

Lincoln Trail Area Annual Report 2020-2021

There are eight counties in Lincoln Trail Area: Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington.

As everyone is aware, the pandemic made it very challenging for all Homemakers and FCS Agents to maintain normalcy in working with our various Homemaker communities. However, as the saying goes, "where there's a will, there's a way." The Lincoln Trail Homemakers and FCS Agents developed and enacted many innovations that were helpful during this unusual time. Some members and agents met via zoom. Others had meetings practicing social distancing with masks. Many had Grab and Go Lessons; still others had lessons communicating with email messages or Facebook. Lincoln Trail Area Club Members and their agents pushed forward accomplishing more than they had ever imagined they could during the 2020-2021 Extension Homemaker year!

Listed are recognitions that Lincoln Trail Area received at the Annual 2020-2021 KEHA Meeting:

Lincoln Trail Area - 2020-2021 KEHA Local Scholarship Award 1st Place

Certificates in Appreciation of Valuable Support of the Research Program in Ovarian Cancer- Ovarian Cancer Awards for 100% donations to Ovarian Cancer Research: *Breckinridge, Grayson, *Hardin, LaRue, Meade, *Nelson and Washington. (*Denotes counties over 100%.)

Breckinridge County - Cultural Arts and Heritage - Creative Writing - 1st Place Shannon Ashby

Hardin County -Certificate of Recognition 2019-2020 – Collecting more than \$150 for KEHA Coins for Change; Certificate of Recognition for First Time Ovarian Screening - 3rd Place

Meade County - Certificate of Recognition 2019-2020 - Collecting more than \$150 for KEHA Coins for Change; Cultural Arts and Heritage Creative Writing Short Stories 1st Place – Monica Lewis; KEHA International Coins for Change – 1st Place 2020-2021

Nelson County - Certificate of Recognition Collecting more than \$150 for Clean Water & Sanitation Program 2019-2020; Certificate of Recognition for Collecting More than \$150 for KEHA Coins for Change in 2020-2021.

Lincoln Trail Area was responsible for Silent Auction Items at the Annual KEHA State Meeting. The Lincoln Trail Area Homemakers who monitored the Silent Auction Items were a tremendous help. Silent Auction Items raised over \$2,000 which was used to help with NVON. Each Lincoln Trail Area County also made 25 Ring Finger Pin Cushions for a total of 200 to give as gifts to NVON participants.

Breckinridge County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

Breckinridge County had 106 members for 2020-2021.

Cloverport Club - Made and sold crafts at local outlets for funds for scholarships and other charities.

Countryside Club – Submitted newspaper article on helping the elderly during the pandemic.

Several members worked at missions. Club collected jellies for food pantry.

KEHA writing contest winner - Shannon Ashby.

Irvington Club – made 1,300 Christmas cards for the deployed military.

Collected non-perishable food and toiletries for local Veterans.

New Bethel Club – Volunteered at local missions. Made 500 masks.

Sunshine Sisters – a new afternoon Club was created.

The Homemakers printed and mailed the 2020 Awards recognition booklet. We also distributed a Grab-and-Go Spring Craft Bag. The Homemakers were able to have their annual end of the year meeting in May. A local medical professional spoke on the timing for scheduling Health Screenings as we age.

Respectfully submitted by Breckinridge County President, Jean Aull

Lynnette Allen, FCS Agent

Grayson County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

Grayson County Extension Homemakers, like everyone, experienced a year like no other. However, in times like these, you find opportunities to be more wonderful.

The Homemakers from across the county continued to participate in a few 5th Saturdays with Grab and Go events that included Fairy Gardens, Boo Brunch Craft and Tis the Season Bags.

A Pen Pal Program to match Homemakers with a new pal to encourage connections and friendships in a time of isolation within our community.

We introduced Homemakers and businesses in our community with the Out & About with Homemaker events every other month. This allowed the community to see the Homemakers in person and focus on supporting local businesses in need of our help when the pandemic allowed.

In a virtual world, it was decided to have Facebook contests to invite anyone to participate in the Homemakers' contests that included Sun Shines Bright over Grayson County, Gingerbread House Building, Sweet Treat Recipe, and Porch Photo Contests.

Our Annual Meeting was held at the James D Beville Community Park and included our last Out & About with Homemakers event for the year to allow for Social Distance and being together.

Hoping 2021-2022 brings us back together in a better time.

Respectfully submitted by Grayson County Homemaker Co-President, Jenny London.

Natalie Taul, FCS Agent

Hardin County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

What a year we have had! The pandemic has changed our way of life, but it has not stopped the commitment Hardin County Homemakers clubs have always had to the community and to the lives of those in need. Following are some of the activities performed in the previous year:

- Over 1,500 masks were made for the children of Hardin County Schools. We received from Hardin County Schools the "Community Partner" Award. Each Homemaker club contributed to making masks.
- Honored our police forces, state and local, with a visit and lunch.
- Two of our members were selected for the Leadership Academy Training.
- Made many donations to food pantries and homeless shelters.
- Stitchers Guild made over 500 surgical gowns and headcovers for medical personnel at Baptist Health Hardin at the start of the pandemic.
- Held a very successful spring bazaar, bringing in visitors from many areas. Because of the successful Bazaar, Hardin County Homemakers were able to provide three \$350 student scholarships and \$250 Homemaker scholarships.
- Cecilia Homemakers went to the Veterans Nursing Home to play Bingo with them and served pies.
- Worked as assistants at the Hardin County Fair and the Family and Life Exhibit.
- Stitchers held a quilt Show and Competition in the Community Center
- Homemakers provided funds to local schools whose students were in arrears in lunch program.
- Stitchers Quilt Club hosted a Hosparus Quilt Community Service Day. This day was dedicated to make lap quilts for Hosparus patients. More than 30 Homemakers and community members attended to make lap quilts. Stitchers also collected quilts during each monthly meeting (for example, in September they collected 10 – 15 quilts).
- Cecilia Club continued their HUGS Projects even during the Pandemic.
- White Mills Homemaker Club raised money to give additional scholarships to local students. The club also participated in sewing masks.
- More than \$500 was made at the Area Annual Meeting hosted by Hardin County Homemakers for Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland.
- West Point had 3 "angels" who finished several hundred masks for use by Hardin County Schools (Sissy Masterson, Sherry McChesney, Edith Bryant). West Point lost Doris Culver in April. Ms. Culver was 102 years old and attended meetings until COVID. West Point served the Culver family at the memorial and Patsy Duke's family after their loss.

These are just a few of the activities reported in the previous year for this report.

Respectfully submitted by Hardin County Homemaker President, Bettina Marple.

Dayna Fentress, FCS Agent

Larue County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

1. Relay for life team: Home & Heart Team Fundraising: \$2,361.55

- Memorial donations for former member
- Raffles
- Yard Sale
- Tastefully Simple Fundraiser
- Nor Wax Product Fundraiser

2. Annual Homemakers Meeting -7 attendees

- Participation in Cultural Arts Contests

3. LaRue County Homemakers Scholarship Sponsor

4. Outing to Lincoln Jamboree & Dinner

5. Donation to Lincoln Days Elementary Art contest

6. Made Personal Pin Cushion Rings for the Area Homemakers

7. 4-H/Youth

- Donated items to the 4-H Activity Take Home Bags
- Helped make a 4-H Arts & Crafts Video during Covid
- Members have volunteered with School, Church, Children of American Revolution & 4-H

Respectfully submitted by LaRue County President, Beverly Heath.

Misty Wilmoth, 4-H Agent

Marion County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

Our Homemakers, with only two clubs now, had 15 members for 2020-2021.

We like to meet for lunch since everything has started to open and work on a project, mostly quilt making. A member attended the state meeting in Bowling Green and helped with the Silent Auction. Ring finger pin cushions were made for NVON. Four members helped with entering and displaying projects at the Marion County Fair. Several members helped with Marion County Cattlemen's Association and the food pantry. With the pandemic easing up, but still going on, our members being older, didn't want to meet for most of the year. That hindered what we could accomplish. We are hopeful that this year brings an agent that will help our members.

Respectfully submitted by Marion County President, Barbara Zinc

Amanda Sublett, 4-H Agent

Meade County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

COVID may have hampered us, but we still managed to fund programs helping others.

The council supported efforts of the FCS program through volunteerism and donations to support Extension to Go programs.

Angel Ministry, Make a Wish, Down Brothers fund, Wreaths Across America, Food Pantry, 4-H and local backpack program.

Ninety-five members donated to a local food bank or food pantry and 4 volunteered their time.

We awarded five 4-H Camp Scholarships in the amount of \$645.

We gave a \$1,000 scholarship to a high School Senior majoring in Dietetics.

Some clubs participated in Operation Christmas Child donating twenty-one boxes.

Also, twenty-seven members made eleven hundred and twenty-five masks.

Volunteerism was amazing despite COVID! 16,405 hours total!

Our county contributed and supported efforts to build a local park/picnic area off the Buttermilk Falls Walking Trail. The Park was named after our county judge executive, Gerry Lynn, who passed away from cancer while in office. His wife is an active KEHA member.

Respectfully submitted by Meade County Homemaker President, Cathy Smith.

Jennifer Bridge, FCS Agent

Nelson County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

- Homemakers logged 14, 299.25 Volunteer Service Hours
- At over \$23.00 an hour, this would be \$330,312.67 back into the community
- At 40 hours, that would be 357 employees
- The Town and Country Club made washable sanitary pads and bought panties and sent to young girls in Africa so they could go to school.
- One 4-H Camper Scholarship or \$300 was given by the County Council
- Many masks were made and given to whomever needed them
- 25 ring finger pin cushions were made as favors for NVON
- Cloth dolls were made by Town & Country Club and given to Fire department for children that have been displaced because of the fire in their home.
- 1,350 books were read.

Respectfully submitted by Nelson County President, Julie Bradford

Washington County Extension Homemakers Annual Report 2020-2021

The Washington County Extension Homemakers again participated in the annual Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention event in April. Sue Clements attended the county Fiscal Court meeting in March and presented the officials information about preparations for the event and presented County Judge Executive Tim Graves with a proclamation to sign for the coming month.

We displayed a banner at the Historic 1816 Courthouse, planted blue pinwheels in the garden and tied blue ribbons on light posts on Main Street, Springfield. Mayor Debbie Wakefield of Springfield also signed a proclamation. We also donated a pinwheel to the Virtual Pinwheels for Prevention Garden in memory of Pat Sutton, who led the county Abuse Awareness and Prevention event in Washington County for many years.

The Ole Fashion Homemakers Club again donated Happy Packs (backpacks) to the local Police Department for children taken from their homes for whatever reason.

Respectfully submitted by Washington County President, Rita Yates.

Cabrina Buckman, FCS Agent