

## **2008-2009 Quicksand Area Report**

### **Letcher County**

Letcher County Extension Homemakers recently celebrated 67 years as an organization and the club members continue to be outstanding leaders in their communities. Membership has grown this year with the addition of 17 new members.

The Ovarian Cancer Screening Program has been the emphasis for the year's activities. Through a bake sale, dinner, handmade crafts and donations, the amount of \$4,538.81 was donated to the Program. There are now 200 plus local women being screened through the Program each year.

Letcher County Homemakers also give a \$250.00 college scholarship each year, support Kentucky Children's Hospital at UK financially and make baby blankets, quilts and soft sculpture "care bears" for the local hospital to give to ill children.

### **Leslie County**

The Leslie County Homemakers have participated in many different activities since the last State Homemakers Meeting. The Homemakers have attended 11 homemaker leader lessons, 2 Quicksand Area workshops, 9 monthly homemaker club meetings, 5 homemaker council meetings (includes area and state meetings), 3 basket workshops taught by 2 of the homemakers, they have made chemotherapy turbans and baby blankets for the local hospital, hospice and cancer center, raised money for the Hyden Nursing Home residents Christmas presents (they also shopped for the presents and delivered the presents to each resident), they have participated in the County and Area Cultural Arts exhibits, and have been to numerous other workshops presented at the Extension Office such as: self defense classes, footstool workshop, cooking schools, 2 tote bag workshops (taught by a homemaker), recycling program, Holiday Share Day, several sewing workshops, and other health lessons taught throughout the year.

### **Breathitt County**

Eight Breathitt County Homemakers took a trip to the Kentucky State Fair. They also started a Quilting Club this year and toured Barn Quilts and a quilt shop in Rowan County. A 4-H Sewing Club was organized on Saturdays and meets one day a month. Homemakers also enjoy the monthly lunch and learn meetings.

### **Perry County**

The Perry County Homemakers celebrated their 68<sup>th</sup> year in 2008. They continue to be very active in their communities and support local organizations. Their current community service project is making baby blanket, loom knit baby hats, and cancer turbans. They have logged over 5000 hours on these projects alone. Homemakers also attended monthly leader trainings and special interest classes such as Making a Valance, Simple Skirt, Simple Top, Flange Pillow, Tote, Folded Coasters, Posh Pillowcase, Basket workshop, Ceramic Tile Stamping, Carolina Snowflake, Knitting with round looms, Chicken Scratch, Seagrass Footstool, Bargello Purse, Fat

Quarter Jacket and Embroidery. In November, homemakers enjoyed an area wide program - "Holiday Traditions" – which included home decorating ideas, recipes, and food samples.

### **Wolfe County**

Homemakers volunteer at the annual Farm and Home night which reached around 700 people. These homemakers set up displays and demonstrate their skills. They have a quilters club which meets twice a month to make lap quilts for the nursing home residents which they deliver twice a year. The Scrapbooking club meets once a month to share ideas, supplies and learn new techniques.

### **Knott County**

The Knott County homemakers have logged over 8000 hours participating in community service and volunteer activities. They make throws for the nursing home, cancer turbans, donate items to the spouse abuse shelter, provide meals for shut-ins, collect totes for foster children plus attend homemaker leader trainings, council meetings, and other special interest classes.

### **Owsley County**

Owsley County homemakers have a very strong Scrapbooking Club. They meet monthly in the late afternoon to accommodate ladies who work. Homemaker lessons for the area have developed from scrapbooking classes through this club. The Lunch and Learn club continues to meet at noon. Owsley County homemakers also hosted the Quicksand Area Homemaker meeting in October.

### **Lee County**

Homemakers in Lee County are doing a community service project for the nursing home residents. They have also enjoyed many special interest classes and homemaker lessons. Lee County homemakers also attended the area wide Golden Opportunities and Come Sew with Us workshops.

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