The Manitowoc County HCE Citizenship Challenge

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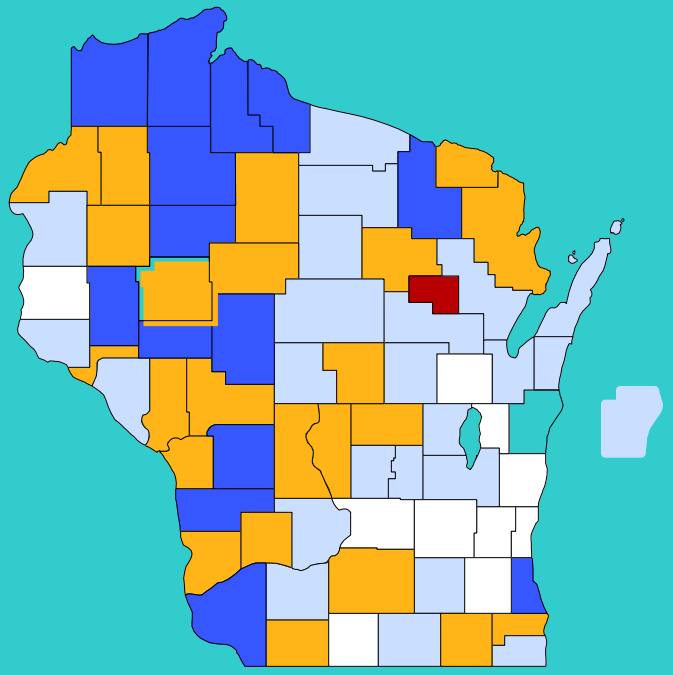


HCE Mission Statement

- Offer Educational Opportunities
- Improve Leadership Skills of Members
- Provide Service to Communities

2004 Leadership Institute

"The Citizenship Challenge"

presented by

Linda Olson

Shawano County Family Living Educator

The Message to HCE Members

Citizenship:

- an opportunity
- a responsibility
- a privilege

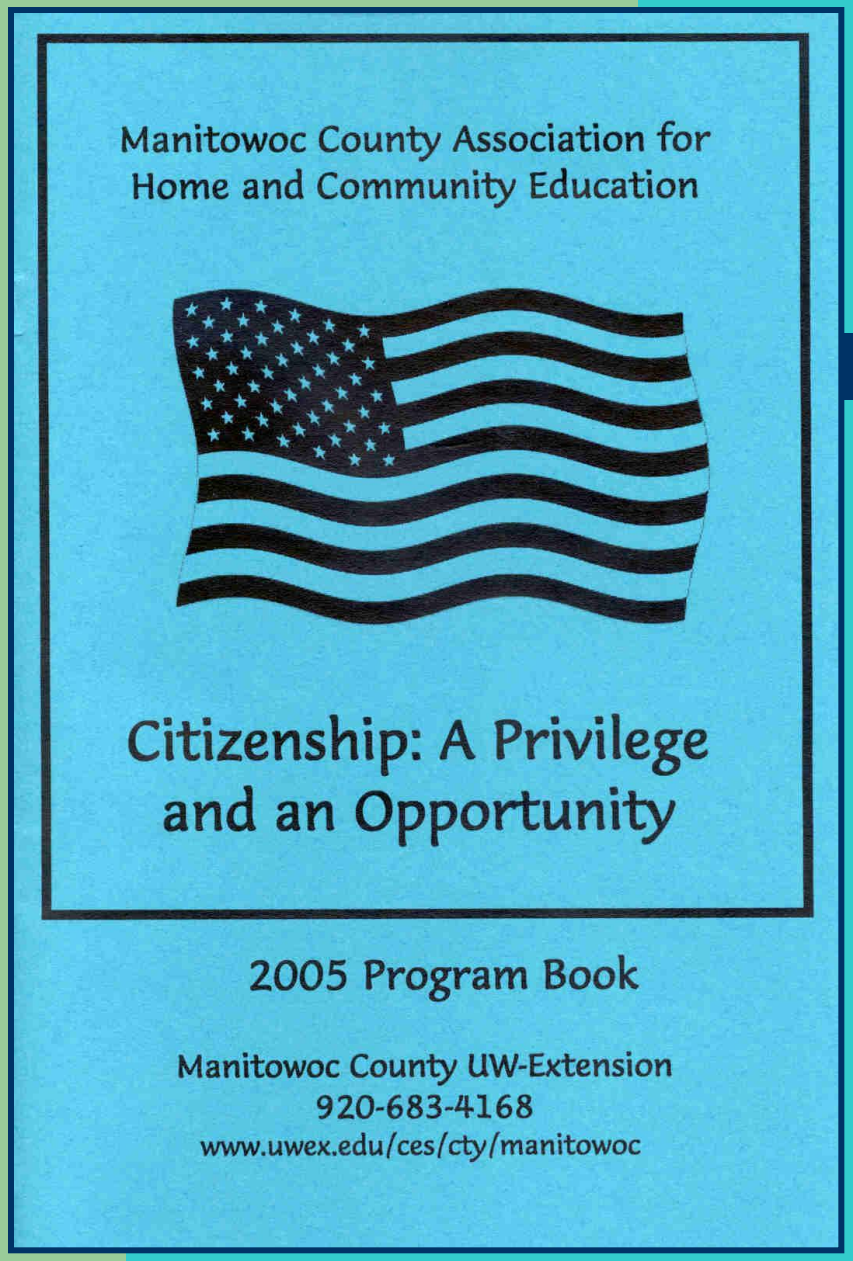
Dr. Larraine Matusak

"Finding Your Voice, Learning to Lead Anywhere You Want to Make a Difference"

"One aspect of good citizenship is being willing to lead when our talents are needed."

Dr. Larraine Matusak

"Everyone has a contribution to make, a passion to fulfill, an idea, an experience, time, specialized skills, personal contacts, wisdom, and enthusiasm."



2005 HCE Program Book

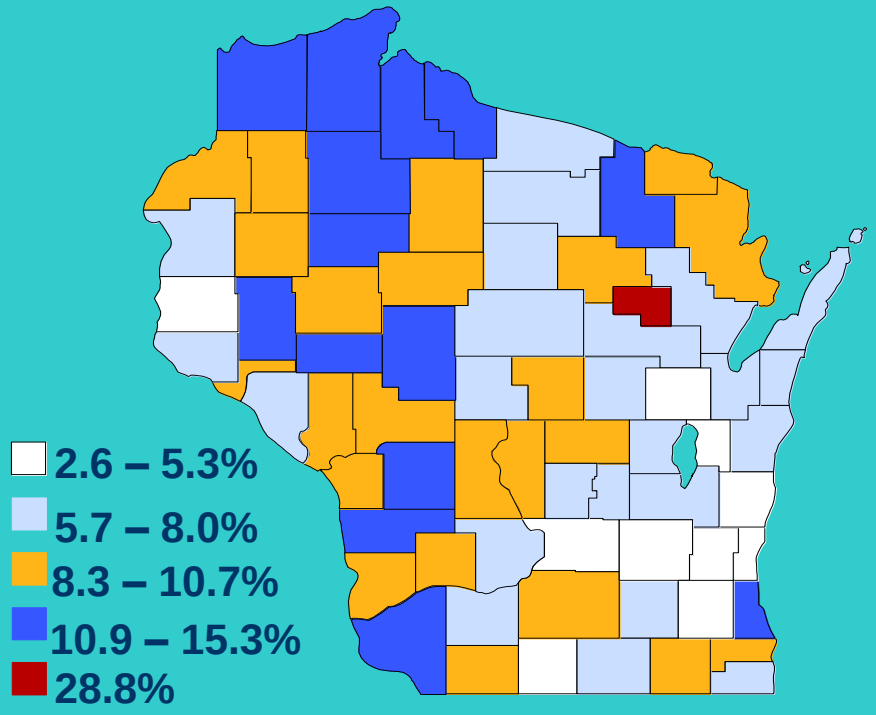
“Understanding Citizenship”

February 2005 Study Focus

Educated ourselves about the issues

Are there people in poverty in Manitowoc County?

“Hunger Close to Home”
Manitowoc County



How does Manitowoc County fare?

	Manitowoc County	Wisconsin	County Rank
Population	82,887	5,363,675	18
Poverty rate	6.1%	8.7%	59
Percent below 185% of poverty	17.7%	21.0%	60

Study Focus with Community Representatives

Domestic Violence Center

Manitowoc County Assistant Executive

Lakeshore Interfaith Hospitality Network

Action Plan Worksheet

1. Select a project.
2. What action can improve the situation?
3. What are our skills to address this issue?
4. What will be different?
5. How will we evaluate the results?

Response

22 HCE Clubs = 197 members

21 clubs reported a club activity

Response

29 individual members

4 not working on a project

89% reported individual projects

HCE Club Outreach

Filling large wash baskets with food for the TR Ecumenical Pantry during the first month, peanut butter the next month, selecting a different food item each month for one year

“Adopt” residents at the Health Care Center

Collect money, bedding, toiletries, clothing, personal items, and food for the Domestic Violence Center

Work at, collect, and/or sew products for distribution at the homeless shelters

Sew adult bibs, send birthday cards, provide gently used jewelry and magazines to residents

Other types of outreach by clubs

- Deliver meals to seniors

- Pick up groceries for the elderly
- Volunteer at Peter's Pantry
- Donate money for First Book

HCE Individual Member Outreach

- Sew *First Book* book bags
- Provide plants for the Historical Society
- Make quilts for charities
- Coordinate a program for 30 kids to get dental work completed
- Work to retain a medical clinic in her community

Maintain an HCE sign

Sew hats for cancer patients

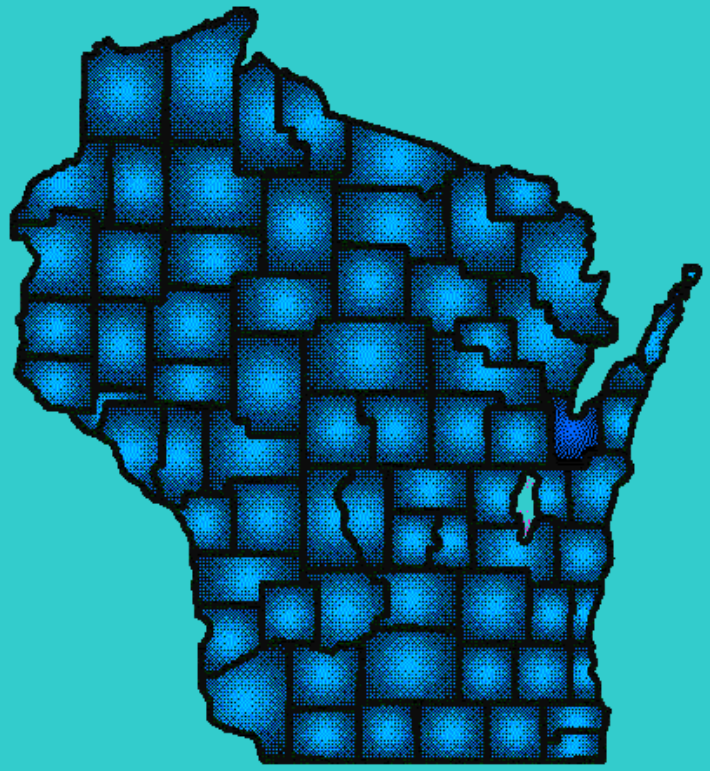
Perform nitrate screening at the county fair

Read at the HCE-sponsored Southfield Story Time Reading program

"Our County's Citizenship Challenge"

1. Do statistics indicate poverty in your county?
2. Who are resource people who can help you better understand the needs/ways to become involved in your county?
3. What will you do now to encourage citizenship in your HCE organization in 2006?

Idea Sharing



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

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