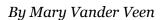


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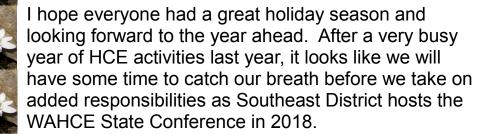
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President's Notes

**SPRING 2017** 



#### President's Remarks



The WAHCE COMMUNICATOR has arrived; it's filled with reports from state officers and committee chairs, 2017 Calendar of deadlines and duties and forms for the coming year.

**2017 WAHCE Annual State Conference** will be held September 11-13 at the Glacier Canyon Lodge, part of the Wilderness Lodge at the Wisconsin Dells. Theme of the conference is HERE COMES EXCITEMENT (HCE) IN THE DELLS.



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**Cultural Arts –** The Cultural Arts Contest form is enclosed, if you're working on a project do consider making an entry.

**Correction for Walworth County Program –** All members should have received the county HCE program by mail. There are two corrections that you should make; Executive Board will meet on March 6 and Evening of Learning will be held September 28.

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#### President's report, continued

By Mary VanderVeen

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The following "Thought for the Day" was printed in the Marquette County newsletter and I thought it's worth repeating here in these gloomy days of winter. Source is Your Daily Dozen from Mayo Clinic.

#### **Thought for the Day**

- 1. Make up your mind to be happy and learn to find pleasure in simple things.
- 2. Make the best of circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter out-weigh the sorrow.
- 3. Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that you should be protected from mis-fortunes that befall others.
- 4. You can't please everyone. Don't let criticism worry you.
- 5. Don't let neighbors set your standards. Be yourself.
- 6. Do the things you enjoy doing, but stay out of debt.
- 7. Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than actual ones.
- 8. Since hate poisons the soul, do not cherish enemies or grudges. Avoid people who make you unhappy.
- 9. Have many interests. If you can't travel read.
- 10. Don't hold postmortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrows and mistakes. Don't be the one who never gets over things.
- 11. Do what you can for the less fortunate and be yourself.
- 12. Keep busy at something. A very busy person never has time to be unhappy.









#### Program Coordinator's report

What year did you join HCE or Homemakers as it might have been called at that time? How old were you and why did you join? Did a friend or relative ask you to join? Was your Mother a member or were you curious about the organization. Well I was a young Mom when I joined Homemakers; a lady from church invited me to her house when she was hosting a meeting. We had lived here for a few years, but I really only knew people from church and I thought it might be a way to meet some new people. Being a young Mom of 3 children and living on a dairy farm you know there wasn't much time for entertainment. A few of the ladies had young children and lived on dairy farms too, we didn't meet until 8 PM so our husbands had time to get in from the barn and watch the children for us. It was a great time out to have other women to talk to and learn something of interest at the same time. The first lesson I learned was how to rewire a lamp and how to hold a hammer correctly, I think of that every time I pick up a hammer. HCE has changed a lot in the past years, the Home Economist as she was called

HCE has changed a lot in the past years, the Home Economist as she was called presented all of the lessons, not only did she present it during the day, but she did it again in the evening for those who couldn't make it during the day. That has changed as well as some of the learning material of today. It does become difficult to come up with new ideas, but in some cases there are new methods of doing the same project in a modern way. Just take a minute and think of some of the conveniences we have today.

On Tuesday, February 21 we are scheduled to have our Day of Learning. We have two classes scheduled Dr. Ledtky of AuD Hearing will talk to us about the Aging Ear and modern day Hearing Aid there was an interest in this subject. Our second class will be Keeping your Brain Fit As you Age, this class was presented at the state conference in September. More information to follow in this newsletter.

Remember if you have a request or idea for a class please let me know or call the office and tell them so we can work on your request.





#### Program Coordinator's report

Be sure and mark your calendar so you can save the following dates for HCE. The first date is Tuesday, February 21 for Day of Learning I think the classes will be of interest to you.

The International Study will be on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Millard Church at 6:30 pm. beginning with an organized dinner of the time. Look forward to traveling back in time when Jessica Michma introduces us to Sari Semple who lived in the Appalachian Mountains. She will tell us what it was like to live during the mid-nineteenth century.

The WAHCE Southeast District will be meeting in Washington County on April 26.

Eileen Guthrie, Education Program Coordinator

DATE CHANGES

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Please get out your 2017 HCE Handbook and change 2 dates Executive Board in March should read March 6 not March 5 as that is a Sunday. The next date to change is Evening of Learning to Thursday, September 28 not September 22.

Thank you

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Eileen Guthrie VP Program Coordinator





#### 2017 WAHCE Scholarships

The Scholarship forms for 2017 are on the website www.wahceinc.org.

The Scholarships for 2017 are:

**Ardith McDowell Scholarship** for WAHCE members to use for international travel. Due June 1<sup>st</sup>. This scholarship is \$250.

**Memorial Leadership Scholarship.** This is a \$200 schoolarship for any WAHCE Member (other than State Board Members) for registration for any leadership training. *This does include the WAHCE State Conference.* Due June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship.** This is a Country Women's Council (CWC) Scholarship for students. The application is forwarded to President Joan Staffon who will then forward it on to CWC. It is due by march 1<sup>st</sup>.

All of these scholarships are available in Word and PDF formats.

It is important that all scholarship applications be complete and signed by the applicants. Any applications not complete by their respective due dates will be rejected.

Recipients of all scholarships will be notified after the July WAHCE State Board meeting will be honored at the WAHCE State Conference. Please contact Lylene Scholz WAHCE Scholarship Chair if you have questions.





### **Mystery Tour**

Before you know it July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will be here and it will be time for the annual mystery trip.

I am looking for some suggestions for this year's trip. If you have an idea I would

appreciate you either calling me at 262-495-8522 or sending me an e-mail at:

<u>barbpapcke20@centurylink.net</u>. Please don't share your idea or ideas with anyone else.

Remember this is a mystery trip and with your ideas remember we don't do casinos!

Organizing mystery trips for several year's sometimes becomes a real challenge

to find some new destinations!

Remember to mark your calendar for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017! Looking forward to hearing from you!

Submitted by:

Barb Papcke

Community & Family Life Coordinator







#### **EMBRACING CHANGE**

Change is an important part of life. There are implications for our lives in every change we encounter. The Impact Factory says "We exist within contradiction. On the one hand, we need stability and perform well when we feel secure and established in our working and home lives. On the other hand we can become stagnant, complacent and uncreative when we shy away from change or when we find we simply cannot cope with it." Can we find a way to feel stable and secure without becoming stagnant? Some people work best in a steady, predictable environment, while others thrive on variety and change.

There are three stages of change.

**ENDINGS:** The beginning of a transition-old habits given up, death of a loved one, child leaving home etc.

**NEUTRAL ZONE:** Typically, the struggle with the situation, and mourning of the loss. **BEGINNING:** New goals result from planning, new relationships are established, or different ways of doing things are established.

In order to make a change, we have to recognize the need for it. We must be able to understand its merits, and to be able to accept it, we must be able to be a part of it. We cannot always be a part of the "ending", or the situation that created the need for change, but accepting the neutral zone is very important. We can reduce the feeling of being trapped by talking about the challenges and expressing our opinions.

Let's look at some of the different kinds of change we face in our life. Again, the Impact Factory finds there are five kinds of changes we meet in our lifetime.

Straightforward change, like changing your car or your hairstyle.

Changing something you already do, such as a golf swing.

Changing something that obviously needs changing, but you either don't want to or you find it very difficult to do, such as a major change in your diet.

Changing something you absolutely, positively know you can't change. This kind of change might be about beliefs.

Change that's imposed upon you, and over which you appear to have no control. This could include death, accidents, or weather.

The first three kinds of changes we deal with every day. We make decisions concerning things like this, sometimes easily and sometimes with somewhat of a struggle. The planning process can result in new goals, new relationships, and new ways of using time, money or other resources. But finding a way to "embrace" the change can give each one of us a new source of satisfaction.

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As individuals, every time we encounter opportunities or obstacles in our life, we make decisions based on our basic beliefs, many of which were formed in childhood. Now, read through the following list of events and rate them as to how difficult it would be for you to make the change, Rate them one through five, with one being very easy and five being very hard. Keep in mind that we are all different, and what may be easy for one may be harder for someone else.

Rearranging the furniture
Changing your religion
Getting Married
Moving to a new community
Changing your cooking style
Losing your job
Taking a leadership position in your church or volunteer organization
Starting a new job
Last minute cancellation of an appointment you have been waiting for
Death of a loved one
Needing to change how you get exercise
Change your political views
Change your diet
Getting a new hair style or color
Learning a new skill, such as skiing or another language

After doing this little exercise, I am sure you can think of many other things that could have been on that list, but I hope it gave you some incite as to how you personally face some of the changes in your life.

Speaking of change, 46% of people rarely NEVER CHANGE THEIR PASSWORDS For Online Financial Accounts. To keep your information secure, change your passwords every two to three months, and don't use the same one for multiple sites. I must be guilty of this!

Walworth County HCE will be Embracing Change when hopefully in February we will have a Family Living Agent in place to give direction to our organization. We must recognize the change and the need for it. Finding a way to "embrace" the change can give each of us a new source of satisfaction.

Submitted By:
Barb Papcke
Community & Family Life coordinator





As I was looking through old newsletters I came across the following article printed in one of our 2009 newsletter. Since we are seeing more roundabouts I thought it would be good to review the rules. The most frequent error I experience when I navigate the four roundabouts at Cty X and 43 at Beloit is that, people fail to reduce their speed.

#### DRIVING IN A MODERN ROUNDABOUT

YIELD: The number one rule is to yield to all vehicles that are in or exiting the

roundabout.

CHOOSE: Choose your lane based on your destination:

Right Lane – right turn and straight ahead Left Lane – straight ahead; left turn or u-turn

Always maintain your lane position.



SLOW DOWN: Note posted speed limit; drive 20 mph or less.

- Don't change lanes.
- Be aware of vehicles around you.

Do not pass other vehicles in a roundabout.

#### **TRUCKS**

Do not drive beside or attempt to pass a truck in a roundabout.

Large trucks may straddle lanes and may use Truck apron in a roundabout.

#### PEDESTRIANS:

- Use pedestrian crosswalks
- Look for oncoming traffic.

Use refuge islands

#### **BYCYCLISTS:**

- Walk bicycle using pedestrian crosswalks.
- Only experienced cyclists should ride through roundabouts.

The same rules apply to bicycles and autos.

Submitted by: Mary Vanderveen







#### Painting/Drawing

Framed or Wrapped. If bringing an easel for your painting or drawing, securely tape a label with name, district and county.

- A. Oil
- B. Acrylic
- C. Water Color
- D. Other



SEWING

#### 2. Photography

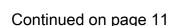
Photograph must be 8" x 10", unmatted only, in  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" plastic sleeve with a tag board or cardboard behind the photo. Framed photographs be disqualified.

- A. Color-Landscape
- B. Color- Waterscape
- C. Color Plants
- D. Color Animals/ Creatures
- E. Color People
- F. Color Skyscape
- G. Black and White
- H. Other



#### 3. Sewing

- A. Children's Wear
- B. Adult Wear
- C. Original Design
- D. Wearable Art
- E. Useful Sewn Item
- F. Purse or Tote
- G. Pillow
- H. Sewn item made from recycled materials
- I. Wearable Accessory (apron, scarf, hat, etc.)
- J. Other











#### 4. Knitting

- A. Wearable Item
- B. Afghan
- C. Other



#### 5. Crocheting

- A. Wearable Item
- B. Doily/Dresser Scarf
- C. Afghan
- D. Other

#### 6. Hand Stitching

- A. Plastic Canvas
- B. Embroidery
- C. Counted Cross
  Stitch
- D. Other



#### 7. Craft

Six (6) Cards without envelopes MUST be mounted as a group on a flat sturdy display board no larger than 14" x 22".

- A. Cards-paper only-6
- B. Cards-mixed media-6
- C. Scrapbooking
- D. Craft made from recycled materials
- E. Handcrafted doll/toy
- F. Glass craft
- G. Other







- 8. Heritage Skill
  - A. Hardanger
  - B. Tatting
  - C. Woodworking
  - D. Basketry
  - E Spinning/Weaving
  - F. Felting
  - G Swedish Weaving
  - H. Rug Making
  - I. Original published book
  - J. Other

#### 9. Bed Quilt

Larger than 60" x 80" or 4,800 sq inches

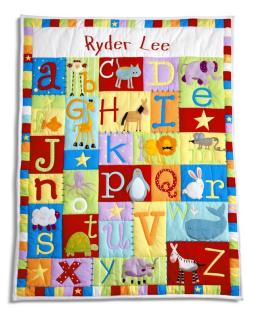
- A. Tied
- B. Hand quilted

Machine Quilted by You:

- C. Pieced
- D. Appliqued
- E. Embroidered

Machine Quilted Professionally:

- F. Pieced
- G. Appliquéd
- H. Embroidered
- I. Any other Bed Quilt









- 10. Lap/Baby Quilt Smaller than 60" x 80" or 4,800 sq inches
  - Α. Tied
  - B. Hand-quilted

Machine Quilted By You

- C. Pieced
- D. **Appliquéd**
- E. Embroidered

Machine Quilted Professionally

- F. Pieced
- G **Appliquéd**
- Н. **Embroidered**
- I. Any other lap quilt



- 11. Quilted Wall Hanging (with hanging sleeve, NO frame) -- One (1) item only no longer than 50 inches
  - Α. Hand Quilted, fabric
  - B. Machine Quilted, fabric
  - C. Other i.e., - collage of assembled materials or mixed media
- 12. Table Topper/Runner
  - Α. Hand Quilted
  - B. Machine Quilted
  - C. Other



- Α. Bracelet
- B. Necklace
- C. Other



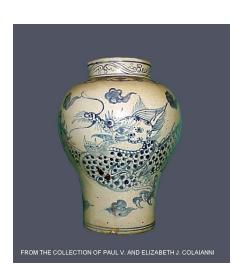








- 14. Constructed Original Item
  - Clay/Pottery Α.
  - B. Wood
  - C. Other
- 15. Painted Object
  - Α. China
  - B. Glass
  - C. Fabric
  - D. Wood
  - E. Other



Poem, Essay, Short Story/Play

Three copies, typed on plain paper with 12 point font, must accompany the registration forms. Entries must not be framed or in book form. Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the entry. Name and county should appear on the back side. Do not count "a", "an", and "the" for either essays or short stories.

- 16. Poem
- 17. Essay

Original, 1 topic; 250-500 words

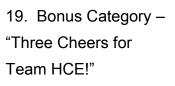








18. Short Story/PlayOriginal with beginning, middle and end3,000 words or less



The Fun Category

Limit of one entry per county. Create a display of your choice.

You may use any media to construct your entry

Size restriction - base no larger than 10"x10" with maximum height of 20" Judging - those attending will vote for their favorite "Three Cheers" entry Have Fun!!!

STATE REGISTRATIONS DUE BY AUGUST 1, 2017









ALL items, including Bonus Category, must be pre-registered. Registration is due August 1, 2017. Any items NOT pre-registered will NOT be judged or displayed. Only one entry on each registration form. Send all forms together immediately after county show. A County may enter a total of 12 entries plus one Bonus Category 19. A county cannot have duplicate entries in any lettered sub-category. The County Cultural Arts Chair must include a self-addressed postcard or email address to verify receipt of registration forms. If you do not receive verification within three weeks, please call or email the WAHCE Cultural Arts Chair.

IMPORTANT: All entrants **MUST** sign the Registration form. Please read and sign below; entries will NOT be accepted if unsigned. Entrants will not hold WAHCE responsible for any loss or damage to any item submitted for use in the WAHCE Cultural Arts Show. Entrants give permission for their photo, photos of their entry, and/or print copies of their written entry to be used by WAHCE as seen fit.

All work must be done by entrant and completed after last year's show. It must receive a first place at this year's county show or fair. All items must be clean or laundered or will be disqualified by the judge. Kits and patterns may be used as long as entrant does all the work.

#### **Color Coding of Registration Forms by Districts:**

Central – White Northeast – Yellow Northwest – Light Blue

Southeast – Green Southwest – Orange West – Pink

**Entry Day:** Deliver items Sunday (9/10/17) from 6:30-8PM or Monday (9/11/17) 9-11:30 am. Judging will begin at 12:30PM. Members may view the show for one hour after the Monday evening activity and during the day Tuesday.

Hours on Tuesday for viewing will be announced or posted. Pickup times will be posted.

Send registration and written entries to:

Linda Sutherland
1594 5th Avenue
715 248-7279
Star Prairie, WI 54026
tagalongacres@yahoo.com
Contact Linda with any cultural arts questions.

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Send in the **SIGNED** completed Registration Form and Claim Check with both parts filled out. You will receive your Claim Check when you bring in the items.

Registration Form	Claim Check		
Category/Class (example 2D)	Category/Class (example 2D)		
County District	CountyDistrict		
Name	Name		
Addres s			
City/Zip	C-(C-M)		
E-mail	E-mail		
Phone #			
Title or Description	Title or Description		
Are you bringing an easel? Yor N	Are you bringing an easel? Yor N		
Peoples' Choice # (Official use only)			
loss or damage to any item submitted for use in the	oted if unsigned. Entrant will not hold WAHCE responsible for any he WAHCE Cultural Arts Show. Entrant gives permission for their their written entry to be used by WAHCE as seen fit.		
Name (printed)	County		
Signature:	Date:		





#### 2017 Day Of Learning Tuesday February 21, 2017

9:30 AM – 10:30AM The Aging Ear and Hearing Aids

Dr. Moni Ledtke is an audiologist, and the co-owner of AuD Hearing in Lake Geneva. She graduated with her Bachelor's Degree from Marquette University in 1997 and with her Doctorate in Audiology from Central Michigan University in 2001. Dr. Ledtke and her partner, Dr. Tim Becker has owned AuD Hearing since 2006.

At the presentation, Dr. Ledtke will be discussing "Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids". A portion of the talk will be discussing the basics of the different types of hearing loss and their effects on communication. We will also discuss the basics of hearing aids, the different types, sizes, and costs involved. The rest of the session will be a "question and answer" format – she will be happy to answer any questions you have-nothing is off limits.

10:45 – 11:45 AM Keeping your Brain Fit As you Age

Barb Papcke and Eileen Guthrie will present Keeping your Brain Fit As you Age. This is a class from the State Conference. Keeping Mentally fit as we age is important to every one of us. Come learn ten activities that have been proven that each of us can do to improve and strengthen our brain health.

Yes, I would like to attend Day of Learning on Tuesday, February 21. Please sign me up for: (Check one or both) -----The Aging Ear and Hearing Aids ------------Keeping your Brain Fit As you Age

Name:Address:						
City:	State:	ZipCode:				
Phone:	Email:					
Member (\$2)	Non- Member (\$5)					
Please make checks payable to :HCE. Registration due by February 17. Please return to:						
UW-Extension						
100 W. Walworth Street						
P.O. Box 1001						
Elkhorn, WI 53121						



### 2017 Day Of Learning

Tuesday February 21, 2017

Registration 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 am – 12 PM

UW Extension/Government Center Room 214 100 W Walworth St Elkhorn, WI 53121

\$2 Members, \$5 Non-Members









#### Family Living Educator Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I join the Walworth County University of Wisconsin - Extension Team as the Family Living Educator. I bring twelve years of experience with UW-Extension in Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

In the four and a half years that I served as the Family Living Educator, I very much enjoyed working with HCE in Lincoln County. I am most proud of our development of the Live Sustainable, Lincoln County HCE Club. This club not only increased and diversified the HCE members but also brought education and other resources to the community that had not previously existed. Due to their enthusiasm, there is now a teaching community garden that combines education with providing space for people to garden.

#### A little about me:

I am very passionate about creating a better world by volunteering, community development and providing quality education. I truly believe that UW-Extension is where I need to be and that Extension will be my life long work. I enjoy spending time with my family - especially my 3 nieces (Ava, Ella and Lila) and 2.5 nephews (Brady, Jayden and a new one arriving in May – name to be determined). In Lincoln County, I enjoyed spending time with my adopted family (close friends) and we dedicated much of our free time in community leadership. I served as a board member of the Optimist Club with one year as President, secretary of the Rotary Club, a Chamber Ambassador, a United Way board member, a commissioner on the Merrill Area Housing Authority, a commissioner on the Merrill Redevelopment Authority and a variety of other volunteer positions. When I wasn't serving my community, being the Favorite Auntie or working, I was working on restoring my 1920's Sears Craftsman bungalow. I enjoy a challenge and learning new things so owning a historic home kept me busy. I choose to move to be closer to my family (who all live in or around Racine County) to spend more time with them.

I am very happy to be here and look forward to working with you to bring positive change to Walworth County. I believe in an open door policy so feel free to bring ideas to me. I am

looking forward to meeting you soon!







#### Sewing Meeting February 14, 2017

Happy Valentine's Day, yes it is once again time to get our sewing machines bussing as it is time start sewing meetings once again. What a nice way for us to share our love, by sewing for people who have a need for our projects.

I have delivered all of the hats we had on hand; I delivered hats to Mukwonago that Breast Care Coordinator takes hats to the three hospitals she covers and I took comfort pillows also. From there I delivered hats and pillows to the new facility on Spring Valley Rd. Burlington. The very next day I had a call from Burlington Hospital asking for pillows. I thought maybe I had made a mistake take the pillows to the new facility, but I was told that I hadn't. Some of the patients that need to spend the night at the hospital after surgery are still taken to Burlington Hospital. There still are some pillows on hand, but like I said no hats they have all been delivered.

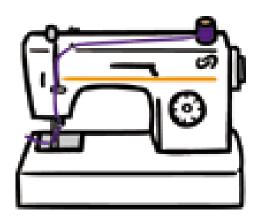
At this meeting we will be working on hats, pillows, and there are some quits that need tying. There is always batting that needs to be cut for hats. So if you can make it we will welcome you with open arms.

Just a review of what you need to bring: a sewing machine, scissors, any gadgets you like to use when sewing.

It is important that you bring your own lunch, but there will be mid-morning treats for you to enjoy.

Hope to see you on Tuesday, February 14 at 9:00 Am until about 2 or 2:30PM or you can leave earlier if you need to.

Eileen Guthrie, Stitches of Love Coordinator







For your information, taken from the 2016 Walworth County Fair Calendar

The constitution of the Walworth County Agricultural Society was adopted April 28, 1842. The first annual fair and cattle show of which we have any record was held in the Village of East Troy on October 16, 1849. And this was only one year after Wisconsin became the 30th state to join the union in 1848.

The Old Settlers Log Cabin was built on the fairgrounds in 1936 to celebrate the 100 year Centennial anniversary of its founding in 1836. During this time the county fundraising ran short, so the area school children saved their pennies and nickels to raise the needed amount to build the cabin. Today the HCE places displays in the Log Cabin during the fair.

Many visitors in the late 1800's came to the Fair by train. At one time, there were 19 Special Trains which unloaded daily and left again each evening after the races from the fairgrounds. They came from Libertyville, Rockford, Freeport, Beloit, Janesville, and many more. These special trains helped build the recognition and popularity of the fair.

Our first grandstand was built in the 1800's which was made of wood and sat 4,000. In 1896 a roof was added. In the summer of 1970 a fire destroyed the stands completely and with only months to spare until the next fair. The community came together to establish temporary seating and set in motion a donation fund to build. The current grandstand is composed of steel and concrete.

The Walworth County Fair is not owned or operated by the county government system. It is owned and managed by the Walworth County Agricultural Society which traces its roots to 1842.

Before TV itself came into being the Walworth County Fair hosted weddings. Couples applied for the privilege of being marred, in front of hundreds of fairgoers, at the fair. During the 1920's and 1930's participating couples also received a dozen silver dollars.

The Walworth County race track is one of the few left in Wisconsin. As methods to improve hauling increase so did the ability to use horses for recreation; making harness racing very popular. People from all over the Midwest recognized The Elkhorn Fair, leaving us known as the longest and fastest half mile oval in the world.

During the summer a county wide baseball tournament was held at the fairgrounds. All the towns would send their best baseball players to compete. Hundreds of people would come to the games to support their hometown, and to hopefully win and have bragging rights as being the county's championship team.

In 1986 when Johnny Cash appeared at the fair, traffic was backed up all over the county due to his show. The Sheriff's department was sent out to find his tour bus, which was stuck in traffic, and escort him to the fairgrounds, so he could perform.

The park was once a cemetery and before the Log Cabin could be permanently installed there, the cemetery's inhabitants had to be relocated.

Every Presidential election the Sharon Town Hall, which was moved to fairground, holds a vote for the candidates running for President. The election results that were gathered during the fair has always predicted who would win the election the following November for President of the United States.

The beautiful park that surrounds the County Government Center became the setting for unique Christmas decorations, which resulted in being known as the "Christmas Card Town, " reputation is recognized every year through a series of oil paintings created by resident artist Jan Castle Reed depicting the City's historical landmarks. The Walworth County Fairgrounds was featured on the 2004 Christmas card. And now you know the rest of the story, hope you enjoyed.

Eileen Guthrie



#### **HCE CREED**

We, the Homemakers of Wisconsin, believe in the sanctity of the HOME, the cradle of character, blessed by motherly devotion and guarded by fatherly protection. We pledge ourselves: To work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life; To strive for healthier minds and bodies and better living; To promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nation's greatest asset; To be true to God and country and of lasting service to our homes and communities.

Mrs. John Meise, Sauk County



#### **PRAYER CREED**

Dear God,

Give us the grace to see the blessings that have come from thee; Give us the strength to do our duty To see in everything some beauty Teach us that love and cheerful giving, Tolerance and decent living, Make our home a place sublime, Where there's no room for hate or crime, A place where good friends gather round; Where laughter, mirth, and cheer abound, Not selfish thoughts, not worldly greed,

Let this, Dear Master, be our Creed.



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