

PENNYRILE AREA PRESIDENTS REPORT
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Pennyrile area is made up of nine counties in western Kentucky. Listed are some of the projects they supported, hosted, assisted with and donated to over the past year. One count did not report.

Caldwell County hosted a SOUPER BOWL of CARING during February. They collected over 300 non-perishable food items for a local food pantry.

Christian County hosted a Taster's Luncheon and from the proceeds they give a \$1000 dollars scholarship and mini grants of \$250 to nonprofit organizations and clubs to purchase needed items for those programs.

Crittenden County received a \$300 mini grant from KEHA to fund their MANNERS ARE COOL program for 135 fourth grade elementary students. This program is a 17 year ongoing project. Homemakers hosted THE Shoppe Next Door where more than 700 people we reached. They also hosted an Apple Pie Contest then sold the pies by the slice or whole to make money for their scholarship program.

Hopkins County donated over \$1800 to various organizations, gave a \$1000 scholarship to a local student and added a new Pinterest Club which brought in the county's first adolescent and couples members.

Livingston County was without an agent for 2 years and they lost several members. This year they raised and donated \$268 in honor of a county homemaker who has been battling breast cancer. They published a new cookbook and are giving a scholarship to a local student.

Lyon County hosted the 2015 Pennyrile Area Annual Meeting for over 200 members. They also hosted a Pretend Store for preschool and Head Start students and sponsored a charity yard sale for 4-H camp scholarships. A new fundraiser for the county was making and selling Crabapple Jelly. They sold 177 jars at \$4.00 per jar. They performed monthly "happiness projects" for two local nursing homes.

Muhlenburg County hosted a BEAN SUPPER to raise funds for Ovarian Cancer, held an open house for their new Farmers Market, donated to the food pantry, gave Christmas gifts for patients at Western State Hospital, collected and made bags for foster children. They assisted with 4-H Back Pack program, 6th grade Ad Day, Simple Sew classes and the community Squash and Gobble program. The homemakers held an appreciation lunch for their Extension office staff.

Todd County Homemakers hosted a luncheon to benefit foster children in Todd County. To support local foster children, homemakers decorated Christmas Trees with small gift items for the children, who range from infants to teenagers. Gifts included items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, chapstick, baby wipes, socks, hats, gloves, beanie babies, stuffed animals, art supplies, ornaments, etc. The supervisor for the Department for Community Based Services spoke to the group about the need for foster families in the county and needs of the children. She used the donated items to restock the supply cabinet at their office and to give as gifts when social workers visited with the children.