

Leon County Home and Garden Fair on July 4

By Sherry Matney

Have you ever dreamed of winning a blue ribbon for the wonderful coconut pie you bake for your family on special occasions? Ever taken the cutest picture but there is no one to appreciate your talents? Here is your chance for well deserved recognition.

On Saturday, July 4th, in Centerville the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service will sponsor a Leon County Home and Garden Fair. The Fair is open to all residents of Leon County and those who go to school in Leon County. All exhibits must be the work of the contestant. There is a fee of \$1.00 per item per adult and \$.50 per item per youth.

Judging categories are: Pee Wee Division – ages 4-7; Junior Division ages 8 – 12; Senior Division ages 13 – 18; Adult Division – ages 19 and up; Exceptional Citizens – Classes will be created in all divisions as needed.

Divisions to be judged are: Division I – Sewing; this includes Casual, dressy, costumes, home décor, purses & accessories and miscellaneous (aprons, pillows, doll clothes, etc.) Fabric and pattern information must be attached to each item.

Division II – Photography: includes animals, people, plant/flora, still life, natural landscapes, flowers/landscapes, architectural elements, special/creative effects, patriotic, and humor. Contestants may enter as many categories as they wish, however, they may submit only one photo per category.

Division III – Art: includes drawings in charcoal, pen & ink, pencil; paintings in oils and acrylics; paintings

in pastels and watercolors; Elementary Art – age 4-12; and folk art. A contestant may have only one entry per class. All entries should be completed in the past year and not previously shown in this fair. Drawings and paintings must be prepared for hanging.

Division IV – Baked goods: includes yeast breads; quick breads; cookies; brownies & bar cookies; iced cakes; cakes not iced or glazed; decorated cakes; candies; creative baked goods from mixes; pies; miscellaneous and desserts made from honey. All entries must be made from scratch, except Class 9. A copy of the recipe must accompany the entry and no item requiring refrigeration will be accepted.

Division V – Food preservation: includes fruits; tomatoes; vegetables; jellies; preserves, jams and butters; sweet-type pickles; sour and dill pickles; other pickles (peach, beets, okra etc.) sauces and relishes; miscellaneous (dehydrated items, honey, soup etc.)

Division VI – Needlework and crafts: includes crochet and knitted bedspreads and afghans; crochet and knitted items; quilted items; decorated clothing; pillows; needlework; holiday accessories; wreaths and arranged flowers; toys; woodworking; ceramics; miscellaneous; scrapbooks. Two Best of Division winners will be chosen – one for needlework and one for crafts.

Division VII – Quilts: includes appliqué; piecwork; pictorial; wall hanging; mixed media; hand quilted; machine quilted. Quilts of any size will be judged for the Leon County Home and Garden

Fair. Quilts from kits, machine stitched or handmade will be accepted.

Division VIII – Horticulture: includes hanging basket foliage; hanging basket in bloom; potted foliage plants; potted plants in bloom; potted herbs. Plants must have been owned and raised by exhibitor for at least six weeks or longer before entry show date.

Division IX – Fruits and Vegetables: includes beans, beets, carrots, corn, cucumber (pickling), cucumber (slicing), eggplant, okra, onion, peas, peppers, potatoes, radishes, squash, tomato (cluster), tomato (slicing), turnips, leafy vegetables, others; and mixed vegetable basket. Berries; melons; pitted fruits; other fruit; mixed fruit basket. Fruits and vegetables must be insect-free and have been grown by exhibitor for at least six weeks or longer before entry.

Division X – Recycled: There is only one class in this division. Items in the recycled division must be made from recycled materials.

All entries except baked goods and horticulture must be brought to the Fellowship Hall of the Centerville First United Methodist Church Thursday, July 2, 2009, between 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Baked goods and horticulture entries are to be brought between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 3. All items will be judged beginning 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 3, 2009.

So find something you love to do and take it to the Fair. For questions and more specifics contact Wendy Neyland at 903-536-2531.

School Board

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Forms are set to begin pouring a new parking lot at the junior high building, an improvement that came out of the Board's recent goal-setting meeting. Van 'Go' photo

Monday's meeting they reported on some of the more noteworthy sessions offered in San Antonio and Fort Worth, including instruction technology, board communications with the community, and school security measures.

The Board again considered the proposed dress code policies for each campus. They questioned some changes submitted by the site-base committee at the high school, and asked Principal Don Elsom to tweak the policy and bring a final revision to the next meeting for approval. (One change that parents need to note, before shopping for school clothes:

torn or ripped pants will no longer be allowed.)

The Board reviewed Update 85 regarding local policies addressing: (1) cyber bullying and appropriate on-line behavior; (2) student records; (3) child abuse investigations.

After clarification by business manager Jeannine Myers, the Board approved an amendment to the designated fund balance.

The Board voted to renew their current Workers Comp plan with Hibbs-Hallmark. They also renewed their contract with Ample Computer Service for 2009-10, accepting a small price increase.

A request by Band Director Todd Baker was approved, and he was authorized to take students to a band camp in Weatherford, Oklahoma July 12-17.

An executive session was held at the end of the evening to discuss personnel matters. Returning to open session at 10:15, the Board voted to employ two new teachers, Grace Curry and Megan McCallum, on a probationary contract. They also approved the Employee Compensation Plan for 2009-2010.

In routine housekeeping matters, the board approved the consent agenda items and heard superintendent reports on enrollment and facilities.

NRG and Reliant Energy employees volunteer on Global Giving Day

HOUSTON June 18, 2009—Employees from NRG Texas and Reliant Energy are picking up paint brushes, hammers, wetland plants and sacks of food to support neighborhoods in Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Austin as well as Fort Bend, Limestone, Freestone and Leon counties for volunteer activities to mark the inaugural NRG Companywide Global Giving Community Day.

"We are excited to have Reliant Energy join NRG Texas to help our neighbors on Global Giving Community Day," said Kevin Howell,

President of NRG's operations in Texas.

Global Giving Community Day was inaugurated at the NRG headquarters in 2008 and followed later that year by NRG Texas.

In Texas, with Reliant Energy now part of the NRG family, the Company has the opportunity to expand this day of giving with approximately 400 employees working on more than a dozen outreach projects throughout the state.

"Support for the communities in which we live and work has long been a core value of Reliant Energy and NRG," said Reliant Energy

President Jason Few.

This year's Global Giving Community Day opportunities in Texas include:

Freestone County – Employees will renovate the local food bank, the Lord's Storehouse, and clean up and landscape a local cemetery.

Limestone County Habitat for Humanity – Employees will work on a house being built in partnership with a local family in need.

Leon County – Employees will renovate a safe harbor house for survivors of domestic violence and their children and also landscape the home of a local elderly woman.

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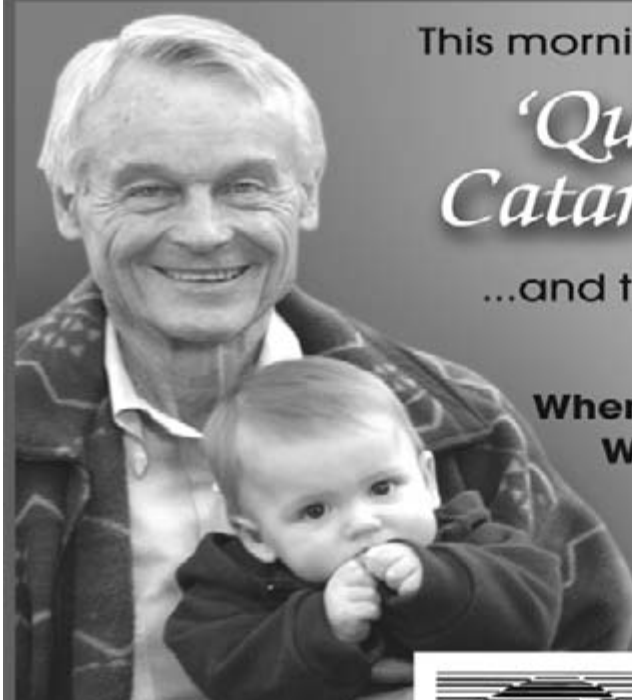
Frances A. Tyler

Graveside services for Frances A. Tyler, 94, will be held on Friday, June 26,

2009, at 1:00p.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston. Mrs. Tyler passed away on Monday, June 15, 2009, in Manassas, Virginia.


She was born to John Clark and Elfreda Sallee Sinclair in North Litchfield, Illinois on August 20, 1914. She lived in Houston for many years and owned her own sewing business where she sold yarn and taught knitting and crocheting. Mrs. Tyler was also a beauty shop owner for many years and operated a doll hospital. She moved to Teague in the mid-1980's and continued to work from her home as well as enjoyed traveling and camping with

her husband. Mrs. Tyler was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Teague and the Teague Senior Citizens Center until her health failed. She had lived in Virginia to be near her son for the past six years. She is survived by one son, David Tyler of Fairfax, Virginia; four cousins, Aline Jones & husband Walter of Houston, Susan Helmcamp & husband Gary of Buffalo, Scott Mouton & wife Millie of Buffalo, and Roy Mouton of Houston. Mrs. Tyler was preceded in death by her husband, Reed Tyler.



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