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“MILLIE’S TIDBITS”

Hello Everyone,

Wow!! What a great TEEA State Conference we had in Plano. If you missed it, you missed a good one. The Plano Centre was such a good place to have our conference, plenty of room and the staff was great to work with. The food was good and plenty of it. We had a concession stand for those that did not want to go out for lunch on Tuesday which really came in handy.

I truly enjoyed my year as President-Elect, learning more about TEEA and what the State President’s duties were. I worked on the manual, boy, did I work on that manual!!! We do have several, or should I say many, changes to bring it up to date. The District Directors will receive all the changes at the Fall Board Meeting in November and will make a copy of the changes to give to the county chair that will then make them available to any club member who desires them. Remember you can download the changes on the web site: tea.tamu.edu.

They are not there yet, but will be by the first part of November.

“MILLIE’S MEMOS”

HELLO EVERYONE,

I am so excited, so very excited to be your TEEA State President. What a great honor, such a great privilege that all of you have given me. Thank you so very much.

Why am I so excited? Let me tell you, this is going to be a fantastic year for TEEA.... Expanding our membership; getting those new members so they can become a part of our family; teaching our family members, friends and the community the benefits of our training on leadership, health, fun things to do, such as sewing and cooking. Volunteering our time to help those in need, working to see that no child is hungry by supporting the backpack program, sharing our fruits and vegetables from our gardens with those in need through the Food Pantries and Meals on Wheels. Helping with these things makes my heart smile!

We have new Board Members and I know they are anxious to get started in helping their Counties and members... passing on information obtained at our November and May Board Meetings. If you have a problem, talk to your Club President, County Chair, District Director and me. Any one of us is always willing to help and answer any question.

I forgot to introduce myself, I am Millie Barrow and I live in Eastland County with my hubby, Ron. We live on 100 acres overlooking Lake Leon. Sometimes our work is put on hold as we sit in our rockers looking at the lake and watching the wildlife, birds, squirrels, rabbits, etc. We have been watching a young mother doe with her twin fawns this summer as they hang around the house and have been entertained with thirteen turkeys as they play around the house. Such enjoyment, such wonderful creatures God has given us. We have one daughter, Sherinda, two grandchildren, Coy and Colbi and two adorable great granddaughters, Sophie and Riley – now they can make my heart smile anytime. I truly love people so we are very active in the community.

In the middle of October the Executive Board will journey to Horseshoe Bay Resort to start working on our next TEEA State Conference. It will be in-house, so no traveling once you get there. It is a

beautiful place and we know you will enjoy it. The 90th TEEA State Conference will be held September 12 - 14, 2017. Mark your calendar, make your plans, and save those pennies!!

My daughter, Sherinda and I will be doing a “Mom and Daughter Thing” as we travel to Ireland, land of our ancestors. I will kiss the “Blarney Stone” for me, for you and for TEEA!!! We leave the 23 of September on our great adventure... making good memories! Pray that we do not get into trouble... with us together you just never know!!

Again, thank you so much for your confidence in me; I will work as hard as I can to make the next two years great for everyone. If I can be of help, answer questions, or just listen, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available for you.

“With Love and Laughter”

Millie
TEEA State President

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TEEA...Bigger and Better!

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Board of Directors. We are very excited about this next year and want to encourage everyone to enjoy and have fun while doing our work as volunteers. It is rare that a group such as ours works so hard and accomplishes so much as volunteers. We are so proud to be a part of this outstanding Association. It is with great pleasure that we introduce you to our new Board for this upcoming year.

Betty Baughn
State 1st Vice President of Leadership

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Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas A&M Advisor



BETTY BAUGHN
1st VP for Leadership

Hi, TEEA Members,
I am Betty Baughn, your First Vice President for Leadership. I am going into my second year, and have really enjoyed every minute of being on the board and I have learned a lot.

I have two grown children by my first husband of 24 yrs. My son has 3 boys, which are

now grown. The oldest grandson has two (boy and a girl), which are my great-grandchildren. My daughter has two boys; one is grown and has two boys and expecting the third in December. Soon that will make 5 great-grandchildren for me. My daughter's other son is 14 and a freshman in High School.

I lost my second husband of 27 years in March of 2015. This last year has been a struggle to get through, but as time goes by it does get a little easier. I am excited about the up and coming year with TEEA and look forward to meeting everyone, and working with you.



JAN MEADOR
2ND VP for Programs

Hello everyone, we are having beautiful weather in the Texas panhandle this fall. Leaves are turning and the colors are golds and some oranges are beginning to show up. Pumpkins are the fall décor of choice around here!

We sure had a great state conference in Plano. I think it was one of our best. I am

looking forward to serving TEEA as 2nd Vice President for Programming.

I want to remind everyone as we begin the new TEEA year to use your club monthly reports each meeting and you will have a much easier time getting in your annual reports next July. I will be compiling those for our annual report at the State Conference next fall in Horse Shoe Bay.

I am looking forward to working with our new education chairs. We will be brainstorming at our fall board training in November. I am excited about educational programs for our upcoming year. I know we will bring you some interesting topics.



REXINE SCARBOROUGH
State Secretary

As a new year has begun, I feel the excitement in the air for a banner year. It is good to have our clubs and counties back from summer vacations. Each group has been setting their goals and programs for the new year. As the new officers take office October 1, I know they will bring new ideas with them to help TEEA grow and present educational programs.

We have a new board, new education chairs, new 2nd Vice President of Programs, 6 new District Directors, a new 4-H Representative, and a new Secretary all ready to get started with the plans for 2016-2017.

We had a good post Board of Directors Meeting of the 89th TEEA State Conference. We received a lot of great comments by the members about how much you enjoyed the conference. We are now working on our 90th conference to make it even better. Being new to the Executive Board, I am looking forward to my new responsibilities to help make 2016-2017 productive for TEEA.

“Climb the mountain not to plant your flag, but to embrace the challenge, enjoy the air and behold the view. Climb it so you can see the world, not so the world can see you.”

~ David McCullough Jr.



KAY JACOB
TEEA State Treasurer
MONEY TALKS

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen. We had a WONDERFUL conference in Plano with great educational programs and breakout sessions. We also had fun at our LUNCH & LEARN. The facilities were wonderful with plenty of room for Cultural Arts, Country Store, and Alumni Silent Auction. Thank you Districts 4 and 5 who worked really hard to make it the success that it was. If you didn't get to attend the conference, I hope you are making plans now for 2017 in Marble Falls. Here is my contact information: Kay Jacob - 625 CR 91, Bishop, TX 78343. My phone number is [\(361\) 947-1070](tel:3619471070) and my email is kjacob1954@gmail.com. It is a pleasure serving as your State Treasurer for one more year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

As a reminder, dues are now due. County Chairs, please use TEEA Membership List-County Form page 6-8 and only list 20 names per page. Send this along with Membership Dues of \$15/member with the check payable to TEEA, Inc. and print **For Deposit Only** on the back of the check. This form and dues are sent to your District Director, along with the TEEA County Association List of Presidents and EIN's-County form page 6-13 and the TEEA List of Association Offices-County form page 6-12. All of these are forwarded to me by your District Director.

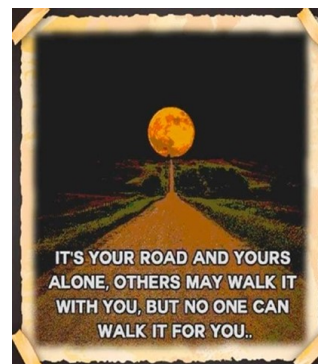
I have made numerous attempts to get things fixed with the IRS. They have assured me that I will have a solution within 90 days. Let's keep our fingers crossed that it WILL be resolved this time.

Again, if you have ANY questions, feel free to call me. Thanks for all your support!!



BARBARA SANDLIN-SAMPSON
4-H Representative

Extension has been a BIG part of my life since 1969. I joined when it was Home Demonstration because my four sons were 4-H members. After 13 years, my sons were no longer in 4-H & I went to work. I rejoined 15 years ago after my husband died and after being widowed for five years I remarried. My four sons & I had achieved SO MUCH from 4-H. All four had received 4-H scholarships (1 national), won state record books 13 times, two served on State 4-H Council, was a 4-H IFEY in Denmark for 6 months..... I could go on forever. But you get idea, hence extension raised the quality of life for our family. I look forward to representing TEEA as the 4-H Representative.



GRACE GLAZE
Alumni Chair
TEEA ALUMNAE REPORT

The Alumnae Silent Auction and Drawing was fantastic! I am still smiling! This is the Alumnae fundraiser to support our scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success. You were very generous in your donations, purchasing tickets, and bidding on the items. There were 87 items donated for the silent auction and 5 items donated for the drawing.

The drawing, silent auction, memorials, and donations had an income of \$2,639.00. The committee will use this money to give college students scholarships. The information for the Alumnae scholarships can be found in the TEEA Manual.

The winners of the drawing were: Joan Warren, Stained Glass House with Nativity donated by Clara Ball, L Ellen Andrews, One of a Kind Doll, donated by Dorothy Gray, Mark Carroll, Velma Tate Afghan, Judith Finke, Montana West Purse donated by Betty Baughn, Angela Pierce Christmas Runner donated by Ola Culwell. Everyone picked up their silent auction items or someone picked them up for the winner.

I would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, sale tickets, help check out, donated items and special thanks to Violet Alexander.

The Alumnae Luncheon was great. There were 48 in attendance. Membership lists were updated if some one

would like a copy please let me know.

I have received several memorials from members. If you would like to send a memorial in memory of someone please send it to me. If your club or county would like to honor a member with an honorarium I will be happy to accept it.

Please encourage your college students who meet the guidelines to apply for our scholarship. The application is in the manual on the web site teea@tamu.edu. District Directors also have the information. The applications are due to me April 1, 2017. If you have any questions please call me (979-543-4168) or send an e-mail to me at graceglaze38@yahoo.com.

Keep in touch and let me hear from you. Grace Glaze
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**PHYLLIS MCMACKIN
State Parliamentarian**

I am a 45 year member of TEEA. My great grandmother, grandmother and mother were also members. I served on the TEEA Board for 17 years; not counting Parliamentarian. I have served four years as Parliamentarian and began my study under our dear deceased Hazel Crawley, a remarkable woman. Rockie and I have been married almost 39 years and have two children and four grands.

Rockie and I are both retired from the State Department of Human Services but continue to be active in volunteer work through TEEA and

serving at the Troup Community Food Pantry where we serve 700-850 people weekly.

I live in Lamar County in District 5. I also was a 4-H girl until I joined WHD at the age of 19.

As this goes to press Phyllis is preparing for double knee replacement surgery. We wish for her a speedy recovery.



**LELA G. GOAR, Editor
The TEEA Messenger**

I live in Burnet with my husband, Lane "Tater" of 53 years. We have three children, two delightful daughters-in-law, one equally delightful son-in-law, and five wonderful grandchildren.

I was an active 4-H member for nine years and served as an adult leader for my kids when they were growing up.

I was a member of NM Extension for 22 years and have been a TEEA member for 12 years. As soon as I moved back home, my mother took me to her club and I joined. I have served as county vice chair, county chair, and parliamentarian and am beginning my fourth year as editor of The TEEA Messenger.

In my spare time I am active in my church, a member of the Burnet County Area Fair Board, County Farm Bureau Board, County Historical Commission, and County Genealogy Society.

I retired as the New Mexico Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Advisor after 16 years in that position and 17 years as a family and consumer sciences teacher. I still serve as a consultant for ILFCCLA and MN FCCLA and read scholarships for TXFCCLA.



**DR. JOYCE CAVANAUGH
Advisor**

Greetings from College Station! Another Fall semester is in full swing and the traffic reflects the increasing number of students on campus.

You may remember earlier this year getting a request to donate zippers and doilies for use in the 4-H Duds to Dazzle contest. My co-worker Angela McCorkle, Program Specialist, leads this contest in which 4-Hers 'repurpose' items and make something new – they take a 'dud' and create something with 'dazzle.' Many of you sent her zippers and doilies. I thought you would appreciate the email I got from Angela reporting on what happened to those items! Here's her message along with some pictures.

"Just wanted to share some pictures with the TEEA members from the 2016 Duds to Dazzle contest as a way to say thank you for the donation of zippers and doilies. With TEEA's help we are building the next generation of sewers.

The jewelry and accessory category received a bag of zippers as their starting item. Baylor County created a zipper pouch with multiple compartments. From the supply closet they found doilies and fabric to complete the pouches. What was really cool about the zipper pouch was each zipper opened up a new compartment.

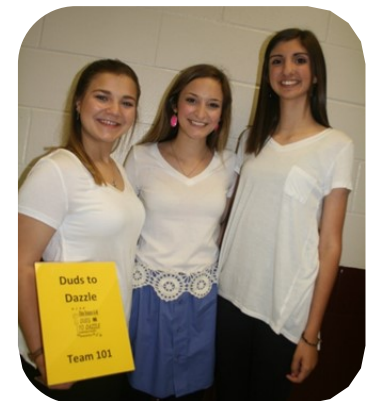
Great idea and great workmanship!



The wearable category received a bag with a blue men's button down shirt and numerous doilies. Knox County (Team 105) created a cute skirt from the men's shirt and used one of the doilies to create interest at the bottom of the skirt.



Potter County (Team 101) also created a skirt with their shirt and doilies combination.



I have also attached a few pictures of the youth working on their projects." As you can see, your donations were put to good use. Thank you for your continued support of 4-H and AgriLife Extension Programs!



**GLENDA GIBSON
DISTRICT 2**

Glenda lives in Tulia Texas with her husband, David of 41 years; they have three sons and three daughters-in-law. Her three grandchildren are increasing to five as you read this. She has held the positions of County Council Chair, Council Treasurer, Council Secretary, Club President, and Club Secretary. Glenda currently works for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Swisher County as Office Manager. She visits nursing homes, teaches 3 and 4 year olds at City Church and 3, 4, and 5 year olds at the Mission Friends and she also coordinates Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for the 3rd, 4th and 5th students of Swisher County. For fun she crochets, reads and plays with her grandchildren. For her new granddaughters, she tried something new and has found an interest in quilting. Glenda's goal is to encourage new members.



**CHERYL SANDER
DISTRICT 1**

I am Cheryl Sander and am serving my second year as District 1 Director. I'm been married to my husband, Rick for 32 years. He is a rancher/farmer and we live in Spearman and have two children and three grandchildren and expecting another.

I enjoy scrapbooking all the pictures I take of my grandchildren and their busy lives. I also like to sew and do other craft projects when I'm not traveling to visit family and friends.



**DIXIE RANGE
DISTRICT 3**

I live on a family farm north of Decatur, TX. My husband Roney and I share five grown children, a daughter and son-in-law and seven grandchildren. We have three goats, a dog and two cats that keep life interesting for us. I retired from public education in 2008 after 32 years of service in three school districts. In my time in education, I held posi-

tions as a teacher and librarian. Locally, I volunteer for Wise Choices, a pregnancy resource center, as a client advocate, Decatur Public Library, as a member of the library foundation board and at my church, as a bible class teacher. In my spare time I enjoy reading, helping with our grandchildren and meeting new people.



**ANGELA PIERCE
DISTRICT 4**

I would like to thank everyone who encouraged me and helped me to apply for this position. I am from Bowie County, a member for fifteen years, former 4-H'er, was in Girl Scouts, have been a leader in Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls, and have held offices in the Extension Education Association on the local and county levels. I am looking forward to the next two years and what is to come.



**ELLEN MANNING
DISTRICT 5**

Thanks to all the members from District 5 who helped with the different duties during the State Conference. You really did spread your wings and help make the Conference and County Store a huge success. I also appreciated the help I received from members, Elaine Jackson, District 5 Director Elect and Sheila Lewis, District Extension Administrator and Paula

Butler, East Region FCS Program Leader with making plans, setting up and helping with registration. I like the way all the members and guests enjoyed coloring butterflies at the District Party. They played along with the games and made the evening a fun time together.

The memorial boards were fantastic and meaningful, thanks for sharing with us. I hope most of the members had a chance to see all the 4-H thank-you notes; that was quite a collection. Everything went so smooth that nobody needed the Message Board.

I had fun making the decorations for the front stage but was amazed at how insignificant they seemed after all the hours of deciding what to do about that space. Anyway maybe a picture of the pink butterflies will help you reflect on the things you saw and learned at our State Conference. I hope everyone has a good year using our educational material.



**CONNIE BERRY
DISTRICT 6**

My name is Connie Berry. I live in El Paso and have been a member of the East El Paso EE Club for 42 years. I have served as District Director for four terms and served one term as State Treasurer. I have 2 sons & 5 grandchildren. I look forward to serving on the Board of Directors again.



**BRENDA CAMP
DISTRICT 7**

I am Brenda Camp of Tuscola, TX. My professional life was as a Registered Nurse in Oklahoma, where I worked my way up to Director of the emergency Department at the Edmond Hospital. After 35 years, my sister and I bought a house near Tuscola to be near a cousin and her family. A member of our church invited us to a "Honeybees" EE Club meeting. We both went, joined the club and have been active members ever since.

You might say "home demonstration" or extension runs in our blood since our mom was an active member for several years. Being District 7 Director has been a challenging but rewarding position, and I wouldn't have missed meeting all the wonderful members that reside in Texas. Thank you for this opportunity!



**CLARA JONES
DISTRICT 8**

Clara Jones is from Leon County and is the mother of three and grandmother to six super grandkids. Clara obtained a BS from Texas Woman University and a MA from St Louis University. Clara is a retired Training Manager from SWBT Co and after retirement taught Sociology at Lamar State College for eight years. She was introduced to Extension by her mother, Neola

Ray Joe, who was a very active member of Metra Harris Home Demonstration Club in Jefferson County. In 2007 she moved to Leon County where she joined her sister Nyanza Price who has served on the TEEA Board for six years. Clara has served as Vice President and President of her club, Leona-Centerville, as well as serving as County Chair for the Extension Education of Leon County Association. She has also served on many steering committee as well as initiated new projects for Extension Education of Leon County.

In addition to her EE activities, she serves as the Chairperson for the Leon County annual Health Fair, Leon County Democrat Chair and is employed at the Leon County Expo. Clara is so proud and excited about the opportunity to serve TEEA at another level.



**CLAUDINE HARE
DISTRICT 9**

After teaching for over twenty years, I resigned to travel with my husband while he worked out-of-state. I have a daughter (deceased) and a son, four grandchildren, who have given me four great grandchildren. My oldest is now in Marine boot camp, and the other three are all under three.

I enjoy family, volunteering at church, E.E. club and county association activities, seeing all of my other friends at our conferences, District and State. Also, I enjoy sewing, quilting, singing. I love working with the TEEA State Board and look forward to the next two years as District 9 Director, serving the members of our district.



**VIOLET ALEXANDER
DISTRICT 10**

I am Violet Alexander and I live in Austin, TX and belong to the Travis County EEA. I've been married to my friend, traveling nut, history buff, perfectionist, loving, hardworking husband, Joe for over 47 years. We have been blessed with a son, Darrell and a daughter, Amy and two grandchildren, Jodie and Jameson.

After serving as a 4-H club manager, a fellow club manager and EEA member talked me into joining TEEA in 1984. A highlight of my TEEA membership has been representing all TEEA members on the Texas 4-H Foundation Board. I met some of the most amazing people from across Texas who love and believe in the program as much as I do. It also gave me the opportunity to teach them about all the good things TEEA members do also.

District 10 members are hardworking people who give much time and money to support many worthy causes in their communities. With patience from everyone, I promise to do the best job I can to support and honor your contributions.



**CARROL DAVIG
DISTRICT 11**

As a 33 year member, who has held every office on the club, county, district and state level, I am excited to return as

District 11 Director. I served as the TEEA State President 1996-1998, and gave the board and my term an opportunity to find solutions at a very challenging time in the organization. Many of those solutions are still in effect.

I have one daughter (a cancer survivor), two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. My faith and family, serving where needed in the organization, gardening, sewing, and reading when I have time..."keeps me busy."

District 11 will be co-hosting the 2017 TEEA State Conference along with District 9, so I have already been busy making items for the country store. The conference will be held September 12-13, 2017 at the Horseshoe Bay Resort in Marble Falls.



**DEBBIE GILLESPIE
DISTRICT 12**

Debbie lives in Pleasanton with her husband of 43 years; they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She is currently the Club President and the County Chair and has held these positions in prior years. Debbie volunteers at the County Extension office and is a strong believer in 4-H. For fun she enjoys fishing, camping, canning and preserving and this summer she started teaching her granddaughter Emery how to sew.

Her goals are to build a better relationship between the communities, clubs and find ways to grow club memberships.

"If you love life, don't waste time, for time is what life is made up of."

~ Bruce Lee



**CLARA BALL
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 4**

Clara Ball lives in Gainesville which is in Cooke County. She has been a member of TEEA for 20 years. She is married and has three children, six grandchildren and one great grandson.

Having experience with serving on the state board as District Director, Clara brings lots of information to add as Education Chair. She has also been interviewing some of her members and has some great ideas for educational programs. She is looking forward to bringing new programs to the state meeting during the next two years.



**LAJUANA THAMES
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 6**

I have been a TEEA member for 34 years. I have served as District Director several times and held many state offices. I have been married to my husband, Loyd for 53 years and together we have 4 children, 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. I teach Sunday School for the 7 - 12 year olds, teach Children's Church and teach Mission Kids on Wednesday. I am also the church clerk for Immanuel Baptist Church in Monahans.

I look forward to serving as Education Chair for District 6.



**LINDA ROGERS
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 7**

Linda is a 5 generation Texan who loves this state and its heritage. She is married to Johnnie B. Rogers Jr. and they have three children and two grandchildren with one on the way. She lives on a ranch in Oakalla and is retired from a 30-year career at the State Comptroller's Office. Linda enjoys her family first and sewing is her next most fun thing to do. She sews, quilts and embroiders, fishes, hunts, and will tackle any DIY project. Linda is hoping to find a very interesting program topic that everyone will enjoy and if you have something you would like to see presented, drop her an email at threadheads@hotmail.com.



**GAYLE POMYKAL
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 8**

Previous Education Chairs have provided programs that were exceptionally beneficial to members. It is my sincere goal to continue the same level of high quality information for our state conference attendees.

Prior to becoming a widow in 2003, during my 48 years of marriage to a dedicated farmer, I was a farm wife with all of the related duties and activities. Being a mother of two children, I also worked outside the home as Operations Manager of a medical

clinic. My farm assistant category continues as a "gopher" for my farmer son. As a grandmother of two Aggies, I recognize that God has given me a wonderful family which is my life's greatest achievement. My home is 15 miles east of Temple in the Red Ranger Community in Bell County.

Following my retirement in 1999, TEEA became one of my interests, along with heading up a Sewing Group at Northside Church of Christ in Temple. Sewing, piecing quilts, gardening, reading, keeping up with new technology, worship and socializing with friends fills the remainder of my time.

I look forward to becoming a productive member of the State Board, while supporting decisions that will enhance and benefit the organization. Suggestions for Educational Programs may be forwarded to me via email at pomyranger@embarqmail.com



Laurie & Julia Moseley & Family

You all made me feel so special--like a princess for two years. You did everything you could do to make life smooth for me. I enjoyed every minute of my seven years of the Board.

Now let me leave you with some advice. Pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you. ...faith without works is dead... James 2 :26

A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel. ...pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this you will experience God's peace...His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at

rest... Philippians 4: 6- 7 TLB.

Laughter is the brush that sweeps away the cobwebs of the heart. A happy heart is good medicine...

Proverbs 17:22 AMP I've been just as busy as always; but I love to be busy. Life is grand, and I am looking forward to next year's conference and seeing you all next September. Love to all and again "Thank you so much."



with an open heart
President 2014-2016

**STATE CONFERENCE
PAGES**

THANK YOU to all of the TEEA members that volunteered their time and energy to be Pages at the 2016 State Conference. We really appreciate your smiles and your helpfulness during the Conference. You were GREAT!

Thanks, Millie Barrow



Congratulations to Nikita Harris from Jefferson County - District 9 and Margaret Overman from Hill County - District 8 for being recognized as the youngest and most senior members in attendance at the 2016 State Conference.

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

~ Les Brown

IN MEMORY

- Annie May Cowan Kingsland - Llano Co. - D 7
- Earline Gilliam Lipan - Hood Co. - D 8
- Betty Miller Noontime EE Club - Williamson Co. - D 8
- Maggie Freeman Caldwell Co. - D 9
- Paula Lee Port Neches - Jefferson Co. - D 9
- Alice May Mason Caldwell Co. - D 9
- Louise Melancon Port Arthur - Jefferson Co. - D 9
- Rena Wesley Port Arthur - Jefferson Co. - D 9
- Ann Skinner McDade Club - Bastrop Co. - D 10
- Elaine Farris McDade Club - Bastrop Co. - D 10
- Faye Dowdle Bastrop Co. - D 10
- Irene Schramm Austin Co. - D 11
- Norma Brown Fayette Co. - D 11
- Ruby Sellers Victoria Co. - D 11

DISTRICT 1

**DISTRICT 1
WINNERS-EDUCATION
& HONOR ROLL
COUNTIES
2014-15 & 2015-16**



Randall County

HANSFORD COUNTY NEWS

By Andrea Woolley

Happy Homes members have had a very eventful year. They started off with several great fellowship and learning programs and topping it off with the appointment of a new Family and Consumer Sciences Representative. We were elated to welcome Whitley Gammill as the Hansford County Extension Agent.

Happy Homes members are very proud to support the Hansford County 4-H members who so diligently pursue their goals, keep their record books updated, and make the most of awards and scholarships.

Members made 100 Christmas cards for veterans, who felt truly blessed that someone remembered them. Again the club rallied together to make 75 Valentine cards for the residents of Hansford Manor. It truly made their day to receive a card!

Happy Homes made 100 Teacups for the District One 2016 Spring Conference tables for TEEA members to have as favors. Club members had 9 first place winners in the Cultural Arts this year that will advance to the 2016 State Conference in September at Plano.

At the 2016 Spring Conference Patty Sheppard was awarded Texas Leadership Award for District One. Patty has been a TEEA member of Happy Homes Club for 61 years, having held every office. She has been an outstanding friend, leader, member, and supporter for her club, 4-H, and her church.



Patty Sheppard and Andrea Woolley

"There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle, or you can live as if everything is a miracle."
~ Albert Einstein



**2016 STATE CONFERENCE
CVU RECIPIENTS**

L-R: Polly Krenek - Burnet; Lisa Zinz - Burnet; Lynda French - Burnet; Lela Goar - Burnet; Laurie Veach - Bell; Gwen Risinger - CVU Chair

In order to receive a certificate for Certified Volunteer Units a member must document at least 500 hours during the year and turn it in to the CVU Chair by June 30. The new CVU Chair is Clara Jones, District 8 Director. All volunteer work you do can be counted for CVUs. You do the work, so why not get recognized for your efforts. Toot your own horn.



Congratulations to Yoli Payne of Pecos County - District 6 for winning the \$100 First Timer drawing at the State Conference banquet in Plano. Pictured L-R: are Julia Moseley, President; Kay Jacob, Treasurer; and Yoli Payne.



Millie Barrow, Incoming State President presents Julia Moseley, Outgoing State President with her plaque during the installation ceremony at the State Conference Banquet. Congratulations Julia on a job well done. Thanks from all of us!

"The challenge of leadership is to: be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

~ Jim Rohn



Potter County

RANDAL COUNTY NEWS

Sunnyhill meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Extension Bldg.

The program for September 8, 2016 meeting was "Back the Blues". We had 20 members present, 2 guests and 10 Canyon Police Officers present. Each member brought cookies and or brownies to send with the officers for their enjoyment at the Police Department. We sent roughly 22 varieties which was approximately 40 dozen cookies.

We also sent cards of appreciation for their support and protection in our community. We fed the officers lunch. Lin Elbert, Vice President presented the officers and Chief Davis to the club with a standing ovation. They in turn presented program about a telephone/computer APP called Nixle. It will keep the citizens alert about traffic accidents, road closures and public service information.

Our slate of new officers for 2016 - 2017 are: Kay Bell, President; Lin Elbert, Vice President; Phyllis Ratjen, Secretary; Carolyn Robbins, Treasurer; and Opal Lewis, County Delegate. Serving on the telephone committee are Vickie Kiker and Betty Treadwell.

We currently have 30 members, and of course welcome visitors and new members.

RANDALL COUNTY NEWS

By Sylvia Jordan

The Golden Spread Quilters had an exciting and busy quarter. The Cultural Arts ribbon winners won ribbons at the District 1 Spring Conference and Belinda Rivas won district Texas Treasure Award and will advance to State. We are very proud of them all.

Several of our members attended the State Conference in Plano. Ann Powell won the Quilt Giveaway. They all brought back glowing reports and have encouraged more of us to attend next year.

Our Community project centered around the homeless veterans in Amarillo. Working with our community veteran programs, our goal was to collect items needed to furnish apartments that were being prepared for homeless veterans. Working from a list provided by Carolyn Miller, project coordinator, we collected several loads of supplies for the August 22, deadline. We can never do enough for our veterans who have sacrificed so much for all of us.

The first Saturday of each month is our "sew day". We enjoyed learning new techniques as well as fun fellowship. Sally Quiroz taught us Log Cabin Quilt-As-You-Go. This pattern was to resemble a stained glass window and had black sashing to set off each piece. Each block was about 16" finished and ready to bind which is the great advantage of quilting-as-you-go.

Ann Powell taught a class on invisible machine appliqué. I know there is great debate on hand appliqué vs machine appliqué but quilters can use appliqué to enhance any quilting project no matter which way you choose. This was a great class and useful technique, especially for those of us who have never appliquéd before.

We also have short informative lessons on our regular 2nd Tuesday meetings. Marcie Grabber showed us a Taggie Blanket she had made and gave instructions. Susan Stach taught us a Fold-and-Sew block with several variations. She also gave us instruction on a Hanging Door Pocket; both were very creative and useful.

Fall is a time for thankfulness. The Golden Spread Quilters are very thankful for the members we have and for the leadership we have in our group; each willing to share and encourage. We are thankful for our outgoing officers and for the new officers for 2016 – 2017: Susan Stach, Chairman, Vickie Nelson, Vice Chairman, Sylvia Jordan, Secretary, Judy Gannon, Treasurer, and Marcie Grabber, County Delegate. As per tradition we presented outgoing Chairman, Diane Stephens, with her choice Split Rail Fence blocks made with bright Batiks.

Please feel free to look us up on Facebook or Golden Spread Quilters on the web to see pictures and reports of our meetings. We would love to answer your questions or have you join us at our meetings.

Make someone's day with something you make.....

The meals were excellent and the convention center staff was most accommodating. President Julia did a great job in leading the business of the Convention. The keynote speaker on Wednesday, Dr. Don Newbury, was most entertaining and inspirational.

Congratulations to our new Officers, Secretary, Rexine Scarborough from District 9 and Jan Meador, 2nd Vice President for Programs, District 1. We know they will do a great job.

The District party at South Fork was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the tour and shopping in the gift shop. Our guide and tractor driver was a great source of information about South Fork and funny to boot.



Parker County

GREENWOOD EE CLUB NEWS

By Bobbie Ashley

Greenwood EE Club has had a busy summer. They met in June to finalize plans for their Fall festival.

July found Marilyn Collins and President Dixie Range preparing for the annual Ice Cream Social.



May Haubold, Justice Jan Morrow and Bobbie Ashley attended a Saturday morning breakfast with the Greenwood Masons in August.



At the Wise County 4-H Awards Banquet August 8, District 3 Director, Dixie Range presented an award certificate to Lauryn Luttrell for her Record Book entry on Consumer Education. Also in the picture are Bobbie Ashley and Linda Hood.



D I S T R I C T 2

DISTRICT 2 WINNERS EDUCATION & HONOR ROLL COUNTIES 2014-2015 & 2015-2016



Hale County



Scurry County

HELLO AND HAPPY FALL FROM DISTRICT 2

By Glenda Gibson

We hope that everyone enjoyed the 89th TEEA State Conference as much as we did. The educational programs for 2016 – 2017 were very good as well as the Early Bird and Member Workshops. You will enjoy giving the programs as well as hearing them.

The Plano Convention Center did a wonderful job as our Host



Kaylene Layton would like to thank all the members of District 2 as well as all the members of TEEA for their support during the last two years. "I cannot say enough about the members of District 2 and their support. A special thanks to Glenda Gibson for all her help and company as we traveled together."

D I S T R I C T 3

DISTRICT 3 WINNERS EDUCATION & HONOR ROLL COUNTIES 2014-2015 & 2015-2016

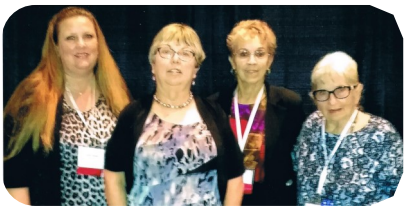


Wise County

District 3 Director, Dixie Range presented an award certificate to Lyndi Luttrell for her Record Book Entry on Leadership. Also in the picture are Linda Hood and Bobbie Ashley.



September 13 found Linda Hood, Dixie Range, Janis Milligan and Bobbie Ashley attended the TEEA State Conference in Plano. Linda, Janis, and Bobbie served as delegates.



At the September club meeting members finished plans for the Fall Festival and elected officers for the 2017 year. Those elected are Bobbie Ashley, President-elect; Suzy Williford, Secretary; and May Haubold, Parliamentarian.



PARKER COUNTY NEWS

By Kim Smith

The Country Crossroads group in Weatherford met September 22, at the Crosslin Family farm for the kickoff meeting for the 2016-2017 year. Looking forward for great new adventures. We would like to welcome new members to our Country Crossroads group.

“Make your mistakes, take your chances, look silly, but keep on going. Don’t freeze up.”

~ Thomas Wolfe

PARKER COUNTY NEWS

By Cita Honeycutt

Twelve members from Parker County, District 3, attended the Texas State Conference in Plano, Texas on September 13 & 14. Everyone one enjoyed the Conference and the accommodations were excellent.



Back (L-R): Margaret Avery, Ola Culwell, Sandy Lewis, Joyce Dickerson, Diane Stanfield, La-Raye Lester, Willetta Crosslin, Shirley Riebe. Front (L-R): Kathy Smith, Barbara Sampson, Julia Moseley, Cita Honeycutt.

D I S T R I C T 4

DISTRICT 4 WINNERS EDUCATION & HONOR ROLL COUNTIES 2014-2015 & 2015-2016



Rains County



Cooke County



Tarrant County

HUNT COUNTY TEEA NEWS

By Judy Clingan

Eight members from Hunt County attended the Spring Conference in April and are making plans for State Conference in September. A few members returned from Spring Conference and helped with the Creative Arts at the Hunt County Fair.

Our spring event in May was in honor of our Veterans. We were honored to have John Turner, Commander of Disabled Veterans as our guest speaker. A lunch of hot dogs, apple pie and potluck sides was enjoyed by all.

Other than meeting in June to plan our yearbook for 2016-17, we don't meet during the summer. Several members are hard at work completing projects of Alzheimer aprons and fleece blankets for CPS members. We are also busy doing crafts for the Country Store at State Conference. We are all looking forward to State Conference in Plano and hoping to fill our calendars with new projects.

We wish everyone a blessed and safe summer.

RAINS COUNTY NEWS

By Kay Chastain



Kaye Pressley demonstrating simple crafts and gift giving ideas at the Rains Co. Fair in September.



Jane Dillon demonstrating quilted postcards at the Rains Co. Fair in September.



Kay Chastain was the lucky winner of the Piecemakers Quilt for 2016 at the Rains County Fair in September.

HUNT COUNTY NEWS

By Judy Clingan

Club members have enjoyed our summer hot days by having a luncheon on June 23rd and making plans for the upcoming year for our yearbook. The hot dog fundraiser was also planned and went very well, thanks to the cooks, Tom Johnson and Bonnie Johns and crew. The women of all 3 EEC Clubs made baked goods that were excellent.

A workday was planned for August 30 for a bulletin board for state and crafts for the country store. Hunt County has eight members going to state this year and they are really looking forward to it.

BOWIE COUNTY NEWS

By Kathy McPeters

The Bowie TEEA group has been busy closing out the 2015-16 year. The July meeting started with members answering the roll to the prompt, "The worst trip I ever made. . ." Be forewarned if you are considering traveling with any of our members. They have had some really bad experiences, and some funny ones, too!

Assistant Chief of Police Kent Stagg, our guest, led a discussion forum and offered expert advice on how to keep our homes safe and prevent ourselves from looking like victims. He stressed sufficient outdoor lighting, good property maintenance, and landscaping that does not provide hiding places for those who might wish to enter your property uninvited. And, of course, do not open your door to strangers.

The August meeting is a traditional potluck lunch at the Salona Community. Mary Lynn Guedry has a huge garden and spends her summers canning and preserving. She presented an informative program entitled Eating What You Grow. She described different processes for preserving fruits/vegetables and explained the benefits of preserving your own food verses purchasing commercially processed foods. She also generously shared do's and don'ts with those present and displayed some of her canned goods and jellies. In keeping with the theme of the program, she provided squash relish, Kathy McPeters shared cinnamon pickles and fake zucchini pineapple and Sheila Schindler prepared zucchini slaw and zucchini brownies.

Another tradition is the annual trip to Shirley's Tearoom in Terral, Oklahoma, where we enjoyed a delicious array of salads and cheesecake for dessert. The main topic of conversation was the state cultural arts contest. We are proud of our four state ribbons: Donna Roth--1st place large quilt and 2nd place hand-woven basket; Sheila Schindler--1st place hooked wool jack-o-lantern and flowers; Julie Browning--1st place appliqued fall table runner.

Our next project is the Fall Bazaar to be held on November 5. Plans are underway to make it the best bazaar ever!



Sheila Schindler with her 1st place hooked wool jack-o-lantern and flowers.



Julie Browning's 1st place appliqued fall table runner.



Shelby County



Smith County

PONTA TEEA TEAM COMPLETES "WALK ACROSS TEXAS"

Marylyn Hoy Bennett
The Ponta TEEA "Go Go Grannies" team from Cherokee County recently completed the "Walk Across Texas" competition sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension. The idea is for each team to collectively walk the 830 miles it would take to walk across the state. Team Captain was Virginia Barefield, and team members were Bobbie Russell, Zoe Ann Conway, Marylyn Hoy Bennett, April Vector, and the oldest member of all the teams, our special lady Elna Perkins, an amazing 99 years young!

RUSK COUNTY FALL EVENT
By Wanda White

The Rusk County EEA held their annual Harvest Fest and Bake Sale to help raise funds for scholarships on September 29, 2016. Attendees always enjoy a scrumptious soup luncheon, bake and craft sale and of course good company. They also have the opportunity to bid on various raffle items. The Harvest Fest is always eagerly awaited by the community.



Members (in blue shirts) from left to right Jerry Moore, Betty Honea and Barbara Vinson enjoy interacting and helping attendees at the Harvest Fest.



Scene from the Harvest Fest with some members in the background

D I S T R I C T 5

**DISTRICT 5 WINNERS
EDUCATION & HONOR
ROLL COUNTIES
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The program lasted for eight weeks, with mileage and possible weight loss recorded weekly. The wrap-up included information about what the program accomplished for each member, whether it was weight loss, stress relief, getting outdoors, being with friends, etc. The primary goal of "Walk Across Texas" is to encourage people to participate in regular activity and enjoy the many benefits of exercise. This program was coordinated by Cherokee County FCS Agent Jennifer Pearman.

PONTA EE CLUB MEMBER TURNS 100

By Marylyn Bennett
Elna Taylor Perkins, a 73 year member of TEEA Ponta, turned 100 years young on September 27. Her family hosted a come and go birthday party on Saturday September 24 at the Ponta Baptist Church, where 174 community members flocked to wish her happy birthday. On Tuesday September 27, all ten members of Ponta TEEA celebrated with club members. Jennifer Pearman, FCS agent for Cherokee County, presented Elna with a Centenarian Award, signed by County Judge, Chris Davis. Ms. Elna remarked that some of the changes she has seen in TEEA since 1943 are price for membership, and name



Donna Roth and her 1st place quilt and 2nd place hand-woven basket.



Wood County

change from Home Demonstration Club. Her favorite thing is the home demonstration family - she loves the shorter time members just as much as the long time members. Elna is the oldest and longest member of the Ponta Club. Elna is an inspiration to us all!



SMITH COUNTY NEWS

By Penny Hunter

Ten members and our County Agent from Smith County attended the State Convention in Plano. We had great fun and are ready to take information back to our clubs.

Members put together an educational display at the East Texas State Fair using the Mad Hatter's Tea Party theme to teach K-5 children about preserving their food safely. Over 900 students attended our sessions in four days. They learned what types of food could be preserved in a freezer, dehydrator, hot water bath canner or pressure canner. Students also got to learn how to fill jars for canning. Teachers told our group they wished they could spend more time in our area.

Next major operation for Smith County will be presenting the Best Chocolate Dessert in East Texas Contest in January.



Connie Troxell, Joyce Morrow, Helen Jobe, Sharon Rech, Penny Hunter, Robin Fields, Diane Stubbs



Wanda Fields



Helen Jobe, Diane Stubbs



Robin Fields, Sharon Rech



Robin Fields, Joyce Morrow, Penny Hunter, Connie Troxell, Karen Pensinger, Harriett Lane

DISTRICT 6

**DISTRICT 6 WINNERS
EDUCATION & HONOR
ROLL COUNTIES
2014-2015 & 2015-2016**



Pecos County

DISTRICT 7

**DISTRICT 7 WINNERS
EDUCATION & HONOR
ROLL COUNTIES
2014-2015 & 2015-2016**



Jones County



Burnet County



Burnet County received \$100 for having the most new members.

**FROM YOUR
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
BRENDA CAMP**

Greetings & Salutations! Do you know that these two words "mean" basically the same thing? Why are so many things so complicated? Why can't things be "black and white"? Why can't we have simple, clear, directions? I don't know! Why can't we get "good" members? Why do we have "good" members dropping out? I don't know! After my first year of District Director, I can only tell you that I'm still trying to answer so many of these questions in my mind. Everyone that is reading this has some of the answers. Why don't you share your knowledge? Since we do many of the same things. And if you have a good solution to a problem or a good way of doing something, why are you not volunteering that information? Everyone can complain about a problem, but if you don't

have a solution to the problem and are willing to share the solution, then all is lost.

I have had the opportunity to visit 5 of the 12 counties of District 7. I promised myself that I would visit all 12 before my 2-year term was over. I am looking forward to keeping that promise. I want to know what you know, and for me to help out with your problems if I can.

All of this I've said, to say this. I have loved meeting all the TEEA members. Each one is unique, and has had many accomplishments, either with their family or careers or both. Each of you has a story to tell. Ask yourself this question. Do I know the members? Those of you, that hold an office, get to know your local, county, and state members. You will like many of them, as I do.

Invite members of local clubs, and other counties to your meetings and "get-to-gathers". District 7 Fall Training will be on November 15 at Anson and Spring Training/Retreat will be at "The 4-H Center" at Lake Brownwood on March 21 & 22, 2017. Everyone is welcome, just let me know and I will get you the particulars.

BURNET COUNTY NEWS

Fred Oakley of the Marble Falls EE Club displays her gourd creation of the Native American "Storyteller" she made and entered in the Cultural Arts in Plano. She was awarded first place in Division 5 and the judges also gave her a special award for the outstanding work. Congratulations Fred on a beautiful entry.



TAYLOR COUNTY NEWS

By Margie Wheeler

Taylor County EE Clubs were co-hostesses for the District 7 Retreat held in August at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. The theme was "It's a Small World". Members dressed in fashions from other countries one evening and told about their costumes. There was also a "Fun" style show modeled by Taylor County members.



L-R: Beth Ham, Pat Crawford, Sheila Rose, Irma Garrett, Harriett Malek, Mary Ann Kelley, De De Schmitt, and Connie Adams

Interesting programs included a chef from the Abilene Cracker Barrel, Eternal Threads, a member from Germany's story of how she came to America, and Genealogy Basics. Everyone really enjoyed these programs and had lots of fun buying items from Eternal Threads to help ladies in Africa. District Cultural Arts competition was held with winners in each division announced to go to Plano for state competition. Two Taylor county members placed second at state.

A silent and live auction was held and everyone really had a good time trying to outbid one another. There were many nice items and baskets to bid on.

Taylor County members are looking forward to another busy year.

COLEMAN COUNTY EEA NEWS

By Dora Newman

Members of Coleman County Good Neighbor Club participated in the Taylor County TEEA Cultural Arts Day activities Thursday June 2 in Abilene. The day began with a program "Fraud Protection & Scams" by Chris Evatt of First National Bank. Dorothy McDonald and Sherry Anderson along with Martha Crawford of Runnels County were judges for the event. Other club members attending were Helen Cross, Jean Langford, and Dora Newman. Following the judging, the group assisted with finalizing

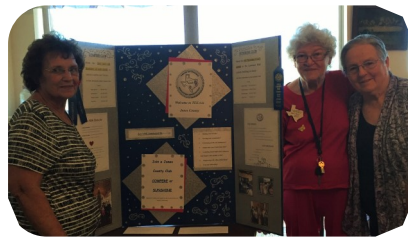
plans for the District 7 Camp held August 11, 12 at the 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood.

JONES COUNTY NEWS

By Joana Agerton

The Compere and Sunshine Clubs in Jones County entered this educational exhibit at the Jones County Fair on September 22, 2016. The exhibit promotes membership, meeting times of each club, the meaning of the emblem, past programs, club and association initiatives, and photos of club members. Approximately 12 educational exhibits were entered and the Jones County clubs won 1st place and Best of Show.

Pictured are Harlean Cutbirth, Amie Price, and Mozetta Youngers.

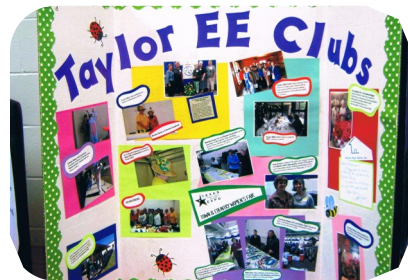


TAYLOR COUNTY NEWS

By Margie Wheeler

Taylor County EE Clubs displayed a trifold exhibit at the 2016 West Texas Fair & Rodeo. The exhibit contained photos of county-wide activities of recent years, including the District 7 Spring Conference, Honey Bees EE Club's Easter Egg Hunt, and tours members have taken.

Also available were brochures with clubs information and also copies of The TEEA Messenger.



"Hate, it has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet."
~ Maya Angelou

BROWN COUNTY NEWS

By Dale Henderson

2016 has been a very busy time for the Brown County Clubs of May, McDaniel, and Owens. In January some of the members volunteered at the Brown County Youth Fair.

Early March saw all three clubs helping with the Annual Stuffed Spud Sale. They assisted by baking, packaging, and delivering over 600 baked potatoes. The money raised went to 4-H scholarships and assisted with various local organizations.

Through the year club members volunteered in different ways such as making items for local nursing homes, Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Good Samaritan Ministries, and many other endeavors.

Brown County hosted the District 7 Spring Conference which was held at the Salt Creek Baptist Church with over 80 members attending. A catered BBQ lunch was served and desserts were provided by club members.

A group of ladies from the Owens Club made a trip to the Abilene Zoo and enjoyed lunch out.

The Brown County TEEA Hobby and Craft Fair was held in June for club members and was open to the public. We had an increase in public entries from the years before. There were guest speakers present and a free lunch to all who attended. The county club members provided finger foods for the lunch. The County TEEA awarded a 4-H scholarship to Michaela Harris of the Early 4-H Club.

District retreat at the 4-H Center saw quite a few Brown County ladies attending. Several also competed in the Cultural Arts.

Four members attended the State TEEA Conference in Plano. The members who attended the meeting brought back delegate programs that will be given in conjunction with the Teach-N-Learn that will be held on October 19. In the Cultural Arts Division at the State Conference Brown County was represented well with a 1st place quilt made by Joy Early of the McDaniel EE Club and a 2nd place china doll made by Joann White of the Owens EE Club.

Brown County TEEA will host their Annual Achievement Day on October 19 and will display items that were made throughout the

year. During the Achievement Day Brown County TEEA Council officers will be installed. The Teach-N-Learn will be the afternoon session of the Achievement Day and is open to anyone interested. The delegate programs will be given by Martha Baker, Joann White, Dale Henderson, and Kay Brown.



Brown County Conference attendees with guest speaker, Don Newbury.

DISTRICT 7 RETREAT "IT'S A SMALL WORLD"

By Dora Newman

On August 11, 12 the Good Neighbor Club of Coleman County along with clubs from Taylor and Runnels Counties hosted the District 7 EEA Retreat at the 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. The theme was "It's a Small World". Good Neighbor members decorated the center Wednesday afternoon and provided snacks for Thursday morning registration. They also assisted with the live auction, the silent auction and conducted opening ceremonies on Friday.

The retreat was a time of programs, food, fun and visiting with EEA friends. Programs included "Dumplings" by Chef Noah Stokes, "Essential Oils" by Jolynn Hallum, "Wanderlust" by Marianne Ray, and "Genealogy Basics" by Lisa Mahler. A video on Eternal Threads was shown with merchandise made by the group being for sale.

Participating were members Sherry Anderson, Nina Childress, Helen Cross, Jean Langford, Dorothy McDonald, Dora Newman, Cassie Shultz and CEA-FCS Agent Janet Nelson.



JONES COUNTY NEWS

By Kim Miles

Jones County EEA was well represented by seven lovely ladies at the District 7 EEA Retreat at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. The ladies enjoyed lots of food, fun and fellowship and learned a lot too. Compere EE club member, Joana Agerton received 2nd place with her Cultural Art entry. It was a pleasure inviting everyone to the District 7 EEA Fall Training by performing a well written, informative and humorous skit by our very own Joana Agerton of the Compere EE Club.

Barbara Shaw, Joana Agerton, Amie Price and Carla Vest were in attendance at the Texas Extension Education Association state conference in Plano. Everyone had a wonderful time and came back with lots of great ideas and programs. Jones County was presented with an Honor Roll of Counties certificate.

The Jones County Fair was held September 22-24 and would not have been possible without the strong support of members from Sunshine and Compere EE clubs. Those serving as Fair Superintendents were Judy Deatherage, Debbie Hailey, Barbara Shaw, Kay Spears, Susan Throckmorton and Carla Vest of the Sunshine Club and Joana Agerton of the Compere Club. A big thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Jones County Fair.

Jones County EEA will host the District 7 EEA Fall Training on November 15 in Anson. We have been working really hard to put together a "Souper" training for the District 7 ladies and are looking forward to having everyone in Jones County.

The Sunshine EE Club is busy planning their annual Baked Potato Luncheon to be held October 27, 2016. This is a great fundraiser for the club and a portion of the proceeds go back to the community by supporting the local backpack program. The Sunshine Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon at the Anson Senior Citizens Center.

The Compere Club will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Noodle Community Center on November 19. The dinner begins at 6:00 and it is potluck.

Friends, family, and neighbors of the Noodle Community attend to participate in the dinner, fun, and fellowship. It's been a tradition to play bingo and award gift wrapped prizes to the winners. Door prizes are also available. A hat is passed for donations. Half of the money goes into the Compere club bank account and the other half is given to the Noodle Community Center. The Compere club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.



Pictured left to right: Billie Wise, Donna Morgan, Joana Agerton, Debbie Hailey, Extension Agent Kim Miles, Harlean Cutbirth, Amie Price and Carla Vest.

COLEMAN COUNTY MYSTERY TRIP

By Dora Newman

Good Neighbor Club of Coleman County took a Mystery Trip May 26, 2016. The group ended up in Waco where members viewed the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum. Lunch was eaten at Buzzard Billy's on the Brazos River. Then afterwards a warehouse place called Magnolia Farms was visited. This was the regular Fun Day trip taken annually by the club. Those attending were Jean Langford, Cassie Shultz, Dora Newman, Dorothy McDonald, and Helen Cross.

D I S T R I C T 8

**DISTRICT 8 WINNERS
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Eastland County



Leon County



HAMILTON COUNTY NEWS

By Linda Pledger

The cooler weather has put a spring in the step of the women of Hamilton County. This fall brings a change of officers at our annual Achievement Day along with a soup and dessert luncheon for the community as a program on weather is presented. We are also trying to expand our influence in the community by meeting in our centrally located Courthouse Annex.

Three of our members attended the State conference in Plano this year. We acquired the state programs, ate some really good food and had a little fun shopping for unique handmade items that don't have made in China written on a corner tag.

The Pottsville Club is getting ready for their Holiday Market. This year it happens on November 12 at the Fair Grounds in the city of Hamilton. The Hamilton Library will be selling books along with vendors from all over Central Texas. A Salsa contest sponsored by Farmers Propane in Hamilton and Dublin will give canners from around the area a time to show off their heat. If you would like to participate in this contest contact bonniechism@gmail.com for an application.

The members of Hamilton County TEEA cling to the symbols used on the TEEA emblem as a recipe for connecting the county. Our home and family life is an example for other as we learn through educational programs, opening our hearts we reach out to others, not only gaining strength but giving strength to the ladies in Hamilton County.



Linda Pledger, Jerrie Cage, Jeanna Black

EASTLAND COUNTY NEWS

By Millie Barrow

Eastland County EE Members attended the District 8 Retreat hosted by Hill County. A fun filled day was had by all, great crafts were created with such good food for lunch that we had to roll out of the cafeteria. The fellowship with other TEEA members was heartwarming. Thanks to Iva Howard for showing everyone such a great time. Attending from Eastland County left to right: Gloria Kojakanian, Sue Allsup, Millie Barrow, Jackie Martin, Marj Lamb, Sandra Owen, Kathy Druesedow, and Ruth Stewart. The Retreat was held at Latham Springs Baptist Camp in Aquilla, TX.



BELL COUNTY EEA

By Gayle Pomykal

Six Bell County EEA members attended the District 8 Retreat at Latham Springs near Aquilla, Texas on August 23. Hill County members were excellent hosts and provided an enjoyable, relaxing and entertaining day. Weather was pleasant, crafts were fun, the food was delicious, and the entertainment was outstanding.



Pictured sitting; LaVoyce Doscocil, Wynona Williams, Rosemary Chudej, and standing; Kimberly Marx, Gayle Pomykal, and Laurie Veatch.

"I don't think anybody anywhere can talk about the future of their people or of an organization without talking about education. Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future."

~ Wilma Mankiller

LEON COUNTY NEWS

By Michaelene Perry

On Wednesday, July 20 the Leon Extension Education Association (EEA) (which includes the Buffalo, Jewett, Leona - Centerville and Normangee Clubs) hosted and conducted the Leon County 4-H Summer Camp (a.k.a. "Kids Camp") at the AgriLife Office in the 3rd floor conference room from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

Eleven kids participated in the creation of gourd bird houses by painting them. The designs were whatever they chose to create their own style. Peggy Bloomer gave the children a brief talk on colors, like naming the three primary colors and how to mix primary colors to create new ones, like purple, pink, black, and brown. Many who attended the class were able to do just that in their projects. The ideas and artwork was amazing to me. We had anything from a whole birdhouse that was a strawberry, one with strawberries all over it, a couple with bluebonnets, several with grass, bees, birds and sky all the way to an Elvis one. So, yes, we had an Elvis sighting.

Thanks go out to 22 EEA members who assisted the kids with the art project and provided the gourds, paints, paint brushes, other materials for a creative drawing endeavor, and snacks, lunch and drinks. This is the reason we have our clubs in Leon County-to provide educational and fun activities, as well as scholarships for 4-H kids to further their skills to become strong leaders and members of society.

One nice benefit of "Kids Camp" is that it is open to all children ages 6-12 in Leon County during the summer months. Children do not have to be in 4-H to attend. If you have grandchildren visiting over the summer, it is a good way to introduce them to ideas and fun. For more information about next year's plans contact the Leon County AgriLife Office at 903-536-2531.



Front Row-Marshall, Melea, Madeline, Emily, McKenna, Lillian, Sara, Jarrett; Back Row-Sophia and Jacki



Back 2 rows L-R—Pam Groba, Clara Jones, Mary Wallace, Helen Torrance, Virginia Crabb, Donna Barrilleaux, Lora Nichols, Dianne Paden, Mary Greer, Marcia Lewis, Wanda Crowder, Marnie Bell, Pat Ferguson, Carole Huebner and J.P. Borah; Front Row-Michaelene Perry, Judy Thomason, Judy Hutchison and Peggy Bloomer

MORTON VALLEY EE CLUB NEWS

By Millie Barrow

Ladies from the Morton Valley EE Club took our June meeting to the streets of Eastland. We shopped at the antique shops around the courthouse, visited and shopped at a local jewelry store and a new venue – lovely place – with lots of goodies to purchase and purchase we did!!

Our last stop downtown was the Eastland County Courthouse. We toured the main floor and received information on the legendary Old Rip!

For lunch we went to our new pizza parlor – Domino's Pizza. The food was good and the fellowship of fellow EE members was OUTSTANDING. Those who could not attend missed a really good time. There is always next time.



Sue Allsup in front – left to right – Cheri Clark, Marj Lamb and Millie Barrow. Sandra Owen was taking the photo.

"Don't waste your time looking back at what you've lost. Move on, life is not meant to be traveled backwards."

~ Author Unknown

NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

By Charlotte Watson

September is always "field trip" month for the Noontime Extension Education Club. They tie in their monthly community donation to wherever they visit. This September they went to The Locker at Georgetown High School. It is a wonderful community outreach where students can get school supplies and personal articles they need for school. Karen Crosby, second from left, is the founder and Executive Director. It was her vision that has made this service learning non-profit, operated by students, such a huge success. Their motto is "kids helping kids." Noontime members were amazed at the many ways The Locker helps students. The Locker educates and empowers youth through Service Learning to meet the needs of others in their community so that every child has a sense of normalcy. Karen said, "Thank you so much for your amazing generosity! I so appreciate you spending time in The Locker and hearing our story. We could not help the students without your kindness and donations. You ladies are to commended for your outreach to others. You are difference makers!"



BELL COUNTY NEWS

By Gayle Pomykal

Attending the State Conference in Plano from Bell County were: (L-R) Joe Ann Smith, Doris Severson, Kimberly Marx, (front) Dorothy Skrabanek, Laquita Gruver, Laurie Veatch, and Gayle Pomykal. The group wholeheartedly agreed that the Plano Centre was one of the better facilities, where we have had the privilege of attending the state conference. Julia Mosley and the entire board are to be commended for the well organized, smooth flow of activities, excellent speakers, workshops, educational programs, voting simplicity, display of sale items,

cultural arts procedure, and wonderful food. It all came together like a well oiled machine. Thank each of you for your efforts.



WILLIAMSON COUNTY NEWS

By Charlotte Watson

Williamson County, District 8, was well represented at the 2016 State TEEA Meeting in Plano. Delegates, shown left to right, were Kathryn Adamek, New Horizons EE Club, Charlotte Watson, Noontime EE Club, and Judy Adkins, New Horizons EE Club.



The delegates attended all the general sessions and all the educational workshops. They are excited about presenting all the educational information back home in Williamson County over the next several months.

BELL COUNTY NEWS

By Gayle Pomykal

District 8 hosted a party at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Plano for all who attended the state conference in September. Bell County EEA members enjoying food and fellowship were (back row) Dorothy Skrabanek, and Kimberly Marx, (front row) Laurie Veatch, Laquita Gruver, and Gayle Pomykal. Clara Jones and Alice Lance, District 8 Directors, led the group in a fun "mixer" game which got all in attendance out of our chairs, having fun, and getting to know each other.



LEON COUNTY NEWS

By Michaelene Perry

Leon Extension Education Association (EEA) members participated in the 89th Annual Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) State Conference in Plano at the Plano Center September 13-14. From all over the state a total of 331 members and Extension personnel enjoyed this two day event. We acknowledged the loss of two EE members from Leon County, Wanda Peoples and Sarah Puett at the annual TEEA Memorial Board for all lost in 2015-2016 throughout the state.

During the Cultural Arts competition three from Leon County won 1st place ribbons—Leslie Hensler, Buffalo EE, Carolyn Wright, Normangee EE and J.P. Borah, Normangee EE. 2nd place winners were Peggy Bloomer, Jewett EE and Shirley Kelton, Normangee EE. That is quite an accomplishment from the 24 categories for items that were entered.

Tuesday evening District 8 gathered together at the Spaghetti Warehouse for its dinner and party. It was an enjoyable evening with all getting to know each other better with a game to find out any and all accomplishments during their lifetime, such as who has been to Europe, ridden a motorcycle, lived in another state, met a celebrity, participated in a marathon, lived through a hurricane, tornado or earthquake. What fun we had with all our friends and fellow members.

The two days of educational programs and business meetings kept us enthused with our state activities. Leon EEA was awarded the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 for providing the most Educational Programs total hours to people in our community. The total education dollars donated by TEEA for 2014-2015 = \$105,647.94 and 2015-2016 = \$92,268.52. Also Leon EEA won the Honor Roll of Counties. Throughout the state the total costs donated to the public in our communities in 2014-2015 was \$4,507,538.80, and for 2015-2016 was \$3,397,437.73.

The final evening was a banquet recognizing the retiring TEEA Board members with their completed term of office and installation of new members. Besides the great meal we were

treated to special entertainment by two Tarrant County 4-H students who played trumpet and guitar and had wonderful singing voices.

Leon EEA members look forward to returning home with many ideas to bring craft and education to our club members and the community. Be on the lookout for announcements of our programs throughout the year, but especially our Craft competition and Education Day programs tentatively set for March 28, 2017. We look forward to seeing you there!



Jewett Memory Board, L-R—Michaelene Perry, Mamie Bell and Judy Hutchison



State Memory Board-Buffalo—Leslie Hensler



TEEA Banquet-L-R—Leslie Hensler, Marcia Lewis, Michaelene Perry, Clara Jones, Nyanza Price, Mamie Bell and Judy Hutchison

“Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records.”

~ William Arthur Ward

EASTLAND COUNTY NEWS

By Millie Barrow

Eastland County, Morton Valley EE Club and FSC Agent descended upon the 89th Annual State Conference in Plano with great enthusiasm. We enjoyed the educational programs and the workshops that were presented and could hardly wait to get back to Eastland to present them to our Club Members and the community. Our Mini Conference will be next month and many will be presented at our luncheon. It is such a privilege to be selected as delegates to the State Conference to see firsthand the many programs that are offered.

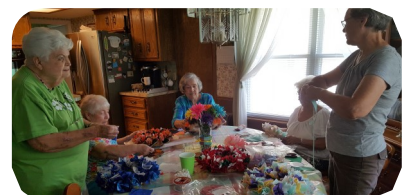


Left to right in the photo is: Millie Barrow, Gerry Zummer, Sue Allsup (sitting), Sandra Owen and Angela Degelia, FCS, Extension Agent

NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS

By Charlotte Watson

Members of Noontime EE Club in Williamson County enjoyed a recent fun craft day preparing holiday wreaths and jars of Friendship Soup to be sold at the countywide Homemade Holidays in October. Working around the table on a variety of holiday wreaths are L to R, Mary Johnson, Peggy Blair, Mary Lindsey, Stella Guzy, and Nelda McCain. Other club members who were filling quart jars with Friendship Soup ingredients were Charlotte Watson, Becky Lycan, and Shirley Fisher. It's going to be a fun event, and Noontime has their donations for the Country Store ready to sell! All proceeds go towards 4-H Scholarships.



DISTRICT 8 SUMMER RETREAT

By Michaelene Perry

Leon EEA met on August 23 with the other counties of District 8 for their annual Summer Retreat at Latham Springs Retreat Center, Aquilla, TX. Alice Lance, District 8 Director, welcomed all participants. The host counties, Bell and Hill, coordinated the program for the gathering with the theme of “A Bounty of Blessings with TEEA.” Table decorations were varied ideas of fall colors and flowers and made by Susan Alwell.

Hill County began the event with an invocation and greeting. Jane Patrick provided a funny “get acquainted” game. Susan presented the first craft—a wood owl made from mesquite and using metal washers, old coke bottle tops, unused peanut butter cup wrappers, a plastic silver spoon, 2 plastic forks and a branch from a tree, put them all together and voila, you have an owl to hang on a wall, porch, or tree—wherever you want it. The next craft was to make an attractive potpourri spoon perfect for hanging anywhere in your home or on a Christmas tree for authentic aroma. The door prizes drawing followed.

The guest speaker was “Sam Houston” (aka Jerry Gribble, Whitney, TX) who walked us through the life and times of Sam Houston. We always learn something about Texas when attending our TEEA functions. And, Mr. Gribble's dress, holster and saber sword were close to authentic replicas of the 1800 era.

After a delicious lunch, William “Bobcat Bill” Sumpter, of Morgan, TX was the entertainment along with Carolyn Bell who sings gospel and music of the 1940-50's for church and events with senior citizens. Mr. Sumpter performs Southern Gospel songs.

Crafts for the afternoon were: 1) recycled Christmas card made into an ornament; 2) Foil art impressions for framing; 3) and painting lessons where we painted a scene of a Christmas candle with poinsettias; and 4) lace-wrapped mason jars for an attractive gift idea.

A special presentation was made to Alice Lance by Iva Howard and all the District 8 County

Chairpersons as her term as District 8 Director ends. Final door prize drawings were made and Alice closed the event with a prayer. We were on our way home to pass our new knowledge to our local TEEA club members.



Alice Lane & Iva Howard



Jerry Gribble, aka Sam Houston



Carolyn Bell & William Sumpter



Nyanza Price with two of the craft projects.



Leon County attendees-L-R: Back Row-Marcia Lewis, Mamie Bell, Clara Jones, Carole Huebner, Lora Nichols and Celia Bell; Front Row-Judy Hutchison, Michaelene Perry, B.J. Henderson, Nyanza Price and Leslie Hensler.

LEON COUNTY NEWS

By Michaelene Perry

On September 17 Leon Extension Education Association (EEA) had their first annual Fall Sale Extravaganza to raise funds for 4-H Scholarships and Community Education activities for the public. This event was held at the Leon County Expo Center, 3637 CR 305, Buffalo. It was a combination of arts and craft, boutique and specialty items sale as well as a household and garage sale all under one roof and indoors out of the weather. Examples of some of the vendor items were locally processed honey, Cajun style sausage and jellies/jams, western décor and tack, homemade cakes and pies, homemade scarves, jewelry, sterling jewelry, quilts, and bargains on resale of household items to name a few..

All booths rentals were designated for 4-H Scholarship and we had 62 vendors rent 78 booths for the day. The responses were exciting to see. Thanks to all for the support for our endeavor. The Leon EEA provided a concession stand with hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, chili dogs, corn dogs, nachos, popcorn, chips, cookies, tea, lemonade, water and soft drinks. Proceeds from the concession stand goes towards community programs which help the local public with health and wellness activities/education and assistance with senior citizens, food bank and nursing home projects.

With the expert planning by members of the Leon EEA headed by chairman, DeLonn McCall, our first event was very successful. Our association will be able

to double or triple the scholarship recipients and promote more projects in the upcoming fiscal year. Special thanks go out to the newspapers and TV stations that promoted this event and made the public aware of our sale.

Please mark your calendars for the 2017 event scheduled for September 30 at the Leon County Expo Center. If you wish more information regarding this event or to purchase a rental booth space, please contact the AgriLife Office at 903-536-2531 or any of the Leon EEA members of Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normangee or Oakwood. We will assist you in any way possible. Hope to see you next year!



Mamie Bell, Leon EEA County Chairperson shopping for sales

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**DISTRICT 9 WINNERS
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Jefferson County



Brazoria County



Jefferson County received \$100 for having the largest percentage of increase in membership.



Julia Moseley, State President and Kay Jacob, State Treasurer present Rexine Scarborough, District 9 Director with the traveling trophy for having the most members present at State Conference.

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

By Claudine Hare

Pat Mansfield hosted the Nederland EE Club on July 12 for a surprise 94th birthday celebration for Ruth Taylor. A long time staunch supporter of TEEA, Ruth has served endlessly at club, county and state levels, even attending national conferences. She has always been thoughtful in sending cards to friends and family, as well as club members.

In the light of health issues that are making it harder to live alone, Ruth has moved and was very appreciative of this showing of love.



"Stop looking for happiness in the same place you lost it."

~ Author Unknown

BRAZORIA COUNTY NEWS

By Brenda Sturman

Wednesday, August 10 Alvin EEC held its first meeting following the summer break. Following the business meeting and pot luck lunch, members embarked on the construction of the notebook/cook book stands. These stands will be the Alvin EEC contribution for the judges of the Brazoria County Fair. A short tutorial video created by member Dawn Gemmill was shown on how to assemble the holders. Members gathered at various work stations where they prepared and assembled the holders. More than 50 boards were assembled. Members took stands home to paint and embellish as they wished.

In preparation for The Brazoria County Fair, members Alvin EEA, Brazoria EEEA and Damon EEA brought their clubs contributions to the guest judges gift bags to the September County Meeting. Following the county meeting, members created an assembly line and to stuff the gift bags. In less than 30 minutes members stuffed the 50 bags with lovely handmade items.



SNOOK EE CLUB NEWS

By Karen Gaas

The Snook EEA Club awarded scholarships to 3 members from the Snook 4-H club. The winners of the EEA scholarships are: Carlee See receiving a \$1,000.00 scholarship, Braxton Faust receiving a \$500.00 scholarship, and Colton Orsak receiving a \$250.00 scholarship.

Congratulations to all of the winners for all of their hard work in the Snook 4-H Club.



The Snook EEA Club recognized Bradley and Morgan Prihoda of Snook as winners of the outstanding "Yard of the Month" for June 2016.

Congratulations to the Prihoda family for the beautiful landscaping of their home.



The Snook EEA Travel Club awarded Morgan Sebesta a \$500.00 Scholarship upon her graduation from Snook High School. Morgan was selected for this scholarship because of her outstanding 4-H Recordbook and participation in the Snook 4-H Club.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

By Claudine Hare

On March 16 Inez Libersat of the Nederland EE Club turned 100. On March 12 her children hosted a 100th Birthday Celebration with over 200 guests. Inez was born in Esther, LA, but moved to Nederland at age 11. She attended Nederland ISD where she starred in basketball, lettering all four years of high school.

Inez joined the Home Demonstration Club in 1942 where she remained active all these years. She did demonstrations, teaching skills to homemakers - sewing, canning, childcare, etc. She later entered contests for wearable art and entered fashion shows with her designs. Her two

daughters, Karen and Cheryl are now members of the Nederland EE Club, carrying on the family tradition.

Inez also had her own drapery business and has been very involved in the Cajun Home Museum (House Beautiful sunshine), along with daughter, Karen Mills. In the 1980s she joined the Quilters Guild and has since become an avid quilter.

Though she is less active now due to some health issues, Inez is always ready with a smile and really enjoyed seeing all of the family and friends who helped her celebrate her birthday.

Congratulations Inez!



PORT NECHES EE CLUB NEWS

By Claudine Hare

Port Neches EE Club met July 21 for a Sew-day. Ten members cut and sewed aprons and pillow cases in preparation for the country store at the 2017 State Conference. Sack lunches were brought and some of the time was used for "catching up with friends." Attending this meeting were Toby Ash, Becky Dungan, Claudine Hare, Jessie Hodge, Kathy Kenig, Wilma Pace, Marian Quinn, Katherine Richards, Barbara Tingin, and Mary Tomplait.



JEFFERSON COUNTY EEA AWARDS LUNCHEON

By Claudine Hare

Jefferson County EEA held their annual awards luncheon June 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Port Neches. Sixteen members provided food with 23 guests (including six attendees from our Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office).

Five scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to 4-Hers Kelli Stokes, Alex Guajardo, Lairen Calhoun, Jayme Deville (not present) and one adult scholarship to Gloria Williams (not present).



In addition five gifts of \$600 each were given to Women and children's Shelter, Nutrition Services for Seniors, SETX Food Bank, Harvest House and United Board of Missions. Funds raised from the annual pecan sales make these monetary awards and scholarships possible each year.



Lunch of smoked turkey with all the trimmings and multiple side dishes and desserts were served. Everyone really enjoyed the event.

"I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be.

Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it."

~ Groucho Marx

**DISTRICT 10 WINNERS
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Hays County



Caldwell County



Bastrop County



Joyce True of Gillespie EEA and her Cultural Arts entry received the People's Choice Award at State Conference.

STATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The 2016 State Leadership Award was presented to Clara Smith of the Lockhart EE Club in Caldwell County. Clara has been a member since 1984 and during that time she has served as

County Council Chair and with the help of the members was able to pull the organization together and build the program once again. Currently she is serving a second term as County Treasurer and chairs the finance committee, drafting the county budget and organizing fundraisers. Clara has served as President of the Lockhart EE Club several times through the years and is currently serving as Vice President/Program Chair and is on the yearbook committee.

Clara has attended several district meetings, as well as helping to host two district conferences and district fall trainings. She has also served as delegate to several state conferences and entered a photo in the first state cultural arts competition. She was awarded District 10 Treasure Award a few years back and has received "Volunteer of the Year" twice of the Caldwell EEA.

Her volunteer work is well known in the county from working with the food distribution project, literacy project, collecting and distributing school supplies, donating General Mills box tops to schools, Emergency Food & Shelter Program committee, facilitator for the Women's Bible study in her church, president of the Tri-Community Library Board, and secretary for the Caldwell County economic Development Board.

Congratulations Clara!

PILOT KNOB EE CLUB NEWS

By Helen Usener

Members of the Pilot Knob EE Club made a display board for the Gillespie County Fair held in August. Member also sold club cook books at the fair.

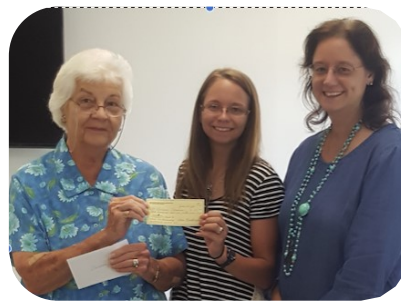
September 13 & 14 three club members Sharon Kott, Helen Usener, and Ilene Crenwelge represented Gillespie County at the TEEA State Conference in Plano, Texas. Gillespie County 4-H member Blake Tatsch was recognized for receiving the District 10 \$1,000 scholarship. Erna Jacoby was recognized as a 60 year Gillespie County EEA member. Joyce True's Cultural Arts entry representing Gillespie EEA and District 10 received the People's Choice Award.

GUADALUPE COUNTY NEWS

By Valerie Posey

Rose Marie Smalley, EEA Scholarship Chairman, presented the Guadalupe County Extension Homemakers 4-H Memorial Scholarship Award to Doriann Damerau. Doriann is a graduate of Marion High School.

Extension Education Association is an educational and service organization with the objective to develop leadership and promote and extend Extension Education Club work to all families of the county, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, socio-economic level, disability, or national origin. Membership is open to anyone wishing to be a part.



GILLESPIE COUNTY NEWS

By Helen Usener

Alicia Frantzen and Ilene Crenwelge selling cookbooks in front of the Gillespie EEA Board at the Gillespie County Fair.

ELGIN EE CLUB NEWS

By Judith Lundgren

At our June 22, Elgin EE Club meeting the club members and guests brought their special color art pictures they designed and colored to be judged. We had several entries from different categories under Markers, Chalk, Pastels, Crayons, and Color Pencils. Judges gave award ribbons to all entries. Thank You ribbons were also given to both of the judges from the club.

Mary Ann Seidel from Bastrop and Margaret Smith from Elgin were our 2 Judges for our Color Art Contest. Mary Ann Seidel gave her program on her technique and ideas about color art using Prisma color pencils. Margaret Smith gave her program on her Technique about color art using Color Sharpe Markers and spoke of great ideas of using a special notebook to display her finished color art pages. Pastel painted and decorated fresh pineapples were used to decorate our food table for the meeting. They were given and decorated by Judy Lundgren as door prizes. There was a verse attached to all the fresh pastel pineapples and party favor pinecones painted like pineapples. {Be a Pineapple: Stand Tall, Wear a Crown and Be Sweet on the Inside.}

On July 20, Margaret Smith and Judy Lundgren were invited to attend the McDade EE Club Craft Day. Margaret spoke to all about her technique and great ideas with Color Sharpe Markers. Judy spoke to all about her Technique and designs with Prisma Color Pencils.

Our July 27 Program was about designing a glass Christmas ornament. All club members and guests used a different color of crayons to make their unique ornament. To finish the Christmas ornament, they decorated with satin ribbons to take home.

It was decided by Club members that we would not have our social in August.

At the September 21 meeting Elgin EEC members had a Social meeting at the home of Renee Bracewell. Games were played with door prizes for all winners. All club members shared a Pot Luck meal. Dues were collected for the year.



Sharon Kott, Helen Usener, & Ilene Crenwelge at State Conference in Plano.

GUADALUPE COUNTY NEWS

By Valerie Posey

President, Alma Rosebrock; delegates, Valerie Posey and Diane Trice; and member, Beth Frankenburger of the Guadalupe County Extension Education Association traveled to Plano for the 2016 Texas Extension Education Association State Conference for fellowship, inspiration, information, and the 2016-2017 educational programs. Alma Rosebrock, Beth Frankenburger and Valerie Posey stopped in Fort Worth after attending the 2016 TEEA State Convention in Plano to visit Helen Hamilton of Seguin. Helen is an emeritus member of the Elm Creek EE Club. She has been an EEA member since 1980 and has held all offices in the club and county association and has been a mentor to many. She has actively volunteered in Seguin in many organizations including the Silver Center and is a lifetime member of the Chamber of Commerce. Helen will be celebrating her 98th birthday October 10, and we all wish her a very happy birthday.



Alma Rosebrock, Beth Frankenburger, Diane Trice, & Valerie Posey



Helen Hamilton

“I’m better than I used to be. Better than I was yesterday. But hopefully not as good as I’ll be tomorrow.”

~ Marianne Williamson

ROUND MOUNTAIN EEA NEWS

By Shelley Levitt

The Round Mountain EEA Club along with many of their husbands toured Bob Mauck’s car museum, gas station, barber shop, and garage in Spicewood on Friday, September 23 and boy were we in for a treat! Bob has cars in his museum dating back to 1931 or before... Chevy’s, Fords, Ranchero’s to name a few. One car is outfitted with a window “air cooler” that hangs off the outside of the passenger-side window to keep passengers cool inside of the car. He has a set of speakers from an old drive-in theater that can be attached to the car window for listening to movies at the drive-in. Remember those? The walls are decorated with wonderful artifacts from by-gone eras. Then there is his gas station with gas pumps, gas signs, etc. And the barber shop with a shoe shine chair complete with spittoon.

And that’s not all we’ve been up to. September 17 the club had a food booth at the Blanco County Courthouse 100th Birthday Celebration. We sold sausage wraps, baked goods, and Round Mountain EEA Cookbooks. Not only was it 95 degrees but our neighboring booth was making onsite and selling Kettle Korn!

September 13-15 five members of our Club traveled to Plano for the TEEA State Conference where we modeled our new Club t-shirts and attended several educational workshops. We enjoyed shopping in the Country Store and came home with some great Christmas gifts.

We are looking forward to 2016-2017!



Barbara Wilson, Gwen Risinger, Shelley Levitt, & Elizabeth Sooter



Elizabeth Sooter, Karen Payne, Peggy Aldridge, Barbara Wilson, Shelley Levitt.

CALDWELL COUNTY NEWS

By Kathy McCown

TEEA members of Caldwell County welcomed new FCS Extension Agent, Elsie Lacy July 1. We are looking forward to a great working relationship.

Attending the state convention in Plano were: Mary Briceno, Judy Wheeler, Ester Barney, Mary aguilar, Trini Martinez, Vel Martinez, and Frances Rodriguez.

Achievement Day was held September 22 at Mineral Springs Baptist Church. Our theme this year was “Come Fly with TEEA” using hot air balloons as the decorating motif in memory of the 16 people who lost their lives in the hot air balloon tragedy in Caldwell County July 30. As always members enjoyed participating in Cultural and Consumer Arts as well as fellowship.

Our group was again accepted this year to receive children’s books from HEB thanks to a grant application submitted by Literacy Chair Deborah Strickler. Members will be working this fall to divide and present these books for distribution to elementary schools in the three school districts in Caldwell County.

SAN MARCOS EE CLUB NEWS

By Camille Stephenson

To everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. For the members of EEA San Marcos District 10, the season seems to be changing fast.

First was the excitement of “Christmas in July” which was well attended and reviews were all positive and encouraging. Healthy munchies were enjoyed and there was a great assortment of items for sale in our Country Store. There was a focus in our demonstrations on recycling/

repurposing of items that are usually sent to the landfill including plastic bottles.

Then the season changed and our prayers were answered with two new Agrilife agents: Ms. Kate Blankenship Family Consumer Sciences and Mr. Jason Mangold, Ag and Natural Resources. We welcome them and look forward to working with them.

As the season changes, we designed centerpieces for the San Marcos Activity Center’s Patriotic Dance and we designed masks for a Masquerade Dance. This was fun and those attending the dance enjoyed our contribution.



September and TEEA 89th Texas State Conference was held in Plano, TX. The theme was Spread Your Wings & Fly and we did! Members arrived from all over Texas, carrying their art & cultural items, dragging rolling bags, knapsacks, etc. Big smiles, out-stretched arms for hugging and a great feeling of friendship were ever-present during the two-day event. The educational workshops were fantastic and there was something offered for everyone in attendance.

Dr. Don Newbury was the Keynote Speaker. He is a philosopher, former University President, author, humorist, teacher, patriot, and a fine gentleman. Dr. Newbury brought uncontrolled laughter to the room with his stories and anecdotes.

TEEA District 10 Hays County, received certificates: 2014-2015 for outstanding contributions in community service; 2015-2016 for outstanding contributions in Education.

As the leaves begin to fall and we enjoy everything pumpkin we get ready for a busy time of the year with community donations, crafts, and enjoyment of the holiday season. We look forward to 2017.

“When the winds of change blow, some people build walls, others build windmills.”

~ Chinese Proverb

GUADALUPE COUNTY NEWS

By Valerie Posey

The EEA held their annual Achievement Luncheon and Cultural Arts exhibit September 29. The theme was "Hands of Service," taken from one of the symbols on the TEEA emblem, hands reaching out to those who need help.

President Alma Rosebrock presented the Commissioners Court a "Big Check" representing 1,493 volunteer hours amounting to \$34,444 of service to the county. EEA members gave scholarships and contributed to district and state scholarships, and 4-H projects. They volunteered time to 4-H, the Silver Center, the community garden, Christian Food Cupboard, after school programs, home bound visitation and rides, Meals on Wheels, the Guadalupe County Fair, Taste of Home Cooking School in addition to serving in their churches teaching Sunday School, providing meals and other services.



Washington County



Austin County



Wharton County



San Patricio County

AUSTIN COUNTY EEA NAMED TEEA OUTSTANDING EDUCATION COUNTY FOR 2016

By Felicia Falk

At the 2016 State TEEA Conference in Plano, Texas, Austin County EEA was named as the 2016 TEEA Outstanding Education County. This award is presented to the county that has served its members and communities with high impact educational programs that make a difference throughout the year. EEA in Austin County enjoys connecting people with knowledge and making an impact in the lives of the people they serve. Congratulations on a job well done!!

Extension Education clubs work with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and strives to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development and community service. Persons who would like to join or learn more about Extension Education Clubs are asked to call Michelle Allen at the Austin County Extension office at [\(979\) 865-2072](tel:9798652072).

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**DISTRICT 11 WINNERS
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Carole Davig presents State Treasure Certificate to Evelyn Fuchs of Washington County

\$46,000 IN COUPONS COLLECTED BY TAITON CLUB FOR OVERSEAS PERSONNEL

By Olivia McDonald

Many members of the Taiton Club cut out and donate coupons. A member and her sister who is a member of VFW Post 4146 Auxillary of Victoria finish the cutting, sorting and counting the coupons. These are donated to VFW Post 4146 to be mailed to military bases overseas. There are 23 bases presently receiving these coupons to be used at their local commissary. TEEC has donated more than \$46,000 in coupons this year. The latest have gone to the Incirlik Air Base in Turkey.

Taiton Extension Education Club was honored for 85 years as an organization at the District 11 Spring Conference. Gracie Priesmeyer received an award for 65 years membership.

Our annual Members' Auction saw lively bidding for fresh vegetables, baked goods and other items.



Evelyn Sherrill of the Victoria VFW Post Auxiliary, Janet Holub - Taiton Club President, and Peggy Hobbins - Taiton Club member & sister to Evelyn Sherrill

"Our differences in beliefs do not truly separate us, or elevate us over others. Rather, they highlight the rich tapestry that is humanity."

~ George Takei

EEA-"2016 SUMMER CULTURAL ARTS WORKSHOP"

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, sponsored a cultural arts opportunity for its members and friends to create beautiful pieces to display at the Austin County Fair. Joan Buenger and Malinda Schramm instructed the event at the local County Extension Office. At the end of the workshop, each member left with a decorated wreath ready for display at the Austin County Fair. See you there!



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. If you would like to learn more or become a member of the Texas Extension Education Association of Austin County, please feel free to contact Michelle Allen, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences at [\(979\) 865-2078](tel:9798652078).

WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

State Cultural Arts Results

By Judith Finke

Two Washington County Extension members were awarded first place in the Cultural Arts competition at the recent State TEEA Conference in Plano. Of the 24 categories Diane Ashorn was the first place winner in Digital Scrapbooking and Judith Finke was awarded first place in Recycling with her baby's baptismal gown made from "Granddaddy's" white shirt. The county competition winners progress to the district level and then on to state.



WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

Judith Finke

An innovative Installation ceremony conducted by outgoing County Chair Diane Ashorn was held on Thursday, August 11th at Blinn College. Reading the recipe of Friendship and using whisks, spatulas, measuring cups, spoons and ladles the officers were presented the duties of the office and were charged with spreading the word for their organization. Parting FCS agent Tanya McGonagill was honored with a lovely plant. Retiring officers Edna Schroeder and Kathleen Flick each received gifts of appreciation.



County Officers installed for the Washington EEA were: Michele Daniels- Chair, Leslie Hassle-Secretary, Daulene Hopmann-Treasurer, and Judith Finke-Reporter. Ashorn will serve as Parliamentarian.



After Five officers installed were: Bobbi Jo Supak-President, Pam Bode- Vice President, Tanya McGonagill-Secretary, Cindy Lyles-Treasurer, Betty Vierus-Delegate and Diane Ashorn-Reporter. Installed for Greenvine were Sharon Steele -President, Jeanell Dallmeyer -Vice President, Secretary-Suzanne Kessler, and Daulene Hopmann-Treasurer & Delegate. Lunch and Learn President will be Stephanie Rudolph, Vice President -Lori Lignes, Patricia Graves- Secretary, Judith Finke-Treasurer, Edith Lehmann-Delegate and Michele Daniels Reporter. Wm Penn officers are Leslie Hassel-President, Chere' Martin-Vice President, Sharon Eccleston-Secretary, Gail Pinto-Treasurer, Louise Newman-Delegate and Kathleen Flick-Reporter.

Refreshments were served

from a delightful table of party colored cookie cutters. Prospective members attended and made their choice for club membership. Persons interested in joining Extension are asked to call the AgriLife office and speak to Stephanie at 979.277.6212.

WASHINGTON EEA NEWS

By Judith Finke

The Washington Extension Annual Salad luncheon was a huge success. The county fair Event Center filled early for purchases from the four county extension club's tables of home-spun and home canned goodies. Familiar faces of guests from neighboring Extension Clubs traveling several hours to attend as well as local residents were a welcoming sight. Our members are most appreciative!



WEST END TEEA NEWS

By Cindy Slator

The West End TEEA in District 11 collaborated with their local 4-H organizations to conduct several workshops in order to provide the young members an introduction into a variety of subjects which would benefit them in preparing exhibits for the Austin County Fair. Two workshops were held in August: jelly making and sewing. Lois Schubert, who had prepared the juice ahead, led 11 young ladies through the entire process from cooking to sealing. Each 4-H member was able to take home a small jar of dewberry jelly and a journal with notes. The sewing workshop

was conducted by Gaye Farr, who had prepared five stations at which each of the seven participants learned gathering stitch, hem stitch, blind stitch, running stitch, button sewing. They then went to one of the many sewing machines that had been lent for the occasion by volunteers, mothers and members, and made a small pillow case which they took home. All supplies were provided by the TEEA club. Future workshops will include soap making, scrapbooking, paper and needle crafts as well as other crafts that might interest the young 4-H'ers.



Pictured in front row are: Andie Eckemann, Lydia Huebner, Fallon Chavonec, Lanie Kelly. Back row: Harriet Ewing, Judy Hancock, Mabel Meyers, Jo Ann Reichle, Emily Spiess, Shelby Prazak, Kendall Stark, Debra Kollman, Dolores Kuehn, Gay Farr, Betty Lehmann, Cindy Slator.

"If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back."

~ Regina Brett

WASHINGTON EEA NEWS

By Judith Finke

Members of the Washington Extension Clubs were on hand for the Washington County Commissioners Court Proclamation of TEEA Week from October 2nd thru the 8th. The court received individual baskets of homemade goodies prepared by the Extension members.



Pictured are Darron Smith, Dauline Hopmann, County Judge John Brieden, Stephanie Rudolph, Washington Ext. Chair Michele Daniels and Lori Lignes with commissioners standing behind them: Zeb Heckman, Luther Hueske, Kirk Hanath and Joy Fuchs.

WASHINGTON EEA NEWS

By Judith Finke

The Texas Extension Education Association, Inc. held their TEEA State Conference at the Plano Centre September 13 & 14 with Julia Mosely presiding. "Spread Your Wings and Fly" was the delicate but resounding theme for the two day event emphasizing the need to make changes. Delegates attending from Washington County were: Diane Ashorn, county chair, Evelyn Fuchs and Judith Finke.

Evelyn Fuchs was selected as the Texas Treasure Award recipient. The Texas Treasure Award is to honor a member who has contributed outstanding work in her club and community. A Nominee is chosen by the club, goes on to represent her county and district.

Washington County represented District 11 as the Honor Roll of Counties winner for the fiscal year 2015-2016 for their Outstanding Contributions in Community Service. The total value of the TEEA Honor Roll contribution for 2015-16 was \$3,397,437.73.

Judith Finke represented District 11 for the Texas Leadership Award. With the change to include memberships from 20 years and up, many Washington County Extension members were listed on the big screen.

Four Washington County Extension members were placed in reverence on the Memory Board. They included: Marguerite Booth, Esther Dahmann, Marilyn Sommer and retired Extension Agent Eddie P. Washington.

Keynote Speaker was Dr. Don Newbury, University President, Author, Philosopher, and Humorist. Dr. Andy Keller, CEO

of Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute presented "It's Okay to Say" - Texans on Mental Health.

Educational Workshops included: "Adult Bullies", "Navigating Pinterest", "Being Mindful of Stress", "Nutrition: Myth or Fact?" "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" and "Bee Keeping and Honey".

The 2017 State Conference will be at the Horse Shoe Bay Resort in Marble Falls. For Extension membership information contact the Washington County Extension Office at 979.277.6212.

Dr. Newbury was the guest speaker at the 89th State TEEA Conference in Plano. He was most entertaining and agreed to start sending me some of his columns to include in the Messenger. I think you will be delighted with this article.

Lela G. Goar, Editor



THE IDLE AMERICAN
Hope for Days to Come...
Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

I don't know who first said it; perhaps it was the late radio newsman Paul Harvey. Whatever, it wasn't dissected by WikiLeaks, a come-along lately "source" that sounds like a product "do-it-your-selves" might use to repair automobile radiators in the comfort of their very own garages.

Anyways, Harvey occasionally used the admonition to encourage his millions of listeners from sea to shining sea. "In times like these, it is important to remember there have always been times like these."

Today, though, such claimants would be way out on limbs to make such declarations. Never-before-faced situations now bubble to the top regularly, causing us to wonder how many "new" ones a body can take. Breaking news--bending and warping, even if it fails to break--keeps the pressure on, ratcheting humanity downward by discernible notches....

Now, the weirdness crowding ordinary days is horning in on Halloween. Without getting into the rightness or wrongness of this annual observance, I want to add a "what if" to the season.

Remember the guy who said his luck is so bad, if he invested everything he had in pumpkins, they'd outlaw Halloween? What if he decided this year to invest all of his money in the company that manufactures clown suits for "trick-or-treaters?"...

I admit probable enlightened self-interest. As we tippy-toed into retirement waters back in 2000, we couldn't put away the longtime practice of giving away bagged popcorn. It had become a calling card, so we decided to offer popcorn for "trick-or-treaters."

News got around--or, perhaps more likely, aromas got around--and growing throngs of people now line up down the block annually for what we used to call "nickel bags" of popcorn. Last year, to fill almost 600 bags, more than 100 pounds of corn were popped for the four-hour giveaway.

Recipients are largely children, mostly preschoolers and others in early grades. Accompanying them are parents, grandparents and other adults, most of whom like popcorn, too....

Last year, a youngster, maybe 5, "dressed to the 9s" in a little clown suit, asked: "Mr., do you know why cannibals don't like to eat clowns?" It was an old joke, but the wide-eyed innocence of the questioner trumped popping, bagging and all else. "You've got me on that," I answered, hoping to avoid being nailed by someone with fact checker in hand. "They taste funny," the tike said, laughing riotously. I joined him in laughter, as other hearers nearby applauded lightly....

I doubt if there will be any youngsters in clown suits this year. Several jerks--probably seeking their 15 minutes of fame--are giving clowns a bad name. These folks, some unwittingly, have joined a sordid list of people who are out to instill fear, hopeful of causing as many people as possible to abandon goodwill, seriously wondering if there have ever been times like these. No matter what, though, we'll hand out popcorn come Oct. 31, with no regard for costume choices.....

I am reminded of a long-ago story about a man who had ill-fitted dentures. His dentist advised the patient to bear up, and to seek diversions to get his mind off denture discomfort. Heeding the advice, he decided to go boating. He was fishing in the middle of the lake when a speed boat whizzed by. An errant hook from the speeding boater pierced his ear, and he was dragged 50 yards before the speeding boat stopped. The speedster apologized profusely, but was interrupted by the "victim," who thanked him for the unexpected occurrence. "It was the first time in a month my mind has been off these blamed dentures," he explained....

We are at that place, fearful of the future, confident there have never been days quite like these. What to do? For starters, let's behave and believe that the same God who has intervened in the affairs of mankind throughout history is still in charge....

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