

## PENNYRILE AREA YEAR END REPORT---JULY 2019-JUNE 2020

The Pennyrile Area includes 9 counties in Western Kentucky. Only 6 of these counties submitted a year end report.

**Caldwell County** homemakers participate in a variety of community service activities and volunteer their time to extension, the community, KEHA, and their extended families. The clubs donate to Ovarian Cancer fund, provide cookies to the Red Cross Blood drive each month, only through March this year due to COVID 19, donate to HOPE and COPE family resource centers, donate to project graduation, volunteer at a local doctor's office, donate to the Feeding God's Children backpack program, and work with 4-H youth. This year, the Caldwell County Homemakers hosted the Souper Bowl of Caring and collected over 300 non perishable food items for a local food pantry.

**Crittenden County** Extension Homemakers started the new year 2019-2020 with high hopes for the year to come. Our County annual day in August 2019 was considered a success due to the fact had been without an agent for so long. We installed new officers for the new year and presented awards for all the hard work our members had put forth to keep the organization going. Our new agent, Janeen Tramble, announced a new program being implemented for membership recruitment. Membership dues were paid, 100% participation in the Ovarian Cancer Program was met, and plans were made for the coming year at our first 2019 Advisory Council meeting beginning with participation in the Farmers Bank Apple pie contest. County President Jerrell James took second place in the contest. After the contest, Homemakers sold slices of pie as a fundraiser for our Homemaker scholarship. Homemakers also held our annual bread, candy, and cookies fundraiser at the Crittenden County Pumpkin Festival. Two specialty clubs, The Hooks & Needles Crafter's Corner and The Quilt Club, along with two regular clubs began meetings for the new year. Clubs participated in the KEHA homemaker week with a Twilight Walk in the city county park including a scavenger hunt with prizes for the winners. Members also had their picture taken for the local Crittenden Press with the Judge Executive Perry Newcom signing a proclamation declaring October 13-19 National Homemaker Week in Kentucky. Five members and Agent Janeen Tramble attended the Pennyrile Area Annual Meeting. Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> grade manners class was cancelled by the school system for November 2019 and for security reasons will probably be discontinued for good, although all participation homemakers had security clearance. Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services as Crittenden County Homemakers for input from local residents to help identify priorities for the hospital. Some member attended the National Quilt Museum display for the KEHA 2020 Census Quilt in September. Clubs decorated Christmas trees for the Extension Office and the Tourism Office for the holidays. Five homemakers and Agent Janeen Tramble attended, entered crafts, and won several blue ribbons at the Pennyrile Area Cultural Arts Exhibits. The COVID 19 pandemic suspended all things in the world of KEHA on March 18, 2020. Plans and reservations had been made by member to attend the Area Spring Seminar and the KEHA State Meeting and the

summer trip. Club meetings were suspended also. Our Extension Agents were terrific though with preparing and presenting on line tutorials and placing participation packets outside the office for any community member who wished to participate. They kept our members well informed on all things KEHA!

**Livingston County** Homemaker clubs have continued their meetings during this pandemic by attending Zooms offered by other extension agents in our district. Currently, the Knit & Crochet club and the Block of the Month club are meeting again and continuing with their projects. Several Livingston County Homemakers joined together to make face masks for the local hospitals in our area.

**Lyon County** Homemakers are a dynamic and community oriented group committed to education, learning, leadership, philanthropy, fellowship, community and family. We consist of four traditional club: Eddyville, Fairview, Lake Barkley and Saratoga and a Quilt Club that meet monthly. Each traditional club follows the UK Extension provided program of leader lessons, monthly reporting and annual reporting. Annual reporting includes all seven programs of work, volunteer hours, books read(emphasizing the KEHA Book list). In 2020, the dynamics of homemakers radically changed with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Meetings, classes and other in-person activities came to a grinding halt. But the Zoom meeting format soon replaced some in-person meetings and were able to continue our county council meetings relatively on schedule. Our area and county activities were severely curtailed, but we managed to get some of our usual things done. The amazing and always resilient Lyon County homemakers, acting as volunteers, learners, educators, and community leaders have participated in or led one or more of the following: Donations- Coupons for Soldiers, 100% donation participation for Ovarian Cancer Awareness, Dog beds for local animal shelters, Scholarships for 4-H camp, and college scholarship for one graduating high school senior. Pennyrile Area activities in Master Clothing Volunteer recruitment and Cultural Arts Entries. Lyon County Activities included Pretend Store to provide Christmas for Lyon County head start/preschool students, continuation of the REACH program to increase participation in the Homemaker activities, recruitment and reporting and provided 5 quilts for the Quilts of Valor program. Began discussion of starting an official Quilts of Valor group for Western KY sponsored by homemakers. Passport KY Educational Travel Program. Classes that are ongoing monthly include Paper Crafters and Pinterest Interest. Many other classes scheduled and provided through the Extension Office both in-person and through Zoom format were well attended by club members and members at-large. This is not intended to be a complete reporting of all activities of the Lyon County Homemakers, but a representative listing. Led by Lyon County Family and Consumer Science Agent Angie York, even in the face of adversity, this homemaker group is successful and thriving.

**Muhlenberg County** has no FCS Agent this year. Our Agriculture Agent has filled in nicely supporting Muhlenberg County Homemakers in all our efforts. He has proved to be a very supportive team member. There are 6 homemaker groups in the county. Our total

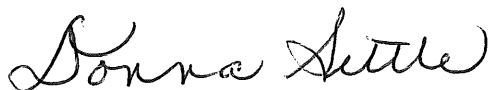
membership this year including mailbox members are 148 members strong. Eight Muhlenberg County Homemakers went on the summer trip with the Pennyryle Area Homemakers. The trip took homemakers to the Louisville Area. It was fun and educational. The homemaker year started out with all chair positions filled for the first time in 4 years. There was a promise of a leadership class. The FCS Agent was going to do this but she had another job opportunity and this class was led by the County President and the leadership chair, Betsy Smith. Seventeen members attended this event. We all learned from this class. Materials were used from the KEHA website. This class was held August 5, 2019. The County Vice President, Nancy Sandlin led a membership drive in August. We played cards and ate ice cream. There were at least 8 new members because of this event. The Pennyryle Area Fall meeting was held in Princeton with 26 members attending. Our new leader Darrell Simpson strutted his stuff with the area FCS Agents when they shared a line dance for our entertainment! Muhlenberg County homemakers met with County Judge Executive the first week of October. The Judge signed a resolution declaring the week of Oct. 6-12 as Kentucky Homemaker week. Our Annual Bean Supper was held in October 2019. The proceeds from this event goes toward Ovarian Cancer research. A quilt was donated by Warm Heart Quilters club and it brought in extra dollars. Another quilt was donated by a Muhlenberg County Mailbox member. There was a silent auction and live auction at this event. We had dine in and carry out available. The first time ever an alpha Gal menu was offered. It was extra work but so worth it in the end. Muhlenberg made first place for the most donations to KEHA Ovarian Cancer research, \$5,725.00! They also received first place for the most donations per member, \$38.42. This was a first for Muhlenberg County and we were proud and honored to receive these awards. The Bean Supper was led by Food, Nutrition, & Health Chair Tammy Dozer. The Travel Club led by JoNell Mallay planned a Christmas trip to Baggett Theater in Grand Rivers. Twenty one people went on this trip. Four members were guests, the remainder were homemakers. The Family & Individual Development Chair Brenda Waller, led an event to fill a need for an area elementary school resource center. There were short and long pull up pants donated. There were approximately 50 items donated by homemakers for this event. The Sit and Sew group (compiled of Muhlenberg County homemakers) and the Family & Individual Chair, Brenda Waller made 53 capes for the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, KY. They also made 25 fidget quilts that were donated to the area rest homes in Muhlenberg County. Muhlenberg placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this event at the state level. Muhlenberg County Homemakers served hot chocolate at the annual Penguin Plunge held in February by the area 4-H members. Muhlenberg County Homemakers donated \$825.00 to this event. Moneys from this event goes to the 4-H backpack program. This program feeds hungry kids in the county throughout the school year. Muhlenberg County had 10 members enter projects in the Cultural Arts event in March. We brought home 15 Blue ribbons, 9 Red ribbons, and 6 White ribbons. Loretta Grace, our master clothing volunteer led a Swedish weaving class that day. It was a full house and a very enjoyable lesson. The Muhlenberg County homemakers gave a \$500.00 scholarship to an area senior. Three homemakers made 12 tablecloths to be used at our Annual Day event, which was canceled due to the Coronavirus. We have them ready for next year.! The Honey Bees, led by JoNell Mallay,

works with an area rest home playing Bingo once a month. They have adopted two residents to give Christmas and birthday gifts to. The Environment, Housing, and Energy Chair, Linda Dukes, throughout the year took over 70 large bags of plastic to a recycling center. The 4-H Youth Development Chair, Amanda Jones, worked on a project to beautify the Muhlenberg County School Bus Garage. She used the Clover bud students to plant mums and the teens to build 2 wooden benches with the help of another county volunteer that helps with wood working. Plans were in the making to do a fashion show when the 4-H Sewing Class finished their sewing projects. There was one class left to do when the shut down for the Coronavirus hit us. Hopefully, next year will be better. The Coronavirus didn't stop Muhlenberg County Homemakers. At the of this report, there are at least 20 members working on masks. We have over 1400 hours invested in mask making and over 1735 masks made. They have been donated to family members, hospitals, doctor's offices, health departments, and church families. We may be apart but we are still working together for a common goal!

**Todd County** Homemakers have 8 clubs and 110 members. The County association awarded a \$1000 scholarship each year to a Todd Central student planning to major in Family & Consumer Sciences, agriculture, or a related field. Members raised about \$800 for the scholarships by giving generously at the county annual meeting. Homemakers also held a fundraiser in the spring to raise money for the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville. We had many learning opportunities throughout the year. A homemaker, who is also a KY Proud Basket Maker, taught two basket making classes. Clubs continue to support their community by volunteering for or contributing to the Food Banks, Red Cross, Church, Angel Tree Project, Todd County Community Baby Shower, community festivals, etc. Several homemakers participated in the Zoom meetings for the first during Covid-19.

Pennyrile Area Homemakers have continued to be active throughout the pandemic, in limited ways. I have been unable to visit the various counties this past year, but hope to get to do so in the "not too distant" future.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Settle".

Donna Settle

Pennyrile Area President