

PURCHASE AREA REPORT

2019-20

Greetings from Purchase Area! We are comprised of eight counties. These include: Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall and McCracken Counties.

- **Ballard:** Ballard County has four active clubs, plus four mailbox members. They are active in various organizations, including donations to local food pantries, and a \$750 Scholarship to a graduating senior. They participate in Chamber of Commerce activities, Ballard County Fair(exhibits), and Ballard County blood drives. They conduct monthly craft classes to promote their Cultural Arts entries. They made 722 masks for Ballard Elementary, as well as several for family, friends, co-workers and church members. They had an Annual Day (2019), with 40 attending.
- **Calloway:** Calloway County has 7 active clubs with 45 members attending Annual Day. Their entertainment was a group of young performers from Playhouse in the Park. Several new members participated in Cultural Arts competition. New members and one new club from Murray State were added.
- **Carlisle:** Carlisle has four active clubs. They hosted a Holiday Food Tasting Gala in November 2019, with 151 in attendance. They received grant funds to implement program "All for One, One for All" to teach life skills to high school/young adults. Club members decorated and assisted with 2019 4-H Santa Breakfast along with planning and participating in Carlisle County's Homemakers' West Kentucky Wine and Cultural Tour.
- **Fulton:** Fulton County has two active clubs, with 23 members attending Annual Day. They had monthly visitation with a party for nursing home until canceled by COVID-19, and have made 24 pillowslips and bandanas for the Camp for Courageous Kids. Members made backpacks and bedrolls from plastic bags for the homeless and needy. They took cakes, fruit trays, homemade desserts, and sandwiches to the Fulton County employees at the Library, Health Department, Ambulance, Fiscal Court, and other Fulton County Offices, as well as the Cayce Volunteer Fire Department. Many masks were made for the community and elderly, as well as hundreds that were sent to New York. The group set up a *Facebook* page for Fulton County Homemakers and attended Hickman County Taste of the Holidays.
- **Graves:** Graves County has three active clubs. They did not have an annual day for 2019-20, but did recognize members virtually and through the news media. KHEA Week was celebrated with proclamations being read at Graves County Fiscal Court and Mayfield City Hall. Members

presented candy bars wrapped with GCEH Information to the Fiscal Court, City Council members, local police station, local fire stations, and county volunteer fire departments. They hosted “Taste of Graves County”, with food prepared by club members that is served to those community members who have purchased a ticket to the event. Each attendee received a cookbook including all the recipes for foods they tasted. This funds a \$500 scholarship for a Graves County and a Mayfield High School Senior. Members worked with Graves County Public Library, hosting a “get-to-know-us” in conjunction with the Census Quilt presentation, and later with a display during KEHA Week.

- **Hickman:** Hickman County has three active clubs. They continued the Bette Chandler Memorial Scholarship fund for a graduating senior furthering their education with a helping degree or social science. This \$250 scholarship was awarded to a Hickman County Senior. Hickman County Homemakers helped to coordinate the First Responders Appreciation gifts and decorations. This is the second annual event honoring the volunteerism of Hickman County Emergency Services. They have made a concerted effort to reach out to two nursing homes within the county. They have sent cards and greetings throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **McCracken:** McCracken County has eight active clubs. Some of the programs or activities that they have been involved in include: International program on NVON; Alzheimer’s Awareness presentation; starting a Mini Food Pantry Box; StoryWalk Trick or Treat; 12,462 volunteer hours with Community Kitchens; Spina Bifida Walk; and Extension Lessons and activities.
- **Marshall:** Marshall County has six active clubs. They have sponsored bi-monthly Red Cross Blood Drives and checked in participants. Two clubs provided over 200 books for their county’s Head Start Program. During the school year, clubs have provided lunch each week for the Lion’s Club meeting held at the Extension Office. Several club members gathered each month for “Maker Monday” to create cards for our military and veterans. They also donated items for “Bags of Love” for children who are displaced from their homes, and the “Moses Basket” for children placed in foster care.

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