

Pennyrile Area Report-July 2020-June 2021

The Pennyrile Area consists of 9 counties in Western Kentucky. My report will list individual counties and highlights of their activities.

Caldwell County homemakers participated in a variety of community service activities and volunteered their time to extension, the community, KEHA and their extended families. The clubs donated to the Ovarian Cancer fund, provided cookies at the Red Cross Blood drive, donated to the feeding God's Children backpack program and worked with 4-H youth. In January 2021, the Caldwell County Homemakers hosted the Souper Bowl of Caring and collected approximately 300 non-perishable food items for a local food pantry.

Crittenden County due to COVID-19 has had an on and off again homemakers' year. Thankfully, we could begin meeting in person in September. We shut down again, but resumed face to face meetings in March, 2021. Even with the ups and downs of the year, we have had a busy year. Box fans, towels, wash cloths, diapers, baby wipes, baby lotion, hygiene items, laundry detergent, and dryer sheets were collected for PACS. An officer election and training were held. County participated in Covering for Kids campaign. Members had a proclamation signed by their County Judge for Kick It Up KEHA week. Prayer pillows were donated to the nursing home and some members participated in Walktober. Food was collected for World Food Day. Community Christmas trees were decorated. Entries for 2021-2022 KEHA recreation book were submitted. Easter cards were delivered to the nursing home, participated in Spring Seminar (by zoom), new recipe club was started. A fairy garden was planted at the nursing home, and there was an International Day program. Several members attended the State KEHA meeting in Bowling Green.

During 2020-2021, Livingston County maintained the Block of the Month Quilt Club. The Pins & Needles sewing club, as well as the Needle Art Club remained active. Many fun projects, including, potholders, quilts, casserole carriers, etc. were completed.

In this unusual year, Lyon County FCS agent, Angie York conducted 64 Zoom classes. The subjects of these classes included sewing, cooking, exercising and estate planning. She also presented other classes through with other agents in the Pennyrile Area. Leader lessons were presented through Zoom also. After receiving instructions, 1800 face masks were made for the Lyon County schools. Over 100 were made with 4-H printed material and given the 4th and 5th grade students participating in 4-H. Many members participated in a drive thru health fair. Several members contributed and volunteered in county's Food Bank and Resale Store. The Resale Store supports a shelter for women and children. Members also participated in other community service organizations.

Muhlenberg County met the challenges of COVID-19 by persevering and moving on. The Leadership Development Chairperson shared a class on how to do Zoom meetings. This was taught to a club who held Zoom meetings until April 2021. A class on Wellness during stressful time: What's a woman to do" was well received. A membership drive was started in August 2020. A booth was set up at the Farmer's Market promoting homemakers. Thru a fundraiser, Muhlenberg County homemakers raised \$3325.00 for Ovarian Cancer. Money was collected to support "Wreaths Across America", and wreaths were placed on Veterans' graves. 684 face masks were made and donated to the county school bus garage. Master Clothing Volunteer, Loretta Grace, made kits for 4-H sewing students to make their masks at home. Monetary donations were made to the local food bank. Recipes were being collected to possibly compile a cookbook in 2021-2022. 465 pounds of plastic was collected to recycle and keep it out of landfills. Christmas was provided for 16 nursing

home residents who had no family. Contributions were made to "Coins for Change", Western State Hospital (for Christmas), a scholarship for a deserving Muhlenberg County senior, and to the 4-H backpack program.

Todd County utilized Zoom for council meetings to continue to carry out business. Some clubs also used Zoom for their regular meetings. Monthly lessons were taught by Zoom during the pandemic as well. There was participation in Walktober. The county council collaborated with the Health Department to provide hand-made blankets to 18 Hands families. Todd County homemakers also made masks for Vanderbilt Hospital, UK Children's Hospital, and North Todd Elementary School. Many members donated food and volunteered at local food banks, especially during the fall and winter months. Members made care packages to send to soldiers and multiple individuals and clubs supported the Christmas Angel program in the county schools. Clubs support the Center for Courageous Kids, Ovarian Cancer fund and volunteered time and money to Grace and Mercy.

Pennyrile Area homemakers made many adjustments during the year 2020-2021, but continue to remain faithful and diligent in their efforts to work in their communities. They have made many efforts to continue to support the goals and mission of homemakers.

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