

Wilderness Trail Presidents Report

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The eight counties included in our area have been relatively quiet as has the rest of the state, attempting to weather the current storm of the Pandemic

1. *Bell County*

Has provided face coverings for kids, face mask for UK Children's Hospital as well as provided two scholarships to students to further their education in our fields. A bicycle was donated to FRED reading program. Stress socks were donated to dialysis patients. School supplies were donated to local schools. Scarfs and gloves ere donated to Family Resource Centers. We are proud to announce 100% participation in the Ovarian Cancer Program.

2. *Jackson County*

Due to the pandemic, we have held one council meeting and no other activity to report.

3. *Clay County Homemakers*

- ◆ Homemaker leaders attended three leaders' trainings this past year for 12 hours of volunteer time valued at \$216. 00 We continue to use our business cards to recruit prospective members as well as our recruitment note for new members. Our No Party Tea Party has been put on hold due to Covid. We have continued to donate to Ovarian Cancer. We did a drive thru Homemaker Officer Training.
- ◆ Our County Annual Meeting was canceled due to Covid. We installed our new officers Vice-President and Secretary in August.
- ◆ Clay County Homemakers contributed 100% to the Ovarian Cancer Fund.
- ◆ Clay County Homemakers attend leader's trainings as well as other programs offered through the Extension Office such as, Healthy Walking Healthy Life, Plate It Up Cooking School, Cooking by the Calendar. Homemakers have been attending virtual programs on Facebook Lives. They serve on the Extension Council, Extension Board and the Family and Consumer Science Council.

We are honored to have one homemaker serve at the area level; Chairman of Environment, Energy and Housing, Marsha Garrison.

4. *Knox County*

Knox County Homemakers collected 20 backpacks filled with school supplies for local youth and donated them to our local Family Resource Centers. The ladies also made & collected approximately 75 masks for the Coverings for Kids campaign and our local hospital. In Fall 2020, Knox County Homemakers hosted a drive-thru kick-off event to welcome new and continuing members. Homemakers have embraced virtual meetings and have had lessons on food preparation, aging, textiles & repurposing.

5. *Rockcastle County Homemakers*

Homemaker members projects during the pandemic:

21 reusable cloth gowns made for a nursing home to protect employees when the facility began to run out of disposable gowns.

325+ cloth face coverings made by Homemaker members.

Lessons have been through pick up bags and video.

Members have kept in touch with one another and periodically checked on the well-being of club members.

6. *Laurel County Extension Homemakers*

The Laurel County Extension Homemakers had 7 Clubs active this past year with 189 members, 5 traditional clubs and 2 specialty clubs. We were once again 100% in our giving to ovarian cancer research.

The Laurel County Extension Homemakers have been very generous with their time and talents throughout the year. We have made and delivered over 290 blankets and over 1800 pillow cases to sick and needy children and adults throughout the area. We also made and donated quilts to Quilts of Valor/Honor.

The Extension Homemakers joined forces with the Laurel County Health Department to make and distribute over 1700 masks to families in Laurel County during coronavirus and made 42 masks for the Coverings for Kids initiative by First Lady Beshear.

In order to meet the need of many food insecure families during coronavirus the Laurel County Extension Homemakers partnered with God's Pantry Food Bank to hold two food giveaways to families that had never been food insecure before. We reached over 500 families with food emergency boxes that included meat, produce, staples, and more.

In order to reach our members during coronavirus we held a Fall Homemaker Kick-off "Cruisin' into Homemakers" where Extension Homemakers cruised around the parking lot, took selfies and received leadership materials and club materials for the year. Over 70 members attended and enrolled to participate in our Yearly road race where members do exceptional things to keep each other engaged, spread the word about Homemakers and more. Each enrollee receives miles for each item completed and the winner will receive an award at our County Homemaker Annual Meeting. We also participated in KEHA week and spirit week, reaching many with social media posts and grab and go bags promoting Laurel County Extension Homemakers.

7. Harlan County Homemakers

Have made lap blankets for VA Hospital and nursing blankets, helped with Food Drive for Christ's Hands, made face masks for nursing homes, doctors offices, and UK Children's Hospital.

8. Whitley County Homemakers

Glass Etching Class was taught by the Homemakers. Two scholarships were awarded to local high school seniors.

Respectfully Submitted,

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