To: Eastern Region Family and Community Education County Council Presidents, Extension Agents, and Regional Officers

From: Mary Lou Burch, Eastern Region President, May 11, 2009

Re: Eastern Region News

Greetings. By this time I hope you are planning to come to our Spring Conference next week (May 19-21) at Clyde York 4-H Camp at Crossville. Cathy Shreve, our Vice President of Programs, has planned an exciting program. Even at this late date you can call her to make your reservation and come on Tuesday or Wednesday. Following registration (8-9:30 a.m. on Wed.) we will have a brief general assembly and the classes. The food is prepared for us—no planning, cooking or cleanup on our part! There will be a regional business meeting following lunch. I hope to see you there.

My report from the State Board Meeting in Lebanon on April 27-28. State projects were discussed and will be changed to three categories: Action, Leadership, and Education. This should make it easier for you when filling out the State Project forms at the end of the year. More on these later. Basically, the projects will be:

ACTION	EDUCATION	LEADERSHIP
Operation Military Kid	Read across America	Character Counts
Wrapped in Love	Imagination Library	FCL Training
	Day of the Family	
	Creative Writing	

Remember The Love Kitchen at the State Conference in Knoxville in November 2008? Our Eastern Region and The Love Kitchen was the subject of an Action project board prepared and submitted for us by Kay Baker, Sullivan County. It will be judged at the National FCE Conference this Summer We will get to see the display and know the results at our Fall Conference on September 21.

TAFCE Conference will be in Jackson, Western Region, November 8-11. The hotel rates are especially reasonable. A bus will be going from Eastern Region, which is an opportunity for you to have fun on the way and get to know more ladies in our region. You can participate in our state meeting, learn new crafts and skills, and meet others from our region and our state. More details at the September 21 Fall Conference.

Offices to be filled for our region for the years 2010-2012 are: President-elect, Vice President of Programs, and Secretary. The nomination form for regional officers is in your planner, which you received in January. Chairman vacancies will be in Cultural Arts and Community Development. If you are interested in any of these please let me know.

Due Dates to remember for this summer are:
June 1, CVU reports and Best of the Best
July 1, Creative Writing
September 1, Cultural Arts and Dress Revue

Forms and information are in your planner.
There are TWO openings for FCL Training in August. Contact Susan Trotter, Vice President of Public Policy, to reserve your spot.

I'm learning to use this laptop computer. My email address is marylouburch@frontiernet.net. You may email me and eventually I'll get back on here and reply. I still can't underline!

I look forward to seeing you soon and working with you. Let me know what I can do to help you.