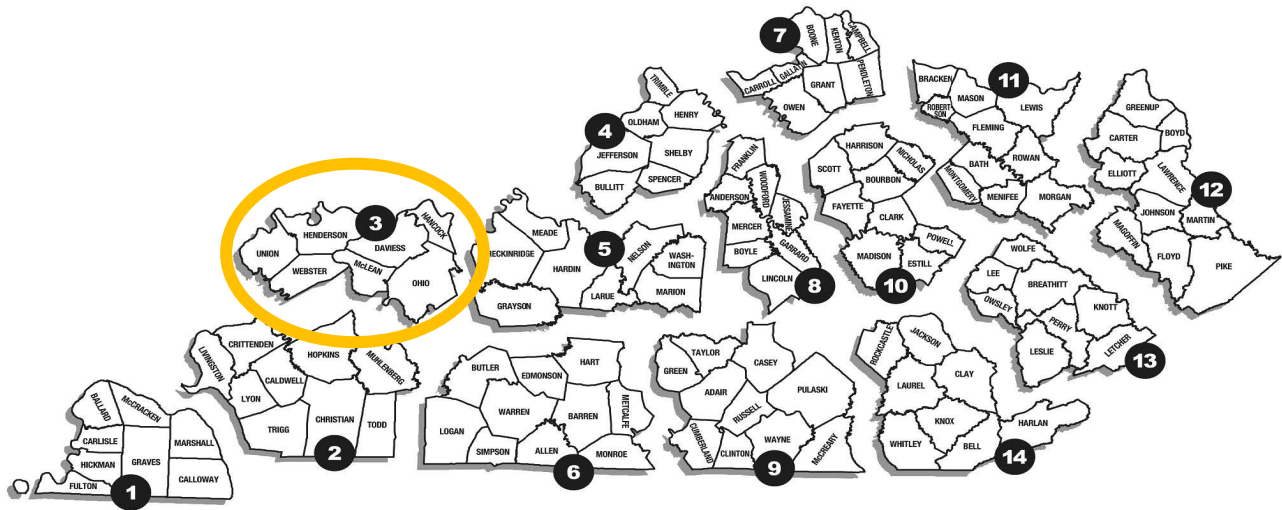


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The Green River Area Homemakers are very proud to be a part of KEHA. In fact, we are glad to say that we have three (3) from our area on the Board of KEHA. Karen Hill of Henderson, KY is our State President, Marilyn Watson, also of Henderson, KY, is our KEHA Cultural Arts Chair, and I, Edna McCrady, from Owensboro, KY, am President of the area.

We, too, are proud to say that we had 4 candidates apply for the new Leadership Academy and look forward to the spring when our 2 candidates, and perhaps the alternate, are selected to attend the academy.

We look forward to all the great happenings in KEHA and are excited to again welcome KEHA back to Owensboro, KY for the 2019-2020 Annual KEHA State Meeting.

If you have any questions about our area or about the city of Owensboro and its amenities, please contact me, Edna McCrady, at 270-929-6591.

Thank you for reading, and please enjoy reading the attached pages about our seven area counties that make up Green River Area Homemakers.



*The Sun Shines Bright*

## Daviess County Homemakers 2018-2019 Report

Executive and Advisory meetings were held monthly to continue the flow of business and plan for programs and fundraisers.

In late summer of 2018, clubs met for the Annual Day/Awards at the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service Office. We invited Nell Jordan of Franklin and Sue Berry of Henderson for History of Aprons and Old Family Recipes. Members were invited to wear their mothers' or grandmothers' aprons. A sight! Clubs brought baskets of goodies valued approximately \$30 for silent auction for the scholarship fund.

Homemakers gathered to make pillowcases throughout the year and sent packets home to others to complete decorative trim on many. Several made a day-trip to Camp for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, KY with 550 pillowcases, 203 bandannas, and \$750 to their causes. What a marvelous place!

In the fall, the Goodfellows organization plans fundraisers for kids, and No. 1 on the list was Soup Day. This was a part of Daviess County "community service" as we cooked, wrapped, and manned the booth of desserts all day Nov. 13 held at Settle Memorial Church Outreach Center.

The area-wide International Tea was hosted by Daviess County Oct. 30, 2018. This program was "Life Below Water". We were urged to be aware of the worst plastic pollution culprits and reduce it in our lives. Serious thoughts facing our generation!

Daviess County Homemakers cleaned out their homes for a huge Yard Sale May 14-16, 2019 held at Lions Club Fairgrounds during the county HWY 54 Sale. We made \$853.00 for our Scholarship Fund.

During the May 14-16 KEHA State Meeting in Louisville, four Daviess County members donned historical costumes and participated in teaching a program concerning "Changing Roles of Women in History." The costumes included Rosie the Riveter, Lady in Civil War Mourning phase, Jane Hart Morgan, who defended her home from intruders, Frances Jane Coomes, the first KY female school teacher, and medicine woman/doctor. As part of the presentation, they told their historical place as society and circumstances required women to step out of the home/hearth and accept new roles for family and communities.

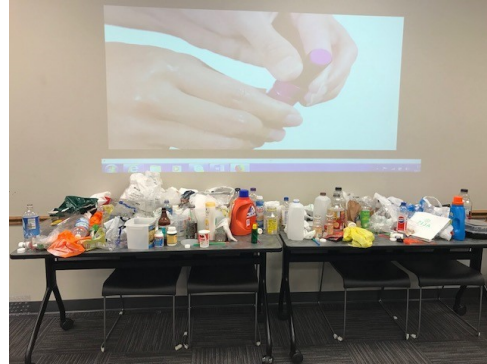
Several members assisted Cinderella's Closet during Spring/Prom Season. Prom gowns and accessories were given to ladies to prepare as gifts to girls who wouldn't have been able to afford the expense of being a Cinderella for her prom. March 15 & 16 was a sewing heaven.

Daviess County Homemakers sponsor a Junior Homemaker Club September through May with about 15 young ladies coming to learn skills of table setting, cooking, simple sewing skills, and holiday preparations, among many of the topics. Two of the talented musicians in this group entertained the Annual Day/Awards on Flag Day with their musical instruments playing "America the Beautiful."

We wrapped up our year with a June Flag Day celebration inviting Sons of the American Revolution Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter to appear in period dress and demonstrate the proper folding of the American flag and its meanings. Quite impressive program! All members left with flags, and we decorated the dining room tables with American flags and poppies in remembrance of our veterans lost in conflicts over the centuries.

Apollo High School student, Brooklyn Knight, won the scholarship awarded from Daviess County. She plans to pursue a medical career at University of Kentucky this Fall 2019.





## Henderson County Homemakers 2018-2019 Report

August found us busy as we prepared for the new homemaker's year. We held leadership training, announced our volunteer hours for the county, and highlighted clubs and individuals with the most hours.

In September at the Senior Expo, homemaker members served snacks to those who attended.

In October, we attended the area annual meeting at Daviess County and donated 2 baskets with the theme of "Snowy Days" to help raise funds for Ovarian Cancer research.

In November, we hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Homemakers. Our theme was "Gala Affair." Clubs were given the opportunity to sell craft items in the foyer this year, and those that participated were pleased. We accepted donations for our scholarship fund and non-perishable and personal care items for local pantries. This event is very well attended, and the community looks forward to this event.

In January and February, we observed International Month by eating various foreign cuisines. We continue to have 100% support for Ovarian Cancer research. Several members took a trip to Lexington to participate in the screening.

In April, several homemakers helped with the annual Derby Tea held at the Extension Office. This was a tea party-style show with a speaker who spoke on a health-related topic. This event is open to the community and is very well attended. There are lots of pretty hats worn by all. We accept donations which go to an organization that supports a health-related project or organization.

In May, we held our annual meeting. The theme this year was "Slice & Dice." The speaker was Ginny Johnson from HCHS Family Consumer Sciences. We are happy to report there was an increase in attendance. Sadly, we also lost several members this year and were honored with white roses. The recognition of 50 year members was also presented. At the KEHA state meeting we had new attendees and also the newly installed President Karen Hill.

In June, clubs celebrated Cultural Arts Month with day trips. A scholarship was given to 4-H. Also, snacks were collected and presented for all Henderson County attendees.

We continue donating items to a local nursing home for BINGO prizes and supporting our culinary department at the local high school by donating kitchen gadgets and kitchen tools.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Watson

Henderson County President





## McLean County Homemakers Report 2018-2019

- Gave \$500 Scholarship to high school student
- Fundraiser with local 4-H program during the Fair
- Took entries and displayed open home division at the County Fair
- Had 4 members attend the state meeting (2 were delegates)
- One of our members, Sue Berry, taught 2 workshops at state meeting
- Helped with World's Biggest Baby Shower
- Helped with Truth and Consequences Workshop
- Food Drives for local church pantries
- 7 members did Ovarian Cancer Screening
- We have 2 Master Clothing Volunteers
- Monthly Recycle & Reuse Classes (well attended)
- We have organized & expanded the library at the McLean Co. Extension Office
- Club trips
- Made dog beds for Humane Society
- Homemakers judged 4-H speeches & demonstrations
- Celebrated KEHA week with a proclamation signed by the County Judge and had an article about Homemakers in the paper.
- 3rd Annual Homemaker Bazaar fundraiser
- Homemakers yearly Awards Banquet Night
- Homemakers help with Community Events Harvest Day, Battle of Sacramento, Kids Fest, and others







## Ohio County Homemakers Report 2018-2019

Ohio County Homemakers have completed another busy year. We have 104 Mailbox members and 68 active members. Members have enjoyed the informational lessons from KEHA as well as additional activities of their choosing. We have had two clubs to disband, though some of their members went to existing clubs or became mailbox members. We have added one new club which was formed at the Ohio County Senior Center.

Ohio County Homemakers have been busy serving the community.

Among the activities in the schools is Ag Day for 4th graders at which the homemakers served pumpkin pancakes with maple syrup.

Homemakers provided a nutritious sample of a fruit yogurt parfait to 7th graders at the health and nutrition program Body Walk.

Truth and Consequences is a role playing activity for 8th graders concerning substance abuse.

Pre-school students are read a story and each child receives their own book.

Kindergarten students are read a book with a health or nutrition theme, followed by discussion.

Two \$500 scholarships were awarded to two graduating high school students to aid in furthering their education.

Celebrate the Baby is a program for new or expectant mothers and fathers which provides information and gifts to the participants.

A lunchtime meal was served to employees of Tamarlane Industries. Tamarlane provides employment for individuals with mental and/or developmental delays.

Homemakers have sponsored and participated in the Christmas Bazaar held at the Ohio County Fairgrounds. 2018 was the 40th year for the annual event.

Cookies are baked for the Cookie Walk at the Beaver Dam Christmas festivities.

Homemakers have held a yard sale to raise funds. A special interest group, the Garden Club, also held a yard sale and plant sale.

The homemakers play a vital role in the Ohio County Fair. They register the entries, assist the judges, organize the display of entries, and provide security for the exhibit building when it is open.

Homemakers participated in the county homemakers picnic, county Annual Day, Green River Area Annual Day, and area meetings.

When and where there is a need, there is a homemaker!



## Union County Homemakers Report 2018-2019

The Union County Homemakers group has volunteered in many Union County Extension Service Office endeavors this past year, as well as in their own programs, civic, and community groups.

As individuals, our homemakers have taken what they have learned from their lessons and used these skills as a base for the good they do within other groups in which they participate. They have used their leadership skills, and, with confidence, they are able to represent KEHA within our county.

We believe our members are tops in the field of volunteering. We have members who are regular volunteers at the local hospital, nursing homes, in their churches, and for their families. We are proud to contribute over 13,000 hours to our volunteer service.

Homemakers first began in Union County 101 years ago in the year 1918.

In 2019 we have three active clubs plus our mailbox members, and we are a busy county club.

Uniontown Club is our oldest club, being in existence for 94 years. They have about a dozen members with several of those members in the oldest age group of our county members. They are active within their club and look forward to their monthly meetings. Whenever we have county activities they are ready and willing to help in any way they can. As our door greeters or napkin folders, they are there representing their club.

The Uniontown club is quick to donate to our projects as well as making donations for Christmas angels and food banks.

Morganfield Young Homemakers is our second oldest club, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year this year. In September two of their members passed away one week apart. They also would have celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays one week apart in November.

Mary Lou Duncan was a charter member of the Morganfield Young Homemakers and died on the day the club celebrated their birthday, September 19. Rosemary Jackson had been a 27-year-member and died September 10. The two were very involved in the club with their volunteer hours, officers, and educational chair leaders. When both became ill and their health started failing, club members took care of them as family.

In honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, Morganfield Young Homemakers sponsored a decorated bicycle in the downtown area which was decorated with items representing the art of homemaking.

Our youngest club is the Happy Day Club. They have been a club for nearly 30 years and are very involved with all their members. They have lots of new ideas and bring their ideas to the county members for countywide projects.

As county projects we helped host a retirement party for our FCS agent Melanie Bealmear at the extension office. We prepared the heavy hors d'oeuvres for a storytelling event held at the museum. Homemakers prepared and served cheese balls, fruits, veggies, pimento cheese on croissants, meatballs, quiches, and dessert breads. In return for serving the foods, the world-renowned storyteller, Mark Lamb, told a story at our annual day later in the month.



## Union County Homemakers Report 2018-2019 Continued

We held our annual day in March with each club responsible for a duty. The theme was Homespun, as a spinoff from the Storytelling event we worked to go along with Mark Lamb's storytelling. Happy Day Homemakers were the host and adorned the tables with quilts topped with cloth tea towels for napkins and centerpieces of iron skillet filled with popcorn. Members were asked to wear an apron. The inspirational presented was titled Mama's Apron, and the story Mark told was Mama's Iron Skillet. Embroidered tea towels were donated as door prizes by Mrs. Nancy Miller, a retired Home Ec teacher.

We also hosted the Breckinridge Mother's Day Tea with cookies and tea and entertained with piano music played by one of the homemaker members. The many real tea cups and saucers used were borrowed from one of our mailbox members.

During KEHA week there was an article written in the local newspapers with pictures announcing KEHA Week. There was also a window display in the Salon 180 Beauty Salon window. It contained several old items of cooking and sewing and pictures of members from years showing how they always wore their Sunday best dress with hats and white gloves. The past pictures and items represented how far Union County has come since Homemakers started here in 1918.

There was also an article and pictures announcing Morganfield Young Homemakers 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Each year we have a booth at the library during the Christmas open houses and promote homemakers. We have information on display, answer questions, and give a door prize of a Mailbox Membership.

As a county, we donated gift baskets to the World's Greatest Baby Shower held at the middle school. It is a shower open to all county expectant mothers. This program is sponsored by the Extension Office, with about 75 girls attending and being educated through this program with lots of information from health organizations, as well as information on child care and proper ways to care for their babies.

We annually support Water for All, Coins for Change, the Ghana Library project, Camp Courageous, and Ovarian Cancer Research.

Locally we support the Happy Pack Program which sends food home on weekends to low-income children and make donations to Ben's Place, an adult daycare. Breckinridge Place assisted living and nursing home receives donations, visits, and entertainment from homemakers. We make in-memory donations to hospice for members who have died. We also collect and save toilet paper and paper towel cores to be sold, and the money is used to buy food for children in an orphanage in Haiti.

We have two homemakers who are currently officers with the Master Farm Homemakers. One member serves on the county board as vice president and is secretary for the district board. We also have an officer on the area board, as well as an area educational chairman.

Our county is active in local, area, state, and worldwide projects. We are an asset to the KEHA and represent them proudly, helping us to keep Kentucky as number one in Extension in the United States.





## Webster County Homemakers Report 2018-2019

The Webster County Homemakers continue to support our local cancer fighters and survivors by sponsoring the Survivors Dinner and supporting their friends and family fighting Cancer.

Our Master Clothing Volunteer has been teaching a monthly Quilting Class for adults.

Our clubs continue to meet monthly:

Craft and App Club

Poole Club

Mt. Pleasant Club

New Lamplighters Club

They are always looking for new members and continue to show support for the county by volunteering numerous hours with their communities, churches, and Extension.

