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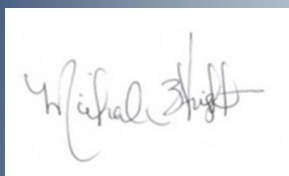
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Annual Extension Education Awards Ceremony

On Sunday, August 21st, EEA (Texas Extension Education Association) will have the privilege of recognizing several of its outstanding members at the Annual Awards Ceremony. The event will be held once again in conjunction with the Progressive Dinner and will be hosted by the Sealy Moonlighters County EEA Club. The event will be held at St. John Lutheran Church - Cat Spring. The event will start at 4:00 p.m. with the installation of officers and awards ceremony. This year, the following members will be recognized:

Joined	Last Name	First Name	2022
1972	Kieke	Evelyn	50 years
1992	Balke	Carolyn	30 years
1992	Slator	Cindy	30 years
2002	McCarthy	Lora	20 years
2002	O'Brian	Pamela	20 years
2012	Farr	Gaye	10 years
2012	Marx	Kay	10 years
2012	Meyer	Mable	10 years
2012	Rudloff	Waldine	10 years
2017	Allee	Pat	5 years
2017	Schovajsa	Danita	5 years
2021	Jacobs	Rita	1 year



2021 - 2022 Club Highlights

Club Presidents, please send Knellen Quinteros a review of all activities/highlights conducted by your club for the 2021-2022 Club year. We want to make sure that your efforts in the community are recognized in an excellent manner. This information is needed for upcoming interpretation events and program promotion. Please submit the information to Knellen by the September council meeting.

EEA Council Meeting

The next EEA County Council Meeting will be on Thursday, September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Each club member is welcome to attend, and each club is entitled to cast 3 votes on any issues requiring a vote or election. See you there! Mark your calendars.

Fair Review

Mark your calendars! The 2022 Fair Review meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 27th at 10:30am at the Extension Office. Your input would be greatly appreciated. While at the 2022 Austin County Fair, please be observant and prepared to share items or changes that can be potentially initiated in 2023 to make our efforts even better.



EEA State Programs

- September 22nd at 1:00 p.m. - Safety and Personal Protection / Party with Pizzazz, Extension Office
- October 27th at 1:00 p.m. - Healthy Aging and Remembering It, Extension Office

Please join us and be prepared to increase your knowledge!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner! This is not a mandatory community service project but we wanted to leave participation in the program up to each individual club. As most of you know, Operation Christmas Child has delivered shoe boxes in the past. Now, the group is collecting monetary donations to assist boys and girls who are suffering because of war, natural disaster, poverty, illness or neglect. If you or your club would like to show support once again, please contact Gladys Frank. You may reach her at 979-885-2477. All funds must be turned in by November 1st to Gladys Frank. Donations can also be dropped off at the Extension Office.



Vacuum Seal Program



During the month of June, Austin County EEA members hosted a countywide educational program to learn more about the importance of vacuum sealing food. Doris Glenewinkel, Bleiberville EEA member, demonstrated and instructed participants on a variety of techniques and brands. Most importantly, she discussed how this age old concept can save a family lots of money and time. Her demonstration also gave depth to the types of food that could be preserved through this unique process. Good job Doris!

Cookie Decorating Workshop

In June, EEA hosted another fun countywide educational program to teach participants the art of cookie decorating. Pam O'Brian of the West End EEA club did an excellent job demonstrating the secrets behind decorating cookies. Members gained practical advice through the simple tips and tricks shared at the training. By the end of the program, difficulty turned into ease!



Exploring the Wonders of Round Top



In May, Austin County EEA, took a fantastic trip to Round Top. While in Round Top members explored several of its historical landmarks which have been seen by people all over the world. Round Top is home to many things, from dance halls to magnificent German and Czech Victorian-Era Architecture.

Most importantly, the ladies took a tour of the Round Top Festival Institute and met with Mr. James Dick, founder and artistic director. The beauty they witnessed will forever be imprinted in the minds of all who were there.

CarFit

In March, EEA was excited to host a much-needed educational program for citizens over the age of 55. If you missed it, you will have another opportunity in 2023 (November 9th). CarFit is a program that provides a quick, yet comprehensive review of how well



you and your vehicle work together. The program, which was developed by AAA, AARP, and the American Occupational Therapy Association, also provided information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance your driving safety and increase mobility. After the presentation, all participants found out how well their cars fit them and made adjustments according to their needs after the 12-point checklist. Prior to the 12-point checklist, each participant was asked a series of questions by a trained CarFit Technician addressing their needs. Please keep your eye out for more information about this opportunity in 2023. We want as many as possible to participate!

Membership Forms

Members, if you have remaining forms to turn in, please submit your 2022-2023 Membership Forms to your club President or the Extension Office as soon as possible. We want to make sure that no one is forgotten and that all members are accounted for during the next EEA year. Only those members who submit a form will have their membership paid. Thanks for your assistance in advance and for making Austin County EEA what it is!

State Meeting Attendees

Several Extension Education members from Austin County will be representing EEA at the 2022 State TEEA meeting in Lubbock, Texas (September 13-14). Those attending as delegates are Knellen Quinteros, Pat Allee and Doris Glenewinkel. Alternate Delegate—Jessie Kokemor. Enjoy your time and we look forward to your report.

Strawberry Basil Lemonade

Needing a way to use up those herbs from your garden or a twist on a classic lemonade? Try out this Strawberry Basil Lemonade for a refreshing cool down this summer.

Ingredients

Strawberry Basil Puree

- 1/4 cup basil
- 1 cup strawberries
- 1/2 cups water

Lemonade

- 2 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 7 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup stevia sugar substitute

Makes 16 3/4 cups

Instructions

Strawberry Basil Puree

1. Wash the strawberries and basil until cold running water and basil until cold running water.
2. Remove green stem from the strawberries and slice in half. Remove the basil leaves from the stem.
3. Place the halved strawberries and basil leaves in a food processor and 1/2 cup of water. Blend until a smooth mixture.
5. Pour into a small bowl and store in the refrigerator for at least an hour up to 3 days.

Lemonade

1. Pour Basil Strawberry puree thru a mesh strainer over a bowl. Use a spoon to move the puree back and forth over the mesh strainer to drain the liquid.
2. Pour the strained Basil Strawberry puree into a 2 -quart pitcher.
3. Add lemon juice, 7 1/2 cups of water, and stevia and stir until mixed.
4. Place in the refrigerator to chill until serving or serve over ice. Enjoy!



Nutrition Facts

16 servings per container
Serving size 3/4 Cup (170g)

Amount per serving
Calories **20**

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 0g 0%

Saturated Fat 0g 0%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 0mg 0%

Sodium 10mg 0%

Total Carbohydrate 8g 3%

Dietary Fiber 1g 4%

Total Sugars 3g

Includes 2g Added Sugars 4%

Protein 0g

Vitamin D 0mcg 0%

Calcium 10mg 0%

Iron 0mg 0%

Potassium 57mg 2%

*The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

Exhibitor Numbers

Bleiberville
1 - 25

North Austin County
26 - 45

Sealy Moonlighters
46 - 65

Wallis
66 - 80

West End
81-105

Austin County Fair Information

Building setup is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 5th. *Cleaning of displays* will begin at **9:30 am on Oct. 5th.**

An orientation for ACF workers is scheduled for **Mon., Oct. 10 at 3:00 pm** for all new workers at the fairgrounds. This will give an opportunity to review the process, answer any questions, and put out all last minute fires.

Exhibits will be accepted from **4:00 - 6:45 pm on Mon. the 10th.** Exhibits will also be accepted on **Tue. the 11th from 9:00 am - 11:45 am.** Lunch will be provided at Noon. Judging of exhibit items begins at 1:00 pm.

The Country Fair Auction will be held on **Sat., Oct., 15th at 1:00 pm.** If you have a Grand Champion baked item for the Auction, please have it at the Fairgrounds on Sat. by 9:00 am.

Prize money can be picked up in the General Exhibit Building on Sun., Oct. 16th from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Photos for Extension Education Grand, Reserve & High Point winners will be taken on Sun., Oct. 16th beginning at 12:30 pm.

Check out time and release of items in the General Exhibit Building will be from **11:00 pm - 2:00 pm on Sun., Oct. 16th.**

Building teardown is scheduled for **Wed., Oct. 19th at 8:30 am.**

2022 Department Chairmen for Austin County Fair

Division	Club
Category A - Clothing Division	West End (JoAnn Reichle & Lois Schubert)
Category B - Fiber Arts	Sealy Moonlighters (Karen Landrum, Rita Jacobs, & De- lores Craig)
Category C - Handicraft Division	Bleiberville (Doris Glenewinkel, Judy Schulz, & Danita Schovajsa)
Category E - Baked Goods Division - Yeast Breads, Decorated Baked Foods, Candy, Quick Breads	Wallis (Gloria Havemann, Barney Zimmerman, & Pat Allee)
Category F - Pies, Cakes, and Cookies	Bleiberville (Geraldine Siptak, Annette Balke, & Knellen Quinteros)
Category G - Canned Foods - Preserves & Jams, Jellies & Fruit Butters	Sealy Moonlighters (Gladys Frank, Maria Dorrell, & Barba- ra Vohs)
Category H - Canned Foods-Fruits, Vegetables, Pickles and Relishes.	North Austin County (Jessie Kokemor, Gaye Farr, & Sandy Pillion)
Category J - Photography Division	West End (Pam O'Brian & Betty Thiel)