

QUICKSAND AREA ANNUAL REPORT

November 2016

Greetings from the Quicksand Area. Our area is made up of eight (8) counties – Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry and Wolfe. There have been some changes in our area with the FCS agents. Lee County has posted their FCS position and had to repost it again. The Letcher County long time FCS agent, Ann Bradley, retired on September 30. Leslie County's FCS agent, Nanette Banks, will replace her. Leslie County's FCS agent position is now vacant. Breathitt County's FCS agent, Kayla Watts celebrated her first year anniversary on October 26th.

Our area 's October 5th, 2016 annual meeting had 67 people in attendance. It was a great meeting hosted by the Perry County Homemakers.

In 2015-2016, the area gave \$210 in 4-H scholarships and \$2250 for county educational scholarships. Our homemakers volunteered 4,168 hours for Extension programs, 2,115 hours for youth development work and 5,639 in their various communities reaching 27,195 people.

The clubs in the Quicksand Area have been busy with programs and projects that benefited their communities and counties. Owsley County Extension Homemakers members have participated in local backpack programs; Perry County Homemakers made chemotherapy caps and lap blankets for a local hospital; Leslie County Homemakers made baby blanket and hat sets for local hospitals as donations to the families of newborns; and Knott County made blankets and throws for a local homeless shelter. Letcher County has 4 yearly Ovarian Cancer fundraisers and collect coupons for military families. Breathitt County Homemakers has a partnership with a local elementary school to offer a monthly Family Art program and has also completed a 4 session Super Star Baker program. Wolfe County has a Junior Homemakers Club and the Grateful Deadheaders Club which takes care of beautification in Campton. Six counties completed the Truth or Consequences program, which involves volunteers, local agencies and local law enforcement to present drug related scenarios to students so they can see what happens as they move through different stations.

Our Extension Homemakers continue to support the Ovarian Cancer by holding fundraisers, donating money and getting screened for Ovarian Cancer. We had 139 ladies screened, 19 ladies screened for the first time and our area continues to raise money for ovarian cancer. Some of the fundraisers included a Bake Sale, Spring Fling, Holiday Bazaar and an annual fund-raising dinner. The Quicksand area continues to have great participation in the various Cultural Arts contests. Members always look forward to exhibiting their award winning creations at the annual Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association state meeting. Clubs in the area raised \$1203.00 through the sale of craft items to support a local Art Council, Ovarian Cancer Screening and student scholarships. Thirty-three members in the area sell craft items to supplement their household income.

The Homemakers enjoyed learning new skills through the various Programs of Work lessons taught in the counties. The area has worked hard and looks forward to learning new skills, meeting new challenges, recruiting new members, starting new clubs and taking on new projects to benefit their communities and counties. All the counties have Lunch and Learn Homemakers clubs; three counties are doing Pinterest related crafts with their clubs.

We held an area Leadership training and a brief update for the Quicksand Area Homemakers on August 31, 2016. Our training topics was “Generating Members, Leaders and Volunteers.” We had 23 homemakers in attendance.

The next area annual meeting is set for October 2017 hosted by the Wolfe County Homemakers. For the upcoming year, the Quicksand area says – Let’s get 3 for 3.