

QUICKSAND AREA ANNUAL REPORT

November 2017

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 several changes in our counties' Family and Consumer Sciences agents this past year. Wolfe County's longtime FCS agent, Ann Hollon, passed away. This position is currently vacant. The area has three (3) new FCS agents. Welcome to Laken Campbell, Lee County FCS agent, Brittany Bowling, Leslie County FCS agent and Crystal Osborne, Owsley County FCS agent.

Our Area's October 24th, 2017 annual meeting had 75 people in attendance. It was a great meeting and the Wolfe County Homemakers raised money for local scholarships through a silent auction. The Wolfe County Junior Homemakers Club were the servers for the wonderful meal and the Grateful Deadheaders Club worked extremely hard on finding sponsors for the door prizes and on the wonderful decorations.

In 2016-2017, our homemakers volunteered 10,982 hours for Extension and community programs. The clubs in the Quicksand Area have been busy with programs and projects that benefited their communities and counties. Extension Homemakers members have participated in local backpack programs, contributed nonperishable food to a local homeless shelter; made chemotherapy turbans and caps; made baby blanket and hat sets for local hospitals as donations to the families of newborns; made lap blankets for nursing homes; made sock monkeys for local hospitals; and made blankets and throws for children at the UK Markey Cancer Center.

Our Extension Homemakers continue to support the ovarian cancer project by holding fundraisers, donating money and getting screened for ovarian cancer. Letcher County continues to lead the way in raising funds for ovarian cancer. Letcher County won the statewide award for the county with the largest amount raised for ovarian cancer per member and won the statewide award for the county with the largest donation per member. 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.

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 and three counties are doing Pinterest related crafts with their clubs.

The Breathitt County Homemakers won the statewide membership largest % increase award and consequently Miss EGO has been very busy with her appearances at various homemaker events in Breathitt County. We are glad to have Miss Ego back in our area.

The next area annual meeting is set for October 2018 to be hosted by the Breathitt County Homemakers. For the upcoming year, the Quicksand area says – Let's get 3 for 3!!