

Purchase Area Extension Homemakers Yearly Report

The Purchase Area is bordered by Illinois, Missouri and Tennessee, the Mississippi river to the west, the Ohio River to the North and the Tennessee River to the East. Ceded to the U.S. by the Chickasaw Nation in 1818 the deal was negotiated by Andrew Jackson; it was considered Jackson's Purchase. Hence the name Jackson Purchase Area. The Purchase Area consists of the most Western eight counties of our beautiful Bluegrass State. Hickman, the first county formed and was named for Paschal Hickman of the KY Militia, he was killed in the Massacre of the River Raisin. Calloway County was the 2nd county formed, it was named for Colonel Richard Callaway, one of the founders of Boonesborough. The third county was Graves County, it was named after Major Benjamin Franklin Graves, a soldier in the war of 1812. The next county was McCracken County, named for Captain Virgil McCracken of Woodford County, who was killed during the War of 1812. The fifth county formed was Marshall County, it was named in honor of Chief Justice John Marshall who died before the counties creation. Next was Ballard County which was named after Captain Bland Ballard a soldier, statesman and member of the KY General Assembly. The seventh county of the Purchase Area was Fulton County, named after Robert Fulton the inventor of the steamboat. And Carlisle County the eighth and final county to make up the Purchase Area, was named for John Griffin Carlisle a speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from KY. The Purchase Area is a great place to call "My Old KY Home"!

Hickman County- had 38 attend their County Annual Meeting. They continue the Bette Chandler Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior in the amount of \$200. They also hosted the 13th Annual Taste of the Holidays with great success. Marvelous Manners Afterschool Programs, which provide manners lessons and a delicious dinner for 32 students.

Calloway County-had 30 attend the County Annual Meeting. There are over forty barn quilts in three trails in the county and it continues to grow. At the present time the Homemakers are still functioning without the assistance of an FCS agent.

Graves County-had 28 attend the County Annual Meeting. They continue to work at the local food pantry, and support the local military and their families. Hosted the taste of Graves county, each club had a different theme. They also contribute to the yearly scholarship fund, which awards a \$500 scholarship to both a Graves county and Mayfield High school graduate.

McCracken County-had 73 attend the County Annual Meeting. They partnered with the local fire department and local red cross to install smoke alarms in area homes. Also the annual Holiday Bazaar was held as their annual fundraising event. They continue to support the Backpack Program for local students. Adult Sewing classes are being offered, with homemakers volunteering in this endeavor.

Marshall County- had 33 attend the County Annual Meeting. During the year they hosted a Game Night. The major fund raiser is serving Lion Club noon meals each Wednesday. A class on cupcake table centerpieces was well attended, and deserts for the first responder's dinner was furnished by the county homemakers.

Ballard County-had 33 attend the County Annual Meeting. They donate bout scholarships for both 4-H camp and a \$500 to a high school Senior at Ballard Memorial High School. The Gifts for the Kitchen Program was well attended. And they entered Fair Exhibits, and hosted the Holiday Craft Bazaar.

Fulton County- had 28 attend the County Annual Meeting. Made five more quilts and donated them, to the Center for Courageous Kids. Provided scholarships for 4- H campers. Held the Spring Tasters Gala and plant sale. Assisted in crafting and or installing four more painted quilt blocks on barns or out buildings in Fulton and surrounding areas.

Carlisle County- had 48 attend the County Annual Meeting. A Homemaker showcase was held with local members sharing their expertise in areas of interest, with 17 new members joining during the event. Assisted entering Fair entries and hosted the exhibit hall during the fair. Held Gifts from the Kitchen with 42 in attendance. Held the Annual Holiday Food Tasting Gala with attendance maxed out at 150. Hosted a reception for the outgoing agent Sara Bogle Martin in April.

The PAEH were well represented at the KEHA state meeting with 35 members in attendance. Graves County received First Place in the Water for All contest, under the direction of Jan Mayes, Area, County and Club International Chairperson. Graves County was also recognized for VSU hours reported. And, the Family and Individual Development chairperson, for Graves County Joyce McClain entered five of the contests in here area, and received a monetary award for each.

Carlisle County was awarded a KEHA Development Grant to present a Homemaker Showcase, for their county. The program was held and 17 new members were added to their membership.

The Purchase Area also received several Blue ribbon in the Cultural Arts division.

All eight counties in the Purchase Area contributed 100% to the Ovarian Cancer Fund.

The Purchase Area Homemakers are an active and vibrant organization across the region. Homemakers strive to contribute to the solutions of the problems that impact our communities and families. Homemakers are the “GO TO” group to get something done!! We continue to volunteer and assist other when needed, share our time, talents, knowledge and funds when needed. Homemakers is a very worthwhile organization to be a part of, because United We Stand Divided We Fall!! Purchase Area Extension Homemakers Always “LEARNING, LEADING And SHARING”.

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