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Here's to 2022!!!!

## BETTER DAYS ARE HERE!!!!

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!! I was blessed to have my whole family here except Jacob (my grandson) and Mariam (his wife) who are missionaries in Lebanon for Thanksgiving. We had lots of food and lots of fun including our annual bonfire. Christmas and New Year was pretty quiet in comparison, but we still had fun.

To those who didn't know-on the way home from the Fall Board

Meeting in Brownwood, I hit a deer just north of San Antonio. Fortunately, I was not hurt but my poor car was very hurt. My son ran to my rescue, and we got my car to the car hospital. 42 days later, I got my car back and low and behold 2 weeks later I hit a buzzard. Needless to say, my car is back in the car hospital. Anyway, back to business.

The 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood updated their Challenge List and presented it to the Board Members in November. Items are selected from the list and monies collected from Coins For Friendship are given to the 4-H Center at our State Conference each year to help purchase the needed items. This year the Board selected the Texas Screamer repairs due to woodpeckers. It is one of the favorite activities at camp. We pledge \$5000.00 annually, however, we always give the 4-H Center the entire amount that we collected. If you have not been to the 4-H Center in Brownwood, please make a trip to see what our monies have provided for this wonderful Center. Melvin will be happy to show you around.

We have two positions open on the Executive Board for 2022-2024: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President for Programs, Secretary and Treasurer-Elect. Letters declaring candidacy are due to the District Directors by March 1, 2022, and to the President by May 1, 2022. These positions are open to anyone who has served on the TEEA Board of Directors. Please refer to your TEEA Manual to review the duties of each position.

I know everyone has been working on their Cultural Arts entries. We have so many talented members. Wishing everyone luck for the First Place Ribbons.

We have all been busy preparing for the 2022 State Conference. It will be our 94th State Conference held in Lubbock on September 13-14 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Our theme for this conference will be **"Rockin' Around with TEEA"** with Rockabilly 50's attire for our Fashion Show during the Banquet. Our Host Districts are **District 1-Andrea Woolley-Director** and **District 2-Sheila McCormack-Director**.

We are doing something a little different for Lunch and Learn

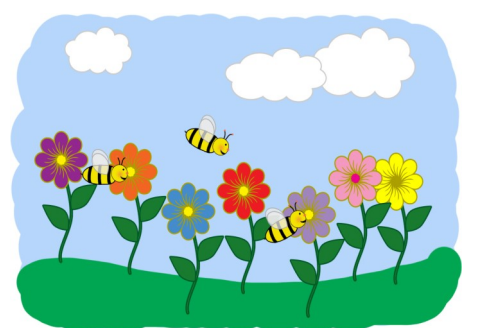
this year, instead of a speaker we are going to have a lunch and share your ideas...so bring your year books. Jan Meador will update you with more details in the next Messenger.

Rooms will be available September 12 thru September 15. The Host Hotel is **MCM Elegante** – 801 Avenue Q. You can call (806) 763-1200 to make your reservations-provide code TEEA. Rooms are \$99/129 plus tax, with breakfast included. Please start making your reservations as soon as possible but remember if you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation or they will charge you for the room.

Your Board of Directors are already hard at work to make this a -wonderful State Conference. Until then stay healthy and safe. I cannot wait until we meet again.

Many Thanks and Hugs,

Kay Jacob, TEEA State President





**Polly Krenk**  
**President-Elect**

Hello, Ladies,

I hope all of you have stayed well and missed the Covid virus. My husband and son did have Covid in late September and early part of October. I was blessed not to get it, but we have had several friends who have gotten it lately. Thank goodness they all have all recovered.

I hope everyone is making plans to attend the State Conference in Lubbock. The Elegante Hotel is very reasonable and across the parking lot is the Civic Center. The hotel has shuttles available to use, for those who have difficulty walking. Its very close and very accessible and within walking distance.

Most everyone knows that Lubbock was the home of Buddy Holly and the main attraction for visitors is the Buddy Holly Center. There are other interesting places to visit like the National Heritage Ranching Center, Texas Tech University Public Art Collection, and the Lubbock Lake Landmark which is a National Historic Landmark. OH yes, there are quilt shops. There are also several winery's and lots of good

restaurants to eat at. Consider coming early or staying an extra day or two to visit some of the sites in the area.

District Directors, I hope all of you have already made plans for your Spring Conferences. Just a reminder there are positions on the State Board up for election beginning October 1, 2022. Those positions are 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Programs, Secretary and Treasurer-Elect. Information for running for state office and information and qualifications about the positions can be found in the Manual. If you are intending on running for a state office, the paperwork must be to your District Director at your Spring Conference and the State Board before the May State Board Meeting. Also, nominations can be made from the floor at the State Conference, that information is also in the manual.

District Directors don't forget to remind your members about the 50's costume contest at the State Conference. Last year we had lots of fun with the 20's contest and this year we're planning on more fun and more entries. Districts, during your Spring Conference, have your local contest. If you have several entries, please select two entries and one alternate. The winners will need to attend the State Conference.

TEEA members, I want to thank you for all that you do for your Clubs and Districts. I am looking forward to the coming of Spring and Summer months when, hopefully, we get back to normal activities with our clubs and communities.

As always, if I can help you, please email me at [mpkrenek@yahoo.com](mailto:mpkrenek@yahoo.com) or phone 512-355-2633 or cell phone at 512-663-7941. REMEMBER IF I DON'T ANSWER, ALWAYS LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

Have a Blessed Day and Happy Day!



**Jan Meador**  
**1st Vice President of Leadership**

Hello TEEA Members,  
It has been a long winter, but we are coming up on spring in just a few days. In the Panhandle we have had super low temperatures with very little moisture and lots of wind and dirt lately. Y'all down state will have some great topsoil for your gardens!! We are praying for rain and hope we get some soon!!

Our TEEA Districts are getting ready for Spring Conferences and Cultural Arts Contests. I'm getting excited about District 1's in a few weeks, it's always good to see everyone and we have so much fun! I

have heard from a few directors on their plans and activities, but I need you directors to remember to make a report on your conference and send it to me and bring it to May board so we can all compare notes.

My family including my husband and myself, three of my children and their families had bouts will Covid from December through February. That stuff is not fun!!! We are all doing much better now and trying to get back to our regular routines. I hope most of y'all have been well.

Our 2022 TEEA State Conference is coming along very well and so far so good on plans. I know the Country Store is going to have some great stuff and shopping will be roomier this year. There will be in and out doors to help with congestion in the store and we have and overflow area designated if needed. Everyone make your county and district plans for a great time in Lubbock, Texas this year.

I know everyone is ready for Spring to get here, have warmer weather, get gardens and flower beds ready or at least the Panhandle people are. Members down state may already be getting that done. I hope everyone has a fabulous spring, get great moisture and enjoy good health!!

Keep TEEA in your heart and mind and find new members, they are out there trying to find you!





**D'Ann White**

**2nd Vice President for Programs**

Hi, all! I hope everyone is staying well. We are still living in uncertain times with Covid, and I understand how stressful that can be. Stress alone can play havoc with an individual's health, but compounded with other health issues, it's a big problem. I hope everyone is reaching out to their fellow club members and encouraging each other. If someone is under a heavy load of stress, try to find ways to help ease their load.

Don't forget to keep track of your volunteer hours, even if we are not meeting in person. Be sure to complete your club reports and turn them in to your county chair on a timely basis. As 2nd VP of programs, it is my responsibility to compile all the reports from every district in the state for our state report. It is a huge help to your county and district chairs for everyone to complete their reports each month.

I am looking forward to this year's state conference. We have several

interesting topics in development, and I hope you all will be pleased with the programs this year. Lubbock is a great place and the hotel and conference center was very accommodating of all our requests. I think you all will have a fabulous time! See you in Lubbock!



**Angela Pierce**  
**State Secretary**

Greetings and salutations. Hope all is doing ok and staying healthy. Another year has come to an end for another year to begin. I'm sure many of us are busy planning county and district events along with us working on state level for the conference in September. We look forward to seeing what everyone is up to in their communities. Don't forget to get your 50's style outfits ready for State Conference, whether you compete in the fashion show or not, would enjoy seeing you and the style you choose to wear.

I want to encourage everyone to look over the manual and make ourselves familiar with it. The manual is online on the website: <https://teea.tamu.edu>. You can also see issues of the messengers,

forms, and contact lists if needed. If you are interested in the being an officer at any level, the manual is a good place to find qualifications for the positions. Please pay attention to and respect the deadlines.

I look forward to seeing any returning or new member we have. Thank you to all members and what you do, nothing is too small or too big. Remember, that your time counts and do not forget to report your hours.

**Angela Pierce**  
**TEEA Sales Chair**

Greetings and salutations. The 2022 State Conference pins are in and look great. Thank you D'Ann for designing them. We also have some items that were added to before last state conference. These items include; notepads, cellphone adhesive wallets, and lanyards. Of course, all of these new items along with the other items will be available at State Conference.

I know that the conference is still months away but if you would like to preorder to pick up at state, please let me know. I will have ready for you to pick up. I ask that you have a designated person and an alternate to pick up with payment. Contact information is Angela Pierce, 988 CR 1103 Maud, TX 75567, [angelapierce@yahoo.com](mailto:angelapierce@yahoo.com), cell phone - 903-293-1744. I do receive text messages. If I don't respond immediately, please be patient with me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.



**Rexine Scarborough**  
**State Treasurer**

Hello Members and Friends of Texas Extension Education Association. Welcome to 2022. Hope all had a great holiday season and are ready for the new year. We are looking forward to a great year. We are getting out more and returning to working on projects to help our communities. Keep up the good work.

The membership is down but hopefully with activities resuming we can get new members. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors to the activities so they can see how much you enjoy being a part of such a giving and hard working group. Your District Directors have done a great job of getting all the membership information in to the Treasurer. Thank you for a job well done.

Be sure to plan to attend the State Conference in September. Lubbock has a lot to offer for entertainment. The facilities are great. Your Board is working hard to make it educational and fun. Hope to see you there. It is a great place to meet members from other counties and reconnect with acquaintances you have made over the years. Great time for sharing ideas.

**TEEA Sales**

Items Available and Cost:

- State Pins**
- 2021 Temple \$5 (picture to right)
- 2020 Lubbock \$5
- 2019 San Marcus \$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
- 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)
- Ink Pens** \$1
- TEEA Masks** \$5 (picture to right)
- Adhesive Cell Phone Wallet**—\$3 (picture to right)
- TEEA Notepad** \$4



The *new* TEEA Sales Order form (right) can also be requested from your District Director or County Chair and will be available in your manual and on the website once updated. Please contact Angela Pierce, TEEA Sales Chair, with any questions.

**REQUEST for pictures of any state pins for 2007 or anything before 2004—we are building an archive and need these years—can email to [angelapierce@yahoo.com](mailto:angelapierce@yahoo.com) THANK YOU!!**



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 larger items.

TEEA Sales Order Form

Please use this order form when ordering items from the TEEA Sales. Please send orders through the County Chair to the TEEA Sales Chair. Items do have limited quantity. Especially items with low quantity, please contact sales chair for confirmation of in stock before sending payment. Shipping will require an extra charge of \$5 for small items and \$10 for larger items. **Orders sent in to be mailed to individuals are subject to sales taxes.** Willing to take preorders for pick up at State Conference. Preorders – please make sure there is a designated and alternate person to pick up on order form that will pick up and will have the payment at that time. Thank you!

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If I do not answer please leave a message or feel free to send an e-mail or a text message.

**Educational Workshops from the 2021 State Conference**

Full program information available at:

<https://teea.tamu.edu/teea-state-education-programs/2021-state-educational-programs/>



**O Be Careful Little Eyes What You See**

**By: Genine Ringstaff,  
Education Chair, District 3**

What is happening to our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends? There lurks a grave danger for them in this techno world that we live in unless we become informed about what to look for and how to prevent it. God has given us the responsibility to be guardians for all children. Knowledge is Power! Come listen to Belinda Swan as she shares valuable information on protecting our children.

**Workshop Objective:** To train delegates and members to present this workshop presentation to their clubs and communities. To bring awareness to everyone about online safety.

**Workshop Description:** Informative presentation that can be shared with your clubs and communities. To help bring awareness of the dangers and overall trends that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children are seeing with cyber bullying, online enticement, sexting, and online safety for our children.

**The Buzz About Bees**

**By: Dolores Mittadavis,  
Education Chair, District 12**

Howdy from deep South Texas! My program for the State Conference is The Buzz About Bees. Walker Honey Farm is presenting a workshop about the importance of Bees. He will discuss pollination, plants that attract Bees and the many products made from honey. He will also have recipes using honey. This will be very interesting information. Hope to see you there. Have a great summer!



***A Shot at Good Health***

**Education Chair  
Violet Alexander**

**Authors and Presenters**

Andrew B. Crocker, Senior Extension Program Specialist  
Morgan D. Bradley, Program Manager

**Description**

Routine vaccinations are staple for protecting our immune systems; but, as we get older, we may fall behind on recommended vaccinations. Truth is, staying up-to-date on vaccinations is a life-long (and maybe life-saving) job! During this session, we will discuss the differences between viruses and bacteria and the associated differences between vaccines and antibiotics

for preventing/treating the infections they cause. We will also discuss the recommended schedule for adult vaccination and talking points to help have important conversations with health providers, peers, and family members.

**Learning Objectives**

1. Describe the difference between viral and bacterial infections
2. Describe the difference between vaccines and antibiotics and how they work
3. Examine the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Adult Immunization Schedule
4. Identify communication strategies to meaningfully discuss the importance of vaccinations

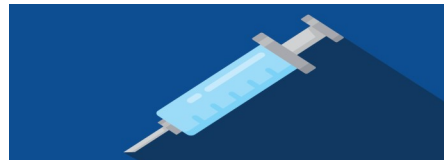
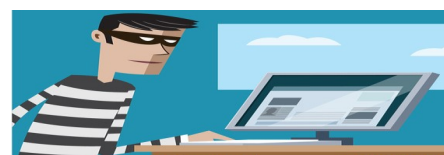
**Cooking with Herbs-The Healthier Option**

**By: Rachel Monday,  
Education Chair, District 11**

This program will be presented by Gayle Bludau, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent for Victoria County. The goals for the program are:

- To create delicious flavors and aromas with herbs and spices in hopes to reduce your desire to use salt, sugars, and fats.
- To increase the consumption of vegetables and fruit by creating unique flavors with herbs and spices.
- To create a desire to be healthier by teaching individuals to "learn to like healthy".

To help those who want to add a little spice to their life, this session will introduce you to the uses of a variety of herbs and spices. Mrs. Bludau is passionate about Health and Wellness. She has been a Family and Community Health agent for 9 years. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics and a Master of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M University. She was a State Award Winner in 2018 for her excellence in healthy living programming. Now that she has an empty nest, she enjoys growing her own food and trying new recipes.



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District News

DISTRICT 1

Happy Homes TEEA District 1 News

By: Francis Biles

This report is my first report as the newly elected reporter for Happy Homes Club. The meeting was held on October 5, 2021, at the fellowship hall of the Church of Christ in Spearman Tx. 10 members were present. A discussion was held regarding collecting socks and Christmas cards for veterans in the Veterans Home in Amarillo Tx. A motion was made for each member to bring a minimum of 10 Xmas cards and 10 pair of socks (men or womens). Mens socks need to be white tube socks, womens need to be any type. Sharron Swan will collect socks from the members and deliver them to the Veterans Home in Amarillo. The program was given by Myrna Biggers concerning many interesting facts about the month of October.

The second meeting in October was held on October 19, at the extension annex. 13 members were present. The program was given by Feather Coombs, concerning how to decorate items using her vinyl press and vinyl cutouts. The members present made Halloween tee-towels. A delicious halloween meal was observed by the hostesses, Andrea Woolley and Feathers Coombs. Discussion was had regarding the following: nut sales, a total of \$13,000 was deposited from both Hansford County clubs. The state conference for 2022 will be held in Lubbock Texas; we will be responsible for making a part of the items to be sold at the Country Store at The State Conference.

Town and Country TEEA Club News

By: Janie Kunselman

Town and Country TEEA Club had an interesting program presented by Margarett Evans of Spearman. She showed us items that were made by her Mother, Nellie Lynch Wilbanks, in the Moore County Home Extension Club during 1935.



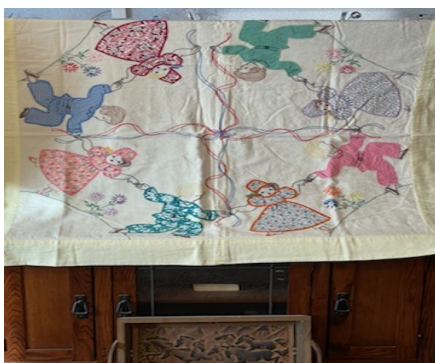
Red Quilt



Cat Quilt



Yellow Quilt



Quilt with Kids



Matching Outfit with Purse and other Purses

Cheryl Sander had a very interesting presentation on "Cooking with Herbs". Cheryl made two recipes for us to sample, and then we each mixed spices together to make packages of Italian Blend, Mexican Blend, Mixed Herb Blend, and Chinese Five Spice Blend to take home and use. We all enjoyed Cheryl's cooking. Pictured below members making spice blends.



District 1—Randall County News

By: Sylvia Jordan, Chairman

As I write this I am watching it snow outside. We are so thankful for the moisture and grateful we don't have to be out in it. 2020-2021 was a slow year for Randall EEA but that doesn't mean we didn't accomplish anything. We did all the State Educational Workshops and have already finished two from 21-22. We have also welcomed a new County Family and Community Health Agent, Chelsey Rash. She lives in Bushland and comes to us from serving 7 years in Oldham County. We are excited to have her expertise and passion for service. We enjoyed the State Meeting in Temple and are looking forward to co-hosting the State Meeting in Lubbock next September. Thank you to all for your hard work. If you have never attended, I hope you will make the effort to attend this year. The conferences are always great and the fellowship even better. Sadly, we lost a good friend, co-worker and leader in December. Elizabeth Alexander was the president of Sunnyside EEA Club before her illness required her to resign. She had a big heart and was always willing to help, to serve, and to learn. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. On an upbeat note, we gave a special recognition and award to Mary Rice, our 2021 Woman of the Year. Mary has served just about every office on both the club and county levels and has been a TEEA member for over 50 years. Mary has served as the Chair of the State Christmas Ornament fundraiser since 2017 and will continue in this leadership position. Mary is also very active in the ministries of the First Methodist Church in Canyon and many other community projects. Before his death her husband was the Canyon Fire Chief for 40 years. That means Mary became the FireHouse Mom to all the young (and old) firemen over those 40 years. We love and

appreciate her for her faithfulness, longevity and commitment to service. Congratulations Mary, and thank you.

We are looking forward to February and the Cultural Arts Competition. We have such talented people in our county and I look forward to the wonderful creations they will enter. Hope to see you all in September in Lubbock.



*Members enjoy a presentation over herbs and spices*

**DISTRICT 3**

**Wilbarger County News  
By: Jennifer A. Trufan**

The Fargo Extension Education Association just completed a project of centerpieces for the dining room at Vista Living of Vernon. Pictured below.



**Bowie EEA News,  
Montague County**

**By: Kathy McPeters**

In October, Bowie EEA members gathered at the Bowie Public Library. Melanie Stott, agent and member, presented a state program "Cooking with Herbs" to teach how herbs and spices can create delicious flavors and aromas while reducing the need for salt, sugars, and fats.

Next month, members traveled to Decatur for a tour of the Wise County Heritage Museum located in the former Northwest Baptist College building built in 1893. Each room features different exhibits such as Fossils & Indian Artifacts, Tools & Mercantile, Sewing & Quilts and The Lost Battalion. Following the tour, everyone enjoyed lunch at Down the Alley Café located at Main Street Home and Garden.



*Liz Bower, Helen Edwards, Robin Boling, Connie Niles, Sheila Schindler and Loise Neese at Wise County Heritage Museum*

Our annual Christmas luncheon included turkey and dressing with all the fixings at Nostalgia Antiques, Soda Fountain and Restaurant located in historic downtown Bowie. Members collected for a monetary donation to our Restock the Pantry Drive for the Bowie Mission, an outreach program serving over 300 individuals with 17,000 pounds of food per month. Food is purchased in bulk and

then packed in boxes for distribution per month for families in need.

**News from Montague**

**By: Genine Ringstaff, Education Chair, District 3**

Hello from Montague, So looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces in September in Lubbock! In the meantime, getting my garden ready for Spring planting. Also getting geared up for church camp in June. Because of getting to stay at the Brownwood 4-H Center for our fall board meeting I felt so strong that God was telling me to have church camp here this summer. God has blessed us with a Wednesday after school children's ministry called Kingdom Kids. Mostly children that don't get to go to church anywhere else. If you have been around kids at all then you know the need is huge to have someone pour into them the unconditional love of God and to let them know that it doesn't matter what others say about you, it only matters what God says about you. Church camp is like being in a Jesus bubble for 5 days and oh how that can impact a child the rest of their life. The 4-H center in Brownwood has so many great activities to offer and our kids are so excited about getting to go this year. 3 John 2 Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering. God Bless you!



**DISTRICT 4**

**District 4 Spring Meeting News**

**By: Linda Smith**

The District 4 Cultural Arts will be held in Gainesville, Tx. on the 18th and 19th of April. It changed from the 19th and 20th because the building had a prior obligation with another business.

Place: 1st State Bank Community Room 801 E. California Gainesville, TX

When: April 18th and 19th, 2022

Time: 9:00AM registration

Session will begin at 10:00AM

Price: 1st day is \$20.00 and 2nd day is \$15. Higher price due to inflation.

Hotels in the area Mostly along I 35 approx 8 to 10 blocks from meeting site:

*LaQuinta Inn & Suites*  
4201 I-35 Gainesville, TX  
940-665-5700  
\$93.00 with tax

*Fairfield Inn & Suites*  
1300 I-35 Gainesville, TX  
940-580-2210  
\$89.00 with tax

*Super 8 by Wyndham*  
1936 I-35 Gainesville, TX  
940-641-8913  
\$66.00 with tax

There are other hotels if needed.

Extra tables will be \$5.00 each.

I want to congratulate the Piecemakers of Rains County for working with the 4-H students on teaching them how to sew. They have done a wonderful job. Rains County Cultural Arts will be on Feb. 21 and judged on the 22nd. Bring your things with you to the meeting on the 21st.

I am really looking forward to our Spring Conference this year. There are going to be great surprises.

### Cooke County TEEA Celebrates

**By: Elouise Larson**

The 4 Cooke County TEEA clubs gathered to celebrate The Christmas season. We enjoyed a nice meal. Our entertainment was a concert by a quartet of 4-H ers. They are 3 sisters Avery, Emery and Lily Reiter and a cousin Erika Hitt. They sang beautiful Christmas Music, their mother explained that the girls selected the music they presented.



Each club member present also explained how long and how they became involved with extension. It was interesting how many friends or family members encouraged or invited persons to join. It was interesting to see the long history of our Extension clubs in our County.

We also collected Funds and food for Visto. Which provides Backpacks of food to send home with school age children as well as the food bank for Cooke County.

We have started planning for District 4 Spring meeting. Looking forward to welcoming all the district 4 members to visit our beautiful Medal of Honor City. Gainesville, Texas.

### Sivells Bend Extension News

**By: Elouise Larson**

Sivells Bend Extension club gathered in the Home of Club Member Debbi Clouse to celebrate Christmas. We again chose not to Exchange gifts but bring items that would be donated to Abigail Arms which is a group that aids Persons who are in abusive situations and frequently arrive with nothing but what they can carry. We also had members who assisted in donating socks and Blankets to a program that was giving each nursing home resident socks and a blanket. The program was headed up by Kelly Bob Bayer a local Real-estate person.

## DISTRICT 5

### Wood County EEA Hosts District Director for December Meeting

**By: Angie Monk**

Wood County EEA members welcomed new incoming District 5 EEA Director Susie Blackmon as their guest for their annual Christmas Meeting/Luncheon.

Mrs. Blackmon had expressed an interest in visiting all counties in the District to get to know members as she started in her new role as EEA District Director. And Wood County EEA was excited when she accepted their invitation to visit. The club held their annual Christmas meeting and luncheon on December 9, 2021 and shared with Mrs. Blackmon about their programs and numerous

community service projects. Mrs. Blackmon then shared with the club about her involvement in EEA and what her goals are for District 5 EEA. The meeting also included several games to get to know each other and a very lively holiday gift exchange.

Wood County EEA is looking forward to working with Mrs. Blackmon and the other D5 EEA officers in the coming year.



*Wood County Christmas Party Attendees*

### Upshur County News

**By: Patricia Bynum**

In conjunction with the East Texas Yamboree in Gilmer, members of the Glenwood and Southern Belles Clubs operated a concession stand, selling hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, chips, drinks and, of course, slices of homemade yam pie. Members of the Glenwood Club also helped with the 4-H concession stand at the Livestock Show. Glenwood Club raffled a large basket of barbecue essentials, and Southern Belles Club raffled a quilt made by its members. The Upshur County EE Association also sponsored the Yam Pie Contest (the longest running contest at the Yamboree) and the Canning Contest.



*Contest Entry Registration: Joan Warren, Joyce Raabe and Maggie McBeth*

The Annual Joint Meeting of the Glenwood and Southern Belles Clubs was held November 3, 2021, at the Lantana Activity Center in Gilmer. Reports were given on each Club's activities for the year. A brief overview of the State Conference education programs was provided. Upshur County Extension Agent Julie York gave a presentation on the history of the TEEA, which was nostalgic as well as informative to all attendees.

Both Clubs put up and decorated the Upshur County Courthouse Christmas Tree, in time to celebrate Yulefest on the Square in Gilmer. The tree provided joy both inside the Courthouse as well as to people strolling on the Square.

Southern Belles Club celebrated Christmas by putting together a basket of wrapped gifts for their nursing home resident. She was also given a festive sweater vest with matching pullover tops that she could wear to the nursing home's Christmas party. The Club continues to provide monthly hair appointments and personal visits.

Southern Belles Club also adopted a Christmas family. Toys and clothing items were purchased and wrapped for the parents to give to their three children.



The annual Upshur County TEEA Chili Luncheon was held January 26 at the Yamboree Exhibit Building in Gilmer. Lunch tickets included a meal of chili, crackers and a homemade dessert. Members of the Glenwood Club and Southern Belles Club prepared the chili and provided the desserts, with East Texas chocolate cream pies being the favorite. Food was offered as dine-in or take-out. Over 400 tickets were sold. All proceeds benefitted the Upshur County 4-H Scholarship Fund.



*Serving chili: Virginia Higginbotham, Janice Green and Linda Shipko*

### Cherokee County Holds Chili Lunch Fundraiser

**By: Marylyn Bennett**

TEEA Clubs Ponta and Central High (Cherokee County) held a Chili Lunch Fundraiser on January 20th at the Texas Agrilife Extension office in Rusk. Lunch consisted of a bowl of chili with all the fixings, cornbread, drink and dessert for only \$5.00. Orders were eaten in-house, taken out, or delivered. Over one hundred orders were served. Desserts were provided by TEEA members, and three entries were entered into a dessert contest. The desserts were judged by County Judge Chris Davis and the winners were: First Place Dawn Elliott with her Nothing

Bundt Cake,. Second Place went to Susie Blackmon for her Upside German Chocolate Cake, and Third Place also went to Susie Blackmon for her Red Velvet Cream Cheese Cake. Several other desserts were enjoyed that were not in the contest. TEEA members working at the event or providing food were Susie Blackmon, Virginia Bush, Mary Nell Wofford, Zoe Ann Conway, Marylyn Bennett, Dawn Elliott, and Kim Herman. FCH Agent Amy Walley was also present in her first fundraiser, directing all the traffic. Welcome, Amy!



*Hard workers Marylyn Bennett, Ponta EEA, and our ACH Agent Amy Walley—filling to-go orders*



*Dessert Table*



*Cherokee County Judge, Chris Davis, judging desserts*

- Party Planning Form (Things to PLAN AHEAD, Things to DO AHEAD, Things to DO ON DAY OF party)
- Checklist for Party Planning
- Feeding a Crowd? Do It Safely
- Centerpiece and Favor Ideas
- Games and Entertainment
- Recipes with PIZZAZZ

**Attendees Will Receive:** Samples of program recipes with Party PIZZAZZ!!, party favors, program handouts and door prizes.

This educational workshop will be lots of fun!!

## DISTRICT 7

### Planning Parties with PIZZAZZ!!

**By: Lynda French**

#### Education Chair, District 7

This program will be presented by TEEA Members Linda Wells, (Retired) FCH Agent Burnet County and Karen DeZarn, FCH Agent Lampasas County.

**Topics Covered:** Techniques for Successful Parties for Friends, Families and Groups, Party Organization Tips, Communication Skills, Etiquette for Hosts and Guests, Food Safety, My-Plate, Skills to Make Parties Click, Party Theme Ideas, Party Favors, Menu Ideas with Recipe Suggestions and Tasting.

**Overview of Workshop:** Attendees will have the opportunity to experience "Party Planning with Pizzazz" including information and handouts on the following:

- What Makes a Party Click?
- A Good Party ....
- The Successful Hostess
- Themes

### Burnet Co. Christmas Party

**By: Lela Goar**

At the Christmas party for the Texas Extension Education Association of Burnet County, (TEEABC) the 2021 Women of the Year were recognized. This award is presented to a member(s) who show leadership, growth, and development in TEEABC through work in their club, community, church, and family life over the past year. This year we were honored to recognize Fran Jones of the Redbud/Oakalla Club (at left) and Ardean Coffman of the Bethel Club. Each showed the true meaning of TEEABC through their work at the local and county level with their attendance and participation in activities, volunteering with their church, and helping with their family both near and far as needed. They also support the community organizations that their club participates in and support 4-H through their club and the county. Congratulations to these very deserving ladies. Each was presented with a beautiful flower arrangement and a certificate and the plaque is on display in the Boardroom at the AgriLife Extension Office.



2021 Women of the Year

**Burnet County TEEA Christmas 2021**

By: Lela Goar

The Burnet County TEEA group celebrated Christmas in 2021 with a program and singing of Christmas carols, and a parody of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Part of the days events included a mask contest which was enjoyed by the group.



The winners were (left to right):

Edna Niebanck - Christmas theme; Roxanne Dunegan - most original; Polly Krenek - prettiest; Linda Wells - most bling; and Micki Douglas - funniest

We also had a silent auction where attendees could bid on food items and other possible Christmas gift ideas. Donations to the local food bank were collected and we were able to give them just over \$400 in cash and checks as well as multiple boxes of non-perishable items. It was a great day and everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed a wonderful meal.

**DISTRICT 8**

**TEEA District 8—News from Erath County—Acheiver, Clairette, and Three Way Clubs**

By: Doris Threadgill

On October 20, 2021, the Fall Luncheon of the Achiever, Clairette, and Three Way Clubs was held at the AgriLife Extension Center, with Cyndi Smith, Emergency Management Coordinator, giving a lecture on CPR/First Aid, including information and distribution of important paperwork to have on hand in case of emergencies. This was a great learning experience. Thank you Cyndi.



Cyndi Smith giving lecture on CPR/First Aid information

Also, presentation of late awards due to COVID, were given out. The 85 Year Club Award was given to Clairette, 50 Year Member Awards were given to Mary Lowrey and Lena Williams, 30 Year Club Award was given to Achievers, and 20 Year Member Award was given to Wanda Stephens, no recently passed. We also acknowledged the 100th birthday of Achievers member Gladys Sundbeck.



L to R: Accepting Awards—Barbara Poplin, Roseanne Keilers, Mary Lowrey, Bonnie Wolfe, and our Extension Agent, Andrea Brooks



100 year old member of Achievers, Gladys Sundbeck

The November 15th County meeting, hosted by the Clairette Club, discussed the history of the Erath County TEEA even way back before it was called Extension, but a Homemaker club, rotating from house to house. The District 8 Fall Leadership meeting was held the next day in Hamilton, with the following members in attendance—Lee and Ron Davidson, Debbie Galbreath, Beth Parham, Barbara Poplin of Achievers, Bonnie Wolfe of Clairette, and Doris Threadgill of Three Way Clubs. All agreed it was a learning experience, and hoped more members would attend the next time around.



Nov 15th County meeting attendees— 22 members present, all 3 clubs at County Meeting

December 7th members from all three clubs met at Jake and Dorothy's Restaurant for breakfast, then got down to the task of making Christmas decorations to be included with Meals on Wheels for their recipients. Over 200 ornaments were crafted, thanks

To Achiever members Lee and Ron Davidson, who provided most of the goods used. Thank you to all members who helped with this project.



Breakfast before making crafts for "Meals on Wheels" of 3 clubs

May we all have a Blessed, Happy, and Healthy 2022 New Year!

**District 8 Bell County News**

By: Gayle Pomykal

Gina Krause, Tanglefoot EE Club monitors Sale Items and Jane Vancil, Tejas EE Club selling tickets for a handmade quilt which was given away following the sale—pictured below. The Gigantic Sale took place November 5 and 6 at Seaton Community Center with all Bell County EEA members contributing things, that were no longer used, from their homes as well as from their family members who donated many valuable items. The two day Fundraiser Event supports Bell County Youth 4-H Scholarships, as well as operating funds for Bell Extension Education Association.



**Williamson County Represented at 2021 TEEA Conference**

**By: Charlotte Watson**



*(L to R) Charlotte Watson and Peggy Blair, both members of Noontime EE Club in Williamson County, represented their county as Delegates to the 2021 TEEA State Conference. They attended all the workshops and General Sessions and went home prepared to share the educational information with other clubs in their county.*

**Jewett EE Club News**

**By: Michaele Perry, Leon Co. Reporter**

On December 8, 2021 the Jewett EE Club presented homemade fabric Christmas wreaths for the clients. Each client will have one placed in their room to help bring Christmas cheer to all who visit with them. Thanks to all the hardworking Jewett EE members who participated in this project and made the wreaths in November so that they could be distributed in early December.



*L-R—Jessica Kline, Carol Foster-EE, Christin Osgood, Michaelene Perry-EE, Fredricka Gregory, Patricia Washington, Donna Barrilleaux-EE, Donna Warren-EE and in front Christin Gonzales.*

**Noontime Member Participates in Roaring 20's Fashion Show**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

Pat Kellett, a member of Noontime EE Club in Williamson County, represented her club and her county in the District 8 Roaring Twenties Fashion Show. Pat was "dressed to the nine's" - all decked out in her flapper dress complete with her fake cigarette holder! She walked down the runway as her outfit was described. It was a glorious moment for her ... and for her sister club members. Pat didn't win and go forward to the state Fashion Show. But, that was okay. The other Noontime members were so proud of her for representing them well.

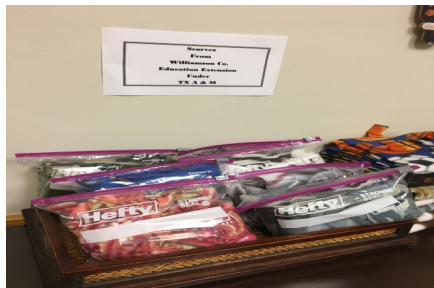


**Morning Glory EE Club Serves Others**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

Members of the Morning Glory EE Club in Williamson County were very excited about the fifty+ Scarves they made and donated to the Oncology Center at St. Davids Georgetown Hospital. On several occasions they stayed after their regular meetings cutting and tying the edges of the fleece to make colorful scarves for the patients receiving chemo. They bagged the scarves and left them for the patients to have to keep warm while receiving

chemo at the Center. The sign identified who made the scarves as just another method of publicity for the Extension Education Organization. Pictures below.



**Noontime Gives Back at Christmas**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

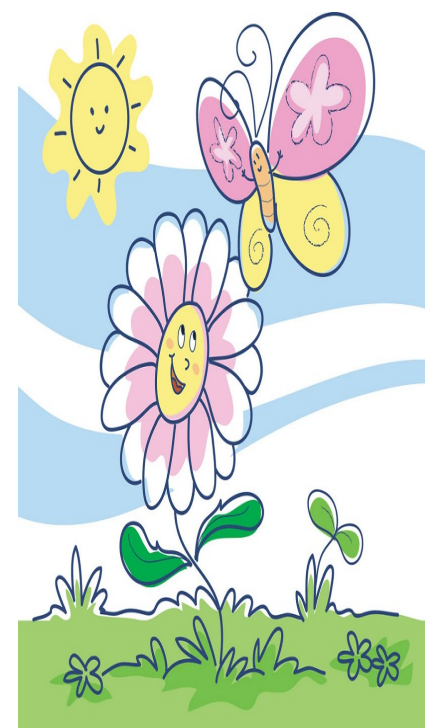
This past Christmas Noontime EE Club of Williamson County chose to "give back" to their community as their Christmas project. Standing with their donation is L to R, Betty Davidson, Pat Kellett, Peggy Blair, Charlotte Watson and Carola Meister. They were excited about our laundry basket filled with baby items donated to the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County. The PHC was very excited to get the baby blanket, the thirty-five onesies, twelve board books and the \$100 gift card for a big-ticket item one young mom might need. Pictured below.



**EE Club Members Help Feed the Hungry during the Holidays**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

This may look like just a few grocery bags. But it is much more than that. It is lots of Mac 'n Cheese, cereal, rice, canned and dry beans, many canned fruits and vegetables ... plus 2 24-cases of bottled water. Members of all the Extension Education Clubs in Williamson County brought their donations to the Annual County EE Christmas Luncheon. In partnership with Helping Hands of Georgetown, food will be distributed to the hungry and under-served residents in Georgetown. Helping Hands of Georgetown is a family run 501 (c)(3) who's main goal is food security. Currently, they are serving over 500 brown bag lunches each week. What a great partnership! (Picture below.)



**District 8 Leadership Training News**

**By: Michaelene Perry,  
Leon Co. Reporter**

On November 16, 2021 Hamilton and Eastland Counties hosted the TEEA District 8 Fall Leadership Training at the First Baptist Church in Hamilton, TX. Leon County was well represented with 12 members and 1 guest for this event.

Millie Barrow, District 8 Director (Eastland), called this meeting and began by reviewing the TEEA Manual Form Management and Other Activities Tool (pgs. 5-6 and 6-6 and 7). If a new officer at the club or county level this form has all the due dates for a smooth process of reports, orders for badges, award/recognition submissions, etc. Session I began with officer duties, questions and guidance on: 1) club president (by Stacey Villanueva-Eastland), 2) club secretary (by Gayle Pomykal-Bell) and 3) club treasurer (by Donna Barrilleaux-Leon). Session II followed with 4) duties for county chairperson (by Nancy Urbanke, Bell), 5) District Director-Elect and District Director (by Millie Barrow-Eastland). Each speaker pointed out the key responsibilities and the reference information available from the TEEA Manual. TEEA members in attendance commented that the topics and Q & A were the best presented in several years. Thanks to all the above presenters for their professional, well-prepared and efficient presentations. Lunch was catered by a local BBQ restaurant that was delicious. Door prizes were provided throughout the program. Donations for Coins for Friendship and Dollars for scholars were collected.

Prior to the close Millie made announcements about: TEEA District 8 Membership Incentive Program, recognized 1<sup>st</sup> Timers to this Leadership Training and the 2022 TEEA State Conference in Lubbock, TX with the theme of Rockin' Around with TEEA – 1950's.



*Front Row: Lt to Rt—Tracy Davis, Clara Jones, Amber Rae, Mamie Bell, Mary Greer and Donna Barrilleaux. Back Row: Trisha Roach (guest), Nyanza Price, Martie Hanson, Carol Foster, Gail Huffine, Camillia*

**District 8 Bell County News**

**By: Gayle Pomykal**

New member, Betty Cluck Tejas EE Club, was honored at the Bell EEA Countywide Luncheon meeting in November. The meeting was held at Ocker Brethren Church in the Fellowship Room. Food was ordered from Miller's Deli in Lott Texas with members providing desserts. The State Conference Program "Oh Be Careful Little Eyes What You See" was excellently presented by Nancy Urbantke, president of Tejas EE Club. Texas Treasure Award was presented to Alice Hoelscher, Leedale EE Club. Members brought an abundant number of Personal Care Items that were donated to local Food Pantries.



*Lt - Rt: Martha Williams - Tejas EE Club, Madeline Lambert - Leedale EE Club, Wynona Williams - Leedale EE Club prepare tea and coffee for BEEA November Luncheon*



*Lt - art: Betty Cluck - new member, Nancy Urbantke - President Tejas EE Club, Nancy Posvar - BEEA Chairman*

**Noontime EE Club Visits Bee Hives**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

All of the EE Clubs in Williamson County have had the opportunity of having an educational program on "The Buzz About Bees" - one of the delegate training workshops at the 2021 TEEA Annual Meeting. The information shared in the packet has been very informative and there have been lively discussions at each presentation. Delegate Charlotte Watson presented the programs. The presentation to the Noontime EE Club was led by Kevin Ueckert, Lead Pastor at First Baptist Georgetown, and a bee keeper extraordinaire. He not only shared bee and bee keeping information, but he also showed the club members his bee hives. It was an outstanding program, supplemented by printed material from the state workshop. Everyone left each presentation with a new appreciation for the bees and their impact on our environment and the agricultural production across Texas.



**District 8 Bell County News**

**By: Gayle Pomykal**

Bell County EEA's December county-wide meeting featured Clint Walker, owner of Walker Honey Farm in Rogers, Texas who presented information based on the state approved educational program, "The Buzz About Bees". Members brought toys to be donated to the Temple Fire & Rescue Department's annual Toy Drive "Rescue Elves". Toys and games are distributed to needy children of underprivileged families in the community each year to help them have an enjoyable Christmas. Santos Soto from Temple Fire & Rescue came to the event to accept the donation and give the toys directly to children for Christmas.



*Pictured Lt-Rt: Gina Krause, Rose Crawford, Madeline Lambert, Wynona Williams, Betty Cluck, Santos Soto, LaVelle Parsons, Jane Vancil, and Polly Elizondo with toy and game donations for children's Christmas gifts.*

**Williamson County Club Exchange**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

As a way to get to know club members in other clubs in the county, Williamson County Clubs were paired for a Club Visitation one month during the year. In February, Morning Glory EE Club invited members of Noontime EE Club to attend their club meeting.

Morning Glory members provided a delicious array of breakfast foods. Shown in the picture are eight members of Morning Glory EE Club and five members of Noontime EE Club. Yummy foods and a sweet time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Marilyn Ubben is President of the Morning Glory EE Club and Charlotte Watson is President of the Noontime EE Club.



*Jewett community organizations receiving gifts from the Jewett EE Club L-R—Front row-Kristy Vandegriff, Brenda Rae, Barbara Jenkins, Angela Gayle, Betty Robinson, B.J. Henderson, Christina Sanchez; Back row-Kirk Smith, Felicia Powell, Shirley Pierce, Deanna Bornman and Linda Jones*



**Jewett EE Club News**  
**By: Michaelene Perry,**  
**Leon Co. Reporter**

On January 10, 2022 the Jewett EE Club had their monthly meeting at the Jewett Civic Center Community Room, Jewett, TX. Presiding at this gathering was Carol Foster, President. At the conclusion of the business portion, we recognized guests of organizations in our community that we sponsor. We received updates on the progress, changes and/or other information on their services. Those organizations are: Jewett Chamber of Commerce, Jewett EMS, Jewett VFD, East Lake Limestone VFD, Marquez VFD and the Leon Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. We thank all for the dedication and service they provide for our community.

**Williamson County Celebrates Exhibition Day**

**By Cornelia Ferrell and Charlotte Watson**

Williamson County EE Clubs celebrated a most enjoyable and successful Exhibition Day on March 8. All four county clubs had responsibilities that day and all had members represented at the event. Clubs include Morning Glory, New Horizons, Noontime and Sundowners. The photograph shows just a few of the outstanding and award-winning entries. The event was held in the new Williamson County Office Building.

Because of COVID protocols, all of the food tasting Divisions were eliminated. Entries for judging were limited to the three Cultural Arts and Crafts Divisions and the Home Grown and Home Preserved Divisions.

The day was dedicated to the memory of Margie Simms, a founder and longtime member of New Horizon EE Club who passed away last fall. She had faithfully served the TEEA organization in County, District and State capacities for more than 40 years.

While entries were being judged, Sundowners EE Club led in two fun “ice-breaker” games to encourage members to meet members of other clubs. This was followed by some relaxing chair yoga stretching exercises.

Members were able to order box lunches from Schlotzsky’s or bring their own lunch, and then a counter full of delicious desserts, two per club, were enjoyed by one and all.

New Horizon’s EE Club made arrangements for the after lunch speaker. Teri Jansen, the Founder and Assistant Executive Director of the non-profit organization, The Key2Free, gave a very informative and eye-opening talk. The Key2Free provides safe housing, education and therapeutic care to human trafficking survivors. She emphasized that sex trafficking is going on all around us—it is *not* just a problem “over there” in third world and other countries. She suggested several ways the EE Clubs could help.

The two Cultural Arts judges were from Burnet County and included Polly Krenek, TEEA President-Elect and EE Member, Diana Taylor. Congratulations to all who entered and to all who won. First and Second Place ribbons were displayed along with the entries. They will advance to the District 8 Spring Cultural Arts Competition. Awards were announced for the Champion and Reserve Champions in each Division. They were as follows:

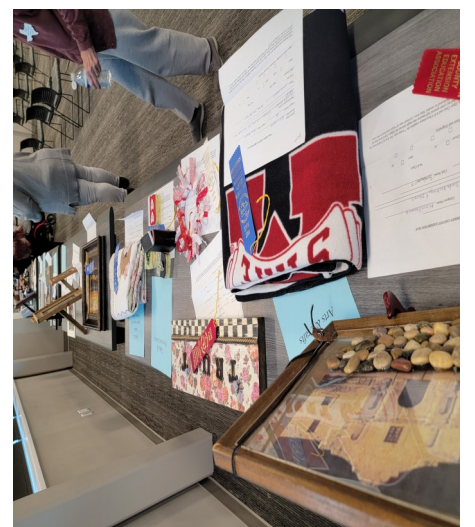
Williamson County 2022 Exhibition Day Champions and Reserve Champions

**Arts & Crafts I:**  
**Grand Champion: Janelle Zimmerhanel**  
**Reserve Champion: Joyce Purtle**

**Arts & Crafts II:**  
**Grand Champion: Dianna Madariaga**  
**Reserve Champion: Janet Ross**

**Arts & Crafts III:**  
**Grand Champion: Glenda Wilson**  
**Reserve Champion: Julie Norris**

**Home Grown/Preserved:**  
**Grand Champion: Evelyn McVey**  
**Reserve Champion: Linda Hernandez**



**District 8 Bell County News**

**By: Gayle Pomykal**

Bell County, Leedale Club’s annual Blanket Collection took place at their December monthly meeting. Traditionally members of the Leedale Club have agreed to donate blankets to the Bell County Children’s Advocacy Center in Belton instead of exchanging gifts between members. Britney Eiklor, counselor from CAC, attended the Christmas meeting to accept the blankets which will be issued to children who are brought in for interview following instances of abuse, neglect, and lack of parental guidance. This is a small contribution for a large need, as the Center serves Bell County as well as several other nearby counties. Each child is given items for their very own at the investigation interview, such as blankets, stuffed animals, toys, books, and snacks. They are often sent to Foster Homes or other holding places for a period of time, for their safety and health.



*This photo depicts some of the Leedale EE Club members with donated blankets: Lt-Rt Nancy Posvar, Madeline Lambert, Rose Crawford, Jean Nolen, CAC Counselor- Britney Eiklor, Gayle Pomykal, Doris Marek, Wynona Williams, Lucille Stock, Marilyn Herring, Rose Anne Herring, Maxine Kalkbrenner*



*Jewett EE Club: L to R—Angela Bell, guest, Donna Barrilleaux, Mamie Bell, Donna Warren, Geri Cox, Carol Foster and Michaelene Perry*



*Normangee EE Club: L-R—Sitting-Pat Killian, Shirley Kelton and Mary Richard; Standing-Linda Brown, JP Borah, Ann Treat, Guest-Erica Overby, Melinda Green, Rhonda Exley, Nyanza Price of Oakwood Club, Mary Greer and Gail Huffine.*



*Troupe singers: L-R—Ron Treat, Linda Dunn at the piano, Meta Ashpaugh, Ruth Hime, Karen Woods and Theona Wilburn*

**Leon County Christmas Party News**

**By: Michaelene Perry,  
Leon County Reporter**

December 8, 2021 was the date Leon County met for their annual Christmas Party. It was held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Normangee, TX. This annual event is very special for our members and guests because it is our Silent Auction fundraising event for this organization. This year was especially successful with 57 entries and \$1144.00 raised for future community programs in Leon County.

Another special part of our annual event is to share gifts for the Child Protective Services so that Christmas can be special for them. Thanks to all who donated to this worthwhile group.

Thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to the Sweet Harmony singers and the addition of 2 additional singer to shared their Christmas music for all of us. With over 55 members and guests we had a great time.

Following the entertainment, we all enjoyed the buffet luncheon from all members who brought their favorite culinary skills for holiday cooking. No one left hungry!



*Leona-Centerville EE Club: L to R—Barbara Hickman, Carole Huebner, Helen Torrance, Patricia Ferguson, Guest-Sue, Pam Groba and Clara Jones*



*Oakwood EE Club L-R—Martie Hanson, Nancy Schulz, Jackie Morrow and Barbara Kloesel (missing are all the other Oakwood members working the kitchen)*



*AgriLife staff: L-R—Mike McBride, new FCH agent and Richard Parrish, Ag agent*

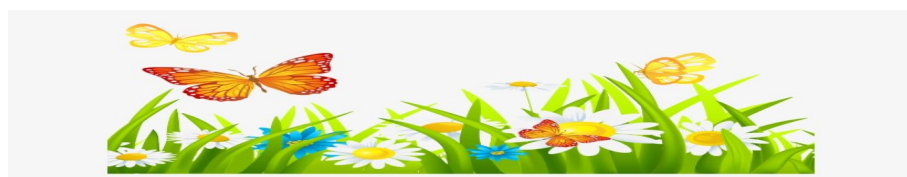


*Sweet Harmony singers: L-R—Linda Dunn, Meta Ashpaugh, Karen Woods and Theona Wilburn*

**A Different Kind of Christmas Celebration**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

Noontime EE Club, Williamson County, usually host a very successful and largely attended Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction. For a variety of reasons, the club's membership had dwindled over the past couple of years. With COVID and a change of space available, they were unable to host the event in 2020. So, for December 2021, it was decided to "give back" and to host a unique kind of Christmas Luncheon. Noontime invited all their former club members to be their guests for a December Luncheon. Since Noontime members were providing all the foods, bringing a covered dish was optional for the invitees. And, what a fun and successful time it was. Six current club members, seven former club members, two guests, the new AgriLife FCH Agent, Katie Sharpton, (her first day in her new position) and her admin, Kristal Dimas, attended and enjoyed the delicious foods, fun and fellowship. After the meal, names were drawn for door prizes provided by Noontime members. What an unexpected surprise! Then, each person answered the question, "What is your favorite Christmas Dinner food"? No one knew it was



such a multicultural group as foods representing about ten cultural heritages were ones described by attendees. "Merry Christmas" was repeated by one and all as the group left the special and unique event.

**Cooking with Herbs Program**

**By: Charlotte Watson**

Although not a County Delegate to the 2021 TEEA Annual Meeting, Noontime EE Club member Carola Meister (shown on the left) recently taught the "Cooking with Herbs, The Healthier Option" program to the Noontime EE Club. Club member, Betty Davidson (on the right) and other club members were all very interested in the information presented. Carola is a life-long user of herbs in her cooking. She shared from her wealth of knowledge plus used information from the Delegate training packet. She also taught the class to her Rotary Club plus to other EE clubs in the county. Each time, she brought samples of herbs and told how best to use them for healthier eating. Attendees left with their choice of an herb with which to experiment. What an informative program! Picture below.



**DISTRICT 9**

**Alvin County Extension News**

**By: Joyce Taylor**

Alvin Extension Education Club members Susan Schulte and Toni Tax help Alvin 4-H Club members practice their cooking and nutrition skills. Teams of 4 are preparing for competition in the "Food Challenge" at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Shown in the photo below are 4-H members Bethany Hernandez, Payton Hanchey, Rachael Wilson, Kara Hernandez, Crysten Short, Ella Vickerman, Jillian Gardner, and Cason Marchand. The Alvin EE Club invites all ladies to join us for a variety of activities and programs including crafts, speakers, and good fellowship. We meet at the Breath of Life Church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Meetings start at 10am and most times include a potluck lunch. We are a part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and more information can be found by calling 281-756-1558 ext. 125. (Picture below).



*District 9: Meatra members: Linda Batise, Gretchen Moore, Pamela Jacobs, Judy Cornelius, Gloria Williams, and LaDonna Anderson at Fall Training in January in Beaumont, TX*



*Meatra member Mrs. Rita Bowden awarded with 25 year certificate*

**Brazoria County EEA News**

**By: Shana Kutac**

Brazoria County EEA members improve their health by participating in the Cooking Well With Diabetes series. The first class taught participants to add more fruits and vegetables to their diet. All recipes were delicious. The recipes were: Two Bean Minestrone Soup, Black Bean and Cilantro Spread, Veggie Tots and Fruit Clafoutis. Please contact your local Extension Agent for the recipes.



*Kathy Wise, Ellyse Bryce, and Sherri Blackstock*



*Julie Sikes and Brenda Townsend*



*Sandy Laughman, Donna Brenton, and Cherrie Ziese*

**District 9, Brazoria County News**

**By: Toni Tax, Reporter**

In October, 2021 we held an abbreviated version of our County Fair. Although we did not hold a judging of items at that time, we did raffle off a quilt and sell our baked goods which enables us to fund our 4H scholarships. The quilt this year was donated



by our County Chair, Sandy Laughman and the young lady who won it was very happy. We also had a pumpkin decorating contest and we displayed many items made by our members.



## DISTRICT 10

**District 10  
Gillespie EEA/ Pilot Knob EE Club  
By: Helen Usener**

On October 6, 2021 several of our EEA members attended the Llano EEA Ham and Bean Lunch. They enjoyed the great food and enjoyed visiting with other EEA members. Sharon Kott presented a program on making Pocket Prayer Quilts at the Friday, October 8 meeting. Members enjoyed making them and plan to make more to distribute.



Emmie Granville watching Sharon Kott



Members working



Pocket Prayer Quilt



front: Vicki Ristau, Glenda Fritz, Maria Guerra, back: Alicia Frantzen, Kay Doshier, Sharon Kott, Helen Usener, Annabel Wilkinson, and Shea Nebgen FCH Agent enjoying one of the shops in Comfort, Texas on the October 21 EEA Fall Tour

November 1, several members served as judges for the Gillespie County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge.



Brad Roeder, Gillespie Co. Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent, presented a very informative program on Pest Control at the November 12 meeting.

On Friday, December 10, members gathered for the 2022 Gillespie EEA/ Pilot Knob EE Club officer installation

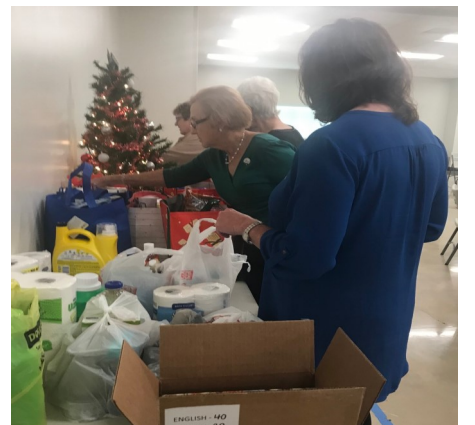


Annabel Wilkinson, chairman; Judy Eilers, vice chairman; Maria Guerra, secretary; Alicia Frantzen, treasurer; and Helen Usener, historian

This was followed by a potluck meal, fellowship, and finalizing their project for the Hill County Needs Council.



Sharon Kott, Kay Doshier, and Shea Nebgen wrapped gifts



Members also sorted items donated for the two HCNC families

Sharon Kott, Kay Doshier and Alicia Frantzen delivered the items to the Hill Country Needs Council.



Getting the new year off to a good start on Friday, January 14, 2022, retired physical education teacher and personal trainer Joe Hannon gave a very information program on Physical Activity.



Gillespie EEA/Pilot Knob EE Club welcomed the following members from October through January: Joyce Smith, Kathy Murray, and Donna Oehler. Our District 10 Director, Gwen Risinger, has also joined our club.

**Bastrop County/ McDade EEC  
News**

**By: Lola Cole**

We had no meetings from June 2021 until October when our club and county President, Melba Skubiata called our first in person meeting to order on October 21<sup>st</sup>. At that time, we installed our officers for 2021-2022 year. Since 2020-2021 was mostly a Covid washout year, we elected the same officers to serve another year. We truly thank them for their continued support and efforts in keeping our organization going. Our newly installed officers are: President Melba Skubiata, V/P Kathy Prochnow, Secretary Liz Nelson, Treasurer Loretta Dube, Recreation Chair Candy Reader, Inspiration Chair Sandy Doughty, Reporter Lola Cole, Photographer/Historian Missy Davis, Telephone Committee Janice Payne and Patsie Gentner, and Sunshine Chair Janice Payne.

We have been saddened by the loss of one member, Opal Lewis and a former member, Cat Duggan. We have recognized them with memorials to Faith Lutheran Church where Opal was a member and our club meetings are held and McDade Food Pantry where Cat was a regular volunteer.

We have been very happy to have gained new members and have a membership total of 25. We also got to celebrate together with an outstanding Christmas party where we voted on and honored our Christmas Star, Sandy Doughty for all her actions and activities in supporting our club and community.

**DISTRICT 11**

**Washington Extension Education  
Association News  
Achievement Day**

**By: Judith Finke**

WEEA held Achievement Day Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the VIP Building at the Exposition Center. County Chair Suzanne Kessler welcomed the group and AD Chair Patricia Graves thanked the members and CEA agent Hannah for their assistance and led the pledge. Michele Daniels introduced the guests.

Judith Finke presented a Power Point presentation on the local organization dating back to 1928 (only 2 years after the state organized at A&M) "Visiting the Past Then and Now". Original members were required to take a short course in parliamentary procedure and the primary focus was to assist girl 4'ers to get scholarships for college. The program included county clubs, scholarship recipients, and members earning distinctions.

Session speaker was a virtual program "Assessing Your Life Balance" by Miquela Smith, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Specialist. The group was given a wheel divided into eight pie shaped sections "Emotional, Environmental, Financial, Intellectual, Occupational, Physical, Social and Spiritual and asked to color evaluate each section as they assessed their Balance of Life in relation to statements given by Ms. Smith.

Cultural Arts winners were: Blue ribbon: Diane Ashorn in Fiber Arts, Photography Color and Quilts (smaller than 50" x 70" hand quilted; Judith Finke, in Needlework, Seasonal Decorations, Jewelry, Traditional Scrapbooks, Photography Black and White

and Recycled; and Suzanne Kessler in Fabric Creations, Machine Embroidery and Quilts (larger than 50" x 70") machine quilted.

Red ribbon recipients were: Diane Ashorn in Fabric Creations and Seasonal Decorations; Judith Finke in Garments and Accessories sewed, Machine Embroidery and Photography Black and White; Patricia Graves in Paper, Recycled and Miscellaneous; and Betty Vierus in Fiber Arts. All blue and red ribbon entries will be entered in the District 11 competition to be held in LaGrange on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Judges for the Cultural Arts were: Gladys Avis, Janis Mueller and Donnie Wilder.

Suzanne presented Gail Pinto with a certificate for 25 years of membership and Ida Parker (not able to attend) for 50 years. Diane Ashorn briefed the group about changes in the Country Creations Division of the Washington County Fair.

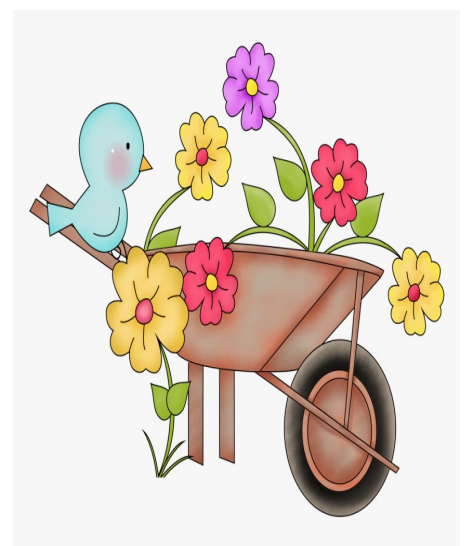
Artifacts from the past decorated the luncheon table including yearbooks, certificates, and cultural art exhibits. Members of the Commissioners Court were guests for lunch that was catered by Gary Goebel Catering.



*Cultural Arts Winners—Red Ribbon*



*Cultural Arts Winners—Blue Ribbon*



**WCEEA News**

**By: Norma Korenek**

The Bluebonnet Extension Education Club gathered for a Christmas Party December 9, 2021 at the El Campo Country Club in El Campo, TX. After a short meeting the meal was served and the members participated in judging an Ugly Sweater contest. Secret Sister gifts



*Assessing Your Balance program attendees*

were opened then each gift was shown for all to see. Winners of the Ugly Sweater contest were: Cheryl Young, Cynthia Schmidt and Karen Wells.



Present in the photo from left to right: front row - Susie Priesmeyer (Vice President), Pat Marek, Norma Korenek (President), Cheryl Young, Becky Swanson (Treasurer). Middle to back - Nettie Priesmeyer, Kim Ledwig, Karen Wells, Cindy Schmidt, Sharon Korenek, Marilyn Glover, Carol Bartek, Linda Supak, Cynthia Tegeler, Jan Taylor, Donna Shimek, and Genevieve Hicks. Members not present - Cecilia Polasek (Secretary), Cynthia Priesmeyer, and Barbara Knudsen

### District 11 Fall Training News

By: Peggy Veits

Hello everybody! Hope all are doing well. I hope that many of you were able to enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends.

District 11 held their Fall Training in LaGrange on December 1st of 2021. Fayette County EEA was our host. Approximately 30 members attended. Members that couldn't come in person was able to join in virtually. A fantastic program was given by Miquela Smith on "Assessing Your Life Balance". Fayette County provided breakfast and lunch. All members present were able to acquire knowledge to help them with their officer positions. We will be returning to LaGrange for our Spring Conference on March 29th. Hope to see many there!

### EEA Car Trip -Beautiful Brookwood Excursion!

By: Michelle Wright

#### County Extension Agent—FCH, Austin Co.

During the month of December, 18 EEA (Extension Education Association) members of Austin County, participated in the exciting car trip to Brookwood. While there the members enjoyed a fantastic time of fellowship while touring the beautiful facility which is home to many adults who are who physically and intellectually disabled. The facility does an excellent job spotlighting the spectacular hand-crafted projects made by the residents and sold at Brookwood. If you would like to become a member of the Texas Extension Education Association of Austin County, please feel free to contact Michelle Wright, County Extension Agent -Family and Community Health at (979) 865-2072.

### EEA—A Shot at Good Health

By: Michelle Wright

#### County Extension Agent—FCH, Austin Co.

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Doris Glenewinkel, member of the Bleiberville EEA Club, conducted an educational program entitled "A Shot at Good Health" during the month of November! The program focused on the transmission of Covid 19 and the many ways the virus can transfer by people, insects and objects. During the presentation she also shared the variety of ways that people can protect themselves to help to eliminate and reduce the spread of the virus. In addition, she gave some informative information about viruses and bacteria as well as comparisons

between the two. She expressed the importance of keeping our immune systems healthy to keep them at bay. Finally, Mrs. Glenewinkel shared how critical it is to keep our vaccinations up to date. As they prepare for 2022, know that you are welcome to participate in any and all of their educational endeavors throughout the county. Most importantly, there is always room for others. If you would like to learn more or become a member of the Texas Extension Education Association of Austin County, please feel free to contact Michelle Wright, County Extension Agent -Family and Community Health at (979) 865-2072.



### EEA—Annual Non-Profit Contribution—Making a Difference Where it Counts!

By: Michelle Wright

#### County Extension Agent—FCH, Austin Co.

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, presented their annual contributions to local non-profit groups in Austin County during the month of September. EEA considers it an honor to support those who are also committed to making a tremendous difference in the lives of Austin County citizens.



Left to Right: Emily Allen (Austin County Floral Design), Knellen Quinteros (Austin County EEA County Chair), Pat Allee (Bellville Food Pantry), Doris Glenewinkel (Austin County EEA Treasurer), Gladys Frank (Sealy Food Pantry), Carolyn Balke (Austin County Fair Seniors Day and the West End Food Pantry), and Michelle Maderer (Raising Academic Performance).

### EEA—Safeguarding Your Children from Exploitation!

By: Michelle Wright

#### County Extension Agent—FCH, Austin Co.

During the month of October, EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, conducted a Countywide educational program on the importance of "Safeguarding Your Children from Exploitation". The program was conducted by Knellen Quinteros, of North Austin County EEA, and it focused on a variety of ways to keep our children safe and what key elements to watch for as a parent or grandparent. The eye-opening program brought light and awareness to a very dark topic. If you would like to learn more or become a member of the Texas Extension Education Association of Austin County, please feel free to contact Michelle Wright, County Extension Agent - Family and Community Health at (979) 865-2072.



*Knellen Quinteros, Austin County EEA Chair*

**EEA—Recognizing the Accomplishments of our Future Leaders - Austin County 4-H Gold Star Recipients!**

**By: Michelle Wright**

**County Extension Agent—FCH, Austin Co.**

EEA (Extension Education Association) of Austin County, which is a direct part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, had the opportunity to present the 2021 Austin County 4-H Gold Star recipients with a token of appreciation at their yearly banquet. Austin County EEA takes pride in celebrating the wonderful accomplishments of the youth in Austin County! If you would like to learn more or become a member of the Texas Extension Education Association of Austin County, please feel free to contact Michelle Wright, County Extension Agent - Family and Community Health at (979) 865-2072.



*Left to Right: Emma Eckelberg (Austin County 4-H Gold Star Recipient), Knellen Quinteros (Austin County EEA Chair), and Mackenzie Lee (Austin County 4-H Gold Star Recipient).*

**Calhoun County EEA News**

**By: Peggy Veits**

The Calhoun County Extension Education Association members attended the Calhoun County Commissioner Court on October 6, 2021. Calhoun County Judge Richard Meyer signed a proclamation declaring the week of October 3-9, 2021 as TEEA week. Members present were Karen Lysy, Peggy Veits, and Martha Barefield. Picture below.



**DISTRICT 12**

**District 12 News**

**By: Dr. Ida Acuna Garza**

The Planning Committee for the District 12 spring conference met in December via Zoom to make assignments and decide on a tentative date for this District 12 event. We will be planning our meeting for late April in Hidalgo County with a keynote speaker and our state president, Kay Jacob. We will also include one of the state programs and a make-and-take cultural art project. We will also have our Cultural Arts Contest using the new categories! Thanks to Kay Jacob and Dolores Davis for their input.



**. District 12 Club Event**

**By: Dr. Ida Acuna Garza**

Covid continues to be a deterrent in our on-site meetings. However, the Rainbow EE Club met for a holiday “merienda,” and fifteen members were able to attend. Members enjoyed tamales, salad, guacamole, salsa, and an array of desserts! The group elected officers by keeping the current officers until such time that we can all meet and get others to “step up to the plate!” You all know how that goes. We had a brief memorial for one of our members who passed, Veronica Perez. Then, we planned our spring meetings. One of our members, Yvonne Porcella, a special education teacher, performed for us! She did a rendition of “I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas!” She was also going to present this at their school talent show, so this was a dress rehearsal! It was fantastic. We also had a gift exchange and chose the winners of our fall scholarship fund raffle. We raffled off two “Wreaths of Caring,” which were holiday wreaths with gift cards as decorations. Each wreath held almost \$100 worth of gift cards to restaurants, grocery stores, and pharmacies! Pictures below.



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## Easter Story Cookies

*Servings: 24 Yield: 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 Dozen*

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup pecan halves  
1 teaspoon distilled water  
3 egg whites  
1 pinch of salt  
1 cup white sugar

### **Directions:**

Step 1: Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).  
Step 2: Place pecans in a resealable plastic baggie. Crush the pecans into small bits. Read John 19:1-3.  
Step 3: Put 1 teaspoon vinegar into a medium bowl. Read John 19:28-30.  
Step 4: Add egg whites to the vinegar. Read John 10:10-11.  
Step 5: Sprinkle salt into the egg whites. Read Luke 23:27.  
Step 6: So far, the mixture isn't very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16. Beat the mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:13.  
Step 7: Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoon onto parchment paper lined baking sheet. Read Matthew 27:57-60.  
Step 8: Place cookies in the oven close the door and turn the oven off. Read Matthew 27:65-66.  
Step 9: Go to bed. Read John 16:20 and 22.  
Step 10: In the morning open the oven and take the cookies out. Read Matthew 28:1-9.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/11317/easter-story-cookies/>

### **In Memory:**

Jean Janes—District 7, Brown County  
Laneta Carroll—District 7, Brown County  
Clara Bell—District 4, Cooke County  
Bevia Sides—District 5, Cherokee County  
Deryl Bishop—District 5, Shelby County  
Wanda Stephens—District 8, Erath County

### **Notes from the Editor:**

Howdy from Northeast Texas! Hope this edition finds you all doing well in this beautiful Spring time weather! The board is excitedly planning for our State Conference in Lubbock in September—hope to see you all there!

Please remember the next deadline for the Summer 2022 TEEA Messenger edition is **May 1st**. Please send all pictures in JPEG format or in a word document that I can copy and paste from. Please remember I cannot reprint newspaper articles.

If you have any questions please feel free to call, text message, or email me. I can be reached on my cell at 903-824-1873—text or call or at my email at:

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Thank you,

April Thompson

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