

Licking River Area President Report

Bath County

Bath County Homemakers have contributed to many projects within the last year. They participated in the annual Backpack program with Bath County Schools, contributing over \$500 dollars. They sponsored two campers to attend 4-H camp. They have donated several pounds of food to our local food bank. Our homemakers also participated in the Build-A-Bed project, contributing over 180 bags to the project. In addition to this, our homemakers gave \$500 to Special Kids Camp in Bath County, volunteer hundreds of hours with other non-profit organizations, and sent Christmas cards to every nursing home resident and military men and women around the world.

Fleming County

The Fleming County Homemakers like to volunteer and help various groups. This past year they have made activity pillows to give the veterans home in Wilmore. A few have been given to the special education department at the high school. Other surrounding counties have started working with us to make some as well. The homemakers also make small quilts and comfort pillows to donate to our hospital. One club has made Developmental hearts for a NICU. A youth homemakers club has been started and they are part of the county program just like the traditional clubs. This year they have 12 members including a couple of young men. This is where the future lies.

Lewis County

Lewis County homemakers have hosted their Annual International dinner June 22nd with a focus on England. This past year they have been able to give one scholarship to a graduating senior, hosted a breast cancer awareness event in October, sent two master clothing volunteers to the fall training in Jabez, Ky, donated 468 items to nursing home patients and needy people in the community. They are also currently compiling a new Homemaker Cookbook and planning their annual Homemaker Bazaar for November 21st.

Mason County

The Mason County homemakers have been very busy this past year. This past June we were able to give out 12 scholarships out to graduating seniors and currently enrolled college students. We are able to fund this through generous donations, and our annual Scholarship Bazaar. We have also been able to raise money toward the Ovarian Cancer Research fund through our annual spring and fall Indoor Yard Sale. Homemakers have also teamed up with 4-hers to create pillows and pillow cases for cancer patients. There are currently 15 clubs and 4 specialty clubs including quilt, book, knitting and crochet, and basket making clubs.

Menifee County

Menifee County Homemakers have been busy this year, starting with a new FCS agent, a new 4H agent and a flood in the Extension office during the foot of snow we had in February. In May we took a tour of our state's capital in Frankfort and the Governor's Mansion and a tour of our State Representative office. In June we had our Cultural Arts Exhibits during the County's festival Mountain Memories. Several went on the area for judging and received six blue ribbons.

We had information table during the Extension Community Dinner to recruit new members. Homemakers helped prepare and serve the dinner. Our annual dinner theme was Kentucky Derby and Homemakers donated money to 4H camp scholarships and attended area meetings, State Fair, leader lessons, Skills Day and send committee reports and observed Homemakers Week. And Homemakers saved store coupons to send to the military and recycled greeting cards fronts to donate to St Jude.

Montgomery County

Montgomery County has 5 active homemaker clubs who contributed to community programs and events. Some contributed to 4-H in Environmental Camp, Livestock Club, Cloverbud group, Frenchburg Nursing Home Quilting Project, & Senior Citizen quilting group. Homemaker clubs also contributed financially to the 4-H Youth Development Program by providing scholarships to youth to attend 4-H Summer Camp. This past year they contributed \$625 making it possible for 6 youth to attend camp who may not have been able to otherwise.

A new Quilting Group calling themselves "Loose Stitches" was formed that is open to anyone interested in quilting. The only requirement was to be a member of the Montgomery County Homemakers Association. This new member recruitment effort resulted in 12 people joining the association this past year. The group is for beginners and advanced quilters too. A husband joined and quilts alongside his wife who is one of the lead instructors, and who recently taught a learning session himself. This has been a SUCCESS-FILLED YEAR and another one has already begun with planning such events as our Annual Homemakers Holiday Bazaar and our annual International event.

Morgan County

Morgan County Homemakers has been kicking off the year with a few activities. After County Fair exhibits, we entered September learning about KY Honey. Our agent, Nellie Buchanan, visited clubs during Sept. and Oct. refreshing the minds of Chairmen and Officers what their job descriptions were. I paper-pieced each member of my club a small flower block, since I found no suitable bee block. We also had members serve as hostesses to the Morgan County Sorghum Festival. There was a Quick Breads class open to the public in Sept. also.

October found us thinking about Alzheimer Disease and preparing for Holiday Fun Day. Holiday Fun Day was open to the public. We served a free lunch, and taught several crafts and showed demos. On Oct. 24, 2015, Morgan Co. hosted the Area Triennial meeting with around 130 attending. Chris Bailey, chief Meteorologist at WKYT, Lexington TV was speaker.

Rowan County

The Town & Country Homemakers have been very busy making and selling different hand-painted holiday pins (this includes Easter, July 4th, and Christmas). The pins sold for \$1.00 each. The monies raised from selling the pins will be divided between several agencies and organizations including: Hospice, People's Clinic, Homemaker Scholarship Fund, The Community Kitchen, Homeless Shelter, and Rowan County Christmas. They are also making Christmas stockings for cancer patients at the Oncology Department at St. Claire Regional Medical Center. The Homemakers have been selling brooms as a fundraising project to purchase a frame to have a Homemaker quilt (with old historic buildings and places of Rowan County) mounted and hung in the Rowan County Courthouse.