

Lincoln Trail Area Homemakers- Highlights from Feb. 2015 - Feb. 2016 From Area President- Patsy Thomas

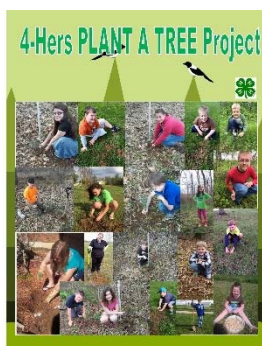


Breckinridge County Homemakers: Fighting Cancer “Lassoing Up for a Cure” was the team’s motto as the Homemakers participated in the 2015 Relay for Life. Each year they organize a team, coordinate and man the event’s concession booth, and participate as survivors and caregivers. For the 2015 Relay for Life, the Homemakers team donated \$2383 dollars from personal donations, concession and handcrafted greeting card sales. In addition to fighting cancer at the national level, the Homemakers co-sponsored a 5K Color Run to support the local charity “Pocketful of Hope” that supports families directly with the daily expenses of cancer treatments and hospital stays. The 5K run raised \$3600 for local cancer survivors. 15 women participate in the UK Ovarian Cancer Screening Research Project. The Homemakers are increasing knowledge and taking action against this fierce disease that plagues the community.



Hardin County Homemakers’ outstanding accomplishments for the year- Club Members:

- Wrote and sold copies of a book entitled [A History of the Hardin County Homemakers 1931-2015](#)
- Had fundraisers such as raffles, cake walks, spring and fall bazaars
- Donated to Coins for Change, KY Library in Ghana, area schools’ project graduation, scholarships, wreaths across America, Christmas baskets, Shoe Boxes to spouse abuse center, Shoe Boxes and blankets to V.A., pull tabs to St. Jude, lap throws to Hosparus and Veterans Center, Bosom Buddy pillows to breast cancer patients, money to Hardin County Library in memory of deceased members, toiletry items to nursing homes
- Participated in county fair, county and area cultural arts exhibits, farm safety event, county and area meetings, trip to Frankfort to visit Governor’s home and Capital, International Day- Tour of China program.



LaRue County- Local Homemaker leader partnered with County 4-H Council to challenge 4-Hers to plant a tree as part of an Arbor Day Promotion/Contest. This also counted as a 4-H Forestry project activity and promoted the free tree give-away at the 2015 Extension Expo event. Twenty youth participated.

Each year, two clubs alternate helping cater annual Co. Extension Council Leadership & Awards Banquet which recognizes local leaders for outstanding community service.

County Homemakers award an annual scholarship, usually to a graduating high school student who plans to study a field related to Family & Consumer Sciences or Agriculture.

Marion County Homemakers are very actively involved with the 4-H Sewing Club. Several members have donated countless volunteer hours to assist with the Sewing Club members. The group is led by a Homemaker volunteer and assisted by two other members, one of which is training to be a Master Clothing Volunteer. The Homemakers also assist the club by sponsoring their annual fashion review every year.

Meade County Extension Homemakers reached 1901 students in grades K-6 and 62 adults with the importance of recycling to save the environment and keep it green. This year's focus was on no littering and recycling plastics. They also sponsored a bookmark contest and a trash to treasure contest. Winners received cash prizes and their items were displayed for others to gain ideas. For their efforts, the Meade County Extension Homemakers received \$2,760 from the Meade County Recycling Center. These funds will be used to invest in other community projects to improve the county.



Nelson County: Love Dresses for Haiti- Project duration- 2 years beginning in Feb. 2015
Phase 1 Goal: Homemakers were to make dresses for the girls and shorts for the boys of Haiti for a total of 120 articles of clothing. This number represented one article of handmade clothing completed by each Nelson County Homemaker. All clubs participated and others in the community. By Dec. 2015, 125 clothing articles were donated to St. Joseph. All fabric, thread, bias tape, buttons, along with a small item for each pocket were donated by club members or others in the community.

Phase 2: County Homemakers are continuing to sew dresses and shorts for additional mission trips to the countries of Honduras and Belize.

Washington County:

- 20 years working with the Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention Program
- Supported the ovarian cancer screening program and distributed information on ovarian cancer at Relay for Life
- Made and donated quilts, pillowcases and sheets for Center for Courageous Kids
- Member, Norma Jean Campbell won Chamber of Commerce Agriculture award. Her creativity and artistry were recognized by the Lexington Herald Leader and The Springfield Sun
- Member, Marion Mulligan won top honor at the state "Make It With Wool" contest, will now compete at national level
- Two members won Blue Ribbons at Area Cultural Arts Contest
- Monthly sewing and quilting groups
- Contributed backpacks for comfort for children removed from their homes
- Contributed beef stew to Community Action Food Pantry for Thanksgiving