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Hello Everyone,

Summer has hit!! Having to water the grass and my gardens every other day. We have a beautiful century plant that has started blooming... so tall and beautiful. A shame they start to die once they bloom! I do have babies.

I am proud to announce we have a District 12 Director. I would like to introduce Delores Davis from Kingsville. Welcome aboard Delores. We are so happy you are joining the Board.

Connie Berry, District 6 Director, has resigned due to health issues. We shall miss Connie, however, we understand. Connie has been on the TEEA Board of Directors for many years in several positions. Thank you so much Connie for all you have done for TEEA. Yolie Payne from Fort Stockton is now our District 6 Director. Yolie was District 6 Director-Elect and would have joined the Board October 1 as District Director. She is just a little ahead of schedule! Welcome aboard Yolie.

Cheryl Sander, District 1 Director, had to resign due to health issues and Rosabelle Leal has graciously agreed to finish out her term as District 1 Director. Rosabelle has been District 1 Director previously. She is able to just step right in. Welcome aboard again Rosabelle.

We are still in need of a State Secretary for the 2018 – 2020 term. A prerequisite is you must have been on the Board of Directors in any position. This includes Executive Committee, District

Director, Education Chair, Alumnae Chair or TEEA Messenger editor. Ladies, please think about accepting this position. We need you! If you are interested, please call me or email me.

We are still looking for a 990 Consultant to handle the EINs. We have been working on getting everything straightened out so someone can just step right in. You must have experience with the EIN in your Club, County or District. If you are interested, please call or email me. I know we have had a few problems filing our 990n epostcards again, we are working on it. Our 4-H Scholarship winners were excited about the increase from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. My way of thinking, is every little bit helps – helps to purchase books, food, lodging, fuel, tuition. So very proud of our 4-H Kids!

We have two individuals running for Second Vice President of Programs: Clara Jones, District 8 Director and Rexine Scarborough, State Secretary. We will take nominations from the floor at the Conference. Nominations from the floor may be made only by a member of the same county association as the person nominated. The nominee must meet the same qualifications as other candidates. Written notice of a proposed nomination from the floor shall be given to the President prior to the session in which nominations are in order. Eligibility for nomination from the floor at the TEEA State Conference is not affected by the May 1 deadline.

TEEA 91st State Conference – Abilene, Texas September 11 – 12. Theme: “WESTWARD HO! - CATTLE DRIVES, TUMBLEWEEDS AND AMAZING SUNSETS” Conference pins are in and they are GREAT!! Your District Director has some for sale prior to the Conference, give them a call and get one early!

STATE CONFERENCE

TIME TABLE:

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11

Registration – 8:00 am - 11:00 am (If you are there before and we are set up, we will go ahead and register you.)

Page Training - 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Cultural Arts - 8:00 am or if open come on in

Alumnae Silent Auction – beginning at 8:00 am

Country Store – open at 8:00 am.

TEEA Sales – 8:00 am

TEEA Messenger – 8:00 am

Texas Ag Workers Insurance is sponsoring coffee during registration. Go by their table and pick up information and enjoy some free coffee

EARLY BIRD

WORKSHOPS:

Two workshops from 9:00 to 10:00 am

Two workshops from 10:15 to 11:15 am

ALUMNAE LUNCHEON – 11:30 am Concession stand available for all other TEEA members for lunch.

OPENING SESSION: 1:00 pm Candidates will give a short speech and voting will be Wednesday am.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 12

TEEA Board Votes – 7:30 am – 8:00 am

Delegates Vote - 8:00 am – 8:45 am

BUSINESS SESSION - 9:00 am

Lunch and Learn – 12 Noon – included in registration

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

SESSION 1 - 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Parenting All Over Again, Edith Jones, with Andy Crocker presenting

Do, Rae, Me - Cha, Cha, Cha - Enriching Lives Through Music and Dance - Janet Reed
Optional Member Workshop - Polly Krenek, District 7 Director
Optional Member Workshop - Yolie Payne, District 6 Director

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

SESSION 2 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Country Roads, Take Me Home-Gayle Pomykal - TXDOT Representative presenting
CRASE - The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events - Linda Rogers - DPS Officer presenting.
Optional Member Workshop - Polly Krenek, District 7 Director
Optional Member Workshop - Yolie Payne - District 6 Director

CASINO NIGHT

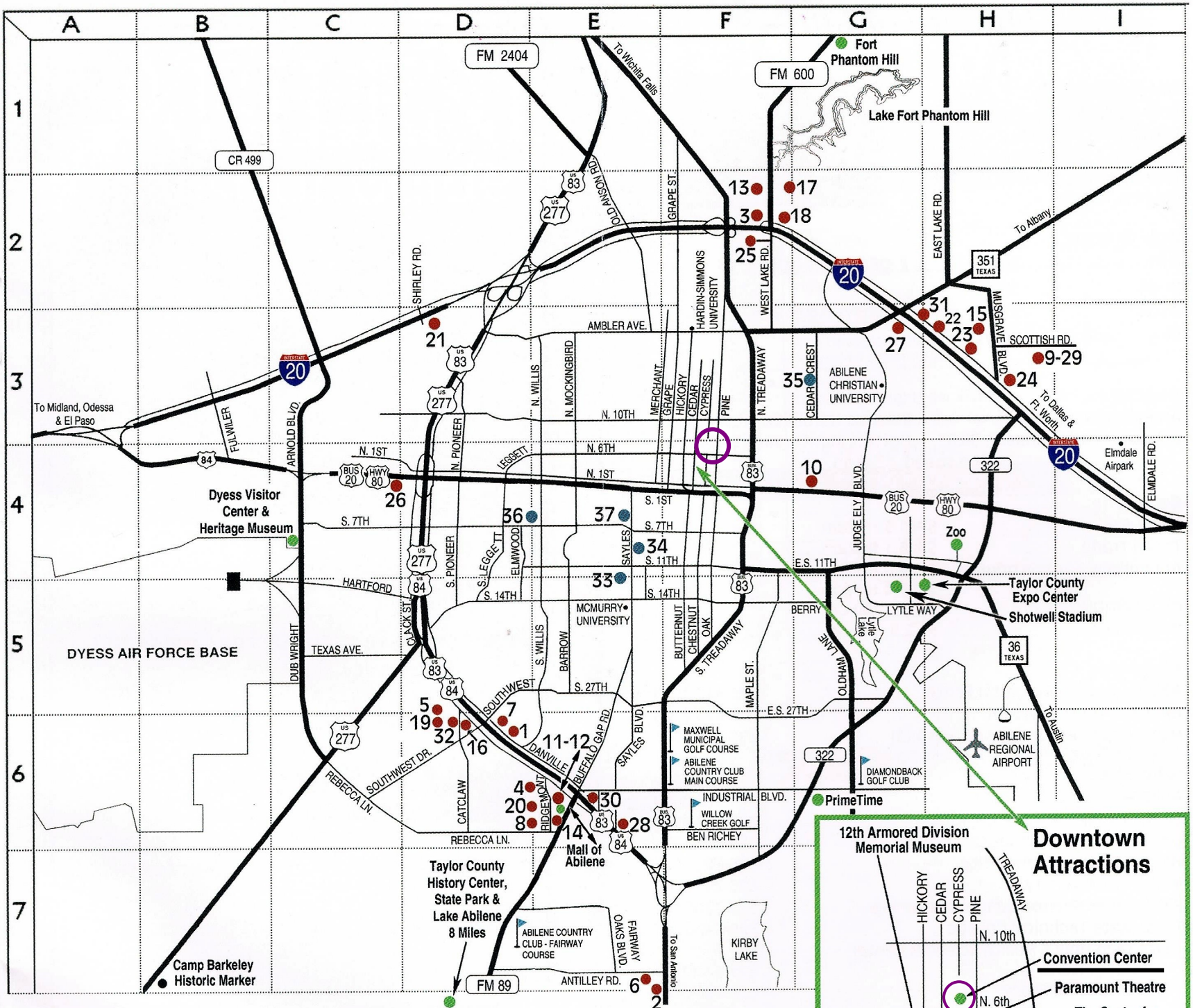
AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER 6:00 PM

DINNER - 7:30 PM
AUCTION FOLLOWING DINNER
SHORT BUSINESS MEETING
INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Love to all,
Be Safe, Stay Cool

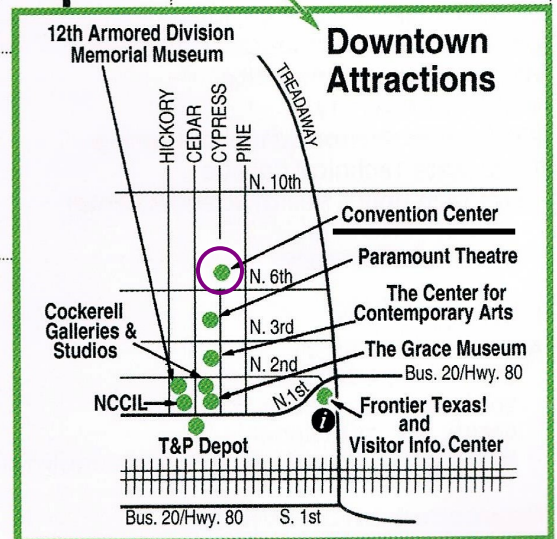
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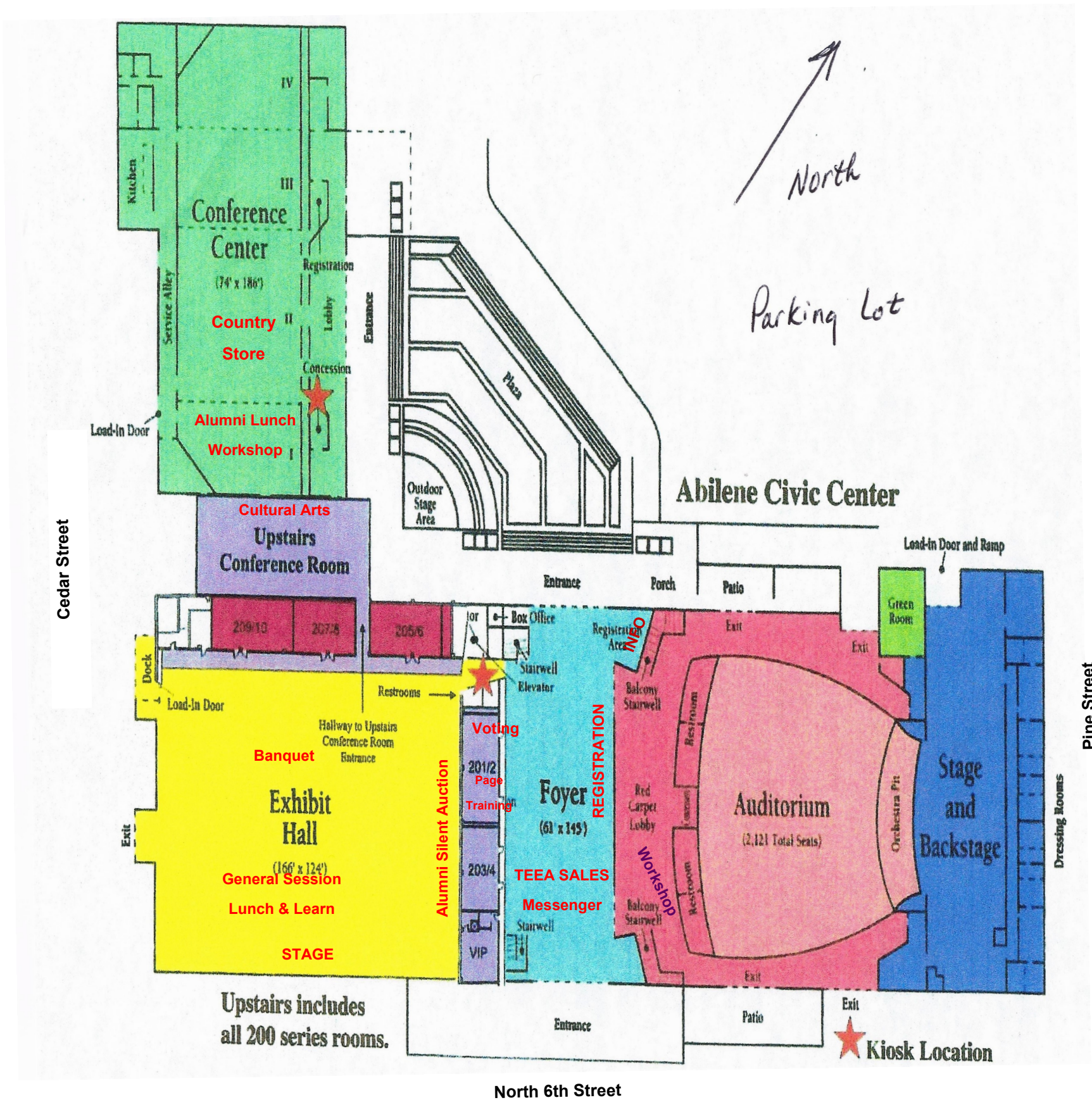




20 - Host Hotel
 MCM Elegante Suites
 4250 Ridgemont Dr.
 Tel. - 325-698-1234

8 - Overflow Hotel
 Courtyard by Marriott
 4350 Ridgemont Dr.
 Tel. - 325-695-9600





**LUNCH AND LEARN
PRESENTATION
"Living WELL Aware:
Get the STRESS Out!"**

Patricia J. Sulak, MD is an internationally recognized author, speaker, medical school professor, practicing physician, and researcher. She is also founder of Living WELL Aware, a holistic wellness educational program that promotes disease prevention through healthy living. She will discuss eleven essential elements to health and happiness with a focus on the importance of emotional health and stress reduction on greatly enhancing all aspects of our lives. You will not want to miss this life-changing informational, inspirational, and entertaining presentation.

There will be two early bird workshops this year and they will be repeated so that attendees will have the opportunity to attend both. I apologize but I only have information on one at this time.

**DISTRICT 7 - EARLY BIRD
WORKSHOP
"A CHECK-UP FOR YOUR
HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE
POLICY - ARE YOU REALLY
COVERED FOR ANY
DISASTER"**

The guest speaker will be Craig Sanders from Germania Insurance Company in Abilene. Some of the questions he will cover are: What does an actual basic homeowner's policy cover? How often do I need to review my policy with my agent? Do I need to list my antiques, guns and expensive jewelry? Do I need pictures, receipts or inventory? How does appreciation or depreciation of the value of my home affect my policy? These are just a few questions he will cover in his presentation.

He will also discuss Renters Insurance and the need for Flood Insurance in certain areas. Craig will go over safety tips on protecting your home from fire and theft. At the end of the presentation, Craig will allow time for questions. It's always better to be prepared for the unexpected disaster.

Jan Meador, 2nd VP of Programs and the Education Chairs have really worked hard to provide new and different workshops and you are in for a real treat this year too. Following are short introductions to each of the four Education Workshops that will be offered Wednesday afternoon.

**JANET REED
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 4**

**"DO, RA, MII! CHA, CHA, CHA!
ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH
MUSIC"**

Music and dance are being used to enrich our lives. Any age, gender, civilian or military; we can all benefit from music and dance. You'll find incorporating music and dance can be a wonderful addition to many therapy regimens. You will learn many ways to enjoy music and dance and have a good time doing it.

**EDITH JONES
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 6**

**"PARENTING ALL OVER
AGAIN"**

In Texas, 90% of all children living away from their parents are in informal or voluntary kinship care placements. Relative caregivers have stepped up to provide homes for children whose parents cannot care for them, including care from grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles, cousins and close family friends. Of the estimated 268,000 children living in a kinship care household in Texas, 46% are in low-income families that struggle to support them. Like all kinship caregivers, grandparents can experience significant hardship when they take on the responsibility of caring for young children. This session will describe the risks and benefits of relative caregiving, explore common concerns among relative caregivers and identify community resources to help support them.

This workshop will be presented by Andy Crocker, Extension Program Specialist III / Gerontology and Health.

**LINDA ROGERS
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 7
"CRASE"**

Law enforcement officers and agencies are frequently requested by schools, businesses, and community members for direction and presentations on what they should do if confronted with an active shooter event. The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, is designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004. It provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, and considerations for conducting drills. This workshop will be presented by Sergeant Lance Outland of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

**GAYLE POMYKAL
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 8**

**"COUNTRY ROADS... TAKE
ME HOME"**

Educational program topics for the 2018 State Conference have been selected and are being finalized. "Country Roads... Take Me Home" is being written and will be presented by Ravonne McCray, employee of Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Trauma Department as an injury prevention outreach educator and funded by TxDot. Ms. McCray resides in a rural area east of Temple, therefore she has personal experience in maneuvering country roads. Her formal training and experience as a Driver Education Teacher, AARP Smart Driver Course Instructor, and Coordinator for TxDOT Car Fit Program supports her expertise in developing my program.

Since I am a practicing farmer, my experiences with driving vehicles from one acreage to another throughout the year as an assistant to my farmer son, driving country roads is a real concern. Being aware of situations on narrow unmarked roads with no shoulders and witnessing the lack of logic by uneducated drivers

when they top a hill and are meeting an oversize load, or farm equipment that requires the driver to take evasive action while considering the inability of the driver of the wide load to give the approaching vehicle the right of way.

What is the better thing to do when a deer or wild hog appears in the roadway? When you get caught in a thunderstorm and the water is rapidly rising, or hail begins to fall what do you do? How do you anticipate situations on Rural Roads, such as a blind corner where you are unable to see approaching vehicles? What about an accident in the roadway, where do you get help? When there are no traffic lights and no road signs, what is the process of making good, safe driving decisions?

These are only a few of the situations that will be addressed by TxDOT representative, Ravonne McCray. Ensure that your County Delegates attend this program and be prepared to take it back to your county, club, and community.

There will be two optional workshops offered this year. Each one will be offered twice. Following are descriptions of both of these workshops.

**DISTRICT 6 - OPTIONAL
WORKSHOP
"RECYCLE, REUSE AND
REPURPOSE GLASS JARS"
KARAN HEFFELFINGER AND
ABIGAIL PRITCHARD**

When you come across an empty glass jar, do not toss it in the recycling bin. Hold onto these versatile treasures - no matter what size or shape. Learn a variety of techniques and ways to reuse and repurpose glass jars. Demonstration will be given on glass painting, and crafting ideas with handouts.

**DISTRICT 7 OPTIONAL
WORKSHOP:
"HOBQ QUILTS"**

55 Original Blocks, Based on the Secret Language of Riding the Rails. Based on the Book by Debra G. Henninger

An excerpt from the book about the history of the Hobos reads: "From the 1880's to the 1940's,

If we don't manage to reestablish character as a desirable trait in our society, we simply will not survive.
Vic Kuykendall

hobos were a part of American life, with up to 250,000 travelers on the road at one time. Some viewed the hobos as dirty, hard-drinking untrustworthy bums. Most saw them as honest, honorable people caught in extraordinary times. All would agree, however, that the railroads criss-crossing this country were the lifeblood of every hobo. Hobo signs were their secret language. They gave direction and advice to the savvy traveler including where to find food, water, a place to sleep, and possibly work. Based on these signs, hobos could tell how they would be received by a home owner, the police, a community or even a dog. The meanings of hobo signs reflect all sides of the transient life, from the honorable to the unsavory. These signs also tell the story of what it took to survive as a hobo. Most importantly, this subculture was a significant part of American History that is worthy of remembrance."

This workshop will begin with a power point presentation giving the history of the hobo, pictures of hobos, and some of their stories during this time in our history. It will also show each block with pictures, what it means and how to make them. Each person attending will receive a handout with the instructions for making all 55 blocks and a glossary of terms.

There will also be hobo quilts for you to view. Anyone who loves quilting and/or history will really like this presentation.

**NYANZA PRICE
PRESIDENT – ELECT
2018-2020**

Our Spring Board meeting in Brownwood was very informative and uplifting. The weather was gorgeous and we accomplished many things.

While walking one morning before breakfast, I had some time for reflection. As your incoming president, I am trying to get a start on many things. Having time to reflect during my solitary walk, I realized that "**WE** have the power to make a difference".

All of us have the power to make a difference in children and young adults lives. It can be our children, grandchildren, 4-Hers and others we meet. We have the power to make a difference in

our community; through TEEA, and other community programs that we provide service. We have the power to make a difference in the lives of the elderly; grandparents, senior facilities and church. We have the power to make a difference in our churches by participating in the variety of programs they have to offer.

We must reach out to the young adults who need our talents; cooking, sewing, quilting, crafting and the many other talents we have. In doing so, we will increase our membership in the organization and also bring new ideas to the table.

Let us unite and use this power that GOD has given each of us and reach out to others. Just think what a great impact we can have on the State of Texas.

**KAY JACOB
1st VP OF LEADERSHIP**

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,

Wow!! What a crazy spring we have had, very little rain. We are in a severe drought down here in the south and we need lots of rain for the farmers and ranchers. The temperature is already in the triple digits here so it is going to be a **HOT** summer.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Conferences and are looking forward to your State Conference in Abilene that is just right around the corner. I am looking forward to getting reports from your District Directors on how much fun they were and learn what kind of education programs you had.

Friendly reminder that the deadline for the registration for the State Conference is coming due soon, so please get these into your District Directors. I can't wait until you see all the exciting things we have planned for you!!!! We are continuing to work on the State Conference in Abilene and I will be looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I am still working on the IRS project. This is a continuous job and the IRS isn't the fastest people to help resolve things. If you have any problems, please let me know and I will continue to try to get this resolved.

If there is anything I can help anyone with, please feel free to contact me.

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER

"All that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing"

" Sir Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

**JAN MEADOR
2ND VP FOR PROGRAMS**

Hello from the extremely dry western Texas Panhandle! I hope you have had more rain than we have up here! We sure are brown for this time of year.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in Abilene in September. We have been working diligently getting programs ready and I know you will enjoy them. Your education chairs will tell you about their programs in their articles.

I want to remind everyone to get your annual reports worked up and get them in on time so I can get our annual state report worked up and in great shape to give to you at conference.

I've been to graduations for grandchildren this year. I love seeing all those excited graduates getting ready to begin a whole new world ahead of them. Even my Pre-K granddaughter has the world by the tail!!

You are going to love the Abilene Convention Center!! We are going to have so much room, and all of our education program rooms are big with great seating, I can't wait for you to get there! I hope you've been planning your District parties. There are so many cool places in Abilene. I know everyone is going to enjoy the conference this year so head to Abilene in September and join us for a great time!

**REXINE SCARBOROUGH
SECRETARY**

Summer has arrived. As we look back on this year and our plans for the Abilene 2018 State Conference, I am really excited and looking forward to seeing all of you there. With the western theme, it will be a fun time for all.

Each of you will find it hard to pick which program you want to attend. The Education Chairs have done an excellent job of planning very interesting and informative programs for you. Hope you all get a chance to attend at least one of them at State. Then when they are presented back at your club or county meetings you will enjoy

the ones you did not get to attend at State. Be sure to plan to attend the Early Bird workshops also. Read the articles in the Messenger to get an idea of the programs to be presented.

The facilities in Abilene are really nice. There is plenty of room for the registration, country store, and cultural arts. The meeting rooms are large for the sessions. District 6, Yolie Payne and District 7, Polly Krenek, have been working tirelessly to see that all details are done so the Convention will be a great success.

As I come to the end of my term as your State Secretary, I would like to thank you for all your encouragement and support you have given me over the two years. Being secretary has given me more insight of how much TEEA does for 4-H in the state. TEEA is an organization made up of great volunteers on every level. It has been a joy to work with all of you.

I wish all of you a very happy and safe summertime and hope to see all in Abilene.

**BANKER'S NOTES
OLA CULWELL
STATE TREASURER**

Hello everyone. Summer has arrived in Texas. I love all the beautiful flowers and the green grass but the heat is never a welcome thing. Hope you are trying to stay cool.

We had a very productive board meeting in May. Planning for the State Conference in Abilene was the main topic of discussion. Things are shaping up nicely and the Education Chairmen have some fantastic programs planned. You will want to arrive early and not miss the Early Bird Workshops. The Convention Center is spacious and each room should be adequate for each presentation. The theme is western, so grab your boots and hat and head for Abilene in September.

Hope everyone has sent in all the information for the scholarships so I can start sending checks to the college of their choice. Also, remember to send in your Coins for Friendship and Dollars for Scholars.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Abilene. Stay Cool!!

ALUMNAE NEWS GRACE GLAZE, CHAIR

The Scholarship committee has selected seven very deserving college students to receive the TEEA Alumnae Scholarships. There were nine applicants. We were delighted to see so many applicants and so many of the TEEA member's grandchildren. The winners are: Sofia Rebecca Ramirez, District 10 - Jane Leathers Alumnae Scholarship; Elaine E. Jackson, District 10 - Ruth Taylor Alumnae Scholarship; Tristan Anthony Frerich, District 11 - Dr. Bonnie McGee Alumnae Scholarship; Courtney Ann Bartman, District 11 - Dr. Judy Warren Alumnae Scholarship; Samantha Renee Holub, District 2 - Immediate Past President Julia Moseley Alumnae Scholarship; Callie Laurel Hernandez, District 2 - Velma Tate Alumnae Scholarship; Baleigh Brooke Pugh, District 2 - Bobbie Elmore Alumnae Scholarship. The Committee awarded each student a \$500.00 Scholarship. The applications are found in the TEEA Manual (teea.tamu.edu), Chapter 12, Pages 19-20 and instructions on how to apply are included. You may fill the application in on the web. The committee voted to name the last two scholarships in honor of Velma Tate and Bobbie Elmore.

As you know these scholarships are made available from the proceeds of the Alumnae silent auction at the state conference, memorials, and donations received each year. The amount and how many scholarships given next year will depend on how much money is collected from the silent auction and drawing at the State Conference at the Abilene Conference in September at the Alumnae Silent Auction booth. Please be generous again this year. You may donate articles to sell tickets on or items for the silent auction. Please stop by the booth and bid. The auction is open to all members attending the conference. If you will not be able to attend the conference you may mail your donations to me, Grace Glaze 2835 CR 385 El Campo, Texas 77437. I would like to remind you I also accept memorials throughout the year. The Alumnae booth will need your help staffing the booth, placing items for display and selling

tickets. I already have several items committed for the drawing and auction. If you have some time at the conference please volunteer.

The Alumnae Banquet and meeting will be on Tuesday September 11, 11:30 am, at the conference center. Your county chairman will have the information for you to register. The lunch menu will be tossed salad, soup, sliced turkey breast and deli ham, lettuce, tomatoes and Swiss cheese, homemade chicken salad, garden rotini pasta salad, season fresh cut fruit for desert and flaky croissant rolls, iced tea. Past TEEA board members and the present board are Alumnae members.

I attended the May TEEA board meeting. Helen Hamilton passed away in February. Phyllis McMakin moved to Colorado. Alice Lance passed away a few months ago. If you have news about any of the Alumnae members please send the information to me. Looking forward to seeing each of you in Abilene I would love to hear from you if you are not attending the conference.



CLARA D. JONES
Candidate for TEEA State
2nd VP of Programs

Greetings:

My name is Clara Jones. I began my TEEA membership in 2007 in the Leona-Centerville Club in Leon County and the following is a list of some of my TEEA involvement in Leon County and the TEEA State Board:

- Presently Serving as District 8 Director, Badge Chairman on TEEA Board and President of the EE of Leon County Association.
- Past Vice-President of EE of Leon County Association.
- Served as County Chair of EEA of Leon County.
- Initiated a successful Membership Drive in Leon County and District 8.
- Initiated the Profit Sharing Day for EEA of Leon.

- Serves on the EEA of Leon Fall Fundraiser Committee.
- Served as a delegate to State Conferences and presented State Programs.
- Served as 4-H Judge for the Food Challenge and assist with Kids Camp.
- Past President and Vice-President of the Leona-Centerville Club.
- Serves on the Board of the Leon County Health Resource Commission.
- Served as the Chairperson of the Leon County Health and Safety Fair for the last three years

I am a graduate of Texas Woman University and St Louis University. Prior to my TEEA life, I was employed by Southwestern Bell as a Training Manager followed by ten years as an Adjunct Professor at Lamar State College - Port Arthur.

I truly enjoy working for TEEA and it has served as a vehicle for me to give back to the community and others. **That's why I am asking for your support for Second Vice President for Programs.** I would be so honored to continue in service for TEEA as my mother did in Meatra Harrison club of District 9 years ago.

Presently I live in Centerville, TX where I am active in my church and community. I am the mother of 3 exceptional children, 6 terrific grandchildren and one super, great grandchild.

I truly pledge to serve you and TEEA to the best of ability if you should elect me for the position of Second Vice President for Programs.

Thank You, Clara Jones
*Paid political ad provided
by Clara Jones*



REXINE SCARBOROUGH
Candidate for TEEA State
2nd VP of Programs

Howdy! I am Rexine Scarborough. I have served as your State Secretary for the last two years. I would like to thank all of you for your encouragement and support, also my

Club, County, and District for their support of me for this office.

I would like to now serve as your 2nd Vice President for Programs. It would be a great honor to continue to serve on the State Board to continue the good work that TEEA does for our young adults and communities.

During our journey in life, we have to make decisions of the importance of God, Family, Country, State and Community.

Like many of you, I am a third generation TEEA member. My grandmother was a member of Home demonstration in Brazoria County, and my mother is a member in Montgomery County. With encouragement of my mother, I joined TEEA in 1993. Since then I have held club, county offices, District 9 Director, and as State Secretary ending September 30th, 2018.

My husband, Jim, and I were married for 54 years. I live in Montgomery County. We have two children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Both of our children received the Gold Star and I Dare You 4-H awards along with county TEEA scholarships.

Working on several church committees has helped me to keep focused on important issues to help make a better community.

Community-wise I worked with the sports associations serving on the boards, coaching, and umpiring. Also, as a Girl Scout troop leader and district leader, then switched to 4-H: as a club leader and chaperone to local, district and state events. I judge for 4-H county and district competitions. I have worked with the Montgomery County Fair, since 1989.

During my professional career, I held the positions of legal secretary, accountant, payroll manager, human resources and benefit administrator. These positions taught me to how to work with people and make informed decisions. I prepared procedure manuals as guidelines for them to do their job. All of this helped me to be a leader before retiring in 2014.

I am asking for your support by voting for me as your next 2nd Vice President for Programs. Thank you.

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Rexine Scarborough*

**TEEA BUDGET
October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019**

INCOME				
	State Membership Dues		\$35,000	
	Coins For Friendship		5,000	
	Dollars For Scholars		3,000	
	Name Badges		1,000	
	TEEA Sales		1,750	
	State Conference		35,000	
	Interest On Accounts		600	
	Alumnae Silent Auction		3,000	
	State Board Silent Auction		500	
	Transfer from Savings		10,000	
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME			\$94,850	\$94,850
EXPENSES				
4-H SUPPORT				
	Consumer Sciences	500		
	Food & Clothing Program	3600		
	Scholarships	18,000		
	Coins For Friendship	5,000		
	SUB-TOTAL	27100	\$27,100	
STATE CONFERENCE				
	Planning	2,500		
	Conference	30,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		32,500	
SCHOLARSHIPS				
	Adult Career	2,000		
	Alumnae	3,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		5,000	
EDUCATION & TRAINING				
	Education Committee	2,000		
	Fall Board Meeting	6,000		
	Spring Board Meeting	6,500		
	SUB-TOTAL		14,500	
NEWSLETTER				
	The TEEA Messenger	7,000		
	SUB-TOTAL		7,000	
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE				
	Conciliation/Tax Preparation	500		
	Treasurer's Operational Support	600		
	District Directors/Officer Liability Insurance	3,200		
	Parliamentarian	800		
	Printing	500		
	Office Equipment & Supplies	1000		
	Treasurer/Editor Bonds	650		
	TEEA President's Discretionary Fund	500		
	Other Board Expenses	500		
	State Board Equipment	500		
	SUB-TOTAL	8750	8,750	
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES			\$94,850	\$94,850
May 8, 2018, Ola Culwell, Treasurer				

TEEA BUDGET NARRATIVE October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019

INCOME

- State Membership Dues - @ \$15.00 X 2333 members**
Anticipated income from membership dues
- Coins for Friendship (4-H Center)**
Contributions received from TEEA members for projects at the 4-H Center
- Dollars for Scholars**
4-H Scholarship Fund contributions received from TEEA members
- Name Badge Sales**
Income from the sale of TEEA name badges
- TEEA Sales**
Income from the sale of TEEA pins and other items
- State Conference**
Funds for State Conference based on registration fees and meal tickets
- Interest on Accounts**
Interest earned on accounts
- Alumnae Silent Auction**
Funds and donations from auction held at State Conference
- State Board Silent Auction**
Funds and donations from Board Members auction at Fall Board Meeting
- Transfer from Savings**
Funds transferred to increase 4-H Scholarships

EXPENSES

- 4-H Support**
- Consumer Sciences Contest**
Funds to support the Consumer Sciences Contest at 4-H Round-up
- 4-H Food and Clothing Program**
Funds given to each district to assist the 4-H programs at the district level (currently \$300 per district)
- 4-H Scholarships**
Funds for the 12 4-H scholarships (currently @ \$1,500) given by TEEA
- Coins for Friendship**
TEEA members' donations given to the 4-H Center for selected projects
- State Conference**
- State Conference Planning**
Funds to cover expenses of Executive Committee for site review and planning meeting
- State Conference**
This includes expenses for Pre-conference and Post-conference Board meetings and expenses incurred at the State Conference
- Scholarships**
- Adult Career Scholarships**
Funds for two (2) scholarships for TEEA members
- Alumnae Scholarships**
The number of scholarships and the amount are dependent on funds available each year
- Education & Training**
- Education Committees**
\$500 each for 4 Education Committee Programs presented at State Conference
- Fall Board Meeting**
Expenses for travel, meals, lodging, and printing for board meetings (includes expenses for Extension Advisor)

Spring Board Meeting
Same as the Fall Board Meeting

The Messenger
Funds to print and mail *The Messenger* to all members (includes editor's expenses)

Legal & Administrative

Conciliation/Tax Preparation

Fee for annual reconciliation and tax preparation

Treasurer's Operational Support

Funds to cover operational expenses

District Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

Liability coverage for directors and officers

Parliamentarian

Expenses for parliamentarian at State Conference and Fall & Spring Board Meetings (if attended)

Office Supplies, Postage and Printing

Funds to purchase office supplies, postage and printing

Treasurer's/Messenger Editor's Bonds

Cost for these two positions to be bonded

President's Discretionary Fund

State President's discretionary account to offset unanticipated expenses

Printing

Funds to pay for printing TEEA manual, Bylaws, and other organizational printing

Other Board Expenses

\$125 each for 1st Vice President for Leadership, 2nd Vice President for Programs, Secretary and President-Elect

State Board Equipment

Funds from the Board's Silent Auction used to purchase equipment needed by the State Board to do TEEA business, to replace broken or outdated equipment as needed.

IN MEMORY

Louise Faught Mahaffey - Vernon - Wilbarger Co. - D3
Willie Mae Lavergne - Port Arthur - Jefferson Co. - D9
Dorothy Cornehl - Fredericksburg - Gillespie Co. - D10
Verlien Kolwes - Bellville - Austin Co. - D11

*“When was the last time you really let go?
The last time you were surprisingly silly or belly
laughed so hard your stomach muscles hurt?
Life doesn't have to be so serious, does it?
Please, love, be goofy.
Be weird.
It keeps you young.
Keeps your jaw loose.
Gives the folks around you yet,
one more reason to smile big.
It's time to let your joy out of its cage.”*
~ Becky Vollmer

DISTRICT 1

HAPPY HOMES EEA CLUB NEWS

Lisa Pipkin

Our first meeting in February, members made 75 "Butterfly Snack Bags" with Valentine cards for the Hansford Manor residents. It sure made their day special.

Myrna Biggers & Audrey Jarvis presented a TEEA State program "A Good Night Rest is Best." They also served wonderful foods related to sleep and explained how it would help one get a good nights sleep.

Deloris Guthrie made a blanket/rug mat from used plastic bags from Wal-Mart and Dollar General which was designed for the homeless. She got her information from a TEEA State Program.

In March Andrea Woolley gave the program on "30 Mom hacks that you really do wish you had known sooner, and "Bet you didn't know these 10 things about St. Patrick and Ireland." All members wore green clothing to celebrate St. Patrick's day.

Fran Duncan presented a program on how to make a housefly and other flying bug catchers out of recycled plastic bottles.

For our March 3rd meeting, Lisa Pipkin presented a program on "Jewels on the Go." This is a special drawstring bag you carry your jewelry in while traveling or to store your special jewelry. (girl in red shirt)

Becky Stedje gave a very special program in March on "How to harvest and preserve your herbs." She handed out helpful information, and a herb plant to start in our garden.

Happy Homes had 23 wonderful Cultural Art items for the Spring Conference in Amarillo. They received six Blue ribbons and these will advance to the TEEA STATE Conference in September at Abilene.

Rosetta Barrera won the Texas Treasure Award, and Andrea Woolley won the Texas Leadership Award at the Spring Conference. Happy Homes club was very proud of these club ladies!!

Hansford County won the Traveling Trophy at the 2018 Spring Conference



Rosabelle Leal, District 1 Director presents Rosetta Barrera with the District Treasure Award.



Rosabelle Leal, District 1 Director presents Andrea Woolley District Leadership Award.

Hansford County EEA won the 2018 Traveling Trophy at the 2018 Spring Conference.

Andrea Woolley presented a program in May on "How to clean your washing machine." Members joined in saying that the vinegar also cleans dishwashers, coffee pots, and especially windows.

Members celebrated their May meeting by going to Margarita's Steakhouse in Perryton to enjoy fellowship and celebrate birthdays.

DISTRICT 1 AWARDS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

Rosabelle Leal, District 1 Director, awarded Kaleigh Meador of Potter County 4-H a \$1,000 scholarship from the District. Congratulations Kaleigh!



Pictured above is three generations of the Meador family in TEEA; Jan Meador of Dallam EEA; Kaleigh Meador future TEEA member and a member of Potter County 4-H and Jordan Meador of Dallam EEA. Jordan was our speaker for the conference. She is a past District 1 and State TEEA Scholarship recipient. She spoke about how TEEA and 4-H has been the backbone of her education and career. She is a probation officer in Midland County. Jordan has been a TEEA member for eight years.

GOLDEN SPREAD QUILTERS NEWS

Sylvia Jordan

Golden Spread Quilters (GSQ) are alive and well in the Panhandle of Texas. Speaking of wellness, Sylvia Jordan gave the club a presentation about repetitive strain injury and tips on how to avoid strain in general. The presentation was called Happy Body Happy Quilting. Be aware that long hours of sitting or doing any activity without proper posture or some kind of stretching or movement may cause strain and pain. Be happy and stay that way in all you do. Motion is Lotion.

We have been learning some new skills at our Saturday Sew Days. Dee Ann Adams, Country Store Quilt Shop in Lovington New Mexico, gave a program on Fabric Art Collage. Since it was February, we all covered a large heart with beautiful flowers, butterflies and leaves. We then quilted our creations to make a wall hanging. Each one was unique.

Janice Hathaway taught us how to make a tote bag. A friend had given her some fabric she brought back from Africa. These bright exciting prints were used

for our tote bags. They are both useful and beautiful.



In April we participated in the Ogallala Quilt Festival in Dimmitt, Texas. This wonderful event brings in over 300 quilts. There are trunk shows as well as the Hoffman Challenge Quilts. Our club supports and volunteers at this event each year. If you have never attended mark your calendar for April 4-6, 2019.

Also in April, the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon invited our GSQ Club to help tell the story of quilting. Jodi Thomas, a local author, has finished a new book. The story line includes quilts, so to kick off her new book they invited us to bring a quilt and tell the story about the quilt to people as they browsed the museum. Jodi Thomas gave a brief talk and each quilter told about her quilt at the close of the program. What a privilege to tell the history of our quilts and assure those who attended that the art of quilting is still around today.

One of our members, Sally Quiroz, had some left over orphan quilt blocks. She decided to make a quilt block gallery of all the quilts she has made over the years. She will frame each block and attaching the history of the quilt on the back. She decided to use different sizes of embroidery hoops, painting the hoops to match the quilt block.



Amy Wagner, our Extension Agent, gave us a brief history about Barn Quilt Trails. Then we each selected a quilt block pattern and instead of sewing we painted the block onto prepared ply wood. Some were 12" square others 24" square. We had a

great time of food, fellowship and painting.



Our Star Block project is heading for the finish line. So far, 10 Star blocks have been completed for our Quilt of Valor donation. It has been interesting to hear the history or story behind each star block. Thank you, Chris Edler, for this wonderful project.

Dawn Barker of Chasing Rabbits Fibers gave a program all about yarn. She brought several varieties of yarn and talked about the process of dying and spinning yarn. She also brought several shawls and sweaters she made from her own yarns. She was so generous to share her expertise and skills with us.



In May we voted on a new slate of officers for 2019. Diane Donnell will be our new president, Vickie Nelson our Vice President, Sylvia Jordan our Secretary, Judy Gannon our Treasurer and Marci Grabber as County Delegate. We are excited for the up-coming new year for Golden Spread Quilters. Come and join us if you ever get the chance. You are welcome.

D I S T R I C T 2
HOCKLEY COUNTY NEWS

GailTurnipseed
The District 2 Convention was held at the Bayer Agriculture Museum in Lubbock, on March 22. It was well attended from Hockley County. We had 15 members and our County FCH Agent, Marsha Blair in attendance. It was a very good meeting. Members took a

picture in front of an old red tractor.



L-R Front: Carla Ayres, Kathy Ward, Sharon Robertson, Tommy Hopkins, JoAn Gilley, Toni Kirkland, Tina O'Conner, Wynelle Donnell. Back: Marsha Blair-County FCH Agent, Nancy Reeves, Genell Ward, Crystal Riggins, Jimmie Dooley, Gail Turnipseed, Lera Wilson, and Kaye Brown.

April 12 was our Spring Fling that includes both clubs in Hockley County; Moonlighters in Levelland and Ropes EEA clubs. Andy Crocker, Extension Program Specialist III from Amarillo, presented a great program on sleep and gave many good ideas. He is always very interesting.

Margaret Allen from Whiteface gave us a wonderful program on things she does with gourds. She brought several to show us what she does with them. It made everyone want to find a gourd and do something with it. Marsha Blair, FCH Agent and 18 members attended.

The Levelland Moonlighters met for lunch May 3, and then toured an exhibit at South Plains College in Levelland.

D I S T R I C T 3
MONTAGUE COUNTY NEWS

Kathy McPeters
Bowie TEEA had a busy March as several members traveled to Haskell for the District 3 Spring Conference. We were delighted to showcase the talents of our members in the Cultural Arts Competition and bring home six blue ribbons:

Robin Boling—paper craft, Lois Neese—traditional scrapbook, Mary Whatley—small hand quilted quilt, Mary Whatley/Donna Roth—quilt made by more than one member, Mary Whatley—holiday decoration and Robin Boling—miscellaneous. Additionally, Jo McDonald was recognized for her 25-year TEEA membership. Our club has been honored to have Jo serve in a variety of offices at both the

club and county level. Jo McDonald donates time and energy to our organization and we appreciate her!



Jo McDonald receives her 25-year certificate from District Director, Barbara Sandlin-Sampson

Earlier that month, Beth Hiatt, Librarian of the Bowie Public Library, highlighted the services that the library brings to the community. Our club is fortunate to have access to the meeting room and grateful for this community asset.

In April, members toured Fenoglio Boot Company and Nokona Ballglove in Nocona. The Fenoglio Boot Company was formed in 2001 and makes high quality cowboy boots in a variety of leathers. Established over 80 years ago, Nokona Ballgloves remain the only American made baseball and softball gloves. Members saw the traditional craftsmanship used in both manufacturers that produce high quality leather products.



Members Carla Whitaker, Julie Browning, Jacque Hensell, Jo McDonald, Lois Neese, Mary Lynn Guedry along with Agri-Life Agent Melanie Potter and guest Janet Nabours tour Fenoglio Boot Company and Nokona Ballgloves



In May, guest speaker and artist Larry Lemons took members on a visual journey through his multi-faceted career. Mr. Lemons had 27 years as a photographer, receiving national recognition as a Master Craftsmen Photographer before he pursued his true passion for oil paints. Known for his whimsical Texas themed paintings, Mr. Lemons also found time to teach in both public schools and private settings. Everyone looks forward to his latest endeavor—rock-n-roll star!

PARKER COUNTY NEWS

Frances Lilley

Country Crossroads Club of Parker County Texas Extension Education met Thursday, March 15, to assemble baskets and boxes of cookies, fruit, and snacks for county first responders. Ambulance personnel seemed delighted to receive the treats and recognition for their 24/7 readiness and service to county residents. Kim Smith is president of Country Crossroads and thanked the ambulance responders. Member Shirley Riebe led the group in prayer of thanks for these 55 first ambulance responders and for God's protection of them.



COUNTRY CROSSROADS EEC - PARKER COUNTY

Frances Lilley

Country Crossroads Club of Parker County toured Options Clinic for their April meeting. Members donated a check and handmade fabric baby care items to the Clinic. Club president Kim Smith was hostess to the group in her home prior to the Options Clinic visit.



PARKER COUNTY NEWS

Cita Honeycutt

On February 27, the Parker County Extension Education Association held their annual Recognition Tea to honor their outstanding member for 2018. Julia Moseley from the Springtown EE Club was elected.



Pictured R to L: Julia Moseley, Cita Honeycutt, Joyce Dickerson, Jimmie Anderson, Ellen Carpenter, Margaret Avery, Pat Litsey, Ola Culwell, Wanda Lacey, Linda Whitaker.

GREENWOOD EE CLUB NEWS

Bobbie Ashley

At our February meeting, we held an installation of 2018-2019 officers; Joyce Enis, vice president and Linda Hood, treasurer. Selective Cultural Arts were shown in preparation for the Spring District meeting.

Marilynn Collins and Gerry Galloway showed us the box of Texas potholders they had made for the National FCH Agents meeting. Marilyn also showed the quilt she is preparing for a raffle at the Fall Festival. Many plans are being made for the Fall Festival.

The scholarship committee met and chose Lauren Luttrell to receive our 2018 scholarship. Congratulations Lauren and good luck in the future.

Joyce Ennis presented the "A Good Night's Rest" program from the 2017 State Meeting. Bobbie Ashley participated in the "Walk Across Texas" program and coaxed some members to join her team.

In March, Tanya Davis, FCH Agent, Dixie Rancg, Marilynn Collins, Linda Hood, Gerry Galloway and Bobbie Ashley attended the District 3 Spring Conference in Haskell. The District 3 Texas Leadership was awarded to Bobbie Ashley, Marilynn Collins, Gerry Galloway, May Haubold, Linda Hood, and Suzy Willford. Bobbie accepted the award for the group. It is now posted to

their honor wall at the Greenwood Fir Hall Community Room.



A few days later, the monthly club meeting was held with 11 members attending. Bobbie gave a report on the Spring Fling, and Suzy showed the knitted sweater she created and won a blue ribbon at the state conference. Joyce Ennis presented the program, "Plan for Your Aging Years." Bobbie reported that her team was third of twenty-one teams in "Walk Across Texas." She also came in fourth place in the number of miles walked and has participated in 20 of the 21 years they have had the program.

April was a busy month for all of us. Some of the members took a field trip to the Thomsen Foundation. Those attending were (pictured below): Carole Shafor, Dixie Range, Linda Hood, Ronnie Range, May Haubold, Dick Hodapp, Sharon Riels, Nancy Ennis, Suzy Willeford, Kevin Woods, Marilynn Collins, and Gerry Galloway.



Bobbie attended the graduation of her grand-daughter from Texas A&M Law School in Ft. Worth. In May our meeting was a week early due to the long holiday weekend. Joyce gave the program, "Who Do You Think You Are?" This really created some interesting conversations.

Delegates will be elected at the next meeting for the TEEA State Conference which will be held in September in Abilene.

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.

DISTRICT 4 SPRING MEETING

Shirley Pierce

District 4 held its Spring Conference and Cultural Arts event at the AgriLife Center in Mt. Pleasant on April 10, 11. The theme for Event was "Get on Board with EEA." Rains County had decorated the tables with trains mad out of craft foam. District 4 Director, Angela Pierce called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The speakers were the Pleasant Hill Quilters from Linden. They were dressed as slaves would have been before and after the Civil War. They showed us the quilt blocks that were used to direct the runaway railroad from their plantations to safety in the North. They explained the meaning of each block in words and song. It was a very interesting and informative program. There was a question and answer period after the program.

Lunch was served after the program. While the meal was being set up, Daniel Kurtenbach the III, who is our winner of the Maxine Guffey Memorial Scholarship, thanked us for the scholarship and told us what his plans were for college. He will also receive one of the state scholarships. His mother accompanied him to our meeting. He is from Dallas County.

After lunch Angela resumed the meeting. The Kay Chastain Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jason Mayfield from Denton County. The credentials report was given. Since Kaye Pressley was recovering from surgery, a tentative treasurer's report was given. While our meeting was being conducted, two agents judged the Cultural Arts entries.

As a stretcher, we all stood and went around the room like a choo-choo train. As we did this several ladies collected Coins for Friendship and Dollars for Scholars. The Coins collected was \$127.84 and Dollars was \$54.02.

The tickets for the raffle items were drawn and given to the winners. The amount raised was \$197.00. Before the meeting was adjourned, door prizes were given out.

On April 11, we had a short business meeting. Since there was no adult scholarship applicant this year and we have the funds, it was decided that we would award another 4-H scholarship to a third person who entered a record book. This one time scholarship went to Kolby Cupps of Bowie County.

Several counties did demonstrations and gave instructions for the demonstrations. These were very interesting and several expressed interest in doing them in their counties. We had two workshops that day. One was making a pumpkin out of jumbo sticks and the other was making a wreath out of coffee filters and a cardboard circle. Cook County led everyone in doing both workshops.

Lunch was served. Both noon meals and morning refreshments were very delicious. The counties hosting both days did a wonderful job. Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Before the auction began, the winners of the Cultural Arts were announced. Clara asked us to vote for People's Choice before the items were collected.

Angela and the ladies from Cooke County auctioned off the items. The meeting was adjourned and Angela wished everyone a safe trip home.

HUNT COUNTY EEA NEWS

Judy Clingan

Hunt County has had a busy spring. The members enjoyed Spring Conference in Mt. Pleasant. The return the next day was Creative Arts entries for the Hunt County Fair. Many hours were spent for set up and then seven days of fair left some tired extension workers. Hunt County also had a very special celebration in April. A long time member, Mary White, celebrated her 98th birthday. We surprised her with a party at our association meeting.

Everyone is looking forward to summer break, but planning a game day in July with games, fellowship, and food. We are planning craft days during the summer. We have yearbook planning coming in June and are looking forward to receiving our new yearbooks. Our State Conference is causing a lot of anticipation for a great time in Abilene. Some are on the lookout for boots and comfortable western clothes.

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DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

Elaine Jackson

As of this writing, I have been to two state board meetings as District 5 Director. What an experience to be in a meeting with so many years of TEEA experience. There is so much to learn and there is lots of help from those who have been before me. We all make mistakes and I for one do at times need help from those with more experience. If there is a problem that you do not understand, first check the TEEA manual. If that doesn't solve your problem, the State Board recommends starting at the club level, moving to the county chair, then the District Director before calling a state board member. We are all here to help, but the chain of command was put into place for a purpose.

Our district will not finish with Cultural Arts judging until mid-July. We will then be looking forward to the judging at the State Conference in September, hopeful to bring back winners to our district. It is with great pleasure that I announce our district 4-H scholarship winners. We were able to increase our scholarships beginning this year from \$1000 to \$1250 for 1st place and from \$500 to \$750 for 2nd place.



Luke Kindle, first place 4-H scholarship winner, Wood County; Justin Jones, second place 4-H scholarship winner, Henderson County was unable to attend.

Our district has a new club in Shelby county named "Women On the Go". They are made up of mostly working women who are meeting monthly from noon

Till 1:00 p.m. We are hoping that more counties will follow suit in establishing noontime clubs enrolling working women interested in TEEA. Although most of our counties had new members, Upshur County enrolled the most new members with 15. Way to go District 5 members.

SMITH COUNTY AGENT RETIRES

Joyce Morrow

CEA-FCS agent, Patrice Dunaagin was honored at a retirement party hosted by Smith EE members and office staff on April 30. The event was attended by agents from surrounding counties, local dignitaries, friends and her family. Refreshments and a beautiful cake was enjoyed by all. She has been a great asset to our county and organization and will be missed.



SHELBY COUNTY WELCOMES NEW CLUB

Ellen Manning



Jenny Salter is serving herself to the Fajita meal prepared by Michele Clark for the Women on the Go Extension Education Club recently organized by Jherri-Lynn McSwain FCS Agent and EEA members in Shelby County. This club meets for an hour over the noon time and serves a nutritious meal along with lessons on how to save time in the kitchen or how to use new time saving kitchen equipment or how to shop wisely. Elaine Jackson, District 5 Director, came to one of the meetings. Our existing club continues to meet and our members choose to attend one

or both of the meetings. The meeting room is in the new Shelby County Extension office that was once the library for one of the grade schools. That fact brings on a lot of stories of memories of school days in the 40's and 50's.

DISTRICT 7 NEWS

Polly Krenek

The District 7 Spring Conference and Retreat was held on March 20, 21 at the State 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. The theme of the conference and retreat was "Spring Has Sprung, Put On Your Apron and Let's Have Some Fun!" The host counties were Coleman and Irion.

Three District 7 EE clubs were recognized for their years of service as a club. Twenty members from five different counties were recognized for their many years of service. These clubs and members are a testament to the great friendships, wonderful programs and family values that are reflected in our TEEA organization. The District 7 Leadership award winner, Amy Parke of Burnet County and the Texas Treasure award winner, Joyce Edwards of Burnet County were recognized for their accomplishments.

The District 7 Scholarship winner, Jessica Castleberry, has been in the 4-H for 10 years and is a senior at Ballinger High School in Runnels County. Jessica will be graduating in May and told the ladies she is enrolled in Angelo State University and majoring in Kinesiology with a Biology Minor. She hopes to become a Physical Therapist after she graduates



Polly Krenek, District 7 Director and Jessica Castleberry.

Cassie Shultz, Coleman County Chair, presented a program on the "History of Aprons". Cassie did all the research and visited antique stores and shops to purchase vintage aprons to use in the presentation. She had members modeling the aprons highlighting the various stages of the history as she presented the program. On Wednesday, there was an Apron Fashion Show with members modeling their homemade aprons. The Judges, FCH Extension Agents, had a difficult time picking the top 3 aprons to receive the money prizes.



L to R: Siddonia Umphres, third place - Lampasas; Carolyn Smith, second place - Burnet; and Arlene Wingo, first place - Lampasas

The 2018 State Conference was discussed, including the areas we need volunteers to help plan and work. There were five counties who volunteered to provide baskets for the Country Store. It was decided that District 7 would furnish 25 gift cards for door prizes. All the members have been very helpful and willing to volunteer making items and working shifts in the Country Store.

Joyce Aiken, Irion EE Club member, and a motivational speaker, presented the program "Don't Miss It! Bring a Friend". It was a very interesting and inspiring program.



There were 102 total entries in the Cultural Arts District competition and only two categories that did not have an entry. The lady who won the Best of Show and Peoples' Choice Award, this was her first quilt she had ever made and the first contest she had ever entered. She was from Irion County.

Brenda Camp, President of the Honey Bee EE Club of Taylor County, demonstrated how to make the Crocheted Plastic Bag Mats. It was very helpful for anyone who wanted to make them. Brenda explained how to cut them and tie them together to form one long chain.

Upcoming events for District 7 will be the Fall Conference on November 14, hosted by Llano County. Lampasas and Jones Counties will be the hosts for the 2019 Spring Conference in March.

LAMPASAS COUNTY NEWS

Arlene Wingo

Our year started out on a note of sadness with the passing of one of our most beloved members, Pat Clepper, on January 27.

In February, Burnet County hosted their annual four state programs and most of our members were able to attend. They always outdo themselves with the lunch they serve and the quality of speakers they provide. Many thanks, Burnet ladies.

The program for our March meeting was entitled "Silver Sneakers" in which HUMANA is providing an incentive for us older ladies to do some regular exercising.

The highlight of March was the District's Spring Conference/Retreat. Siddonia Umphres, Arlene Wingo and agent, Karen DeZarn attended and were glad they did. The programs were great. One quote from a very talented speaker, Joyce Aiken, was: "I'd rather wear out than rust out." The "History of Aprons" was informative and Arlene and Siddonia were shocked and thrilled to walk away with first and third place in the apron contest. A demonstration on "Crochet Plastic Bag Mats", by Brenda Camp, was well received. Next year we will co-host the retreat with Jones County. The theme will be "Earth, Wind,

and Fire".

April was a busy month beginning with a program on service dogs by Karen. We participated in 'Bloomin' Fest on the square and nearly froze to death, but did manage to do pretty well at our booth. Lampasas office secretary, Becca Dishman, Siddonia and Arlene helped with Dinner Tonight on April 12 in Burnet. A council meeting was held on the April 24 to lay out plans for our up-coming County Fair to be held in conjunction with the Lampasas Spring Ho Festival on July 11-13. Lake Victor EE Club invited us to their "Spring Flowers" annual lunch and learn program held April 26. Twelve of us thoroughly enjoyed the outing and the program on plants. We all took canned foods to share with their local food bank.



Seated L-R Arlene Wingo, Siddonia Umphres, Elva Walker, Dorcas Wilson. Standing: Charlene Cockrell, Cheryl Luker, Louise Barefoot, Rene' Alter, Lucinda Flores, Shirley Beyer, Gloria Morris and Marilyn May

District 7 will be hosting the country store this year at the state conference to be held in Abilene. We are looking forward to participating and bringing extra Texas shaped potholders to sell! Also, we will bring a basket full of goodies for the raffle. Hope to see everyone there.

REDBUD/OAKALLA NEWS

Roberta Eacott

The Redbud Oakalla EE Club met at the Oakalla Volunteer Fire Department to learn more about all the great things these volunteer women and men do for their community.



IRION COUNTY EE CLUB SPRING STYLE SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Becky Lou Tankersley

The purpose is to generate money for Irion County graduating seniors through ticket sales to the event and our silent auction items. Door prizes are provided for guests from club members and local businesses. Style show fashions are provided by Hargraves and Debbie's Mertzson Mall. Hargraves is a local iconic clothing store which has been a part of downtown Mertzson's history. And Debbie's is a fun eclectic resale shop which her mom Dorothy Hamilton began years ago at the edge of town on Highway 67. Shopping at Hargraves after the style show is always a highlight for the ladies.



Seated at the table are: Helen Cross, Jean Langford (Coleman County), Marianne Ray, Martha Crawford and Jacqueline Jenkins (Runnels County). Guess who just won a door prize. We have so many door prizes, most attendees leave with something.

A girls luncheon hosted by Irion County EE Club was created for the purpose of bringing girls together to combat bullying and to foster respect and character building. It began as a tea party and has evolved into a luncheon. Our 2018 even hosted 80 individuals, including school officials. The event is hosted at the home of a club member, with all members bringing a wide variety of delicious dishes for guests to enjoy



JONES COUNTY NEWS

Donna Morgan

Hello from all the members of the Anson Sunshine Club and

the Compere Club members. Together, we are the Jones County Extension Education Association (Jones EEA). Agent Kim Miles, (CEA-FCS) serves as Advisor to both clubs and to the Jones EEA Council.

Jones EEA members participated in several programs and activities this spring and continue to stay active into the summer. Additionally, three men (husbands of members) joined the Sunshine Club, and though they don't attend regular meetings, they are welcomed helpers during events and fundraisers. Following are highlights of recent events and upcoming activities. **2018 District 7 Spring Conference and Retreat** – We joined many other TEEA members for a fun "Spring Has Sprung" conference held at the Brownwood 4-H Conference Center in March. "Put on Your Apron" themed festivities included a fashion show and presentations about different styles of aprons and how people used them throughout history. Who knew that these beautiful new and vintage aprons would have such an interesting background! District officers and delegates conducted a productive afternoon business meeting and then everyone enjoyed the cultural arts exhibits, auction, and a delicious supper and fellowship.



Pictured L to R: Donna Morgan, Kim Miles, Barbara Shaw, Billie Wise, Carla Vest, Debbie Hailey, Kay Spears.

2018 TEEA State Conference - We eagerly look forward to participating in the TEEA State Conference to be held at the Abilene Convention Center this September. Members from Districts 6 and 7 are hosting this year. Jones EEA members will be assisting with Cultural Arts exhibits, and helping run the Country Store.

2018 Jones County Fair – Also taking place in September is the annual County Fair.

Jones EEA members contribute time and talent toward the

success of the Home & Garden Division exhibits entered by young and old in the Jones County area. We are already diligently planning for the H & G exhibits to be one of the best yet.

2917 AgriLife FCH Agents National Conference - The national conference will be held in beautiful San Antonio in September. Along with all Texas EEA Clubs, we are helping our FCH Agents by making Texas themed potholders shaped like our great state to be given as a gift at this huge conference. We organized a sewing assembly line. We had a lot of fun and we enjoyed bringing ingredients to throw into a big pot of soup that was yummy to eat after our labor of love. A section of the sewing assembly line is pictured below.



We welcome women and men from the Jones County area to join TEEA. **Sunshine Club** meets at noon on the 3rd Thursday of each month. **Compere Club** meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The combined **Jones EEA Council** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Board members serving on the Jones EEA Council are: Carla Vest, Council Chair; Donna Morgan, Co-Chair; Debbie Hailey, Council Treasurer; and Barbara Shaw Council Secretary. Additionally, Debbie Hailey

REDBUD/OAKALLA NEWS

Roberta Eacott
Redbud Oakalla EE Club members met on January 15 to construct Texas Potholders. Thirty six potholders were completed.



TAYLOR COUNTY EEA NEWS

Margie Wheeler

Taylor County EEA Clubs have been busy this spring. Members of both clubs; Sunshine and Honey Bees attended the Spring Conference/Retreat in March at the 4-H Center. Jane Rowan, FCH Agent gave programs to both clubs in March. The Honey Bees held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lawn for preschoolers, pre-K and kindergarten classes at Jim Ned Elementary. In April, Pat Hart, Master Gardner, presented a program postponed from January. In May, Honey Bees made a trip to the "Hug a Root Farmer" for a program by Farmer Josh and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Sunshine has had a program on Hospice, scams, identity theft, and fraud by Margie Wheeler, Honey Bee member. Club members are busy preparing for the State TEEA Conference to be held in Abilene.

In addition, Honey Bees members have made 100 Texas pot holders for the special project to assist the Extension Agents for their national meeting to be held in San Antonio in September. Each member attending the conference will receive a Texas shaped potholder with a tag on the back that states "Custom Made for You by (TEEA) Texas Extension Education Association." Sunshine members have also contributed to this project.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Abilene.

BURNET COUNTY NEWS

Roberta Eacott

Burnet County EEA held a reception on May 22 to honor our scholarship recipient, David Frost of the Bertram 4-H Club. Pictured is Lynda French, County Chair presenting David with his certificate.



David has been involved in photography, public speaking, and share the fun, just to name a few of the projects he has participated in. He has served on the County 4-H Council as a delegate and officer for several years as well as attending State 4-H Round-Up several years with his projects. He is very involved with his club in volunteer work all over Burnet County. We are very proud of David's accomplishments and know he will do well in his college endeavors at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Congratulations David and good luck in the future.



Pictured with David and Lynda are Burnet County Agents, Linda Wells, FCH and Kelly Tarla, Ag/NR.

COLEMAN COUNTY GOOD NEIGHBOR CLUB NEWS

Dora Newman

District 7 Spring Conference -Retreat Planning Session of Hosts Coleman and Irion Counties - This was held in San Angelo January 31. District Director Polly Krenek presided over the session with 11 Irion County Club members and 5 Coleman County club members in attendance. J Ann Lange and Cassie Shultz were the TEEA county chairmen involved.

Good Neighbor Members Wearing Aprons at District 7 Spring Conference - Pictured are Good Neighbor CEEA members wearing aprons: (right to left): CEEA-FCH Agent Janet Nelson, Glynda Phillips, Helen Cross, Sherry Anderson, Jean Langford, and Cassie Shultz at the District 7 Spring Conference - Retreat March 20-21 at Lake Brownwood 4-H Conference Center.



The club hosted the event along with Irion County members. Theme was "Spring Has Sprung. Put On Your Apron and Let's Have Some Fun!" All attending the sessions were encouraged to wear aprons. Aprons of all types were used for decorations. Cassie Shultz presented the program "The History of Aprons" and displayed vintage aprons on the first day. On the last day she coordinated and served as commentator for the Apron Fashion Show.

Irion County Fashion Show and Luncheon - Attending this event on April 19 were Helen Cross and Jean Langford from Coleman County Good Neighbor Club. They are pictured here with Jackie Jenkins, Mary Ann Ray, and Martha Crawford from Runnels County.



Fun Day to Lampasas - Good Neighbor Club Members traveled to Lampasas for a Fun Day outing May 15. The group had fun looking at murals, Hancock Springs, the sculpture garden at Hanna Springs, the World's Largest Spur and eating at Eve's Cafe (German). On the way home, a stop was made at Pecans.com in Goldthwaite.

BROWN COUNTY NEWS

Dale Henderson

October started the new year for all Brown County EE Clubs; May, McDaniel, and Owens. Members representing the three clubs attended the Commissioners Court to request that TEEA Week be declared.

Owens held their annual fundraiser bake sale, garage sale and barbecue sandwich lunch.

County Achievement Day was held on October 24, followed by the Teach & Learn programs from the State Conference. It was open to the public, as well as club members, which was held at the Early Chamber meeting room.

The theme for Achievement Day was "Western". Club members and council members. Lunch was various soups and stews. The club ladies provided desserts.

In December, the May Club hosted the County Christmas party. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all attending.

January was busy with many members volunteering at the Brown County Youth Fair.

February, the Hobby and Craft Fair was held at the Adam Street Community Center. We had a lot of entries from the public this year.

March was very busy. The County Stuffed Spud Sale and the Spring Conference was held at the State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. The stuffed spud sale was a huge success this year, with over 600 potatoes were sold. A portion of the money raised helps fund our 4-H scholarships.

Owens had their annual Easter Party that is always held at Mrs. Ila Edgar's home. Members always look forward to this time of year, as it is a lot of fun.

Our FCH Agent, Courtney Parrott has presented her very informative programs to each club. Misty Fugua, secretary at the AgriLife Extension Office, is always on hand when we need anything. Loads of thanks to Courtney and Misty.

On May 24, Joann White, TEEA Council Chair and Dale Henderson, Owens EE president and reporter, presented scholarships to four very deserving 4-H Seniors for all their hard work.



Receiving scholarships were: Lauren Carroll, Luke Carroll, and Hannah Hull of Bangs 4-H and Tara Glasscock of Early 4-H. Congratulations! Pictured with the 4-Hers are Dale Henderson, president of Owens EEC and Joann White, TEEA County Council Chair.

We're always proud when the students enter record books. Two record books were entered this time. All of the club ladies enjoy volunteering to read, stating that this was their favorite volunteer duty.

DISTRICT 8

BELL EEA'S 13TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Polly Elizondo
Bell Extension Education Association's 13th Annual Luncheon with Style was held March 17 at the Bell County Expo Center. The theme this year was St. Patrick's Day. Each table was decorated with green bottles with clear lights inside; placed on gold stars and green felt four clover cut outs with green confetti scattered around. Each attendee received a bookmark containing a traditional Irish blessing as a keepsake of the day. Entertainment was provided by LaRon Tubb, keyboardist, while lunch was served. The featured entertainment was the Hill Country Plunettes, a Ladies' Drill Team, from the Burnet County area. The Plunettes are a group of caring women who meet and enjoy each other's fellowship and have fun serving the community. The Plunettes wear colorful red, white and blue costumes and feature patriotic music, as well as Texas theme music, while they march. The audience reacted with applause and smiles and sang along with many of the songs.

Lunch of a stuffed baked potato, green salad, fruit and cookies was served. Fashions were furnished by the Cato store in Belton and were modeled by members of the Bell EEA, family and friends. Each model wore two fashions; one more dressy and one casual.



Christine Pickett wearing a beautiful, fun fashion from Cato.

One of the most enjoyable part of the event is always the presentation of fashions that were constructed and modeled by Bell County 4-H members who entered their items in the

Bell County Youth Fair in February.



Grace Pohl, 4-H member of Tigertown club wearing her original fashion inspired by Christian Dior's 1947 collection."

Multiple door prizes were distributed. Thank you to the local businesses for your generation door prize donations. A beautiful hand-made quilt constructed by Gayle Pomykal, Bell EEA Chairman, was awarded to a lucky ticket holder. Money collected for the quilt goes directly to scholarships for 4-H graduating seniors. This year's scholarship recipients were Wesley Ide, Erin Steglich and Kristen Heisch.



4-H Scholarship winners L-R: Erin Steglich; Chad Ide (father of Wesley Ide); Kristin Heisch.

If you came to our Luncheon with Style, we thank you for attending and hope to see you next year. If you did not attend this year, we invite you to join us next year for lunch, enjoy beautiful fashions, fun entertainment and help us support the 4-H youth of Bell County.

BELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Bell Extension Education supports Camp Funshine by creating hand made puppies for summer camp participants. Each camper is given a puppy as a souvenir. Camp Funshine was held May 22-25 for adult Bell County residents who are physically and mentally challenged. The annual camp was held at Wilson Park Recreation Center

with an average of 300 attendees. Pictured are members of Tanglefoot EE Club back row from left, Polly Elizondo, Joe Ann Smith, Doris Severson, Joy Scott and front row Ashley Severson and Lora Blacklock.



EASTLAND COUNTY NEWS

Millie Barrow

Eastland County Morton Valley EE CLUB member Janis Keith cleaning the glass in the 4-H Trophy Cabinet located in the Courthouse.



Cyndee Groce and Janis Keith cleaning 4-H trophies on display.



ERATH COUNTY FCH AGENT RETIRES

Doris Threadgill

After 22 years in 4-H and Extension, Donna White retired in February. She has been instrumental in starting the Dinner Tonight! Cooking School in 2012 and has been involved with coordinating the Youth Fair at the Junior Livestock Show of Erath County, real world simulations in schools, cooking competitions,

and food and sewing camps. White states that spending more time with her family; her mom, grandkids, daughters, husband and pets are taking priority for the future.

The EEA Clubs in the county honored her with a party and presented her with a signature quilt from the members. The members all wish her well, but know she will be missed.



ERATH COUNTY EEA NEWS

Doris Threadgill

Erath County EEA finished out 2017 with a Christmas party in Granbury. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended.



With the start of the new year, the 2017 officers are shown at their retirement as the 2018 officers were installed by Donna White, County FCH Agent.



Officers for 2018 are Bonnie Wolfe, Chair; Reta Wills, Vice Chair; Beth Miles, Secretary; Carolyn Hays, Treasurer. Donna White FCH Agent is shown installing the new officers.



MCLENNAN EEA NEWS

Betty Hubbard

The McLennan EE Association met on May 10 for our annual County Retreat. Betty Hubbard, association chair, called the meeting to order. After the Creed and Prayer, Eunice Dick of the Woodway Club, led a fun opening of naming a flower for each letter of the alphabet. There really are some with the letters Q, U and X. During the business session, Eunice Dick and Betty Hubbard were elected delegates to the State TEEA Conference in September. Fundraisers at Panda Express and Christmas in the Country in Lorena were approved. Agent Colleen Foleen gave an informative program on Homemade Cleaning Products. Betty Hubbard introduced a relaxing activity – Adult Coloring.

This is the meeting we present the 4-H Scholarship winner from either Falls or McLennan County. This year the recipient of a \$300 scholarship was Kyndal Sligh. Kyndal is a 5 year member of the Heart of Texas 4-H Club. Her major project is swine. She attended Lorena High School. She will attend Texas A&M. Her parents are Chase and Stacy Sligh.



The members and guests enjoyed a salad luncheon provided by club members.

MILAM COUNTY BRANCHVILLE EE CLUB NEWS

Rose Freeman

Branchville EEA Club meets Tuesday after the third Sunday, September through April. The meeting is held at the eldest member's home, Annie Terrell. She is the president, currently 90 years old, going on 91, and is active in all of the activities.



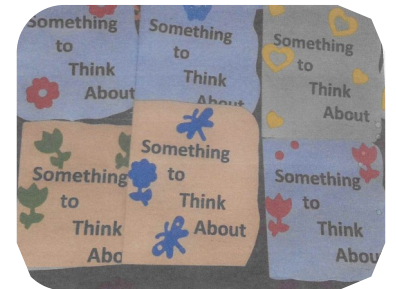
Back row L-R: Carolyn Taylor, Gloria Sullivan, Debra Konarik, Barbara Walko, Jackie Fields; Front row standing: Ellen Whitfield, Barbara Walker, Rosie Steamer, Betty Backhaus, Eula Holt, Mary Drone, Dorothy Guine. Sitting front: Brenda Young, Annie Terrell

The May meeting is held the first Monday in May and is a collaborative Milam County meeting with all 3 clubs meeting at Little River Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall in Branchville. There are at least three collaborative Milam County meeting a year, once at each location: Branchville EEA Club in Branchville, Friendly Progress EEA Club in Cameron and New Salem EEA Club in Rockdale. This is a time to build relationships, share ideas, plan tours and future events. The FCH agent for Milam County is Micah Holcombe.

During the May county meeting in Branchville, Milam County EEA Chairperson, Betty Backhaus, opened the meeting and took care of all of the business aspects. Then, the Branchville Club presented a program with all actively participating, singing, laughing, and moving around. Branchville's secretary / treasurer / council delegate, Barbara Walker, had everyone decorating a mini friendship bag with a flower or some other type of design on one side and an inspirational word on the other; hope, love, joy, etc. The decorating came after the designs and words were cut out. The bags were then filled with Hershey's Kisses. This was a Make and Take Activity.



Everyone was given a little decorated booklet made by the Branchville Club entitled "Something to Think About". Door prizes were given to everyone. Potluck dishes were brought from all clubs and everyone enjoyed a Potluck Luncheon.



Members of the Branchville Club have enjoyed many crafty projects this year. Barbara Walker has been very instrumental in teaching the members to make items to keep, as well as to share with others. Some of the items are beaded necklaces, beads on kerchiefs, decorated centerpieces with Hershey's Kisses and new EEA Tote bags with decorations on one side and first names on the other.



L-R: Ellen Whitfield and Rosetta Wesley



Branchville Club makes monetary donations, annually, to The Wounded Warriors Project and to The Ronald McDonald's House, as well as donate food to the Canned Food Drive Campaign in Milam County. The club sends monetary donations to ill members to let them know that they are loved and missed, in their absence. Club members visit and

hand out bags of toiletries, and snacks to clients in one of the Cameron Nursing Homes.

The Branchville EEA Club welcomes anyone from the Milam County Area to join TEEA. The Branchville Club meets at 10:00 A.M. on the Tuesday after the third Sunday, September - April, and the first Monday in May. The club is looking forward to the upcoming year and all that it has to offer!

HAMILTON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Linda Pledger

We are still delighting in moving our Spring Fling back to it's original venue. This year the speakers were excellent, food was fantastic and the fellowship was a delight.

HCEEA has presented three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Hamilton High School who plan to continue their education. Members of the board also participated in AgriLife Extension's Government Day in Hamilton County by feeding the teachers and AgriLife participants lunch. To date 28 potholders have been made to send to the state for the National FCH Agents Conference.

Word from our Pottsville Club is that all the state programs have been completed plus a program on Container Gardening, Collectible Buttons by Janice Conard from the Central Texas B&B Button Club in Temple and Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce and EDC talked about what is going on in Hamilton in which we can participate. Four \$500 scholarships have been given to graduating seniors. The Club will be having an Ice Cream Social in August to encourage new members. Work has already begun on planning a Holiday Market for November 10 at the Fair Grounds Pavilion. The Holiday Market will host a book sale by the Hamilton Library plus various other vendors just in time for holiday shopping.

Plans for the District 8 Day Retreat are well underway. There will be a program on Kitchen Gadgets and New Small Kitchen Appliances, crafts, Tai Chi, a Baked Potato Luncheon, entertainment and more. It will be at St. John's on Hwy. 22 in Hamilton, August 7. We would love to see you there.

Despite the heat in Central Texas the mission of Extension continues to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs and community service in Hamilton County.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Charlotte Watson

Members of Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, display the 207 breakfast bars and snack cookies they donated recently to the Backpack Buddy Program in Georgetown. Their donation was so large and appreciated that the bars were sent home the following week in kits filled by volunteers for several schools. The club has only ten members, but they are all very active participants in the club's monthly community projects. They reach out in numerous ways to help children and families in Georgetown.



NOONTIME HONORED AT DISTRICT 8 SPRING MEETING

Charlotte Watson

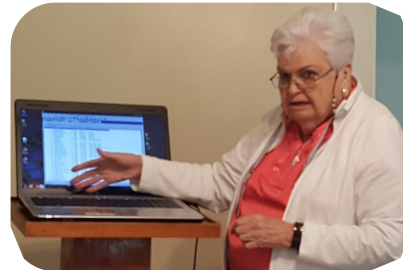
At the District 8 Spring Meeting, Noontime was recognized as a thirty-year EE Club. One charter member, Charlotte Watson, is still an active club member. Standing L to R are TEEA State President, Millie Barrow (who presented the award), Becky Lycan (Club President), Dedie Johnson, Peggy Blair and Nelda McCain. Other club members present were Mary Johnson, and Charlotte Watson (the photographer). Many women have been members of Noontime throughout the thirty years. All have worked hard to keep Noontime alive and actively involved in their community. Bravo, Noontime!!!



NOONTIME EE CLUB NEWS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club member, Mary Johnson recently presented an expanded program based on the Delegate Workshop she attended at the 2017 TEEA State Conference. Her program on genealogy had already been presented at the County-wide Educational Learning Day. She not only presented some of the printed material from the state workshop, but she also added much of her own personal genealogical research. She shared how to get started on researching your family and resources available. It was obvious that Mary has a passion for this subject matter and had done much research on her family tree.



Club members, Becky Lycan and Charlotte Watson also recently presented programs at the Noontime Club using information gleaned at the Non-delegate workshops at last year's convention. Those two programs were "Cleaning Green" and "Rice." Much discussion followed on the cleaning products recommended. On the Rice program, favorite recipes for cooking rice were shared as well as favorite non-edible uses of rice. Club member, Carola Meister taught a club program recently which included a risk assessment for older adults. A lively discussion followed her presentation as club members decided ways they could help themselves be safer and hopefully, keep from falling. Everyone has enjoyed the variety of educational programs this year at the Noontime Club meetings.

NOONTIME SERVES THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS

Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, is actively involved in service projects - completing a community project almost every month. Recently, they donated bottled water and sports drinks to the Georgetown Police Department in a community effort to

"Back the Blue." Noontime donated 56 bottles of waters and 70 Sports Drinks. The Police Department was very appreciative. Officers said they had never seen a community more supportive of the police force than Georgetown.

NOONTIME DONATES FOOD

Noontime Club members sit (and stand) holding donations they gave recently to The Caring Place in Georgetown. Their donations of cereals, peanut butter, canned meats and beans and assorted other foods totaled 34 pounds of food that will help feed many families who come to the community food bank to get enough foods to stretch their food dollars. This is an annual community project for Noontime in which they assist the families in their community to have a better way of life. The Caring Place was excited to get this much-needed donation.



NOONTIME EE CLUB MEMBER CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

Noontime EE Club members helped fellow club member Mary Johnson celebrate her 80th birthday recently. Seven additional Noontime club members (plus Reva Dowell, Sundowners Club) joined in singing and celebration this milestone birthday. In the picture Mary is sitting down and is surrounded by her EE club member friends. Happy Birthday, Mary!



EE CLUBS AND 4-H CLUBS TELL THEIR STORIES

Charlotte Watson

In the very large Sun City Retirement Community in Georgetown, non-profit organizations annually set up a fair to help tell their story and to encourage fairgoers to get involved. This was the first year the County Extension Education Clubs set up a display. Included in their display were Cultural art winners (potato necklace and earrings, Photography, digital scrapbook, and the 2017 State Convention "Best of Show" award-winning hand quilted quilt) plus brochures that told about clubs in the county. Noon-time EE Club members, Charlotte Watson and Mary Johnson, and Morning Glory Club members Jane Williamson and Cornelia Ferrell, talked with fairgoers about Extension Education Clubs and invited them to attend a club meeting. Many club members had made peanut brittle and cookies which were freely handed out to demonstrate what good cooks our EE Club members are!

4-H was invited to set up a display to tell what Williamson County 4-H Clubs are doing to reach children and youth. Several 4-H members spent the morning telling those who stopped by all about the 4-H projects in which they had been involved.



Morning Glory Club members Jane Williamson and Cornelia Ferrell visit with attendees

Nelda McCain, Noontime EE Club, stands proudly with her Blue Ribbon winner at the Williamson County Exhibition Day.

Her Recycled Item also won Reserve Champion in the Arts and Crafts Division III. Nelda's entry went on to District 8 where she won a Red Ribbon. Noontime club members won a total of six Blue Ribbons, four red ribbons, and two white ribbons. Club member, Charlotte Watson, also won a Reserve Champion ribbon for her Pineapple Pretzel Salad (Main Dishes and Side Dishes Division). Club member Mary Lindsey won a Grand Champion ribbon for her Sopapilla Cherry Cream Cheese Pie (Desserts Division II). It was winning day all around!



LEON COUNTY HOSTS CULTURAL ARTS

Michaelene Perry

Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) hosted their annual Cultural Arts competition and Education Day on March 27 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Centerville. The auditorium was decorated in Mardi Gras theme with masks, beads and doubloons by Oakwood EE. Clara Jones, LEEA President welcomed EE members and guests to the program. Invocation was given by Rev. Buster Riley. Attendance for this event was 83 with 23 guests and 60 EE members from the five EE clubs in our county.

Cultural Arts competition is homemade crafts in different 26 categories and judged by independent qualified judges in the area. The 1st and 2nd place winners advance to the TEEA District 8 level, and if 1st place, again advance to the TEEA state competition. As always the artistry in Leon County is impressive.

The educational portion features four topics of interest to

many in the community. First, Gail Huffman of Normangee EE elaborated on "A Good Night's Rest is Best" with tips on sleep, what it does for our body and mind, common sleep problems and how to resolve them. Next, Marcia Lewis from the Leona-Centerville EE presented information on "Hearing Loss" and options for improved hearing. Third, Michaelene Perry with the Jewett EE discussed "Who Do You Think You Are" about beginning your genealogy quest. During the talk she provided a six generation pedigree chart and a family group record. Both are beneficial for many reasons during our life. Lastly, Helen Torrance, Leona-Centerville EE, covered material on "Planning for the Aging Years" a very important topic for all families to know what will happen with members of a family who wish to stay in control of their life, identify assistance needed and who will take control when necessary. Legal, medical, financial and personal are the aspects mostly discussed, but the most important is discussing your plans with family members to get what you wish.

During the day, many Door Prizes were given to attendees, recognition of the newest EE members in Leon, plus a fun entertainment program by Sherry Matney and Donna Barrilleaux. A salad luncheon and desserts buffet was provided for all from the EE club members.

In closing recognition and a gift of a wooden Texas plaque with a yellow rose were presented by Mamie Bell, LEEA Expansion Committee, to stimulate more EE members who will add to the activities for our members, 4-H students and the Leon community. New members are: Leona/Centerville: Ginger Stehr, Mary Walters, Barbara Hickman; Normangee: Linda Brown, Maggie Swonke, Marcie Vitopil; Jewett: Donna Lloyd; Oakwood: Sandra Botard.



WILLIAMSON COUNTY DAY TRIP

Charlotte Watson

Pictured here are some of the Williamson County EE Club members who recently took an educational trip to nearby Taylor where much is being done to revitalize this small but growing community. A total of seventeen participated - fourteen EE club members and three guests enjoyed the day trip. Clubs represented were Morning Glory, Noontime, Sundowners, and New Horizons.



The day began with a tour of the new Williamson County Expo Center. What a great facility for the many 4-H events throughout the year. They also visited the newly remodeled Timmerman Building and recently renovated old Howard Theater - both in downtown Taylor. One club member said, "it was amazing what has been done inside that old building. It was like stepping into a new era. Beautiful." The group enjoyed eating lunch at the Lucky Duck. "I will definitely go back," commented one club member. Taylor, Texas - a great day trip to learn about local history and a fun day of fellowship among club members from different EE clubs.

DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE

Michaelene Perry

Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) District 8 held their annual Spring Conference on April 10 at the Georgetown Community Center. Total attendance was 122 members from the 14 active counties of District 8. Special to our Spring Conference is presenting scholarships to 4-H students and winners of EEA members for outstanding work for the organization along with the business meeting, special presentations, Cultural Arts craft competition and entertainment.

Clara Jones, District 8 Director

called the meeting to order; the presentation of the flags was made by Emily Brite and Reagan Ellison with Martha Bruhn singing the National Anthem. Invocation was offered by Charlotte Watson, Noontime EEA with Mary Lambert leading all attendees with the TEEA Creed and Prayer. The Honorable Billy Ray Stubblefield welcomed all to Georgetown.

Clara gave each a warm welcome, introduced and thanked the County Chairpersons for their help over the past two years, as well as Mamie Bell, Secretary, Michaelene Perry, Reporter and Nyanza Price for their service.

Paula Martin, Hutto EE Club, introduced our program speaker, Cindy Olsen Bourland, Judge of the 3rd Court of Appeals. Judge Bourland spoke on her life experiences first as a 4-H student growing up and then her process to obtain her position currently. What growth she showed.

Scholarship \$500 winners are: James Brody Rogers, Hamilton County, Emily Danielle Brite, Hood County, and Reagan Elizabeth Ellison from Johnson County with Clara Jones presenting their certificates. Millie Barrow, TEEA State President, presented the Geraldine Zummer 4-H scholarship in the amount of \$1500 to Mark Andrew Janecka, Williamson County.



L-R: Mark A. Janecka, Williamson County, James B. Rogers, Hamilton County, Emily D. Brite, Hood County and Reagan E. Ellison, Johnson County

The Texas Treasure Award is earned by volunteering at the grassroots of his/her county. This was awarded to Carole Key Huebner from the Leon County-Leona-Centerville EE Club who has served as treasurer for the club, volunteers on all EE club projects. She also serves on the Centerville Ward Library board; and along with her husband, Steve, are staunch supporters of 4-H and Youth Livestock. Carole

is active with Master Gardeners, too.



Millie Barrow, TEEA State President and Carole Huebner, District 8 Texas Treasure winner from Leon County.

Next the District 8 Texas Leadership Award was presented to Laurie Veatch, Bell County, for her outstanding work in leadership skills within the district organization in 2018. She held District Director Elect prior to this year and stepped into a very active role to help the former District 8 Director during a long-standing illness.



Laurie Veatch District 8 Texas Leadership winner from Bell County and Millie Barrow, TEEA State President

Carole and Laurie's names will now be submitted to compete with EE members in the remaining 11 districts of TEEA in Texas for the state winners presented at the TEEA State Conference in September, 2018 in Abilene. Other awards given out were for EE longstanding clubs in the district and EE members who were honored for 20+ years in EE.

Each year, the District 8 recognizes the clubs with the most increase in the "Largest percent of Members" and the "Most New Members" with a plaque. This year the winner for both is: Leon County. Congratulations for promoting new members.

The new slate of officers was voted in for the 2018-2020 term. They are: District 8 Director Laurie Veatch, Bell County, District Director Elect Judy Hutchison, Leon County, Secretary Mary

Lambert, Hamilton County, Treasurer Kathryn Adamek, Williamson County and Reporter Gail Huffine, Leon County.

The luncheon was provided with entertainment by the National Sojourners. This undoubtedly was the highlight for many of the attendees. It was all about the American Flag, what each red and white stripe and the stars on the blue background is all about, how it came to be and how it is to be respected. Comment by EE member Betty Hubbard, McLennan County, stated "this program about the American flag is by far the best I have ever seen and so educational. I wish every school in America could see it."



To end the program the winners of the District 8 Cultural Arts competition were announced. Winners of 1st places in the 26 categories will advance and compete at the TEEA State Conference this September, 2018 in Abilene. Before the meeting was adjourned Nyanza Price, TEEA State President Elect, presented a thank you gift from District 8 to outgoing Director Clara Jones. The meeting was adjourned and all left to challenge each of their clubs to be more involved in TEEA in their community and across the state.



Judy Hutchison with two awards for Leon County and Clara Jones, District 8 Director

Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

DISTRICT 9

BRAZORIA COUNTY NEWS

Toni Tax

Brazoria County hosted the District 9 Spring Conference this year. Here we are making decorations and planning several surprises to bring some happiness to all attending.



CULTURAL ARTS WINNERS

Erna Thielemann

At the District 9 Extension Education Association Spring Conference held in Angleton, Brazoria County, Fort Bend EEA had five entries in the cultural arts judging. Picture: *seated*: Sheila Villado, Richmond, 1st - Quilt-machine quilted-Category 22, *standing, left to right*: Susan Newsome, Sugar Land 1st -Category 6-Fiber Arts with crochet table doily, Donna Van Horn, Damon, 2nd - two entries, crochet - afghan and baby blanket, sweater, cap and booties set - category 1, and Carolyn Jones, Damon, 2nd, crochet gingerbread boy & girl set - Category 10 - holiday. Sheila and Susan's entries are eligible to be entered for competition at the State Conference in September.



DISTRICT 9 EEA NEWS

Claudine Hare

District 9 EEA Spring Conference was hosted by Brazoria County member, who had the building all decked out for Easter, even providing the Easter bunny. The TEEA scholarship winner was Sydney Sacra and the District 9 winner was Aimee Harrity. Membership certificates awarded were five 20 years, two 25 years, four 30 years, one 35 years, one 50 years and one for 75 years. Club certificates awarded were to Brazoria Achievers - Brazoria County - 50 years, Nederland - Jefferson County - 75 years and Algoa - Galveston county - 95 years. An Easter parade yielded three winners: traditional Easter bonnet, whimsical Easter bonnet, and creative Easter bonnet. All active counties were represented.



District 9 County Chairs

L to R: Back row - Helen Miller, Harris County; Erna Thielemann for Pat May, Fort Bend County; D'Ann White, Hardin County; Kaye Trott, Montgomery County; Renella Primeaux, Jefferson County; Betty Anderson, Burleson County; Dawn Gemill, Brazoria County. Front row - Judy Bahr, Galveston County; Claudine Hare, District Director; Ramona Caskey, Lee County

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED AT TEEA CONFERENCE

Erna Thielemann

Texas Extension Education members from Fort Bend County attended the District 9 EEA Spring Conference held in Angleton in Brazoria County. Two 4-H scholarships were awarded to outstanding 4-H members from District 9. Fort Bend members were proud that their nominee was the recipient of the State TEEA \$1500. Scholarship. Recognition along with a certificate was awarded to Sydney Sacra, of Needville for her outstanding 4-H work. She is the daughter of Breck & Lil Sacra and a senior at Needville High School. She will be attending Baylor University. The \$1,000 District scholarship

was awarded to Aimee Harrity of Galveston County. Fort Bend EEA members attending were (left to right) Rose Jaynes, Erna Thielemann, Sydney Sacra, Diana Marlowe and Bernice Meyer.



PORT NECHES EE CLUB NEWS

Claudine Hare

District 9 was asked to make 100 Texas shaped potholders for the FCH Extension Agents to be used as favors for participants at their national convention in San Antonio in September. The Port Neches club sewed 121 pot holders. Our Reach 4-H club wanted to do this as a sewing project and added 25 to the count. All of the District 9 counties contributed a total of 508 potholders for the project.



L- R - Back row: Sue Jones, Denise Frantz, Mary Tomplait, Marian Quinn. Front row: Jessie Hodge, Wilma Pace, Amy Boneau, Katherine Richards and Claudine Hare. Not pictures is Renella Primeaux and Becky Dungan.

PORT NECHES EEC JEFFERSON COUNTY

Claudine Hare

On May 17 the Port Neches EE Club members enjoyed our annual club outing. Each year for one of the May meetings the club members tour some place in the area rather than the regular club meeting. This year 10 of our members went to Kountze to tour the Kirby -Hill House. The home was built in 1902 by James L. Kirby, brother and business partner of more famous John Henry Kirby, pioneer

of the lumber industry. Before oil was discovered, the lumber industry was what built East and Southeast Texas. The history of the house was very interesting and, in addition to the house museum tours, it features Murder Mystery Dinner Theater and is a B&B. After the tour the group had lunch together at Mama Jacks before returning home.



Pictured on the steps of the Kirby - Hill House are L to R and top to bottom: Katherine Richards & Becky Dungan, Mary Tomplait & Marian Quinn, Toby Ash & Denise Frantz, Claudine Hare & Amy Boneau, Wilma Pace & Sue Jones

DISTRICT 10 CALDWELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

Kathy McCown

Twenty-one members of the Caldwell County EEA and the County FCH Agent, Elsie Lacy attended the District 10 Spring Conference in Seguin on March 20, hosted by Guadalupe County EEA.

Those attending were: L-R - Back row: Lillie Wendel, Vel Martinez, Kathy McCown, Wanda Donovan, Madeline Brown, Sharon Nitz, Henrietta Rodriguez; Middle row: Frances Rodriguez, Trini Martinez, Carol Uhles, Ruby Caron, Hilda Wilt, Joel Webb, Shirley Gardner, Barbara Darnell; Front row: Mary Briceno, Ester Barney, Judy Wheeler, Katie King, Margaret Montana. Also attending, but not pictured were Clara Smith and Elsie Lacy.



Several members had entries in Cultural Arts. Judy Wheeler, Ruby Caron, Lillie Wendel, Madeline Brown, and Barbara Darnell won blue ribbons and will be entering their projects in state competition at the State TEEA Conference in Abilene in September.

We are pleased to welcome new members - Lillie Wendel and

Barbara Darnell to the Glen Voir Club, Wanda Donovan to the Lockhart Club and JoAnn Reed and Henrietta Rodriguez to the Luling Club.

GUADALUPE EEA NEWS

Valerie Posey

The Guadalupe County Extension Education Association held their annual Spring Fling in May. Fifteen members and two guests met at Garcia's Restaurant for a hardy lunch and several moved to You're So Crafty for a paint party. The friendly You're So Crafty staff was very patient and helpful with a couple who were unfamiliar with painting on canvas. Thanks to the You're So Crafty staff for a most enjoyable experience.



to right forward: Anne Theiss, Diane Trice, Sandra Lawrence (guest), Beth Frankenburger, L-R back: Barara Trammell, Alma Rosebrock, Terri Rosebrock. Not shown: Jonnie Canfield and Valerie Posey

Extension Education Clubs are: Elm Creek Club (second Wednesdays, 1:30 pm), and Marion Club (second Thursday, 4 pm at the Marion Community Library). Call the Guadalupe County AgriLife Extension office at 830-379-2153 for more information.

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

GUADALUPE EEA NEWS

Valerie Posey

In furtherance of the TEEA pledge to supply Texas potholders for the 2018 National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences National Conference to be held in San Antonio, the Guadalupe County Extension Education Association held a workshop and made 26 potholders. The workshop

provided loads of laughs, fellowship, and inspiration to hold another charity sewing workshop in the summer.



L-R: (back), Darlene Bohmfalk, Valerie Posey, Rose Marie Smalley, Rose Mary Moczygamba, (front) Diane Trice, Beth Frankeburger.

MCDADE EE CLUB NEWS

On February 5 the Bastrop EE Association held their annual Achievement Day at Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in McDade. We had thirty people in attendance, including members, guests and judges. County Extension Agents, Hillary Long and April Kuck, as well as our District 10 Director, Violet Alexander, were in attendance. There were a total of fifty items entered, and twenty-four of those were eligible to be entered at the Cultural Arts competition at the District 10 Spring Conference on March 20 in Seguin.

Seven members of the McDade EE Club and Bastrop County Agent Hillary Long attended the District 10 Spring Conference in Seguin, bringing nineteen items to show in the Cultural Arts competition. Six of those entries won blue ribbons and are eligible to be entered at the 2018 State Conference in Abilene in September. Currently there are eight members who are planning to attend the State Conference.



Top L-R: Melba Skubiata, Brenda Kyle and Gale Arnold; Bottom left to right: Lola Cole, Kathy Prochnow, Janice Payne and Kathi Gremillion. Not pictured, Bastrop County FCH Agent, Hillary Long.

We celebrated our annual "Hat Day" at our April meeting. It is always fun seeing the variety of hats our members choose to wear! Also in April, several of our

members participated in holding a Bingo Party at the Elgin Nursing Home. Assistance with the games, prizes and refreshments was provided by our members. The residents always seem to enjoy these parties, and so do our members.



Gale Arnold, Brenda Kyle, and Sandra Doughty

Our annual Garage Sale was held on May 12 at Faith Lutheran Church in McDade. Sale items were donated by McDade EE Club members and members of our community. The sale was a great success and the profits will be shared with the McDade Food Pantry, Faith Lutheran Church and the local Loblolly 4-H Club.

During our May meeting, our club voted to suspend regular meetings for the summer months. In June, a day trip to Wimberley has been planned where we will see a glassblowing demonstration at the Wimberley Glassworks. In August we will meet for a fun day of games and snacks.

In September, when we resume our regular meetings, we will install our new officers who were elected at our May meeting. Our newly elected officers are: President, Melba Skubiata; Vice President, Kathy Prochnow; Treasurer, Loretta Dube; Secretary, Liz Nelson; Recreation Chair, Gale Arnold; Inspiration Chair, Sandy Doughty; Reporter, Candy Sandefur; Photographer/Historian, Missy Davis; Telephone Committee, Janice Payne and Patsie Gentner; Sunshine Chair, Janice Payne.

TRAVIS COUNTY EEA

Ethel Tarleton

Travis EEA continues to do good works in their county. Members cook a meal each month for Ronald McDonald House; prepare "Raise a Reader" packets for St. David Hospital and Austin Life Care and recently made 60

adult bibs for Oak Crest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Members support 4-H with several members helping at the upcoming Project Day.



L-R: Una Kunkel, Norma Homesley, Ethel Tarleton, Lou Rose, Violet Alexander, Darlene Freitag, Jane Estrada, Anita Garcia

Programs presented this year were: "Age Your Way", "Rice", "Gardening for Wildlife"

They also have "fun" – A field trip to the LBJ Library to see the Madeleine Albright Collection, "Read My Pins"; recently toured the Texas Hill Country Olive Company in Dripping Springs where they learned how olive oil is produced; and spent a week at a member's Lake House for games, food and fellowship.

GILLESPIE EEA NEWS

Helen Usener

Pilot Knob EE Club members learned a great deal from Beth McMahnnon, Gillespie County Horticulture Agent who presented a very interesting horticulture program at the February 9 meeting.



Beth's great grandmother Elisabeth Maner was a charter member of the Pilot Knob Home Demonstration Club which is now the Pilot Knob EE Club.

During February and March, members participated in the Walk Across Texas program. At our March 9 meeting we finalized plans for the spring scholarship luncheon.

On Tuesday, March 20, we attended the District 10 EEA

Spring Conference hosted by the Guadalupe EEA at the Seguin Event Center. District 10 EEA Director, Violet Alexander of Travis EEA, presided over the conference. Sharon Kott of Gillespie EEA read the inspiration titled, "Friends." Cultural Arts winners included Tootsie Brocksch who received a blue ribbon for her quilted wall hanging. Joyce True received a blue ribbon for her handmade choir angels and a red ribbon for her machine quilted stained glass table topper. Members also received a blue ribbon for the quilt embroidered and pieced by Joyce True and hand quilted by Sharon Kott, Ellen Reeder and Helen Usener. Representing Gillespie EEA were Sharon Kott, vice chairman; Alicia Frantzen, treasurer; Patricia Isles; Corine Klose, secretary; Ilene Crenwelge; Shea Nebgen, AgriLife Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent; Annabel Wilkinson, and Tootsie Brocksch.



Gillespie EEA Spring Scholarship Luncheon was held on Thursday, April 5 at the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Members worked very hard preparing food and gathering silent auction, raffle, and country store items. The silent auction included a Twelve Month Texas Boot quilt made by Ellen Reeder. The work paid off because it was a very successful luncheon. Three EEA Scholarship recipients, Daylon Nebgen, Harrison Spisak, and Carlie Crenwelge, recognized at the luncheon, each received a \$500.00 scholarship. Lou Awalt was recognized as a 58 year member of EEA.



**Gillespie County
Extension Education
Association**



**Scholarship
Recipients**



Pilot Knob EE members were saddened by the news of the passing of reserve member and Pilot Knob Home Demonstration Club Charter member Dorothy Cornehl who passed away on April 17.

On May 11, a group of 4-H members presented their 4-H Share the Fun Skit and one 4-H member sang a solo while another member did a recitation. It is always a pleasure to see what 4-H members can do.



Members enjoyed the May 24 Spring Tour to the Wimberly Glassworks, lunch at the Leaning Pear, and shopping in Wimberly. Those attending included Shea Nebgen, Harriet Wilson, Helen Usener, Alicia Frantzen, Sheila Edwards, Ilene Crenwelge, Tootsie Brocksch, and Sharon Kott.



BLANCO COUNTY NEWS

Shelley Levitt

The Round Mountain EEA Club raffled another of Barbara Wilson's amazing quilts this Spring to raise money for 4H Scholarships. This year's winner was Blanco County Commissioner Mr. James Sultemeier! The money raised, along with other monies raised from our Fall Bake Sale allowed us to award scholarships to two 4H graduating seniors at LBJ High School in Johnson City. The scholarships were presented by Blanco Council President Gwen Risinger at the LBJ High School Awards Ceremony May 14.



On March 20, seven members attended the District 10 Spring Conference in Seguin. One of our attendees was a new member, learning more about the TEEA organization and its governance. At Conference our Club was honored for its 75th Anniversary, and member Barbara Wilson was named Texas Treasure.

In April the Club took its Spring Tour to the Hill Country

Texas Olive Company in Dripping Springs. The owner, John Gambini, provided a very informative tour of the orchard and plant and also talked about the history of olive trees. Did you know that olive trees can live for centuries, and that the known oldest living olive tree is 3,000 years old? In the onsite plant he talked about how the olives are taken from harvest and turned into olive oil. Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious meal in the Bistro and shopping in the gift shop.

In May Tommy Levitt and Peggy Aldridge's husband, Jim, went with some of the men from the Johnson City Methodist Church to Kerrville for a work day at the Lion's Camp. It was a special day for all to get the camp ready for children with disabilities, and especially for Tommy since he was a camper there in the 1950's. While working there during the cleanup he met up with other adults who also were there during the 1950's and they shared memories of their experiences.



Tommy is seated in the wheelchair and Jim is standing behind in the yellow shirt.

**DISTRICT 11
SPRING CONFERENCE**

Carrol Davig

The District 11 EEA Spring Conference was held April 18 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham. Attending the conference were 28 delegates, 56 members, nine guests and eight agents for a total of 101. District Director, Carrol Davig called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Washington County Chair, Michele Daniels and Ericka Bochat, Regional Program leader - FCH/4-H District 9 & 11 welcomed everyone to Brenham. The invocation was given by Pastor Patricia Graves and presentation of colors was by the Brenham High

School Marine Corps Junior ROTC.

The District 11 officers were introduced and Dorothy Henke, Lavaca County was appointed secretary. Members and clubs were recognized for their years of service. The District 11 Texas Treasure Award was presented to Gladys Frank, Austin County and the Texas Leadership Award was presented to Greenvine EE Club member team from Washington County. Wharton County EEA was awarded the certificate for having the most new members.



Scholarship first place winner, Haley Bertsch - Fayette County and second place winner, Alaina Kohring - Washington County were introduced and presented certificates. Collection of Coins for Friendship and dollars for Scholars were taken before lunch. Haley plans to attend Blinn College in Brenham and then transfer to Texas A&M. Her major of study is Agriculture and she wants to earn a degree in Animal Science to be an Extension Agent. Alaina plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in Business - Accounting. Her career choice is accounting. Congratulations and good luck in your studies.



After lunch Gracie Rider, Victoria County FCH agent present a program of Humor and Laughter, which affects everyone's life. In addition, Jessica Johnson from the Brenham Independent School District presented a program on how we can make a Positive Change in Our Communities by Volunteering.

A report on the collection of Coins for Friendship was \$183.10 and Dollars for Scholars was \$266.35 was given. Other business approved was to place the District 11's profit from the 2017 Country Store that District 9 & 11 hosted in the scholarship fund.

Members were informed that the 2018 TEEA Conference will be held in Abilene on September 11, 12. Registration will be held on September 11 and dress will be western to go with the theme.

The floor was opened for nominations of District Director-Elect. There being none, it was suggested that everyone go home and find someone willing to step forward and take the office.

Wharton County gave an invitation to the 2018 Fall Training and Planning meeting to be held November 28. Matagorda County presented a Courtesy Resolution. Door prizes were given to members and the meeting was adjourned in time for everyone to travel home safely.

WASHINGTON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Judith Finke "Spring Into Action" set the tone for the 2018 WC Extension Education Association Achievement Day March 13, at the WC Fair Event Center. Michele Daniels, County Chair, welcomed the delegation and led the creed and pledge. Suzanne Kessler, Chairman of the Achievement Day Committee made the introductions and expressed thanks to the committee.

Certified Aquatic Instructor, Debra Healy of the Blue Bell Aquatic Center presented a motivational program on the importance of keeping the body moving, and stressing that exercising in water can be therapeutic and less stressful on the joints. Agent for Family and Community Health, Hannah Krebs' program on Leadership and "Springing to Action" in club activities included

a "Color Personality Test" as well as a "hands-on" activity having members working together to stack styrofoam cups using yarn and a rubber band barring the use of their fingers.

After door prizes were distributed, the Commissioner's Court were guests to the awards dinner catered by Gary Goebel. Patricia Graves offered the invocation.

Twenty-five, thirty and thirty-five year memberships were presented to Rosie Ervin, Joycine Hanath, Daulene Hopmann, Clara Martin, and Jeanette Schwartz. Outstanding Club members were: Cindy Lyles (After Five), Sharon Steele (Greenvine), Patricia Graves (Lunch and Learn), and Leslie Hassell (Wm Penn).



Outstanding Volunteer members of each club were Pam Bothe (After Five), Sharon Steele (Greenvine), Judith Finke (Lunch & Learn) and Edna Schroeder (Wm Penn). The Greenvine EE Club was recognized for being the Volunteer Club per rata membership.

Other presentations were to Sharon Steele for Extension High Point Fair Exhibitor and the Executive Board of Greenvine EE Club for Washington County Leadership Award and Judith Finke for Washington County Texas Treasure Award. The County Leadership Award is to honor a person or team that has provided leadership and knowledge that has made a difference in the community. The Treasure Award pays tribute to a grassroots member making a difference in the community through their TEEA work. The county recipients will now move to the District 11 competition.



Cultural Art winners were: Maurine Graham, Michele Daniels, Sharon Steele, Cindy Lyles, Diane Ashorn, Barbara Wise, Judith Finke, Daulene Hopmann, Tanya McGonagill, Louise Newman, Mary Young, Suzanne Kessler, and Lathel Norris. Second place winners included: Sharon Steele, Barbara Wise, Judith Finke, Suzanne Kessler, Louise Newman, Mary Young, Corine Niemeyer, Patricia Graves, and Lee Ehring Paper. First and second place winners will now compete at the District 11 Extension Conference to be held on April 18 at the Event Center in Brenham.



Organizers for the event were the Achievement Day Committee: Suzanne Kessler, chair, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Michele Daniels, Edith Ervin, Judith Finke, Mary Lister, Betty Rudloff, Sharon Steele and Mary Young.

LAVACA EEA MAKES TEXAS POTHOLDERS FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Gayle Bludau

Members of the Lavaca Extension Education Association have been busy making Texas-Shaped potholders for the National FCH Extension Agents Conference that is being held in San Antonio in September. These pot holders will be given as souvenir gifts to County Agents from all over the United States. All EEA groups from Texas are partnering to make these gifts.



AUSTIN COUNTY EEA ALWAYS LENDING A HELPING HAND

Judy Schulz

EEA of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is showing their support for the upcoming NEAFCS (National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences) Annual Meeting in September in San Antonio. Two local EEA clubs (North Austin County and West End) donated time and funds to make pot holders for the 700 members who will be attending the conference. In addition, the county association also assisted with funds to support their efforts. Thanks ladies for lending a helping hand for a very worthwhile cause.



Knellen Quinteros, Jessie Kokemor, and Malinda Schramm

JACKSON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Shirley McGill

In April, a group of us attended the Wharton Rice Clinic. The meeting was very interesting and informative. We were given a lot of good rice recipes and also given hints on how rice can be used for more than just eating. If your blender blades are in need of sharpening just put rice in the blender to where the blades are covered and turn on the blender and your blades will sharpen.

On April 18, a group of us went to Brenham for the District 11 Spring Conference. Lunch was delicious and the meeting was very informative. While at the meeting, we turned in our Texas shaped potholders, that our members made for the National FCH Agents Conference in San Antonio. Our Jackson County EEA members did a great job in sewing these pot holders.

On May 10, Licensed Clinical Social Worker Nicole Priesmeyer, with the Jackson County Hospital presented a wonderful program on stress and how to deal with it. Nicole ended her presentation by

quoting Andy Andrews, "Life itself is a privilege, but to live life to the fullest - well, that is a choice!"

Jackson County EEA is very proud to have been serving Jackson County for 98 years. We are looking forward and getting ready for our 100th year of service to our community.

"WILLS AND TRUST-ARE YOU PREPARED?"

Judy Schulz EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, sponsored an educational program entitled "Wills and Trust!" on Thursday, May 10, at the AgriLife Extension Office. Attorney Wendy Yates (Moorman Tate Haley Upchurch and Yates of Brenham) and Rob Yates (Baylor Scott & White Medical Center of Brenham) presented another informative program on the importance of wills and trust. They explained the roles of each and the items that should be considered when assets are involved. During their program they also discussed many probate misnomers related to hospitalization, retirement centers, property, taxes and the law.



Pictured - Attorney Wendy Yates of Moorman Tate Haley Upchurch and Yates of Brenham and Rob Yates of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center of Brenham

SPRING TOUR - BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY

Judy Schulz On April 5th, 13 EEA members had the chance to tour the Brookwood Community in Brookshire. The group learned how the dream of Brookwood became a reality for so many in the little town of Brookshire. This community is home to some very wonderful people. EEA was given a behind the scenes look and the chance to interact with numerous

clients along the way. At the end of the tour, the group enjoyed a fantastic meal in the café and the opportunity to shop in their outstanding gift shop.



Front Row - Marie George, Delores Kuehn, Gladys Frank, Middle Row - Doris Glenewinkel, Jessie Kokemor, Judy Schulz, JoAnn Reichle, Debbie Reichardt, Lois Schubert, Back Row - Carolyn Balke, Joan Buenger, Gaye Farr and Knellen Quinteros

AUSTIN COUNTY EEA "Hooray for Spring!"

Felicia N. Hale Austin County EEA, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service sponsored a cultural arts opportunity for its members and friends to participate in. Joan Buenger of Bleiberville EEA instructed and hosted the event in Industry. At the end of the workshop, each member left with a host of items to display in their yard to capture the true meaning of spring.



Back row: Joan Buenger, Carolyn Balke, Annette Balke, Knellen Quinteros, Middle row: Gladys Frank, Jessie Kokemor, Vernice Kokemor, Debbie Reichardt, Betty Thiel, Betty Lehmann and Doris Glenewinkel, Front Row: Emmy Kokemor and Kinley Kokemor

DISTRICT 11 SPRING EEA CONFERENCE

Judith Finke Extension Education members of District 11 convened at the Washington Co. Event Center April 18. Carrol Davig, District 11 Director presided. A Countryside Spring décor with faux spring flowers on weathered wood accented with delicate pastel fabric was the setting for the day. Washington EEA members served as hosts and

chaired many of the events committees. A delicious country style lunch complete with cobbler and ice cream completed the spring day in Washington County.

The District 11 Texas Leadership award was presented to a team of Extension members of the Greenvine EE Club consisting of Sharon Steele, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Suzanne Kessler, Daulene Hopmann, Barbara Wise and Maurine Graham. Greenvine EE Club was also awarded the 90 Year Club membership.



Standing L-R: Maurine Graham, Sharon Steele, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Betty Rudolph, Barbara Wise and Lee Ann Ehring. Seated: Mary Young, Daulene Hopmann, Evelyn Fuchs and Valeria Mueller. Not pictured - Suzanne Kessler.

Washington County EE members recognized for 25 year memberships were Rosie Ervin, Joycine Hanath, Daulene Hopmann, and Clara Martin. Joann Buck received a 30-year member certificate and Jeanette Schwartz a 35-year certificate.

Washington County members winning a blue ribbon in the Cultural Arts and advancing to the state level are Louise Newman, Maurine Graham, Daulene Hopmann, Suzanne Kessler, Judith Finke, Diane Ashorn, Barbara Wise, and Lathel Norris. The state conference will be in Abilene, Texas September 11-12.

DISTRICT 12

DISTRICT 12 NEWS

Marsha Miller The District 12 Spring Conference was held in Edinburg on March 22, at the Echo Hotel and Conference Center. Hidalgo County was the host with six delegates, 22 members, one guest and one extension agent in attendance.

Dallas Cannon, representing Kleberg County, was presented with a \$1,500 scholarship to further his education.



Dallas Cannon, Kleberg County and Kay Jacob, State TEEA 1st Vice President of Leadership

New district officers were elected: Director - Deloris Davis, Secretary-Treasurer - Dr. Ida Garza, Reporter - Marsha Miller.

Joanne Uristi, FCH Agent, gave a very informative presentation on "Anger Management!"

Cultural Arts winners were Elida Rodriguez, Sylvia Ybarra, Marsha Miller, Erica Barron, Kay Jacob, Rosie Garza. Best of show went to Erica Barron. Congratulations to all the winners.

An invitation was extended to all attendees to the Spring Conference 2019 from Kleberg County.

A good time was had by all at "Fiesta in Hildago County!" Good job ladies.

WANTED TEEA MESSENGER, EDITOR

I have thoroughly enjoyed the past five years as the editor of The TEEA Messenger, but have decided it is time to retire. The Board is looking for someone to assume the duties. I have agreed to serve until the Spring Board meeting in May 2019. I will gladly work with whoever is willing to become the editor. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please let Nyanza Price, President-elect or myself know. If you have any questions, contact me at the email listed below. I will be more than happy to answer your questions.

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