

# TASCOE

## Tales

2021

### From the President's Desk...

#### IMPORTANT DATES

January 15, 2022

- DSA Nominations
- NASCOE Awards & Scholarship Applications

February 15, 2022

- TASCOE Scholarship Applications

May 2022

- TASCOE Door Prizes Solicitation

June 29, 2022

- Executive Committee Nominations

July 1, 2022

- NASCOE Memorial Presentation Due

July 27, 2022

- TASCOE Convention in San Marcos!

#### CONGRATS! WE DID IT!!!

With your help, we did do it! We hosted our first hybrid annual TASCOE convention in Amarillo back in July. We helped bring our convention to others virtually. We had around 25 or so who attended in-person, we had special guests, great NASCOE speakers, and to top it off, we had 30-40 or so attend virtually and State Office attended virtually, as well. Remember because of your vision and insight we were able to achieve this feat. You believed in us and we DID IT!!!

We had folks attend from all over the state from the comforts of their home or office. Most were able to receive gift cards as a door prizes, which added a new element to our convention. Thank you, Dawn Hoffman, for helping make that happen.

I also know when I got home, I had the returned sense of warmth in my heart and pride in my smile from seeing our fellow members in-person or on the screen. It truly help remind me what TASCOE is and who we represent in this great state of ours.

Here lately, I know that is what some of us are missing the most...spending time together. We haven't had a chance to do in-person trainings or district gatherings. I know most of us have other worries in front of us with COVID-19 always lurking around and new policies getting implemented daily and those things seems to be make it harder and harder to see one another. And I am sorry for that.

However, please remember we are in this together. Your safety is one of our top priorities. I have learned as executive officer that sometimes you all don't see all the messages we get or concerns coming our way. We do our best to keep those between us and the member, and we know sometimes you don't see all the emails or messages being sent back and forth to STO or to our area officers or NASCOE, but that is our job. We try to keep taking care of things behind the scene and keep taking care of members...each and everyday.

Please know I am not trying to solicit praise or

criticism. I am trying to remind you all that we are all doing are best, just as you are doing at home or in your office during these uncertain times. You all are truly are doing the best with what you have! That needs to be celebrated. We know we won't make each of you happy somedays, but please know our hearts beat for TASCOE and NASCOE.



**CHRISTA KRAATZ**

Speaking of NASCOE, we wore our TEXAS hearts on our sleeves during the 2021 National Convention in Fort Wayne. We marched proudly and took the stage to help secure our bid for the 2023 National Convention. Our team handed out Texas flags, candy and bluebonnet seed packages, so folks wouldn't forget who they were going to see in 2023. Kristal Jackson helped write a song that we sang along with to the tune of "Deep in the heart of Texas." Our out-of-state brethren helped keep us clapping and singing the whole way through. Our true red, white and blue came out that day and the stars of Texas shone bright in all our eyes. We truly did BRAND NASCOE and we can't wait to show them all the great things in our great Lone Star state.

Thank you again for electing me as your TASCOE President. I will keep striving to do more, learn more and help more. Please makes sure to reach out, speak out and make your voice heard. If you need a chat, please message/text/email me...I am here for you. Thanks so much for caring in our state and in TASCOE and NASCOE! We do appreciate each one of you and all that do you for us, our members, your offices and for your producers around this great state. I know I have said this a lot but I truly do care about each and everyone of you! Bless you, bless your family & friends, and bless the great state of TEXAS!!!!

# OUTGOING-VP REPORT ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

***Community: a unified body of individuals with common interests; or as I like to say c-o-m-m-u-n-i-t-y is just UNITY.***

Once upon a time, at a TASCOE convention many years ago, my husband and I had driven offsite for something, maybe to pick up supplies, or go spend money, I cannot remember. But during our walk through the hotel, and later driving out through the parking lot, I was watching him watching people. He commented something that has rung true in my heart all these years: *you are my people*. I asked what he meant by that, and he explained that he could tell we were all part of a group. He said he was listening to people talk and hug in hallways, the lobby, the way we dressed, and the way we carried ourselves. Like a family, like one giant unit. What a great observation! So, every convention or in-person training where we get to see each other, I also people watch. He was right, we belong to each other, and I love that. You are my community!

As an Association, our greatest resource is the people. We cannot afford to lose our employees or members because of burn-out, apathy, or feeling under-valued. Each of you is a human being with valuable skills and knowledge. Maybe you are terrible at reconstitutions but are a real genius with entities and actively engaged issues. Find your strengths and build on up from there. At your weakest points, you must ask for help. Relief could be right around the corner with an office-co-worker or other FSA friend. Thank goodness for TEAMS- an easy way to share a screen and get a problem solved. I learned the worst of times for me in the office is when I did not ask for help. Now, you might be thinking you don't want to add to anyone's plate, for surely your neighbor's is as heavy as yours is - ask anyway. In my district, we help each other by spreading the heaviest workload around. Programs today aren't like they were back in the old days, and by old days, I mean 2010. Anybody anywhere can process ARCPLC or LFP or 578s for you. Helping each other to reach a common goal is just being neighborly. If you cannot count on your next door one-county-over neighbor, then something is wrong. Extend that

hand, the olive branch, the white flag, whatever, and start sharing the burdens so they get lighter and lighter.

As a TASCOE member, I hope you feel the sense of community: belonging to one body that shares a common goal or interest. Our TASCOE Constitution says such in Section 2, that *the objectives of this association shall be:*



**JENNIFER GARCIA**

***1. To strive to maintain and improve the confidence, esteem, and respect of the public for the FSA County Employees and for the Farm Service Agency Committees.*** I believe I have done so by following the fine example of the leadership who have gone before us. Back in my day (as grandmothers like to say) I was taught to listen and observe, then emulate the leaders I wanted to be like. I picked up some good habits and practices, and maybe one or two not real good habits (Rusty! Herb!) by listening. I admired the calm speaking manner of Daniel Lange, and I was very motivated to be more active for my state when I listened to a man from Oklahoma talk about how good Texas was. How impressive- and to this day, we Texans are still at the top of the list when discussed at Area and National levels. I was inspired to speak up by Jenney Norris, who cleared up for me several misconceptions I believed about the Association- misplaced thoughts on who belonged, who was allowed to run for office, and who could attend one of your famous conventions. I have served TASCOE as a member, elected director, SWA Chair, then elected a state officer- in all those roles, my obligation is still to make sure I honor the Farm Service Agency and our Committees. My local COCs in both the headquarters and sub-office know what TASCOE is, and they support us. Does your COC know what your Association is about? Do they know we work together to advance and promote the Agriculture industry, and Texas farmers?

# OUTGOING-VP REPORT

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**2. To promote the welfare of Texas Farmers and Texas Agriculture.** Because when they succeed, we win, too. Again, it's all about our community.

**3. To cooperate with the Texas State FSA Committee, the State Executive Director, and his staff to improve the FSA in Texas.** We are privileged to enjoy the great relationship and open lines of communication TASCOE has with the Texas STO. Even better, as administrations and executive officers change with the passage of time, our reputation is such that there is no question of continuance, it just keeps flowing. We might have a hiccup here and there, but those are smoothed out in no time and business keeps rolling.

**4. To be considered as and be placed on an equal basis with privileges of other Federal employees.**

This is a continuous effort on the part of NASCOE, most recently seen on the paid parental leave when FSA CO personnel were deliberately excluded. The exclusion happened because we are hired and supervised by a County Committee system established under Section 590h(b) of Title 16. While we enjoy most of the same benefits and pay scale as our GS counterparts, this missing element is still being fought for by NASCOE.

**5. To promote the professional improvement of its membership.**

NASCOE has sponsored leadership development conferences, and TASCOE is also proactive in promoting the abilities of our members. Many of our members start as PTs or CEDs then transition to DDs, STO Chiefs or Specialists, SEDs, or end up in WDC! I believe TASCOE membership and leadership roles gave them solid footing to pursue the avenues they needed to advance themselves. What an honor- watching our seeds sprout and bloom. The

sense of community is strongest here, because while each of those persons climbed the ladder, they made sure to hold their hand out to help lift the person following *them*. The years will fly by, best believe it. As a lifer here, it is my duty to mentor and assist our employees, the young and old. I had some very good teachers inside ASCS and FSA, and I hope their contributions live on. One day in the future, there could be one person who remembers something I said or did. Mathew 25:21 says "Well done, my good and faithful servant" and when I am able to retire, I would like to be able to walk away from TASCOE knowing I tried my absolute best to live up to the standards of the members who walked up that ladder in front of me.

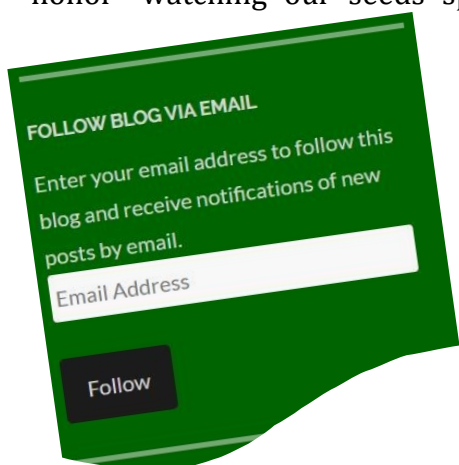
Maybe we don't wear matching uniforms, and heck some of us have more hair coming out of our ears than the tops of our heads, but we all still "look alike". Beady eyed from squinting at a computer, gnarled fingers from filing in old cabinets, and a hunched back from sitting at your desk..... you get the idea. But I am kidding you. That's not the mental picture I want to leave you with. I want your impression of the Texas FSA employee to resemble someone headstrong, firm in conviction, soft when needed, and knowledgeable enough to make sure you and your employees succeed. When your office succeeds, it carries over to your customer base. The enthusiasm and success are contagious and cannot be contained. That is my desire for each of you- to succeed in our FSA community.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve you.

**Jennifer Garcia**  
**Vice-President**

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and click Follow!





# SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

This past summer, I had what I felt were the same two conversations numerous times with other members. The first conversation was serving TASCOE/NASCOE, or they were thinking about serving our great association(s). The second conversation I had with other members was how the wheels and gears worked with TASCOE and NASCOE.

When it came to conversations about serving, the number one concern was having the time to serve at a higher level. This weekend I was reminded of one of my favorite movies citing Ecclesiastes. In the original Footloose, Ren was fighting for the opportunity to dance when he said “**Ecclesiastes** assures us... that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to laugh... and a time to weep. A time to mourn... and there is a time to dance. And there was a time for this law, but not anymore.”

Right now, you are probably wondering how using biblical verses fighting a law would apply to TASCOE/NASCOE. Well, it is not a law that you are necessarily trying to change, but your way of thinking. The first thought of how to serve is becoming an officer for many people, but there are many other rolls that you can fulfill until you are in the right place in time in your life.

How can you get involved?

- ✓ TASCOE Director
- ✓ District Reporter
- ✓ TASCOE Committee Chair
- ✓ TASCOE Committee Member
- ✓ District Elections Coordinator (DEC)
- ✓ Committee Member for District Elections
- ✓ NASCOE Convention Committee Chair
- ✓ Volunteer to work NASCOE Convention
- ✓ Offer your name to TASCOE/NASCOE for Task Forces
- ✓ Recruit a new member
- ✓ Solicit a donation for Scholarships/Convention/etc.
- ✓ Submit a program/negotiation item
- ✓ Reach out to your TASCOE leadership with concerns



Leadership has all kinds of faces. Just because you do not have the time to run for President does not mean there is not a role for you. Some take a matter of a few hours, where others might take a little time all year. If you have interest in getting involved, please reach out to myself or anyone else in TASCOE leadership.



**JULIE GOETZMAN**

There are two ways to be at the dinner table. 1) you are being served as the dinner 2) you are leading everyone at the table.

It was not until I got involved with TASCOE that I truly learned the inner workings of the association. I remember sitting at my desk as a member wondering “why doesn’t TASCOE get more involved in this...”. The truth is, they were already involved. NASCOE and TASCOE honestly work like a tree. The roots and trunk of the tree is NASCOE and then all the limbs are your area associations within NASCOE. Next, you have the branches that represent all of the state associations. Finally, you have the leaves that represent the members. No one part of that tree can survive without all of the other parts. They are very co-dependent of each other.

TASCOE needs its members to be vocal. That way we can take your ideas and concerns up to the Texas State Office, NASCOE Leadership, or get the topic submitted as a negotiation/programs item. NASCOE reaches out to state leadership, because it knows we have our boots on the ground working. The unique part of NASCOE, is it can take the collective membership and represent all of FSA County Office Employees.

I want to hear from you, so I can serve you better!

*Julie Goetzman*

**Julie Goetzman**  
TASCOE Secretary/Treasurer

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT



**H**ello, TASCOE family! It's been another crazy year... who would've ever thought 2021 would give 2020 a run for its money?! While COVID continues to overshadow just about every aspect of our work lives, I am so thankful that we got to have an in-person NASCOE convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana this year. It was wonderful to meet up with old friends to "cuss and discuss" all of the issues currently faced by FSA employees. As always, I came home with a rejuvenated passion for NASCOE and all the positive work done by the Association on behalf of COF employees.

NASCOE Legislative Consultant Hunter Moorhead addressed convention attendees during a general session and then also spoke with smaller groups during breakout sessions. Many members were curious about the timeline for appointing SED's and State Committees. According to Hunter, this process is being held up until the Senate confirms Biden's nominee for Undersecretary for

FPAC, Robert Bonnie. While we expect him to be confirmed in the very near future, planned recesses could delay the final vote. Once Bonnie is confirmed, it is anticipated that SED's and STC's will be in place very soon afterward.

Another hot topic was, of course, COVID and the new announcement from the White House that federal employees would either have to be vaccinated or be subject to regular testing. As you all know, the logistics of this order are still in the works and little is known about exactly how it will play out at the COF level. Hunter reiterated that this is an order directly from the President and NASCOE can do very little to change the rules but rather is focused on working with management on implementation.

The NASCOE PAC was also featured at convention, and many attendees signed up to begin or increase contributions. The biweekly total contribution has significantly decreased over the past several months due to

retirements and lack of in-person meetings, but it is more important than ever to keep numbers up to promote relationships with key members of Congress that support NASCOE priorities. I encourage any of you that are not currently contributing to consider putting just \$3 per paycheck toward this worthy cause.

I would also like to congratulate our PAC drawing winners: Meagan Hudson, April Cowling, and Kallie Lovelace! Thank you to all who became eligible for the drawing by starting or increasing your PAC contribution. Your PAC dollars are a valuable tool for NASCOE!

Now that convention season is over, I feel like I won't see my TASCOE/NASCOE family until next summer rolls around. Until then, feel free to call, email, or start a TEAMS chat. It's not quite the same, but it's the best we've got for now.

Until next time,

**Kristal Jackson**  
TASCOE Legislative Chair

## DOOR PRIZES REPORT

**I** just wanted to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who brought items or gave money for door prizes for the convention! We had a great variety of items for all participants. I am so appreciative of all who helped to make sure there were plenty prizes available!!

**Dawn Hoffmann**  
Door Prize Chair

*thank you!* 

# 2022 TASCOE CONVENTION



## Things To Do in San Marcos:

San Marcos offers a wide variety of shopping, fun, and food!

### San Marcos Premium and Tanger outlet malls

Over 1.2 million feet of shopping bliss!

### San Marcos River

Paddling, kayaking and tubing activities available.

### Breweries!

<https://www.visitsanmarcos.com/restaurants/breweries/>

### Glass Bottom Boat Tour

<https://www.visitsanmarcos.com/things-to-do/attractions/glass-bottom-boats/>

### Skydiving

<https://sanmarcos.skydivespaceland.com/>

And so much more! Visit

<https://www.visitsanmarcos.com/> for more info.

## Things To Do in Gruene:

Take a quick 24 mile drive down the road to visit historic Gruene, TX!

### Gruene Hall

Have a brew or two at the Oldest Dancehall in Texas!

### The Gristmill

Your Publicity Chair recommends the Bloody Mary and a Cheeseburger (trust me!)

### The Grapevine

Features one of the largest selections of Texas wine, and an outdoor "garden" of oak trees to sip under.

### Gruen General Store.

Selected as one of the 40 best places to visit in Texas: soda fountain, homemade fudge, Texas foods, unusual gifts, books, cards, antiques, signs and tins, all in a nostalgic setting!

To see a full list of shops and fun visit

<https://gruenetexas.com/index.php>



# NASCOE ... Branded by the Lone Star State!

Hey TASCOE! If you have not **HERD** at this time, TASCOE won the convention bid for the 2023 NASCOE Convention.

Members of the convention planning committee will be meeting with NASCOE board members to visit College Station as the potential host city the first of September. In the meantime, the NASCOE Convention Chairs are working towards creating both committees and committee leadership for the 2023 NASCOE Convention. TASCOE is going to need all hands-on deck to show our fellow NASCOE members some Texas hospitality. There are several ways you can help. One would be serving on a committee or serving as the committee chair. If you are interested, please contact your local TASCOE district director, the named committee chair or reach out to one of the convention co-chairs. We still have several spots to be filled as you can see from the list below. Don't think you have time to serve on a committee? Hosting a national convention is not cheap! Find ways to help us raise some funds! Ask your local businesses, especially the ag community. TASCOE can provide you a letter to help. Finally, we are going to need members and our retired members AT convention. There are a ton of jobs the week of convention and we are going to need you! Pencil in August 2023 to attend (maybe your first) NASCOE convention that's going to be Branded by the Lone Star State!

Be on the look out for more information coming to you from your director, TASCOE Facebook page, email or TASCOE Tales!

Until Next Time!


LaCresha Dale & Julie Goetzman

**2023 NASCOE Convention Co-Chairs**





## 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE SIGNUP!



Committee	Chair	Committee Members
Setup/Breakdown Committee		Shawn Ferguson Lacey D Wilson
Fundraising/Finance Committee	Carla Spencer	
Hospitality Committee	Darrin Watkins?	Amy Lindsey
Registration Committee	Kristal Jackson	Jerrell Diaz
Information & Tour Committee	Jeannine P Wendel	
Decoration Committee	Dawna Hines	Michelle Strain Sharon Curtis
Entertainment Committee	Christa Kraatz	
Auction Committee		John Tyson, Judy Muller, Sharon Curtis
Transportation Committee		Shawn Ferguson Veronica Crum
Door Prize Committee	Dawn Hoffmann	Cheryl Donnelly
Youth Activities Committee	Jenna Leihardt	Ellie Stringer?
Golf Tournament Committee	Adam Acker	
State Signs Committee		
Welcome Bags Committee		Cheryl Donnelly, Marcy Logan, John Tyson
Publicity & PR Committee		
Hotel Room Coordinator		
Vendor-Sponsorship Relations		

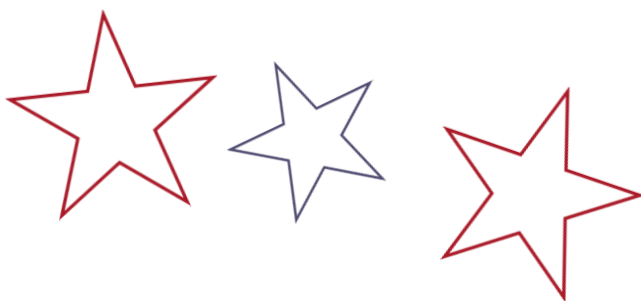
*Please Contact LaCresha or Julie to Sign Up!*

# DISTRICT NEWS!

## HOPKINS-DELTA/WOOD-RAINS COUNTIES



Cash Dale, son of Whit and LaCresha Dale (CED in Hopkins-Delta/Wood-Rains), baseball team the Emory Outlaws made it to the state tournament in Temple!



## HOUSTON-LEON-MADISON COUNTY

1<sup>st</sup> Day of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade for Layla & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade for Julie!

Layla is very excited but nervous about Junior High and getting to play Volleyball! When she grows up she wants to either be a Game Warden or work for the FSA just like her Momma!

Julie is loving being back in school with her friends and being able to see all the teachers she loves! When she grows up she wants to own a bakery/candy shop so she can make all the kids happy!





# CLAY-JACK COUNTY



Clay-Jack County PT, Shell Pickett, would like to introduce her future son-in-law, Conner Fletcher. Her daughter, Cassie Pickett and he were recently engaged during a private boating excursion where he totally surprised Cassie with the proposal and a beautiful ring. The couple plan to be married next June.



# FAYETTE/ LEE COUNTY



Levi Garlick, Fayette/Lee County CED, was awarded the Friend of 4-H award at the 2021 Fayette County 4-H banquet. Levi has helped the Fayette County 4-H club in many

# HALE COUNTY

Torrie Gilleland, PT in Hale County and grandson Sadler Rankin enjoyed a great fishing trip to Lake Fork at the first of July. They had a great adventure and caught some big fish in the process.





# FAYETTE/LEE COUNTY



Kylee Hoffmann, daughter of Fayette/Lee County PT, Dawn Hoffmann, was awarded the Outstanding Junior Award at the 2021 Fayette County 4-H banquet. Kylee shows market goats and rabbits, and participates in Ag Product ID, Photography, Fashion Storyboard, Livestock Judging and served as a County Council Delegate this past year.

# FANNIN COUNTY

Evan Bailey, son of Amy Lindsey (CED in Fannin County), graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety on July 30<sup>th</sup> from the 167<sup>th</sup> Trooper Training Class where he served as President of his class. It was the largest class that has ever graduated in the history of Texas law enforcement. He has now been stationed in Monahans, TX.



# BELL COUNTY

Milo Roy Hansen, Son of Ray and Lindsey Hansen (Bell County CED) was born May 13<sup>th</sup> weighing 9lbs 6oz and 20 inches long.





# TERRY COUNTY

**Kollins Cate  
Longoria Born  
July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Mom & Dad &  
Brothers  
(Kooper-3),  
(Konner-15  
months)  
welcome her!**

*Dad is the Terry  
County CED, Kyle  
Longoria.*

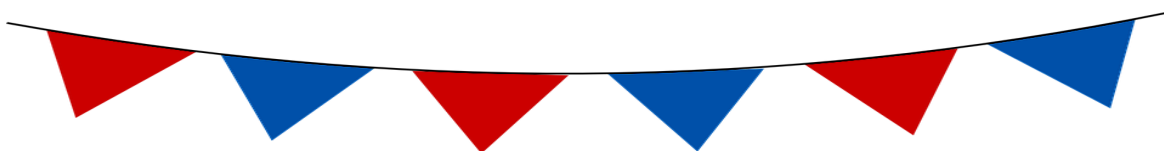


# HOCKLEY COUNTY



Nolan Cole made his arrival on August 17, 2021. Pictured above with his big sister, Willow.

Lori Pinkert (AKA: NENE), Hockley County PT, was elated to add a GRANDSON into her tribe of many precious granddaughters!





## BRAZORIA- GALVESTON COUNTY



Brazoria/Galveston County – PT Julie Stoddard's daughter, Brooke Stoddard, graduated cum laude in animal science from Texas A&M University in May and daughter, Ashley Stoddard, beginning her junior year as a Texas Tech Red Raider.

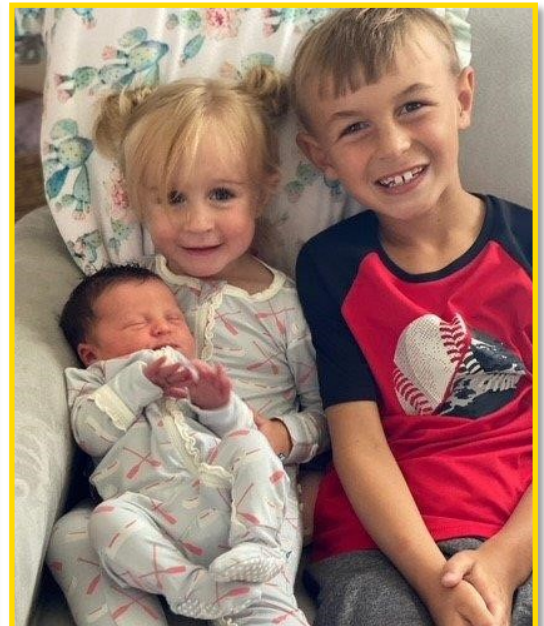
## HOPKINS- DELTA COUNTY



Karman Holland, PT in Hopkins-Delta County is retiring after 14 years of dedicated service to the producers! Congrats to Karman and best wishes from all!

## HALE COUNTY

TATUM JESS RANKIN was born to Leighton & Caitlyn Rankin (daughter & son-in-law of Torrie Gilleland, PT in Hale County) on July 25, 2021. She was 7lbs 12oz and 21 inches. Torrie, aka SASSY, is crazy about the new grand along with her big brother & sister, Sadler and Hadleigh.





# SCHLEICHER COUNTY

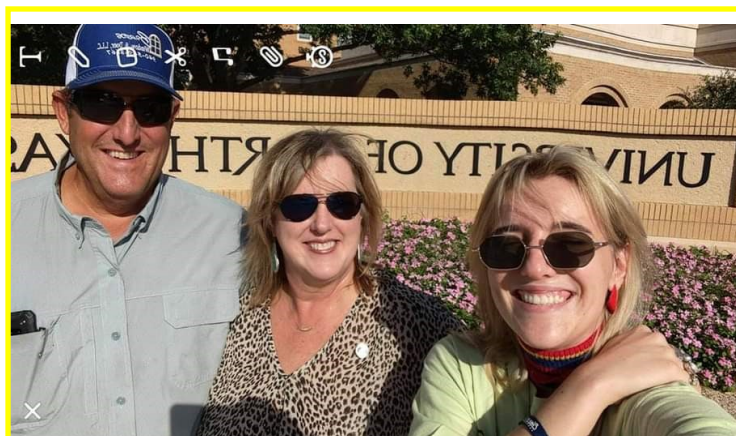


Pictures from Schleicher County. Late summer rains are making some good crops!  
Submitted by Jodie Watson, CED in Schleicher-Sutton-Val Verde County



# YOUNG/ THROCKMORTON COUNTIES

Young-Throckmorton CED Jeannine P Wendel and hubby Duane proudly snap a pic with their daughter Jillian, who is now a Sr. Art History major Sr. @ UNT! Go mean Green!





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**www.tascoe.org**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-association-of-FSA-County-Office-Employees/188526634494360>

**www.nafecfsa.com**

<https://www.facebook.com/fsacountycommittees/>



**www.nascoe.org**

<https://www.facebook.com/NASCOENews/>

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### AWARDS

Jodie Watson

### BENEFITS

Veronica Crum

### COAC

Levi Garlick

### DOOR PRIZES

Dawn Hoffmann

### FINANCE

Darrin Watkins

### LEGISLATIVE

Kristal Jackson

### MEMBERSHIP

Morgan Limmer

### PROGRAMS

Dawna Hines

### PUBLICITY/WEBMASTER

Marcy Logan

### SCHOLARSHIPS/EMBLEMS

Judy Muller & John Tyson

## DISTRICT TASCOE DIRECTORS

Do you have questions about TASCOE/NASCOE?

Do you have suggestions about how to make your day-to-day FSA job better?

Do you have concerns about your rights/responsibilities as an FSA Employee?

Reach out to these folks—they want to help you!

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