

# Port-O-Gram

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September/October 2015



## September

### Sept 4-7 Portage County Fair

Rosholt Fair Park  
Website: rosholtfair.com

### 7 Labor Day

### 14-16 WAHCE State Conference

Holiday Inn, Stevens Point  
"Many Facets of HCE" 75th Anniversary



### 21-22 CWC Conference, Hyatt Regency, Tulsa, OK

### 30 Pay yearly dues of \$10 / \$12 (Individual Member)

and send "Pennies for Friendship" to  
Donna Martens, County Treasurer  
Dues = \$5 (State), \$1 (District),  
\$4 (Portage Co. HCE)

**Just a reminder...**

Photo Release Forms are needed, please turn yours in if you have not already done so.

Also, please remember to pay your dues by Sept 30th.

## October

Elect Club Officers for 2016 to assume new positions in January (President and Secretary of club submit elected names to UW-Extension with this month's meeting minutes).

### 7 Fall County Day

Host: ABC Center, Almond  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
9:00 Gather with refreshments  
9:30 Business Meeting  
Election of County Officers  
(Treasurer & Program Planning)  
12:00 Potluck luncheon (bring a dish to pass and personal table service)  
1:00 Program: "Identity Theft and Account Fraud" presented by Sherry Daniels, UWEX Family Living Educator

### 13 "Our Day" Green Lake HCE Green Lake Conference Center

### 15 Port-O-Gram deadline Conference Reports

### 20 Fall Central District Meeting - Cecil, WI

### 24 National Make a Difference Day

### 27 Pleasant Hour—Stevens Point Center

### EOM SPARTA Used Book Sale

Call: Nancy Kemmeter 715-344-2598

## November

### 1-7 National HCE Week



### 26 Thanksgiving Day

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## [A Message From President Dianne Trzebiatowski](#)



I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful summer weather along with the usual summer activities, gardening, family get-togethers, and all of the other responsibilities we manage to find to keep ourselves busy. Where **are** those “lazy days of summer.

The 2015 WAHCE State Conference is less than a month away. I hope most of our Portage County HCE members take the opportunity to be a part of the festivities and the learning opportunities that are being offered. Be sure to wear some “Bling” as we Celebrate “The Many Facets of HCE”.

Honoring the over 320 Diamond HCE Members from all around the state is one of the highlights of this year's Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary Celebration. Our county HCE is excited and proud to showcase our four “Diamonds”: Violet Kawleski, Marge Rice, Eunice Schultz, and Lula Turner. Thank you ladies, for your hard work, dedication, and friendship!

The registration deadline for the Conference/tours has passed and registrar Darlene Schumacher has provided me with the numbers signed up for each tour. We are now busy finalizing things with Lamers, the different venues, bus guides, etc. There are lots of details to be finished and arrangements to make prior to tour day as well as people to help on Monday with signage, handing out water, bus loading, etc. Let me know what, when, and where you want to help!

On behalf of HCE I would like to welcome Denise Rocha to the Extension Office. I look forward to working closely with Denise on HCE things and utilizing her many computer skills.



### **I'd like to remind everyone to pay their dues and turn a signed photo release for 2016.**

The individual (*General Photo Release*) is included in this newsletter. Or, you can sign and turn the Membership & Photo Release form as a club. (*Forms are also available on the website.*)



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## Introducing New UW-Extension Support Staff. Denise Rocha

Hello Everyone, I am Denise Rocha the new UWEX Family Living, Agriculture & Reception Support Staff. I look forward to supporting HCE and working with you all. I was able to



meet some of you at the July Sewing Day and was impressed with the combination of teamwork, comradery and creativity displayed by your group. The pillow cases were amazing as is the cause they go to. The Ronald McDonald House has a special place in my heart. We had a newborn family member in NICU in Marshfield and I do not know how her parents would have coped without the services at RM House.

Please feel free to call or stop by and introduce yourself. You can call me directly at **715-346-1316** or email me at [denise.rocha@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:denise.rocha@ces.uwex.edu).

**IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH ME! :)**

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## In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Badger Club

*Submitted by: Jean Schwirtz*

In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Badger Club a Little Free Library has been installed at the Lanark Town Hall. The Little Free Libraries are a free book exchange where anyone may take a book or return a book to share with others. This Library belongs to everyone, our neighbors, friends and people who pass by. Anyone may use it.



Badger Club members: Rose Haarth, Esther Trzebiatowski, Terry Schwirtz, Jean Schwirtz and Hank Haarth



The Library is located at the Lanark Town Hall, 7174 Cty Trunk TT on the north corner of Hwy 54 and Cty Trunk TT. Members of the Badger HCE group have donated the books and will maintain the Library. To

learn more about the library program visit [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org).

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## Program Change

*Submitted by: Jean Schwirtz*

“Identity Theft and Account Fraud” will be lesson for Fall County Day on October 7 in Almond. Our Family Living Educator, Sherry Daniels will be the presenter. This is a timely topic for all of us.

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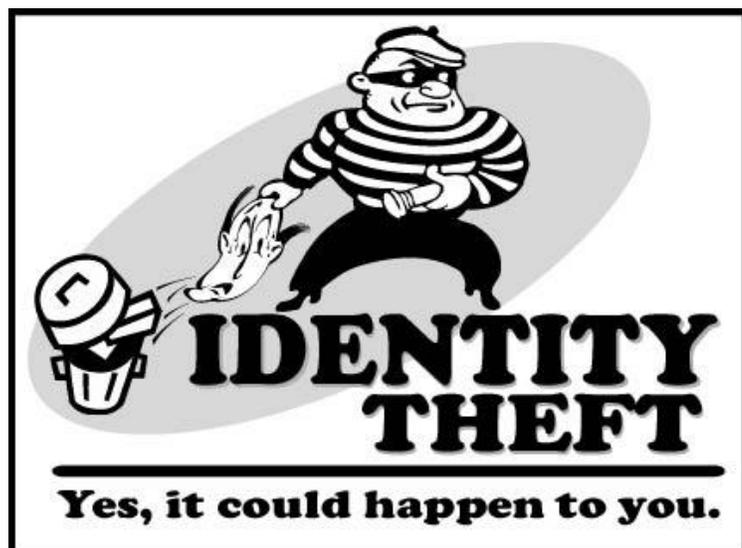
## Fall Country Day Lesson, “Identity Theft & Account Fraud”

*Submitted by: Sherry Daniels, Portage County UW-Extension Family Living Agent*

Summer went by fast and autumn is just around the corner. Hopefully you were able to enjoy the warm weather while it lasted in Wisconsin. Please take some time to enjoy the beautiful fall colors that too will go quickly.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you soon at the WAHCE annual conference right here in Stevens Point. I know many of you have put in countless hours getting ready to host this conference and I want to take this opportunity to tell you, “Thank You!” I was asked to welcome all HCE members to Stevens Point at the banquet on the first night of the conference. Hopefully by then I can come up with something creative to go with, “Welcome to Stevens Point.”

At Fall County Day I will present, “ID Theft and Account Fraud–Prevention and Clean Up.” This is based on my POOL presentation at the annual WAHCE conference last year. Have you or anyone you know had your identity stolen? If so, you know how challenging (and time consuming) it can be to get your identity back. We will talk about how to prevent this from happening to you. But if it does, we will also talk about what you can do to correct it. There



will be many handouts available from the Federal Trade Commission on this subject. Just about every day I get another email from the Federal Trade Commission on a new scam; I look forward to sharing the information with you all.

*Sherry Daniels*

## Our HCE Summer Tour

*Submitted by: Jean Schwirtz*

Our HCE Summer Tour was held on Thursday, July 16. We toured the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners warehouse and office in Stevens Point.

At the warehouse we learned about what it takes to get all the donations ready for shipping. There was a wide variety of items to sort, box and label. It was a very interesting process.

After the warehouse Lorraine Danczyk took us to the W/NP main office. We were treated to fruit, cheese and crackers. We got to see the many items that are made to sell through the W/NP program. Include picture (Back): Haley,

Bonnie, Ethan (Front): Jean, Nila, Betty, Eunice, Lorraine, Donna, Dianne, and Bonnie. Haley and Ethan are Nila's grandchildren.



## Wisconsin Bookworms™ receive Grant from Community Foundation

*Submitted by: Jean Schwirtz*

Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin Event was held on June 4 at Sentry World. Donna Martens and Jean Schwirtz attended in appreciation for the \$800 grant received from the Foundation for our Wisconsin Bookworms™ program. Pictured at right are Jean & Donna at the event.



## Cuddle/Comfort Pillows for the Ronald McDonald House

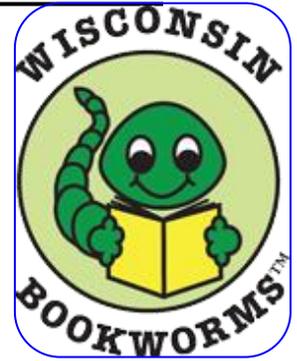
*Submitted by: Jean Schwirtz*



Cuddle/Comfort pillows were made for the sick children at the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield. HCE members met on Tuesday, July 21 at the Courthouse Annex and completed 39 pillowcases. Members will continue to sew/complete another 50. Pictured: (back) Jean, Margie, Betty, Dianne and Donna; (front) Pat, Jane, Kylie (Lorraine's grand-daughter) and Lorraine.

## Wisconsin Bookworms™

*Submitted by: Jean Schwirtz*



Portage County HCE members will begin reading at sites throughout Portage County in October. We will once again be reading at 5 different sites, reading to 260 students per month.

The books are all purchased for this school year. We will be reading: Pumpkin Town, Mouse's First Fall, The Big Hungry Bear, The Big Red Barn, How Do Dinosaurs Say "I Love You", We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Let it Rain and I Like Myself.

We have already received some donations for our books for the 2016-17 school year: SPARTA \$100: Stevens Point Area Co-op \$280, Dianne Trzebiatowski \$120 and the Amherst Lioness \$500.

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### Spring County Day , HCE Portage County, March 25, 2015 Minutes

Nelsonville Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m. Refreshments

Meeting was called to order by President Dianne Trzebiatowski at 9:30 a.m.. We opened with the Homemaker's Creed and Pledge to the Flag.

14 Members present: Badger 3 Bancroft 3 North Almond 3 Individual 4 and FLE

Secretary Report: Jean Schwirtz; Lynn Isherwood made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Betty Daberkow seconded...passed.

Treasurer report: Donna Martens; Lynn Isherwood made a motion to accept the treasurer report and file it for review.

Program Planning: Jean Schwirtz; Sherry will teach the Identity Theft and Account Fraud lesson at Fall County Day on October 7 in Almond. Jill Hicks will come today at 1:30 and explain changes in the Healthy Beginnings program.

Family and Community Life: JoAnn Tess and Betty Daberkow; perhaps after we hear from Jill Hicks, we can get an idea of another project for us.

Budget and Review: Donna Martens; Betty Daberkow made a motion to accept the financial report for 2014 as presented. Lynn Isherwood seconded. Placed on file.

Cultural and Textile Arts: Lynn Isherwood; The March Port-o-gram will include all the information for the Cultural Arts show to be held at Achievement Day on May 6. Special category is something "sparkly". The Port-o-gram will have all the needed guidelines for items.

Historian: Ramona Romundson; still reading obituaries. Received pictures for the scrapbook.

*(March 25, 2015 minutes continued)*

International: Lorraine Danczyk; Absent Will be here for the Spring District meeting and will have a sale table for Nicaragua.

Marketing and Membership: Marge Thiele; Absent

Wisconsin Bookworms™: Jean Schwirtz; We have been chosen to receive funds from the Stevens Point Coop on their 1% Fridays in the month of March 2015. Donna has sent in the grant application to SPARTA.

Correspondence; We received a request from the state organization for help with judges and quilt racks for the state conference in September. Sherry supplied a list of 4-H judges. Jean will contact Mickie Pagel from the Almond Quilt Guild about renting their quilt racks.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Spring District Meeting: We discussed the list of duties and filled in the rest of the blanks.

We are all set. We will set up on Monday, April 20 beginning at 2:30p.m.

Tuesday we should be there about 8:00 a.m.

Bring containers to take home leftovers.

Each Portage County members will each pay \$10.00 for the day.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

State Conference Tours: Each tour will cost \$23.00. We will need to be the hostesses for this event. It is the only duty that Portage County has for the conference. All tour information will be in the next Update along with the other conference information.

Sherry Daniels, FLE: Sherry shared information about the changes in extension from districts to regions. The financial wellness group at the university has coaches for the students. There are also presentations done in the dorms for the students.

Sherry had information for us about phone scams and funeral expenses and planning.

Sherry has had 17 interns so far. She is doing some post intern interviews to see where they are now.

Meeting adjourned at noon

Respectfully submitted

Jean Schwirtz, Secretary

1:00 Karen Trzebiatowski gave a presentation on Trolls and Nisse.

1:40 Jill Hicks shared information on the changes in the Healthy Beginnings program

2:15 Craft workshop for the Spring District meeting

**“When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.”**

*~ Helen Keller ~*

On behalf of the ladies in Nicaragua who offer cooking and baking classes through the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners Learning Center Program, we wish to extend immense gratitude to all the HCE ladies in Wisconsin who have been donating items that help support their classes.



*Muchas  
Gracias!*

The objective of the Learning Center Program is to provide and promote opportunities to develop skills that will improve vocational options, income, self-sufficiency and empowerment for women living throughout Nicaragua.

In April 2015, four containers were shipped from Wisconsin to Nicaragua, and the photo above illustrates a snapshot of the distribution. There will be four more containers leaving Stevens Point hopefully in September 2015. If you have items to be included, either for sewing, baking, or beauty classes, please contact the W/NP office at 715-346-4702. Thank you!

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*“Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: That we are here for the sake of others...for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day, I realize how much my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.” ~ Albert Einstein*

## Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners is looking for Baking material!



### The Program

The objective of the Learning Center Program within Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners (W/NP) is to provide and promote opportunities to develop skills that will improve vocational options, income, self-sufficiency and empowerment for people living throughout Nicaragua.

### How You Can Help!

- Donate baking supplies/materials
- Give financial donations to W/NP to purchase supplies for classes
- If you would like to learn more about WNP, call, e-mail or visit the office

Room 129, Nelson Hall, UWSP  
1209 Fremont Street  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Email: [wnp@uwsp.edu](mailto:wnp@uwsp.edu)  
Website: [www.wisnic.org](http://www.wisnic.org)  
Phone: (715)-346-4702

### Materials for the WNP baking project!

- Mixers
- Baking pans: round/rectangular
- Medium bowls
- Plastic rubber scrapers
- Metal spatulas
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Cake decorating bags
- Couplers & tips especially flower tips

The primary beneficiaries are the people of Nicaragua who utilize W/NP Learning Centers, acquire skills and improve quality of life.

A parallel impact occurs in Wisconsin where W/NP affiliates who through participation in program development and collaborative efforts support the Learning Centers and acquire an appreciation for the value of helping their fellow man.

A mutual and reciprocal relationship exists between WI and Nic, where people come to realize we need each other to achieve the outcomes that will ultimately affect people in a very significant and meaningful way.

Resources available to Nicaraguans are scarce, with the cooperation of people in Wisconsin we are able to share what we have to make the quality of life better for both sides. Not just the Nicaraguans benefit, but also people in Wisconsin whereby their involvement illustrates value in reaching out to others and making a difference.

 **WISCONSIN/NICARAGUA**  
*Partners of the Americas, Inc*

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## **“Celebrate the Many Facets of HCE” - 2015 WAHCE State Conference**

***Submitted by: Jean Schwirtz***

The theme for this year’s WAHCE 2015 State Conference is “Celebrate the Many Facets of HCE.” The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, right here in Stevens Point on September 14, 15, 16. This year’s P.O.O.L (Programs, Outreach, Opportunity and Leadership) classes will include: Raising a Thinking Child and Food Label Lingo. I will be attending these classes and will try and include them in next year’s programing. If you have other program suggestions, please let me know.

Portage County will have four members honored for 55 plus years of membership. They are Eunice Schultz 69 years, Marge Rice and Lulu Turner 58 years and Violet Kawleski 55 years. Rose Haarth will be honored as a 10 years book reader. They will all be honored at the

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## **VOLUNTEER Tour Guides NEEDED**

**for 2015 WAHCE Conference Tours**



**Welcome our fellow  
WAHCE members and  
show them how GREAT  
Portage County is!**

**September 14th, Tours 12:00 – 5:00PM**

**Starting point, the Holiday Inn**

**Let Dianne know if you can help!**

**Call her at 715-366-7685**

**Complete &  
Return!**



**Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education**

**HCE Members and family, Guest Speakers Photo Release Permission Form**

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\_\_\_ I grant permission to the Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education (WAHCE) to use my photo and comments in WAHCE reports, articles, and publications designed for educational, informational, and promotional purposes. I understand some of these materials may be posted online for a period of time.

\_\_\_ I grant permission to the Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education (WAHCE) to use the photo and comments of my minor child, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, in WAHCE reports, articles, and publications designed for educational, informational, and promotional purposes. I understand some of these materials may be posted online for a period of time.

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Print Subject's Name (adult or youth)	
Signature	
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Print Name of Parent or Guardian: <i>(Parent or guardian must sign if subject is under age 18)</i>	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone	
Email:	

Comments:

- All members need to sign this photo release. Needs to be on file in your county extension office (indefinitely). And readily available upon request. Conference chairs and other special events – should maintain a copy respectively.



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