

**KEHA BLUEGRASS AREA
ANNUAL REPORT
Nov 2021**



Old Friends Farm

**By: Connie Vaughn
Bluegrass Area President**

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Respectfully submitted, *Connie Vaughn*, President, Bluegrass Area Extension Homemakers

The Bluegrass area includes nine counties:

Bourbon	Estill	Harrison	Nicholas	Scott
Clark	Fayette	Madison	Powell	

The Bluegrass Area Homemakers have had a productive and rewarding year in spite of the Covid-19 virus. Our Homemakers are learning new ways to communicate and grow our organization.

Our members have been busy making a difference in the community by volunteering for:

- International Programs & Projects
- Donating Ovarian Cancer
- KEHA Week celebrated
- Backpack programs for students/senior
- Quilts of Valor
- Military Missions
- Providing luggage and tags for foster children,
- Homeless programs and shelters,
- Money for Ronald McDonald House,
- 4-H camp scholarships
- 4-H program leaders
- Coins for change
- Homemaker scholarship funds
- Recipe for Life and nutrition programs,
- Honored First Responders with meals
- County fairs and state fairs,
- Making face masks and PPE gowns
- Thanksgiving "Drive Pie"
- Buddy dolls for hospitals,
- New member and membership activities
- Joy of Giving
- Many more organizations for each club's individual choice.
- Virtual Recipe for Life and Nutrition Programs for students
- Multiple local Outreach Programs
- Quilts, shawls, and soap bags donated
- Monthly newsletters
- Monthly lessons for clubs

Bourbon County:

Bourbon County Annual Report 2020-21

- County has 7 clubs and on special interest club
- 204 members
- Donated \$204 to Ovarian Cancer
- Leader lessons through Zoom and recorded each lesson to post to YouTube channel. The office hosted watch parties for viewing as well as in home viewing.
- Virtual Recipe for Life was in every school 5th grade and touched lives of 272 students
- Presented virtual presentation of Peter Rabbit to elementary students for Nutrition Month
- Members attended state KEHA annual meeting in May
- Celebrated Extension Homemaker Week with special proclamation signed by County Judge Executive, Mike Williams
- Served appreciation lunch to five departments of police and fire first responders
- Honored the Bourbon County Extension Office support staff with Christmas Dinner and gifts
- Sent 22 Buddy Dolls to hospital

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- Made and donated 275 face masks to Paris Independent School District and 22 PPE gowns to hospital
- Awarded a \$1000 Homemaker Scholarship
- Had 78 Homemaker entries in Bourbon County Fair
- 200 backpacks with nutritious foods delivered to Senior Citizens

Submitted by Mallory Lowe, President

Bourbon County Extension Homemakers Association

Clark County:

Clark County Annual Report 2020-21

- Many of the typical activities were curtailed this year because of the COVID pandemic. Many of the clubs met via zoom, though a few did attempt in person meetings when the weather permitted outdoors.
- Leader lessons were attended via Zoom as well. Our clubs learned how to use various forms of technology and came up with different ways to connect rather than the traditional in-person meetings.
- The Clark County Homemakers worked with the community to make facemasks for the community's Readifest back to school kick-off in August 2020, providing over 1000 child size facemasks for the public school system.
- Clark County FCS agent helped coordinate a Thanksgiving 'Drive Pie' event in November 2020. Members could drive by the Extension and have a little safe social connection while getting a sweet treat for the holidays.
- One of the Clark County clubs continues to send Ale8's to active-duty service members from Clark County at Christmas.
- In May of 2021, the Clark County Homemakers provided a \$500 scholarship to a deserving Clark County High School senior who plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University.
- Clark County had 3 members attend the KEHA State meeting in June 2021 in Bowling Green.
- Homemakers worked the Clark County Fair, managing home economics entries. There were over 300 entries and homemakers were excited to see some normalcy as the COVID numbers trended downward over the summer.
- We are looking forward to lower COVID numbers and more ability to program in person to grow our membership.

Estill County:

No report for 2020-21

Fayette County:

Fayette County Annual Report 2020-21

During the past year some clubs utilized zoom for meetings while other clubs elected to meet in the parking lot and on porches following social distancing and safety protocol.

- Membership Drive-Thru: Members participated in a drive-thru to drop off memberships and community project donations in October. The incentive included a personal greeting from the president and a goodie bag.

Active members = 377 Associate members = 197

County has 21 clubs and 8 specialty clubs

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- During 2020 and most of 2021, clubs were not meeting in-person. The membership form was revised to include personal donations for annual projects rather than collect by clubs. The amount received supplemented these programs and enabled Fayette Co. Homemakers to continue community outreach during the pandemic.
 - Coins for Change \$373.42
 - Luggage for Foster Children \$240.00
 - Joy of Giving \$613.00
 - Military Missions \$583.00
 - Ovarian Cancer \$498.00
 - Scholarship \$152.00
 - Total \$2,459.42
- Leader lessons were available through Zoom and Fayette Extension records each one for post viewing. The fall schedule is an area hybrid model with an in person watch party and zoom presentation.
- Joy of Giving was carried by drop off methods and gifts were delivered by volunteers.
- Virtual big Blue Book Club and Big Blue Goals on-line participation was one of the highest in the state. Zoom cooking classes were another new offering and well attended.
- Members continue to participate in monthly outreach programs, parent resource center for young mothers, foster care children luggage program, etc. through drop off donations.
- Masks sewn and delivered: 5494
- Master Clothing Volunteers resumed in person workshops in Fall 2021 and lead 2-3 workshops per week, i.e., 30 luggage bags for foster children.
- International Program: Over 100 dresses and shorts have been sewn for national and international programs (Doctors without Borders) and a local UK Sorority, supplying dresses to African girls.
- Fayette County Extension Homemakers were awarded a Certificate of Recognition for 29,500 hours of Volunteer Service at the Bluegrass Area Extension Homemaker Association Annual Meeting on October 22, 2021.

Submitted by Alyce Emerson, President
Fayette County Extension Homemakers Association

Harrison County:

Harrison County Annual Report January 2021-October 2021

- Membership as of January 1, 2021: 189
 - Active = 130; Lost 43 members from 2019-2020
 - Mailbox = 59
- County has 10 individual clubs and 1 special interest clubs. Lost one individual club due to COVID-19.
- Harrison County Extension Homemakers Annual Meeting held July 1, 2021. Dismal attendance (6). Speaker was Cynthiana Mayor, James Smith.
- Providing support to Extension staff in production of monthly FCS Newsletter.
- Hosted Bluegrass Area Annual Meeting on Oct. 22, 2021. Attendance 108, 8 counties represented.
- 2 Harrison County Homemakers attended the KEHA Annual Meeting, June 22-23 in Bowling Green, KY. Provided basket from Harrison County for Silent Auction.
- 5 Harrison County Homemakers attended Area Training July 26, 2021.
- Provided training for Officers and Education Chairmen of individual clubs on August 9, 10 and 12, 2021.
- Individual club meetings have been sporadic January-May. Resumed meetings in September 2021.
- Shelley Meyer, FCS Agent for Harrison County beginning October 15, 2021.

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- Harrison County Homemakers are preparing a booth with information about the Association, membership, and the like. Will also sell baked goods. This is for participation in "Harvesting for The Holidays" event sponsored by Cynthiana Democrat on November 6, 2021.
- The Association continues to follow direction from UK and the CDC concerning public meetings and gatherings.

Submitted by: Linda M. Fryman, President
November 3, 2021

Madison County:

Madison County Annual Report 2020-21

This year we:

- Held Leader lessons by zoom
- 1,186 reported Volunteer hours
- \$83.43 Coins for Change
- 13 people participated in Fundraising
- 18 books read
- 3 people learned Swedish weaving
- 115 people attended 4-H camp
- 43 Counselors
- 1 new club- Making a Difference Service Club
- 46 quilts and 37 shawls donated to Cancer Care at Baptist Health, Richmond
- 40 crocheted soap bags for the homeless donated to Grace Now, Richmond.

Submitted by, Marylene LeFurgy, President
Madison County Extension Homemakers

Nicholas County:

No report for 2020-21

Powell County:

Powell County Report 2020-21

- Membership as of January 1, 2021: 24
- County has 1 traditional club and 1 special interest club.
- Several members participated in monthly virtual cooking program with the NEP recipe calendar.
- Three members entered cultural arts exhibits into the county fair.
- Two members attended the Bluegrass Area Annual Meeting on Oct. 22, 2021, in Harrison County.
- Provided training for Officers on October 12, 2021.
- Individual club meetings have not been held in person since March 2020. Virtual meetings were hosted by agent in spring 2021. In person meetings resumed in November 2021.
- Organized membership drive during 2021 homemaker week and gained 5 new members.

Scott County:

No report for 2020-2