

Lincoln Trail Area Extension Homemakers Highlights 2017-2018

Meade County Extension Homemakers have accomplished many good things in the county this past year. One of the two major accomplishments was a community "Souper Supper" which was held to raise awareness of the food insecurity in Meade County. At this fundraiser, a homemade bowl of soup, sandwich, dessert and drink could be purchased for \$5 per person.

An auction of homemade desserts made by homemakers was also held at this function. As a result of this supper and auction, approximately \$2,000 was raised and numerous non-perishable foods, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies were also collected. The money raised was used to purchase other needed nonperishable foods, personal hygiene items and cleaning

supplies and were donated to the local food pantry. This was a very successful event on many levels. It not only helped to make residents of our community aware of the food insecurity of people residing in Meade County but was a way of providing much needed items to the local food pantry.



The second major accomplishment was the partnering with the Meade County Solid Waste and Recycle Center (MCSWRC) to help bring recycle awareness to the county. Meade County Extension Homemakers taught recycling classes in all Meade

County primary and elementary schools reaching a total of 1,945 students and 263 adults. The



MCSWRC presented the homemakers with a check in the amount of \$3,832.50 for their efforts. These funds are used to support educational programs and donations to many worthy needs, i.e., Backpack for Hunger, Ovarian Cancer Research, Meade County Extension Homemaker Scholarship, Meade County Food Pantry and many others during the year.

Hardin County Extension Homemakers gave over \$5,000 in county scholarships to local students this past year.

This is in addition to club awarded scholarships and 4-H camp scholarships. They raised \$1,980 in ticket sales for their Ovarian Cancer Tea in February 2018.

This is in addition to the \$2 per member included in their dues and money collected at meetings and various events throughout the year.

Hardin County Extension Homemakers contributed 49,464 volunteer hours to their communities in the 2017-2018 year which equates to \$1,221,266.10.



Grayson County Extension Homemakers hosted a Cake and Pie Auction in March 2018 to raise money towards Communicare Day Camps in the community.

Communicare Day Camps provide programming and



activities throughout the summer months to special needs youth in the county. They operate on very little funding each year and the homemakers were

able to donate \$1,000 to the camps from the proceeds of this auction. A check was presented to Communicare at our county annual meeting.

Marion County Extension Homemakers have supported the ovarian cancer program. Members helped with the entries during the Marion County Fair at our Floral Hall. Blankets have been donated to the local police to be given to children who have been taken from their homes to give them a little comfort. Members donated toiletry supplies and socks to the Veterans. Backpacks were provided to female veterans with items to make them feel more feminine. One of our clubs hosts a senior meal for one of the surrounding towns. Members helped with 4H youth by instructing the members with sewing and also helped with the "Raising Chickens Program." Our members continue to volunteer their services in the community and around the state.

Nelson County Extension Homemakers big accomplishment was the increase in reporting volunteer hours. Over 20,000 hours were reported during the 2017-2018 timeframe which was a 100% increase. Nelson County Extension Homemakers have improved their reporting over this timeframe. During the year, meals have been



delivered to Seniors, members have made food for the sick, helped with bereavement dinners and worked at their churches. Members have worked as volunteers at the

hospital and gift shop. They have worked at the Nelson County Fair and Ag Day. Homemakers held a "Salad Day" and proceeds were donated to the Ovarian Cancer Research Program. Many members have volunteered to babysit and knit items for children in need and they also support organizations that help the disadvantaged.

Washington County

- 22 years working with the Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention Program.
- Supported the ovarian cancer screening program
- Monthly sewing and quilting groups.
- Volunteered for annual Truth and Consequences to teach high school freshman students the consequences of using drugs and alcohol.
- Participated in Rural Price Project and plan to use



proceeds to provide scholarships.

- Contributed beef stew to Community Action Food Pantry for Thanksgiving.
- Held Potluck Picnic to promote fellowship and encourage membership.

- Worked with Lincoln Trail Area to support sewing education in Ghana.
- Hosted Lincoln Trail Area Annual Meeting on October 6, 2017.
- Participated in Halloween Family Night organized by the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.
- Supported the Water for All project by purchasing filters.
- Hosted Paint Party for fundraising and fellowship.
- Hosted International Dinner and Meeting, featuring presentation on the Ireland Study Tour by Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.
- Contributed backpacks to law enforcement for comfort for children removed from their homes.

LaRue County Extension Homemakers awarded a \$400 scholarship to a local high school graduating senior who is currently attending Western Kentucky University. They also sponsored the Mother of the Year Contest, which is held during the LaRue County Fair.



Other activities included sponsoring a local art/quilt show, volunteering to help youth with 4-H sewing projects, monthly donations to

local food pantries, donating to local 4-H camp scholarships, donating to Water Around the World, Coins for Change and Ovarian Cancer Research Projects. LaRue County Extension Homemakers also continued participation in community events such as Project Graduation, Relay for Life, Lincoln Day's Celebration, The National Park Service's "A Walk-Through Lincoln's Life, Happy 200th Birthday Hodgenville Celebration and the LaRue County Fair and Floral Hall.

In **Breckinridge County** this past spring, 146 people participated and completed our first "Get Moving" walking/exercise project. It is planned to repeat the program again this fall.

During Homemaker Week 2017, Homemakers presented a check to Fiscal Court and had photo put in local newspaper touting the value of our volunteer hours in dollars. The Judge Executive signed a Proclamation for Homemaker Week.

We shared information about CEDIC, a group at UK, that surveys different aspects of local communities for advantages, opportunities for improvement and growth, etc. to local Chamber of Commerce. They employed the services of CEDIC to evaluate Breckinridge County and reported back giving needed information to the city/county.

Beginning in September 2017, officers and committees began working on the October 2018 Area Annual Meeting for Homemakers; this was our big focus this past year.

We supported local projects such as Relay for Life, and the Health Departments' Color Run, our Master Gardner's projects, Farm Safety Days, the High School Reality Store and Migrant Meal.

Breckinridge County participated in a survey for University of Kentucky on Living in Rural America, where we shopped on a specific weekend for everything from food to clothing, insurance, car repairs, utilities, and doctors. We earned a stipend for county participation.