

KEHA Area President Annual Reports 2024-2025

Information reported from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

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PURCHASE AREA ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings from the Purchase Area. Our area is made up of eight (8) counties – Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves Hickman, Marshall, and McCracken.

1. Members attended State Meeting with several members on State Choir.
2. Purchase Area was responsible for a silent auction and Area raffle baskets.
3. Many comforters and quilts were delivered to State Meeting to be donated to the Center for Courageous Kids.
4. Fundraisers and money-making projects consisted of yard and bake sales, box lunches, Christmas Tour of Homes and Christmas Bazaar Holiday and Food Gala with 150 in attendance.
5. Taste of Graves County sold 200 tickets
6. Game Day and Senior Bingo, Taste of McCracken
7. Homemakers Bazaar estimated 750 people came through the door with over 30 vendors.
8. Adopted 1-2 after school 4-H clubs, provided snacks, and helped with Project Days instruction for Fair entries.
9. In charge of setting up, taking entries, and assisting judges for open house of Garden Show during County Fair.
10. Quilt Lovers donated 14 quilts to the Kidney Dialysis Center, 126 quilts to the Regional Cancer Center and 35 quilts to Veterans. Total of 175 quilts.
11. 100% contributed to ovarian cancer.
12. Treated employees of First Responders, 3 electric companies, State and County Road Departments with platters of food, nuts, and large portions of fruit.
13. Continued to keep Blessing Boxes and Reading Boxes filled.
14. Sent two students to 4-H Camp.
15. Several scholarships for 4-H, and 4-H leadership donations.
16. Scholarships to local high school graduates.
17. Supported local high school leadership development.
18. Hosted an “Air Quality Lunch and Learn “.
19. A few handed out candy for a Storywalk Trunk or Treat.
20. International Program featuring Belgium.
21. Tree Planting ceremony: planted KY tulip poplar, distributed 100 white oak seedlings and 100 pawpaw seedlings.
22. Trip with Jr Homemaker, high school students to tour Paducah including White Haven, Barkley Airport, Art tour, and Hotel Metropolitan.
23. Replaced flags at a Courthouse.
24. Sent letters to local nursing home.
25. Sent letters to Veterans.
26. Marcella’s Kitchen has 250 outbound lunches each day. Once a month, 250 cards of encouragement are made and signed to be delivered for each meal every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lusk

Purchase Area President

PENNYRILE AREA ANNUAL REPORT

Caldwell County Homemaker clubs donated to the Ovarian Cancer fund, the HOPE and COPE family resource centers, and project graduation. In January 2025, the Caldwell County Homemakers hosted the Souper Bowl of Caring and collected nearly 300 non-perishable food items for a local food pantry.

Muhlenberg County Homemakers have been very busy this year. We have hosted Board Game nights, a Tea Party and learned paper quilling. We took a short tour of the county, where we visited Thistle Cottage, the Music Museum and Paint Me Pretty to paint pottery. We participated in the Spring and Fall Area Seminars, as well as the Pennyrile Area Leadership Day. We have hosted sewing and quilting classes for the community, as well as our second annual Mother/Son Dance. We had five members attend the KEHA State Meeting this year. We helped with our county fair & Ag Day, and we hosted our 100th Annual Day with really great attendance. We are always looking for new ways to recruit more members.

Crittenden County Homemakers partnered with FCCLA members and Special Olympics Athletes to have a float in the Homecoming parade. They formed a new club. The Passport Crew took an overnight trip to Lexington. Homemakers provided and served refreshments at the Community Arts Foundation production of the Living Christmas Tree. They held an international event featuring Iceland, assisted with 4-H communications day, gave a scholarship to a high school senior and had two members who attended NVON in Springfield, Ill.

Todd County Homemakers have enjoyed Cooking thru the Calendar with Jill monthly on our Facebook Livestream. We've gotten positive feedback and lots of new fans and followers for the page. We entertained with an Ice Cream Social combined with our Annual Business Meeting to entice new members. Our monthly lessons have received great reviews from the members as well as the "extra" classes that Jill has provided including Jams & Jellies, Quick Breads and canning a variety of vegetables for home preservation. We are so fortunate in our county to have active agents always encouraging our members to participate in community events like the County Fair, Ag Day, Painting Barn Quilts, a county-wide Baby Shower and creating Super Chefs with our youth. We started a Junior Homemaker initiative to help boost the younger generation's interest in cooking, crafts, and socialization. We look forward to watching that program develop and create future leaders. We continue the Wits Workout for some of our aging population to help keep their minds sharp, knowing they have many years of service ahead of them. We look forward to the future of KEHA and all the excitement it brings in our everyday life.

Christian County Extension Homemakers have been busy growing their program and making positive impacts for the community. They are growing the Jr. Homemaker program to two homeschool groups. Homemakers provide over 32 in-person hours of classroom instruction per program year as well as countless hours of preparation and planning. They awarded three mini-grants to local non-profit organizations - Max's Hope Pet Rescue, Crofton Volunteer Fire Department and Pennyrile Children's Advocacy Center. They donated to the Rotary Club's Hour Club to support local scholarships. They hosted the annual Christian County Homemaker Luncheon, the theme this year was "Bloom Where You Are Planted." They are always participating in a variety of county and area Homemaker and Extension programs and activities.

The Trigg Co. Homemaker Exhibit, held on Oct. 10–11 during the annual Trigg County Country Ham Festival, was a resounding success. Entries were accepted on Oct. 9, with 30 participants submitting a wide range of creative and skillful works in categories including arts and crafts, canning, baking, and pork recipes. Over the course of the festival, the exhibit drew 697 visitors, showcasing the talents of local Homemakers and raising awareness of the programs and opportunities available through the Trigg Co. Extension Office. We also used this time to fundraise for our local scholarships given each year to two seniors from Trigg Co. High School who are pursuing a degree in Family and Consumer Science. The Homemakers had ham and bean soup with cornbread for donations only and raised over \$600 to go toward the scholarships. The event not only celebrated local skills and traditions but also led to tangible community growth - new members joined Trigg County Homemaker Clubs; several individuals signed up for upcoming workshops offered by the Extension Office; and partnerships were formed with two new programs, both of which will launch at the Extension Office in January 2026. This event highlighted the impact of the Homemakers' commitment to education, community engagement, and personal development. Another outreach we are currently doing is a Fall Food Drive. Our goal is to collect food for the school's backpack program that sends snacks, as well as heat and eat meals home with students each weekend who need them due to financial circumstances. The Homemakers are also collecting food for two Thanksgiving baskets that will be going to families in need in our community.

Lyon County Homemakers have been very busy this year. The quilters, along with help from additional Homemakers, made 15 quilts for our "Quilts For Courage" program for the third year. Thirteen quilts were presented to Lyon County Veterans at our Annual Meeting in August, with two additional quilts presented in their homes. Our groups continue to help the Annual Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch by donating needed items as well as monetary donations. A special treat of watermelons was taken to the camp several times. One Homemaker volunteers her time once a week helping the children learn how to care for and interact with a horse, for the four weeks of camp. Our groups donate to our local Hope of Lyon County Food Bank, with many members volunteering at the Food Bank. Donations are also made to Hope Clinic, a pregnancy crisis center. Volunteers donate gifts, money, and time, working at the annual Pretend Store for preschool children to get gifts for their family for Christmas. We also donate for our annual scholarship presented to a senior at Lyon County High School.

GREEN RIVER AREA ANNUAL REPORT

By Mechele Arnold 2024 - 2025

Covering the counties of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster

Out of these seven counties Webster is the only one without any homemaker clubs. Each county president and club president work hard to keep their members and the communities that they live in engaged and involved. This is a snip-it of each county's contributions.

Daviess

- Made 473 pillowcases for Camp Courageous
- Sold Rada Cutlery and raised \$400 to supply materials for pillowcases
- Get The Tea On Cancer Fundraiser - \$520 was raised for Ovarian Cancer Research
- Sold Pecans and raised \$1,000 for, "Sleep in Heavenly Peace", a non-profit who supplies beds for local youth.

Hancock

- Awarded a \$250 Scholarship to HCHS Senior from the "Lesia Keown Memorial Scholarship" Lesia was the Hancock County President and the Green River Area Vice President who passed in January of 2025.
- Made and donated 25 quilted and crocheted prayer shawls for Hospice and Palliative Care of Western KY and Hartford House.
- Provided Christmas gifts to all the residents at Oaks Personal Care Facility.
- Had a Bunco Fundraiser and raised \$800 to help pay the cost for students to attend 4-H Camp
- Taught North and South Elementary Schools "Girls with Pearls" & "Guys with Ties" to sew on a button.

Henderson

- Participated in giving backpacks to Henderson County Schools
- Birthday Bags for Community outreach
- Supported 4-H by providing snacks for camp
- Happy Knitters club made hundreds of Wooley Bookmarkers for the schools.
- Sewing Group made Prayer Shawls and Pillowcases for Cancer Patients.

McLean

- Even though McLean County was hit by the worst flood in history, the homemakers prevailed
- Many helped with providing clothes, household goods, food, & volunteering for clean-up.
- Provided two \$500 scholarships to MCHS Seniors

Ohio

- Hosted the GRAH annual meeting.
- Provided three scholarships to OCHS Seniors
- Christmas Bazaar held at the Extension Office 44 Vendors

Union

- Provided first responders with 100 blanket throws for accident victims
- Donated baby gifts to the World's Greatest Baby Shower
- Received a Grant for, Bears for Bravery, and provided stuffed animals to all Union County first responders to give to frightened children when involved in a tragedy.

As you can see all our homemakers in every county are extremely busy. I feel very honored to represent the Green River Area and this wonderful, hard-working group of women and men.

Thank You!

LOUISVILLE AREA ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

Our Area Homemakers are certainly making a difference in their communities.

They made hundreds of pillowcases for our military service members.

One club made twenty-six blankets for a Community Baby Shower.

Monthly contributions were made by one homemaker club for Cribs for Kids.

One club donated items monthly to Blessing In a Box, Awake Ministries, Touched Twice, and their local Pregnancy Resource Center. These items include food, toiletries, and clothing.

Used shoes are collected for Water Step to help fund supplies to make clean water for those in need.

There were dozens of quilts made by one of our quilt guilds and donated to Hospirus patients.

We continue to collect donations for ovarian cancer research.

The School Backback programs.

Mom's Blessing Box, Family Resource Center, and the Senior Center.

Fundraising to send children to 4-H Camp.

Donate money to the local health department who will match their donation to purchase cribs for families in need.

Support the local Animal Shelter by giving food, cleaning supplies, toys, beds, and treats.

One of our area's homemaker clubs participate in a monthly community project that the whole county is now involved in. They provide services to the Twin Oaks Assisted Living Center in Newcastle, Kentucky. It all began with a valentine tea party that they held one year and has evolved into a variety of activities. They now hold parties for Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Christmas, a summer fun party, and ice cream parties. Club members bring the evening meal and play games with the residents and bring prizes. They have entertainment, singers, dress up parties, bring in Santa and the Grinch, witches, and bats. Several in their group go monthly to do crafts with the residents and once a month they go and play bunco with those that are interested. One of the members has taken on the task of contacting the local churches to prepare a monthly meal for the residents. Their involvement is very rewarding for everyone.

LINCOLN TRAIL AREA ANNUAL REPORT

2024 - 2025

The Lincoln Trail Area consists of eight counties: Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington. I would like to share a list of the many wonderful activities that our area Homemakers have participated in this year.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Teaching recycling education in elementary schools and working at Farm Safety Day

Sponsoring 4H campers, volunteering at the 4H Carnival

Donating quilts to Hosparus and making sock monkeys for hospitalized children

Stocking community Blessing Boxes, volunteering at and donating to the Food Pantry

Sewing chemo pillows for patients, crocheting hats for veterans and students

Funding College Scholarships

Working at the County Fairs setting up displays, taking entries, helping judging

Comedy Night for Pathways to Wellness (laughter is the best medicine)

Trick or Treat bags for Veterans

Helping with the Family Resource Fair

Disaster Preparedness Event

Golden Years Wellness and Awareness Seminar

Visiting Retirement and Nursing homes with Games and Crafts

CLASSES OFFERED

Quilting, Diamond Dot Painting, Basket Weaving, Christmas ornaments, Canning,

Busted Canvas, Fall Crafts and Recipes, Barn Quilt Painting, Bingosize,

Gifts from the Heart crafts and recipes, Cooking classes for children

FUND RAISERS

Harvest Dinner - supporting the Backpack Program

Holiday Bazaar & Bunco - for Springhaven Domestic Violence Center

Taste of Christmas luncheon and Quilt Show - for Scholarships

Several counties held Teas to support Ovarian Cancer Screening

Concession Stands at School Athletics and at The Historic Holt House Community day

Salad Days Luncheon - donations for scholarships

Larue County compiled and sold cookbooks

September Carnival, Soup Day, Yard Sales

Several counties had Spring, Fall or Christmas Bazaars

The Lincoln Trail Area Homemakers reported taking trips to Churchill Downs, My Old Kentucky Home, Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts, Kenny's Cheese, and the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Two of our area members attended the NVON meeting in Illinois.

KEHA EDUCATION EVENTS

Hardin County held the Annual Area Kickoff Event in August for all eight counties. Several counties had Officer and Chairman Training events, also Leadership Banquets, and Proclamations and Celebrations for KEHA Week. Many of our members attended the State Meeting in Lexington.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Our Homemakers found different ways to celebrate International Day. A teacher who had spent time in the Nordic countries spoke on Sweden, Iceland, and Denmark. One county held an English tea with authentic food and assorted teas. There was La Dolce Vita with a music teacher who had lived two years in Italy and a Luau that included a presentation on Hawaiian culture by a Homemaker who had spent 17 years living in Hawaii.

AREA PROJECT

Our area was in charge of the table decorations and favors for the awards luncheon at the State meeting in May 2025. For the treat bags Nelson and Washington County worked together to make keychains from hundreds of fabric yoyos that a Homemaker who passed away had made. Grayson County made magnets from glass pebbles and four wooden sailboats for the head table. LaRue County assembled cards with uncirculated pennies and a clever saying. Meade County ordered the net treat bags and chocolate coins. Breckinridge County sanded and stained fifty treasure chests and gathered jewels, coins, ropes and other items. Hardin County hosted a workday for all counties where we assembled the treat bags and the Treasure Chests. All eight counties participated, and many comments were made about how enjoyable it was to work on this project together.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Aull
Lincoln Trail Area President

MAMMOTH CAVE AREA ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

Presented Nov. 1, 2025

Mammoth Cave Area Homemakers, like all other areas have been very busy this past year. Many of the counties have followed the same plans for their communities, trying to make a better way of life for their neighbors and themselves.

The programs shared by the counties were:

Welcoming new agents with receptions;

Serving meals to the seniors and needy;

Scholarships;

Beginning sewing classes for students as well as adults;

Reality Store and Dollar and Cents Programs for students and also a program on Responsibility and Accountability to 7th and 8th grade students;

Quilt Shows and Bazaars;

Canning classes for vegetables, jams, and jellies;

4-H Mentoring/Volunteering;

Donation of craft supplies, clothing and personal items distributed to nursing homes;

Cooking with the calendar with SNAP;

Blessing Boxes with non-perishable foods, books, and personal care items;

Pecan Sales to raise money for various programs;

Plant and seed swap along with lessons on plants and composting;

Adopt-a-highway, clean-up project;

One county had a Skin Care class including skin cancer awareness sessions;

One county did a Laugh and Learn Program for kindergarten readiness;

One county participated at the Green River Catfish Festival, sponsoring a prize;

Mammoth Cave Area Homemakers

A proclamation to honor the long-standing Edmonson County Homemaker and 4-H leader, Susie Vincent. A scholarship was also created in her honor.

International Studies included Uruguay, a South American Country, Italy, Roatan Island, Honduras, Greece, Spain, and Germany. Some counties collected over the counter children's medical supplies to be sent to New Life Clinic at Roatan Island, Honduras.

Support for the newly opened Isaiah House located in Logan County included many items from their wish list as well as 36 quilts for the children in transition. The quilts will be given to the child to take with them as they journey thru unfamiliar times.

There were numerous projects to raise money for Ovarian Cancer. There was a Style Show with 7 Boutiques participating in Logan County, raising \$1,200. The annual Fudge sales in Logan County have netted \$1,000.

Metcalfe County had Project Patriot where they sent 114 gift shoe boxes to Military deployed including pillowcases and personal items.

Other charities supported by our MCAH included: American Cancer Society, 4-H Camp Scholarships, 4-H competition trophies, Human Resource Centers at local schools, and the Change for Change Program for Next Step.

I am sure there are many other activities our members have participated in that were not mentioned. Our goal is to Learn, Lead and Serve.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA ANNUAL REPORT

2024 2025

(Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, Pendleton)

The Northern Kentucky Area Extension Homemakers (NKAEH) have been very busy this past year promoting homemakers in each of our counties. This is by no means a complete list of all the activities and events that have been held for education and to raise awareness of all the opportunities provided by the homemaker organization.

- **Boone** – Grand Opening of newest Extension Building in Florence.
Funds to help school lunch programs and animal shelters.
Three \$1,000 college scholarships; \$1,000 to Kentucky Disaster Relief; and 3 \$25 awards to 4-H for clothing, foods, and home environment.
Asian Tea for International Program.
- **Campbell** – Medicine bottles for Matthew 25 ministries.
127 quilts and other sewn projects donated.
Over 400 Christmas cards with hand-written messages and sewn bunnies for local Nursing homes.
Lessons on mental health and self-care; strip quilting; origami; and embroidery.
- **Carroll** – Staffing Reality Store and Dollars & Sense; Donated to 4-H camp scholarships.
Collected homeless shelter and shelter for women items.
Quilts for Ronald McDonald House.
Sewed pillows for hospice.
- **Gallatin** -Held the Chocolate Crawl; the annual Peony Festival 5K Run/Walk.
Donated 42 quilts, 12 sets of sheets, pillows, summer blankets, dishes, silverware, and other Household items to several families in London Ky. are due to the tornado.
Participated in a Crafting Calm Series on mental health.
- **Grant** – Prepared breakfasts for the Chamber of Commerce.
Participated in the county book club as well as the Big Blue Book Club.
Provided lunches for poll workers for both the May and November elections.
Hosted the Area Annual Meeting in October.
- **Kenton** – Held Bunco fundraisers with monies donated to charities and the scholarship fund.
Held beginner sewing classes and quilt classes.
Participated in UK's Ovarian Cancer Screening.
- **Owen** – Made pillows and held Santa's Castle with help from the ladies at the Addiction Recovery Center.
Held a Craftin' class for the Community with proceeds going toward the Martha Lee Stamper Scholarship Fund.
- **Pendleton** – Sold funnel cakes at Woolfest and participated in StoryWalk.
Held an Ovarian Tea and raised \$400 for cancer research. Held an evening photography class.
Held an International Dinner celebrating Switzerland & Liechtenstein.

The Area has been very involved in completing VSU hours, promoting scholarships and contributing to our communities in sharing the skills and knowledge as a responsible community leader.

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Jackson, NKAEH President

FORT HARROD AREA ANNUAL REPORT

Fall Board Meeting 2025

Lincoln Co.

- Gained 30 members!
- Membership Drive with Taco Bar was successful
- Officer and Chairperson training during the month of August
- Celebrated Homemakers Week by decorating downtown storefront window showcasing homemakers, appeared in local Radio program to promote what Extension Homemakers about and had a proclamation signed by the Lincoln Co. Judge Executive.
- Had Tea Party with silent auction items to raise extra funds for Ovarian Cancer Research
- Philippines is the focus country for International Night which was well attended. Monies made from the event were donated to Blessing Box \$223.00 and Fort Logan Food Pantry \$223.00 Members actively donated canned goods and non-perishable food to the Blessing Boxes around the community.
- 21 members attended the 2024 State Meeting in Lexington. Submitted by: Wanda Patterson

Franklin Co.

- Annual Children's Holiday Store served 103 families and 167 children. All items are handmade by the homemakers and the Quilt Guild. All items are priced \$5 and less. With the help of the elves (volunteers) children are taken around the tables to choose items for their family and friends. 61 Volunteers from KSU students, middle school and high school helped the children to shop and wrap the gifts. All the proceeds went back to the community and were able to help 17 local organizations.
- Members provided baked goods for Spellapalooza's Bake Sale to support the local Education Center.
- Members help teach 4-H Garden Club, judge speeches and demonstration in county and state level.
- Quilt Guild made and donated items for Quilts for Valor, Quilts for Kids, Hospice Quilts, holiday stockings, blankets and pillowcases, crocheted hats, NICU sheets, and Badge of Courage Bags. Submitted by: Elizabeth Collins

Woodford Co.

- Backpack project and school supply distribution
- Senior Citizens projects such as Gift Bags and Turkey and Ham donation
- Prepared sandwiches for local flood victims and supported flood victims in Eastern Ky.
- Secret Santa Shopping event for Children by homemakers handmade items
- Supported Angel Tree gift cards
- Supported 4-H scholarship
- Supported Humane Society
- Supported Historical Society
- Supported Freedom Tiny Homes
- And supported Cops for Kids Submitted by: Anna Boggess

Boyle Co.

- This year we have been busy. We had a kickoff picnic, Farm Bureau Dinner fundraiser, Holiday Party, International Dinner, By-laws, and Charity Committee meeting.

- Homemaker Project with Latimer Heights which all club pitch in to make and fill in bags for low-income families. Made 60 bags and filled with toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, hats, and dish cloths.
- Lancaster Road Homemakers Club celebrated their 100 years of service and another club will be 50 next year! Submitted by: Martha Thornton

Garrard Co.

What an exciting growth year for Garrard Co. Homemakers! We grew in membership numbers with members that love volunteering, giving back, and showing their talent.

- Events such as Craft Buy, Swap and Sell Event that help de-clutter and raise funds for KEHA State meeting delegates expenditures and help support the Kentucky Foster Care System.
- \$250 was raised toward the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund from our silent auction.
- Collected 120 blankets and donated to the Kentucky Foster Care System
- Raised funds and sent 2 4-Hers to 4-H camp
- Supported Garrard Co. High School Graduation Project
- Supported the backpack Program
- Made Goody Bags for the homeless, purchase Christmas gifts for children through Salvation Army and local Nursing Home.
- Donated supplies for the tornado victims
- Increased in participation in Cultural Arts contest 33 items entered and 15 items went to State level and came home with 5 Blue and 2 Purple ribbons.
- A proclamation was signed by the Garrard Co. Judge Executive to celebrate the Homemakers Weeks. Several Homemaker members attended the City Council Meeting and presented them with 2,000 plus hours the Garrard Co. Extension Homemakers completed for the year Submitted by: Martina Eckler

Anderson Co.

- Despite lack support and no agent Anderson Co. Extension Homemaker leaders is keeping member's morale going with fair exhibitors and Cultural Arts entry increased and advancing to state level.
- Furnished quilts to Sheriff's department and local police to gift children they get in contact
- Support local food pantry
- Provide Christmas stockings filled with necessities for senior citizens center
- Made Easter Basket for homeless shelter
- Sent over 100 lbs. of Angel boxes to Military overseas
- Over 100 pairs of shoes sent overseas
- Sent 2 students to 4-H camp
- Participated and promoted the importance of self care for mental health awareness Submitted by: Mattie Spaulding and Kay Scheffler

Submitted by: Leonidisa Mundelius - Fort Harrod Area President (606) 669-0632

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LAKE CUMBERLAND AREA ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

Greetings from Lake Cumberland Area,

My ladies have been at it again. They are busy little bees. I am so proud of each of them. They work really hard on each of their projects and are always finding new ways to help their communities and to get the word out about homemakers. They each deserve a gold star. Some of the projects they have been involved in are as follows:

- Participated in their county's fair exhibits.
- Many attended the state meeting.
- Maintain Blessing Boxes in their county.
- Help supply needed items for Sugar Foot Farm – a no kill non-profit dog shelter.
- Did a fundraiser for Coins for Change
- Provided refreshments for a county health fair.
- Donated to Project Graduation
- Donated blankets for Courageous Kids
- Attended area annual meeting.
- Participated in Cultural Arts contest locally and in the area.
- Held a Holiday Bazaar
- Did monthly nursing home visits.
- Participated in Senior Symposium
- Helped with a Community Baby Shower
- Participated in Truth or Consequences
- Participated in a Pumpkin Walk
- Painted encouragement mugs for schoolteachers & staff.
- Provided snacks for Kindergarteners.
- Volunteered at the local food pantry.
- Assisted with Steel Horse Stampede, a fundraiser for local cancer patients.
- Held Christmas Village for underprivileged children.
- Provided gifts for Angel Tree families.
- Provided Thanksgiving & Christmas food boxes.
- Donated quilts to county veterans.
- Did improvements to local nursing home landscaping.
- Provided food to a local housing facility.
- Participated in Ovarian Cancer Research
- Donated money and winter clothing to the youth service center.
- Provided lunch for workers & volunteers at local blood drive.
- Donated money for children's food backpack program.
- Gave Valentine gifts to local nursing home patients.
- Donations were collected for Eastern KY Flood & North Carolina Hurricane victims.
- Many members serve on community boards, Board of Health, RV Park Board, County Extension Council, FCS Advisory Board, Extension District Board, 4-H Horse Club, S. S. teachers, VBS leaders, church councils, and some conduct an AARP Foundation Tax aide program.
- Held a program on "Tech Security."
- Hosted the area cultural arts contest.
- Donated items to the local homeless shelter.

- Donated Teddy Bears for a Holiday Tasting event.
- Donated items for the Alzheimer's Center Dinner.
- Donated snacks to Hospice.
- Donated towels to Bethany House.
- Provided a meal for the Dental Clinic
- Participated in the Passport Program
- Participated in Relay for Life
- Participated in an International Day
- Made caps for newborns for the local hospital.
- Donated items to God's Helping Hands
- Volunteered at Woodstock Center
- Partnered with 4-H Clover buds, extension staff & Master Gardeners to build & establish a pollinator garden at the extension office.
- Presented scholarships to high school seniors.
- Donated to Toys for Tots
- Donated no sew blankets & story books to the Children's Advocacy Center
- Donated birthday bags to God's Food Pantry
- Held fundraisers for scholarships & general funds.
- Made & donated veteran goodie bags with hats, snacks, wood books & hygiene items.
- Donated food to God's Food Pantry
- Held a Homemaker Christmas Pajama party.
- Made & donated grab & go bags for state & county road crews.
- Donated gripper socks & Easter cards to the residents of Fair Oak Nursing Home.
- Made & donated several quilts (hospital, fallen soldier's family, food pantry, & Children's Advocacy Center)
- Held a tea for a retiring 4-H agent.
- Collected coupons for troops.
- Made & donated blankets to the local cancer and dialysis centers.
- Donated money to the county schools for hygiene products.
- Collected for the local food pantry.
- Held a photo contest.
- Volunteered at Hometown Connect serving & delivering meals.
- Held a training on the use of a Defibrillator.
- Made & donated backpacks for residents at the Healing Place
- Held an Easter bunny breakfast.
- Participated in EXPO.
- Helped with a float for the city.

As you can see, Lake Cumberland is a busy area. They have a heart for their community and the people who live them. I am blessed to be able to work with them.

Respectfully,

Mary Lynn Chaudoin

LCA President

Katelyn Squires

FCS Agent/Advisor

Green County

BLUEGRASS AREA ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Report includes Bourbon, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Harrison, Madison, Nicholas, Powell, and Scott Counties.

Bluegrass Area at a glance:

MEMBERS	1732
CLUBS	77 clubs
SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS	29
OVARIAN CANCER DONATION	\$2991
VOLUNTEER HOURS	118,361 hours
COINS FOR CHANGE	6 counties contributing
FAIR	9 County Fairs (worked, judged, coordinated)
CULTURAL ARTS	1656 items entered (at county level)
SCHOLARSHIP \$ (non-4-H)	\$3000
4-H SCHOLARSHIPS	\$2500
INTERNATIONAL DINNERS	4 counties
INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	Dresses for Ghana; Sewing kits Congolese
MASTER CLOTHING VOLUNTEERS	22 Certified MCV's
MONTHLY LEADER LESSONS	8 lessons presented to clubs
	Savvy Online Grocery Shopping
	Injury Prevention for Garden & Beyond
	Understanding Medicare & Medicaid
	How to Get Out of Mealtime Rut
	Nutrients, Supplements & Macronutrients
	A Bad Deal in Disguise: Types of Scams

	Using Your Air Fryer
	Composition in Photography
OFFICER/CHAIR TRAINING	58 in attendance
KEHA MEETING	36 Bluegrass members present
KEHA WEEK	5 counties celebrated with activities
KEHA CONTEST	5 entries
COMMUNITY FESTIVALS	5 participated and/or sponsored
FARMERS MARKET – ASSISTING	5 counties
JUNIOR HOMEMAKERS CLUB	2 counties
MEN’S HOMEMAKER CLUB	1 county
HOLIDAY FOODS	4 counties
SUPER STAR CHEF Assistants	4 counties
RECIPE FOR LIFE Assistants	4 counties

Scott County hosted the Bluegrass Area Extension Homemakers Meeting with 160 in attendance.

Special Projects:

County Outreach:

- Community Disaster Preparedness provided in all 9 counties
- Shred It Event (free shredding for community) – 1600 lb. paper
- Diaper Drive – 4856 diapers collected
- Shoe and Sock Drive – 385 pairs socks, 138 pairs shoes
- Angel Fund for students to get extra food
- Adopting seniors to provide food
- Harvest Hustle 5K
- Backpack Program – 740 backpacks
- Quilts to shut ins, veterans and in memorial
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants to Madison home
- Snack food for compassionate care (Hospice)
- Flood Relief Eastern Ky
- Donations for Nathaniel Mission
- 4-H Activities – 7 counties volunteered time, food, and money
- Supporting military missions

- Hygiene kits for unhoused
- Crafts with Senior Citizens
- Sponsored Senior Resource Fair
- Luggage/duffels for foster children
- Joy of Giving – nursing homes
- Project Linus
- Pillowcases for Armed Forces
- Blankets to NICA at K
- Quilts to CASA
- Quilts to foster children in flood and tornado affected areas
- Greenhouse 17
- Clothe a Child
- Clothing Drives
- Humane Society

Programs/Activities:

- Coordinating entries/judging amateur beer cheese contest - Clark
- Big Blue Book Club
- Nutrition Awareness Month – Peter Rabbit
- Shop Local Discount Cards
- Cards to military
- Community Holiday Tree Trimming
- Holiday Parades and Floats
- Coffee Crawl
- Skeleton Walk
- Bake off
- Pumpkin Trick or Treat
- Provide art lessons for youth
- Family Craft night for holidays
- Hospitality tent for two horse shows – donations only
- Button Class
- Fabric Wreath Class
- Rug Class

County Trips:

- Covered Bridges
- State Fair
- Camp Nelson National Museum
- Wilson Greenhouse & Sage Restaurant

LICKING RIVER AREA ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings from the Licking River Area! We include the counties of Bath, Bracken, Mason, Montgomery, Morgan, Menifee, Robertson, Lewis, Fleming, and Rowan. All counties have contributed wholeheartedly to the improvement of their homes, families, and communities as we share a list of activities.

LRA held its annual meeting on October 16 at Bath County Extension Office at 11:00 AM with all counties represented. Our speaker was Deirdre A. Scaggs, historical librarian at UK, who co-authored a book of the history of Elizabeth Kreamer, founder of the Trustee's House at Shakertown. VSU winners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, were honored with a gift certificate award. Each county President presented some of their activities in their counties and clubs. Activities that were reported were as follows:

1. Bi-annual indoor yard sale to provide support for ovarian cancer research
2. International dinner programs
3. Training on reporting volunteer hours
4. County scholarships
5. Food boxes and blessing boxes filled
6. FRYSC Backpack program and support for Back-to-School supplies
7. Creating, accepting, and organizing items for a store with proceeds going to the local animal shelter
8. Educational trips to Louisville, Shakertown, Bardstown, Ruth Hunt Candies
9. Christmas basket raffle to make money for scholarships
10. Donations to North Carolina "Comfort Bags for Kids"
11. Painting and candy-making workshops
12. Newly updated brochures
13. Donations to Eastern KY flood victims, Gateway Children's Services, and local fire departments
14. Easter baskets for local nursing home residents
15. Provide homemade cookies and pastries for local blood drive
16. Quilt of Valor groups donating quilts
17. Monthly educational programs at local health departments
18. Working to increase membership in KEHA
19. "Adopt a Resident" program at local health care facility (One reported all 55 residents adopted)

20. Participation in Cultural Arts programs
21. Bake sales
22. Attend Skills Day in the area
23. Support with refreshment at schools on Field Days and statewide test days
24. Scholarships to those attending 4-H camps
25. Adult bibs made for local nursing home
26. Donate baby quilts to local children and to police and sheriff's department
27. Decorate library window display
28. Teaching 4-H classes
29. Knitting and crocheting hats for cancer clubs
30. Made and filled Christmas stockings for Women's Crisis Center
31. Collaborate with local community agencies for various events and activities
32. Newspaper coverage of KEHA Homemaker Week
33. Recipe for Life at Bracken County is a program where each 5th grade section of students takes a day of school to prepare an entire meal for approximately 35-40 people and everyone eats the meal together for lunch. Students are given lessons on measurements, knife skills, reading a recipe, use of kitchen equipment, sanitation and safety, and table manners. Parental comments are abundant and are impressed that students take interest in meal preparation at home. Homemakers volunteer as teachers in the various stations.

NORTHEAST AREA ANNUAL REPORT

July 2024 – June 2025

As I come to a close of my three-year term as Northeast Area President, I am feeling thankful and very blessed to have served. I am thankful for all the support that I have received from each county in the Northeast Area. I am thankful for the friends I have made at the state and area level. Each of you has been a treasured blessing. I am thankful for the growth I have acquired as a leader and the opportunity to serve the Northeast Area. But most of all I am thankful to pass this position on to a great leader and friend, Catherine Sparks. Northeast Area consists of nine counties that have an active Extension Homemakers program. Below is only a glimpse of the effort they each have put into each of the facets of the KEHA program.

Boyd County has 87 KEHA members with Kathy King serving as county president. They have five traditional clubs and one at large group. The Boyd County Council meets twelve times a year and each club meets each month from September through June. They have a Christmas banquet and End of the Year banquet. County-wide activities include fundraising; Cooking through the Calendar; Make & Take Lunch & Learn; Herb Day; Wreath Making; and CEC meetings. Service projects include \$500 donation to 4-H, FFA at BCHS in Ashland, bows for wreaths on Veterans' graves, and Honor Flight. \$200 is donated to the Resource Center. They also provide scholarships for 4-H, Ovarian Cancer, and Homemakers. Total money donated to 4-H is \$3,010. Trips have included Ovarian Cancer screenings and the KEHA State Meeting. Recruitment is done by handing out flyers and information at Halloween, parades, and Bingo night. There are so many other great things going on in Boyd County! Total VSU hours are 16,115.5 hours.

Carter County has 220 members with eight traditional clubs and two special interest clubs including a new club called "Mom Group" for young moms. The new president, Carol Ann Fraley got the year off to a great start with meetings, planning, and volunteering. Members volunteered with the Farm and Family Field Day; the Reality Store; Holiday Craft Fair; Hometown Holidays; judged 4-H projects; taught a class at the KEHA State meeting and Enrichment Camp; assisted with cultural arts; and many more. Total VSU documented were 20,554 hours. Some other highlights include the 33 member Quilts of Valor club honored 629 veterans from Carter County with 30 quilts made and presented this year; \$1,000 was donated to Relay for Life; a silent auction raised \$500 for 4-H scholarships; and \$2,075 was donated by Homemakers for 4-H scholarships.

Floyd County has two clubs with a total of 59 members. The president is Beth Jones. Some of their volunteer work has been spent on making ornaments for the Jenny Wiley Lodge Christmas tree; attending meetings; contributing to the 4-H Scholarship fund and Ovarian Cancer Research; making blessing bags and buying winter coats for the Veteran's Homeless Shelter; etc. Information about Homemakers was handed out to local churches, Floyd County Library, and a local quilt shop.

Greenup County president was Sharon Fields. They have 7 clubs with a total of 133 members. They had 29 Blue Ribbon Cultural Arts entries that went on to the Area in October. They had eleven members attend the 2025 KEHA State Meeting. Their most successful project was making over 500 chocolate Easter Eggs and raised almost \$3,000 for 4-H Camp. They are also proud of their annual tradition of

decorating Christmas trees at Greenbo Lake State Park. Several of the clubs help with Missions; Food Banks; community food pantries; First Responder and Veteran support; AARF and other animal rescues.

Johnson County president is Sandra Arrowood and they have 104 members and three clubs. They had 48 Cultural Arts entries and six members attended the KEHA State Meeting in May. Each year they host “Holiday Happenings” in early November at the Ramada Inn. This is their biggest fund raiser. They also raise money for the Johnson County Animal Shelter from their “Waffle” fund raiser. Some more of their volunteer time goes to Angel Trees in the schools; socks for the warming center; Encounter Missions Food Pantry; Floyd County Homeless Shelter; Animal Alliance of Eastern Kentucky; Flood Relief; 4-H sewing and pillows for 4-H camp; Quilts and Bears for Foster children, etc.

Lawrence County president was Toby Roberts and they are so excited to finally have an agent. They had a total of 32 homemaker members with three clubs. They had 14 cultural arts entries. They are most proud of the work they do with the 4-H club. Two members and the FCS agent attended the KEHA State Meeting held in May and assisted with the hosting duties.

Magoffin County has 68 members with three clubs. The county president is Jnova Harvey. The fundraiser they are most proud of is their “Fried Apple Hand Pies and Soup Bean Dinner” held annually. The money raised is for a Homemaker Scholarship that goes to one senior from Magoffin County in the amount of \$500. They also host a “Pink Ribbon Luncheon” each year. Last year they had 130 attendees with Dr. Rebecca Baker as their guest speaker. She talked to the attendees about her non-profit called “Betty’s Brave and Beautiful Heart Foundation,” which was created in honor of her mother who died of breast cancer. Their two quilt guilds worked together to make a pink ribbon quilt that was used as a backdrop. A drawing was held for survivors. They hope to continue this program to spread educational information about the importance of early detection and screening for breast cancer.

Martin County president is JoAnn Fletcher. They have 3 clubs with a total of 34 members. Some of the activities include making UK pillows for the nursing home residents; having a quilt raffle to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for the nursing home residents; making a Veteran quilt that is given to a veteran on Veteran’s Day; as well as other volunteer work.

Pike County president was Sheila Moon. There were 56 members last year with 4 clubs, one of which is a special interest club. We had 23 Cultural Arts entries. Fundraiser projects and volunteering include Coins for Change; Flood Relief; Ovarian Cancer Research; Veterans; Ronald McDonald House; food donations; and making turbans and sleeping caps for cancer patients at PMC. Each year we host “Homemaking in the Mountains” at the Breaks Interstate Park. We have displays, demonstrations, finger foods to sample, crafts, and vendors inside and outside with visitors from across the United States.

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NEA President 2022-2025

QUICKSAND AREA ANNUAL REPORT

November 2025

Submitted by Anita Noble, Quicksand Area President

Greetings from the Quicksand area. Our area is made up of eight counties: Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe. We have about 475 homemakers in the Quicksand area. We have had recent changes in four counties with our FCS agents. Three of the agents have switched counties, so they are not new to the area. The Owsley County position remains vacant at this time.

This year, we have continued to work toward our goal of having more activities for homemakers as an area. The area newsletter now includes a section for homemaker happenings that keeps homemakers up to date on area events. Some area-wide gatherings this year included: Leadership training, "Come Sew with Us," food preservation, and our Annual Quicksand Area Meeting. The area meeting was held on October 16, 2025. The meeting was hosted by the Perry County homemakers at the beautiful Buckhorn Lake State Park. There were 77 in attendance. The meeting had several guests, including Henrietta Sheffel, KEHA State President, who is from the Quicksand area.

Several of our members attended the state meeting in Lexington and have brought back knowledge and skills to share in homemaker meetings. They have also participated in programs offered by the FCS agents that provide training, guidance, and information on a variety of topics for our members. One of the favorites that they have provided is the "Holiday Road Show" that always draws a crowd. A new favorite has been the "Hiking for Health" program that was provided. Many of our homemakers took advantage of these programs. Our members have also volunteered and raised funds for many charities in the communities. They have given freely of their time and talents to help others.

For the upcoming year, the Quicksand area will continue to stress the importance of volunteer work and recording hours. We will also continue providing more area-wide programs and events that will offer new skills and opportunities for our members. Homemakers will also strive to recruit new members and increase our numbers from last year.

WILDERNESS TRAIL AREA ANNUAL REPORT

President's Report 2025

BELL COUNTY

Bell County has 87 paid members and 2 active clubs. Their homemakers are active in their community and have several community projects, including, but not limited to, collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, (2) \$1000 scholarships for Bell County students, contributed 100% to the ovarian cancer fund, helping an orphanage, family resource centers, nursing home, food pantry, animal shelter, bibles for the jail, luggage for kids in foster care, decorated a room at RHOAR Center. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County experienced a growth in membership of over 40%. They have 3 amazing clubs, "Card Makers", "Create and Inspire", and "Pins'n'Needles" and a strong group of mailbox members. They have several community projects, including, but not limited to, quilters, card makers, soap makers, sewists, embroiderers, painters, home chefs, and so much more. They share their crafts with community groups, including senior citizens and nursing homes. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.

HARLAN COUNTY

Harlan County has 82 paid members consisting of 3 specialty clubs and 41 members-at-large. They donated 100% to the Ovarian Cancer Fund. They have several community projects, including, but not limited to, collecting canned goods and snack items monthly for blessing Boxes at local churches, making lap quilts for a Dialysis Center and Nursing homes, donated gift cards to 5 tornado victim families, and donated dog beds, made by quilters, to an Animal Rescue. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.

JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County had homemakers that organized, and helped facilitate, quilt workshops to donate quilts to the homeless and to residents in the local nursing home. Their members actively teach card making with senior citizens, quilting classes, volunteer at the county fair, and bake sales to their local churches. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.

KNOX COUNTY

Knox County is continually active in their community and used their skills to help FCS with canning classes, 4-H sewing classes, and teaching homemaker lessons in their clubs. Some of their community projects included, but not limited to, donating \$500 to Knox County pregnancy center, sponsoring (2) 4H students to attend 4H Camp, donating

items to London tornado victims, and donated items for local blessing boxes. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.

LAUREL COUNTY

Laurel County has 8 active clubs, 160 members, and achieved 100% giving to the ovarian cancer fund. Their homemakers organized a county-wide donation drive to help the victims of the May tornado. Their community projects included, but not limited to, donations to blessing boxes, selecting an out-standing Laurel County High School graduate as the recipient of the Emma Lou Cissell Scholarship, donating quilts and pillowcases to local community groups, volunteering with disaster relief, and hosting a Quilt show at the public library and hosting quilt camps. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

Rockcastle County has 62 members in 3 clubs. Their members are active in their community and reported 3036 volunteer hours from July 2024 to June 2025. Some of their community projects included, but not limited to, teaching craft and needlework classes, book sharing, maintain a community park and building, provided soft blankets, quilts, and sheets to the UK NICU, 4-H camp scholarships, Hope Ministry, volunteering for community Thanksgiving meals, and school backpack snacks program. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.

WHITLEY COUNTY

Whitley County has several active clubs. They logged 1510 community volunteer hours. Some of their community projects, included, but not limited to, comfort pillows, burp cloths, blankets, quilts, fabric to the animal shelter, collected aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, supported the Emergency Christian Ministries, fundraising for a scholarship fund, donated to the 4-H program, donated food, provided transportation , and taught classes. Their homemakers are leaders in their community.