

Lincoln Trail Area Homemakers – February 2016 – October 31, 2016
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Breckinridge County Extension Homemakers have held various yard sales, bake sales and other events to raise funds for student scholarships, the Ovarian Cancer Research and the Relay for Life homemaker team. Homemaker members have supported the Extension Agriculture and 4-H Agent with volunteer efforts by preparing food and in helping to teach activities. Many homemaker members coordinated the exhibits in the Family Living/Open Class entries during the Breckinridge County Fair. Many of the homemakers serve on boards and are involved in many businesses and organizations in the Breckinridge County area. Our homemakers take an annual “holiday basket” to our government offices with homemade treats and gifts. Our members have also led specialty classes in both the county and surrounding counties on crafting and food preparation. Breckinridge County Extension Homemakers also have a three-year sewing circle that teaches many forms of needlework in seven surrounding counties. Many members also participate in the local Arts Guild and Farm Safety Day for Breckinridge County School students.

Grayson County Extension Homemakers each year have hosted a major fundraiser in the county to benefit a local charity. The fundraiser this year was for WINGS on a PRAYER. It is a therapy riding stable located in the Falls of the Rough area. Our efforts raised \$1000. The homemaker members attended an open house in June at the stables. The money made from this fundraiser will be put to good use to benefit those that are served by WINGS on a PRAYER. The homemakers recently held a MEET and GREET event for persons interested in homemakers. The theme for this MEET and GREET was SMORE’S and FALL season. The homemakers will continue to look for SMORE ways to increase their county membership numbers.

Hardin County Extension Homemakers provided picnics or other gatherings at the end of the homemaker year to thank the members for their continued service to their communities. This year, Hardin County Homemakers met at the Hardin County Extension Office and had a painting party with 48 people in attendance and the profits will be donated to a charitable organization. Hardin County Extension Homemakers are continuing service projects throughout the year, such as contributing to the Ovarian Cancer Program and collecting pull tabs for St. Jude Hospital. Profits from two bazaars enabled the Hardin County Extension Homemakers to award ten \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors and two \$250 scholarships to homemaker members. Service projects are also completed throughout the year called “HUGS.” “HUGS” translates to Help Understand by Giving Service. Each month, designated items are brought and donated to various charitable organizations in our community. In September, baby wipes were collected and donated to Clarity Solutions; during October, jars of peanut butter were collected and donated to Feeding America for their backpack program.



Larue County – This year, the Larue County Extension Homemakers awarded a \$400 scholarship to a graduating high school senior. The homemakers, once again, sponsored an annual Mother of the Year award during the AGstravaganza Larue County Fair. The event was covered by the local media. The homemakers oversaw the Floral Hall activities during the 2016 AGstravaganza County Fair week.

Marion County Extension Homemakers collected hygiene products for all the Family Resource Centers in Marion County School System. One Marion County Extension Homemaker made approximately 20 walker caddies for the two nursing homes in the county. Marion County Extension Homemakers assisted with the Floral Hall entries at the 2016 Marion County Fair. The Marion County Extension Homemakers are very actively involved with the 4-H Sewing Club and 4-H Fashion Review. The homemakers also hosted a 4-H Bunco Fundraiser in August which profited approximately \$300.



Meade County Extension Homemakers have partnered for four years with the Meade County Solid Waste and Recycle Center (MCSWRC) to help bring recycle awareness to the county. This year, they taught recycling classes in all Meade County primary and elementary schools reaching a total of 1,689 children and 45 adults. The Meade County Extension Homemakers were presented with a check in the amount of \$2,670.00 from the MCSWRC for their efforts. These funds, will in turn, be used to support additional educational programs and donations will also be made to many worthy needs, i.e., Backpack for Hunger, Ovarian Cancer Research, Homemaker Scholarships, Meade County Food Pantry and numerous others. As other counties in the Lincoln Trail Area do, the Meade County Extension Homemakers host several events during the year to raise money to donate to worthy causes and also award a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior.



Each year, the homemakers oversee the Home & Garden Exhibit Hall at the Meade County Fair by checking in and checking out over 1,000 entries, answering questions, assisting fair visitors, and hosting the building each night of the fair.

Nelson County Extension Homemakers hosted the Lincoln Trail Area Annual Meeting, the King Arthur Flour Baking Contest and their annual soup day, which were all in the month of October. Some of the homemaker clubs are again working with unwed teens at one of the local high schools. Another club is collecting hygiene items to bag and add to the Blessings in a Backpack. With homemaker members getting older, we are now creating a file of all homemakers in the county that for one reason or another are no longer able to attend meetings. We will maintain their name, address and birthday information so we can visit or send cards to let them know they are not forgotten.



Washington County Extension Homemakers sponsored a community Paint Party in September as a membership drive, fundraiser and fun event. It was a great success and it gave everyone a chance to spend time together while raising money and promoting Washington County Extension Homemakers.