

THE TEEA MESSENGER

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Howdy Everyone,

What a year this has been!!! We started with our livestock shows and everyone was looking forward to our Spring Conferences when we were slapped in the face with a dreaded disease called COVID19.

It put a screeching halt to all our plans for 2020. We all had to quarantine and learn how to live with this pandemic. We had to adjust our ways of living to stay healthy.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our State Conference in Lubbock. It was an extremely difficult decision, but it was for concern of our members health that helped us to decide it was for the best. Only one other time in the history of our organization was the State Conference cancelled and that was due to World War II.

Nyanza did a wonderful job in reorganizing our meetings to be held virtually and determine ways to get our information and programs to ALL our members. Let's

give her a BIG THANKS for all her hard work. I am so happy to be your new TEEA President. What an honor and privilege you have given me. Thank you so very much. I am excited and ready to try to get things back to normal. We will still have to practice social distancing and wearing masks until there is a vaccine or cure for this disease. But I have every confidence that we can move forward with our plans.

We have new board members that are ready to get started helping their counties, clubs, and members get the information that they gather at our Fall and Spring Board meetings. If you have any problems or suggestions, please share them with your club president, county chair, District Director, and me. Anyone of us is willing to help and answer any question. If we do not know the answer, we will find out.

OH-OH – I forgot to introduce myself. I am Kay Jacob and I live in Kleberg County with my husband, Jim. We have 200 acres where we raise cattle, horses, and Boykin Spaniels (bird dogs). Jim and I have four children between us-Jana (Brian) of Katy, Terri (Mike) of Guatemala, Will (Stacy) of Corpus Christi and Tony (Jamie) of Medina. We have ten grandchildren with ages from 26 to 3.5. Two are Aggie graduates, 4 are in Texas universities, 2 in high school, 1 in elementary and 1 in kindergarten. We are super proud of all of them.

In the middle of October, the Executive Committee will meet in Temple to start planning our next State Conference that will be September 14th -15th , 2021 so mark your calendars.

Again, thank you for your confidence in me. I will work hard to make the next two years GREAT. If I can be of any help, answer questions or anything at all, please feel free to contact me.

Many Thanks and Hugs,

Kay

TEEA State President

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HAPPY DAYS FOR TEEA



Polly Krenek

1 st Vice President for Leadership

Hello to all the TEEA members, I am hoping all of you are well and safe. Especially, our members who live in East Texas and in the coastal area where two hurricanes have dumped inches of rain and wind. It has been my prayer that you were safe, and your property did not receive any substantial damage.

For the rest of us we have had temperatures of 100s' plus and drought. There is a hint of fall in the air and I am looking forward to cooler temperatures and hopefully more rain where I live.

I want to congratulate Kay Jacob as our new TEEA President, Laurie Veatch, the new TEEA Secretary, D'Ann White, the 2nd Vice President of Programs, and Rexine Scarbrough, as the TEEA Treasurer. Ladies I know you will be a great asset to the TEEA organization.

To the outgoing District Directors and Education Chairs, thank you so much for your service to your county and the TEEA organization. It has been a pleasure getting to know each of you and hope to see you again at the State Conference.

To the incoming District Directors and Educational Chairs, congratulations and I am looking forward to working with each of you. If at any time you have any questions please email or call me at 512-355-2633, if no answer please always leave a message and I will return your call or email you. My email address is: mpkrenek@yahoo.com.

The updates to the TEEA manual are on the web site, so please download and print them for your manual. You will need the updates and a manual for the upcoming November Board meeting.

It is hard to believe this is the beginning of my second year as the 1st Vice President for Leadership. My goal is to keep in touch with the District Directors and inform them of TEEA

changes so they can keep their members informed and up to date.

I am wishing each of you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.



D'Ann White

2nd Vice-President of Programs

My name is D'Ann White, and I live in Kountze. My husband and I have been married for 26 years. We have six children, three grown and three still in school, all of which I have home schooled.

Being a pastor's wife, we have moved quite a bit. We served as missionaries in Mexico for five years. We have also lived on the Texas border in both Eagle Pass and Del Rio, as well as in the small town of Sylvester, located near Abilene.

Everywhere we have lived, I have been extremely involved in both my church and the community. I have begun four different 4-H clubs, as well as serving as a club manager for 15 years in the various counties where I have lived. I have had experience serving on livestock association boards, county fair boards, leadership advisory boards, the Lions club, and Chamber of Commerce. I am currently a Texas Master Naturalist and have volunteered

in several conservation efforts. I am also a student of martial arts, studying both TaeKwonDo and HanMuDo. I hold a second degree black belt in TaeKwonDo and am an instructor at our local TaeKwonDo academy.

I have been a member of TEEA for eight years now, and have served in various leadership positions at the club, county, and district levels. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as district director and look forward to continuing to serving on the state board as second vice-president of programs.



Laurie Veatch

State Secretary

I am Laurie Veatch and live in Bell County, District 8 with my husband, Walter ("Dan") of 27 plus years. I have just finished my 2-year term as District 8 Director and am now your newly elected State Secretary. As one chapter closes, another one opens.

I learned so much as District 8 Director – not only about TEEA, but about myself. I have always loved a challenge, and boy, did we ever have some challenges this year – especially since mid-March!

This pandemic has really affected everyone's way of life – from what we do day-to-day at home and

with the various organizations we support. We have really had to think "out of the box" with how to handle meetings, conferences, etc., but yet we have prevailed. Yes, it's been tough in some cases, but it shows what we are capable of.

I am looking forward to a new adventure as your State Secretary and working with the new Board members as well as those who will continue on for another year.

We truly have some of the most wonderful people in our TEEA organization, who love it and want to continue to see it grow and prosper.

As this new year begins, I feel we, as a team, can accomplish some really great things in TEEA and in our communities. Remember, "Together We CAN!"

Please stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you at next year's state conference here in Temple.



Rexine Scarborough

State Treasurer

Welcome to all our new TEEA members. We are excited you have decided to work with you clubs to continue to help keeping your community informed.

Hopefully all are well and your families are well. With the last seven (7) months being unsettled

and having to decide to stay in or venture out, it has been difficult to continue with our activities as normal. Hopefully your areas are getting back to normal.

I have had both knees replaced during this time and am now enjoying getting out for limited activities. Our county is now meeting again, with social distancing.

The new board is in place and beginning to work toward a normal and successful new year.

We are planning the State Conference in Temple. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September, 2021.

To all the delegates that received and returned your ballots for the elections, THANK YOU. Great job done by all.

As your new Treasurer, I have everything ready to continue with the great job done by Ola Caldwell. Hopefully I will continue the excellent job she did. I am looking forward to keeping all records in order and staying in budget for the year.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Saying Goodbye to Nyanza

Board members presented Nyanza with her going away present at the Temple planning meeting.



L-R Rexine Scarborough, Ola Caldwell, Nyanza Price, Kay Jacob



Nyanza Price showing off her going away present.

Fall 2020 Board Meeting

The TEEA 2020-2021 Board met in Brownwood November 4-6, 2020 to plan for the 2020-2021 year, utilizing safety protocols for Covid-19. Board members participated in general sessions and break out sessions for various committees. The board made decisions and plans for the upcoming State Conferences and learned about the upcoming programs that the Educational Chairs are working on for 2021. The board put in a lot of work and had some much needed fun getting ready for the upcoming year. Some pictures from the meeting and planning sessions are included. The board looks forward to the year ahead! Stay healthy!



DISTRICT DIRECTORS



DISTRICT 2— Sheila McCormack

Hello Ladies of the great state of Texas. Hope everyone has been practicing social distancing. Not being able to visit family and friends has been no fun; but I'd rather be safe than sorry.

My name is Sheila McCormack, I live in Snyder, Texas and am going to be the District 2 Director for another 2 years. A little about myself, I enjoy working in my yard raising flowers. I have some "Naked Ladies" - they are antique plants. You can't buy them in a store or order them from a catalog. You must get them from friends. They bloom in the fall, are red in color and put on leaves after the bloom dies. They are really pretty. I like to watch old movies, play games, and read mystery books.

I am looking forward to the next 2 years. Hopefully everything will get back to normal and we can have our meetings and fellowship with one another. I've missed seeing friends and meeting new members.

TODAY only happens once.....

Make it amazing!!



DISTRICT 3—Wanda Lacey

We were all hopeful that the COVID would be over by now for sure! I want to give you some suggestions on meeting and still being able to social distance.

We can have our meetings in our Ag building, church social hall or possibly the senior center. This way we can be together and social distance at the same time! Don't meet in homes because you would be too close to one another.

Be sure to wear your mask and wash your hands!

Plan your year just like you always do because this gives you purpose. It is important our clubs continue to meet!

We have our fall training to look forward to and our spring training.

Our theme for state conference this year is 1950's. We will be meeting in Temple, TX.

See y'all at fall training!

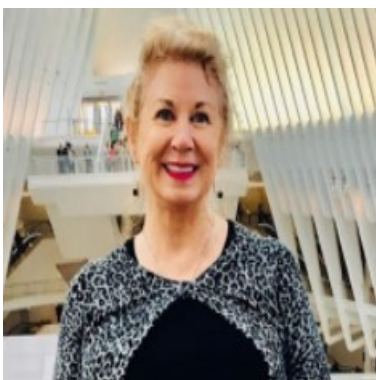
P.S. Thank you to all of you that have made masks!





DISTRICT 7—Martha Baker

I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy! It has been quite an ordeal these last few months. I have missed seeing all of your smiling faces. I am glad to say that we are slowly resuming our activities and adhering to all social distancing and face mask. I hope some day everything can get back to normal like it was before covid19 happened. We have now set our District 7 Fall Conference and looking forward to setting our Spring Conference. Things will come to pass and our lives must go on with the help of our Lord.



DISTRICT 8—Judy Hutchison

Hello, I am the District 8 Director for October 1, 2020 – 2022.

Judy Hutchison

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The other District 8 Officers are:

District 8 Director Elect – Millie Barrow (Eastland)

District 8 Treasurer – Ruth Fields (Milam)

District 8 Secretary - Gayle Pomykal (Bell)

I hope all of you were able to stay safe during our COVID – 19 Epidemic Virus outbreak. It has been very unfortunate for many. I am ready to begin our new decade with TEEA.

WE CAN DO IT!

Unfortunately, our 2020 Leadership Training has been canceled for November 17, 2020. Most of the County Chairs reported that their members did not feel comfortable meeting in person or in any groups for virtual meetings. That was very understandable. I am in hopes we will all be ready by April 13, 2021.

District 8 Spring Conference

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Host – Hamilton and Williamson County

Christ Lutheran Church

510 Luther Dr.

Georgetown, Texas 78628

Registration – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Cultural Arts Check-In – 8:00 a.m.

Registration - \$20.00

Retreat – Bell County Host, tentative Tuesday, August 10, 2021

State Conference – Tuesday, September 14 th & 15 th , at Mayborn Center and CAC, 3011 3rd St. Temple, TX. 76501

I am very anxious to begin working with the District 8 officers and members.

The District 8 Support Staff are: Reporter – Michaelene Perry (Leon), Parliamentarian – Laurie Veatch (Bell)

and Membership Incentive Chair- Donna Warren (Leon) Please call me or text me if you have questions or concerns.



DISTRICT 9—Betty Anderson

I am Betty Anderson. I live in Snook, Texas, in the county of Burleson. I have held offices in the Snook EEA as president and treasurer, in Snook Travel Club as treasurer. In the County Council I held treasurer and chair. I am the treasurer for the County Women's Forum. I'm in my new endeavor as District 9 Director, with God's help and all the prayers I will do my best.

I am a widow since 1986. I lost my husband in a car accident after 25 years of marriage. We were blessed with three sons. I have 2 grand children and 4 great grand children. We live on a small 50 acre farm and have a lot of fun with my family. There is always something to do!!!

I have had several medical courses at Blinn Junior College and with our local Volunteer Fire Department. I substitute for the Snook ISD as a nurse and teacher, whatever they need. I work for WESS, a security company for different events at TAMU and other events.

I am a member of the Snook Brethren Church and the Christian Sisters, which I held the position as secretary. I look forward to the next 2 years as District 9 Director. IF anyone has any suggestions for our EEA members or clubs, please call me.



DISTRICT 10—Gwen Risinger

We can all say that we live in "interesting" times; I hope that all of us recognize that we are all a bit stronger for our experiences. Everyone is enjoying our better weather. Many of us have gotten some rain. Our responses to COVID have varied. Some clubs stay in touch individually by phone and email. Others use ZOOM or TEAM to meet and conduct business. Have you noticed that small milestones have been very important? For instance getting my hair cut, being able to buy toilet paper and other necessities, just seeing a friend coming out of post office so we could chat (even with a mask) Many of us have made cloth masks to donate. I do miss being able to shake hands with someone or to give a hug; elbow bumps come a very distant second.

Violet Alexander has agreed to be the District 10 Education Chair. THANKS, Violet!

Am looking forward to having a Board meeting in Brownwood and getting back to normal. We are planning a Spring meeting.





DISTRICT 11— Peggy Viets

I have been a TEEA member for 7 years. I was born and raised in Port Lavaca, Calhoun County. I have served as county secretary for all 7 years of my membership. My husband, Mike, and I have been blessed with 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Along with TEEA, I have served on the Calhoun County Fair Board for the 10 years. I am chairman of the Educational Building where organizations from the county inform the public about their organizations.

I grew up being a very active 4-H member for 10 years and continued being involved by serving as a club manager and president of the parent leaders association. I was very active in Girl Scouts, serving as troop leader and president of the Calhoun County troops group. I have served as an election judge on election day for the county. In TEEA, I also have judged at neighborhood county fairs, attended training meetings and spring conferences, and state conventions.

My hobbies include doing craft projects, sewing, and camping.

I am looking forward to serving as District 11 Director and meeting all the members face to face.



Alumnae Chair—Julia Moseley

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.” –Hebrews 10 :24

This year our association gave five \$500 scholarships from our Silent Auction funds, but I’m a little worried about next year, because we were not able to have that Silent Auction in September. You have always been so generous with giving items to the auction and with bidding on the items. Thankfully, I’ve received fifteen donations this year from clubs and individuals, but we need more. So I’m hoping that you are motivated to add to that amount. I want us to motivate each other to give some of these kids a good start on their education. My contact information is:

Julia Moseley

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Springtown, TX 76082

Email: moseley67@verizon.net

PS – From the Election Committee: I want you to know how much fun I had seeing your familiar names, clubs, and towns come in with your ballots. It’s good to have friends and memories.

Nothing is impossible!

**The word itself says
I’m Possible**

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ETC. --

Violet Alexander

I learned early on in my working years that you can not please everyone and some folks you can’t please if you hung them with a “new gold rope”. So over the years after every conference I’ve heard how programs weren’t worth your time. Here is your opportunity to tell ME what program would you like to have at the 2021 TEEA State Conference in the beautiful town of Temple Texas. I have several topics in mind but I want you the member to have a say. If by January 1, 2021, I haven’t received any ideas of programs--you will get what I pick. Here is your chance. Sent ideas to: crusieralexander@sbcglobal.net

On another note--I want to thank all of you who took the time to make masks for all who needed one when the crazy started. I hope all of you have keep count of how many you made when it comes time to report at the 2021 conference. As time goes on, I find it interesting of all the different designs, colors, materials that everyone has used. Thanks again for being the TEEA ladies that you all are always thinking of & doing great things for others.

Yes, I am still asking you all to continue to save your cancelled stamps and I will have a collection box at the Temple conference.

Please keep the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood in your thoughts when you get to meet again and collect those “Coins for Friendship”. The center is still there to serve the 4-Hers across Texas. *“To Make The Best Better”.*



TEEA Sales

Items Available and Cost:

State Pins

- 2020 Lubbock \$5 (picture below)
- 2019 San Marcos \$5
- 2018 Abilene \$5
- 2017 Horseshoe Bay \$5
- 2016 Plano \$5
- 2015 Waco \$5
- 2014 Wichita Falls \$2
- 2013 San Marcos \$2
- 2012 Beaumont \$2
- 2011 Temple \$2
- 2010 Wichita Falls \$2
- 2009 San Angelo \$2
- 2008 Corpus Christi \$2
- 2006 Lubbock \$2
- 2005 Waco \$2
- 2004 Abilene \$2

Portfolios \$20

Luggage Tags \$4

Texas shaped TEEA charms \$5

Mints

Red \$3

White \$3

TEEA Pins \$5

Gavel Pin Guards \$5

TEEA Bar holder pin \$5

Officer Bars

Secretary \$2

Vice – President \$2

Treasurer \$2

County Fair \$2

Club President \$2

Past President \$2

District Director \$2

Educational Chair \$2

Outstanding Member \$2

County Chairman \$2

30 oz TEEA cups \$15

TEEA Polo Shirts (Size medium to 3xl.) \$15 (picture below)

TEEA Decals \$5 (picture below)

Yellow Totes \$5

Please give orders to your Country Chairs to get to Angela Pierce, TEEA Sales Committee Chair, for processing. Checks should be made payable to: *TEEA, Inc.* Please add \$5.00 per order to cover shipping for small items and \$10.00 per order for shipping larger items.



DISTRICT 1

Happy Homes EEA News

Submitted By: Lisa Pipkin

It was so great getting to meet together in person at our first meeting in September!! We met in the annex on September 1st with Fran Duncan, Marianne Pipkin and Andrea Woolley as our hostesses! Andrea and our county agent Matt Whiteley gave an interesting program on gardening tips!



We are so proud and happy for our very own Patty Sheppard who won the 2020 Texas State Treasure Award! Patty joined Happy Homes Club 67 years ago in 1954!! She is a beautiful woman inside and out and a great treasure to us!! Congratulations Patty!



We were blessed to get to meet together on September 15th for our "Bring a new member meeting ". All members brought their favorite dish to share and Rosetta Barrera and Sharion Swan were the hostesses. We had two guests present, Sue Staggs and Mary Allen! The program was show and tell of some of our Cultural Arts Projects that didn't get to

go to District or State but are all winners now!!



Front row L-R Wanda Waggoner, Mary Allen, Myrna Biggers, Patty Sheppard, Fran Duncan. Back row Andrea Woolley, Pennye Ralston, Lisa Pipkin, Rosetta Barrera, Feathers Coombs, Sharron Swan, Marianne Pipkin, Sue Staggs.

Members met at the Hansford County Courthouse with the County Judge and Commissioners on September 28th to observe TEEA Week and sign the proclamation.

Front row l-r Andrea Woolley, Sharron



Swan, Janie Kunselman, Rosetta Barrera, Delinda McLaughlin, Fran Duncan, Francis Biles, Terrie Harper
Back row Wanda Waggoner, Butch Reed, Judge Benny Wilson, Cheryl Sanders, David Thomas, Marianne Pipkin, Danny Henson, and Tim Stedji.

Trust everyone stays well and remember to vote in the upcoming election!!

DISTRICT 3

Bowie EEA News

Montague County

Submitted By: Kathy McPeters

In July, Bowie EEA was glad to resume our monthly meetings with one of our most loved annual traditions—a book review by member Mary Whatley. Mary has entertained

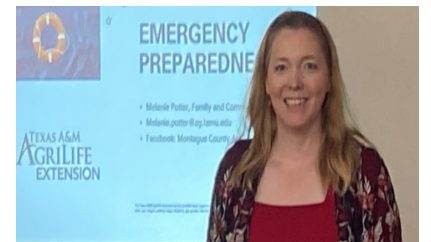
throughout the years and this year was certainly no exception. Investigating the death of a rival business owner in Peach Cobbler Murder, Mary captivated everyone in suspense before she revealed not only the identity of the culprit but also the secret ingredient used by the other bakery. Following the book review, everyone enjoyed refreshments made from recipes in the book. Nothing is better than homemade peach cobbler and chocolate chip cookies!



Another tradition in August brought everyone together for potluck and crafting at the Salona Community Center. Member Sheila Schindler led us through a series of relaxation exercises and breathing techniques. She explained the role of lavender in aromatherapy and how it can promote calmness as well as reduce stress and anxiety. Using vintage handkerchiefs, Sheila taught everyone how to make a lavender sachet to take home with them, so they continue to enjoy lavender's benefits.



When a tornado struck our community in May, many members realized they were not adequately prepared for an emergency. Melanie Potter, member and AgriLife agent, created a program designed to help everyone address this need for our September meeting.



Her program, Emergency Preparedness, detailed the types of emergencies and outlined the steps to be taken in advance of the event. She provided information necessary for both short- and long-term evacuations from your home including a plan for your pets. Great examples of go-bags were shown. If your club would like more information about this informative program, contact Melanie Potter, AgriLife Agent, Montague County, 940-894-2831.

Greetings from Parker County-District 3 Country Crossroads Club

Submitted By: Kim Smith

Greetings, our club was so excited to finally meet in person, Sept 17th, at our extension office. We have not met since last spring. Great time recapping our past accomplishments and future plans for our many projects to go forward. Even though we are in uncertain times. We must press on to our goals of helping others, who need blessing. We know this too shall pass, and we will continue carrying on. We look forward to learning from the new educational programs planned this year and enjoy coming up with creative ways to meet! To a great Year ahead 2021! God bless y'all



**COUNTY CROSSROADS—
PARKER COUNTY NEWS**

Submitted By: Kim Smith

Country Crossroads got together to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse. We had a fun meeting and this has become an annual event for our club. We look forward to October for this joyful time, to help bring happiness to children around the world that are less fortunate.



District 3 News-Crossroads Club

Submitted By: Kim Smith

Blessed Thanksgiving to all. Our club held a food drive for our Community Senior Center. We found a great need this year for Seniors due to the events happening in our world. We are very Thankful that we could help others in need.



DISTRICT 4

Hunt County News

Submitted By: Judy Clingan

Hunt County has been at a standstill the last few months due to Corona. We met October 1st, 2020 as an association and have upcoming project in the making. Hopefully, we can catch up to a time missed. Stay well!

Bowie County News

By: Shirley Pierce

The Bowie County clubs met the first 3 months of 2020 until COVID-19 came about in the USA. We began meeting again in September. All of our county events—Show and Tell and Christmas in July—were cancelled due to the coronavirus. Our council decided to have a Progressive Dinner in December to celebrate the season. We are aware that some of our members may not participate due to the virus. We feel that as long as we abide by the guidelines we will have an enjoyable time. Hope you all have a happy holiday season.

DISTRICT 7

Winnie Felps, member of the Redbud/Oakalla Club in Burnet County-District 7, turned 109 October 10. She is a wonderful example to all of us and we congratulate her on reaching this milestone. She still maintains full membership in the Texas Extension Education Association.



**Jones County News – District 7
Sunshine Club Learns How to Zoom
September, 2020**

Submitted By: Debbie Hailey

The Jones County Extension Education Association Council and Sunshine Club

met on Tuesday, September 15, for its monthly meeting. In their Business Meetings, they elected officers for the next biennium.

Each month, the clubs, including the Sunshine Club and the Compere Club, have an educational program. In September, the Sunshine Club’s program was presented by **Misha Price.**, Abilene Coordinator for the Texas Tech OLLI program, on *How to Use Zoom*. Participants brought their laptops, tablets, and smart phones so Misha could walk them through the process of logging in to the Zoom program. Then she presented the program on the Zoom app, so all attendees could participate.

Zoom can be used to communicate in many ways. Students can attend classes via Zoom, churches can stream worship services, and families can visit by video calls. Club members and guests enjoyed learning to use this method of communication.

At the August meeting of the Sunshine Club, the program was presented by Steve Estes, County Extension Agent for Ag and Natural Resources in Taylor County, formerly in Jones County. He presented a program from the Path to the Plate series, entitled “Do You Know What You’re Eating?” Members and visitors enjoyed learning about what is in the food we eat, how food is produced, how to read and understand labels, and what is meant by terms that are associated with the food products.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of an Extension club, can contact Kelli Maberry, Jones County Extension Agent for Family & Community Health, at 325-823-2432. The clubs have educational programs each month, support 4-H, do service projects, help host the Jones County Fair, and assist with the annual Commissioners Lunch-



District 7—Burnet County News

Submitted By: Polly Kreneck

Congratulations goes out to Roxanne Dunegan for being named the TEEA State Leadership winner for 2020. She makes the fourth person from Burnet County to win this prestigious award. Burnet County was also named the winner of the “Honor Roll of Counties” for District 7.

For the upcoming two years the Council Officers are Lela Goar, County Chair; Lisa Zinz, Vice Chair; Roxanne Dunegan, Secretary; Assistant Secretary/Historian, Joyce Edwards; Treasurer, Robert Eacott; Assistant Treasurer, Elaine Holbrook; Publicity/Parliamentarian, Polly Kreneck.

All the County Officers and the Club Officers were installed at the “Woman of the Year” reception on October 7th with social distancing and face masks.

It was such a shock and sad news to learn that the Bethel Community Center, where the Bethel TEEA Club meets, burned last spring. They have had the building removed and are deciding on the next step in their plans.

The Burnet County TEEA ladies are wishing all the other TEEA members a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

District 7—Lampapas County News

Submitted By: Ramona Dahl

No meetings were held in July and August. A get together was held instead of a meeting in September using social distancing rules. Looked forward to our annual Rally Days in October. We gathered without guests and had a potluck meal.



Gloria Morris and Shirley Beyer



Arlene Wingo and Karen DeZarn



Ernestine Garcia

Dorothy Darwin Obituary—Lampapas Co.—Dist 7 Member

Dorothy Smith Derwin, 102, of Lampapas, passed away on September 22, 2020. Funeral services were held at 2 p.p. on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at First Street Church of Christ with a visitation an hour prior. Internment was private. Dorothy was born October 24, 1917, in Lometa, Texas to Steven and Effie Smith.

DISTRICT 8

“UNWAVERING WANDA”

Written: January 2020

By Martha Ables

WANDA STEPHENS
4-19-32 to 10-29-19

What would we do without you?
“You’d do just fine,” her favorite line
Wanda knew it was time to step down
From various civic duties in town
Time to let go, she’d paid her dues
Now, our gigantic task to fill her shoes
A friend and inspiration to so many
Her family, her Church, her friend, a plenty
Taking on extra jobs in Achievers Club as needed
Always knowing when to step in, that she heeded
With many ailments, faithful to the Lord through it all
Doing her best, while listening to God’s call
Knowing her time on earth was running short
From earthly duties, she must soon depart
Returning Club notes and books to me
It is time, she could easily see
Upon my leaving her house that day
“Martha, please turn off the light and lock my door”
A few weeks later, our dear Wanda was no more.
Leaving her mark, her legend lives on
One of the most loving and caring
That we have ever known!

Achievers Club News District 8 - Erath County

Submitted By: Lois Threadgill

The Achievers Club just received the 30 year award, but has not held a meeting since the pandemic started, and will try to get together as a safe place, when the members feel like they can do so. Meanwhile, we lost a great long time member by the name of Wanda Stephens, who kept

Us going as long as she could. She herself was still in office when she got ill, and passed on October 2019. She was known as Ms. Extension to us here..... Wanda worked for our Extension agent, Joe Pope, as the secretary in the Extension Office, before he started and until her retired 27 years later. And still she worked having cancer a few years later until she finally retired, and then joined the Extension club. She just got awarded the 20 year member award. The Extension club was the highlight of her day. She had numerous illnesses, including cancer 5 different times, and kept going. Her Faith in God and helping people were foremost in her mind. God Bless her. Rest in Peace Wanda. Earth county clubs will miss her dearly.



Photo taken at our Arts & Crafts in 2019. Wanda Stephens is 4th from left, 23 members present.

Clairette Club News District 8—Erath County

Submitted By: Lois Threadgill

The Clairette Club just received the 85 year club award. We met on Sept 14th, with masks on and social distancing, with some members of the Three Way Club in attendance, a total of 6 attended. President Mary Lowrey led with the pledge and prayers, flowed by reports given. Bonnie Wolfe gave an update of the Association meeting, which was held virtual-

-ly online, with our Agent, Andrea Brooks, doing a great job of setting it up. Discussion was held on how to conduct meetings with Covid-19, staying safe, and members who do not have a computer. The Clairette Club also cares for the Community building in Clairette, where some of the meetings and local functions are held. This was tabled for further discussion. A matter was discussed oh how to help a member who has a Great Grand daughter-in-law, single mom with 2 daughters, 9 and 12, and is now in Ft. Worth on a ventilator as I write this, with Covid-19. The other grandmother is in a wheel chair, helping with the girls at this time, but the bills are piling up. This may be a good project for our Extension clubs and members. Hope for future plans on this and prayers are to be in the works.

Bell County News

Submitted By: Polly Elizondo

Even though the clubs have not been able to meet until March, the work of the clubs has been ongoing, including the annual awarding of scholarships to graduating 4-H members. This year, four scholarships were awarded. The recipients were: **Madison Brinkman**, daughter of Gerald and Shellie Rabroker, is attending Blinn College. Madison showed steers for 10 years and participated in livestock judging for 6 years. She plans to continue judging while getting her associate degree from Blinn and then transfer to Texas Tech majoring in Agriculture Business and Management. **Allison Brinkman**, daughter of Gerald and Shellie Rabroker, is attending Blinn College. Allison exhibited market steers for 9 years and competed in judging for 6 years. She plans to continue judging while at Blinn. **Connor Payne** started in 4-H as a Clover Kid. He enjoyed wood working and blacksmithing in addition to raising steers, lambs and goats. He is attending Texas Tech studying Computer Information Systems with a

a minor in Agribusiness. He wants to use technology to improve agriculture business. Connor is the son of Curtis and Jammie Payne.

Emma Ranly is the daughter of Gary and Stephanie Ranly. She is attending Sam Houston State majoring in Education. Emma was in 4-H for 10 years and has shown rabbits, steers, turkeys and broilers. She was a Bell County 4-H Ambassador; participated in the Bell County 4-H Exchange. She placed 6th at State with her record book and received the Gold Star Award for involvement in 4-H and community service. Emma also received one of the District 8 scholarships.

Although so many meetings and conferences were forced to cancel, virtual meetings were held and lots of things happened.

Maxine Kalkbrenner from Leedale Club was named District 8 Texas Treasure. Leedale EE club received recognition for their 70 years of activity and Joan Plumlee from Tanglefoot Club was recognized as a 35 year member.

Bell EEA clubs are hoping to meet later this year following the guidelines as set out by Texas Agrilife, explained by Jackie Laughlin, Bell County FCH agent. Bell County will host the State Conference on September 14th and 15th, 2021. There is much work to be done during these difficult circumstances but we are enthusiastically looking forward to it and hoping to see everyone in Temple.

**District 8 Welcomes
New Director: Judy Hutchison**

Photos of the 2018—2020 District 8 Director Laurie Veatch, congratulating and welcoming the incoming District 8 Director Judy Hutchison as the 2020-2022 District 8 Director.



**District 8 Congratulates
TEEA State Secretary Laurie Veatch**



District 8 TX Treasure Winner



*Mamie Bell of Jewett EE Club-
District 8 Texas Treasure recipient.*

Leon County News

Submitted By: Michaelene Perry

We are back! The Leon Extension Education Association (LEEA) held their monthly board meeting on September 22, 2020 for the first time since Covid-19 hit our nation and our county. It is good to see members healthy and smiling (under their masks). With masks and 6 foot distancing our first monthly since February we were able to hold and install officers for the 2020- 2022 fiscal year.

Laura Petty, Family and Consumer Health Agent (FCH), honored us with a fun and interesting installation ceremony. Lady

Liberty (real name Enlightening the World) was the theme. We learned several tidbits about the actual Statue of Liberty: It was designed by Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi; the torch is held in her right hand (welcoming immigrants to the United States), and the book in her left hand has the inscription of the date July 4, 1776. Incoming officers are: Martie Hanson, County Chairperson, Pam Groba, Vice County Chairperson, Mamie Bell, Secretary, Helen Torrance, Treasurer (acting until a replacement is available, Michaelene Perry, Reporter and Gail Huffine, Parliamentarian. Each was asked to commit their time in office to ensure they, too, will be a beacon of light for the community we serve in Leon County. These officers are well-qualified for the job and we wish them well. All in the county have high expectations for our organization to grow in Leon County where we have 4 Extension Education (EE) Clubs—Jewett, Leona-Centerville, Normangee and Oakwood.



L-R—Laura Petty (FCH Agent) and Jofran Edwards, Office Manager presenting the installation of the 2020-2022 LEEA officers



LEEA incoming officers: L-R—Gail Huffine, Parliamentarian, Martie Hanson, County Chairperson, Pam Groba, County Vice Chairperson, Mamie Bell, Secretary and Michaelene Perry, Reporter. Missing is the Treasurer for the upcoming term.



L-R—LEEA members attending 09-22-2020 meeting—Front row: Nyanza Price, Pat Ferguson, Mamie Bell, Michaelene Perry; Back row: Donna Barrilleaux, Judy Hutchison, Helen Torrance, Gail Huffine, Martie Henson, Pam Groba, J.P. Borah, Donna Warren, Celia Bell

Please come and 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, please call the T&M AgriLife office at 903-536-3125.

DISTRICT 10

Gillespie EEA/ Pilot Knob EE Club

Submitted By: Helen Usener

On Friday, June 12, 2020 the Pilot Knob EE Club held a Microsoft Teams Meeting at which time members discussed different options for meetings and programs. On Thursday, June 18 the officers met for lunch and cleaned out the EEA file cabinet in preparation for the future move to the new Gillespie County Extension Building.

A Microsoft Teams Meeting was held on Friday, July 10 which included a program on fall gardening presented by Beth McMahon, Gillespie County Horticulture Extension Agent. Later that day, Alicia Frantzen, Sharon Kott,

and Helen Usener attended the Grow It Cook It Program presented by Beth McMahon, HE Agent; and Shea Nebgen, Gillespie County Extension Family & Community Health Agent.

The EEA Family Night originally planned for August was canceled.

Following all COVID 19 protocol, EE members met on Friday, September 11 at the extension building. Shea Nebgen presented the program Child Safety Seats. Members not only learned about how to install child seats but also many ways to ride safely in a vehicle. Also election of officers was held with Annabel Wilkinson being elected as chairman and Judy Eilers being elected as vice chairman. Corine Klose, secretary; and Alicia Frantzen, treasurer will serve another year. Lou Awalt received the certificate she would have received at the TEEA Conference for being a 60 year EEA member.



Gillespie EEA/Pilot Knob EE Club members are very thankful to have such a supportive community. With the money raised at previous scholarship luncheons, enough money was available to award three scholarships even though we were not able to have our 2020 luncheon. We are proud of our recipients Kate Crenwelge and Amy Dittmar who are attending Texas A&M University and Karlie Nebgen who is attending Sam Houston State University. We hope we will be able to have our luncheon in 2021.



Kate Crenwelge



Amy Dittmar



Karlie Nebgen

We are also proud of Daylon Nebgen who is a student at Mary Hardin Baylor for being awarded a TEEA Alumnae Scholarship.

DISTRICT 11

Washington Extension Education Association News

Submitted By: Judith Finke

Texas Extension Education Week

The Commissioner's Court of Washington County proclaimed October 4 thru 10 as Texas Extension Education Week and presented a signed proclamation certificate to the WEEA. Chairman of the WEEA Board, Suzanne Kessler presented a check for \$82,796.11 representing the donation of time volunteering educational programs for the county. Appreciative remarks were exchanged.



Presentation of Gift Baskets

In commemoration of Texas Extension Education Week October 4-10, Washington County Extension Club members presented the Commissioners Court with baskets loaded with jams and jellies, homemade cookies and candies, tea towels, baked potato pockets, scrubbies, crocheted dish cloths along with masks all hand made by members. Stuffing the baskets were left to right: Edna Schroeder, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Patricia Graves, Suzanne Kessler, Betty Rudloff and Judith Finke.



Installation of Officers

Officers installed for WEEA are: Suzanne Kessler-Chairman; Patricia Graves- Vice Chairman (not present); JoAnne Guard- Secretary; Judith Finke-Treasurer; and Kathleen Flick, Parliamentarian. Flick, immediate Past Chairman of WEEA conducted the installation.



Victoria County Commissioners Court Approves EEA Proclamation

Submitted By: Gayle C. Bludau

The Victoria County Commissioners Court approved the annual EEA Proclamation on October 12, 2020. Victoria County EEA showed their appreciation by presenting the court with five gift baskets, one for each commissioner and one for Judge Ben Zeller. Representatives from the Victoria County EEA were Vice-Chairman Carrol Davig, Treasurer Jean Heil, and Texas A&M AgriLife Victoria County Family Community Health Agent Gayle Bludau.



Be kind to yourself and to others: you never know what another person is going through.

The 2020 Educational programs are:

- Origami: The Art of Paper Folding
- Thanks for the Memories
- Your Kitchen, Your Food, Your Health
- Coping with Grief

These programs are now available online:

<https://teea.tamu.edu/teea-state-education-programs/>

Past State Pins Available

For more information, to check on other items, or to order please contact your County Chair or Angela Pierce, TEEA Sales Coordinator, at 903-293-1744.



2005 Waco



2006 Lubbock



2006 Corpus Christi



2009 San Angelo



2010 Wichita Falls



2011 Temple



2012 Beaumont

Revised Meeting/Event Recommendations for Texas Extension Education Association

This document provides updated recommendations to the earlier document released May 22, 2020.

Following release of the AgriLife document, *Reopening Guidance May 20, 2020*, questions have been raised regarding resumption of TEEA activities. The following guidelines are meant to supplement those released by AgriLife.

As a 501(c)3 organizations, TEEA, Inc., works closely with AgriLife Extension. Meetings and events are often held in AgriLife facilities and supported by AgriLife employees. AgriLife employees supporting such meetings and events will be required to follow AgriLife guidelines. Meetings and events held in AgriLife facilities must adhere to AgriLife guidelines, particularly as it related to number of participants and meeting practices.

AgriLife guidelines recommend that employees and volunteers 65 and over or part of a vulnerable population (those with underlying health conditions) will continue to follow safer-at-home guidelines. As this describes a significant number of TEEA members, they are encouraged to limit their population in face-to-face TEEA activities, depending on local conditions.

It is highly recommended that TEEA meetings and events held at non-AgriLife facilities follow AgriLife guidelines or those set by facility owners which should be in line with those set by the State of Texas under the Governor's orders. Recommendations for the following types of TEEA meetings and events include:

TEEA Meetings in AgriLife facilities— when possible, meetings should be held virtually such as phone conference calls, Facebook Live, Zoom, ect.

Group meetings of 50% capacity of space or fewer people are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced with a limited capacity of 50 people. If greater than 50, a preparedness plan must be submitted and approved by CEA's supervisor. Any events held at District Research and Extension Centers are limited to no more than 10 participants per the Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences on August 6, 2020.

Members with underlying health conditions or an otherwise vulnerable population are discouraged from attending in-person meetings. Members should wear face masks, be able to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet and follow personal hygiene recommendations such as regular handwashing. Food served must be individually packaged—no self-serve items—using disposable utensils and supplies.

TEEA Meetings held in non-AgrLife facilities , including Member Homes— Anyone with underlying health condition or in an otherwise vulnerable group is encouraged NOT to participate in face-to-face meetings. All participants must wear a face covering. Meetings should be held in a room large enough to be able to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet or more. Homemade food and beverages can be provided but should not be self-serve. The food and beverages should be served by one person to limit any possibility of cross contamination.

Food Fundraising Events—Any fundraising events involving food—such as baked potato lunches or beans and cornbread dinners—should be pick up and take-home meals, rather than sit down and eat events.

- No volunteer should be 65 and over or part of a vulnerable population.
- Kitchens should be large enough for cooks to maintain recommended social distance.
- Consider having food prepared off-site by individual volunteers and brought to the location for packaging and distribution.
- Meals should be individually packaged and served with disposable utensils and supplies.
- Distribution should be handled in a manner that assures appropriate social distancing—such as a drive-thru pick up where patrons stay in their cars and meals are brought to them.
- All volunteers wear appropriate protective equipment to include face masks and gloves.
- If these procedures are not possible to follow or not in compliance with local health department regulations, the event may need to be cancelled.

Concession Stands— This will be the most challenging type of event for participation. Concessions stands are most often small, confined spaces with no possibility for appropriate social distancing. In many, it may not be possible for TEEA clubs/members to participate in the operation of a concession stand.

- No volunteer should be 65 or over or part of the vulnerable population.
- Food should be pre-packaged in individual servings. This may mean offering different selection of food choices and no self-serve of condiments (like mustard and ketchup).
- All volunteers wear appropriate protective equipment to include face masks and gloves, and follow appropriate social distancing recommendations.
- Money handling and food handling should be done by different sets of volunteers.

Questions related to these TEEA Guidelines should be directed to Kay Jacobs, TEEA President; your TEEA District Director and/or Joyce Cavanagh, TEEA Advisor.

IN MEMORY

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Notes From The Editor:

Hello all! Hope this edition of the TEEA Messenger finds you all healthy and safe during this crazy season.

Article Deadline for Spring 2021 Issue is **February 1, 2021**. If you have any questions please contact me at: teeamessenger2020@gmail.com

Or call/text me at 903-824-1873.

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