# **Northern Kentucky Area Homemakers**

Area Food and Nutrition Chairmen held a Duncan Hines Mix Bake-Off. The categories were quick breads, drop cookies, bar cookies, enhanced double layer cakes, and miscellaneous.

Homemakers taught many classes at the Sewing Expo, as well as hosted many classes. The Expo is every April at General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky.

An Area trip was taken to Branson, Missouri with 47 attending. Fifty-one traveled to Springboro, Ohio to the La Comedia Dinner Theatre to see "South Pacific." Many other historic trips were made to tour museums and mansions, and one historic trip on the Ohio River.

Boone County hosted the Area Creative Arts day classes. Classes will be taught at the Kentucky Extension Homemaker Annual Meeting in Covington.

Scholarships have been given out in all eight counties. The area gives a scholarship to a Homemaker member, plus two enhancement scholarships.

#### **Boone County**

Boone County Homemakers have been working with the Boone County Library and the Freestore Foodbank providing food for the needy in Boone County. The Homemakers purchased two truck loads of food worth a total of \$1200. Homemakers have continued making preemie blankets and quilts for St. Elizabeth Hospital and continue to make seat belt pillows, heart pillows, and hats for cancer patients.

#### **Campbell County**

Campbell County Homemakers hosted a workshop to make adult bibs for the Adult Active Day Care. They also made 30 pillows for the Children's Advocacy Center. They donated 100 dolls to the military lounge at the airport. They are donating money for 4-H Camp scholarships and to horse camp.

### **Carroll County**

Carroll County Homemakers have increased membership with new specialty clubs, a craft club, cooking and reading clubs. Homemakers have increased their volunteering throughout the county.

## **Gallatin County**

Homemakers organized two fundraisers to support Homemakers Scholarship Fund. A Tasting Bee of 22 recipes was made to taste. More than 100 community members attended. The Annual Mother's Day Tea was held with community members enjoying a silent auction, sipping tea and enjoying cookies.

## **Grant County**

Homemakers held a fundraiser for scholarships. Homemakers host and cook for a monthly meeting of the Grant County Chamber of Commerce. This year three scholarships for \$750 were given. Twelve members were screened for ovarian cancer at the Markey Cancer Center.

#### **Kenton County**

Homemakers held a "Cabin Fever Crockpot Challenge." Members shared and tasted their recipes, along with sharing sewing and quilting projects. Homemakers helped at a local school. Members purchased 70 sweatshirts or fleece shirts, put together goodie bags including food and healthy snacks, and assisted each child in making a fleece scarf.

## **Owen County**

Memory Makers Homemakers hosted and cooked for "Crop for a Cure," a fundraiser for Relay for Life. A long time tradition in Owen County is to sponsor the Annual Santa's Castle, a shopping adventure for children under 5th grade. Members made 70 pillows for this event. They also helped 300 children select the perfect gift for family members. They also wrapped gifts. Homemakers, along with the FCS Agent, organized a tour of old and new bed and breakfasts, cottages, and inns. Homemakers hosted nine different locations with a total 292 visitors.

#### **Pendleton County**

Homemakers delivered "Child Life Wish" to Children's Hospital; \$750 worth of toys were purchased for the children. Homemakers served at the Falmouth Rotary Club 90th Anniversary celebration. In June and July, Homemakers had Serbian cooking classes. Homemakers made quilts and pillowcases for Camp Courageous. They held a cake auction and participated in Butler Festival, Wool Festival and Farmer's Market Feast.

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