

*Green River Area
Homemakers
2017-2018
Annual Report*



Counties of:

*Daviess • Hancock • Henderson
McLean • Ohio • Union • Webster*

Green River Area Homeakers

Green River Area Homemakers (GRAH) are located in Western Kentucky and are a part of UK's District 6. GRAH is made up of seven counties: Daviess, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, Hancock, and Webster. Our council meetings alternate between the Henderson and Daviess County Cooperative Extension Offices.

Our Green River Area counties are very alike as Hancock, Daviess, Henderson, and Union Counties are located on the Ohio River. Ohio County is located on Rough River and Webster County on Tradewater River.

Although all have rivers, river trade and traffic is only a small portion of our economy. We have industries (small and large), aluminum mills, manufacturing, coalmines, and tourism to list a few.

Our Area is holding steady in memberships and we are working on ideas for new clubs. We intend to try harder to come together as an Area with plans for new projects and workshops for the combined counties to share ideas and interests.

We had a good 2017-2018 and look forward to many more exciting KEHA years!

*Edna McCrady
GRAH President*

Daviess County

103 active Homemakers and **18** Mailbox Members between the **9** Daviess County Homemaker clubs made the following contributions community:

Daviess County Homemakers made the following monetary donations:

- \$300.00 to Goodfellows Club
(\$126 in memory of former members, Rachel Atherton and Mary Lydia Greenwell)
- \$75.00 to Fresh Start which provides transitional housing to women in recovery from addiction
- \$206.79 for Ghana Library
- \$87 to Daviess County Homemaker scholarship
- \$112 to Ovarian Cancer Research
- \$100.00 to the 4-H camp scholarship fund
- \$65 to Water for All
- \$75.00 to building fund of Thruston United Methodist Church for use of fellowship hall
- \$11 to St. Benedict’s Homeless Shelter



Daviess County Homemakers donated the following items:

- School supplies, hats, gloves, and scarves to Owensboro Elementary Schools
- 1,209 pieces of Halloween Candy to River Valley Youth Council and Wendell Foster Center
- 85 pairs of underwear and socks to Hager Preschool
- 270 canned goods to Crossroads
- 242 personal items for residents of the Hospice of Western Kentucky Heartford House
- 65 personal hygiene items to St. Benedict’s Homeless Shelter
- 208 personal hygiene items to Lighthouse Ministries Recovery Foundation
- Food to the Owensboro Help Office
- Items for women and children to Oasis Shelter.
- Gifts to Oh! Baby event
- Christmas items for needy families in our area
- Items for the Backpack Ministry for underprivileged children



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- Collected and donated Box Tops for Education, Tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and plastic bottle caps for school benches
- Clothing to Daviess-McLean Baptist Association
- Landscaping flowers to Habitat for Humanity
- Various donations also made to: Habitat for Humanity, Mary Kendall Home, Red Cross, Puzzle Pieces, Christian Dental Mission, Relay for Life, KY Academy Library, Bouleware Center, and St. Joseph Peace Mission



Daviess County Homemakers volunteered their time for the following service:

- Prepared desserts and helped set up, serve, and clean at the Goodfellows Soup Day
- Sewed and donated 400+ pillow cases to Camp Courageous for Kids
- Taught hand and machine embroidery and sewing techniques to 4-H members
- Gave a St. Michael medal and prayer to county law enforcement, firefighters, and first responders
- Delivered 106 signed Christmas cards to local veterans
- Decorated the Extension Office foyer each month
- Provided sewing alterations for Cinderella's Closet
- Taught LEAP programs to Home School 4-H Cloverbuds
- Participated in upkeep and flowers for Maceo Park
- Sold notecards and bookmarks to raise money for the Homemaker's scholarship at Ag Expo and the Home and Garden Show





Henderson County

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. At the area annual meeting we donated 2 baskets to help raise funds for Ovarian Cancer research and the Ghana library.

In November we hosted the 11th annual Taste of Homemakers. Our theme was "Salute to America". It was held on Veterans Day. 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 collected money for Coins for Change. We observed International Month by eating various foreign cuisines. We continue to have 100% support for the 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 discussed 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. 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. Homemakers served food at our annual Mother's Night Out event, which offered educational opportunities for new and expecting mom's.

In June clubs celebrated Cultural Arts Month with day trips.

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.

McLean County

McLean County Homemakers achieved the following in 2017-2018:

- Gave a \$200 scholarship to a High School Student
- Held a fundraiser with the local 4-H program during the county fair
- Took entries and displayed open home division or the county fair
- Had members attend the state meeting
- Gained a second master clothing volunteer
- Held the 2nd Annual Homemaker Bazaar to raise money for the scholarship fund
- Held the Recycle and Reused Class to show the community ways to refurbish and restore items
- Homemakers helped judge 4-H speeches and demonstrations
- Celebrated KEHA week with a proclamation signed by the county judge



Ohio County

Ohio County homemakers helped with several charities this year. We volunteered at the Volunteer Center for Feeding America in Elizabethtown, KY. We toured Camp Courageous and donated 50 pillowcases. We fed over 150 workers at Tamerlane (handicap workers and their helpers). Held auctions at council meetings to donate money for the Cancer Survivor Dinner.

We donated money to 4-H for camp scholarships and to our local high school for project graduation. Awarded two \$500 scholarships to two high school graduates. We sponsored the Christmas Bazaar and helped with Celebrate the Baby. Several homemakers volunteered their time at 4-H Ag Days at the farm and the Body Walk at our local middle school. Some homemakers read to preschoolers and gave each one a book to take home. Our garden club took a trip to The Azalea Path in Indiana.



Union County

The Union County Homemakers group has volunteered in many Union County Extension Service Office endeavors this past year as well as in their own program, 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 they participate. They have used their leadership skills, Roberts Rules of Order, and the confidence they have acquired to represent KEHA.



Individually several of our members volunteer hours of their time at the local hospital and nursing homes. Our members are appreciative of our community and never refuse an opportunity when asked to help with any project.



We have four clubs which make up the Union County Homemakers. Two years ago an individual came to the Morganfield Young Club and asked to join their group. After two years of membership she broke away from the Morganfield Young Club and started her own club in her neighborhood as the Homesteading Club. This club has been an asset to our membership with the things they are bringing to our county.

The Homesteading Club focuses on living off the farm. From Farm to Table they go back to the old ways of growing their own food, canning, and preserving. They also make soaps and lotions using the milk from the goats they raise. They have learned about beekeeping and making jerky. They are excited about the things they are learning and we are excited to have them in our county membership.



The Waverly Happy Day Homemakers continue to host the luncheon for the judges of the annual Distinguished Young Women's competition and continues to support the young ladies. A

Christmas party was hosted for Breckinridge Place residents serving hot punch and cookies. Annually, in December, members donate to a charity in memory of deceased members. This year they donated to Ben's Place.

Two of the Happy Day members are currently officers with the Master Farm Homemakers. They serve as vice president and 2nd vice-president donating many hours of service with the organization in support of the scholarship program. Annually they make donations to Water For All, Coins for Change, Nutrition for All, and the Ghana Library project.



Union County continued...



Morganfield Young Homemakers make Christmas treat ornaments for the residents at Breckinridge Place Assisted Living Center. Throughout the year they gather and donate small gifts to Ben’s Place, an adult daycare, for patients to use as prizes in their bingo games.

A couple of the ladies in Morganfield Young Homemakers Club took separate trips with their family to tour the covered Bridges of the Buffalo Trace Region for Cultural Arts.

Uniontown Club is our oldest club. Although most of their members are older, the younger members take care of them and make sure they get to meetings, go on special outings, and see that their needs are taken care of within their own homes. They are a family within their club.

As a county club we host a Mother’s Day Tea each year at Breckinridge Place, an assisted living facility in Morganfield. We provide hot and iced tea and homemade cookies for patients and their families. We make this a special event by serving hot tea in real china tea cups and saucers provided by one of our mailbox homemaker members. Piano music is provided by another homemaker throughout the afternoon and later any of the residents may gather around the piano and have a singalong and make requests.



One resident even put her fingers to the keyboard and played us a tune. The dining hall was decorated with spring color napkins and table cloths and spring flowers.



Union County Homemakers donated to the Happy Pack program which sends food home on weekends to low-income children. They also purchase gift baskets to be given away at the World’s Greatest Baby Shower hosted by the Extension Office. About 75 girls are educated each year in this program with lots of information from health organizations as well as information on child care and proper ways to care for their babies.

Union County donates \$1.00 per member to the Ovarian Cancer Research and \$1.00 per member to the Coins for Change International Program.

Union County also has two Extension Homemaker members serving on the district board which adds to the county’s volunteer service time.

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

Meetings:

The Webster County Homemakers held 4 council meetings in the 2017-2018 program year. They held their annual county meeting in April 2018.

Service:

The Webster County Homemakers sponsored Christmas Angels in December 2017. They also made donations to Relay for Life at the Survivors Dinner.

Future Plans:

The Webster County Homemakers continue to work together to develop new and creative programs. Their goal is to increase membership.
