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NYANZA AND CHARLIE PRICE

Hello from your President

Hello to all of my TEEA sisters and brothers. I thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on me. I also thank my husband, Charlie, for his patience in allowing me to pursue this office. I am taking this opportunity to send a prayer to JoAnn White, Brown County, District 7 and Edith Jones, Ward County, District 6; wishing them a speedy recovery.

A big welcome from all to the new board members. You will be introduced to two new officers, new District Directors in 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 as well as four new Education Chairs in this issue of the Messenger. I look forward to working with them.

As this organization's leader, every move you make is watched by the people you work with. They pay attention to how you react to certain situations and "sometimes" they do the same. Sometimes the results are not what everyone expects. I love being a leader in TEEA and other organizations; I take that responsibility

very seriously.

We have just completed our 2018 TEEA State Conference in Abilene. The conference was wonderful. The workshops were informative, special guests entertaining and the rooms were very spacious. Those attending seem to have enjoyed themselves. Kudos to Millie Barrow, the TEEA Board of Directors and specifically Polly Krennek, District 7, and Yolie Payne, District 6 for co-hosting. You did a great job! With 2018 behind us, we are planning the TEEA 2019 State Conference which will be held in San Marcos. Districts 10 and 12 are enthusiastically preparing for this conference. More details will be coming later.

As members of TEEA, we have **"The Power to Make A Difference."** We can make a difference in children's lives by assisting with 4-H, helping at church with the youth, going to schools to tutor, helping and assisting your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We can "make a difference" by helping the elderly. We can assist at nursing care facilities, visit the sick and shut-ins, help with meals on wheels and help our own grandparents.

We can "make a difference" in the community. We can help at food pantries, work with local health fairs, help organize community functions, prepare food for special occasions in the community and share your talents.

One important aspect of TEEA is "membership". As all of you know our membership is declining due to deaths, sicknesses and many are unable to drive. We must go out into the community and recruit new members who will carry on the name of TEEA. There are many ways to do this. Many of you have "Lunch and Learn" meetings; this is a perfect time to do some recruiting. Invite your attendees to join your club(s). Provide incentives to those members who bring in new members, i.e. a complimentary dinner at a local restaurant; registration paid for your Spring Conference or Leadership Training. There are many other ways to motivate your members and I am sure you have some innovative ideas, also. We must make it a priority to retain the members we have and gain new members. I hope you will be willing to share new and innovative ideas with the rest of the membership through articles in the Messenger and at your District meetings.

I would like to be a leader that sets an example by seizing the opportunity to learn,

grow and achieve. I do that by using a variety of affirmations during the day. One morning affirmation, I would like to share with you.

Morning Choice Affirmation
"There is only one Power and one Presence operating in my mind, my body and all of my life's affairs
This is the encompassing power of the Divine. The power and presence of God.
God's truth, God's peace, God's wisdom, God's joy now fills every aspect of my being.
God's truth is revealed with every CHOICE I make.
God's peace is revealed with every CHOICE I make.
God's wisdom is revealed with every CHOICE I make.
God's love sustains me in every CHOICE I make.
For this I am grateful!
And So It Is!"

One Day My Soul Just Opened

Up

Author Iyanla Vanzant

May we work together for the benefit of TEEA.
With much love, and remember we have **"THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

Nyanza Price, State President
2018-2020



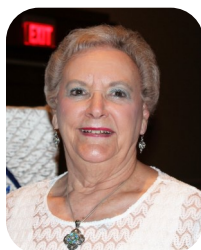
CLARA JONES
2nd VP FOR PROGRAMS

First, thank you for electing me as your 2nd Vice President for Programs. I am truly honored by the trust you have instilled in me and am very excited to get to work. I know I have big shoes to fill and I promise I will give it my all.

I am thrilled to be working with the new Education Chairs and our AgriLife Extension Advisor. Together we will work toward developing exciting educational programs for you at the state conference for the next two years. Remember, if you have any suggestions for education programs that you would like to see presented, please share them with our Education Chairs or myself. My contact information is mzjonezj@gmail.com or 409-718-7266.

Now for a little about me and my background. I live in Leon County and am the sister of the TEEA president. I have three amazing children, who between the three have produced six super grandkids and one dynamo great-grandson. For the past two years I served as the District 8 Director, a job I thoroughly enjoyed. I owe a tremendous gratitude to the District 8 members and I personally thank each and everyone.

Let me close with a scripture that I live by. "Give, and it shall be given to you: Good measure, pressed down, and shaken together; and running over will men give unto you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured unto you." Luke 6:38



BANKER'S NOTES
OLA CULWELL
STATE TREASURER

Hello everyone. A new club year has started. I hope you have collected all the dues and ready to send them to me. Remember the dues are due October 1 and past due after December 31.

I wish each club a successful year with new members and exciting programs for the coming year.

I really enjoyed our State Conference. We had great speakers and educational programs. The Abilene Convention Center was so accommodating to all our needs. If you did not attend the Conference this year, try to make it next year. We will be in San Marcos and everything will be in-house.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.



ANGELA PIERCE
STATE SECRETARY

I am Angela Pierce and am glad to be serving as your 2018-2020 State Secretary. I look forward to continue working with and for the wonderful TEEA members and board in the upcoming years.

I am from District 4, Maud, Bowie County. Maud is a small town close to Texarkana. I am a 4th generation member, first to serve on the board as District 4 Director and now as State Secretary.

State Conference 2018

was a wonderful conference. I hope that all enjoyed themselves and learned a lot at the workshops to take home to their counties and communities. All of the workshops sounded interesting and valuable information. I appreciate the Education Chairs, 2nd Vice-President, the instructors, Districts 6 and 7, Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, and all that had a hand in getting those workshops together. Thank you to everyone for being a member and to all that attended!!! District 6 and 7 did an great job on State Conference.



KAY JACOB
1st VP OF LEADERSHIP

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you so much for your confidence by supporting me for another year. I will do my best to keep everyone updated and informed on the many items concerning TEEA.

I have been a member of TEEA for 14 years serving as the president for Kleberg/Kennedy Extension Education Association. I was District 12 Director for 6 years and 4 years as your State Treasurer and 1 year as your 1st Vice-President of Leadership. I really enjoy being on the Board and working with some really great ladies and friends.

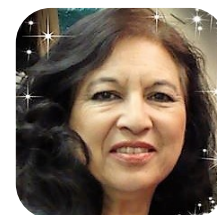
I have been married to my husband Jim for 16 years and still going strong. We have four children and 10 grandchildren who we love very much. Our oldest grandson is using his nursing degree in the field of missionary work and his brother and sister are both attending A&M this year.

I have one grandson at University of Texas and one granddaughter at Texas State University. The rest of them are close behind and they all keep us very busy.

My goal this year is to work very closely with the District Directors keeping them informed of any changes so they can better fulfill their positions to help our members. I am excited about my position and if there are any questions I can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Now, let me introduce the 2017-2018 District Directors who will be serving you. They are all available for questions and are there to help any member. They are listed on the following pages and are your voice in TEEA.

WELCOME BACK
ROSABELLE LEAL
DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR



I tell you, fellow TEEA members all over Texas, my favorite thing to do at each EEA meeting, state conference, and state board meeting is reciting the **TEEA Creed**... I love declaring that 'we believe in the sanctity of the **home**, that the home is the place where love, faith, trust, and devotion must be lived each day, where obedience and reverence grow, and where **GOD** is known, and that those within its walls should be taught to work, to play, and to have compassion for those less fortunate, and we also believe sharing responsibilities is necessary and that from the fireside will come the citizens who will uphold the best ways of life.'

This is my second time to serve as District 1 director and I appreciate the privilege.

For thirty-one years I was secretary, office manager and then 4-H Program Assistant at the Extension office in Dalhart, retiring in 2008. All through those years I was given the opportunity to work with EEA club members. I have actually been a member for 29 years.

Truly the TEEA Creed is a great guide to live a fulfilled, blessed life and teach family and others these values.

**WELCOME
SHEILA McCORMACK
DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR**



My name is Sheila McCormack, I'm the new Dist 2 Director. You can contact me at 1902 15th St, Snyder, Tx 79549-1658, cell phone 325-207-8445 or by email:

rggg1947@gmail.com, I'm really looking forward to the next two years.

I enjoy board games and flower gardening.

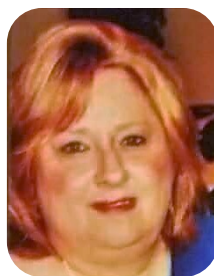
**WELCOME BACK
BARBARA SANDLIN-SAMPSON
DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR**



I have been to quite a few State Conferences and this one at Abilene was one of my favorite. As District 3 Director, I was busy of course, before, during and after, but the fun far outweighs anything else. Everyone was so friendly and I met old friends and made new friends. Workshops I was

able to attend were super as everything else. The hotel was REALLY nice. I guess another reason I enjoyed so much, my Granddaughter Kittie Sandlin lives and works there after graduating from ACU. She now works at First Financial Bank headquarters. She went with me to our District 1-2-3 and 6 Co-District party at Ball Ranch. During the entertainment after our barbecue dinner, we enjoyed great music - mostly oldies but goodies - Johnny Cash type. I asked her if she enjoyed the evening while I was touring her apartment afterward she said "Grandma I really enjoyed the meal and I even knew a couple of the songs". She is nearly 25 years old which explains that. But this Grandma sure enjoyed ALL of the Abilene Conference. A big THANK YOU to all who had a part in it.

**WELCOME
DINAH RAINEY
DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR**



Good day to you all,

My name is Dinah Rainey I am the new District 4 Director, replacing our new State Secretary, Angela Pierce. I have been a TEEA member for over 20 years but took an absence for a few years to homeschool my children. I am married to my husband John for 34 years. We have been blessed with three children, I am a Nana of five grandchildren, and two great grandsons and one on the way. My joy in life is children. The love of children has brought being a pre-Sunday school teacher, teaching preschool, PTA, Awanas, Girl

and Boy Scout leader, sub class for special need students. Presently serving on FEC board, 4-H, as chairman for six years and been a volunteer for Casa. I am looking forward to serving the next two years as District 4 Director.

**WELCOME BACK
ELAINE JACKSON
DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR**



What a great first year I have had working with the members of District 5! As the district begins a new year, we will be finishing up completion of the IRS SS-4 form to bring all our counties and clubs into compliance as subsidiary organizations of the Texas Extension Education Association. Congratulations to Shelby EEA for the Women on the Go club of working women and to the Upshur EEA for gaining 15 new members for the 2017-2018 year. Both counties were awarded \$100 prizes for these accomplishments at the State Conference in Abilene. These are the results we can achieve when we all work together to accomplish our goals. Additionally, the District also brought back several ribbons from the Cultural Awards entries.

We had a good turnout in Abilene and I am already looking forward to seeing everyone in San Marcos next September. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

*"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children.
One is roots; the other, wings."
~ Hodding Carter*

**WELCOME
YOLANDA CARRILLO
PAYNE
DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR**



Yolanda, or Yoli as she is called, is from Fort Stockton but moved away 50 years ago. She returned in 2013 and has become active in the community. Yoli is a four-year member of TEEA, the TEEA District 6 Director, Pecos County Dinner Tonight Cooking Club, Pecos County Historical Commission, Pecos County Senior Citizen's Center, 4-H Volunteer, Church greeter and coffee shop helper.

Yoli speaks, reads, and writes both English and Spanish. From 1999 to 2010 she was an interpreter for the courts in Dallas, Tyler, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie and served as a host for a bilingual TV show that informed Hispanics of issues pertaining to them.

As a member of Pecos County's TEEA Club, she demonstrates sewing and food preparation to 4-H members in Iraan, Imperial, and Cayanosa. She is active in Pecos County's Dinner Tonight Cooking Club which teaches different cooking techniques and presentation skills. Yoli also participates in the Senior Conference which gives seniors information about resources available to them and their families.

Community involvement is important to her because it "helps you grow as an individual".

Yoli helped host the 2018 State Conference as District 6 Director, partnering with District 7. She looks forward to the next conference and encourages others to get involved.

Yoli's hobbies are sewing, crocheting, exercising, and

helping others in need. She enjoys taking her granddaughter, Sara, to work with 4-H and volunteer for the annual Water Carnival or whatever else "gramma" does.

WELCOME BACK POLLY KRENEK DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR



I am Polly Krenek and have been a member of TEEA for 9 years. My husband, Michael and I have five children between us and five grandchildren. The grandsons love to visit Papa Mike to listen to stories and get to help feed the animals.

I am beginning my second year being District 7 Director and I must say that I have really enjoyed the first year and how fast it has passed. It was a great learning experience in both being District Director and being one of the host districts for the State Conference.

One of my goals for the next year is to meet with each club in District 7 and promote ways to increase membership and encourage new members to join. Another goal is to encourage more of the clubs to present the educational programs from the State Conference or visit other counties that set aside one day each year for a "Lunch and Learn" where all the state programs are presented. I love to travel and visit with all the wonderful TEEA ladies and this gives me the opportunity to know each of them.

I am looking forward to being your District 7 Director for the 2018-2019 year.

*"Life is the sum of all your choices."
~ Albert Camus*

*"A negative thinker sees difficulty in every opportunity. A positive thinker sees an opportunity in every difficulty."
~ Zig Ziglar*

WELCOME LAURIE J. VEATCH DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR



My name is Laurie Veatch. My home is just outside the Temple city limits in Bell County. I've been married to my best friend and husband, Walter ("Dan"), for 25 years. My only daughter, Dana, has given me two granddaughters, Mariah and Kara.

After early retirement in February 2013, my friend and neighbor convinced me to attend a "Home Demonstration" meeting at the Leedale EE Club in March. The rest is history – I was hooked. Becoming a TEEA member in March 2013 I have served offices in Bell EEA as Vice-Chair, Chair and Secretary; in Leedale EE Club as President for two full terms and the start of a third; and as District 8 Director-Elect, and now, as Director.

A portion of my volunteer hours are allotted to Feed My Sheep – Temple, To the Moon and Back, as well as some other groups, and assisting the County Agent with as many 4-H functions as possible.

My goals are *Together We CAN* build a better relationship in the communities, including our TEEA community, and by working together increase and maintain TEEA membership.

I look forward to the next two years as District 8 Director, serving the wonderful members of our district.

WELCOME D'ANN WHITE DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR



My name is D'Ann White, and I live in Kountze. My husband and I have been married for 24 years, and he serves as pastor of a local church. We have six children, two grown and four still in school. Being a pastor's wife, we have moved quite a bit. We served in Mexico in the mission field for five years. We have also lived on the Texas border in both Eagle Pass and Del Rio, as well as in Jones county. Everywhere we have lived, I have been extremely involved in both my church and the community. I have started several 4-H clubs, as well as serving as a club manager for 13 years in the various counties. I have also served on Livestock Association boards as well as on Leadership Advisory Boards. I am a Texas Master Naturalist and have volunteered in several conservation efforts. I am a student of martial arts, studying both TaeKwonDo and HanMuDo, and I am an instructor at our local TaeKwonDo academy. I have been a member of TEEA for six years now, and have served in various leadership positions at both the club and county levels. This is my first time to serve as District Director and I look forward to serving my district in this capacity and working on the state board.

*"Do not judge my path, you haven't walked in my shoes... or ridden on my broom."
~ A M Galdorcraft*

WELCOME BACK VIOLET ALEXANDER DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR



POSTAGE STAMP ALERT
We have a big request for all TEEA members, your friends and families. Please save all of your **cancelled stamps** and any other stamps you want to donate for the next year. Bring or send with county representatives to the 92nd TEEA Conference in San Marcos. We hope to collect 1,000's for this special project.

This is Violet Alexander--District 10 Director reporting from South Austin. The 91st TEEA Abilene Conference is in the books as another successful conference. Thanks to Past President Millie Barrow, her Executive Board, all program presenters, and Districts 6 and 7 for all their hard work. If you were unable to attend, you were missed. It is always so good to see renewed friendships each year. Our hope is that your county representatives will present the outstanding programs that were given. Districts 10 and 12 have already started planning for the 92nd TEEA Conference September 10-11, 2019 in San Marcos. I want to personally thank each of you for your continued support of "Coins for Friendship" which goes to the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. I have personally heard nothing but great things from the 4-Hers around the state who attended summer camps this year. Mark Carroll and his staff dedicate their hearts and souls to the center and do amazing programs with their budget.

"To Make the Best Better"

**WELCOME
RACHEL MONDAY
DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR**



I have been a member of TEEA for seven years and live in Victoria, Victoria County. I currently serve as the County Chair. I have one daughter, Raushanah, and one son, Jeremy. I also have one granddaughter, Jazlyn, who is a senior in high school. My mother, Juanity Delaney, age 97 and I are both members of Pleasant Green EEC.

I organized and volunteer in a jail ministry. I also participate in voter registration drives and judging at county fairs. My spare time is spent facilitating and attending bible study classes. I also enjoy traveling, reading and exploring genealogy.

As a retired school administrator, I maintain an interest in the education of others, as well as the education of myself. I am looking forward to creating an environment which is conducive to increasing membership and promoting leadership development.

**WELCOME
DOLORES DAVIS
DISTRICT 12 DIRECTOR**



Howdy from Deep South Texas.

Some of you may already know me. For those who don't I would like to introduce myself. My name is Dolores Davis, District 12 Director. I am a retired educator. I have two wonderful children. My

daughter is a CPA in LaVer-
nia and my son is also an ed-
ucator and lives in St. Lou-
is, MO. In addition I also
have four special grandchil-
dren and two greats.

My interests are volunteer-
ing, quilting, and most of all
traveling.

Hopefully, everyone is en-
joying the cooler weather.

TEEA has four new Educa-
tion Chairs this year. They
will be working with Clara
Jones, 2nd VP for Programs
to plan the education pro-
grams for next year's confer-
ence in San Marcos. Let
them know if you have any
suggestions.



**DALE NEVES
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 2**

My name is Dale Neves. I
am the new District 2 Educa-
tion Chair. I am a retired 4th
grade teacher. I enjoy creat-
ing and teaching many types
of hobbies and crafts. I am
getting to know some of the
people in TEEA and look for-
ward to getting to know more
TEEA members.

According to my husband,
I enjoy anything new as far
as hobbies and crafts are
concerned. I guess I would
have to agree with him. I like
to try and am guilty of trying
most of the new crafts that I
feel comfortable with.

I look forward to the next
two years and am interested
in hearing any suggestions of
programs that you would like
to see at the state meeting.

*"A good head and a good heart
are always a
formidable combination."
~ Nelson Mandela*



**JOHNNIE POWELL
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 5**

I was born and reared in
Tyler, Texas. Tyler is home of
the Rose Garde capital, the city
that hosts the elaborate Rose
Parade each year. We are very
proud of our county fair, as
well. We zealously upgraded
its title and name it the East
Texas State Fair. We are located
in the part of Texas known as
the Piney Woods, North East
Texas.

After high school gradua-
tion and a few years of com-
munity college, I joined the
US Army and served both
active duty and later reserve
duty. My military service after
basic and advance training
began with me being as-
signed to Letterman General
Hospital as a medical corps-
man during the Vietnam era.
My last assignment as a re-
servist was in the Public Af-
fairs office in the 6211 US
Army Garrison at the Presidio
of San Francisco.

Civilian jobs have included
various medical tech posi-
tions in hospitals and private
institutions; information man-
agement and data communi-
cation; telecommunications
and network design. I have
worked for Children's Hospi-
tal in San Francisco, Army
post engineer, the US Navy,
Military Sealift Command,
and the Army Corps of Engi-
neers, Department of De-
fense and The Census Bu-
reau.

I am one of ten children. I
am currently divorced with
one child and two grandchil-
dren. I look forward to work-
ing and contributing to this
fine organization.



**CLAUDINE HARE
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 9**

I am Claudine Hare, living
in Orange County and serving
Jefferson County in District 9.
I have held most of the offic-
es in our club and at the coun-
ty level and just finished my
fifth year as District 9 Director.

I have been married to
George for 53 years. We have
one son, (lost a daughter in
2014 and a granddaughter in
2017), daughter-in-law, three
grandchildren, five great-
grandchildren and as of June
27, a brand new great, great-
granddaughter.

I will be serving as Educa-
tion Chair for 2018-2020 and
hope to bring you programs
from which you can benefit
and enjoy. Some of my
thoughts are "Keeping Your
Balance", Fun Ways to Stay
Active, and Staying Healthy
and Preventing Falls. If you
have any ideas, please let me
know.

My goal is to serve you well
as a continuing member of
your TEEA State Board.

**MARSHA MILLER
EDUCATION CHAIR
DISTRICT 12**



Hi. My name is Marsha Mil-
ler. I am the new Education
Chair for District 12. I live in
Kingsville on a small ranch
with my husband, Don and
our fur babies; our Labradors
and our cattle. We have six

grown sons and 18 grandchildren.

I am looking forward to serving and learning this job to the best of my ability. Let me know if you have any suggestions for workshops you would like to see presented at our next State Meeting in San Marcos.



TEEA ALUMNAE REPORT GRACE GLAZE CHAIRMAN

The Alumnae Silent Auction and Drawing was fantastic! I am still smiling! This is the Alumnae fundraiser to support our scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a success. You were very generous in your donations, purchasing tickets, and bidding on the items. There were 73 items donated for the silent auction and 3 items donated for the drawing.

The drawing, silent auction, memorials, and donations had an income of \$2,468.00. All of this is used for scholarships. The committee will use this money to give college students scholarships. The information for the Alumnae scholarships can be found in the TEEA Manual.

The winners of the drawing were: Shelly Levitt, Handmade Quilt donated by Debbie McCullough, Margie Wheeler Crocheted Afghan, donated by Velma Tate, Barbara Wilson, Handmade Quilted Laptop Bag donated by Ola Culwell.

I would like to give special thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up, sell tickets, helped check out, donated items, and special thanks to Violet Alexander, Rexine Scarborough, and Lela Goar.

A great big thank you to all who brought tickets and bid on the items; all items were picked up.

The Alumnae Luncheon was great. We had 41 in attendance. The membership list was updated. If some one would like a copy, please let me know.

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

Please encourage your college students who meet the guidelines to apply for our scholarship. The application is in the manual on the web teea.tamu.edu. District Directors also have the information. The applications are due to me April 1, 2019. If you have any questions please call me (979-543-4168) or send e-mail graceglaze38@yahoo.com.

Keep in touch and let me hear from you. Grace Glaze
2835 CR 385 El Campo, TX.
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Each year TEEA pledges at least \$5,000 to the 4-H Center with money we collect through our Coins for Friendship program. Any money over the specified amount is included. This money is always put to good use to update the facility and equipment. This year, Ola Culwell, TEEA Treasurer presented Dana Cross, Business Coordinator at the 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood a check for \$7,894.69.



2018 - 2019

TEEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DISTRICT DIRECTORS

1 - Rosabelle Leal

7 - Polly Krenek

2 - Sheila McCormack

8 - Laurie Veatch

3 - Barbara Sandlin-Sampson

9 - D'Ann White

4 - Dinah Rainey

10 - Violet Alexander

5 - Elaine Jackson

11 - Rachel Monday

6 - Yolanda Carrillo Payne

12 - Dolores Davis

EDUCATION CHAIRS

2 - Dale Neves

9 - Claudine Hare

5 - Johnnie Powell (not pictured)

12-Marsha Miller

Alumnae Chair - Grace Glaze

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Adviser - Dr. Joyce Cavanagh



2017-2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Back L - R: Linda Rogers, Grace Glaze, Polly Krenek, Elaine Jackson, Barbara Sandlin-Sampson, Carroll Davig, Claudine Hare, Dolores Davis, Yolanda Carrillo Payne, Gail Pomykal, Janet Reed, Angela Pierce, Clara Jones, Lela Goar. Seated L - R: Violet Alexander, Ola Culwell, Jan Meador, Millie Barrow, Nyanza Price, Kay Jacob, Rexine Scarborough, Dr. Joyce Cavanagh (not pictured - Edith Jones)

IN MEMORY

Dorothy Jones - Brownfield - Yoakum Co. - D2

Bobbie Ashley - Greenwood - Wise Co. - D3

Elna Perkins - Carthage - Cherokee Co. - D5

Ruby Goodwin - McDaniel Club - Brown Co. - D7

MILLIE'S TIDBITS

Hello everyone. My time on the TEEA Board of Directors is over. THANK each one of you for your support and friendship the last ten years. I really enjoyed being your president the past two years and learning even more about TEEA.

TEEA has such a wonderful leadership program, starting at the club level on through the presidency. TEEA has taught me so much in the day to day operation of not only TEEA, but in community work. I urge each of you to get more involved in TEEA by volunteering to be an officer in your club, then your county association, your district and finally on board of directors.

I shall continue to work with Morton Valley EE Club in Eastland as we serve our community with Lunch and Learn workshops and supporting our community projects.

I hope you all had a good time at our State Conference in Abilene. I SURE did!! The Abilene Convention and Visitors Center and Convention Center personnel were absolutely great to work with and were a big help to TEEA.

Till next time, enjoy your TEEA friendships, continue with your community outreach, and love each other.

TEEA IS THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN TEXAS!

Love to all, Millie Barrow

TEEA & TEAFCS

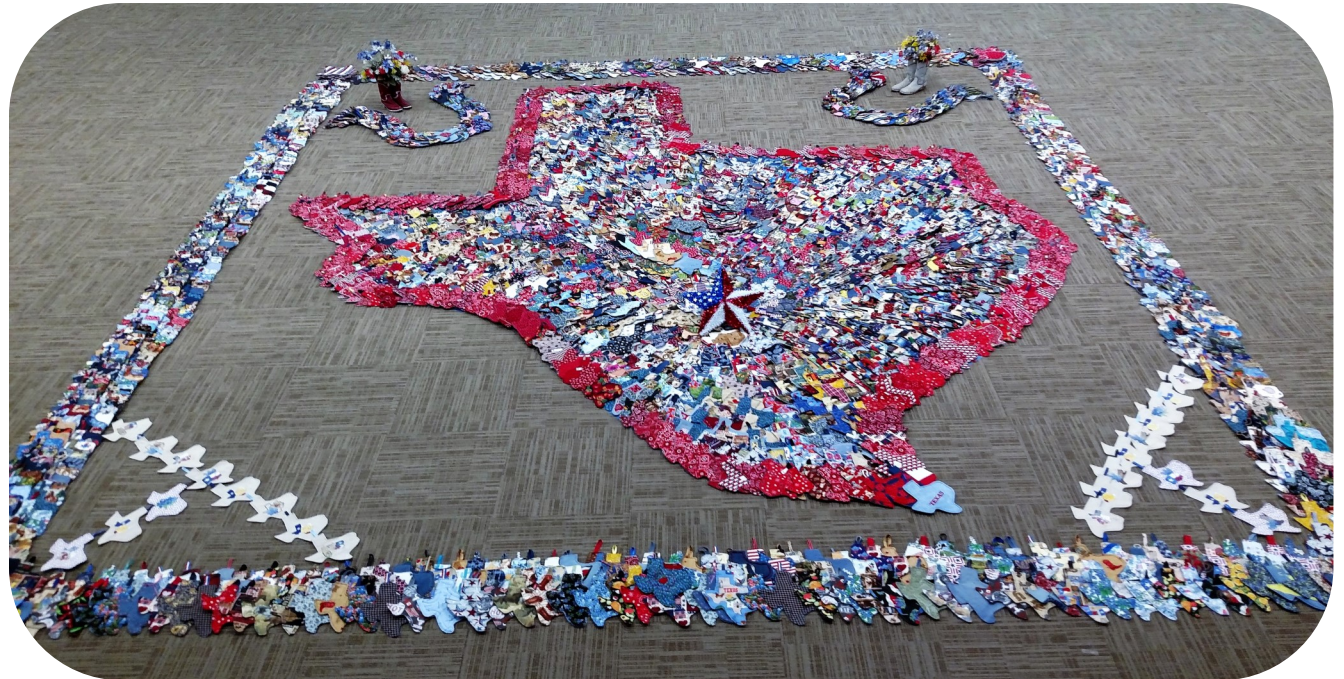
“POTHOLDER PARTNERSHIP PROJECT”

Linda Wells, FCH Agent
Burnet County

What an honor it was to have 2,864+ potholders to distribute throughout the 2018 National Extension Education Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) Annual Meeting that was held in San Antonio, at the beautiful River Center Marriott Hotel on September 24-27.

In November 2017, the State TEEA Board of Directors approved the request of making potholders in the shape of Texas, from the Texas Affiliate of Family Community Health Agents who were planning the special annual meeting with participants from across the United States coming to enjoy Texas. And “enjoy” they did throughout the week, with a special “touch” of love that was provided by the statewide TEEA membership. From the beginning to the end of the Annual Meeting ALL of the “handmade with love” potholders were distributed to the National NEAFCS board of directors, participants and guests, keynote and workshop speakers, van drivers, hotel management and workers, vendors, and exhibitors!!! They were amazed and very appreciative of their tokens of appreciation toward helping make the 2018 NEAFCS Annual Meeting in Texas an unforgettable experience.

THANK YOU to all 12 TEEA districts and county members for your wonderful contribution and project. Your dedication and support toward this partnership and our hosting of the National Annual Meeting has been amazing and appreciated. May you be blessed for your contributions.



Final count: 2864 potholders from all 12 Districts! Thank you TEEA!!



Texas Potholders 

The new NEAFCS National Officers with their potholders.



Thanks to AgWorkers Insurance for the coffee and muffins we enjoyed during registration. We hope to see you again in 2019 in San Marcos.

She trains shelter dogs to be service animals for disabled Veterans. She chooses the dogs based on their temperaments. She then lets the Vet pick the dog they want to work with. Then work starts for all three for six to nine months. She trains not only the dog but also the Vet, who needs to know how to give commands. Wonderful program, wonderful cause and was enjoyed by everyone who attended .

DISTRICT 1

**ROSABELLE LEAL
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
RECOGNIZES
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L-R: Brooke Schneider, Kay Bell, Vice Chairman

TEXAS PANHANDLE NEWS

Sylvia Jordan

Hello from the Texas Panhandle. Fall is upon us; what happened to spring and summer? As usual our meetings are filled with fun fellowship and yes, projects. Golden Spread Quilters will be the featured club at the Ogallala Quilt Festival in April 2019 in the Senior Citizens Building. In preparation for that event, we had a class, taught by Chris Edler, about making proper hanging sleeves for quilts.

Our community service project for Colorful Closet in Amarillo was a huge success. This ministry was started to provide clothing, socks, and underwear for children and teens size 2 T to 2 XXL. Each recipient receives a bag with 5 tops, 5 bottoms all coordinated to mix and match. They also receive underwear, socks and hygiene supplies. What a great ministry this organization provides for these kids and their families. As usual our district came through with a generous supply of items.

In July, Judy Gannon led our Saturday Sew Day group in making Mondo Bags. These beautiful, heavy duty bags are made with 192 of 2 1/2" squares sewn on a grid. The large size makes it useful for just about everything and the small size makes a great grocery bag.



**POTTER COUNTY
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD**



**RANDALL COUNTY
OUTSTANDING
EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMMING AWARD**

RANDALL COUNTY NEWS

Sidona Rogers

On September 13, Randall County, Sunnyhill EEA, District 1 met for its monthly meeting. The program was with an organization called "Hope Lives Here". Brooke Schneider started the service after she adopted a shelter pet. She said it rescued her instead of the other way around.

Jeff Stoughton brought us a presentation on the Color Wheel and Color Theory. I don't know about you but selecting fabric for my quilts can be a little daunting. This practical and useful information can make the task much less intimidating. Tools, like the color wheel, can be useful only if you know how, when, and why.

In August our program was given by Betty Blankenship of Quilter's Cottage in Stinnett. She gave a presentation of the history of The Bible Quilt made by Harriet Powers. Betty was fortunate to find a copy of Harriet Powers' quilt. She was so intrigued by the quilt she began to track down as much information as she could find. That search led her to Harriet Powers' Bible Quilt. Betty still does not know who made the copy that she owns but she has a better appreciation of the quilt. She reminded us that every quilt has a story and a history and needs a label. She also said her critique of quilts changed through knowledge of the history and culture of the maker.

Our representatives came back talking about the great state meeting in Abilene. Some of our ladies received ribbons from the cultural arts entries. Sylvia Jordan won first place in machine embroidery and Janice Hathaway won first place for her padded chair. Congratulations to ALL the participants for your hard work and creativity.

In September we will have another sewing studio tour. We had so much fun last year, we decided to do it again. We have four homes this year. We will have lots to eat and lots to see, I wish you could all come. Drop by anytime, visitors are welcome. Happy Quilting!

HANSFORD COUNTY NEWS

Lisa Pipkin

Happy Homes Club does not meet in the summer months so members can enjoy their families and summer activities. We always look forward to starting up and seeing everyone in September!! Andrea Woolley gave an informative program on uses of "Swimming Pool Noodles" around camp sites, edge of bed for child protection, door stops, playhouses, wreaths and so much more.

Our second meeting in September we invited guests to come join our club. We had a covered dish luncheon and a short program on "Ice Cream Bucket Pickles" by Lisa Pipkin. Everyone enjoyed seeing the Cultural Arts winners from state!

TEEA members met with the Hansford County Judge and Commissioners Court to sign a proclamation for TEEA Week, October 7-13. From L-R are: members; Delinda McLaughlin, Wanda Wagoner, Marianne Pipkin, and Andrea Woolley; Judge Benny Wilson; and Commissioners, Tim Stedje, Danny Henson, and Butch Reed.



Hansford County TEEA took 10 cultural arts items to the State Conference in Abilene and brought home 5 ribbons!! We were very excited and proud!!

These are the TEEA members from Hansford and Ochiltree Co. who attended the state meeting in Abilene September 11-12.

L-R are Lisa Pipkin, Connie Stahlman, Terrie Harper, Cheryl Sander, Rosetta Barrera, Fran Duncan, Janie Kunselman, Dora Ward, and Andrea Woolley.



We are so proud of our District 1 winners, Rosetta Barrera our Texas Treasure Award and Andrea Woolley our Texas Leadership Award, who competed and were recognized with the other 11 Districts in Abilene!!

"Certain things catch your eye but pursue only those that capture the heart."
~ Ancient Indian Proverb
~ Ralph Marston

We all really enjoyed the District Night out at The Ball Ranch. The chuck wagon BBQ and entertainment was excellent!!



RANDALL COUNTY NEWS

Ruby Tharp

Southern County met at Jason's Deli for lunch. Then they traveled to "The Bridge" to take the stuffed animals they had collected. "The Bridge" conducts child interviews, victim assistance, on-site sexual assault exams, multi-disciplinary case review, counseling referral, community outreach, and statistics. Their mission is to "Provide a child's path to healing and justice." They serve the top 20 counties in the Panhandle.

A wish list was given to us as follows - gift cards (Walmart, etc.), Nerf Balls, pens, gel pens, blank journals, individually wrapped snacks (goldfish, etc.), boxed juices. Items needed for the teens are school supplies, journals for boys and girls, Axe body sprays, body sprays for girls, soaps and lotions, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, etc.

All of Randall County donated clothing to the "Colorful Closet" and paper goods to "Martha's House" in September.

*And God promised
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would be found in
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Then he made the
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**GLENDA GIBSON
DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR
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**SCURRY COUNTY
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**SWISHER COUNTY
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DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR
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**PARKER COUNTY
OUTSTANDING
EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMMING AWARD**

**WISE COUNTY
OUTSTANDING
COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARD**

Unfortunately we were unable to get their picture during the State Conference.

MONTAGUE COUNTY NEWS

Kathy McPeters

The Traveling Tea Ladies were brought to life by member Mary Whatley as she entertained members of Bowie TEEA with a book review in July. Mary introduced 12 members and two guests to four quirky and eccentric best friends in the murder mystery *Death in Dallas*. Known for her book reviews, Mary never fails to delight everyone and we look forward to another great review next year.



Mary Whatley's review of The Traveling Tea Ladies Death in Dallas

In August, 19 members and guests gathered at the Salona Community Center for a Pot Luck Lunch and afternoon of crafting. Sheila Schindler, member and owner of Woolgatherings, taught us to make a wool flower pin to add to our fall wardrobe. Known for her wool hooking and great Amish baskets, Sheila helped everyone create a one-of-a-kind accessory.



Sheila Schindler teaches everyone a wool pin creation

The talents of several Bowie members were displayed in the Cultural Arts Competition at the TEEA State Conference in Abilene. Recognized with white ribbons were Robin Boling, paper craft and miscellaneous, and Mary Whatley/Donna Roth, quilt by more than 1 member. We are proud of these ladies and their talents. The club had their year-end meeting at Shirley's Tea-room in Terral, OK, where a delicious luncheon with dessert was enjoyed by all.



Melanie Potter, Sheila Schindler, Vivian Younker, Jane Edwards, Lois Neese, Kay Holloway, Carla Whitaker and Jo McDonald

**COUNTRY CROSSROADS
EE CLUB NEWS**

Jane Rodgers

Parker County EEA Country Crossroads Club had their organizational meeting for 2018-2019 on September 20. We are looking forward to serving our community, learning, growing our membership, and having fun together. Memories of our 45 years as a club were shared. Our fundraiser this meeting was a purse exchange. Someone "took" the blue one I brought, but I "stole" someone else's black and white!



GREENWOOD EE CLUB NEWS

Suzy Willeford

In June, our last meeting of the summer, the GEE Club conducted business as usual and President Bobbie Ashley told us she was to have surgery that would correct her posture. We also discussed the Greenwood Fall Festival, our huge annual fundraiser,

and a highly regarded community event. We were issued flyers for the event, flyers for raffle items, raffle tickets to sell and assignments for The Big Day.

In early July, Bobbie went in for surgery and there were complications, so she remained in the hospital in ICU.

On July 21, the GEE Club hosted the Greenwood Ice Cream Social. VP Joyce Enis reported a good time was had by all.

On July 24, Bobbie Ashley died. She was a great supporter of TEEA and president of the Greenwood EE Club. She was a Red Hatter and avid supporter of the Wise County Historical Museum in Decatur and the Greenwood Masonic Lodge. In May, she threw a blow-out barn party to celebrate her 85th birthday with friends and family. Her obituary stated, "she always knew what was happening in the community and was active in making things happen."



Bobbie Ashley 1933-2018

As Bobbie would have no doubt wished, the GEE Club carried on. At the state meeting September 11-12, Tanya represented the Greenwood EE Club. Marilynn's quilts won second and third place in the statewide cultural arts contest.

Throughout August and September, members sold raffle tickets and collected items for the upcoming Greenwood Fall Festival.

September's meeting on the 28 began an hour earlier than normal so we would have time to review old and new business and the fundraiser. We voted to rename the GEE Club's annual 4-H scholarship to the Bobbie Ashley Memorial 4-H Scholarship. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the Greenwood Fall Festival, hammering out the details. Two weeks to go!



SPRINGTOWN EE CLUB NEWS

Cita Honeycutt

The Springtown EE Club recently installed officers for the coming year. Barbara Sampson, District 3 Director installed the officers. They are: President - Cita Honeycutt, Vice President - Margaret Avery, Secretary - Sheila Woody, Association Delegate - Ellen Carpenter and Treasurer - Linda Whitaker.

DISTRICT 4

ANGELA PIERCE DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES COUNTIES FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



BOWIE COUNTY OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



RAINS COUNTY OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AWARD

DISTRICT 4 NEWS

Shirley Pierce

District 4 had 24 EE members from Bowie, Collins, Cooke, Dallas, Hunt, Raines, and Tarrant counties represented at the state conference in Abilene. The district party was held at Chili's. Four ladies from our District were awarded blue ribbons at the Cultural Arts exhibit—Eileen Miller of Bowie for her afghan, Cindy Callentine of Raines for her craft painting, Jackie Gray of Cooke for her jewelry, and Mary Francis O'Neal of Collin for her scrappy quilt.

At the banquet Dinah Rainey from Hunt County was installed as the District Director and Angela Pierce of Bowie County was installed as the state secretary for the 2018-2020 term. District 4 appreciates Ed Kinter for providing the wind chimes for the casino auction at the banquet. Also we appreciate all the ladies who attended the meeting and hope they went home with good ideas and fond memories.

HUNT COUNTY NEWS

Judy Clingan

The Hunt County TEEA is planning for a busy fall since we took a break for summer. A play day in August brought fun and laughter with games and good food. Looking forward to our holiday projects. A big congratulations to Angela Pierce as she is now State Secretary and Dinah Rainey a member of Hunt County is the new District 4 Director. Enjoy the falling leaves.

"Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people – your family, friends, and coworkers, and even strangers you meet along the way."

~ Barbara Bush

DISTRICT 5

ELAINE JACKSON DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES COUNTIES FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



SMITH COUNTY OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



UPSHUR COUNTY OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AWARD

CHEROKEE COUNTY NEWS

Marylyn Bennett

TEEA members from Central High and Ponta Clubs won ribbons at the Cultural Arts event in July. First place winners were Virginia Barefield for her crochet christening gown in the Decorated Garments category; Marylyn Hoy Bennett for her fabric strip wreath in the Fabric Creations category; Carolyn Easter for her necklace and earrings in the Jewelry category and her blue jean apron in the Miscellaneous category; Virginia Bush for her hand quilted lap quilt in the Small Quilts category; and Susie Blackmon for her bur-lap wreath in the Wall Hanging category. Second place winners were Zoe Anny Conway for her crochet mat in the Handstitchery category and Marylyn Hoy Bennett for her coffee bean bag pillows in the Recycled category.

Elaine Jackson, District Director, took all of the first place entries and entered them in the Cultural Arts at the State Conference. Congratulations to all our members participating in the Cultural Arts!

Ponta members are continuing their community service projects. TEEA members provide community serve efforts all year long. The group annually send \$50.00 to the local Gallatin Volunteer Fire Department, as this group defends all the towns members live in. The group also, on a monthly basis, collects canned goods for H.O.P.E., gives toiletries, totes and blankets to Child Protective Services, and members sewed potholders for the FCH agents national meeting held in San Antonio. Future projects include choosing an angel from the Angel Tree for Christmas. Ponta members are Virginia Barefield, Marylyn Hoy Bennett, Susie Blackmon, Virginia Bush, Zoe Ann Conway, Peggy Rosamond, Bobbie Russell, and Mary Nell Wofford. The Ponta Club is 85 years old.

Cherokee County planned a Rally Day event during TEEA Week to honor TEEA members. The meeting was held at the Singletary Public Library meeting room in Rusk. Festive fall decorations, show and tell, potluck lunch, and guest speaker, County Judge Chris Davis were all on the agenda. A full report will sent in for the next issue of the Messenger.

UPSHUR COUNTY NEWS

Gwen Jewett

The Southern Belles and Glenwood EE Clubs were on the agenda in the Upshur County Commissioners Court September 29. Joyce Raabe, our County Chair, presented our 2018 accomplishments. We supported the following community activities: Adopt a Family at Christmas, Adopt a Nursing Home Resident, Backpacks of food for Students, The Cherokee Rose Festival, The Clothes Closet & Food Pantry, 4-H College Scholarships, 4-H Camps/Leadership Training, Friends of Upshur County Library, The Historic Upshur Museum, Open Door Pregnancy Help Center, Nursing Home Valentine & Easter Parties, The Safe Haven Equine

Rescue, Windridge Therapeutic Riding Facility, Decorating of the Upshur County Courthouse Christmas Tree, Donations to the Upshur County Volunteer Fire Departments and managing the Yam Pie and Canning Contest held during the annual Yamboree Festival in October.

Our annual fundraisers are a Bean Luncheon held in July, a Chili Luncheon held in January, and a Concession Stand in October during the Yamboree events. In November we plan to host a joint meeting with lunch provided and invite our county representatives and others. We plan to attend the District 5 Fall Training meeting in Upshur County.

At our state meeting in Abilene TX, our clubs received a TEEA Award as the District 5 Honor Roll County for our support to Upshur County residents. Those attending from Upshur County were Lesa Jackson, Diana Heller, Joyce Raabe, Pat Bynum, Joan Warren, Gwen Jewett, Annette Johnson, Christine Thomas, and Julie York.

In addition, members supported our County Agent, Julie York in teaching 4-H members about the process "from cow to table" and nutrition at a commercial dairy farm. Texas-shaped potholders were sewed for a national Extension Agent's Association conference hosted by Texas. We also continue to participate in our district association meetings.

We have had a great year and wish everyone "Happy Holidays"!

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**YOLANDA PAYNE
DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR
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DISTRICT 6 TEEA NEWS

Diann Warnock

District 6 may be small in numbers, but all of our members are active. Six of us attended the conference this year, including Abigail Pritchard, Edith Jones, Yolanda Carrillo Payne, Karan Heffelfinger, Diann Warnock, and Ninfa Carrillo. I am happy to report that Edith Jones is doing well after her fall and many stitches. We helped host the state conference this year with District 7 and with the help of several TEEA members the cultural arts were a hit.

This last year our programs included the "Fantastic 5" and "The Incredible Gourd". We had a professional artist in Pecos County show us how to clean and paint all different sizes of gourds. We are looking forward to November when we will travel to Big Lake where Karan Heffelfinger will share her "Recycle, Reuse and Repurpose Glass Jars" program. In January of 2019 we will present the CRASE program and later in the year we will present "DO-RAE-ME-CHA-CHA-CHA" program.

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and calling it 'Pumping Rust.'

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**POLLY KRENEK
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OUTSTANDING
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**BURNET COUNTY
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**BURNET COUNTY
POLLY KRENEK PRESENTS
STATE TREASURE AWARD
TO
JOYCE EDWARDS**

DISTRICT 7 EEA NEWS

Polly Krenek

I want to thank all the members of District 7 for all the support and help with the 2018 State Conference. Ladies, it was a great success mainly because of the help, making items for the Country Store, volunteering for different jobs, running errands, and the many, many tasks that are necessary to put on the State Conference. My hat is off to each and every one of you for an excellent job.

We had 72 members attending the conference which was the most members from a host district and included in the number were eight agents.

Amy Parke, from Burnet County, was the Leadership award winner for District 7. She is a member of the Redbud / Oakalla Club and is also very active in the Master Gardners.



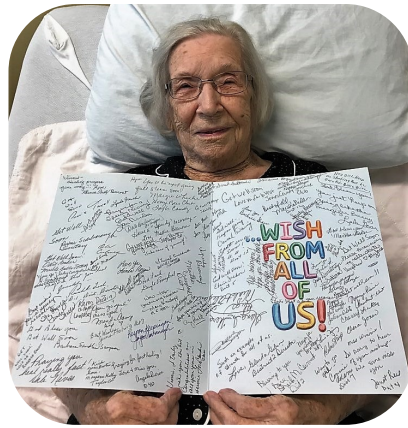
Joyce Edwards was the Texas Treasure Award winner for District 7 and was chosen as the State Award winner for 2018 by the TEEA board members. She is a member of two clubs, the Marble Falls EE Club and the Oatmeal EE Club where she has held many club offices and offices on the Burnet EEA Council. She is also the lady who had the idea of a TEEA county wide Christmas party each year. Joyce also volunteers a lot of hours each year for community and service projects. Congratulations Joyce for a job well done. She was unable to attend State Meeting so her award was presented at a special ceremony at her club.

Others receiving awards were: McDaniel EE Club, Brown County for 60 years being a club; Sunshine EE Club, Taylor County for 40 years; Honey Bees EE Club, Taylor County for 35 years.

Members receiving awards for years of membership are: Dortha Collins, Burnet County, Ruby Goodwin, Brown County and Maggie Field, Brown County for 60 years as a member; Ollie Ann Baker, Burnet County and Helen Roach, Tom Green County for 45 years; Nancy Bilberry, Tom Green County for 40 years; Dolores Gully, Tom Green County, Margie Wheeler, Taylor County for 35 years; June Greenlee, Taylor County, Margreat Kraatz, Taylor County for 30 years; Sharon Harris, Burnet County, Mildred Steger, Brown County, Debbie Webb, Burnet County for 25 years; Sharon Joy Hohmann, Tom Green County, Jean Jaynes, Brown County, Mary Ann Kelley, Taylor County, Susan Minton, Burnet County, Lucille Werner, Tom Green County for 20 years.

There were four ladies who turned in their Certified Volunteer Units hours from Burnet County. Lela Goar, Polly Krenek, Lynda French and Lisa Zinz who put in a lot of hours and I know there are others in District 7 who do the same. I hope next year I will see more names on the list.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Training on November 14 at Llano. Keep up the good work. Happy New TEEA Year!



BURNET COUNTY NEWS

Roberta Eacott.

Many of you signed the get well card for Burnet County's most senior member in Abilene. She is now home and up and walking in a boot and has recently celebrated her 107th birthday. Here she is with her card. She was tickled with the card and said she had never had so many get well wishes. Thanks to all of you for making her day.

We wish you well Winnie and know you are glad to be home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WINNIE!
You are amazing.

LAMPASAS COUNTY TEEA NEWS

Arlene Wingo

An exciting field trip to Waco in June was a highlight to begin our summer activities. Lunch was at a unique café in downtown that was decorated in old car memorabilia. From there, antique shopping was in store for us across the street. Next, we walked through the famous but crowded Magnolia Silos. Member Mary Kemper's husband, Fred, made life a lot easier and more fun for us as he chauffeured us back and forth to our desired attractions. The most exciting and unusual time was our visit to the Mammoth National Monument featuring a climate-controlled, state-of-the-art dig shelter that protects remains of six Columbian mammoths and other Ice Age animals.

It was back to work in July when we hosted our annual County Fair in conjunction with the Lampasas Spring Ho festivities. As usual, we had great judges and help from club members for a smooth-running fair.

Two of our newest members, Susan Mitchell and Charlene Cockrell, hosted our August

meeting and really treated the club to a nice spread of food and lots of fun and unusual door prizes! Then club member Renee Alter gave an outstanding power point program on Mental Health. Her presentation was reflective of her participation in Toastmasters.

Naturally the highlight of our year was state convention. Five of us attended and thoroughly enjoyed it all, especially Elvis, John Wayne, and Dr. Sulak! Two of our members, Cheryl Luker and Lucinda Flores, were First Timers and both are ready for the next STATE. Our favorite workshop was "CRASE" Shooter Events.

Three of us went a day early to help with the Country Store and stayed a few hours in Abilene on Thursday to take in the GRACE Museum featuring Abilene's history, and eat at another of the city's fine restaurants. We are all looking forward to San Marcos next year.



Arlene Wingo, Cheryl Luker and Siddonia Umphres enjoyed the Museum exhibits.



Siddonia Umphres, Cheryl Luker, Lucinda Flores, and Arlene Wingo enjoyed the banquet.



L-R: Karen D'Zarn, FCH Agent; Lucinda Flores; Cheryl Luker; Arlene Wingo; and Siddonia Umphres with their raffle donation basket for the Country Store.

We feel sure our agent, Karen DeZarn, enjoyed the National FCH Convention in San Antonio and that all the participants liked their Texas potholders!

BURNET COUNTY NEWS

Polly Krenek

Summer again has been very busy with the Burnet County Area Fair in June. All the EE clubs help taking different divisions being superintendents and volunteering for various other jobs at the fair.

July is our 4-H month and it is such a pleasure to have all the 4-H members come to our club meetings and tell us about what their club has been doing. In July Burnet was the host for the Junior District 7 Fashion Review which was such an honor. These kids do such a wonderful job and we are so proud of each one of them.

Twelve members attended the State Conference in Abilene with members volunteering, collecting items and making items for the Country Store. Linda Wells, presented a program at the Conference, "Happiness is Home-made", which was a great hit. She also did the installation of officers for the TEEA Board members. Thank you Linda, it was a great installation.

Ollie Ann Baker, member of the Marble Falls EE Club presented a program on Hobo Quilts and the history of the Hobos. She did a great job and I am looking forward to her presenting the program at our Lunch and Learn, which will be in February.

The Burnet County EEA new Association officers are Roxanne Dunegan, County Chair; Elaine Holbrook, Vice Chair; Mary Ann Copp, Secretary; Joyce Edwards, Assistant Secretary; Roberta Eacott, Treasurer; Lisa Zinz, Assistant Treasurer; Polly Krenek, Publicity Chair; Lynda French, Historian; Joyce Edwards, Parliamentarian; and Betty Sue Chaney, Sargeant-at-Arms.

We congratulate Amy Parke from the Redbud Oakalla Club for being selected as the District 7 Leadership Award winner and Joyce Edwards from the Oatmeal EE Club for being selected as the District 7 winner of the Texas Treasure Award and the winner of the State Texas

Treasure Award. These ladies are outstanding women and we are so proud they are from Burnet County.

Congratulations to Linda Rogers who just finished her term as Education Chair for TEEA. She did an outstanding job of thinking outside the box and presenting workshops for the past two years that were really interesting to the membership statewide. Thank you Linda.

Our 2018-2019 calendars are already getting full and looking like another busy year for our members. We are wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BROWN COUNTY NEWS

Dale Henderson

As usual all three clubs; May, McDaniel and Owens have been keeping busy with their various endeavors. One project was the Texas potholders each club made. An Owens member, Ila Edgar donated some blue denim and members helped make them.

We had a number of excellent programs this year, i.e. "Should I Fire My Doctor" by Martha Baker and "Ghost Towns of Texas" by Dale Henderson.

Officers for the new year are: President - JoAnn White, Vice President - Dale Henderson, Secretary - Jerri Steele, Treasurer - Sandra Wiley; Council Delegate - Sondra Wiley and Lomah Pittman. Owens Trade Day was set for October 6.

Members attending the TEEA State Conference were: Delegates - Martha Baker, JoAnn White, and Dale Henderson; FCH Agent - Courtney Parrott, May members - Peggy Bostick, Kay Brown, Tiny Siler and Liz Hardy; Owens members - Laneta Carroll, Jerri Steele, and Sandra Wiley. All of the members helped in the Country Store.

Brown County did very well in the Cultural Arts. Peggy Bostick, Jean Jaynes, Martha Baker, JoAnn White and Dale Henderson all brought home winning items.

The McDaniel Club and Brown County lost a very special member. Mrs. Ruby Goodwin passed away July 19 at her daughter's in Beaumont. She was a very special lady and will long be remembered by Brown County and District 7.

While at State Conference JoAnn White fell and injured her shoulder on Wednesday. She would like to thank all who sent cards, phone calls and prayers for her. She is doing fine, except for not being able to drive. She is lucky to have a loving, handy husband to help her at home.

Our best to all of District 7 for the new year.

McDANIEL CLUB HISTORY

Dale Henderson

The McDaniel EE Club met until recently in a 100 year old school house that was built in 1916. A tornado hit and they rebuilt it. The two room school closed in 1940.



Then it became the meeting place for the McDaniel EE Club for many years.



Now we meet in the Bangs Community Center on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.



BURNET COUNTY NEWS

Roxanne Dunegan, 2018-2020 Burnet County Chair, recognized Lynda French, outgoing chair at the last County Council meeting for all her hard work. We appreciate everything she did for Burnet County.

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CLARA JONES DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES COUNTIES FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



LEON COUNTY OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AWARD

WILLIAMSON COUNTY NEWS

Edwina Jezisek

New Horizons club of Williamson County donates stuffed animals to the Dell Childrens Hospital Surgery Center. The animals are given to children who are having surgery or other treatments. The stuffed animals are such a comfort and big help with helping the children overcome their fears. The nurses are so happy every time we take in bags of stuffed animals.



NOONTIME TAKES FIELD TRIP

Charlotte Watson

For their September club meeting each year, Noontime EE Club visits a local non-profit with which they partner to learn more about their ministry in the community. This September they visited the new location of Faith in Action - Georgetown. FIAC's

goal is to help seniors remain independent by providing rides to the grocery store, doctor's appointments, and other shopping and necessary appointments. The clients make an appointment and available volunteer drivers take the seniors to their many appointments. The clients are allowed two transportation appointments each week. Pictured with Noontime EE Club members is FIAC's new shuttle. With this new vehicle, they can provide more rides for groups who arrange to go to the grocery store or Walmart at the same time.

L - R are Melinda Szabo, FIAC Development Associate, Noontime members, Charlotte Watson, Peggy Blair, Nelda McCain, Stella Guzy, Mary Johnson, Dedie Johnson, Mary Lindsey, and Mike, FIAC's shuttle driver. After their tour, Noontime met for their monthly meeting in FIAC's new meeting room. It was a great time of learning about this expanding ministry to seniors in Georgetown.



BECKY LYCAN WINS AT STATE!

Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club Member, Becky Lycan, won AGAIN at this year's State TEEA meeting! Lycan proudly holds her beautiful winning basket from the Country Store raffle. Lycan says she doesn't cook much, but she'll gladly share the kitchen items from her basket with others! This is the second BIG basket Becky has won at TEEA events. Lucky Lycan!



BELL COUNTY NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Pictured are twin sisters, LaVerne Dillashaw (left) and LaVelle Parsons celebrating their 90th birthday on July 14. LaVerne and LaVelle are members of the Tejas EEA club in Bell County. LaVelle has been a member of Extension since 1992 and has served in many capacities, including President, VP, Chairman of the Association, Treasurer of District 8, state delegate, etc. She has also volunteered as a judge at the County Youth Fair. LaVerne joined the Tejas club in 2013, after making a move to Temple from San Antonio. LaVerne lived many years in San Antonio and volunteered in her community in several ways before coming to Temple to live near her sister.



LEON EEA NEWS

Michaelene Perry

On July 4, the five EE clubs of Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) (Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normangee and Oakwood) entered a float into the **Leon County Funtier Days Parade** in Centerville for July 4 for the first time.

Members of these clubs decorated the float with the help of Tom Hanson of Oakwood who provided the truck and trailer, and also to Travis Warren of Jewett who help with setup. Both are spouses of EE members Martie Hanson and Donna Warren.

Decorations were donated by many of the EE members who came that day to help set up the float. During the parade, we provided a variety of candy for the bystanders and waved American flags to show our patriotism for our country and support for our military, current, passed and deceased.

It was definitely a fun-filled Funtier Days Parade and hopes are high that we will do this again. Thanks go out to Clara Jones, LEEA President and Martie Hanson, Oakwood EE for coordinating our entry into this parade; and to all the EE members who helped with the decorating. Our float won the "Sweepstakes Award" trophy. Thanks to all committee members who worked so hard for the Funtier Days Parade. We had a great time.



Front L-R - Travis Warren, Barbara Hickman, Mary Walters, Michaelene Perry, Nyanza Price, Donna Warren, Judy Hutchison, Martie Hanson. Back L-R - Clara Jones, Gail Huffine and Mary Greer. Missing is Tom Hanson, who took the picture.

BELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Twelve members of the Bell County EEA and the Bell County Extension Agent attended the Summer Retreat on August 7th in Hamilton. Pictured are: Front from left; Peggy Lawhorn and Kimberly Marx; Middle left, Nancy Posvar, Doris Severson, Mary Stuessel, Laurie Veatch, Rose Anne Grosechose, Lora Blacklock, Joy Scott and Gayle Pomykal. Back from left; Joe Ann Smith, Nancy Urbantke and Jackie McLaughlin, Extension Agent.



LEON COUNTY NEWS

Michaelene Perry

On June 6 the Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Office held their annual Kids' Camp activity. Each year LEEA has various crafts available for the youth in a summer camp-type activities day. We had 16 participants this year.

This year the kids were involved with three projects which they were able to take home with them. First, each collected 8-10 pre-cut & pre-slit felt fabric circles in an array of colors for a "Scarf." They followed instructions to slip each of circles into the next one to make the length needed for their height; the last circle was fringed to finish the item.



The second craft was making a "Wooden Bird House." Using pre-cut wood, the kids put the pieces together attaching each piece with screws in the pre-drilled wood; some chose to add wood glue, too. After all 7-8 pieces were assembled the kids were able to either set it on a tree stump/table or attach a hanging wire to the top to connect it to a hook or tree limb. There may be some future carpenters after this fun project! Special thanks to B.J. Henderson of Jewett EE for cutting out all the pieces and pre-drilling holes.



Last, all drew a picture onto a picture frame glass. Once completed, the glass was reversed and a background colored paper was added. Once accomplished, the frame was added and a nice

picture was ready to give to their parents, friends or relatives.



Many thanks go out to Fran Prather, LEEA 4-H Chairperson for coordinating this day; she worked with Laura Petty, AgriLife 4-H Agent to arrange the crafts. Also the members of Leon EEA from Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville and Normangee EE Clubs assisted Fran with this endeavor. Those who helped that day of the event are Helen Torrance, Barbara Hickman, Nyanza Price, Pat Ferguson, Martie Hanson, Donna Barrilleaux, Lora Nichols, Debby Johnson, Gail Huffine, BJ Henderson, Marcia Lewis, Carole Huebner, Clara Jones, and Donna Warren. Also thanks to Quentin and Skylar Petty, Laura Petty's sons. It is so rewarding to see our youth in the county blossom while learning.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE STATE PRESIDENTS

At the District 8 Dinner at the 2018 TEEA State Conference, the following members were recognized. L - R: Nyanza Price, Incoming State President; Millie Barrow, Current State President; and Charlotte Watson, 1993-94 State President.



WILLIAMSON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Charlotte Watson

Williamson County was well represented at the 2018 TEEA State Conference in Abilene. L to R, Delegate Barbara Knoore, Alternate Delegate Becky Lycan, Delegate Charlotte Watson, and Delegate Lillian Black. Knorre and Black are in the Morning Glory EE Club. Lycan and Watson are in the Noontime EE Club. Black is the incoming Williamson County Chair, Lycan is the incoming Vice Chair, and Knorre is the County Secretary.



FEEDING HOMELESS AND HUNGRY TEENS

Charlotte Watson

Pictured above and holding food dishes are members of the Noontime EE Club. L to R, Carola Meister, Stella Guzy, Mary Lindsey, and Dedie Johnson. They were just four of the ten club members who prepared delicious food dishes for The Nest, a safe place where homeless teenagers gather after school each day to get help with homework and share life with other homeless teens. Each day dinner for twenty five teenagers is provided by community groups. Noontime's menu included Chicken and Dressing Casserole, Stained Glass Fruit Salad, Choco-Cherry Cake, and an assortment of breads. When club members arrived with the food, the teenagers were delighted with the huge amounts of food and the delightful selection provided. Bravo, Noontime! What a great way to serve our community.

HAMILTON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Linda Pledger

Summer is over, Hamilton County has been blessed with life giving rain. Grass and flowers reviving helped spring Extension activities upward. Attending the convention, new ideas and programs for the year ahead proved interesting. Our own Mary Lambert and Jerrie Cage will be serving in positions for District 8 this coming year.

The Pottsville EEC is planning their annual Holiday Market for November 10 at the Pavilion in Fair Park, Hamilton, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be raising money for scholarships for graduating seniors and opportunity scholarships for local residents who want to further their education.

Achievement Day for the county will be highlighted by a brunch and the installation of new officers for both Pottsville EEC and the Hamilton County Extension Education Assoc.

Looking forward to a new year, Hamilton Extension Education will be helping with the Youth Fair for 4-H and set our sights on Spring Fling activities. Always keeping in mind improving the quality of life for area families.

Jeanie Harrison and Mary Lambert attended TEEA State Conference in Abilene in September.



LEON EEA NEWS

Michaelene Perry

On September 26, the Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) met for their monthly meeting at the Annex Building in Centerville. Along with the business meeting LEEA had installation of new officers for the upcoming term (2018-2020).

Amy Smith of Citizens Bank honored us with a fun and interesting installation ceremony. Incoming officers are: Gail Huffine, County Chair, Martie Hanson,

Vice Chair; Donna Barrilleaux, Secretary; Helen Torrance, Treasurer and Michaelene Perry, Reporter. We wish them well and have high expectations to have our organization grow in Leon County where we have five Extension Education (EE) Clubs—Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normangee and Oakwood.

Please come a join our organization. We work with and provide various programs for the Community-at-large, 4-H and Young Children, Senior Citizens, Municipal Organizations, Libraries, Food Pantries, Volunteer Fire Departments, and Scholarship fundraising for 4-H high school Seniors. For more information or to contact a club near you, call the TAMU AgriLife office at 903-536-3125.



L-R - Amy Smith, Citizens Bank, Gail Huffine, Normangee EE, Martie Hanson, Oakwood EE, Helen Torrance, Leona-Centerville EE, Donna Barrilleaux, Buffalo EE. Missing from the photo is Michaelene Perry, Jewett EE

NOONTIME GETS 4-H UPDATE

Charlotte Watson

Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, always looks forward to having members from the Georgetown 4-H Club visit each year. This year's presentation was no exception. Noontime members are in the back of the group.

The following 4-H members and their presentation were as follows: L-R: Azja Dann (holding her duck), Payton Holcomb, Rachel Fowler, County 4-H Scholarship recipient, McKinley dyer (dress, bag and photos), Eli Hwang and Mark Janecka (rockets), Luke Fowler and Mark Janecka (County 4-H Scholarship recipient. Noontime members always enjoy hearing about their latest projects. Their

presentation skills and growth in leadership are a blessing to behold.



Judy Adkins, Chair of the County 4-H Committee, presented one of the county's scholarships to Mark Janecka, at the July EE Association Meeting. Adkins told of many of the ways Janecka had participated in 4-H including many times when he had assisted the Extension Education clubs with county wide events .



Judy Adkins, Chair of the Williamson County 4-H Committee, presented one of the county's scholarships to 4-H'er Rachel Fowler at the July EE Association Meeting. Adkins told of many of the ways Fowler had participated in 4-H and about her outstanding record book.



LEON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Michaelene Perry

On August 7, Leon Extension Education (EE) members took to the road for a trip to Hamilton, TX for the Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) District 8 annual Summer Retreat held at St. John Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Hamilton. Twenty-one participants from Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normangee and Oakwood EE clubs gathered

to have fun, fellowship and craft-making.



L-R Front - Donna Barrilleaux, Helen Torrance, Lora Nichols, Mary Greer, Mamie Bell, Marcia Lewis and Michaelene Perry; Back - Clara Jones, Nyanza Price, Gail Huffine, Martie Hanson, J.P. Borah, Kathy Counts, Jackie Morrow, Donna Warren, Judy Hutchison, Virginia Crabb, Carole Huebner, Celia Bell and Joy Stietenroth

Throughout the day we learned how to: 1) make a bunny rabbit out of a wash cloth using a rubber band, ribbon and fabric glue paint; 2) find out what's new in the kitchen (a.k.a. how to use an InstaPot and an Air Fryer to cook healthily); 3) benefits of Tai Chi (or how to change the way we look/think and replace those thoughts with a positive outlook with plenty of time to learn some of the basic moves); 4) make coasters out of recycled blue jean seams fabric; and last 5) decorative hats for any kind of uses for centerpiece or activity.

Just before lunch Stacy, Jaley and Pastor Keith Reich from St. John Lutheran Church presented several songs with Stacy on electronic piano, Keith on guitar and Jaley who has the most beautiful voice singing with her mom, Stacy and Keith, her dad, singing the harmony. The three were fantastic and all enjoyed their melodies.



A recognition gift was presented to Outgoing TEEA District 8 Director, Clara Jones by Incoming TEEA District 8 Director, Laurie Veatch.



Lunch followed the entertainment with the best stuffed potato bar served by Hamilton 4-H students, who also baked and provided the delicious desserts of triple chocolate cake or fresh strawberries in yellow-strawberry cake.



Masyn Raibourn (4-H member) and Sheila Ondrusek, CEA-FCH

Before departing, the EE members donated money to two very important projects TEEA does throughout the year: first, Dollars for Scholars (scholarships for 4-H students) with collections of \$71.42, and second, Coins for Friendship (building support for 4-H campers in Brownwood) with \$65.75 collected. After that the host counties of Bell and Hamilton distributed door prizes and raffle baskets to the winners with the lucky tickets. Winners of the raffle baskets were: Melea Sylvester (granddaughter of TEEA District 8 Director, Clara Jones), Nyanza Price, TEEA Incoming State President, and Jackie Morrow of Oakwood EE Club. All attendees had a fun time and look forward to EE activities in the future.



BELL COUNTY NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Bell County EEA installed their county officers for 2018-2019 on October 1. They are: L-R: Gayle Pomykal - Parliamentarian; Maxine Kalkbrenner - Treasurer;

Vernice Black - Secretary; Nancy Posvar - Vice Chair; Nancy Urbantke - Chair; Mary Steussel - RADA Chair; Polly Elizondo - Reporter and Reconciler and Debbie Fasolino - 4-H Leader, who presided over the installation. Bell EEA is up to 56 dues paid members and we look forward to continuing our membership in the new year.

A committee has been formed for our annual Style Show and Luncheon to be held March 16, 2019. Plans have begun for our location, theme, decorations, etc. Future articles will report the details. We hope many of you will put it on your calendar and be able to attend. We plan to build on the success of the 2018 show.

LEON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Michaelene Perry

On Monday, September 10, fourteen Leon Extension Education Association members departed for Abilene to attend the 91st Texas Extension Education Association state conference at the Abilene, Convention Center. All five EE Clubs (Buffalo, Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normangee and Oakwood) were represented and a total attendance around the state on day one of 369; on day two there were 378.

This conference was special for Leon County. The President-Elect, Nyanza Price of Oakwood EE, was installed as the TEEA State President. After elections during the second day, Clara Jones, Leona-Centerville EE was elected 2nd Vice President for Programs. Installation for the 2018-2020 board officers was held at the TEEA banquet the last evening.



L-R - Celia Bell, Martie Hanson, Nyanza Price, Lora Nichols, Donna Barrilleaux, Donna Warren, Mamie Bell, Judy Hutchison, Mary Greer, Carole Huebner, Gail Huffine, Jackie Morrow, Clara Jones and Michaelene Perry

The first day included the following activities: a. Cultural arts competition; b. Early Bird workshops—"Checkup for your Home Insurance", and "Happiness is Homemade." Other activities were: page training; Greetings from the Abilene City Council and general business information; Awards for oldest and youngest TEEA members—won by 3 active members 90 years old including one set of twins from Bell County; members, and clubs with 20 plus years in TEEA. With recess until morning, all districts met for their respective groups' parties. Leon EEA (District 8) had a blast. There were three games played with winners receiving token gifts. We all left with smiles and new friends



Voting by the TEEA board members and county delegates for 2nd Vice President for Programs was held. After completing all the business aspects, the keynote speaker was Jack Edmondson, a retired history teacher who became a "living historian" in 1986. An author of books on Texas history, his topic was all things John Wayne (aka Marion Mitchell Morrison). During his talk he added to his attire what the actor wore in most of his films. By the time he finished his presentation he looked, talked and moved just like John Wayne! He can present many famous historical people.

Lunch was a buffet and during the lunch we had a presentation by Patricia J. Sulak, M.D. from the Temple area. Her main concern is a "LivingWELLAware"™ program she and her husband, a licensed Neurologist, have developed. They lived the "rat-race" until ten years ago when both decided they were not healthy and until changing that, their patients were missing out on being healthy, too. Dr. Sulak wrote a book entitled Should I Fire My Doctor? where she describes the 11 Essential Elements To Health and Happiness. After her discussion, attendees were able to

purchase autographed educational materials which are helpful in turning your life around—NO MATTER WHAT AGE YOU ARE! Our members have returned to our counties, cities and towns to put what we learned into practice and present programs for the public.

Following our Lunch and Learn, members separated into break-out sessions to learn topics to take back to our communities during the next year. Be on the lookout for these offerings in areas in each county. We ended the conference with a fundraiser casino night (play money), an Elvis Presley sighting and performance, and a live auction where we could bid with our casino "winnings" and more \$\$\$ if needed which goes toward the TEEA State Alumni Scholarship fund.



That evening was the banquet, recognition of outgoing board members, and installation of a new board for 2018-2020. All were invited to the 2019 state conference on September 10-11 in San Marcos. This organization is worthwhile because we work with Texas A&M and the AgriLife staff in all Texas counties to help adults, kids, 4-H'ers, 4-H projects, and the community at large.



Clara Jones, District 8 Director with the traveling plaque for the District with the most members in attendance at the state meeting. Congratulations District 8

BELL COUNTY EEA NEWS

Polly Elizondo

Fourteen members from Bell County EEA Clubs attended the State Conferen in Abilene on September 11, 12. Members in attendance represented all three county clubs; Leedale, Tanglefoot and Tejas.



L - R: Laurie Veatch, Polly Elizondo, Lora Blacklock, Joe Ann Smith, Rose Ann Groseclose, LaVelle Parsons, Doris Severson, Dorothy Skrabanek, Suzanne Smith, Mary Stuessel, Fredonia Seely, LaVerne Dillashaw, Nancy Urbantke, and Gayle Pomykal.

BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Polly Elizondo

The Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet was held August 3, at the Bell County EXPO new Equestrian Center. The Star Awards winners were announced at the banquet. The Bronze and Silver Star Award is sponsored by the Bell County EEA. To be eligible to receive the Bronze Star Award, the 4-H member must have completed one year in 4-H and between the ages of 8 - 10. The 4-H member must complete an application and submit a record book. This award went to a deserving junior member; Jane Gauntt from Tigertown 4-H Club.

To be eligible to receive the Silver Star Award, the 4-H member must have completed two years in 4-H and between the ages of 11 - 13. The 4-H member must complete an application and submit a record book. This award went to John Gaunt III, Casin Sellaers and Jessalyn Payne.



L-R: John Gauntt III, Maxine Kalkbrenner, Casin Sellaers, and Laurie Veatch.

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SNOOK EEC NEWS

Karen Gaas

Snook EEA club members Michelle Zuckert, Maria Olivarrez, Patsy Schubert, and Karen Gaas presented cookies to the Snook School in support of Teacher's Appreciation Week.



Dennis Gaas was nominated by the Snook EEA club and won the " 2018 Outstanding Senior Citizen of Burleson County."



Snook EEA club was awarded \$3,000.00 from Chilifest, Inc. The money will be used for scholarships for 4-H and FFA graduating seniors.



Snook EEA club members Dennis and Karen Gaas bring alumni member Gloria Conrad pralines from the Snook EEA Travel Club Trip to New Orleans. Gloria was unable to go on this trip due to health issues. This was the first trip Gloria missed in over 20 years.



Snook and Lyons EEA club members from Burleson County judged crafts and quilts at the 2018 Washington County Cultural Arts judging. L-R: Karen Gaas, Debbie Zaharias, Peachie Burlin, Renee Preston and Lydia Faust.



The Snook EEA Travel club hosted a great trip to New Orleans in April 2018. Tour guides were Dennis and Karen Gaas. Forty-five friends had a really wonderful time on this trip.



Snook EEA club member Renee Preston presented a Thank You gift to Linda Rippingham for her program to EEA members on Glass Etching. All members etched beautiful wine glasses .



JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

Claudine Hare
Jefferson EEA new officers for the 2019 –2020 term were installed at our September meeting. Paula Tacker, FCH Extension Agent conducted the installation and is pictured with the outgoing officers.

Outgoing officers, Claudine Hare, treasurer; Sue Jones, secretary; Jessie Hodge, vice chair; and Renella Primeaux, county chair passed the baton to the incoming officers. They are Jessie Hodge, county chair; Sue Jones, secretary and Mary Tomplait, treasurer. All are looking forward to bigger and better things ahead for TEEA.



FORT BEND EEA NEWS

Erna Thielemann
Fort Bend County TEEA Members participated in the County Fair in September. Members entered in the following: Handi Work, Sewing Machine Articles, Food Preservation, Food Preparation, Plants & Arrangements, Fine Arts along with Ball Kerr Awards in Canning and King Arthur Flour Cornbread Contest.



Outstanding and Class Winners –

L-R, front – Rose Jaynes, Susan Newsome, Carol Gubbels, Mary Ann Kiel. Second row - Erna Thielemann, Bernice Meyer, Joy Pumphrey, Carol Freeman, Herman Hoot.



Ball Kerr Winners - Erna Thielemann and Mary Ann Kiel



King Arthur Flour - Cornbread contest - Erna Thielemann 1st , Mary Ann Kiel 3rd



Educational Poster - Booth Thompson Club, L-R: Mary Ann Kiel, Rose Jaynes, Herman Hoot, Carol Gubbels

QUINCY EE CLUB NEWS

Wilma Richard
The Quincy EE Club gives volunteer service to one of the low to no income apartment complexes. We, the members of the Quincy EE Club, Dorothy Jefferson, Ruby Malveaux, Cora Wiggins and Wilma Richard, assist the Residential Services Activity Director, Johnna Nico, prepare and serve the residential children a wholesome meal.



We put out all necessary material to make some slime and helped the children to make it.



We also hosted a program for the children on Bullying. They were taught to be aware of who is a bully, what to do if you are a victim of a bully, and how not to be one.

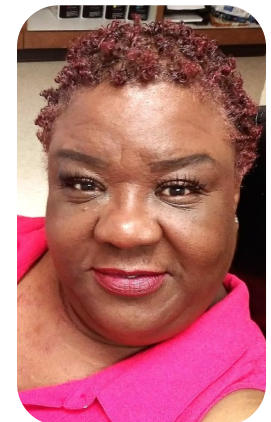


We partnered with another nonprofit organization named Linda's Light. It was a back to school event where we displayed information on TEEA and explained how to become a Quincy EE Club Member. Our motto was "We are Popping For Your Membership" and we

gave a microwaveable bag of popcorn to all adults with a label that had our contact information on it.



Wilma Richard, Joynella and Runells of District 9 with new friends we met at the State Conference.



JEFFERSON COUNTY NEWS

Wilma Richard
Mercy LaPoint, a member of the Quincy EE Club of Port Arthur was honored by the Jefferson County EEA Yearbook committee by choosing to dedicate their new yearbook to her.

Mercy is a native from Port Arthur, graduating from Abraham Lincoln High. She has three sons, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She has the biggest heart and will help anyone. Mercy even opened her home to nine family members who lost their homes and belongings to Hurricane Harvey for six months while repairs were being made.

Mercy is very active in her church, where she attends regular bible study, is on the Praise team and is the Choir Director.

Mercy works full time at the County Extension office where she is very creative in working wonders with newsletters, flyers, announcements and cards for the office. She can always be counted on to help anytime there is a need. She has been a valuable source of information, making publications, yearbooks, etc., for JEEA. She supports the association through her steadfast loyalty. Mercy also is an essential part of the pecan and walnut sales for Jefferson County.

She is a happy person to work with and makes coming to work a pleasure. In addition to being active at church and working full time, Mercy is also continuing her education and is expected to earn her BAAS degree in 2019.

Congratulations Mercy, on an honor very well deserved!

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.

-- Ronald Reagan

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McDADE EE CLUB NEWS

Candace Sandefur

During our May regular meeting, it was decided to suspend regular meetings for the summer months.

In June, a day trip was taken to Wimberley, where six members viewed a glassblowing demonstration at Wimberley Glassworks.



L-R: Brenda Kyle, Kathi Gremillion, Melba Scubiata, Janice Payne, Lola Cole, Kathy Prochnow

In August, members gathered for a fun day of games, snacks and fellowship.

Six members attended the State Conference in Abilene. Six

items were entered in the Cultural Arts competition. Judy Maiewski won a first place ribbon for her hooked rug. The group attended a variety of workshops and brought back valuable information to share with the rest of our members



L-R: Candy Sandefur, Melba Skubiata, Kathy Prochnow, Kathi Gremillion, Liz Nelson, Lola Cole

At our regular meeting, held September 19, we installed new officers for 2018-2019. They 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; and Sunshine Chair, Janice Payne.

McDade EE Club members look forward to a year filled with exciting and informative monthly meetings.

GUADALUPE COUNTY EEA NEWS

Valerie Posey

Guadalupe County EEA Darlene Bohmfalk, Faye Reinhard, Valerie Posey and Beth Frankenburg are enjoying dancing to Elvis Presley at the 91st TEEA State Conference in Abilene. Guadalupe County EEA also received honor for District 10 Outstanding Educational Programming.



There are times when my greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut.

ELGIN EXTENSION EDUCATION CLUB NEWS

Glenda Gebert

The Elgin Extension Education Club (EEEC) had a good summer. In June Linda Bethke presented an interesting and informational program on "A Good Night's Rest Is Best." In July Claudia Murphy, club president, presented a program "Plan to Control Your Aging Years." Club members participated in good discussion during both programs.

In August, club members met for their Annual Bunco Party at the home of Adrene "Rene" Bracewell. Rene and her daughter, Debra Williams, prepared all the delicious food (which included great Southside BBQ) and prizes/gifts. Needless to say, this was another great time of food, fun, and fellowship.

BLUFF SPRINGS EE CLUB

Ethel Tarleton

The members of Bluff Springs EE Club met September 17. Our meeting was delayed since several members were attending the State TEEA Conference in Abilene. Members regularly prepare a meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House and our meeting was held in their meeting room, after we served the meal.

Pictured below L - R: Anita Garcia, Darlene Freitag, Norma Homesley, Ramona de la Garza, Beverly Shepherd, Lou Rose, Violet Alexander, Ronald McDonald, Una Kunkel, and Ethel Tarleton.



GUADALUPE EEA NEWS

Valerie Posey
Naverro Students, Taylor Brannon, Olivia Badalamenti, Kaydence Goins, Gabby Brown, and Addison Santone met with Guadalupe County Extension Education Association members, Rose Marie Smalley, Rose Mary Moczmyga, Alma Rosebrock, Diane Trice, and Valerie Posey to make bibs for a Seguin Assisted Living facility.



ELGIN EE CLUB NEWS

Glenda Gebert
Seven Elgin Extension Education Club (EEEC) members attended the Bastrop County Achievement Fair in McDade: Linda Bethke, Adrene Bracewell, Glenda Gebert, Margaret Glassenmayer, Claudia Murphy, Margaret Smith, and Irma Welch.

Linda Bethke won a blue ribbon in Hand-stitchery Embroidery Category on a table cloth, and a blue and Reserve Champion ribbon in the Hand-stitchery Counted Cross Stitch Category on a table runner. Glenda Gebert won blue and Grand Champion ribbons in Holiday Decorations Category for a beaded sun-catcher. She also won blue and Grand Champion ribbons in the Afghan Category for a crocheted multi-color Afghan; and a red ribbon in Miscellaneous Category on a beaded cross. Margaret Glassenmayer won a blue ribbon in Photography Color Category on a Nativity picture; blue and Reserve Champion ribbons in Fiber Arts Crocheted Category on a crocheted scrubby; red ribbon for Desserts Cake Category for her cherry chocolate vanilla cake; and red ribbon in Desserts Cookie Category on a cranberry walnut oatmeal cookies. Irma

Welch won a blue ribbon in Photography Color category on a framed photo of Screech Owls; blue ribbon in Dessert Candy Category on her peanut cluster chocolate candy; blue ribbon in Desserts Cookie Category for gingerbread boy cookie; red ribbon in Desserts Cookie Category for pumpkin cranberry chip cookies; and red ribbon in Miscellaneous Category for a framed picture of an agave in bloom.

High Point winner for the EEEC was Glenda Gebert, who submitted three items earning two blue, one red and two Grand Champion ribbons.



In district competition held in Seguin, Linda Bethke got a red ribbon for her hand-stitched candle runner and Glenda Gebert got a red ribbon for her sun catcher.



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MORAVIA EEA NEWS

Gayle Bludau
The July Moravia Extension Education Association meeting was held on July 11 at the home of Sophie Cernik in Moravia, Texas. A cooking demonstration was provided by Gayle Bludau, County Family and Community Health Agent. A strawberry spinach salad was prepared with the assistance of Melanie Janacek, granddaughter of member Diana Svetlik and Amanda Janak, granddaughter of member Dorothy Henke. Following this demonstration, members worked in teams to create sushi rolls using a variety of different ingredients. Host Sophie Cernik led the members through this fun team building process. Nola Bohuslav and Gina Pavlu assisted each team with their creation. Fun was had by all!



**WASHINGTON EEA TAKES
TOUR**

Judith Finke
Washington Extension Education Association members toured the Brookwood facilities in Brookshire, Texas June 20 learning the scope of the businesses the citizens produce in salad dressings, ceramics and horticulture. Touring were Judith Finke, Suzanne Kessler, Betty Rudloff, Hannah Krebs, Jimmie Williams, Connie Wells-Johnson, Michele Daniels, Jeanell Dallmeyer and Lori Lignes. Joining them for shopping in the Gift Shop, Greenhouses and lunch at the Café were Kathleen Flick, Alice Kyle and Edna Schroeder.



**TAITON EEC OFFERS TASTY
TREATS FOR
HOLIDAY BAKING & GIFTS**

Olivia McDonald
SIX TYPES OF NUTS and three times that of other tasty treats will be sold by Taiton Extension Education Club members this autumn. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for El Campo graduating seniors, donations to Manna Meals, 4-H Food Show, CASA, Alzheimer's Association and Hospice. Also, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Muscular Sclerosis, Volunteer Fire Department, Wharton County Youth Fair, Bingo prizes for nursing homes and Wharton County Cares (Cancer). Orders will be turned in at the October 10 meeting for delivery before Thanksgiving.

President Lillian Bartek, Grace Glaze, Rose Marie Bain and Pat Sanders attended the State Conference in Abilene. Officers for 2018-2019 will be installed at the October meeting. They are: Grace Glaze, president; Rose Marie Bain, vice president; Olivia McDonald, secretary; Margie Swoboda, treasurer and Lillian Bartek, parliamentarian.

Dorothy Faas presented the proposed budget for 2018-2019

and it was accepted. Books will be audited at the September 25 Association meeting at the North Side Center. Each month members are honored for their birthdays and names are drawn for door prizes.

WASHINGTON COUNTY EEA NEWS

Judith Finke

“Westward Ho” was the theme for the 91st Texas Extension Education Association State Conference held at the Abilene Convention Center in Abilene, September 11, 12. Attending from Washington County were: Diane Ashorn, Kathleen Flick, Edna Schroeder and Hanna Krebs, CEAFCH. Total attending were 378 with State President, Millie Barrow, presiding.

Keynote speaker was retired Texas History teacher Jack Edmondson. Educational workshops included “Crase” (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events); “Country Roads- Take Me Home,” driver safety on country roads; “Parenting-all over again,” risk factors with caregiving; “Do, Re, Mi, Cha, Cha, Cha,” using dance and music for therapy. Optional workshops included techniques to reuse glass jars and hobo quilts based on the secret language of “Riding the Rails”.

Washington EEA won the District 11 honor for Educational Programs for 2017-2018. The value of program dollars provided to the people of Texas was \$173,203.13, and the value of the Honor Roll contributions was \$4,298,331.26, reaching 11,705 people.

Four members of WEEA were winners in the State Cultural Art Competition. Diane Ashorn won a blue ribbon with her Digitally Produced Scrapbook, Judith Finke received a red ribbon with Photography – any other medium, Daulene Hopmann received a white ribbon with Handstitchery and Barbara Wise received a white ribbon for her quilt.

The 2019 TEEA Convention will be held September 10-11 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.

Oh go ahead, you know you want to.

DISTRICT 12

DOLORES DAVIS DISTRICT 12 DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES COUNTIES FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



KLEBERG / KENEDY COUNTIES OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

DISTRICT 12 NEWS

Marsha Miller

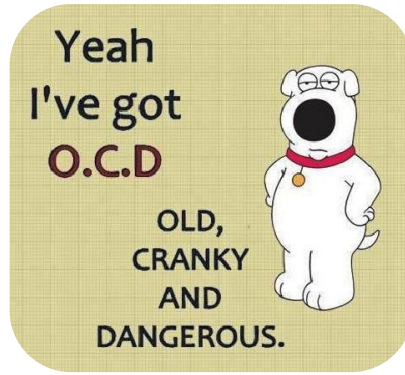
In August, Kay Jacob and Dolores Davis participated in “Fish For Life” in Corpus Christi. This event furnishes vouchers to children for purchasing clothes for school. Kay and Dolores supervised and helped the children pick out their clothes.

Kay Jacob, Dolores Davis and Marsha Miller attended the TEEA State Conference in Abilene. Congratulations to Districts 6 and 7 and all the board members for a job well done.



Marsha Miller, Kay Jacob and Dolores Davis attend 2018 State TEEA Conference

Our club is extremely proud of one of our members, June Cannon. At the “young age” of 87, June is a 50+ year member of our club. She has volunteered at Ricardo ISD for nearly 65 years, 45 of those years running the concession stand. The concession stand has been renamed in her honor. So proud of her. Way to go June!!







**YOUNGEST ATTENDEE AT
TEEA STATE CONFERENCE**



**THREE 90+ MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT
TEEA STATE CONFERENCE**



**MEMBER WITH RECORD FOR
MOST YEARS IN TEEA AT
TEEA STATE CONFERENCE**



**FIRST PLACE PAINTING IN CULTURAL ARTS
AND
WINNER OF PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**



**CLAUDINE HARE HONORS THE
CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER UNITS
RECIPIENTS**

THE IDLE AMERICAN

First Words at Last Rites....

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

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If ordered to stop and think, opposition to the edict would emerge quickly. There'd be protests, fist-shaking, social media barrages and other assorted demonstrations, like lines drawn in sand.

"You can't make us stop and think," some would growl. Such angst might remind many of violinists playing while Rome burned to the ground.

The growing gulf between thinkers and non-thinkers must instead become an ocean of growing understanding on important topics which should draw us together. One such topic is patriotism. We have several calendar dates denoting patriotism, and one not long ago, Sept. 11 is Patriot Day. That 9/11/2001 date--living on in infamy--marked the beginning of Americans' keen awareness of terrorism. The clear call is for all Americans--military or otherwise--to be patriots when our freedom is at stake....

Such awareness should result from lessons learned during World War II. Sadly, too few details were shared by combatants--even with closest family--because many who fought on foreign soil simply couldn't speak of the atrocities that sometimes were just one rifle swing away. Authenticating their repeated battles, however, were nightmarish screams in the night, when daytime clarity of mind kept memories hidden.

One such combatant was H. C. Pruett, whose National Guard outfit was mobilized for World War II. He, and thousands of others 18 or younger, was a member of the battle-tested 36th Infantry Division.

The heroic acts of this Brown County native they called "Skinny" earned him his country's Silver and Bronze Stars. For the remaining 35 years of his life, however, he simply didn't talk about the war. Nor did he ever own a firearm again--or roam the fields as a hunter--as he had done as a youth....

He was just 59 when death came his way. Thankfully, some of his fellow servicemen attended the funeral. They told Skinny's family about his repeated acts of bravery, often when the platoon he eventually led was greatly outnumbered.

One spoke of their confidence in Pruett. "Even though there was an officer present, and Skinny hadn't yet gotten sergeant stripes, we voted to stick with him, even as our landing craft neared battle-torn Italy. If he went, we'd go; if he got down, we would, too," he said. "We knew who'd get us through."

As they neared the beaches of Salerno in September, 1943--nine months before the US invasion of Normandy--artillery fire filled the air. Pruett took charge when the landing craft operator lowered the landing gate 200 yards from shore. He knew many would drown if they left the craft so far from shore. Brandishing an Army pistol to emphasize his intent, he ordered the operator to "take us as close as you can, or I'll shoot." The guy complied....

Pruett and others endured much, including hunger, atrocities, failing weapons, hand-to-hand combat, loss of limbs and disease. And many paid the ultimate price.

This is but one account of military heroes. If our national moral fabric is to be re-stitched, we must honor sacrifices--then and now--recommitting to true patriotism. At the flutter of a flag, playing of the National Anthem or even the drawing of a breath, surely we should be grateful. All of these are "part and parcel" of the massive debt we owe to Skinny Pruett and his kind who kept freedom alive. Let us first be patriots-- reasonable people committed to working out differences in a climate of civility.

I appreciate friends like Tommy Pruett, who was gracious to share stories about his dad--accounts he'd never have known if comrades hadn't shared "war-time accounts" at the funeral of this blue-collar American hero. Skinny did what he could for as many as he could as long as he could, in both war and peace. He's the kind of man Tom Brokaw wrote about in his book, *The Greatest Generation*....

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