

QUICKSAND AREA ANNUAL REPORT

November 2015

Greetings from the Quicksand Area. Our area is made up of eight (8) counties – Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry and Wolfe. All the counties currently have a Family & Consumer Sciences agent except for Lee County. The Breathitt County long time FCS agent, Martha Yount, took a new job in August and Breathitt County's District Board provided funding to fill her vacant position immediately. Breathitt County has a new FCS agent, Kayla Watts, who started on October 26th.

Our area's October 27th, 2015 annual meeting had 68 people in attendance. It was a great meeting and the Owsley County Homemakers raised money for local scholarships through a silent auction. We also said goodbye to our District 2 Director, Louise Moore, who is retiring in December. It was appropriate and ironic that Louise's last annual homemakers' meeting was in the county where she started as a FCS agent. Many tears were shed and we all wished a Louise a great retirement. By the way, she lives in Pulaski County, just for the area president's information.

In 2014-2015, the area gave \$575 in 4-H scholarships and \$690 for club scholarships and \$1250 for county educational scholarships. Our homemakers volunteered 5,505 hours for Extension programs, 1,850 hours for youth development work and 26,176 in their various communities.

The clubs in the Quicksand Area have been busy with programs and projects that benefited their communities and counties. Extension Homemakers members have participated in local backpack programs, contributed nonperishable food to a local homeless shelter; made chemotherapy turbans and caps; made baby blanket and hat sets for local hospitals as donations to the families of newborns; made lap blankets for nursing homes; made sock monkeys for local hospitals; and made blankets and throws for children at the UK Markey Cancer Center.

Our Extension Homemakers continue to support the ovarian cancer project by holding fundraisers, donating money and getting screened for ovarian cancer. We had 231 ladies screened, 21 ladies screened for the first time and our area raised over \$3000 for ovarian cancer. Some of the fundraisers included a Holiday Bazaar, an Old Time Country Dinner and selling craft items. The Quicksand area continues to have great participation in the various Cultural Arts contests. Members always look forward to exhibiting their award winning creations at the annual Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association state meeting.

The Homemakers enjoyed learning new skills through the various Programs of Work lessons taught in the counties. The area has worked hard and looks forward to learning new skills, meeting new challenges, recruiting new members, starting new clubs and taking on new projects to benefit their communities and counties. All the counties have Lunch and Learn Homemakers clubs; three counties are doing Pinterest related crafts with their clubs.

The Wolfe County Homemakers miss Ms. E. GO very much and are hopeful she will be back in our region soon.

Over the year, we had mini leadership trainings in all 8 counties and had 50 homemaker participants. We held an area Leadership training and a Quicksand Area Homemaker Council meeting for our Homemakers on August 25, 2015. Our training topics included "Understanding Generational Differences," "Duties of Officers," "Dealing with Conflict," and "Movin' On Up." We had 32 homemakers in attendance and we did not even have to bribe them into coming – no free lunch was offered.

The next area annual meeting is set for October 2016 hosted by the Perry County Homemakers. For the upcoming year, the Quicksand area says – let's keep movin' on up.....