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The mission of WAFCS is to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

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Celebrate WI with the 2022 WAFCS Annual Conference Thursday, March 3rd- Friday, March 4th

Hello Conference Attendees!

The conference chairs are excited for the arrival of the conference. Please watch out for our conference send off in your email! Details will be coming on February 28th!!

~Julie Anderson, Miranda Stroik and Michael Westbrook



WAFCS BASKET RAFFLE

Karen Goebel has always told us to “Bid High, Bid Often” but that won’t be possible this year because we are having a BASKET RAFFLE instead of a Silent Auction. So, come ready to buy lots of tickets to bid on your favorite basket(s).

If you really don’t want to bid on anything, “I have too many things already”, but would like to help a student, we have Student Bonus Bucks certificates. You can purchase these for \$10 each. Any student who buys \$10 worth of tickets is eligible to receive a Student Bonus Bucks certificate which is worth 13 free tickets.



The Basket Raffle won’t be a success, however, unless we have baskets to bid on. So, start thinking what basket(s) you could bring. Donations of large items such as a piece of equipment or lovely jewelry are also acceptable.

**STUDENT BONUS
BUCKS**

Donations can be brought to the basket raffle area at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, and the bidding starts at 3:00 p.m.

See you there!_

Message from the President

The WAFCS state conference is only a few weeks away! I would love for you to stop by and see me at the Wisconsin Showcase Thursday evening. I will be showcasing my FCS academy, Warrior Catering program, Amery FCCLA chapter, and Youth Apprenticeship program. Plus, I will be giving away free prizes like coffee (freshly roasted by my FCS students), FCS clothing, tote bags, and more fun FCS prizes. I can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces.

I would like to give a shout-out to WAFCS member Cathy Lader for winning the WEAU Sunshine Award this month. Cathy won this award because of her incredible mentorship to FCS teachers. Cathy is always sending cards to teachers all over Wisconsin to brighten their day and is currently running this year's WAFCS service-learning project across the state of Wisconsin. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award. Be sure to bring your pillowcase donations for Ryan's Case for Smiles to the WAFCS conference so you can be part of this wonderful service-learning project.



Your WAFCS President,
Emily Larson
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“Gimme 5” for Ryan’s Case for Smiles

WAFCS yearlong service project has been making pillow cases for Ryan’s Case for Smiles. The goal of 5 pillow cases per member was announced last autumn. Pillow cases are being collected at the WAFCS Annual Conference on March 3 & 4. Look for the Ryan’s Case for Smiles display in Salon B.

REMINDER – seam finish all raw edges either by using a serger, zig zag stitching, or French seams.

THANKS to:

- Gail Sommerfeld for providing Thrivent grant (\$250.) to purchase fabric
- Terri Williams provides a 15% discount on fabric at her store, Quilt Central
- John and Catherine Lader donation (\$250.)

Lists of other sponsors, supporters, participating members, and nonmember volunteers will be part of conference display.

WAFCS STUDENT UNITS PARTICIPATING -

UWSP hosted the WAFCS Student Unit Conference in November 2021. Participants in the conference were from UWSP and UW-Stout. During the conference there was a time for service projects and members helped sew pillow cases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles. Recently there was a donation made to be used to make pillow cases for the conference. UWSP Student Unit president, Kelly Yeakey, stated “throughout the month of February, the members of Stevens Point Association of Family and Consumer Sciences will be completing more pillow cases. By the time we go to the conference, we hope to have 20 pillow cases to donate.”

So far, two meetings of the Stout Association of Family and Consumer Sciences have been dedicated to creating pillows cases for Ryan’s Case for Smiles. During one meeting last fall the pillow cases were started. Although the student unit is small they have met again in February and so far have completed 16. UW-Stout Student Unit president, Alexis Setzer, states “I believe we have made 16 pillow cases so far and hope to find a time to make more. We have all enjoyed making the pillow cases. It has allowed us students to work on our sewing machine skills and what better than to give them to an amazing cause. We were happy to do it.”

FCS STUDENT GROUPS PARTICIPATING –

- New Glarus FCCLA has completed 63 pillow cases and continues to sew
- Sheboygan North High School FCS classes have pledged 20 pillow cases
- Amery FCS students have mounds of pillow cases
- Dells Designs FCS students at WI Dells HS are making pillow cases

AT WAFCS CONFERENCE – drop off your pillow cases at Ryan’s Case for Smiles display, complete “Gimme 5” form and be included in the display located in Salon B.



STOP & SEW

Thursday, March 3, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Stop by Salon B and sew a seam or two at annual conference. No sewing skills? Help turn pillow cases right side out or press borders. COME ONE, COME ALL. Together we can meet the WAFCS goal of 500 pillow cases.

Not coming to conference but have pillow cases to donate? Send with WAFCS member attending conference.

THANKS to WAFCS members supporting this service project. For the pattern, or additional project info, refer to WAFCS newsletters from previous months. Pillow case pledges may be sent to Cathy Lader via email at cathyontheprairie69@gmail.com



Pillow cases are piling up thanks to WAFCS members.



New Glarus FCCLA members sewing with WAFCS member.



Amery High School FCS students in action.

Art & Design Show

The Art and Design Show is on! **This year we are highlighting our fabulous state, WI! We want to see what you've made to celebrate our fabulous home, teams, landscapes, landmarks, and pastimes.** Perhaps it's a quilt you made on the WI Quilt Shop Hop, or one of Badger or Green Bay Packer fabrics/colors. Perhaps it's a painting of your favorite place to be in WI. It could be anything! Seriously, anything! We want to celebrate your art and our state this year! **If you have a piece you would like to enter, please email Terri Williams at tlwfcs@gmail.com with a picture of your piece and a brief description.** Then bring the piece with you to the conference and drop it off at the Art and Design space when you check in Thursday or Friday. Be sure it has your name on it, and Terri will get it displayed for all of us to enjoy! **BONUS! You could win a prize for entering your piece!** We will have a space for voting for best in show, best in category, and few others depending on what is brought in. We are so excited to get to share everyone's work and our enjoyment of our state!

What Happened to the 2020 Service Project??

For the 2020 conference, WAFCS received a grant from Thrivent for enough fleece to make 14 cot-sized blankets to be donated as a service project. Jeanne Schwass-Long was in charge of that project. She cut them to size and prepared them for tying. Then the conference was cancelled due to the COVID Pandemic!! We are happy to inform you that these blankets have now received a home where they will be finished and happily used by the children who attend Camp Wawbeek.

The following are Jeanne's comments from her recent visit to Easter Seal Camp Wawbeek. :

"Just a note to inform you and WAFCS that the Fleece tie Blankets we got through a Thrivent grant for the 2020 WAFCS Conference have been delivered to Easter Seal Camp Wawbeek at WI Dells yesterday, February 10, 2022. I contacted Carissa Peterson from Easter Seals Wisconsin and scheduled a time to have them delivered to the camp. She mentioned they had many volunteers who would be willing to do the tying of the blankets.

On arrival at Camp Wawbeek we were greeted by the housekeeper of many years. She was excited to see the new blankets since some of the ones in use were ready to be replaced! The colors and designs were perfect for the campers!

I gave them a letter indicating WAFCS's part in this and how to contact you, the executive director. Please spread this message to the conference committee so they know what has happened with the 14 cot size blankets.

Our neighbor Kayla, shared her excitement about attending Camp Wawbeek for many summers! After seeing the camp this week, I could only imagine the great times she experienced there."

The oldest continuously-operating Easter Seals camp in the nation, Easter Seals Wisconsin Camp Wawbeek began providing services to children and adults with physical disabilities in 1938. By striving to keep pace with the changing needs of our campers and community, Camp Wawbeek continues to evolve and thrive. If interested in finding out more about Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek contact 1-800-422-2324 or camp@eastersealswisconsin.com.

At Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, campers enjoy exploring the outdoors, living in a group setting that encourages social growth, and learning about themselves through our Challenge by Choice philosophy that encourages campers to achieve their goals and try new things by providing them with a safe environment in which they can go beyond their comfort level. Their programming ensures that activities will be educational, and always while having fun!

Job Opportunity!!

Are you interested in working part time with flexible hours and ability to work from home?
Is the field of Family and Consumer Sciences an area of great interest to you?
Do you enjoy working with emerging professionals and those from all areas of FCS?
Do you like to stay current with the field of FCS?

Do you have these skills?

Skills

- Working knowledge of Family and Consumer Sciences, the American Association of Consumer Sciences, and the Wisconsin affiliate
- Excellent communications skills
- Ability to work independently to meet position responsibilities
- Working knowledge and experience in word processing, google drive, Zoom.
- Ability to keep up with changing technology
- Possesses equipment to perform the position

Then, check out this opportunity!

Executive Director for the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



A detailed job description can be found in the January 15 WAFCS newsletter.
<https://wafcs.org/Docs/newsletter/2022/WAFCS-Newsletter-Winter-2022.pdf>

Application Process

To apply for this position please submit a letter of interest, resume and contact information for two references to:

Emily Larson, 555 Minneapolis Ave S. Amery, WI 54001 or via e-mail at
larsone@amerysd.k12.wi.us

Deadline for applications: February 24th or until filled. Interviews will be held at the WAFCS conference March 3rd and 4th 2022 with times to be announced.