April Showers

My question for you this month is, if March showers bring April showers that are supposed to bring May flowers, than where did the March winds go and what are we going to do with all this rain? Is anyone else ready to see some sunshine and a little dryer weather? If the rain leaves you feeling drenched, make sure to check out the calendar of events to find something to keep you so busy you forget all about the dampness outside. While you are staying inside it is a good time to make sure your volunteer logs are up to date for the year. I know you have spent a lot of time “being the good” since last July so now is a great time to get all your volunteer time on paper and ready to be submitted in a couple of months. Here’s to some springy sunshiny weather. I’m holding out hope that it is on the way!

-Angie

Mark Your Calendars

Save the date and don’t miss out on a very fun and different County Annual Day. The planning committee has been hard at work to bring you a day you won’t soon forget. I know many of you are very resistant to change, but I encourage you to come with an open mind and willingness to join in and celebrate another year of all the great accomplishments you have achieved. Mark June 21, 2018 on your calendar and get ready to have a hoot, a “hootenanny” that is......

Cultural Arts 2018

Congratulations 2018 Cultural Arts winners!!

As usual, Lyon County Homemakers did a great job showcasing their talent at the Pennyrile Area Cultural Arts competition in March. With forty entries submitted, more than half of those entries came back with ribbons. Thank you so much for your willingness to participate and your willingness to share your talents with others in our area and around the state. Congratulations to the following winners:

Susan Lambert:
Blue-Quilted Jacket  
Blue-Red, White and Blue Wallet  
Red-Chick and Bee Bib  
Blue-Embroidered Baby Quilt

Kathy Sims
Blue-Mermaid Quilt  
Blue-Thread painted mail box  
Red-Sunshine Table runner  
Blue-Doggie Sweatshirt

Mary Peek  
Red-Yellow Wreath  
White-Prairie Point Christmas Tree
Linda Smith (Lake Barkley)
Red-Wool Applique Wall Hanging

Evette Stewart
Blue-Black and White Photo

Carolyn Travis
White-Paper Stories Quilt
Red-Jewelry Bag

Brenda Georgen
Blue-Crochet Carriage Cover

Nancy O’Brien
White-Wool Proddy Flower Pins
Blue-Button Bracelets

Theresa Myers
Blue-Denim Memory Quilt

Linda L. Smith (Fairview)
Red-Multi-Colored Scarf
Red-Crocheted Collar
Blue-Crocheted Beaded Necklace
Blue-White Beaded Scarf

Betty Herring
Blue-Doll

Christy Stephens
Blue-Calendar

If you are a blue ribbon winner, please make all efforts to have your items here at the Extension Office on May 2nd, 2018 at 9:00 AM for a group picture. The items will then be left at the office for me to take to state competition the next week. If you have any questions about this, please let me know. Thank you so much for sharing your items for the competition.

Help Needed

Every nine years the Lyon County 4-H program is in charge of hosting the Area 4-H Communications Day. When it is Lyon County’s turn to host, it is all hands on deck at the Extension Office. To help Wanda in making a successful day I have volunteered to be in charge of the hospitality room. The problem with that is.....I certainly can’t do it alone. I need several volunteers to help me provide dinner and snacks for all the judges who will be helping with Communications Day. My current plan is to provide a baked potato bar with all the “fixins” as well as some appetizer type snacks and of course some sweets. We will also need paper plates, plastic silverware, other paper type products, and drinks. In your April meetings, please be looking for the sign-up sheet to let me know what you would be willing to bring for serving on the night of the event.

Communications day will take place on May 11, 2018 and it will be a night event. We will be serving approximately 70 people. I will also need 3 or 4 people who are willing to help me from just after lunch until the event is over that night. This will be to help set up the food, keep the serving line clean and refilled, and to help with clean up after the event. Of course, the more that are willing to help, we can sign up in shifts and work fewer hours. Please be thinking about helping our 4-H program with the event and keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet in your monthly meeting. For members at large, please call or stop by the office to let us know how you would like to help with this event.

Vision for Kenya
An International Project

WOW! We had 11 people drop by to help on our Vision for Kenya workday and they were certainly a productive group! Together we made more than 230 eye glass cases. If you would like to sew at home, patterns and fabrics are available at the Extension office. Please consider helping us to reach the goal of making 2000 eye glass cases. If you have questions about the project please call the office at 270-388-2341.

Calling All Quilters
2018 KEHA Quilt Square Auction

The KEHA Quilt Square Showcase and Auction will continue for the sixth consecutive year at the KEHA State Meeting. Anyone wishing to participate should make and donate for auction a 12” finished quilt square. (Finished means piece the square, put in the batting, put on backing and finish the edges just like you would a complete quilt) This special showcase is an
opportunity to highlight quality work from KEHA members across the state. As you prepare your quilt square, consider designs that you would want to purchase. Please write your name and county name on a small slip of paper and attach to the back side of the square. All squares must be turned into the Lyon County Extension Office by Friday May 4, 2018 for transportation to the state meeting.

**Date Change**

Due to unforeseen scheduling issues, Jill Harris, Todd County Agent, who is teaching the June leader lesson, needs to reschedule the date she visits Lyon County to May 31, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Please check your calendar if you previously signed up to attend this class for your club and ask someone to come in your place if you are unable to attend. This is the lesson entitled, “Sweet enough without all that Sugar.”

**Sewing Machine for Sale**

The Lyon County Homemakers were gifted a Singer 301- A sewing machine in the cabinet. I have not tried to sew with the machine but it looks to be in great shape. Comparing to machines listed on eBay and other websites, the 301-A sells for around $150. This one can be had for a $75 donation to the Lyon County Homemakers. Tax receipts are available for the donation. For more information on the machine please refer to last month’s newsletter or call the office at 270-388-2341.

**Dog Bed Workshop**

Just an update on the great work done by Lyon County Homemakers and Lyon County Girl Scouts last month. In an afternoon workshop, the Girl Scouts made 11 dog beds. In a one day workshop the Homemakers were able to complete 49 dog beds. Together 60 dog beds were delivered to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter. All the beds were used making recycled materials that would have otherwise been destined for the landfill. Charity work with a positive effect on the environment. That is certainly what I call “being the good!”

**Pinterest Interest Volunteers Needed**

While September may seem like a long time away, it is now when all the planning for fall meetings start taking place. The new Homemaker Pinterest Interest club has been a huge success and much of that success can be attributed to the wonderful guest teachers that are featured each month. In trying to keep with the times, we are using Pinterest as a source for trendy ideas that fit within the traditional Home Economics programming. If you have a talent that needs to be shared and a passion for teaching others, please talk with me about teaching a Pinterest Interest class in the new Homemaker year. We would love to see new and varied ideas on next year’s calendar, and that begins with you!
**Calendar of Events**

**Paper Crafters**  
Date: April 9, 2018 (5:00 PM)  
Class size: unlimited  
Cost: Free  
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.  
**Last Day to Sign Up: April 6, 2018**

Come join our group as we learn new and fun techniques to create works of art with paper. Each month is a new project. Don’t miss out on the latest one!

**Pinterest Interest: Gourd Bird Houses**  
Date: April 10, 2018 (5:00 PM)  
Class size: 21  
Cost: Free  
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.  
**Last Day to Sign Up: April 6, 2018**

In April, Sharon Gates, Joyce Kastas, and Ruth Palmiter will be showing us how to create bird houses from gourds. *To sign up for the April meeting call by April 6, 2018. No late registrations will be taken.* We have to purchase supplies ahead of time.

**Homemaker Leader Lesson: Storytelling**  
Date: April 24, 2018 (10:00am)  
Class size: unlimited  
Cost: Free  
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.  
**Last Day to Sign Up: April 20, 2018**

Cecelia Hostilo will be stopping by to help us learn more about the art of storytelling. By using stories, analogies and metaphors to communicate, we create a way for our minds to see and remember what our ears hear. You don’t have to be the lesson leader to come to class. If the topic interests you, join us to learn more about this subject.

**Double Irish Chain Quilt**  
Date: April 24, 2018 (5:00 PM)  
Class size: 10  
Cost: Free  
Supplies: List will be provided when you sign up for the class.  
**Last Day to Sign Up: April 20, 2018**

Join us for this traditional quilt class taught by Carole Green. She will be on hand to show you tips and techniques for making the Double Irish Chain.

**Paper Dolls**  
Date: April 27, 2018 (9:00am)  
Class size: 15  
Cost: $12  
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.  
**Last Day to Sign Up: April 20, 2018**

If you got in on the Pinterest Interest class taught by Christy Stephens then you had great fun making and playing with paper dolls. Christy is turning that short lesson into an all day workshop all about paper dolls. She will be supplying everything you need as well as bringing a few snacks too. You just need to sign up by April 20, and bring a sack lunch with you. There is limited seating for this class so don’t wait until the last minute to add your name to the list.
**Fabric Ice Dying**
Date: May 1 and May 2, 2018 (10:00 AM on the first and 1:00 PM on the 2nd)
Class size: 10
Cost: Three items of canned food to be donated to the food bank.
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.
**Last Day to Sign Up: April 27, 2018**

Yes, you read that correctly! We will be using ice to create the most beautifully dyed fabrics. Angel Ludwig will be joining us to show you the technique for this fun and surprisingly easy project. On May 1 we will dye the fabrics. After the drying process, which takes 24 hours, we will meet back on May 2 to rinse fabrics and take them home. This is a fun and interesting class, but take notice that we have limited space for this project. Sign up early and don’t miss out on making this really cool fabric!

**Pinterest Interest: Shortcut Cinnamon Rolls**
Date: May 8, 2018 (5:00 PM)
Class size: 18
Cost: Free
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.
**Last Day to Sign Up: May 4, 2018**

Linda Smith (Lake Barkley Club) is going to tempt your taste buds with her short cut cinnamon rolls. Don’t wait to sign up because classes offered in the kitchen have fewer spots due to limited space. Get your name on the list soon so you can enjoy a taste of Linda’s recipe.

**Paper Crafters**
Date: May 14, 2018 (5:00 PM)
Class size: unlimited
Cost: Free
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.
**Last Day to Sign Up: May 11, 2018**

Come join our group as we learn new and fun techniques to create works of art with paper. Each month is a new project. Don’t miss out on the latest one!

**Thread Painting**
Date: May 18, 2018 (9:00 AM)
Class size: 10
Cost: Three items of canned food to be donated to the food bank.
Supplies: List will be provided when you sign up for the class.
**Last Day to Sign Up: May 14, 2018**

Thread painting, or free-motion machine embroidery, is a unique way of embellishing your quilts by “painting” the images on your quilt top, clothing or anywhere your imagination takes you. Join us as Kathy Sims walks us through the steps of creating beautiful artwork with thread.

**The Art of Bread Baking: Scones**
Date: May 22, 2018 (2:00 PM)
Class size: 15
Cost: Three items of canned food to be donated to the food bank.
Supplies: Supplies will be provided.
**Last Day to Sign Up: May 18, 2018**

Join me in the kitchen for a lesson on baking quick breads with the best part being the taste testing! Scones are a very rustic bread that is surprisingly easy to make. Don’t miss out on the fun....or the food!
Pennyville Area MCV's present:

Sew Simple

kitchen edition

PROJECTS:

• Microwave Bowl Holder
• Monogrammed Dish/Hand Towel
• Insulated Casserole Carrier

It's going to be a fun day, so pack a lunch, bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies and join us!!

Class size is limited to 15

Written instructions and precut kits provided for all projects.

May 4, 2018
9am til 3pm at
Caldwell Co. Extension Office
Princeton, KY

ONLY $20

3 finished projects!!!