

GREEN RIVER AREA 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

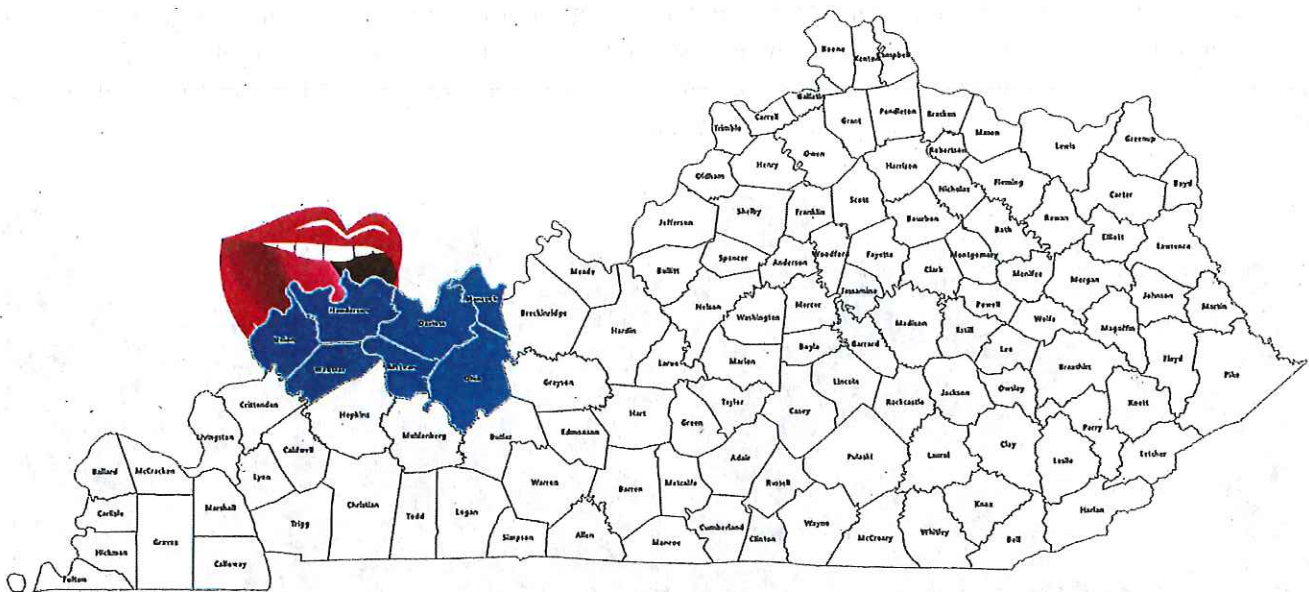


COVID-19 has taken a bite out of our area activities from March 2019 to the present. Our seven area counties have been in the Covid red zone with much sickness and death. For a while, our numbers decreased but then the new strain hit putting us back into the red zone with many restrictions.

Some counties were able to continue with a few activities while others discontinued them altogether. I only had three out of seven counties report their activities.

As an area, we have been unable to schedule a meeting or an annual meeting. However, we do have plans to meet, with restrictions, in December 2021.

We are very proud to say that we have area members serving on the KEHA State Board. Karen Hill (Henderson Co.) is serving as our state President. Marilyn Watson (Henderson Co.) served a term as State Cultural Arts Chair and is presently serving a new term as International Chair. Edna McCrady (Davies Co.) is serving the last year of her 2nd term as Area President.



DAVISS COUNTY HOMEMAKERS ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2021

When our KEHA year began in July our county was at a standstill due to Covid -19. However, some members continued to make face masks and sew pillowcases at home to be donated to those in need.

Grab and Go kits were provided by our FCS Agent and many club members and members of the public took advantage of the informational kits.

Activities had been canceled or postponed indefinitely. As the time neared for enrollment, some clubs disbanded, some went to Mail Box only, and some tried to continue as best we could.

Our homemaker lessons were taught via YouTube with many members missing them by not having access to the internet. Those with internet accessibility followed our Daviess County Extension Homemakers Facebook page to keep updated.

October's KEHA week was celebrated with articles in our newsletter and with Facebook posts. Our annual volunteer activities with the Goodfellows Soup Day were canceled due to Covid. In November many members donated sewing supplies to a local high school. Another homemaker activity included donating sheets and pillowcases to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (an organization that provides beds for children with improper sleeping conditions). Hundreds of pillowcases were donated to various local charities and organizations in need.

On June 15th an international program was arranged by Lelia Gains to have David and Judy Heady (former missionaries to Haiti for Global Outreach) tell us about their experiences in Haiti and show us some of their memorabilia. Pamphlets and maps were given to attendees along with a boxed lunch of examples of Haitian food to try at home. Thanks to Lelia for arranging the meeting and for preparing the food.

Even though we didn't get to have an annual meeting and present the scholarship award as usual, Daviess County Homemakers still awarded the scholarship to a deserving student in Daviess County.

In June several of our members were able to attend the KEHA State meeting in Bowling Green. It was GREAT to be able to safely gather for fellowship and to enjoy meeting other homemakers from throughout the state. Daviess County took the opportunity to display our assembled "Eco Friendly Planter" for all to see how our planet can be saved by using and reusing plastics. (NOTE: This project was awarded an International Award at the previous state meeting. Details on the next page.)

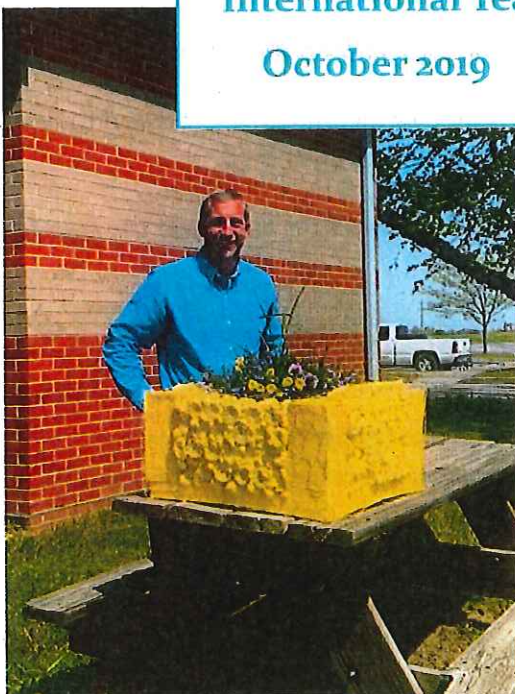


Green River Area Homemakers International Project

At the 2019 Green River Area Homemakers International Tea, Lelia Gaines discussed the importance of recycling and keeping plastic out of our landfills and oceans. At this meeting, homemakers in attendance made Eco-Bricks by stuffing empty plastic water bottles with plastic grocery bags, saving both from the landfill. The plan was to fill enough bottles to build a garden planter.

The COVID-19 pandemic slowed the progress of building a little, but thanks to Homemakers from Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, and Ohio counties; Daviess County Jr. Homemakers; Daviess County 4-H'ers; Daviess County Cooperative Extension staff and agents, Clint Hardy, Katie Alexander, Stacey Potts, and Annette Heisdorffer; and Green River Area International Program chair, Lelia Gaines; the planter was finally assembled and completed.

This planter saved approximately 86 plastic water bottles, 5 sheets of Styrofoam, and more than 1,000 plastic grocery bags from being thrown away.



HENDERSON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2021

This year is the year of COVID. We worked silently making masks for hospitals, the farmer's market, senior citizens center, and schools. Things were cancelled as we used precaution and followed University of Kentucky guidelines.

In October we were asked to be filmed doing a demo of the recipe that we would include in the booklet for Taste of Homemakers. We received a Proclamation for KEHA week via zoom.

In November we hosted the 14th annual Taste of Homemakers. Our theme was "Holiday Comfort". This was a drive-by event. Goody bags were handed out which included the recipe booklet. We accepted donations for the Scholarship Fund and non-perishable and personal care items for the local pantries. This event was very well attended as 100 bags were given out.

In February we participated in planning for the NVON meeting hosted by Kentucky. We made paper clip bookmarks in June for this event.

We also had the KEHA State meeting in June. It was shortened but it was so good to see those that were present.

This year was a year of phone calls and zoom meetings. It is a sad year with the loss of members. Things are looking better as we continue to support our community with our projects.

UNION COUNTY HOMEMAKERS ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2021

Union County Homemakers were very busy throughout 2020-2021. The clubs preserved several hundreds of pints and quarts of produce. Several members also have a Foodsaver and preserve foods throughout the year.

Members also made several hundred masks for the coronavirus and donated to those in need.

Although several plans for the spring were not able to be completed, we all are looking forward to things getting back to a new normal from being quarantined and not being able to go and do.

In June, all of our members participated in the World's Greatest Baby Shower for anyone in the county who had a need for help with their new arrivals.

Annually we support Water for All, Coins for Change, Nutrition for All, the Ghana Library project, and Ovarian Research.

One member also helped entertain members of NVON with their trip to Union County to see the Breckinridge Museum, take a tour of the Barn Quilt Squares, and enjoyed a lovely lunch at Feed Mill.

Our numbers decreased a few, but we are seeing membership pick up already. All the clubs have plans for many activities in the future and look forward to a busy year.