastor, I had youth connected to my site, so I set my security pretty high. It did mean I sometimes had to lower it if someone I know wants to be my friend but we don't have mutual friends. **DO NOT ACCEPT FRIEND** requests from people you don't know. You can post a photo of yourself or of flowers. After you get on, don't get caught in scams. People will hack an account and ask you to 'FRIEND' them again. There are people that will make bad comments. Don't feel bad about not ask-

ing people you don't know to be friends. Don't feel bad about "unfriending" someone. You can block people that are really bad. Don't take it personally if it happens to you.

When you have an account of your own, you can connect to our group account. Up on the top bar you will find your name, a "call out" with a squiggle which is for Messenger (like sending e-mail) and a world. When you 'friend' a page or person you can decide if you will get notifications – the world will have numbers by it and a menu to see the notifications you have requested. Pages don't always show up in notifications. You may have to look over on the far left column for Short Cuts and click on our page.

NO recipes can be posted. Only photos of people with photo releases in the county office can have photos on the page. If your club goes to a nursing home, bring photo releases so the residents can have their photo taken. Or, just take a picture of your group. You can post what you are doing. "Advertise" your club meeting and what special things you are doing. This is really your page that I am managing. Make it yours. Make it what you want it to be. Share it and use it.

Barbara Kell  
Membership/Marketing



## ***2017 WAHCE CONFERENCE***



Enclosed in this newsletter is the registration form for the state conference at Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wisconsin Dells, September 11-13. To see a description of the conference workshops and tours, please go to the WAHCE website, [wahceinc.org/](http://wahceinc.org/). Or, contact LuAnn to have a copy sent to you. LuAnn's contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.

If you plan to stay at the Glacier Canyon Lodge, reservations must be made by August 11. Information on making reservations was in the February newsletter, page 2. You may also request that LuAnn send you more info. Please note that you will be charged sales tax; there is no tax exemption for your stay.



## HCE DONATIONS



Vi Burmeister presents a check to Dr. Kathleen Doyle, St. Vincent de Paul Free Clinic of Portage.

## Thanks

Our Thank you to everyone at the Columbia County Association Home and Community Education for the monetary and food donation to the Wyocena Community Helping Hands Pantry.

Your support and donation is greatly appreciated.

Thanks Much,  
Wyocena Food Pantry  
Board + Volunteers



Bobbie Goodman presents a check to Cindy LeGrand, Case Manager, and Tracy Cooper, Vice Chairman, River Haven Homeless Shelter, Portage. Note that the photo is taken in front of the new county administration building, 112 E. Edgewater Street.



# Cream Puff Schedule

## 2017 Columbia County Fair

CENTER	DAY	DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	
Fall River/ Columbus	Wednesday	July 26, 2017	1-5 pm		
To volunteer call: Judy Robbins (920) 484-3337			5-9 pm		
Caledonia/Portage WI Dells/Lewiston	Thursday	July 27, 2017	1-5 pm		
To volunteer call: Linda Heckel (608) 742-6416			5-9 pm		
Cambria	Friday	July 28, 2017	1-5 pm		
To volunteer call: Donna Kohnke (920) 210-5037			5-9 pm		
Pardeeville	Saturday	July 29, 2017	1-5 pm		
To volunteer call: Cheryl Neef (608) 429-3889			5-9 pm		
Poynette/Lodi	Sunday	July 30, 2017	1-4 pm	NOTE NEW TIME	
To volunteer call: Kris Young (608) 635-7753					



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Portage, WI 53901  
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## 2017 HCE Executive Board

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**Kris Young**, Education Program Coordinator  
**Dorothy Neitzel**, "Changing with Today" Editor  
**Cheryl Neef**, Cultural Arts  
**Gertrude Stilson**, Cultural Arts, Barn Quilts Committee  
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**Chris Berger**, Fund-raising  
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**Dorothy Neitzel**, Scholarship  
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**Vacant**, Columbus/Fall River Center  
**Cheryl Neef**, Pardeeville Center Chair  
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