Hello. I don’t know about all of you, but I am ready for some quiet time. For me it has been a busy year of cleaning, cleaning and more cleaning. Oh yes the laundry also. When I close up for the winter I try …and the word is TRY …to get all of the bedding washed and bagged in the cottages and motel rooms. I stopped counting after 50 loads. The best part, aside from not having to do all that wash in the spring, is the walking up and down stairs and to and fro from the cottages back and forth to the laundry room. A lot of exercise and toning is going on. I must walk up to 3 or 4 miles a day back and forth from the office to the laundry to rotate the loads to getting it and putting it back. Good….exercise.

Well, I missed the State Conference, but have heard very good stories. From the food to the classes to the programs held and the host venue and all of the work they put into a great stay for all. I did make it to the Northeast District meeting in Suring in October. A very good speaker by the name of Amy Wiske gave a great presentation on the Wisconsin/Nicaragua, Partners of the Americas. She talked of her family’s involvement with this program and of the learning centers, the help with the sewing of burn garments for fire victims. It was one of those great motivators that makes one want to go out and collect fabric and trims and sewing machines. Me, I want or need to go through my sewing room again and purge the excess that I will NEVER use. We sewers are just like the men with all the stuff they have in their workshops, just not as greasy!

I will be attending the rest of the club meetings this winter to finish the goal I set for myself in getting to know all of the ladies in HCE. And then I want to get busy with our service projects you all decide on, whatever they may be.

My wish for us all is a very blessed Christmas this season. I know that in our heart of hearts we want the old memories that sustain us, but reality is … change, change and more change. We grow daily in our lives with all of the interactions we have with our family and friends, and thank the heavens above that we have these valuable persons in our lives.

Have a great, happy and safe winter.

Respectfully,

Little Bit LeClair
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Door County HCE President

http://door.uwex.edu/family-living/hce/
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Dear HCE Members,

As I approach my tenth anniversary with UW Extension, it has been a time for remembering and reminiscing, especially since my husband, Gary and I have made the decision to retire and join our family in Florida. I plan to work until early November, then use up my vacation time.

Working with HCE has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of my job; learning with you at leader trainings, expanding skills at craft workshops, playing card games at kick off events and sharing recipes at potlucks! (HCE members are the BEST cooks!)

I want to thank and commend you for the volunteer work you do: sewing hats and quilts and lap robes, making tray favors, sending donations to Nicaragua, reading books to preschoolers and raising money to do it all through brat frys, raffles and rummage sales. You are an amazing group of women who can accomplish most anything you set your minds to.

Thanks for supporting the women and children who need your help most! I’m amazed at how much you have accomplished during the past ten years. Thanks too for the laughter and friendship you have shared with me. Friends and family are what makes life worth living!

Yours in friendship,

Pam Peterson
Family Living Educator
Door County UW-Extension
pam.peterson@ces.uwex.edu
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAMS
http://www.dcmga.org/
The following programs are being offered to anyone who wants to attend ... free of charge. Programs are held at the Crossroads at Big Creek and begin at 7:00 p.m.

- **What’s New for 2015 -- Tuesday, January 13**
  Discover what’s new and exciting for home gardeners in 2015 ... Kori Zawojski, Sunnypoint Gardens

- **Native Pollinators of WI -- Tuesday, January 20**
  The growing importance of native pollinators (not just bees) to Wisconsin’s gardeners and farmers ... Rachel Mallinger, UW Madison’s Gratton Lab

- **Beech Disease Mitigation at Whitefish Dunes State Park -- Tuesday, January 27**
  The Park’s efforts to confront a devastating infestation and the eventual impact Beech disease will have on Door County’s forests ... Carolyn Rock, Naturalist

- **Evergreen Nursery Cranberry Production -- Tuesday, February 4**
  The story of how this Door County nursery plays a major role in Wisconsin’s cranberry production ... Ron Amos, Owner

- **Invasives! The New List -- Tuesday, March 3**
  Join us to explore the updated list of Wisconsin’s invasive species. See how many you’ve recently added to your home garden ... Kari Hagenow, Door County Invasive Species Team

- **The Natural Enemies of Garden Pests -- Tuesday, March 31**
  The good bugs that help keep your gardens healthy. You don’t want to zap them by mistake ... Mike Draney, UWGB “Spider Guy”

- **Prairie Plants for the Garden -- Tuesday, April 21**
  Using prairie plants in your home garden ... Chriss Daubner, Door County Master Gardener

**To All Clubs**
~ from Teri Madden
This ongoing message is to remind you to get into your photo drawers and rubbermate luggers or your computer hard drive and search for any club photos from the last 10 years. It can be an event, meeting, special crafting event, Christmas party, bar hopping, (just making sure you’re paying attention), volunteering, singing Christmas Carols, etc., visiting nursing homes and include your Packer club photo! I don't want any of our clubs to miss out on being added to our DCHCE Scrapbook. It’s been 10 years since Bee Ehlers spent many, many hours on putting together our scrapbook of the past. I’m updating and it’s very hard to add pages once they are in the album. I will start it in January 2015. That gives you all at least 6 weeks, and besides ... you have procrastinated long enough, the time is NOW....and it’s fun to look back at your photos. Please make copies for me and send them to: Teri Madden, 7265 State Hwy 42, Egg Harbor,

WI 54209 -- 868-3885.  (Thank You Diane Olson and Marilyn Kleist for your photos.)

**WAHCE NE DISTRICT MEETING**
~ submitted by June Meikle
Six Door County HCE members attended the NE District meeting on October 23 at Romy’s Holiday Inn on Kelly Lake in Suring, WI -- Teri Madden, Barb Duquaine, Marilyn Kleist, Elizabeth LeClair, Karen Spittlemeister, and June Meikle. Eighty-six HCE members from eight northeastern counties were present, including WAHCE State President Betty Anne Tubbin; 13 were first timers. We have 3,868 HCE members in WI. Our next WAHCE Conference will be the 75th and there will be a diamond hid in the UPDATE. You must correctly identify where it is and then you have a chance to have your name drawn and win a prize. Women Walk the World is on April 29th. Each county is encouraged to participate. WI Bookworms™ Chairs are planning new activities to recognize the readers. Every county should have a Public Relations Chair. Develop an ongoing reward presentation for members who have been in the organization 5-, 10-, 15-years, etc., with special emphasis on 25- and 50-years. We are to think about: Do we want our NE District to meet in a central location? In our case, Brown County. The different counties would still be responsible for the programming, door prizes, centerpieces, name tags, Keynote speaker etc. The plus side - it would save mileage and perhaps more would attend. The minus side - the fun of going new places and seeing new things. I didn’t know Kelly Lake even existed. This will be on the agenda at our spring meeting - April 29th at Seymour. Our 2015 Fall meeting will be in Brown County on October 27. Amy Wiza was the Keynote Speaker. Amy told us about our Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partnership. She is in charge of the collection site in Stevens Point. There have been over 10,000 Chica Nica Doll Dresses sold. Our own Linda Pracht started this project in 1998. Linda is no longer with us, but the doll dresses are more popular than ever. Donations for the sewing project include: Fabric (no heavy wool or polyester), Notions (pins, needles, buttons, thread, ribbon, velcro, zippers, trims, crochet cotton, embroidery floss, yarn, hooks and knitting needles), Sewing machines in good working order, Sergers, Scissors, Irons and ironing boards. WI Bookworms™ Chair, Teri Madden and Membership Chair, June Meikle were elected and installed. Lois Dalke, our present Membership Chair had us design a business card to present to potential new members and turned the responsibility of seeing that gets done in each county to June. Good news. We are going to be able to purchase the water filters for $45 apiece; presently paying $60 apiece. Many third world people are able to get pure water to drink because of these filters. I hope next spring we have members from all eight of our clubs attending the District Meeting. And I pray that come September, we will have 20 people from our county going to State Conference in Stevens Point with their trunks full of donations for Nicaragua.
**Wild Rice Chowder**

~ Recipe from Lakewoods Resort, Cable, WI. 800-255-5937

1 quart chicken broth
1 potato, diced
2 slices bacon chopped
2 cups carrots, diced
1/2 cup onion, diced
1/2 cup celery, diced
2 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups cooked wild rice
1/2 cup half and half
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 cups cooked chicken, cubed or diced
1 tablespoon Sherry or Brandy

In an 8 qt. soup pot, bring chicken broth to a boil; lower heat then add potato and simmer until it begins to soften. In a separate sauté pan, cook bacon until crisp, remove to paper towel to drain. In the same pan, remove all but 1 tablespoon of bacon grease; over medium heat add butter and cook carrots, onions and celery until tender. Stir in flour until blended; add vegetable mixture to soup pot; simmering until thickened. Stir in chopped bacon, wild rice, half and half, pepper and chicken. Heat through, stirring in sherry or brandy just before serving.

~ Submitted by Marilyn Kleist

The annual WAHCE State Conference was held September 8-10th at Lakewoods Resort, Cable, WI. Door County officers attending were: Barb Duquaine, Annette Heck, Teri Madden, June Meikle and Marilyn Kleist. They attended sessions concerning: Wisconsin Bookworms; Geocaching; ID Theft and Account Fraud; Dragonfly Gardens; North Star Homestead Co-op Farming; Secretary/Treasurer Workshop; Cancer Clear and Simple; Ice Age in Your Front Yard; Raising a Money Smart Child (Grandchild); Double Strand Seed Bead and Jump Ring Bracelet; From the Lakewood’s Kitchen; Get Started with Creative Writing; and Using Technology to Enhance Your Financial Situation. There were 339 statewide members attending and 410 Cultural Arts entries.

- **Getting Started at Creative Writing** – First, we had to write about yourself as a child. What the world was like to you, how did you perceive it? Write the story in pen, not pencil on paper, not using computer. If you make a mistake, cross the line out (save for later, for a thought later in story). Use fear, sadness, joy, anger, humor, frustration, etc. We write about our youth because our children, grandchildren and others need to know us, they need to know what our world like back then, because no one else has experienced life exactly as we have.

- **Raising a Money Smart Child** -- We explored the role of parents and grandparents, as a key resource in teaching financial education to their children/grandchildren. We have to communicate more effectively about money and money issues. Students know more about income and spending, than about money management and saving. 67% of youth get most of their financial information from parents. Parents can model good and bad behaviors about money. You should talk about: credit, budgets and
other financial issues. Save for retirement regularly, buy life insurance, save for vacation, college, have an up-to-date will, contribute to charities. Remember kids are steeped in advertising, but know very little about handling money. Create conversations about money, not lectures. Talk about: Why money is valuable -- Saving money / Spending money wisely / Borrowing money / Rainy day funds / Investing.

~ Submitted by June Meikle

"O'wl Always Be An HCE Member" was the theme for this year's 74th WAHCE Conference at Lakewoods Resort in Cable, WI. Six Door County HCE members attended: Teri Madden, Annette Heck, and Miriam Erickson from the Harbor-Ettes, Barb Duquaine from the Home-Mades, and Marilyn Kleist and June Meikle from the Apple Polishers. I attended six workshops and went on the tour to explore the town of Hayward and attend the Lumberjack Show. You might see me wearing the HCE T-Shirt I bought. In the "Internet Safety Workshop" we were told to never use our Mother's maiden name for our password. We should intermix capitals, numbers and symbols in the password we use and we should change our password often. No legitimate business will ask for your personal information in e-mails. Save financial transactions for home. Keep sensitive information to yourself. The Membership Challenge workshop gave us a survey for all our County members. It will be in the January Ripples. It's to help us communicate better. We will be designing either a business card or a bookmark to distribute to potential members. The POOL workshop was "ID Theft and Account Fraud". P stands for Program O for Outreach, O for Opportunity, and L for Leadership. Every year, we have three POOL workshops that the Vice Presidents are required to attend. Information is passed out, for us to take back to our counties and develop programs. I will be campaigning for this Identity Theft Program to be given in Door County. I made a double strand seed bead and jump ring bracelet in the craft workshop and got rid of excess stress in the "Simple Yoga Practices for Caregiver Stress Relief". Our Tuesday after lunch workshop was given by our Past WAHCE President, Lylene Schultz and Marcelline Protheroe, Editor of our Update magazine. These two attended the ACWW Triennial in India. Imagine, they put Vicks under their noses when they went on tours of the city, because it stunk so badly. Our keynote speaker, Kevin Stanberg's "Once Upon A Mule" was about his riding a mule to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. The experiences he encountered were summed up in ten lessons. Those ten lessons correlate with the ones embraced by HCE members on our journey to becoming leaders. The best part of the Conference was greeting and hugging old friends. The Cultural Arts display was spectacular. Forty-six counties brought 410 entries which included 57 photos. The people's choice was a painted trunk of Noah's ark. There were 23 medallions (best of category) given. The thirty-six owls were too cute. The one that won was from Waupaca and was made out of zippers. The Silent Auction (192 entries) made $2,727 for water filters. The statistics are listed on a separate sheet. Thanks to Sheboygan's newsletter for this. Saved me a bunch of typing.
DAHCE Executive Board Summer Potluck
July 23, 2014  ~  6:00 p.m.
Square Rigger, Jacksonport

After a delicious meal of lasagna, salads and dessert, our meeting was called to order by President Little Bit at 7:00p.m. Homemaker Creed was recited. Roll Call: Teri Madden, Little Bit LeClair and Annette Heck (Harbor-Ettes); Marilyn Kleist (Apple Polishers); Linda Anderson (Sister Bay Sew & Sew); Barb Duquaine (Home-Mades); Pam Peterson (Extension Office). Approval of Agenda/Secretary Report/Treasurer Report. The agenda was approved with motion by Marilyn and second by Teri. Minutes of the Spring Recognition Banquet were read and approved with motion by Teri and second by Marilyn. Motion was made by Teri and seconded by Annette to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April Executive Board Meeting. The Treasurers report was given and will be placed on file for audit. Marilyn requested $150.00 from treasury to pay for the 6th person attending the state conference in September. Motion made by Little Bit and seconded by Annette to approve. Little Bit also requested $41.36 for materials used for flower corsages for Spring Banquet. Motion made by Linda and seconded by Barb to approve. Motions carried. Correspondence: A thank you from a new member (Deanna Martin, Home-Mades) was read. She was very impressed with the spirit Association banquet and happy to become part of HCE.

Committee Reports:
- **Standing Rules:** There was a proposed change to the standing rules regarding refund of registration for spring/fall DAHCE Association meeting/banquet. Registration will no longer be accepted at the door; participants must register in advance. There will be no refunds given; if participants cannot attend they should find an alternate. A vote on the proposed change will be held at the Fall Association meeting.
- **Cultural Arts:** Annette will pick up entries for state at the Extension Office. Please bring entries to the UW Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Wed., Sept. 3rd.
- **Bookworms:** Teri reported that Bookworms will not be provided to Northern Door Childcare Center this year due to lack of funds and difficulty of securing readers for northern Door County. Pam will contact Northern Door Childcare Center about the change.
- **Fundraiser:** Next brat fry at Econo Foods, August 16th. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.
- **Door County Fair:** July 30-August 3, 2014. Theme of the HCE booth will be similarities between the patchwork on quilts and the “patchwork” of HCE volunteers/members. Readers will be present Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

New Business:
- There was a discussion about how many board meetings to have per year. It was suggested to have 4 per year unless hosting the Northeast District Meeting. (January, April, July, and October or November) The Spring Recognition Banquet will be in May. State Conference will be held at Lakewood Resort in Cable WI, September 8,9,10. Those planning to attend are Little Bit, Barb Duquaine, Teri Madden, Annette Heck, June Meikle and Karen Spittlemeister. Participants will gather ideas for service projects our county can do.
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Next Executive Board meeting will be October 15th at Government Center, 5:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Annette and second by Teri. Homemaker prayer was read.

~ Respectfully submitted, Barb Duquaine, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the November 11th DAHCE Fall Association meeting.

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JOANNE BONGLE

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October 14, 2014; 7 pm. Kirsten Meacham, Secretary.
Meeting was called to order by President Mary Jeanne and we began by reciting the Creed. Roll call was taken and the secretary’s (Marilyn Kleist) and treasurer’s reports were read. Old Business: Econo foods receipts collected; Good reports from the September Kick-Off Party. New Business: Reminded of the October 15 Executive Board Meeting at the Government Center. We discussed ideas for service projects for the next year and ideas for the program book for next year, as requested. President Mary Jeanne will submit them. Northeast District Fall Meeting is October 23 (Suring, WI). Marilyn will attend. Fall Asso. meeting is November 11 at El Sazon Restaurant. We were reminded to turn in our reservations and payment. Several will attend.

Our Christmas Party will be at Birmingham’s on December 8. We will discuss this more in November. Tray Favors for the Skilled Nursing Facility/NSMC will be made for April 2015. Adjourned with the HCE Prayer. Show & Tell: Marilyn shared recipes – Shari will share next month. Next Meeting: Our November meeting will be at Mary’s home on Monday, November 10. We enjoyed our annual White Elephant Auction; Jocelyn was auctioneer.

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Hall. More details will follow. Annual Christmas gathering will be Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, Richard's Pub & Grill @ 5:30 pm. Decorations - Dianne; Entertainment - Joanne.

REMINDER: Collect and save your seeds etc. for sharing next spring. The Homemakers Prayer was recited; motion to adjourn.

**October 7, 2014.** Meeting began at 11:00 a.m. with an excellent lunch hosted by Dianne Olson at her home. The creed was recited, roll call was taken, and the secretary's/treasurer's report were approved. Pennies for Friendship and dues were collected. Dianne reported on the successful “Faith and Fellowship Walk” $30 was donated to this cause. Proceeds benefit the local Food Pantry. Ingrid Donley, Joanne Bongle and Nila Schley attended the enjoyable HCE potluck at The Square Rigger. Our deepest sympathy was extended to Joyce Englebert as her son passed away on 9/26/14. Tuesday November 4th our sister club, Maplewood Community Club, will sponsor a Bake Sale. Please bring your baked items to Nila or Joyce by 6 p.m. on Monday, November 3rd REMINDERS:

**November 11th** is the Fall Association Meeting hosted by the DC Hispanic Club. **Wednesday, December 3rd,** the annual Christmas gathering will be held at Richard's; social at 5:30 and Dinner at 6 pm. Gift exchange: women – $8-$10 and men $5-$6. Decorations by Dianne; entertainment by Joanne. Joanne and Nila volunteered to read at Head Start from January, 2015 through May. In the spring of 2015, the club will be making tray favors for the DCH Extended Care Unit. The Homemakers Prayer was recited. Motion to adjourn, Margaret Kramer, seconded by Joanne. After the meeting, the group went on a fantastic tour of the Olsonaire Dairy Farm, featuring robotic milking. Excellent! 

**November 4, 2014.** ~ Joyce Englebert, Secretary

Our November meeting began at 6 p.m. with an excellent gluten-free lunch hosted by Ingrid Donley and Barb Maskell. Present were Ingrid, Nila, Joyce, Barb and Betty. Joanne, excused absence. The creed was recited, roll call was taken, and the secretary's/treasurer’s report were approved. Roll was taken by responding with each member "Winter Project". Thank you notes were read from Dianne Olson and Joyce Englebert. Old Business: Our joint Bake Sale was successful. “Thank you” to all our members for donating generously – we had full member participation! Additional information is in the file for the next sale. Motion was made to donate $25 toward the Shelley Englebert Benefit, seconded and passed unanimously. November 11th is the Fall Association Meeting hosted by the DC Hispanic Club. Ingrid and Joanne will be attending. December 3rd is our Christmas Party and it will be held at Richard’s; social at 5:30-Dinner at 6 p.m. There will not be a gift exchange this year – just good food, good company, entertainment, games and door prizes. Please call Nila if you are NOT going to attend. New Business: Discussion proceeded to our 2015 plans – lots of good ideas and suggestions were presented. Hopefully we will have our new member booklet ready for the December Party. Motion to adjourn made by Nila, seconded by Barb. Closed with the Homemakers Prayer.

**SISTER BAY SEW & SEWS**

~ Submitted by Darlene Kolp

**September 22, 2014.** We visited Waseda Farm on Sept. 22rd. Six members and one guest were present. Tom, the creator and proprietor met us. Tom had a bout with cancer in 2001, and has been cancer-free for 13 years. He showed us groups of chickens he raises for meat. They live on the ground, on the grass in groups of possibly 30. They are moved every couple weeks and go to the freezer after 6 months. The egg-laying chickens live in a special trailer. We didn't see this, but we saw the egg-washing building which includes grading and packaging. Each package includes white eggs, some brown eggs and a green egg. They are quite large. We saw pigs, and were amazed to learn that they love to eat fresh, mowed grass. They also go to the freezer after six months. We also saw a special device where cattle enter to be checked … designed by the autistic girl, Temple Grandin. There is a quaint old cottage on the property, as this was part of St. Joseph's Retreat Center; now his wife's office. We saw a beautiful garden with many kinds of vegetables still growing with a grassy area in between all the rows, flanked by many flowers. We later visited his store where eggs, chicken, beef, pork and vegetables are sold; some of us purchased items. We all felt it was a very special place, and were thankful that Tom took his time to show us his farm.

**October 13, 2014.** Met at the home of Barbara Jarvis. All members present except our member from Rockford, Illinois. Also, Linda Anderson's sister, Emily was present as our guest. We took roll call telling something fun we did during summer. We discussed the forms which needed to be completed for membership. Barbara is completing one, and Linda the one with the dues to Marilyn Kleist, and Darlene will do the other for Judeen. We need to correct some of the data where the husbands are listed, but are no longer with us, and some of the emails. Linda Anderson showed everyone the Barn Quilt Calendar, and informed us that her photo was chosen for the month of April. This was really a 4-H project. She received a monetary award. She also said she won three awards at the State Fair for items she submitted. We discussed the program activities we would be interested in and service projects. Linda brought the container for Pennies for Friendship, and everyone included their coins. Barbara and Linda attended the hors d’oeuvres party at Little Bit LeClair's but there was no scoffing demonstration. For our program we answered a test on "Safely Aging in Place" given to us by Donna-Jean Kornerup from her club in Rockford, Illinois. It was interesting to learn we didn't know all the answers. We discussed attending the Fall Association Meeting. Most everyone will attend. We also discussed plans for our November and December meetings. We closed with the HCE prayer; Barbara served lunch.
BEST SCENT FOR CHRISTMAS
Combine a teaspoon of allspice, a teaspoon of whole cloves, 1/2 dozen cinnamon sticks and one tablespoon chopped rosemary branches in a pan with four to five drops of vanilla extract. Cover with two cups of fresh water and let simmer on very low heat. (Do not boil)

THIS AND THAT
• I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. ~Charles Dickens in "A Christmas Carol" 1843
• Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that's why we call it the “Present”.
• The best time to do something is between yesterday and tomorrow.
• "What's a Heavenly pea?" my 4 year old son wanted to know. I was baffled, until he patiently explained, "I mean, in 'Silent night' it says, 'Sleep in heavenly peas.'"

CRANBERRY WALNUT WHITE FUDGE
½ c. (1 stick) unsalted butter 2 c. sugar ¾ c. sour cream 1 (10 or 12 oz) package vanilla or white chips 1 7-oz jar marshmallow creme 1 tsp. vanilla extract 3 c. coarsely chopped walnuts 1 c. dried cranberries, coarsely chopped
Foil and butter an 8" square baking pan; set aside. In a heavy saucepan, bring sugar, sour cream, and remaining butter to boil over medium heat. Cook and stir occasionally until candy thermometer reads 234°, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in chips, marshmallow creme, and vanilla until smooth. Fold in walnuts and cranberries. Pour into prepared pan. Let stand at room temperature. When cool, lift fudge out of pan, and remove foil. Cut into squares. Store in cool place. Makes 3 pounds or 54 pieces.

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE
1 16-oz pkg. light brown sugar 1 5-oz can (whole) evaporated milk ¼ c. (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened 1 tsp. cider vinegar 1 tsp. vanilla extract 1½ c. chunky peanut butter
Butter an 8" square baking pan. In a heavy 3-qt. pan, mix brown sugar, milk, butter and vinegar. Heat to boiling (medium-low heat) stirring constantly. Set candy thermometer in place (not touching bottom of pan) and continue cooking, without stirring until temperature reaches 238°. Remove sauce pan from heat. With a clean wooden spoon, beat until mixture begins to thicken and cool slightly. Stir in vanilla and peanut butter until well blended. Pour into pan. When cool, cut into 36 pieces.

GRAHAM AND PEANUT BUTTER BONBONS
1 c. graham cracker crumbs 1¾ c. crunchy peanut butter ½ c. confectionery (powdered) sugar 1½ c. Rice Krispies cereal 12 oz. white baking chocolate (not chips, they won't melt) Mix graham cracker crumbs, peanut butter, sugar, and Rice Krispies. Refrigerate at least one hour. Melt white chocolate. Form crumb mixture into balls, and dip in melted chocolate. Place on waxed paper. Allow time to cool and set up. These freeze nicely. Makes 40.

BOURBON SOAKED CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES
6½ oz semi-sweet chocolate 1½ oz unsweetened chocolate 4 T bourbon or dark rum 2 T strong coffee, (can be decaffeinated) ½ c. (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into 1-inch pieces ¾ to 1 c. finely ground gingersnaps (Powdered sugar, unsweetened cocoa, finely ground gingersnaps, pecans, almonds, pistachio nuts, hazelnuts to coat truffles)
In top of double boiler over simmering water, melt chocolate with bourbon and coffee. Beat in butter, one piece at a time. Beat in gingersnaps. Chill, covered, over-night. Form chocolate mixture into 1-inch balls. Mixture will be very stiff but will soften in heat of your hands. Roll in choice of coatings. Refrigerate or freeze if you don't have a cool storage place. Store in airtight container in candy cups between layers of waxed paper. Makes 30.

To All Of Our Door County HCE Members
'We Wish You A Happy Thanksgiving
A Merry Christmas
And The Very, Very Best Of The 2015 New Year
Wishing You Good Health
Sending You Love
HO HO HO

From: The Ripples Staff, Door County HCE Executive Board and Our Favorite Secretary, Judeen Hanson

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