

# THE TEEA MESSENGER

## VOLUME 1



## SUMMER 2023



Hello Everyone,  
Spring in Central Texas was beautiful this year. The rains came at just the right time for all the wildflowers. The Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, Pink Evening Primrose, and the Winecups were so vibrant with rich deep colors; it has been years since there were fields and pastures full of flowers. My prickly pears are loaded with beautiful yellow flowers, and along the highways and the fields the Coreopsis is bright golden yellow. Today, the weatherman is forecasting high winds, rain and possible hail for the next few days.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Conferences; many of you have sent me messages that you had a great attendance. That is wonderful! It is wonderful that the members are ready to get back to attending meetings and inviting new people to attend with them. I know all the District Directors did a great job, and the programs sounded so interesting. I wish I could have attended all of them.

The Executive Board will have two positions up for election at the State Conference: President-Elect and First Vice President for Leadership. The deadline has already passed, but nominations from the floor at the State Conference may be made by a member of the same county association. The person nominated must meet the same qualifications as other candidates. Written notice of a proposed nomination from the floor should be given to the President prior to the session in which nominations are in order. Nominations from the floor are not affected by the deadline of May 1. You can find all the information in the TEEA Manual and the Bylaws.

The 95th TEEA State Conference **“TEEA Leading into the Future”** is September 12 and 13 in Beaumont. The hotel is the **Holiday Inn and Suites, 3950 I-10 and Walden Road. We have a new phone number for registration at Beaumont, so please use this number: 409-842-5995 and ask for the TEEA Block, code is “EEA”.** Breakfast is complimentary with your reservation. Some rooms will accommodate up to 4 people. All the people at the hotel are extremely helpful,

and they will go out of their way to help you. If you have problems, call me. The cutoff deadline for reservations is August 25th.

D'Ann White did an excellent job getting the design of Conference pins and charms completed. The design is outstanding, and she found a company to make them. We should be getting them soon.

A TEEA Sales booth will be set up at the Conference and run by Diana Taylor. The booth will be open during registration and after the business sessions, giving more time for you to shop. It is very hard for the District Director, who is in charge of TEEA sales, to do her conference duties in addition to setting up and working sales. The board decided we would try this and see how it works. I hope all of you saw the TEEA Sales pictures in the last *Messenger*. If you would like any item or items, you can place an order with Diana, and she will mail them to you.

The State Conference is coming soon, and Districts 9 and 11 are working very hard on Cultural Arts, which will be in the Austin Rooms, and the Country Store will be in the Galveston Room. Registration will be in the Dallas area and the Alumnae Silent Auction in the San Antonio Area. There is

a back entrance, around on the South side, to the conference part of the hotel. We will try to have signs pointing to the location.

**Please use this entrance to bring in your Cultural Arts and the Country Store items. See the map in this *Messenger*.**

I will be looking forward to seeing and meeting all of you at the State Conference. You can reach me at [mpkrennek@yahoo.com](mailto:mpkrennek@yahoo.com) or by phone at 512-663-7941.

Have a Blessed Day,  
**Polly Krennek**  
**TEEA State President**

*“A single rose can be my garden...a single friend, my world.”*

--- Leo Buscaglia



2023 Conference Pin Design

<http://teea.tamu.edu>

## HOLIDAY INN & SUITES BEAUMONT PLAZA HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER LAYOUT



### 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Tuesday 8:00 am - 11:00 am  
Dallas Room area

#### PAGE TRAINING

Tuesday 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
Orange Room

#### ALUMNAE LUNCHEON

Tuesday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Greenery Room

Please use the Convention  
Entrance for unloading  
items for Cultural Arts,  
Country Store, Alumnae  
Auction, and TEEA Sales.

### CULTURAL ARTS Austin Rooms

#### Tuesday\*

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration  
12:00 Noon Judging  
\*After the General Session  
and Judging is complete,  
viewing will be until 6 p.m.

#### Wednesday\*\*

8:00 am - 8:45 am Viewing  
\*\*After the General Session,  
viewing will be until 3:30 pm.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Pick-up

### COUNTRY STORE Galveston Room

#### Tuesday

8:00 am - 12:50 pm & After  
General Session until 6:00  
pm

#### Wednesday

8:00 am - 8:45 am & After  
General Session until 1:15  
pm

### ALUMNAE SILENT AUCTION

San Antonio Room Area

#### Tuesday

8:00 am - 12:50 pm & After  
General Session until 6:00  
pm

### ALUMNAE SILENT AUCTION (cont.)

#### Wednesday

8:00 am - 8:45 am & After  
General Session until 3:30 pm

### TEEA SALES AND MESSENGER

Convention Foyer

#### Tuesday

8:00 am - 12:50 pm & After  
General Session until 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

8:00 am - 8:45 am & After  
General Session until 3:30 pm



**Tuesday,  
September 12, 2023**

## EARLY BIRD WORKSHOPS

**8:30 am – 9:30 am  
First Session**

El Paso Room  
**“Carfit”**

A fun, interactive and educational program designed to improve mature driver safety.

**Presenter:** Ravonne McCray, Carfit State Coordinator of Texas, Texas A&M Extension, College Station.

Port Arthur Room  
**“Jarcutrie (Charcuterie in a Jar)”**

**Presenter:** McCoy Swell, Extension Agent--Jefferson County

**9:45 am-10:45 am  
Second Session**  
(Same Programs as above)

**“Carfit”** El Paso Room

**“Jarcutrie (Charcuterie in a Jar)”** Port Arthur Room

## OPENING SESSION

1 pm  
Dallas/Houston Rooms

## DISTRICT GATHERINGS

6:30 pm



**Wednesday,  
September 13, 2023**

**TEEA Board Voting**  
7:30 am – 8:00 am  
Orange Room

**Delegate Voting**  
8:00 am -- 8:45 am  
Orange Room

**BUSINESS SESSION**  
9:00 am  
Dallas/Houston Rooms

**LUNCH AND LEARN**  
12:00 Noon

**EDUCATIONAL  
WORKSHOPS  
Session 1**  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Delegate Workshop 1**  
Dallas Room

**“Live a Fearless Life:  
(Change your thoughts  
Change Your Life)”**

**Presenter:** Lakshmi (Hema) Mahadevan, PhD, Associate Professor/Extension Mental Health and Well-Being Specialist, Department of Family and Community Health-- Texas A&M Extension Service.

### Objectives:

- Overcoming obsessive or uncertain thoughts or behaviors.
- Maintaining happiness and health by staying healthy physically and mentally.
- Being active, engaged and in contact with family and friends.

**Facilitator:** Rosabelle Leal, District 1 Education Chair

**Delegate Workshop 2**  
Houston Room

**“The Legacy of Clutter:  
One Day All This Will Be  
Yours”**

**Presenter:** Jeanita McIlroy, District 2 Education Chair

## Optional Member Educational Workshop 1

El Paso Room  
**“Water, Something That  
Comes From the Faucet  
That Most People Take for  
Granted.”**

**Presenter:** Joel Pigg, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-- Department of Soil and Crops.

### Objective:

- To provide education involving water quality & water conservation.

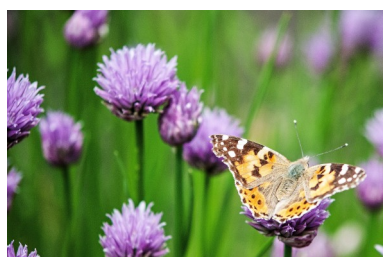
**Facilitator:** Knellen Quinteros, District 11 Director

## Optional Member Educational Workshop 2

Port Arthur Room  
**“Butterfly Gardening”**

**Presenter:** Novalene Thurston

**Facilitator:** Clara Jones, District 9 Director



**EDUCATIONAL  
WORKSHOPS  
Session 2**

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

## Delegate Workshop 3

Dallas Room  
**“Aromatherapy and  
Essential Oils Can Make You  
Happy, Healthy, and Wise”**

**Presenter:** Kay Karns, District 4 Education Chair

### Objective:

- To learn the story of the many uses of essential oils and herbs used in China for thousands of years.

## Delegate Workshop 4

Houston Room  
**“Opioids: Blessing or Curse?  
One Pill Can Kill”**

**Presenter:** Ben Smith, Watch UR BAC Program Coordinator

### Objective:

- To identify warning signs in a child
- To learn how to promote community awareness.

**Facilitator:** Kaye Trott, District 9 Education Chair

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**Presenter:** Joel Pigg, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-- Department of Soil and Crops.

### Objective:

- To provide education involving water quality & water conservation.

**Facilitator:** Knellen Quinteros, District 11 Director

## Optional Member Educational Workshop 2

Port Arthur Room  
**“Butterfly Gardening”**

**Presenter:** Novalene Thurston

**Facilitator:** Clara Jones, District 9 Director

**CLOSING SESSION  
BANQUET &  
TALENT SHOW  
6:30 PM  
DALLAS /HOUSTON  
ROOMS**



**Jan Meador**  
First Vice-President for Leadership

I have wanted to do an article about "What Is a Leader?" I am going to share some tips and ideas I have found that I think are all great descriptions of a natural leader. I feel like everyone has some qualities of a leader; see if any of these descriptions fit anyone you know.

The first statement below describes my idea of what is a leader. I have used this philosophy in workshops I have led for 4-H and other organizations. My number one leadership goal is teaching others to lead. The reward in that is getting to watch them lead.

In her book, Leadership, Lucia Raatma has a superb description---she describes leadership as the virtue of inspiring others and suggests ways to show leadership such as helping others achieve a goal, setting a good example, and listening to others.

### 1. Leadership Is Not About the Leader

*Leadership is not about you; it's about those you lead. It may seem counter-intuitive, but to find success as a leader, the more you focus on the development of those around you, and the more you help your people recognize and then grow into their full potential, the more success you will have as a leader. You should certainly practice self-care, but focusing on your own contributions won't get you there. --- Jonathan H. Westover, Utah Valley University & Human Capital Innovations, LLC*

### 2. The Leader Isn't Necessarily the Smartest One in the Room

*Leaders are often not the smartest ones in the room. Early on in our careers, most of us assume that the title and rank of "leader" automatically qualifies a person. Along the way, I learned that this is simply not true. Hard work, honesty, communication, and humility are the hallmarks of a leader... no matter what your level or rank is. Great leaders never want to be the smartest in the room.--- Melanie Towey, Melanie Anne, LLC*

### 3. The Best Leaders Are Transparent

*The best leaders admit mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and make bad situations right. These "failures" aren't signs of weakness, but rather strengths. Trying to look perfect isn't authentic, creates stress, and models unhealthy perfectionism. Through transparency, you build stronger relationships as well as an environment where a commitment to doing the right thing impacts the culture and the bottom line.--- Lisa Marie Platske, Upside Thinking, Inc.*

### 4. Leaders Should Listen To and Respect Front-Line Employees

*Listen to front-line employees' feedback, not just managers. The reality is that if managers report one story back to the leader, and employees report another story, it's clear that there's a problem at the management level. Often, front-line employees have the solutions to organizational problems, and we need to give them a stronger voice. They should be heard and respected in exactly the same way leaders respect one another.--- Jay Rai www.jayrai.com*

### 5. Becoming a Great Leader Is a Marathon, Not a Sprint

*To become a great leader, you need motivation. You need to challenge yourself and embrace grit every day. Being a leader is not a sprint; it's a long-distance event that helps you become a better leader with every challenge you overcome and every opportunity you take advantage of. --- Nick Leighton, Exactly Where You Want to Be*

### 6. There Are Big Differences Between Leadership and Management

*Leadership is an art. Management is a science. Leadership is about people. Management is about things. People are unstable. Things are stable. You rely on behaviors and values to lead, while you use skills and knowledge to manage. Leadership is about "being." Management is about "doing." Understanding this difference will bring huge clarity into your day-to-day life and help you focus on leadership. --- Luis Costa, Luis Costa - coach · facilitator · speaker*

### 7. Every Leader Needs Their Own Personal Leadership Blueprint

*Leadership needs to be authentic to the leader, not an emulation of expected behaviors. It's wonderful to aspire to emulate those we admire, but those are just sketches of what type of leader you could be, not the blueprint. Your leadership blueprint incorporates these traits along with your natural intelligence and behavioral preferences. Refine your blueprint to become clear, aware and authentic, and this will build social capital. --- Arthi Rabikrisson, Prerna Advisory*

### 8. There Is No Downtime for One in a Leadership Position

*When I first started my career, I wish I would've known that once you're a leader, you're always a leader. There is no downtime when you're in a position of leadership. It's imperative that you are always three steps ahead because when pivoting is necessary, everyone will be looking to you for answers. Learn to read yourself, and always position yourself in a place and headspace where you can help others grow. --- Jon Dwoskin, The Jon Dwoskin Experience*

### 9. New Leaders Can Learn a Lot from Bad Leaders

*You can learn as much, if not more, from the bad leaders you encounter as you do from the good ones. In all cases, make note of behaviors you want to emulate and those that you hope you never do. Care about the people first, and they, in turn, will work hard for you. If you don't care about people, you will never lead them. --- Teresa Ray, Dr. Teresa Ray*



## 10. Leadership Is About Delegating to the Right People

*One thing that surprised me about leadership was how little one needs to be involved in day-to-day activities. Leadership is about having the right people and teams in place so that you can point them in a direction and let them manage what needs to be done going forward.---* Rakish Rana, The Clear Coach

## 11. A Leader's Morality Matters As Much As Their Competency

*Next to simple competency, the moral aspect of leadership is most important. You must lead by example and do your work with high integrity. But just "getting the job done" does not always include the moral imperative of doing the right thing even when it is inconvenient. Doing the right thing means admitting when you are wrong, putting yourself last and taking responsibility when it hurts. ---*

John M. O'Connor,  
Career Pro Inc.

## 12. Leaders Can't 'Change' Others, but They Can Inspire Them

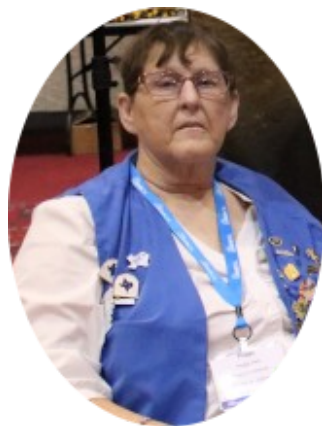
*As a young leader, I thought I could lead by example and "change" others to make them better workers. I finally realized that this is just not true. People have to choose to change on their own. What I learned is that if I learned to change my own approach when things weren't working, I could then inspire others to do the same. Self-awareness and ownership are the best ways to help others change and improve. ---*

Christie Garcia,  
Mindful Choice, LLC.



**Connie Troxell**  
Second Vice-President  
for Programs

Ladies, you don't want to miss the Optional Workshops and the Educational Programs at this Conference. I am so proud of our ladies; I cannot quit smiling. Please read the *Messenger* and make sure you attend as many workshops as you can. There are some awesome programs planned. YAY for our ladies! Hugs!



**Peggy Viets**  
State Secretary

Hello, fellow TEEA members! I hope you all are preparing to attend the 2023 State Conference in Beaumont on September 12-13. The educational chairs are really working hard to provide some great programs. These programs will deliver

some great information for each of you to take back to your county. Don't miss out on this fun learning experience. Hope to see you there!



**Rexine Scarborough**  
State Treasurer

It looks like we are beginning to get back to normal. There seems to be interest in our organization with all the new members we have enrolled this year. More have enrolled than all of last year.

Other good news is that we have a membership total close to last year's enrollment. This is all good news.

Information for the Beaumont Conference is included in this edition, and your county and club should have the information for you. Hope all of you are making your plans to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you in Beaumont.

For those of you that are going to be delegates, there is very important information included in this edition on the items you will be voting

on. Please review the information so you will be ready to vote. Discuss it with your fellow members so you can vote the way the members in your county want you to vote.

Remember to get ready to show off your talent. I will have a \$75, \$50, and \$25 check ready to hand you if you place first, second, or third with your talent. Clara Jones, District 9 Director, is waiting for you to sign up for the show.

Registration is due to your District Director by **July 1**. District Directors, get them to me by July 15. Conference registration fee is \$95.00, which includes Wednesday lunch.

See y'all September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

## NO BAKE, JUST SHAKE SNACK MIX

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 (1 oz.) package of ranch salad dressing mix
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 TBS dried dill
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 (10 oz.) package of oyster crackers
- 1 (9 oz.) package of Cheez-Its
- 1 (16 oz.) bag of pretzels

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a 2-gallon Ziploc bag, combine oyster crackers, Cheez-Its, and pretzels.
2. In a small bowl, combine salad dressing mix, oil, dill, and garlic powder. Pour over the crackers, and toss gently to coat.
3. Flip the bag every 30 minutes for two hours. Store in an airtight container.

*Recipe submitted by  
Jan Meador.*





**Rosabelle Leal**  
Education Chair, District 1

**“Live a Fearless Life”**  
(Change Your Thoughts to  
Change Your Life)

Our lives change as we journey through life. As people grow older, changes may affect us in positive or negative ways. We sometimes tend to over-think events, mistakes, and changes, and sometimes we are not prepared to deal with them. This workshop will be presented by Dr. Lakshmi Mahadevan, Associate Professor/Extension Mental Health & Well-Being Specialist, who will show us ways to overcome obstacles we may face.

There are positive ways in which to deal with life changes that we see as obstacles, mistakes, and even failures, which could create fear and unhealthy thinking. I invite you to attend this workshop. You may learn new ways of positive thinking, positive activities, and healthy living techniques and skills, and even reaching out to family and friends, which can pave the way to “Live A Fearless Life” by changing our thoughts.



**Jeanita McIlroy**  
Education Chair, District 2

Is your junk drawer stuffed? Do you find yourself buying duplicates of an item because you cannot find the one you know you have somewhere? Is your closet stuffed with more clothes than you wear? Do you have stacks of things that line your walls? Are you trying to downsize? Are you trying to help a friend or family member declutter? Are you cleaning up all the stuff a loved one has left behind?

If you can relate to any of these questions then you may gain some valuable information during our State Conference educational session: **“One Day All Of This Will Be Yours: The Legacy of Clutter.”**



**Kay Karns**  
Education Chair, District 4

Hi. I'm Kay Karns from Gainesville, Texas, Cooke County, representing District 4 as their Education Committee Chair. I would like to continue telling you about one of the education programs that will be presented at the state conference. Part one appeared in the Spring *Messenger*.

**Aromatherapy and essential oils can make you happy, healthy, and wise.**

**Part two: How to use essential oils.**

When you're thinking about using essential oils, think topically or aromatically. These are the safest ways to use them. Since essential oils are so strong, absorbing them through the skin is basically how their medicine works. They should be diluted in some way. It might be in a cream or lotion, a massage oil, or even in bath oil. One thing that is not recommended without expert help is to ingest them. Many oils have irritant properties that could burn the esophagus on the way down to your gut.

If you plan on using essential oils on your own, please read “Essential Oil Safety” by Robert

Tisser and and Rodney Young, 2013. This book contains very important information, such as, the strongest dilution of an oil in trials that did not cause a skin reaction.

Essential oils can be diluted in some sort of carrier. The most common of these are carrier oils. While carrier oils do not have the potency of an essential oil, they do have their own properties and can be extremely useful to add to your treatments. These oils look very different and have different textures and consistencies. For example, if you use calendula oil, you'll see that it is a bright, sunshine yellow. Tamanu is a slightly unpleasant, dark, murky green. Probably, the best way to start is to use carrier oils that you have in your kitchen right now like olive oil, canola oil, sunflower oil, safflower oil, or nut oils. In our class at the state conference, we will be using avocado oil, grapeseed oil, coconut oil, and sweet almond oil.

Where to apply the essential oils? Oils are absorbed through the skin into the bloodstream, and that means they can get to the spot that needs them, wherever you place them on the skin. It makes sense though, that the closer to the site of pain you can get, the more effective your therapy will be. Two excellent spots to apply essential oils are on your inner wrist and down the side of your neck.

Other ways of applying essential oils are through diffusers, candles, room sprays, steam inhalation, and hot and cold compresses. There will be a demonstration during this educational program at the state conference on blending oils for use in room sprays and eyedropper bottles. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Beaumont, Texas.





**Kaye Trott**  
**Education Chair, District 9**

I hail from Willis, Texas, and have been in TEEA for 15 years. I have been the Chairman, Chairman-elect, secretary, treasurer, 4H contact, and now Education Chair.

For those who read my last article, we have a couple of changes. Bobbie Brooks has taken a position with Texas A&M, so Ben Smith will be replacing her. Ben is the new Program Coordinator for Watch UR BAC. He is a retired law enforcement officer in Bryan and a member of MADD. He attended Texas A&M. Also, on a sad note, Andy Crocker will not be doing a "health nugget". He has other irons in the fire.

"ONE PILL CAN KILL" outline  
A. Alcohol trends  
B. Vaping  
C. Over the counter meds being abused  
D. Kratom  
E. Stash containers & clothing  
F. Fentanyl  
G. Marijuana

You need to be up to date on these topics.

We are having a full two hour program presented in Conroe, Texas, at the Extension office on May 24, at 1 pm. We are inviting law enforcement, first

responders, churches, schools, and CASA. The good news is Ben will come to your town and present this program free of cost. Oh yes, and when possible, a community scan will be conducted to observe what is being sold in convenience and retail stores, and smoke shops in your area.

You can contact Ben at Ben.smith@ag.tamu.edu

See you in September!!!



**Early Bird Workshop**  
**By Clara Jones,**  
**District 9 Director**

Last October, I learned a new word: "Charcuterie". I did a Google search of the word and found that it is an appetizing gourmet of goodies. At our Conference this year, we will learn how to make "Charcuterie," only in a jar. This will be an Early Bird given by Macoy Smith, the FCH Agent in Beaumont.

**Optional Member Workshop**  
**By Clara Jones,**  
**District 9 Director**

We also have an Optional Workshop which is about Butterfly Gardening. How does your garden grow? Is it easy to care for? Is it friendly to butterflies and birds? In this

session you will learn ways to make your yard a better place for your flying friends, while making less work for you, and it might be more beautiful, too!

Presenting the session will be Novalene Thurston, from Leon County. An award-winning biology educator, Novalene is a Master Gardener who likes combining her love of nature and gardening with her experience in teaching both youth and adults. As a TEEA member, she most enjoys participating in Cultural Arts.



**Early Bird Workshop**  
**By Knellen Quinteros,**  
**District 11 Director**

Carfit is one of the "early bird" workshops offered on Tuesday morning, September 12. Carfit is a fun, interactive, and educational program designed to improve mature driver safety. This program offers older adults the opportunity to see how well their personal vehicles "fit" them. This program also provides information on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers and/or increase their mobility in their community.

Ravonne McCray is the Carfit State Coordinator of Texas. She is employed by the Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service in College Station. Ravonne has been doing this

job for 7 years. This program is sponsored by a state wide grant supported by TxDot.

Come see and hear what Ravonne has to offer on driving and being safe about it.

**Optional Member Workshop**  
**By Knellen Quinteros,**  
**District 11 Director**

Water, something that comes out of the faucet that most people take for granted. Joel Pigg, an Extension Program Specialist and Texas Well Owner Network Project Coordinator for the Texas A & M Agrilife Extension will be our presenter at one of our "optional" workshops on Wednesday, September 13.

He will educate our members on groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, proper well design, and maintaining the groundwater. His primary area of focus is educational outreach involving water quality, water conservation and groundwater, and private well protection. His outreach includes developing and delivering educational programs for residents using private water wells as their primary water source.

The Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Service in the Department of Soils and Crops at Texas A & M University wants to deliver a science-based community-responsive educational curriculum to help Texans to understand their water rights.



Texas Extension Education Association				
2023-2024 Proposed Budget				
<b>INCOME</b>				
	State Membership Dues		\$24,750	
	Brownwood 4-H Center		5,000	
	Fundraiser		2,500	
	Name Badges		1,000	
	TEEA Sales		1,000	
	State Conference		24,000	
	Interest On Accounts		400	
	Alumnae Silent Auction		2,500	
	State Board Silent Auction		350	
	Transfer from Current Funds		27,415	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME</b>			<b>\$88,915</b>	<b>\$88,915</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>4-H SUPPORT</b>				
	Consumer Sciences	500		
	Food & Clothing Program	3600		
	Scholarships	18,000		
	Brownwood 4-H Center	5,000		
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	27100	<b>\$27,100</b>	
<b>STATE CONFERENCE</b>				
	Planning	3,000		
	Conference	24,000		
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	\$27,000	<b>27,000</b>	
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>				
	Adult Career	2,000		
	Alumnae	3,000		
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	5000	<b>5,000</b>	
<b>EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING</b>				
	Education Committee	2,000		
	Fall Board Meeting	6,000		
	Spring Board Meeting	6,500		
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	14500	<b>14,500</b>	
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	The TEEA Messenger	7,000		
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	7000	<b>7,000</b>	
<b>LEGAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>				
	Conciliation/Tax Preparation	500		
	District Directors/Officer Liability Insur.	3,200		
	Printing	200		
	Equipment & Office Supplies	950		
	Treasurer/President Bond	600		
	TEEA President's Expense Fund	500		
	Other Board Expenses	350		
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	6,300	<b>6,300</b>	
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
	Name Badges	1,000		
	TEEA Sales/CVU	1,000		
	Bank Charges	15		
	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	2,015	<b>2,015</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$88,915</b>	<b>\$88,915</b>



## TEEA BUDGET NARRATIVE October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024

### INCOME

- **State membership dues--** @ \$15.00 x 1650 membership  
Anticipated income from membership dues
- **Brownwood 4-H Center--** Contributions received from TEEA members for projects at the 4-H Center
- **Fundraiser--** Fundraiser to help offset budget expenses
- **Name Badge Sales--** Income from the sale of the TEEA name badges
- **TEEA Sales--** Income from the sale of TEEA pins and other items
- **State Conference--** Funds for State Conference based on registration fees and meal tickets
- **Interest on Accounts--** Interest earned on accounts
- **Alumnae Silent Auction--** Funds and donations from auction held at State Conference
- **State Board Silent Auction--** Funds and donations from board members' silent auction at board meetings
- **Transfer from Current Funds--** Intended to reconcile income and expenses. Will only be done if needed, and no more than the amount printed in this budget without approval.

### EXPENSES

#### 4-H Support

- **Consumer Sciences Contest--** Funds to support the Consumer Sciences Contest at 4-H Round-up

- **4-H Food and Clothing Program--** Funds given to each district to assist the 4-H program at the district level (currently \$300 per district)
- **4-H Scholarships--** Funds for the 12 4-H Scholarships (currently @ \$1500) given by TEEA
- **Brownwood 4-H Center--** TEEA members' donations given to the 4-H center for selected projects

#### State Conference

- **State Conference Planning--** Funds to cover expenses of Executive Committee for site review and planning meeting
- **State Conference--** This includes expenses for pre-conference and post-conference board meetings and expenses incurred at the State Conference

#### Scholarships

- **Adult Career Scholarships--** Funds for two (2) scholarships for TEEA members
- **Alumnae Scholarships--** The number of scholarships and the amount are dependent on funds available each year

#### Education and Training

- **Education Committees--** \$500 each for 4 Education Committee Programs presented at State Conference
- **Fall Board Meeting--** Expenses for travel, meals, lodging, and printing for Board meetings (includes expenses for Extension advisor)
- **Spring Board Meeting--** Same as the Fall Board Meeting

#### The Messenger

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

#### Legal & Administrative

- **Conciliation/Tax Preparation--** Fee for annual reconciliation and tax preparation
- **District Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance--** Liability coverage for directors and officers
- **Printing--** Funds to pay for printing TEEA manual, bylaws, and other organizational printing
- **Equipment & Office Supplies--** Funds to purchase office supplies, equipment, and postage. Includes funds from the Board's silent auction used to purchase equipment needed by the State Board to do TEEA business, to replace broken or outdated equipment as needed.
- **Treasurer's/President's Bonds--** Cost for these two positions to be bonded
- **President's Expense Fund--** State president's discretionary account to offset unanticipated expenses, includes travel expenses to 4-H Roundup
- **Other Board Expenses--** Expenses incurred by officers pertaining to their office: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Leadership, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Programs, Secretary, Treasurer, and President-Elect

#### Other Expenses

- **Name Badge Expenses--** Budget to cover expenses, which are recouped in the sale of the name badges

- **TEEA Sales/CVU--** Budget to cover expenses for TEEA Sales & CVU books, which are recouped in the sale of TEEA Sales items & CVU books
- **Bank Charges--** Bank Statement Fees

### *Country Store*

**Come one, come all to the Country Store at the 95th State Convention of the Texas Education Extension Association!** The Holiday Inn & Suites of Beaumont will be our host. Districts 9 & 11 would like for you to come browse and shop in our spacious room we've been assigned. It is the "[Galveston Room](#)". It is located right across from the breakfast area of the hotel. The members of districts 9 & 11 will be working to bring you a variety of items. Please try to frequent the store often.

#### Store hours:

- Monday, September 11, 3 pm-5 pm
- Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 am-12:45pm & after Tuesday afternoon session ends till 5 pm
- Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 am – 8:45am & after business sessions and workshops end till 5 pm

Districts 9 & 11 will also have raffle baskets available: From fall and Christmas, chocolates, gardening, kitchen, and one of a kind baskets. The variety of baskets should entice all convention goers.

See you in Beaumont in September!

**Clara Jones, District 9  
Director**

**Knellen Quinteros, District  
11 Director**

2023 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TEEA BYLAWS  
APPROVED BY THE TEEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 2023  
TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 2023 STATE CONFERENCE IN BEAUMONT, TX.  
IF ADOPTED, THE PROPOSALS WILL TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2023

Article IV-Membership Section 2.  
AMEND BY ADDITION

<u>Current:</u> "Membership shall be composed of dues-paying individuals who support the objectives of TEEA. A member may belong to more than one club but shall be counted in only one County and one District. Where there be no club or county association available, members-at-large may join at the District level. Their dues are payable to the District Director."	<u>If Adopted Will Read:</u> "Membership shall be composed of dues-paying individuals who support the objectives of TEEA. A member may belong to more than one club but shall be counted in only one County and one District. <u>In the event that there are less than 3 members in a county</u> , where there be no club or county association available, members-at-large may join at the District level. Their dues are payable to the District Director, <u>and the member-at-large will have all the benefits of a dues-paying member.</u> "
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RATIONALE: Clarification of Member-at-Large  
SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors  
RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

ARTICLE VII- BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 1.  
AMEND BY REVISED WORDING

<u>Current:</u> "The voting members of the TEEA Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Committee, District Directors, Education Committee Chairs, Alumni Chair(s), and <i>TEEA Messenger</i> Editor. The Parliamentarian, Advisor(s) and 990 Consultant shall serve as non-voting members."	<u>If Adopted Will Read:</u> " The voting members of the TEEA Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Committee, District Directors, Education Committee Chairs, Alumni Chair(s), <u>990 Consultant</u> and <i>TEEA Messenger</i> Editor. The Parliamentarian, Advisor(s) and <del>990 Consultant</del> shall serve as non-voting members."
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RATIONALE: 990 Consultant should be a TEEA member, and should be allowed to vote.  
SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors  
RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS  
AMEND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 6 & RENUMBERING CURRENT SECTION 6 & SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS

<u>If Adopted Will Read:</u> "A member-at-large shall be eligible to run for District Director-Elect after having served a term as an appointed district officer. After having served one term as District Director, the member-at-large would then be eligible to run for other offices with District endorsement, and will be exempted from club and county endorsements."
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RATIONALE: To allow members-at-large the opportunity to hold an office at District & State levels.  
SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors  
RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt



## ARTICLE XI - DISTRICT DIRECTORS

AMEND BY STRIKING SECTIONS 2-5 AND RENUMBERING SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS

### Current:

Section 2. To be eligible for the office of District Director-Elect or District Director, a candidate must have served at least one year as an elected officer at the county level.

Section 3. Two weeks prior to the District Spring Conference, a club and a county presenting a candidate for District Director shall notify in writing the District Director, giving the name and qualifications of the candidate. The endorsement must be signed by the President and Secretary of the club and the Chair and Secretary of the county association.

Section 4. Nominations from the floor may be made only by a member of the same county association as the person nominated. Written notice of a proposed nomination from the floor shall be given to the District Director prior to the meeting. Eligibility for nomination from the floor is not affected by this deadline. In the event of a Virtual Conference, intent to make a nomination "from the floor" must be received by the District Director 15 days prior to the ballots being mailed.

Section 5. No candidate shall be presented who has not consented to serve.

RATIONALE: Redundant with ARTICLE VIII

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

## ARTICLE XI - DISTRICT DIRECTORS

AMEND BY REVISING SECTION 1

### Current:

"If there is no District Director-Elect, a District Director shall be elected for a two-year term at the District Spring Conference and shall assume office the first day of the month following the TEEA State Conference."

### If Adopted Will Read:

"~~If there is no District Director-Elect, a~~ District Director shall be elected for a three ~~two~~-year term at the District Spring Conference and shall assume office the first day of the month following the TEEA State Conference."

RATIONALE: To allow more time to learn the Director's role, therefore the Director can have a greater impact in the term served.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

## ARTICLE XII - DISTRICT DIRECTOR-ELECT

AMEND BY STRIKING SECTIONS 2-5 AND RENUMBERING SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS

### Current:

Section 2. To be eligible for District Director-Elect or District Director, a candidate must have served at least one year as an elected officer at the county level.

Section 3. Two weeks prior to the District Spring Conference, a club and a county presenting a candidate for District Director-Elect shall notify in writing the District Director, giving the name and qualifications of the candidate. The endorsement must be signed by the President and Secretary of the club and the Chair and Secretary of the county association.

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Section 5. No candidate shall be presented who has not consented to serve.

RATIONALE: Redundant with ARTICLE VIII

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

ARTICLE XII - DISTRICT DIRECTOR-ELECT Section 1  
AMEND BY STRIKING AND CORRECTING

Current: "The District Director-Elect shall be elected for a two-year term and take office at the same time as the District Director."	If Adopted Will Read: "The District Director-Elect shall be elected for a <del>two</del> - one year term and take office at the same time as the District Director."
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RATIONALE: To correct accuracy of the term  
SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors  
RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

ARTICLE XII - DISTRICT DIRECTOR-ELECT Section A  
AMEND BY STRIKING AND CORRECTING

Current: "Utilize the two-year term of office to become thoroughly familiar with the objective of TEEA in preparation for the office of District Director."	If Adopted Will Read: "Utilize the <del>one</del> <del>two</del> -year term of office to become thoroughly familiar with the objective of TEEA in preparation for the office of District Director."
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RATIONALE: To correct accuracy of the term  
SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors  
RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

ARTICLE XIII - EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS  
AMEND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 4 AND RENUMBERING CURRENT SECTION 4 & SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS

If Adopted Will Read: "A member-at-large shall be eligible to run for Education Chair after having served a term as District Director. Being exempt from the club and county endorsements, the member-at-large will submit a District endorsement for candidacy."
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RATIONALE: To allow members-at-large the opportunity to hold an office at District & State levels.  
SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors  
RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

ARTICLE XVII - COUNTY DELEGATES  
AMEND BY ADDING SUBSECTION D

If Adopted Will Read: "If a county has one or two members-at-large, they will automatically serve as a delegate for their county."
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RATIONALE: To allow members-at-large to have a voice at district & state meetings.  
SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee & Board of Directors  
RECOMMENDATION: To Adopt

Notice: There will be a Yearbook Exchange at the 2023 State Conference in Beaumont this Year!

Volunteers Needed!  
If you can volunteer as a Page at the conference, please let Jan Meador know.





**Jan Meador**  
**Candidate for President-Elect**

Greetings to my fellow TEEA members. I am Jan Meador, and I have been nominated and endorsed by my Dalhart EE Club, Dallam EE Association and TEEA District 1, for the position of President-Elect.

I have worked hard to meet all the qualifications and feel I have the experience to lead the Texas Extension Education Association into the future with knowledge of our organization, confidence, and the will to do so. I have held the offices of 1st VP for Leadership, 2nd VP for Programming, District 1 Director for two terms, and State Education Chair for District 1.

I have prepared and presented the programs; "Oh, Holy Cow, What Do I Do Now?", "All You Need to Know About Pinterest", and "P to the Power of 4", which teaches presenters how to be prepared to present a program. I also developed last year's Lunch and Learn Survey, and for this year's Lunch and Learn, we are working on the follow-up to that very informative survey.

I have been a member of TEEA for 24 years in Dallam and Randall Counties, serving as 4-H representative in both counties. I have served in Dallam EEA as Association Chairman, Association Co-Chairman, and as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. I have chaired the Yearbook and Ways & Means Committees, and have been co-chair of the Dallam EEA fundraiser, the XIT Arts and

Crafts Bazaar. We initiated the Dallam EEA 4-H Scholarship in 2012 and have given scholarships every year we have had senior 4H'ers.

My husband, Keith, and I have just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Our five children gave us a wonderful anniversary party. We have three sons: John, Jared, and Jay, and two daughters: Jaclen and Jordan. They have blessed us with fourteen grandchildren: nine boys and five girls, ranging in ages from 5 to 23 years old. We definitely are blessed, and are very busy!

I would appreciate your endorsement and vote for me for President-Elect.

*Campaign paid for by Jan Meador*



**Angela Pierce**  
**Candidate for 1st Vice-President for Leadership**

Greetings and salutations. I am Angela Pierce and am running for 1st Vice President for Leadership. I am a fourth generation TEEA member, participated in 4-H as a kid, was an officer in 4-H in club and county, was also in band and Girl Scouts, have been in TEEA for 22 going on 23 years, and have been an officer in TEEA on club, county, district and state levels.

I have also served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a Girl Scout leader, an American Heritage Girls (AHG)

leader, and a member and officer of Friends of Maud Public Library in Maud. Yes, that sounds like a lot and can be while working a full time job. These programs are important and valuable programs that would not take away from me serving as 1st Vice President.

I do currently work full time at Wal-Mart and have worked there for 22 years. I have worked in different areas, learned different skills, gotten more confident in myself, learned more about myself, and made some friends. I did not plan on being at Wal-Mart this long but here I am, haha.

I did take a year off of being on the board and I'm glad that I did this last year. I am now ready to jump back in and help where I can and be on the board again, if voted back on. We all need a rest every now and then. I will be happy to serve as your 1st Vice President for Leadership or as a member in the state. I ask that you talk among your clubs and counties and decide. May the best candidate get the position.

I look forward to seeing what everyone has done since the last *Messenger* and seeing you at State Conference in Beaumont in September. Come ready to learn and take back to teach in your community. I'm sure it will be another great conference.

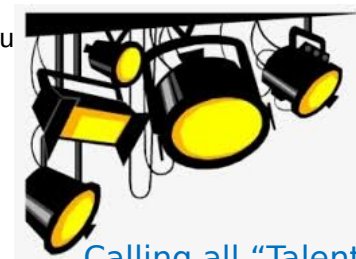
*Campaign paid for by Angela Pierce.*

**Talent Show**  
**Prizes will be:**  
**\$75 - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**\$50 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**\$25 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

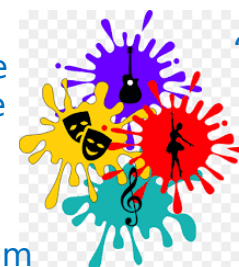
**Contact:**  
**Clara Jones**  
**409/718-7266**  
**mzjonezj@gmail.com**



On Monday, September 11, we will have a Game night. Each District is to bring a bingo prize of at least a **\$20.00 value**. Bingo cards will be 6 cards for \$5.00 and black out cards will be \$5.00 each. We are inviting everyone to enjoy a fun night! Doors will open at 7:30 pm and Bingo will start at 8 pm in the Dallas/Houston rooms. For questions, contact Leslie Davis: [leslie.davis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:leslie.davis@ag.tamu.edu)



**Calling all "Talented"**  
**TEEA Members**  
**Attending the 95<sup>th</sup> TEEA**  
**Conference!**  
**We invite you to show**  
**us your**  
**"talent"!**





**Violet Alexander**  
**Alumnae Chair**

I'm excited to announce the 2023 Alumnae scholarship awardees are:

- Layla Kay Clark, District 10--- attending Texas Tech, majoring in dance. Plans to teach dance to children. Granddaughter of a TEEA member.
- Aaron Joseph Kendrick, District 2--- attending Black Hawk College, majoring in Agricultural Economics. A 10 year 4-H member
- Hunter Jacob Frantzen, District 10--- attending Blinn/Texas A&M, majoring in engineering. A 12 year 4-H member & grandson of a TEEA member.
- Reagan Johanna Bills, District 7--- attending Texas Tech, graduated with an Ag Economics & Accounting degree, & now in the Doctorate of Pharmacy program / MBA in Health Organization Management. A 3 yr 4-H member & granddaughter of a TEEA member.
- Riley Breanne Green, District 9--- attending Texas A & M Kinesiology program, Exercise & Sports Science. A 10 yr 4-H member & granddaughter of 2 TEEA members

- Kyla Sherice Bills, District 7-- attending South Plains & Tarleton, majoring in Horticulture. Plans to be a rural art Elementary teacher. A 3 yr 4-H member & granddaughter of TEEA member

The committee chose to award these scholarships in memory of longtime Alumnae Chair, Grace Glaze, to honor her service.

Remember that your donations to the "fun" Alumnae Silent Auction at the conference raises the money for these scholarships. **So bring your items & your money and let's have some fun!**

**Certified Volunteer Units (CVUs)**  
**By Andrea Woolley,**  
**District 1 Director**

The Certified Volunteer Units Program is intended to recognize an individual's volunteer efforts in a TEEA club or association and their community. This award was established in Texas in 1983. It is also intended to help one grow personally in volunteer leadership skills and to show the volunteer how to use those skills in one area or several other areas.

Examples: Including TEEA time they spent volunteering, church, scouts, senior center, meet the candidates' forum, working the elections, library, child care – assisting with after-school program, cleaning up cemeteries, helping at the museum, taking people to doctors, picking up a person's prescriptions or mail, helping people prepare their weekly medications, preparing meals **(NOT FOR FAMILY)**, sending cards, helping 4-H members with projects, helping prepare contest entries, donations of food or money, judging 4-H record books, and your travel time can be included.

For the **FIRST time**, a member can go back 10 years and record their volunteer hours in order to obtain the first 500 hours. This can be only be done **one time**. Use a different page for each organization and skip a couple of pages between organizations. If you volunteer often for an organization, you may want to use a different book for each organization. When you have accumulated 500 hours or more of volunteer time, enter the total hours for each organization on the summary sheet in the back of the log book and total all hours. Then enter your name, TEEA organization, full mailing address, telephone number, and county on the back of the summary sheet. All books must be filled out completely to qualify. Use as many lines as needed for explanation. The entire book is to be sent to the State CVU Chair before the deadline date. The due date for completed CVU log books is **July 1st**.

Mail the completed CVU book to: Andrea Woolley  
PO Box 1019  
Spearman, TX 79081  
Cell: 806.270.0142  
Email: [awoolley387@gmail.com](mailto:awoolley387@gmail.com)

The cost of the CVU book is **\$10.00**. Due to the high cost of printing and postage, we can no longer return a free book. Therefore, the members' new CVU books to record their information will cost them \$10.00. The CVU Chair will get your new paid book to you. Everyone does a lot of volunteer work, which is more than one realizes. Think about it and start a book of your wonderful service!



## TEEA Sales

Award Bars	\$ 2
Award Pins	\$ 5
Charms	\$ 5
Commemorative Pins	\$ 5
Comm. Pins (6+ yrs)	\$ 2
CVU Books	\$10
TEEA Pins	\$ 5
TEEA Shirts	\$20
Gavel Pin Guards	\$ 5
Note Pads	\$ 2
Portfolio	\$20
Adhesive Cell Wallet	\$ 2
Ball Point Pens	\$ 1
Luggage Tags	\$ 2

**For TEEA SALES orders, please contact:**

TEEA Sales Chair:

Diana Taylor  
4001 CR 336  
Bertram, Tx 78605  
Email: [dlltaylor@gmail.com](mailto:dlltaylor@gmail.com)  
Cell phone: (512) 557-2817

Order Forms can be found at:  
<https://teea.tamu.edu/teea-forms/>

**Please make checks payable to: TEEA, Inc.**

## Name Badges

**For questions, please contact:**

TEEA Name Badge Chair:  
Leslie Davis  
115 S. Mesquite  
Ft. Stockton, TX 79735  
Phone: 936-201-8078  
Email: [Leslie.davis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Leslie.davis@ag.tamu.edu)

The TEEA name badge cost has changed. It is now **\$15.00**, which includes shipping and handling (\$14 at State Conference). Must have 2 orders before a County Chair can order, but ordering can now be done at any time (no more quarterly orders.)



District News

District 1



Andrea Woolley  
District Director

The District 1 TEEA Association Spring Conference was hosted by Dallam, Deaf Smith, Oldham, and Randall EEA counties on April 27, 2023, at the Oldham County Cooperative Extension Building in Vega. The theme was “Celebrating Our TEEA Roots.” The members enjoyed a beautiful room decorated with old kerosene lamps, beautiful doilies, and other old family treasures. There was a lovely photo prop using an antique quilt and a modern quilt where special pictures were taken of club members and special award winners. The county agents furnished breads, muffins, fruits, coffee, and juices for the morning hospitality table for everyone to enjoy. The opening prayer was given by Margie Moore, U.S. and Texas Pledges were led by Sylvia Jordon, and the National Anthem was sung by Emily Carlson by a capella.... beautifully done. Welcome was given by Greg Conn with the

Milburn-Price Culture Museum of Vega. The program included keynote speaker Cynthia Shattles, TEEA member of Hansford County. She presented a great program on “Hereford POW Camp #31”. This was a wonderful program because the location of the POW Camp #31 was at Hereford, Texas, in the Texas Panhandle. There is a Texas Historical marker for people to see the location of Camp #31. At this time only the chapel is left there to view.

District 1 4-H winners for a \$1,000.00 scholarship each were Hudson Scribner of Pampa, who plans to attend West Texas A&M University, and Shayne Franks of Lipscomb, who plans to attend Dodge City Community College. The District 1 Collegiate winner of \$500.00 was Jacie Guerrero. She is attending West Texas A&M University. The State TEEA Scholarship winner of \$1,500.00 was Lea Weller of Vega. She will be attending the University of North Texas.



Lea Weller  
4-H  
scholarship  
recipient



Jacie  
Guerrero,  
Collegiate  
scholarship  
recipient

Bobbie Hatch of Randall County gave the blessing for our lunch. Roosters’ Mexican restaurant of Vega catered a wonderful meal. The Hansford Hillbilly Band of Spearman won the talent show and will perform at the TEEA State Conference in Beaumont. Sylvia Jordon was awarded the Texas Leadership award.



Sylvia Jordon, Texas Leadership, with  
Sandy Beaver & Andrea Woolley

Pennye Ralston was awarded the Texas Treasure Award. Germaine Myer of Dalhart EEA was presented with a 60-year member certificate.



Penny  
Ralston,  
Texas  
Treasure  
award



Germaine  
Myer,  
60 year  
member

District Director, Andrea Woolley, gave the District Annual Report and presented the “Big Check” to District 1 members for \$220,099.68. Andrea Woolley was voted as District 1 Director for 2023-2025 by acclamation. District 1 voted Jan Meador TEEA

State President Elect by acclamation. There were wonderful door prizes passed out to the winning members. Coins for Friendship and Dollars for Scholars was collected. Potter County did a wonderful job with the Cultural Arts exhibits. There will be 20 Cultural Arts items going to the TEEA State Conference in Beaumont. The afternoon program was given by Charolyn Gouldy, TEEA member of Oldham County, and the Oldham County “Southwest Cowboy Poet Association.” They gave a wonderful old west program from several members that sang old songs and stories. There were lots of wonderful silent auction items for members to pick from. The raffle ticket winner of the \$300.00 cash was Marianne Pipkin. The bonus raffle ticket was a beautiful quilt won by Amy DZanko. As members left the conference each received a bottle of water, snack bag, and a special gift bag.

Dallam County EEA  
Photo Submitted by  
Jan Meador



Dallam County planning their portion  
of the Spring Conference



### Hansford County EEA By Kay Snider

On February 7, 2023, we met and had 10 members in attendance.



Kay Snider and Sharron Swan were the hostesses with a Valentine's Day theme, with a table with vintage and new Valentine's items. There was a meal of Taco soup with a strawberry cake for dessert.



As a group, we filled 75 snack bags and made them look like a butterfly for the residents at the Hansford manor.

We met on February 21, 2023, and had 10 members in attendance. We were in Mardi Gras theme attire. Hostesses were Penny Ralston and Marilyn Hart. They prepared a Hawaiian pile on meal. The program was given by Marilyn Hart on Mary Kay products and skin care items.



Mardi Gras costumes & Mary Kay program items



Hawaiian Pile on Meal

We met on March 7, 2023, and 11 ladies were in attendance. Kay Snider and Sharron Swan were the hostesses for a St. Patrick Day theme. The meal was Bierox, salad, and Pistachio poke cake. Member Myrna Biggers gave a program on Family Literacy. We all had a fun time.



Kay Snider & Sharron Swan



Andrea Woolley won the door prize.

We met on April 18, 2023, and 11 ladies were in attendance. Andrea Woolley and Fran Duncan were hostesses. They



Preparing bags for women's shelter

served baked potatoes with toppings, and key lime pie for dessert. They also gave the program on helping someone in need. We all helped fill 44 bags with toiletries, hygiene supplies, and wash clothes. We gave two Baby bath towel sets also. The bags and 2 baby sets were taken to the women's shelter in Perryton, TX.



Preparing bags for women's shelter

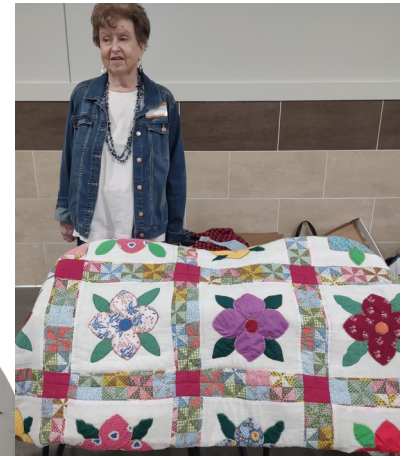
For the Spring Conference in Vega, we had both Spearman TEEA clubs in attendance (20 members), 1 guest, and our Spearman/Hansford AgriLife Extension lady, Madison Campbell.



Spring Conference in Vega

The theme for the conference was "Celebrating TEEA Roots." The tables were decorated with oil lamps, western decor, canning baskets, vintage pictures, doilies, lace, embroidery, and old glassware. We had a silent auction, a \$300.00 raffle drawing, with a bonus drawing of a donated quilt by our Spearman member, Frances Biles. We will miss her next year; she is moving to Amarillo. We hope to see her in a club from there; they

will have a jewel of a member and a dedicated one.



Quilt donated by Frances Biles

There were 3 counties entered in the talent show: Hansford Hillbilly Band, Hutchison County Ladies, and an Amarillo member as Patsy Cline. The Hansford Hillbilly Band placed 1st and will be going to the state conference. in September in Beaumont, Texas.

### Easy Hawaiian Haystacks

#### Ingredients

- 2 (10 Ounce cans) cream of chicken
- 8 ounce sour cream
- 2/3 cup milk
- 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 3 cups cooked rice

#### Optional Toppings:

- mandarin oranges
- sliced olives
- pineapple tidbits
- green onion sliced
- shredded cheese
- diced tomatoes
- chow mein noodles

#### Instructions

- In a medium sized saucepan over medium high heat, add the cream of chicken, sour cream, and milk. Stir until heated through.
- Add chicken, pepper, and Italian seasoning. Cook for 3-5 minutes until heated through.
- Serve over rice and top with your favorite toppings.

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## District 2



**Sheila McCormack**  
District Director

Hello to all our TEEA members, I believe summer is trying really hard to arrive in Snyder, Texas. It is suppose to get in the low 90s today.

We held our Spring Conference on March 30 in Abernathy, Lubbock County. Lubbock County was the host district, and they did a fantastic job. Our theme was "APRON MEMORIES: SHARING YOUR STORIES." We were asked to bring or wear an apron and tell our story about that apron. Our program was presented by Alby Peters, retired CEA-FCH agent and TEEA member from Potter County. She brought a large suitcase full of aprons from different ages. She had ladies model the aprons. She gave a history behind that particular design of apron. She shared an article on Grandma's Apron. It brought back a lot of fond memories for many of us.

We introduced our scholarship winners and had them tell a little about themselves. Our Aubrey W Russell 4-H scholarship winner is David Kendrick. He is from Shallowater in Lubbock County.

He will be attending Texas A&M University, College Station. He will be majoring in Agricultural, Animal Science, with a pre-Med option. Our TEEA 4-H Scholarship winner is Kelton White. He is from Hermleigh in Scurry County. He will be attending Western Texas College in Snyder. He will be studying for a Bachelor of Science in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management to become a bakery and restaurant owner. Both these young men will go far in their chosen fields. Well, that is about it from District 2 for now. Be safe and stay well. Until next time.

## District 3



**Laquita Gruver**  
District Director

District 3 is alive and thriving! Our Spring Conference was held on March 30, 2023, at Central Christian Church Fellowship Hall in Weatherford, Texas. I can't begin to tell you how much fun we had. Our theme was "TEEA Leading into the Future for 95 Years". Our decorations were quintessential Texan. There were lots of cowboy boots, a handmade quilt of Texas by Ola Culwell, centerpieces of bluebonnets in a mason jar, and bluebonnets everywhere.

We had tables set up with all counties contributing their club and county scrapbooks from years gone by, a friendship quilt, and other memorabilia.



*Shirley Riebe, Carol Hailey, Diane Stanfield, Margie Lewis, and Karen Rutherford*

Our program was rounded out with a slide show that Julia Mosely had previously presented on "A History of TEEA", and a singing presentation by Judy James of Texas themed songs.



*Judy James singing for Texas*

There were presentations of awards for longevity of members and clubs and Texas Treasure, Cultural Arts were presented for judging, and of course the winner of the District 3 4-H Scholarship was announced.

*Emily Meals, 4-H scholarship winner, & Laquita Gruver*



I'm planning on visiting each of my counties in the coming year to celebrate our past heritage, friendships, and a plan for the future.

## Bowie County EEA By Kathy McPeters

With the approach of spring, Bowie EEA traveled to Pilot Point to visit Texas Tulips where we would find over 100 varieties of tulips. The season started in late February and continued until early April, with a huge range of colors and types. Of course, we worked up an appetite, so our next stop was a local restaurant, Bebo's & Kathy's for a fabulous meal.



*Carla Whitaker, Liz Bower, guest Dontie Mcewen, Allie Clark, guest Glenna Hankins, Jo McDonald, Kathy McPeters*

Later in March, we traveled to Weatherford for the Spring Conference and Cultural Arts competition. Our winners were: Allie Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup>, fiber arts; Melanie Stott, 3<sup>rd</sup>, garments and accessories; Allie Clark, 1<sup>st</sup>, machine embroidery; Sandy Owens, 2<sup>nd</sup>, holiday and seasonal décor; Allie Clark, 1<sup>st</sup>, jewelry; Allie Clark, 1<sup>st</sup>, paper; Lois Neese, 2<sup>nd</sup>, traditional scrapbook; Melanie Stott, 1<sup>st</sup>, Lois Neese, 2<sup>nd</sup>, digital scrapbook; Sandy Owens, 1<sup>st</sup>, black and white photo; Sandy Owens, 1<sup>st</sup>, Lois Neese, 2<sup>nd</sup>, color photo; Lois Neese, 1<sup>st</sup>, digital photography;



Sandy Owens, 1<sup>st</sup>, Sheila Schindler, 3<sup>rd</sup>, recycled; Allie Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> wall hanging and Robin Bowling, 2<sup>nd</sup>, miscellaneous. What a talented group of ladies with 8 entries advancing to state!

Bowie Fire Chief, Doug Page, spoke at our April meeting about first aid and medical emergencies. Members received vital information on many topics such as falls, poisoning, stroke, heart attack, and heat exhaustion and were provided a pamphlet with guidelines to follow before EMS arrives.

### **Parker County EEA By Laquita Gruver**

Parker County is on the move! We "laissez le bon temps rouler," "let the good times roll!" There is nothing like a Mardi Gras themed fund raiser! A raffle table, bake sale, club stores for shopping, lunch featuring a Butter Pecan cake for dessert, Cajun music, and finally a Mardi Gras Parade honoring our Queen. A great time was had by everyone, and funds were raised for our County Association.

*Antoinette  
Reed*



*Mary VanZile  
& Margaret  
Avery*

We have set a date in June for planning our path over the next 5 years: where we want to be and how to get there.

At a recent Association meeting, our clubs, Bethel Harmony, Country Crossroads, and Springtown honored Kathy and Karen Smith's mother, Charlista, with monetary donations to the Association. A subcommittee was appointed to explore how these funds might be spent.

Our calendar is full this summer, too! We are planning a trip to the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, Yearbook planning, a trip to the 4-H Center in Brownwood (early fall), State Conference, and classes with the Extension Office, family time and recharging our batteries for a new year.

I'll be stepping down as the Parker County Chairman in October. I would like to welcome Karen Rutherford as our new leader! I appreciate the time I have served and being trusted with the helm of this ship, but it is time for a fresh perspective. Thank you, Karen!



*Karen Rutherford*

### **Bethany Harmony EEC By Teresa Teague**



*Carol  
Hailey*

Carol Hailey, a faithful member of TEEA for 31 years, was recognized as the Bethel Harmony Texas Treasure. Carol is a member of the Bethel Harmony club and has served as Benevolence point person for many years and as club treasurer. She also serves as hostess many times at our meetings. Carol is instrumental in encouraging and helping with our events, such as Home for The Holidays and Spring Fling. Always willing to work hard, Carol embodies the meaning of being a TEEA member.

resources such as school supplies, snacks and hygiene items.



*Bethel Harmony Club Receives 40 year plaque*

The Bethel Harmony Extension Education Club was recognized for their 40th year in existence. Many of the ladies have been TEEA members for over 40 years. This year alone, the club gained 6 new members for a total of 17. Each member brings spirit and eagerness to be a resource to our community.



*Snacks for Center of Hope*

The ladies of Bethel-Harmony TEEA were busy collecting snacks and hygiene products for The Center of Hope Counselor's Closet. This community outreach program is designed to strengthen the relationship between students and counselors by providing

**"A friend is someone who knows your faults, loves you anyway, and believes in your future."**

*---Submitted by Shirley Riebe, Parker County*



## Country Crossroads EEC By Alice Clayton

In February, our extension agent, Kathy Smith, presented ideas for cooking for one, including quick microwave desserts. In March, our club went to member Alice Clayton's home to discuss quilting, it's history, and changes in quilting techniques. Members brought their vintage quilts and shared their history. We enjoyed helping host the counties in our district at the district conference in March. In April the three clubs in our county held Spring Fling, one of our 2 annual fundraisers. Our April meeting was hosted by members Kim Smith and Antoinette Reed and was a fun cultural lesson on Hawaii with fabulous food to match. It was a busy, fun springtime!



## District 4



**Linda Smith  
District Director**

Hello Everyone:  
District 4 had their Spring Meeting on April 9th & 10th in the Old Henson Building downtown Greenville, Tx. The person who owns this

building also owns the Old Texas Theatre right next door, which is a very interesting building. The Old Henson Building used to be the finest lingerie store around. I loved going there.

We had a wonderful Color Guard group from Greenville High School. They led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. It is wonderful to see young people interested in doing and learning about our Color Guard.

After our TEEA Prayer, Creed and Motto, Dinah Rainey gave us a motivational thought. We had asked the Mayor of Greenville to speak to us about the city of Greenville and his plans for making Greenville a safer and better place to live and what we could do to help. Unfortunately, the Mayor's wife had an unforeseen medical issue arise, so he had to cancel at the last minute. He sent his regards.

Awards were given to Laverne Hodgen and Bonnie Kaufman for 25 years of service, Camellia Jackson and Laura Mitchell for 20 years of service. Thank you for all you have done. Leadership award went to Elouise Larson, and the Texas Treasure award went to Cindy Callentine. Kaye Pressley was mentioned for her many years of being District 4's Treasurer and was given a portfolio.

A motion was made and passed to move Collin County in with group 1 to give this group two counties instead of one. That means Collin and Cooke are in group 1, Dallas and Hunt are in group 2, and Bowie and Rains are in group 3. We no longer have Tarrant, Van Zandt or Titus counties.

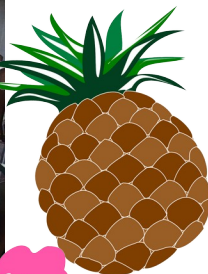
We set Nov. 16, 2023, to be our Fall Training session. It will be held at the Hunt County Extension Office, at 2217 Washington St., Greenville, TX.

The fun part of our first day was eating at the Old Texas Theatre in downtown Greenville. Can you believe there are only 114 seats, not counting the private lounge area for people to be seated? It felt so much bigger when I was a child. We got to eat in the private dining area and was served a chicken salad sandwich with chips, and it was wonderful.

During the two days, we had 4 agents who came to support us: Allison Morrow from Van Zandt, who gave a wonderful demonstration on Kitchen Gardening, Sarah Latham from Rains County, Angel Hodgen from Cooke County, and Mary Shockley from Hunt County. We do appreciate all your support.

The second day was just as exciting as the first; it was our Cultural Arts day. Here are the names of our 1st place winners in Cultural Arts: Bonnie Kaufman, Cindy Grant, Laura Eastman, JoElla Bryant, Mary Francis O'Neal, Jackie Gary, Kay Karns, Terri Moore, Olivia Peterson, Sharon Owens, Rachelle Sherrin, Cindy Callentine, Elouise Larson and Grady Roller. Some of these people have more than one first place. Congratulations to each of you for your endeavors and for sharing your hobbies with us.

Cindy Callentine gave a wonderful demonstration on "Rise Up to Be a Star", demonstrating how to make yeast bread and even brought starters for making sourdough





bread. She could get her dough to rise, where mine always fell. There were other demonstrations done from each of the counties. Thank you ladies for making our day possible.

We had 27 ladies to attend, and I felt each person there brought something good to the table. Our Raffle brought in \$204.00, and the Silent Auction brought in \$729.00. Way to go, Ladies! Our next Spring Conference will be held on April 16th, 2024, in Texarkana at the Eylau Hills Baptist Church. All in all, it was a great two days with great people.

### **Cooke County EEA By Elouise Larson**

Cooke County members enjoyed attending our district's Spring meeting. The lunch at the state theater was a great treat. Cooke County was honored to receive many first places and also People's Choice Award for the "Sewing Wreath" made out of old sewing materials and sewing machine parts.

*Sewing  
Wreath*



Sevilles Bend EEC have been making May Baskets to distribute to one of the local nursing homes on May 1 in celebration of May Day.

Attached is a little poem:  
*April Showers bring May  
flowers,  
What do May flowers bring?  
Sunshine Smiles and  
Wishes for Wonderful Spring.  
Happy May Day.*



*May Baskets by Seville Bend Club*

Ross Point EEC is hosting our county Spring meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing all our county members. I'm also looking forward to the state meeting in September.

### **Downard-Fairplains EEC By Kay Karns**

The Downard-Fairplains EEC, Cooke County, members learned how to make mozzarella cheese at our last meeting from a fellow member, Sandy Geyer. Then, we took raw dough, shaped it into a pizza and applied all the toppings needed, including the mozzarella, to make delicious individual pizzas.



*left to right: Linda Brumlow,  
Evelyn Yeatts, Sandy Geyer,  
Nancy Hoedebeck*

## **District 5**



**Susie Blackmon  
District Director**

Hello Everyone! I just love this time of year, when the flowers are blooming, and the kitchen gardens are taking off after this cool spring we've had to supply us with fresh vegetables and fruits. Looks like we're going to have a bumper crop of Ouachita blackberries at our house!

District 5 held our Spring Conference in March at the Cherokee County Electric Cooperative Association. More than 50 people from 7 counties attended. The theme this year was, "What's Cooking in Your County?" After our prayer and creed, The Marine Corp League of Jacksonville, Detachment 1381 posted our colors and led the pledge to the American flag, with Ponta EEA leading the pledge to the Texas flag.



This was followed by an inspiration given by Mandy Miller of the Dogwood Patch EEA. She read the history of "Grandma's Apron."

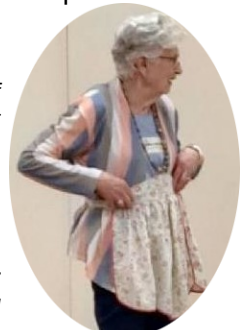


*Aprons on Water Bottles*

Since our theme was "What's Cooking in Your County?" each county was given the opportunity to share what was happening in their county to promote TEEA, what kind of fund raisers they had, and the service projects they did throughout the year.

To continue with our "cooking" theme everyone was asked to bring an apron for show-n-tell and a cookbook to share. There were quite a few ladies who modeled and shared the history of their aprons. It was a fun time!

*Della  
Layton of  
Upshur  
County,  
modeling  
the apron  
she made  
when she  
was 7  
years old*



Our guest speaker was a new member of the Dogwood Patch EEC of Cherokee County, Ruth Baugh, owner of Baugh's Market & Event Venue. She gave us a demonstration on how to make your own yogurt.



*Yogurt  
Demonstration*



The district 4-H Scholarship winners were announced. First place winner was Joshua Jones of Smith County. He and his parents were able to attend and receive his certificate. The second-place winner, Timothy Poorman of Upshur County, was attending a college class and not able to attend. We are very proud of these young men for what they have already accomplished and wish them the best in their next big adventure in life!

The Ponta EEA Club of Cherokee County was presented with a certificate honoring their 90<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary! Individual certificates were given to Connie Troxell, Dixie EE Club, for 50 years of service; Penny Hunter, Dixie EE Club for 30 years of service; Sherry Smith, Wildcat EE Club for 30 years of service; Connie Navarro, Central High EE Club for 25 years of service; and Anna Oliphint, Central High EE Club for 20 years of service.

After attending the State Board meeting in May and hearing about all the exciting programs that are going to be presented at our state conference this year, I can't wait for September to get here. There is going to be a talent contest, too! It's going to be great fun and educational as well. Hope to see you all there.

## **Cherokee County EEA By Marylyn Hoy Bennett**

Ponta EEC has chosen a charity for each of the last three months to make donations from our members. Virginia Bush reported Ponta has given new clothes to Child Protective Services, personal items to the Crisis Center, and canned goods and plastic bags to H.O.P.E. Carolyn Easter, of Central High, reported their club

donated \$75.00 to the 4H scholarship fund. Carol Dowling from Dogwood Patch presented awards at the Cherokee County Junior Livestock Show. Certified Judges, Susie Blackmon judged Baked Goods, and Marylyn Bennett judged Photography at the Livestock Show. Our clubs are committed to further outreach efforts in our community and especially 4H.

## **Annual Commissioners and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**

This annual event was held on April 25 from 8-9am in the Cherokee County Courthouse basement in Rusk, TX. The breakfast is held in appreciation for our County Commissioners, County Judge, Courthouse staff, TEEA members and Master Gardener volunteers. TEEA clubs provided breakfast, and the County agents provided coffee and juice. County Judge, Chris Davis, was in attendance, as were County Commissioners Kelly Traylor, Steven Norton, Patrick Reagan, and Billy McCutcheon. TEEA members in attendance were Virginia Bush, Susie Blackmon, Marylyn Bennett, Mary Nell Wofford, Dawn Elliott, and Daryl Chandler. County Agents in attendance were Amy Walley, Kim Benton, Kaitlyn Slover, Arron Low and Office Manager, Jennifer Crowley. There were 21 attendees total, including Master Gardeners and courthouse staff.



## **Smith County EEA Submitted by Connie Troxell**



Bernice Green-Jones passed away April 23, 2023. She was a resident of Tyler, Texas, and had been an active member of her community until her health declined. She was a member of the St. Louis Home Demonstration Club for 31 years, and the St. Louis Improvement Committee. She was active in several ministries at St. Louis Baptist Church, including Cuisine Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and the Sanctuary Choir. She was also a member of Millie Arps Living Stream Court #195 and Heroines of Jericho. She will be missed.

## **Upshur County EEA By Pat Bynum**

As East Texas ushered in a cool, wet and breezy Spring, the Glenwood and Southern Belles Clubs have been meeting, making plans, and just taking pleasure in the friendships and camaraderie of being a part of the TEEA and its goals.

The Glenwood Club hosted an Easter Party at Focus Care of Gilmer nursing home. The residents enjoyed homemade cupcakes and treats, along with a special appearance by Mrs. Easter Bunny, sporting

her Spring bonnet. Members were encouraged to show off their Spring bonnets, as well.



*Maggie McBeth, Mrs. Easter Bunny,  
Linda Shipko and Virginia Higginbotham*

The Southern Belles Club presented a basket of snacks and gifts to their nursing home resident, Martha, in honor of her April birthday. The Club is planning a June outing to the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore.

The Upshur County EEA selected Timothy Poorman to receive their 4-H Senior \$1,000 Scholarship. In addition, Timothy was the 2nd place recipient of the District 5 TEEA Scholarship. Timothy will be attending LeTourneau University, majoring in mechanical engineering.



*Timothy Poorman  
Upshur County 4-H Senior*



## District 6



**Leslie Davis**  
District Director

Hello TEEA!

I would like to thank my TEEA group for all their hard work in helping prepare for our annual Senior celebration in supporting older American month. It was a fantastic turnout, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Also, some of the West of the Pecos 4H was present to help serve the senior's lunch.



I would also like to congratulate our Senior graduate from Buena Vista High School in Imperial, TX, for his outstanding hard work. Because of that hard work, he was awarded the county, district, and state level TEEA scholarship. James Tinkler, District 6 is very proud to recognize you as our recipient!



*James Tinkler,  
Scholarship Recipient*

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in Beaumont, TX in September!!



*West of the Pecos 4-H Helping  
Serve the Seniors*



## District 7



**Lisa Zinz**  
District Director

TEEA District 7 Spring Conference was April 18th in Mertzon, Irion County. It was a full day of information and fun. The program was on Noah's Ark where Linda Hofacket and Jeanette Hobbs had visited. They both talked about Noah's Ark. Linda also had wonderful pictures that she took there.

Certificates were handed out to recognized Year Clubs: Owens Club, Brown County, and Sunshine Club, Taylor County. Year Member Certificates were awarded to: Gracie Cooper, Phyllis Heard, Kay Brown and Inoie (Tiny) Sailer from Brown County; Betty Sue Chaney, Dortha Collins, Susan Minton, and Debbie Webb from Burnet County; Frances Grice, Sue Redman, J. Ann Lange, and Esther P. Thorp from Irion County; Mary Jane Dennis from San Saba County; Marcia Lambert, Mary Ann Kelley, and Margie Wheeler from Taylor County; Sharon Hohmann, Helen Roach, Lucille Werner, Nancy Bilberry, and Ruby Matschek from Tom Green County. Texas Treasure Award recipient was Cheryl J.

Henderson, and the Texas Leadership Award went to Lynda Reed French, both of Burnet County.



*TEEA District 7 Scholarship winner  
was Ben Flanagan of Runnels  
County.*

In Cultural Arts there were 47 entries. Best of Show was awarded to Marylynn May. People's Choice Award went to Paula Hasse.

Lunch was excellent by the Irion ladies and Tasty Kay's. Thanks to all that attended. It was a great Spring Conference.

### **Brown County EEA By Dale Henderson**

Hello from Brown County, TEEA. This year seems to have flown by for all of us.

We presented all of our programs plus hosted our Cultural Arts for members and the public, with a speaker and free lunch provided for members and visitors. Although everyone's membership is down in our three clubs, we continue to try and be active.

Owens held their Annual Spud Sale to help raise funds for scholarships for two graduating senior 4-H members. With membership down, we had to cut back on the number of potatoes baked and sold. We still sold and delivered over 300 this year!!!







These ladies prepped all the condiments the day before. (L-R) Dale Henderson, Sandra Wylie, JoAnn White, Jerri Steel, Martha Baker, all from Owens Club, and Peggy Bostick from May Club. Not pictured is Della Crawford, from McDaniel Club, who had to leave before the picture was taken.

Other members from the May Club helped with donations for the condiments that went with the potatoes. Martha's husband, Clyde, was our Angel. He helped by delivering large orders.

Five members went to Mertzon for the District 7 Meeting. We saw many ladies we knew from other clubs and made new friends, one of them Sue Redman, who sent me her wonderful cookie recipe.

Sadly, we lost two long-time TEEA members this year, Joy Early and Margaret Boyd, from McDaniel Club. Both are missed dearly by all of us.

Looking forward to each new day. All Brown County TEEA members of Owens, McDaniel, and May say, "See you later, bless everyone."

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

--Elizabeth Andrew

## Burnet County EEA By Roberta Eacott



Burnet County TEEA members (left to right) Roberta Eacott, Lisa Zinz and Kerry McDonald at their booth at the 2023 Lawn and Garden Show in Burnet. They enjoyed a busy day staffing the booth while selling RADA cutlery and cookbooks made by Burnet County TEEA members. Roberta and Kerry are members of the Redbud Oakalla EE Club and Lisa is a member of the Lake Victor EE Club and also serves as TEEA District 7 Director.

## Bethel EEC By Lela Gore

### Cheryl Henderson Named District 7 Treasure Award Winner



Cheryl Henderson, Burnet County Bethel Club member, was awarded the Texas Treasure Award at the District 7 meeting on April 18. Cheryl is involved in Bethel Club meetings and activities. She also supports the community, her church and other organizations. She has contributed numerous hours

and funds. Cheryl can always be counted on to accept responsibility to complete any task with all her heart and expertise. She is also serving this year as the Bethel EE Club Vice President. Congratulations, Cheryl.

### Burnet County TEEA Member Named District 7 Leadership Award Winner



Lynda French, Burnet County Bethel Club member, was awarded the Texas Leadership Award at the District 7 meeting on April 18. Lynda has been a member since 2008 and has served as a leader and officer at the club, county, district, and state levels. She has conducted training sessions on numerous occasions and supports new members to become more involved in TEEA. Lynda is also a huge supporter of 4-H and continually serves to lead the youth by example. Lynda is the consummate example of a dedicated leader.

### Burnet County TEEA Conducts Fundraiser

TEEA Burnet County participated in the Burnet County Lawn & Garden Show in March by running a concession stand selling taco salads, sausage wraps, cinnamon rolls and cookies as a fundraiser for scholarships. Those who participated enjoyed the day working together. The fundraiser was very successful, raising over \$900. Those featured in the picture are Ardean Coffman, Linda Wells, Polly Krennek, Sue Jeffcoat, Hazel Risley and Cheryl Henderson.



### Paula Hasse Wins People's Choice Award at District 7 Cultural Arts



Paula Hasse, a member of the Bethel EE Club, won the People's Choice award for District 7 Cultural Arts at the meeting in Mertzon on April 18 for her jewelry items. She made a beautiful beaded necklace and bracelet that was outstanding. She also entered this at the county level and received the Hazel Gatliff award for the most outstanding entry according to the judges. As a new member of TEEA, she has really pitched in and supports the club and county events as well as attending the district meeting this year. She is now looking forward to attending the state meeting in Beaumont in September. Congratulations, Paula.





### Redbud Oakalla EEC By Roberta Eacott

A fun day was enjoyed by all at the February meeting! Linda Rogers and Roberta Eacott led the group in making canvas tote bags. From the experienced to the novice, everyone completed the sewing project and had fun along the way. The picture shows the members modeling their completed tote bags.



Front row – Edna Niebanck, back row L-R – Roxanne Dunegan, Valli Bennett, Stacy Roberts, Amanda Hensley, Kerry McDonald, Maggie McDonald (Kerry's granddaughter), Roberta Eacott, Micki Douglas, and Julie Griser

### Barn Quilts

Redbud Oakalla EE Club members spent April 15, 2023, making Barn Quilts with Janet Plentl of JaVibe Barn Quilts. It was a day of taping, painting, and drying their creations. Each Barn Quilt, while following Janet's designs, included colors selected by the individual TEEA members. Micki Douglas organized the day-long event, and each participant went home with a beautiful product ready for hanging on a barn or fence!



Members (from left Linda Roger, Stacy Roberts, Amy Parke, Roberta Eacott, and Roxanne Dunegan) tape their barn quilts prior to painting.



Finished Barn Quilts! Back row left to right – Roxanne Dunegan, Julie Griser, Linda Rogers, Kerry McDonald, Sandra Cole, Korin Carver (Kerry's daughter). Front row – Molly Miller, Roberta Eacott, Amy Parke, and Stacy Reynolds. Micki Douglas was taking the picture.

### Irion County EEA By Deborah McCullough

This spring has been a very busy one for the Irion County EE Club. On Valentine's day we hosted our annual, dressy luncheon for the Irion County ISD's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls, who were transported by the school to the home of one of our members. The 30 girls were provided with a luncheon, motivational speakers, and favors.

In March, the club hosted our Spring Style Show and luncheon at the Irion County Community Center with about 140 local and surrounding area ladies in attendance. The event is our fundraiser for scholarships for graduating high school seniors.



Our theme in gold and black celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club. Seniors served and gave a short personal introduction to the ladies. We

plan to give \$10,000 in scholarships this year.

In April, we hosted the District 7 Spring Conference using the same 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme. There were approximately 65 in attendance. Breakfast was provided by our members, and lunch was catered by Tasty Kay's, which is owned by Kambra Thorp, one of our younger members.

### Runnels County EEA Friendly Neighbors Club By Pat Crowley



On February 21, the Friendly Neighbors Club members attended the Town & Country Women's Fair in Abilene, TX at the Taylor County Expo Center. The Women's Fair presentations addressed numerous women's health issues such as Heart Health, Medicare Insurance changes, Heart Healthy Cooking, as well as a Style Show.

In March, we visited the Donkey Rescue facility in Miles, TX. The rescue site houses and cares for over 1000 donkeys in many sizes

and colors. The rescue organization employs 15 people full-time. Veterinary students also work on the site when animals are to be castrated. Farrier visits to check and trim the donkeys' feet occur every 6 weeks. Each donkey is prepared for adoption by going through extensive training and must be able to maintain a score of A to be adoptable. And they all are adorable, of course. This field trip was very informative and enjoyable for the club members.

In March, in addition to a regular business meeting, guest speaker, Carla Campbell, made an excellent presentation about the charitable group, Ballinger Cares. Ballinger Cares provides food, clothing, and other goods to Ballinger residents in need. Several Friendly Neighbors Club Members serve as volunteers on a regular basis. Carla explained how the organization was started and how it has grown and is still growing in a very short time. She also explained some of the difficulties in getting donations of certain types of food, such as peanut butter and canned meats. The club members voted to make a monetary donation to Ballinger Cares, as well as to regularly collect non-perishable foods to give to this excellent organization.

Also during the past months, many of our members have volunteered their time to help organizations such as Ballinger Cares, Meals on Wheels, and the Runnels Co. Soil and Water Conservation District.

THE UPCOMING MONTHS ARE EXPECTED TO BE VERY INTERESTING AND PRODUCTIVE FOR THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS CLUB!





## District 8

### Bell County EEA By Gayle Pomykal



#### Bell County Officers

Officers for the coming two years are front; Bev Hodges - Agent, Nancy Posvar - Parliamentarian, LaVelle Parsons - Vice Chairman, Nancy Urbantke - Chairman, back; Polly Elizando - Reconciler, Jane Vancil - Treasurer, Patricia (PJ) Hill - Secretary, Gayle Pomykal - Reporter.



#### Texas Treasure Award

Bell County, Leedale EE Club member, Alice Hoelscher, was named the Texas Treasure award winner at the State TEEA Conference in Lubbock. Alice is a dedicated, faithful TEEA member who can always be depended on to carry out her assignments and support the organization in every way. Pictured with Alice is Bell County Chairman, Nancy Urbantke.

#### BEEA November Luncheon

Joy Scott, Tanglefoot EE Club, registers guests at the annual Bell County November Luncheon. This countywide event is a gathering of all three Bell County EE Clubs, where a potluck lunch is shared with members and guests. The state Educational Program, "FRED (Families Reading Every Day)" was presented by state conference delegate, Nancy Urbantke. Members also donated personal care items which were given to local Food Pantries for their underprivileged clients.



#### BEEA December Christmas Luncheon

Nancy Urbantke, BEEA Chairman, acknowledges representatives of Temple Fire and Rescue with a thank you gift for sharing information regarding their Rescue Elves Program. BEEA supports the collection of toys and clothing for elementary schools in the Temple area through the Rescue Elves Program each December. Prior to the Luncheon, Nancy Urbantke presented the TEEA State Education Program, "Planning Parties with Pizazz". Additionally, 2022 BEEA new members, Pam Marshall and Jo Ann Garner from Tejas EE Club were recognized.



#### Bell County Leedale EE Club

Leedale EE Club pictured L-R, Nancy Posvar, Wynona Williams, Doris Marek, Carolyn Groseclose, Serina Cole, Rosemary Chudej, Madeline Lambert, Alice Hoelscher, and Rose Anne Groseclose, presented their annual collection of blankets to Serina Cole from the Bell County Children's Advocacy Center. The Center supports three nearby counties interviewing children who have been abused, neglected or otherwise mistreated. These children are placed in foster care until a resolution can be made for their situation. Many of them come to the Center with no personal belongings or coats to keep them warm, each of them is given a care package with basic needs including a blanket during their interview.

### TEEA of Leon County By Nyanza Price

The TEEA of Leon County held their annual Education/Cultural Arts Day on Tuesday, March 28. The purposes for this day is to first: present the educational topics that were presented at the state conference last September to the community and other members. Topics presented were: "Canning, Has It Changed Since Grandmother's Day?," "Healthy Aging and Remembering," "Parties with Pizazz," and "Family Literacy."

The second purpose is to showcase the talents of their members. There were over 40 entries for Cultural Arts (paintings, quilts, embroidery, ceramics, scrapbooks, etc.). These projects are judged with the first and second place winners moving on to the district competition which will be held on April 11, 2023. Leon County will be hosting this event in April. From there, first place winners will be competing at state in September.

The third purpose is to present scholarships to county students. The three clubs raise funds at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration in Centerville. Scholarship recipients for this year are Lane Freeman, Raylie Ezell, and Jacob McGill of Buffalo High School and Emily Page of Centerville High School. Congratulations to all!



Not only were the program presented, there were door prizes and a delicious luncheon provided by the three clubs (Jewett, Normangee and Oakwood). If you are interested, please contact the Agrilife office at 903-536-2531.

### Jewett EEC By Donna Warren

As we close out the 2022-2023 year, we reflect back to the last quarter. Jewett club has been busy. We helped Leon County EEA prepare for and host Education/Cultural Arts Day. There the Jewett club presented 4 scholarships to four graduating 4H students: Raylee Ezell, Mary O'Neal, Lane Freeman & Gavin Pruitt.



We showed our talents when Carol Foster, Mamie Bell, M.J. Lane, Nell Linton and Michael Perry advanced to District 8 competition. Mamie Bell won first place in the Jewelry division and will take her project to compete at the State Conference In Beaumont in September.







When awards were presented by Millie Barrow, District 8 Director, Mamie Bell received recognition as a 25-year member.

### Oakwood EEC By Nyanza Price

#### OAKWOOD EE CLUB CONTINUES TO EXCEL

The Oakwood EE Club participated in the District 8 Spring Conference on April 11, 2023, at Calvary Christian Church in Oakwood. The district meeting was led by the district director, Millie Barrow. Other counties attending were Bell, Eastland, Erath, Milam, and Williamson.

The Cultural Arts competition was fierce, yet Oakwood walked away with nine first place ribbons. Novalene Thurston led the list with five, followed by Rhonda Lawton, Martie Hanson, Nita Syphrett and Nyanza Price with one each. Each of these will compete at the state conference in September which will be held in Beaumont, Texas. Congratulations winners!

The district also presented a scholarship to Lane Freeman of Buffalo High School.

On Monday April 17, 2023, the Oakwood EE Club presented two scholarships of \$1500.00 each. The recipients and their parents were invited to a luncheon provided by the members. The recipients are Graciebelle Pettiette and Kaydon Holloway of

Oakwood High School. The members were able to talk with recipients and their parents in an informal setting. Congratulations to the scholarship recipients.



Scholarship recipients Kaydon Holloway (left) and Graciebelle Pettiette (right) with Oakwood EE President, Nyanza Price



Recipients and their parents

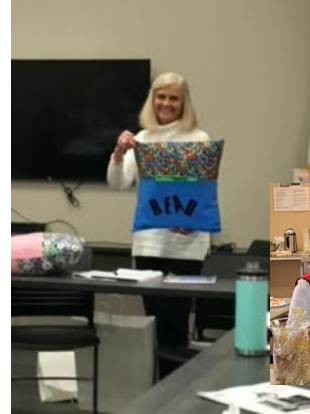
The Oakwood EE Club will be having a Bake Sale on April 29, 2023 at the Oakwood Fire Station. Money raised will be for scholarships for next year seniors. A quilt will also be raffled at the bake sale.



#### **Oakwood EE Club at meeting**

L-R: Seated; Lavern Manning, Nyanza Price, Judy Thomason, Second row; Barbara Kloesel, Cathy Beckwith, Ora Relerford, Mae Nell Jones, Novalene Thurston, Nita Syphrett, Third row; Martie Hanson, Cathy Lewis, Marlene Stanton, Rhonda Lawton, Katrina Henson, Sandy Cox

### Williamson County EEA By Charlotte Watson



Karry Matson, a member of the Morning Glory EE Club and a delegate to the 2022 TEEA State Meeting, presented the 2022 state program on "FRED: Family Reading Everyday." Karry is holding the Book Pillow she made.

ladies to showcase their cooking, baking, and serving prowess. The EE members shown here are representative of the many, many club members who served at some point during the two-day event.



All clubs were represented by members who made beautiful and delicious pies and cakes. Karry Matson, coordinated the Tea Room with many hours of help given by County Chair Jan Ross and EE member extraordinaire, Judy Adkins. The profits were \$1,572.27, the most of any year; all will go towards EE Activities and events in the county. This year's successful Tea Room was definitely a team effort. Thanks to each EE member (and a few 4-H'ers) who helped make it happen.

#### 2023 Exhibition Day - a Huge Success

Williamson County recently held their annual Exhibition Day. 27 Cultural Arts items, 3 in Home Grown/Home Preserved Foods and 36 in a variety of Foods Categories were entered for judging. Noontime EE Club arranged for the educational program, following lunch, to be presented by speakers from the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.



Williamson County EE members hosted the Tulip Time Tea Room at this year's Quilt Show in partnership with Handcrafts Unlimited of Georgetown. The Quilt Show is an annual event, and it is a great opportunity for the EE

Tori Algieri (left) & Caroline Gatlin (right),



Tori Algiere, Interim Community Engagement Director, & Caroline Gatlin, Development and Communications Coordinator, did a fantastic job of telling the Children's Advocacy Center story and how they serve as advocates for the protection of children and are actively involved in expanding prevention efforts across Williamson County. It was an eye-opening presentation. EE club members hope to be involved with the newly expanded Center as a future community effort. The morning program, coordinated by New Horizon's EE Club, focused on Easter decorations through the use of millions of buttons.

## Noontime EEC By Charlotte Watson

Noontime Extension Education Club, met for their February meeting at The Wesleyan Assisted Living where one of their members lives. The educational program was presented by Danelle Houck, Educational Programs Coordinator from The Williamson County Museum. Ms. Houck knew her history! Members and guests learned many interesting facts about the county they call "home."



## Noontime Supports Backpack Buddy Program

Noontime, a small club, recently donated 56 breakfast bars to be included in the "kits" for one of the Middle Schools in Georgetown. Charlotte Watson "kits" for this middle school



Charlotte Watson, President of Noontime EE Club

each week and was excited to have an extra food item to include. Already there has been a 27% increase in the number of students served over last year. By the end of the school year, BPBP forecast they will be providing over 900 students with weekly food bags. Their overarching goal is to provide food bags to help ensure no child goes hungry over the weekend.



20-Year Membership Certificates were recently presented. Mary Johnson, left and Peggy Blair, right, have both been active members of the Noontime EE Club, having served in every club leadership role over the past 20 years. Charlotte Watson, current club president and former state president, also received a membership certificate for having been an active member for 40 years. What a legacy of leadership and active membership!



Noontime EE Club members, Peggy Blair and Pat Kellett, proudly display ribbons they were awarded recently at the Annual Williamson County Exhibition Day. Peggy won a white ribbon for her Microwave Peanut Butter Fudge. She also won a Blue Ribbon and a Reserve Champion Ribbon for her Lemon Cake. Pat was excited to win a Blue Ribbon for her Gluten Free Ravioli Lasagna. When they also presented her with a Grand Champion Ribbon for her delicious Main Dish, she was "over the top!" Congratulations, ladies!



Carola Meister may have been short in stature, but she stood tall in her roles and responsibilities in the Noontime EE Club. Since joining in August 2007, Carola was dependable and faithful in her attendance and participation in her club and county meetings, activities and events. Carola will be remembered as an active member of the club, and she served in a variety of leadership roles in her club and as a delegate to the County Association meetings. She presented educational programs to her own club plus to other clubs in the county. She was an expert on eating healthy, and she knew the best vitamins and

supplements one needed to supplement one's diet. When Noontime participated in community projects, Carola was right there with her club, whether it was preparing brown bag lunches for the homeless, filling a suitcase for a foster child, or providing socks for the homeless and children's books for the underserved in the county. When Noontime held their silent auction each December, Carola could always be counted on to bring a beautifully-arranged platter of fresh fruits and vegetables. Carola was remembered as a lover of animals. She often sat for neighbors' and friends' pets when they were out of town, and she helped friends when their pets were sick. When one friend moved to Wesleyan Assisted Living, Carola adopted her two cats and cared for them. Carola was of German descent, and she spoke German fluently. She taught German classes in Austin and online classes through Austin Community College. Carola was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown and the Sunrise Rotary Club in Georgetown. Carola will be missed by her fellow EE Club members and her many friends in the Georgetown community. Our lives are richer by our friendship with this spunky and outspoken German lady.

*"The comfort of having a friend may be taken away but not that of having had one."*

*— Seneca*



### Sundowners EEC By Joyce Purtle

We're enjoying beautiful spring days here in Central Texas. The new year started off with a craft at January meeting. Everyone made a small angel or heart décor surrounded by colorful beads. Linda Hernandez entered hers in Exhibition Day winning first place and on to District.



Sundowners EEC decorate hearts

In February, we decorated ceramic hearts. March was a busy month with Exhibition Day, followed by preparing food and homemade desserts to sell in the Tulip Time Tea Room at the Williamson County Quilt Show. Each year, this project is a joint effort by county club members working many volunteer hours with proceeds applied to the 4-H Scholarship Fund. We were excited to have our new TEEA brochures ready for display at the Quilt Show.



Judy Adkins, Janet Ross, Karry Matson represent clubs at Quilt Show Tea Room

Sundowners were delighted in April to attend a brunch hosted by Morning Glory Club of Georgetown. The food was delicious, and we all enjoyed making small gift boxes. For the regular April Sundowners

meeting, we met at Merry's Mud Pottery & Coffee Shop in downtown Round Rock. We forgot to take a pic, but we all enjoyed Merry's homemade desserts and some purchased a pottery item. We like to support local businesses.

At our May meeting, we will be painting colorful terra cotta pots and adding a flower to donate to The Court of Round Rock Assisted Living. The pots will be placed on dining room tables to honor all mothers. For the summer months, Sundowners will be meeting to research and discuss ways to include more service projects. Hope to see many of you in Beaumont in September!

## District 9

### Burleson County Lyons EEC By Peggy Robinson

Since our last posting, our club has held their annual plant sale April 1, selected our scholarship recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship this year



Filling Easter Eggs  
(Carson Parker from Caldwell 4H), stuffed Easter Eggs with candy, and provided lunch for

Somerville High School students, who spent a Saturday helping clean up around the American Legion Hall where we meet in Somerville. The students removed brush and dead limbs, raked leaves....and generally made it look much nicer.

We've had speakers from Joni and Friends, Brazos Valley Hospice, and one of our own members, Sandra Forman, who helped us create rock paintings. Our meetings continue to be fun and informative, and our members continue to be enthusiastic helpers to our community.

### Snook EEA Travel Club By Karen Gaas

The Snook EEA "Travel" Club treated the teachers and administrators at Snook ISD with a variety of chips and dips on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, for Teachers Appreciation Week. The theme was "Let's "Dip" Into A Beautiful Day." All the teachers were very appreciative.



Travel Club members who delivered and set up are Diana See, Karen Gaas, and Dennis Gaas.

The Snook EEA Travel Club hosted an exciting and educational trip with 49 travelers to Nashville, Tennessee on Sunday, April 30, 2023 thru May 6, 2023. Everyone enjoyed a Guided Tour of Nashville with a photo stop at the Parthenon, a delicious fried chicken lunch with Paula's famous Ooey



Goody Butter Cake at the Paula Deen Family Kitchen Restaurant in Nashville, a visit to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, an exciting show with 6 different entertainers at the Grand Ole Opry, a Grand Ole Opry House Backstage tour, a tour of the Belle Meade Historic Site and Winery, a visit to the new Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline Museums.



The group also had a grand time with dinner at the Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater and dinner and entertainment at the Inn of Opryland. Everyone played Bingo with cash prize money on the bus.

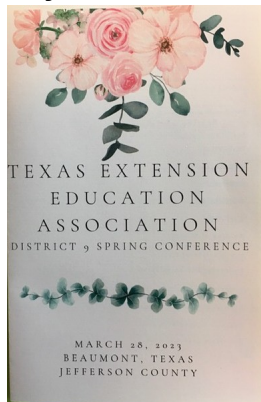


On our way back to Texas we visited the Casey Jones Village with a buffet lunch at Brooks Shaw Old Country Store. Everyone gained at least 5 pounds with all the delicious food we ate. Thanks



to tour guides, Dennis and Karen Gaas, for making this trip so wonderful. The travel club's next trip is a Branson Christmas trip on November 27 thru December 2, 2023.

## Jefferson County EEA By Claudine Hare



District 9 Conference was hosted by Jefferson County on March 28th in Beaumont. Fifty-four members and eight special guests were served lunch as well as morning refreshments. Colors were presented by the color guard from American Legion Post 817, Beaumont branch. There was great participation in Cultural Arts. The \$1500 TEEA state Scholarship was awarded to Miranda Leigh Scaggs from Brazos County. Rebecca Woodland, Nature Center manager, presented "Experience the Great Outdoors in Southeast Texas." Thanks go to Extension Agent, Macoy Sewell Smith, and secretary, Whitney Choate, for their help.

Following the association meeting, JEEA gave a reception honoring scholarship recipients. Three \$1,000.00 scholarship were presented to outstanding graduating seniors, all from Hardin Jefferson High School. Weston Pate Brooks' father accepted for him as Weston was previously committed to FFA regional officer responsibilities.



He plans to attend Oklahoma State University. Seth Lorne Miller was accompanied by his mother and he is looking forward to attending TX A&M University. Kelli Brydson was accompanied by both her parents, and she plans to attend Sam Houston State University. It is rewarding to see such outstanding young graduates.



In addition to the scholarships, JEEA proudly presented \$500.00 each to charitable organizations Adaptive Sports for Kids, represented by CEO Allen Nations, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, represented by Jack Seely. Both are well deserving organizations.

## Meatra EEC By Pamela Jacobs



A few members of Meatra supporting Winners For Life Breast Cancer Tea held at The Bob Bowers Civic Center in Port Arthur, TX



Mrs. Edna Francis displaying her two first place ribbons. Mrs. Francis is a member of Meatra EEC, which is a part of District 9 in Jefferson County. We're so very proud of her.

## Montgomery County EEA By Jane Newcomb



Montgomery County had a booth at the Master Gardener Open Day on April 22, 2023. It was manned by Rexine Scarborough and Jane Newcomb, where they had samples of crocheted items. From the start of the event, there was a steady flow from youths and adults expressing interest in crocheting and how to become members of TEEA. Because of this interest, we are in the process of setting up classes for crochet. Dates and times to be determined.

## District 10



Judy Wheeler  
District Director

Hello all. Hope you are enjoying our Spring weather – minus any bad storms. Thank you to all who attended the Spring Conference and thank you to Gillespie County for hosting it - great programs, delicious lunch, and great fellowship.

## Bastrop County McDade EEC By Glenda Gebert

Linda Bethke, a member of McDade EEC, was recently awarded "Best of Show" (judges' choice) at the District 10 Cultural Arts competition in Fredricksburg. Her beautiful project was a Christmas runner using various stitches. Linda did all the stitching, but she received the kit from her friend, Karen Ruppenthal, in Germany. This was the first time the McDade club had a member receive this special award. Congratulations to Linda for her beautiful hand work.

Stating "One person's hobby can be everyone's treasure," an article entitled "Hidden Treasures" on the front page of the April 5, 2023, issue of



the local newspaper, *Elgin Courier*, announced that McDade Antiques and Marketplace has opened in McDade's historical district. The store is owned by McDade Extension Education Club (MEEC) President, Melba Skubiata. The new store has attracted friends, family, the community, and beyond to the building which was originally a grocery store but even served as a train depot at one time. It complements the atmosphere in the small town and hopefully will help put McDade on the map. Although the town is small, it is growing-- evidenced by the new homes and businesses in the area, and the recent addition of a high school. The store is located at 565 Old Highway 20, in downtown McDade, Texas. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm Thursday through Saturday. Melba was quoted as saying she doesn't want this to consume her life. She wants it to "be a hobby and to be fun." In addition to antiques, other items including furniture, quilts, old newspapers, and more are on consignment. Those who know Melba, know she is a talented and fun club leader. We wish Melba all the best in this new venture.

### Gillespie County Pilot Knob EEC By Helen Usener



On Friday, February 10, Tim Crenwelge gave a very interesting program about the history of his family's automobile dealership, which began in 1940 and is the oldest Jeep dealership in Texas. His father, Milton, also added interesting information about other automobile dealerships in Fredericksburg.



Gretchen Sanders, Blanco County FCH Agent, gave the very interesting program "Entertaining with Pizazz/Charcuterie Boards" on Friday, March 10.

Gillespie EEA hosted the District 10 Spring Conference on Tuesday, March 21, at the Gillespie County AgriLife Extension Building. Judy Wheeler, District Director, had each county give a short history of EEA in their county. District 10 Scholarship recipients, First Place- Floyd "McCoy" Lee Smith of Uvalde County and Second Place- James William Jenschke of Gillespie County, were announced.



seated: Helen Usener, Glenda Fritz, Sharon Kott, standing: Maria Guerra, Shea Nebgen, Gwen Risinger, Alicia Frantzen, Annabel Wilkinson, Barbara Schneider, Judy Eilers, Corine Klose, and Kay Doshier. Janie Nielsen also attended.



Jeep Collins of Jeep Collins Jewelry was the speaker. He spoke about his mother, Enid, who founded Collins Bags. Gillespie EEA members brought Collins bags to display and wore Jeep Collins Jewelry.

Luling EEA Club presented the community service workshop on stuffed cats they make for children who come to their library. Annabel Wilkinson entertained during lunch by playing her accordion.



The Spring Scholarship Luncheon was held on Thursday, April 27.



Scholarship recipients James Jenschke, Ciarra O'Leary, and Ridley Strackbein were recognized.

Debbie Marquardt was welcomed into our club in March. Our club members were saddened upon the passing of Emeritus member, Joanne Kusenberger who had been a member since 1955.

Thirty-six donated prizes were awarded at the Spring Conference.



## District 11

### Victoria County EEA By J.J. Janssen

The Victoria County EEA Clubs held their annual Come and Go Christmas Gathering on December 9, 2022, at the Victoria County Extension Office. Club members from around the county met for fellowship and food, inviting the Extension Office staff to join them.

In addition to holiday festivities, yearly awards were presented. The Club of the

Year for 2022 was awarded to the Raisin-Coletoville EEA Club. They were honored for their philanthropy, volunteerism, and educational programs within the county.

Member of the Year honors went to Debbie Murray of the Raisin-Coletoville club. In addition, Mrs. Norma

Jean Heil was recognized as the nominee for the Texas Treasure award. More than 15 members and guests attended the party and a wonderful time was had by all.

Also, Victoria EEA Council officers attended the TEEA District 11 Fall Training in Hallettsville, TX, on November 29, 2022. Officers attending the meeting included Debbie Murray, Jean Heil, and Carrol Davig. The meeting was very productive and well run and all attendees left excited for the new TEEA year and the Spring Conference. Victoria EEA members are also looking forward to helping host the State TEEA Conference this summer.



## Washington County EEA By Judith Finke

"Designing and Creating through WEEA" was the theme for the 2023 Achievement Day on February 28th. Guests were welcomed with homemade breakfast finger foods and juices. Chair of the event, Pam Bothe, made the ceremonial introductions, pledges to the flags of both the state and country, and an opening prayer. WEEA County Chair, Patricia Graves, opened the session. Knellen Quinteros, District 11 Director of TEEA, was introduced as a guest.



Terry Boeker

Featured speaker, Terry Boeker, was introduced by Diane Ashorn. Her inspirational message showcased the hymn "Fill My Cup, Lord," reminding the attendees that our soul needs to be filled, "quenching the thirsting of our soul," and there is a time to empty our soul as well. Ms. Boeker, using a Tea Cup to make the inference, transitioned her program to filling the cup with fresh flowers. Members and guests seated at tables draped in spring pastel covers were asked to select a cup or mug and fresh cut flowers of diverse colors and greenery to artistically fill their cup to take as their memento.

Membership awards for JoAnn Buck (35 years) and Jeanette Schwartz (45 years) were acknowledged and gifts will be taken to them.



Hannah Krebs, was presented with a gift from the WEEA for her 5 years of diligent assistance and going the extra mile for the group. Her husband, Jared, was also a guest.

### Cultural Arts results:

First Place winners were: Alice Kyle - Paintings-Oil; Diane Ashorn - Digitally Produced Scrapbooks, Photography, any other medium, and Miscellaneous; Kathleen Flick - Traditional Scrapbooks; Betty Vierus - Fiber Arts; Carol Kolar - Needlework; Virginia Collier - Paintings -Water Color; Judith Finke - Holiday or Seasonal Decorations, Jewelry, Photography (black and white), Photography (color), and Recycled; Suzanne Kessler - Decorated Garments, Fabric Creations, and Machine Embroidery; Linda Scott - Afghans, Tablecloths, Bedspreads (knitted, crocheted or weave).

First Place Winners



Second Place Winners



Second Place winners were: Diane Ashorn - Fabric Creations, Fiber Arts, Photography (black and white), Photography (color) and Recycled Items; Virginia Collier - Afghans, Tablecloths, Bedspreads (knitted, crocheted or weave); Judith Finke - Needlework, Machine Embroidery, Traditional Scrapbooks & Miscellaneous Items; Patricia Graves - Holiday or Seasonal Decorations; Suzanne Kessler - Jewelry.

First and Second place winning entries were entered in District 11 Cultural Arts competition at the Spring Conference in Hallettsville on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Judges for Cultural Arts Yvonne Tomlinson, Debbie Wellmann, and Donnie Wilder were presented gifts of appreciation. A delicious meal prepared by Gary Goebel Catering was enjoyed.

District 11 Texas EEA Spring Conference was held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Hallettsville, Tuesday, April 11, 2023, with 57 persons attending. Floral geranium baskets tied in pink plaid bows centered the tables covered in lime green and circled with delicate pastel blocks set the springtime theme hosted by the Lavaca EEA.

District 11 Director, Knellen Quinteros, conducted the opening ceremony with all County EEAs participating. The guest speaker, Ravonne McCray with CarFit demonstrated the safety features of setting the seat belt, head restraint, steering wheel and mirrors correctly as well as guidelines for headlights, running lights, back lights and emergency flashers. She also gave tidbits for checking tires.

Information was given for the Texas State Extension Convention to be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Beaumont, Texas, on September 12-13 and county units were given information about the district party and their host responsibilities in serving as pages, operating the country store, and decorating tables for the banquet. They were also reminded to bring Raffle Baskets for the fundraiser.

In the Cultural Arts Division, WEEA members collected 11 blue ribbons, with these projects now entered into state competition. Winners were: Diane Ashorn, in Digitally Produced Scrapbooks and Photography (black and white); Virginia Collier, in Oil Painting; Judith Finke in Photography (color) and Jewelry; Suzanne Kessler in Machine Embroidery and Decorated Garment; Kathleen Flick in Traditional Scrapbook; Carol Kolar in Needlework; Alice Kyle in Water Color and Betty Vierus in Fiber Arts.



L-R: Judith Finke, Virginia Collier, Carol Kolar, Alice Kyle, Diane Ashorn, Edna Schroeder and Patricia Graves



## District 12

**Kleburg County**  
**By Dee Davis**

Margie Kalenec passed away in February. She was a longtime member of the Kleberg Kenedy Extension Association. Margie was active in our community and a great supporter of 4-H. She will be missed.



## In Memory

Bernice Green-Jones---District 5, Smith County, St. Louis EE Club,  
31 yr member  
Joy Early--- District 7, Brown County, McDaniel EE Club  
Margaret Boyd--- District 7, Brown County, McDaniel EE Club, Past *Messenger*  
Editor  
Carola Meister--- District 8, Williamson County, Noontime EE Club,  
16 yr member  
Kathy Schwegmann--- District 8, Williamson County, Heritage/New Horizons  
EE Club, 40 year member  
Jane Williamson--- District 8, Williamson County, Morning Glory EE Club,  
10 year member  
Janelle Zimmerhanel--- District 8, Williamson County, New Horizons EE Club,  
3 year member  
Betty Maggio---District 9, Jefferson County, Nederland EE Club  
Joanne Kusenberger--- District 10, Gillespie County, Pilot Knob EE Club  
Margie Kalenec--- District 12, Kleburg County, Kleberg Kenedy Extension  
Association



**D'Ann White**  
**Messenger Editor**

I'm so glad everyone is enjoying the *Messenger*! I apologize for some of the pictures having to be smaller than normal in this edition. There has just been an overwhelming number of submissions, and I was trying to include as much as possible.

I am very excited to announce that I have been asked to create a 100th anniversary special edition of the *Messenger*. I plan to publish this issue in 2026. So, I need help from you. One way is to begin interviewing some of the oldest members about their early years in TEEA. I also need pictures, articles, recipes, etc. from each decade for the last 100 years... maybe some Then & Now updates of the oldest clubs. When submitting information, please tag it as 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition.

Thank you for those that have sent recipes, quotes, etc for me to use as "fillers" in the *Messenger*. If I haven't yet included yours, I have it saved for a future edition!

Remember, to please help us be good stewards of our finances. In this time of inflation, printing costs, like everything else, is on the rise. If you are able to receive the *Messenger* via email instead of a print copy, please let me know so that I can add you to the Email Only list. Thanks!

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