

Purchase Area Extension Homemakers Association Yearly Report

The Jackson Purchase Area is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. It consists of eight counties and is bordered by the Mississippi River on the west, the Ohio River on the north and the Tennessee River to the east. This area came under definitive U.S. control in 1818, when Andrew Jackson purchased it from the Chickasaw Indians. Today it is commonly referred to as the Purchase Area. Although there are no major populated cities in our area we are proud of the many popular destinations we have here. We are especially proud of the strong Homemakers organization we have. All eight counties are very active in school, community and state projects. As of the end of the 2017/18 year we had a total of 594 members with several counties in the running for the "3 for 3" contest. We are a non-discriminatory organization and welcome any and all, male and female, who wish to join us.

Ballard County- has 5 active clubs. They had 37 in attendance at their County Annual Day, 4 attended the Area Annual Day and 3 attended the KEHA State Meeting. They hosted a Holiday Bazaar and presented a \$500 scholarship to a High School senior from the proceeds. They hosted a Christmas Tour of Homes with proceeds going to the Relay for Life. They hosted a spring and fall Yard/Bake Sale with proceeds supplementing the Council budget. They also provide support for county/community events including Ballard Co. Fair, Ag Day and Waterfowl Festival.

Calloway County- has 7 active clubs. They had 23 to attend their County Annual Day, 3 (?) to attend Area Annual Day and 2 to attend the KEHA State meeting. Donated fabric for annual church mission, donated socks and underwear for elementary schools, items for temporary homeless shelters, volunteers for Reality Store and community soup kitchen. Two members attended NVON conference in Wisconsin.

Carlisle County- has 3 active clubs. They had 10 to attend County Annual Day, 6 attended Area Annual Day and 6 attended KEHA State Meeting. They supported the state international initiative of providing clean water kits, celebrated Arbor and Earth Days by planting a tree, county was awarded a State KEHA Mini-grant for a Fit and Flexible program and Fit Boards were purchased for county use. County donates and assists with Project Graduation, Blood Mobile, 4-H camp scholarship and 4-H council, Reality Store and Youth Ag Day. Homemakers help enter and set up exhibits at county fair. Milburn club holds a Fall Festival each year for their fund raiser. The county increased membership by 3 this year.

Fulton County- has 4 active clubs. They had 10 to attend their County Annual Day, 10 to attend Area Annual Day and 10 to attend KEHA State Meeting.

Graves County- has 4 active clubs. They had 30 to attend their County Annual Day, 12 attended Area Annual Day and 2 attended KEHA State Meeting. They celebrated KEHA Week by having proclamations read at the Graves County Fiscal Court Meeting and at the Mayfield City Council Meeting. Members provided cookies and other goodies for the council members. Members also take goodies to police station, local fire station and county volunteer fire departments. County homemakers host "Taste of Graves County". Members volunteer at schools in various positions. Members volunteer at the local food bank and contribute monetary donations and goods to it. A crochet class is held weekly at the county Extension Office and a Barn Quilt paint party was held, these activities are open to all members of the community.

Hickman County- has 3 active clubs. They had 2 to attend Area Annual Day and 2 to attend KEHA State Meeting. Clubs sponsored 4-H Camp Scholarships. County sponsors a "Taste of the Holidays" annually. Donations are given to the Mission House, KAPS Family Resource and Project Graduation. They give Christmas Cards to all Nursing Home residents in Hickman County. The Crossroads club sponsored several projects at Rotary Park including a donation and a bench. The county sponsors a Bette Chandler Memorial Scholarship fund to a graduating senior who is furthering their education with a helping degree or social science degree, they gave a \$250 scholarship to a Hickman County senior.

Marshall County- has 6 active clubs. They had 40 attend the County Annual Day, 12 attended Area Annual Day and 2 attended KEHA State Meeting. They hosted a workshop making 300 handmade cards for active Military and Veterans service men and women. They taught card making, letter writing and crocheting to 2nd graders through the Community Experiences program. Served donuts and hot cocoa they purchased to participants at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Supplied food, drinks and help at Red Cross Blood Drives. Contributed to 4-H Campships, KY Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch, Marshall Co. Children's Arts Center, Marshall Co. Family Resource Centers, Bags of Love and A Child's Christmas Dream program.

McCracken County- has 9 active clubs. They had 72 attend their County Annual Day, 5 attended Area Annual Day and 5 attended KEHA State Meeting. They had a mini lesson on "Applique" with 6 in attendance and donated 11 blocks to the Quilt Block Challenge at the State Meeting. They held a Breast Cancer Awareness Tea with 20 in attendance, speakers were from the American Cancer Society and Western Baptist Hospital. The annual Homemakers Bazaar was held in November with 20 outside vendors and 4 clubs participating. The county fair was held in June with 56 participants and 432 entries. The county International Program was on Poland with a guest speaker from Poland providing a powerpoint presentation and authentic Polish food.

All counties are 100% in contributing to Ovarian Cancer. As a homemaker I believe in God's love always, in the home, the community, shared knowledge, fellowship, hospitality and a strong family life.

Respectfully submitted by: *Reba Scott*, Purchase Area Extension Homemaker President