

# TASCOF

2023

Spring Edition



# IMPORTANT DATES

April 15, 2023

-TASCOE Scholarship Deadline

May 15, 2023

-NASCOE Candidacy Announcement Deadline

May 2023

- NASCOE Door Prizes Solicitation

June 30, 2023

- Executive Committee Nominations

July 1, 2023

-NASCOE Memorial Presentation Due

August 1, 2023

- NASCOE Convention in College Station!!

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.

Do you ever doubt yourself or worry about what others think?!?! I mean, who doesn't these days. Well, most of us might do this to ourselves each and every day. Please know my superpower is not me being a carefree or relaxed socialite as I would like others to think. However, most days I try to find a helpful quote like this one to help me move along... "If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore." And sometimes I am the "them" because I doubt myself and I have to stop listening to that part of my inner voice.

Sometimes, I realized, I need to say to us all that we DON'T need to doubt ourselves and we need to just move. Truly, if we are not making forward progress for others or ourselves then we need realize sometimes even a small movement...even the smallest step in whatever direction IS movement. YOU DID IT...you moved. WE MOVED! So, some days you helped someone beside yourself like that time you encouraged a co-worker, you finished another task together...you all collectively MOVED. To some it



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might look small in comparison...a centimeter...an inch, but to some it was all they needed to help get down the road!!! YOU DID THAT!

Remind yourself when you get down, like others remind me...you GAVE your best, you DID your best, and you MADE MOTION. I appreciate you and TASCOE SEES you! You helped, you served, and you added more to my day, our execs day, even though our board and you might not even know it! TASCOE needs you and little movements EACH and every day!

So, even with our endless program signups, deadlines and home/work life needs... I ask for one more thing. I need HELP! TASCOE needs your help. Help us do our best, make movement in the direction of hosting THE BEST national convention hosted in our GREAT state. Please donate your time, volunteer, and use your special skillset or please donate a little bit of your paycheck to our cause to help our 2023 National Convention in College Station. Please email Julie Goetzman or myself if you would like to help or if you would like to donate, here are our donation links; <a href="https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2023-nascoe-convention">https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2023-nascoe-convention</a>

& https://2023-nascoe-convention-sponsorship.cheddarup.com.

As a reminder, each of you are already part of the bigger story. Your compassion shows from one member to another because I witness the care with my own eyes, folks have showed me compassion, shared their passion with me and I am so GRATEFUL for that. It truly, is what helps me and the other execs to continue on with our leadership for you and all our members!

You keep being part of the story or narrative that is helping TASCOE and NASCOE spread the word about our associations, about convention, about the NASCOE app and places to get more resources or information. Please talk to your fellow coworkers - new, seasoned, regular members, associate members, and non-members. Tell them about us and please share with them what we do, day in and day out. Please continue to share what we do and why we do it.



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED...

Please tell them that our next event to learn more about us is at National NASCOE Convention in College Station, August 1-5<sup>th</sup>. **Make sure to download the NASCOE App** and get all your convention information, hotel link and registration form. Here is the website link - <a href="https://nascoe-website.glueup.com/">https://nascoe-website.glueup.com/</a> and links to the iPhone App Store - <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/">https://apps.apple.com/us/app/nascoe/id1668978859</a> and Droid/Google Store - <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/">https://play.google.com/store/apps/</a> details?id=com.glueup.wl.nascoe

So, share with others to come and help and let's represent our state and leave no room for doubt! We clearly always shout "there is no place like Texas." So, come and help us remind the nation "NASCOE, branded by the Lone Star State!"

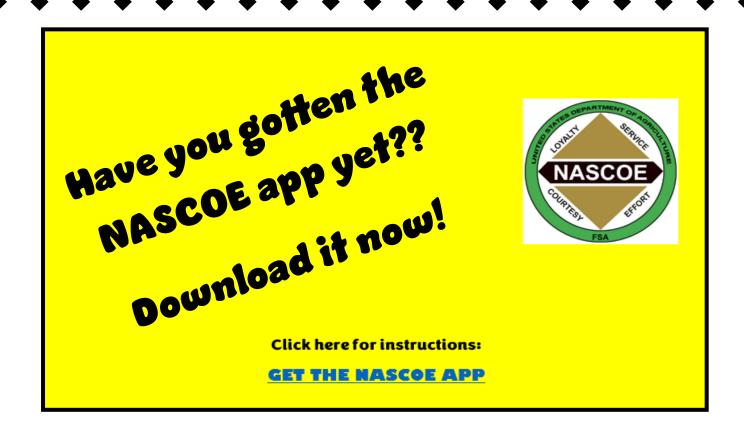
Come and learn more about us and what TASCOE has done for you and what NASCOE keeps doing for us all each and every day! Thank you again for being part of our FSA Family and TASCOE Team! I truly do care for each of you. If you need assistance or have concerns, please don't hesitate to email/call me.

Kind regards,

Christa Kraatz, TASCOE President

If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore.

Michele Ruiz



# Vice President Report

### owdy Y'all!

Who's ready to be Branded? Now that should definitely get your attention! I figure some of you might say, you would get branded like some of those wranglers on Yellowstone wearing that famous "Y" on their chests, but I am not sure I could handle being branded in that manner!

The "branding" I am talking about is the "Branded by the Lone Star State" which is our logo for the upcoming 2023 NASCOE Convention rounding up in College Station, Texas August 1-5, 2023. Are you ready to see your fellow co-workers and longtime friends, your FSA family and meet new faces plus hug those friends you have not see in years? I sure am ready to spread some Texas hospitality and show off our association and state, and learn what is up and coming for our jobs, etc. We don't get this opportunity every year, folks! TASCOE is proudly hosting this year and it is in our great state of Texas! Let's show up and show off a bit! Are you with me, partners?

Thinking about this "branding" business and all the work we have in store for this convention, had me do some digging on the word, "GRIT"! I am not talking about cheese grits, though I can't wait to eat my Mom's at Easter... I am talking about what it takes to get the job done. What is your driving force? Do you have some TRUE GRIT in assisting us to have a memorable, fun-filled, educational, and unforgettable event in August? If so, WE are looking for YOU!

So, saddle up your horses, don your spurs and let's kick up our heels to show our FSA family and guests that we cinched up and are ready to ride for the brand! Networking with our FSA family all over the nation is what makes our jobs and associations so unique. I wouldn't trade the lifelong connections that I have made through TASCOE and NASCOE in all my years in this outfit.

Hopefully I have peaked your interests to dust off your boots, circle the wagons and get on down to Aggieland in August! We won't be sleeping outside like a real branding (Thank goodness, 'cuz it is pretty warm that time of year!) but we will be eating some great food, listening to excellent speakers (& live music) and enjoying that comradery that is



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known best at these functions. We want YOU and your family there to experience this with the rest of us! If you have not done so yet, please check your personal emails to sign up for the new NASCOE app and see what is in store to register for our convention.

Thank you kindly for being TASCOE and NASCOE members. Come see what it is all about! You will never know what you are missing until you read about it after the fact! Please don't miss it this year! We all ride for the brand every day in our jobs, let's reward ourselves and attend our biggest event of the year. I'm countin' on seeing you guys and gals there!

Happy Trails for now....until we meet up in College Station,

Sincerely yours,

Jeannine P. Wendel
TASCOE Vice President



### SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Spring is definitely in the air around Texas, when the weather isn't mixing in some random snow! Our offices are feeling the Spring rush that's for sure with many different program deadlines going on. I pray each one of you is taking one day at a time with the many changes going on and that you know that WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us or a neighbor or a fellow TASCOE member one those days when you just need a kind and understanding ear to listen to you.

NASCOE convention is getting closer and I want to remind each of you that donations are a big part of the success of our convention. Not only monetary donations but donations of your time are very appreciated! It takes a village to ensure convention runs smoothly and we want to make sure that everyone at NASCOE Convention gets that Texas hospitality that we are so famous for! If you are interested in helping in any way please reach out one of us.

If you receive any sponsorships, please use the following Cheddar up link: https://2023-nascoe-convention-sponsorship.cheddarup.com

If you grabbed any cookbooks to sell, please take funds you have received and send via our "Donations" Cheddar Up link: https://2023-nascoe-convention.cheddarup.com

If you have questions about NASCOE Convention please reach out to us. Hope to see each of you very soon!



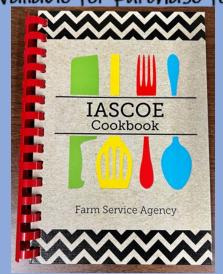
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Spring Blessings,

Veronica Crum, TASCOE Secretary/Treasurer

A BIG Thank You to IASCOE for the donation of their wonderful cookbooks to assist with our convention fundraising efforts!! These were given to us at no charge, so all funds raised with go towards NASCOE convention costs.

They are available for purchase for \$10 each.



Contact your TASCOE District Director if interested!



# AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Distinguished Service Award – Service
Winner: Rebecca Parker – PT, Weatherford, County
Nominated By: John Tyson

"Growing up in the Texas Panhandle, Becky has always had a strong connection to agriculture. Coming from a long line of Texas farmers/ranchers she has always been a believer in what Texas agriculture means to our nation and the world. Rebecca is the sole Program Technician in the County Office in Weatherford.

Being in a combined county office and shared management she has stepped up to the role of serving producers from four counties and being the sole Program Technician in her offices can be a challenge especially during disaster years which are becoming more frequent. She realizes we play an important role in helping Texas producers and ensuring that small to large operations can stay in business.

She has been a shining light even during the darkest times in our agency. A complete joy to work with and understands the job we do is vital for the success of agriculture in our nation. Somehow, she finds time to stay active within her community and around the state but keeps the closest ties with agriculture. A major supporter for NASCOE/TASCOE Scholarships because she believes helping the kids of today ensures a brighter future. Truly a valued person for her community, our Agency, and our organization."

We cannot thank you enough, Rebecca, for all your time and effort.

I believe it goes without saying, you are truly making a difference in Weatherford and across FSA!

### Congratulations!!







### **Distinguished Service Award – NASCOE** Winner: Marcy Logan—PT, Victoria County **Nominated By: Jeannine Wendel**

"Marcy Logan has always been a faithful TASCOE/NASCOE member for her entire 10 FSA years beginning in Nueces County as a Program Technician on November 4, 2012. She quickly learned all the ropes as a permanent PT and has Trained PTs in shared management as well as many PTs in her PT Skills Training. She charmingly would state that she is 'not the boss but definitely bossy' with that fabulous smile and a wink, fashionably dressed in pink attire!

While staying extremely busy in FSA, she also has been a past Publicity Chair/Webmaster for 3 years and continues to eagerly assist on TASCOE publicity efforts on short notice. She is active at conventions and has been snapping many smiling faces for years. She has been a member of TASCOE for 10 years and has been elected as the District #13 TASCOE Director for her first year and loving it. She attended NASCOE Leadership Training in 2019, migrated TASCOE email communication over to MailChimp for upgraded efficiency, spent countless hours on amazing graphics, flyers and web posts to reach members and grab their attention. She continues to assist with the promotion and logos for the NASCOE convention to be held in College Station, TX on August 5-10, 2023. She is an asset to TASCOE/NASCOE as well as FSA, too.

She is a very valued person in her community, her work and with her family and friends, as well. Her devotion for FSA, TASCOE/NASCOE, and her community is undeniably appreciated"

Whew! What an incredible rapport Marcy has built and continues to! We are so thankful for people like you, ready to step up to the plate and knock it out of the park.

#### Congratulations!!







### COAC COMMITTEE REPORT

Howdy Members,

My name is Kyle Longoria, I'm the CED in Terry County, (Brownfield, Texas). I have been a CED for 7 years. I did my COT Training in Concho-Medard Co. (Eden, Texas). I have been a TASCOE member since Day 1 thanks to my training CED, Daniel Lange telling me to sign up because I had no choice. Later that year I tagged along to my first TASCOE Convention in Corpus Christi and I have been hooked ever since. I've been married to my wife, Carissa for almost 5 years. We have 3 children- Kooper (4), Konner (2), Kollins (1).

I'm currently the TASCOE COAC (County Office Advocacy Committee) Chairperson. Now you might be asking yourself what does COAC do? NASCOE's leadership has decided to chart a different course to focus our mission on education, protection, promotion, and enhancement of county office roles and authorities. With this change in focus, comes a new mission. The mission of the COAC is as follows: To protect, enhance, and provide continual education for the farmer-elected committee and county office system for the betterment of NASCOE's membership, county office FSA employees, and the agricultural communities we serve while working independently, but cooperatively, with NAFEC. NAFEC is an organization that County Committees can join, and it gives them a voice, kind of like TASCOE/NASCOE for county office employees. I highly recommend that everyone present NAFEC to their County Committees and encourage them to join, as that is just one more voice for FSA to have in Washington. Due are \$40.00 for County Committee members or \$4.00 per meeting and \$20.00 for associate member. FSA-444 can be used, If you need sign-up packets, please let me know and I will gladly E-mail them to you. (Kyle.longoria@usda.gov). If you have anything that you would like me to talk to NAFEC about let me know and I will ask.

Thank you,

Kyle Longoria, COAC Chairperson

### SCHOLARSHIPS/EMBLEMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hey TASCOE Members,

TASCOE Scholarships just had a change in eligibility!! Now, "Applicants may be either a high school senior, full-time college student, and/or those students continuing their education at an accredited college, university, or trade school." This change allows for the opportunity to serve more of our members.

Due to this eligibility change, the deadline to submit a completed application has been extended to **APRIL 15, 2023!!** 

Apply Here!!: https://tascoe.org/why-join/scholarships/

Also, remember that these scholarships are largely funded through the live and silent auctions at the TASCOE Convention each summer. As some of you know, this year the NASCOE Convention will take place in College Station, and we are very much looking forward to that! Please start thinking about donation items for the auction! If you already have some donations ready, please email me at <a href="mailto:ele623@gmail.com">ele623@gmail.com</a>.

Best Regards,

Ellie Stringer



### **MEMORIAL SUBMISSIONS**

### MEMORIAL SUBMISSIONS DUE JULY 1, 2023

You may turn in your memorial submissions for FSA employees/retirees and current/former COC members that have passed on at any time between now and July 1, 2023 to be included in the 2023 TASCOE Memorial Presentation.

Please contact Patrick Reynolds to submit or for more information.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Hi! I am Jenna Leihardt and I am one of your new membership co-chairs. I am a Key Program Technician for Colorado County. I have been a TASCOE member since 2015 when I began my career as a Program Technician. After a few years, I ran for District 13 TASCOE Director and became the Alternate Director for our district in 2017. From there I stayed as an alternate until elected as Director in 2020. I currently serve as an alternate for our district once again. During those years, I have learned how important our membership for TASCOE really is.

We currently are learning our new roles as co-chairs and what we can do for our membership. I look forward to help our great state improve in membership as the week and months come along. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Alejo Sierra (co-chair).













### **Important Convention Links:**

Convention Registration

Hotel Booking

Event Details

Volunteer Signup



Throwing a National Convention is a large undertaking, but can have a such a positive impact for our state! We are currently looking for sponsors to help throw the best convention NASCOE has ever seen. Each sponsorship level comes with it's own perks and benefits. If you know of any people or business that you think would be interested in helping our efforts please contact

Jennifer Garcia for information and details to pass on to them.





# DISTRICT NEWS!



### Potter/Armstrong - Oldham Counties



Cori Acker, daughter of Potter/Armstrong-Oldham Counties CED, Adam Acker, and granddaughter of Castro County PT, Anne Acker, competed in the Private School Academic Competition and placed 2nd in Spelling and 4th in Creative Writing for 2nd graders. She will advance to the State Competition for Spelling!

# Fayette/Lee County

# Victoria County



Heston Worsham with Gold Glove 12u went 4-0 and won the 13u tournament in San Antonio on April 2nd! Heston is the son of Victoria County PT, Ryan Worsham, and wife Cathy.



Levi Garlick, CED of Fayette/Lee County, would like to introduce his future son-in-law, Aaron Janda. Levi's daughter and former TASCOE scholarship recipient, Hannah Garlick, and Aaron were engaged over the Christmas holidays. The couple plan to marry in late summer 2023.



Fort Bend County

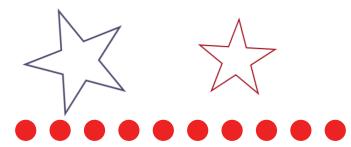


Arianna, daughter of Fort Bend County CED, Veronica Crum, attended Texas 4H Night at NASA. 4Hers and their parents spent the weekend at the Space Center Houston including an overnight stay. 4Hers participated in multiple STEM activities, tours and met astronaut, Kevin Ford.





Audrina, daughter of Fort Bend County CED Veronica Crum, was selected as VIP cheerleader for the Victory Vipers and her team won 1st place and a Golden Ticket at their competition in San Marcos.



Ava and Arianna, daughters of Fort Bend County CED Veronica Crum, competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Food Challenge.

Their team competed against 46 other teams from across the state. At the Food Challenge competition, teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns and nutritional value.



### Victoria County

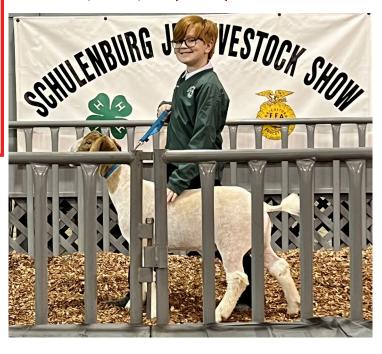


Kylee Hoffmann, daughter of Victoria County CEDT,
Dawn Hoffmann, participated in the
Horticulture Photography contest at the Houston
Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Fayette County
4-H Photo Contest. In the county contest she had 3
photos win1st place and advance to District! One of
her district winners is to the right.

Clay Hoffmann, son of Victoria County CEDT, Dawn Hoffmann, participated in his first year of the Schulenburg Jr Livestock Show. He showed his market goat, Peanut, and placed 3rd in his class.







San Saba-Mills County

San Saba-Mills/Lampasas-Burnet County Offices gathered for training!

Pictured are (L-R): Drew Daniel (PT), Stone Sealy (PT), Beth Bataillon (Lead PT), Arianna Cavitt (CED), Ann Turner (PT), and Diamond Shipman (PT).





# **Matagorda County**











Karolena (Kara) McHugh, Matagorda County PT, & husband Patrick: "George and Saralena enjoyed the 2023 Matagorda County Livestock Show and Rodeo. As a Clover Kid, George was able to participate in the Bucket Calf Show, Little Mister Cowboy Contest, Rodeo Clown Contest, and Home Economics! He won 2 blue ribbons and 3 trophies this year! Saralena LOVES the fair food, the bucking bulls, and the bull fighters (LORD HELP ME!)."



### Caldwell-Hays-Comal County







Maebry and Lexie Kraatz, daughters of Caldwell-Hays-Comal CED, Christa Kraatz, competed with the New Braunfels Performing Arts Academy at the Junior Theater Festival in Sacramento, CA. The group won the Freddie G. Inspiration Award! This award is only given to 2 teams, and they competed against 37 teams!

# Houston/Leon/Madison County



Julie Harrelson, 5th grade daughter of Amber Harrelson, PT, placed 1st place in the UIL Dictionary Skills Contest!



Layla & Julie Harrelson, daughters of Amber Harrelson, PT, with their cousin, Jackson Moore, at the Alamo over Spring Break.



### Wise County



Wise County PT, Meagan Hudson's, daughter Hailee Hudson is engaged and set to be married in October 2023 to Tanner Marlett, which she is attending college working towards a degree in education.



Pictured is Rene Reyna, CED in Starr-Zapata County, receiving his NASCOE Sick Leave Award from D15 Director, John J. Hinojosa.

## **Guadalupe County**



Allie Aguilar made it to the New Braunfels High School Dance team for her sophomore 23-24 school year! Allie is the daughter of Guadalupe County CED, Albert Aguilar, & wife Linda.

# Starr-Zapata County





# Hopkins-Delta Wood-Rains County



Cash Dale, son of LaCresha Dale-CED, has been a busy guy! He placed first in the District IV 4-H Food Show in the Intermediate, Main Dish Division with his Confetti Chicken Salad! He also received Grand Champion Heifer in the Senior Heifer Calf Division at the 2023 San Antonio Livestock Show with his heifer, Tater Tot, and he placed first in the District IV 4-H Educational Presentation in Intermediate, Beef Division! Way to go Cash!!





**Eastland County** 



Lane Curtis, 8 year old grandson of Eastland County PT Sharon Curtis, shot down 2 doves with one shot of his shotgun during the 2022 season. He was so proud of himself and so was his grandmother!



# Jim Wells/Brooks-Jim Hogg County



Carlos O. Garcia, Jr--- District 15 TASCOE and FSA baby is about to graduate from Ben Bolt-Palito High School! Carlos is the son of Jennifer and Carlos Omar Garcia; Jen is the CED in Jim Wells/Brooks-Jim Hogg County.

### Houston/Leon/ Madison County







Amber Harrelson, PT, and family never travel without their favorite companion, Winston. He has traveled to Colorado and the beach, plus he celebrated his 1st birthday on November 2nd.

# Victoria County

Charlotte Watkins, daughter of Rachel and Darrin Watkins, CED in Victoria County, performed in the Victoria Ballet rendition of Alice in Wonderland. Charlotte is a Company member of the Ballet Academy of South Texas.







### Houston/Leon/Madison County



Amber Harrelson, Houston/Leon/Madison County PT, and husband Jeremy celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary!



### Childress County



Kathy Williams, former CED of Childress Co, and SED Kelly Adkins at Kathy's retirement party in December.

### Moore County



Congrats to Moore County CED, Lacey
Wilson, on her recent engagement and
upcoming wedding to Jon Kinnison! Pictured
are Kinnison and Wilson at the 2023 Amarillo
Policemen's Ball.



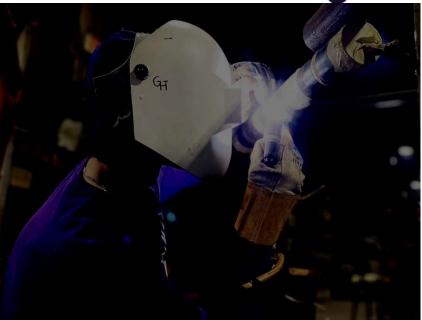
### Eastland County



Pictured is Eastland County PT ,Sharon Curtis' son, Guy Curtis and family. Guy recently hit 20 years with the Dallas Police Department, central Division, as a homicide detective. They are a busy family with 4-H shooting sports, band, baseball & their horses.



### Wise County



Wise County PT Meagan Hudson's son, Garrett Hudson, graduated from Bridgeport High School in the Spring of 2022 and completed his professional welding certification in February of 2023 through Tulsa Welding School and has been accepted to Tarleton State University for Fall of 2023 to pursue a degree in Animal Science.

# Lavaca County



Courtney Decker, Lavaca County PT, enjoyed a few days in beautiful Punta Cana, Dominican Republic celebrating her upcoming 10-year wedding anniversary with her husband, Tim.



## Cottle/King-Motley County



Left pic-Reagan Lynn Elliott wins Reserved Grand Champion in 2003.

Right pic-Reagan's son,
Haygen Lynn Elliott, wins
Grand Champion 20 years
later at the same county
show. Son and grandson of
Shonda Elliott, Cottle/KingMotley CED.

Fayette/Lee County





Kynsley Schneider, daughter of Errin Schneider, PT of Fayette/Lee County, participated in her first ever Cheer Competition! Kynsley decided to join Texas Aces – Bastrop Cheer company in the beginning of January and has fallen in love with the sport. Errin could not be more proud of her daughter's hard work, perseverance, and confidence to compete in such a strong sport. Kynsley is looking forward to her next competition on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Galveston, TX!



### Wise County



Wise County PT Meagan Hudson's daughter,
Makayla Hudson, showed a market dairy
wether on March 2, 2023 at the Wise County
Youth Fair and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class, qualifying
her for the sale on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Duval/Webb County**



Pictured is Martin Garcia, CED in Duval/Webb Counties receiving his NASCOE Sick Leave Award from D15 Director John J. Hinojosa.

### San Saba-Mills County

Rhea Ann Turner receiving 30 year award from CED,
Arianna Cavitt.

Ann started working for FSA in October 1989 in Lampasas
County. She moved to the coast in 1995 to work in
Chambers County, then to Liberty-Hardin-Chambers
County, then to Jefferson-Orange County, and in 2015 she
moved back home and is now working at the San SabaMills County Office.

She & her husband, Kert, have a cattle operation on the ranch where she grew up. She is very happy to be back home. With the cattle and having a home garden and cats and a dog they are busy all the time.



### Jim Wells/Brooks-Jim Hogg County



Jane Lorberau Tymrak (Lorberau Legacy Farms) and Buddy
Tymrak took 9, yes nine, Grand Champion and Reserve
Grand Champion trophies, including Best in Show (TOP
GOAT from all entries!) at the 2023 Houston Livestock
Show for their goats. Lorberau Legacy Farms specializes in
Texas Goat Cheese and Grade A Raw Milk. Janie and Buddy
are ardent TASCOE supporters and crop farmers in District
15. Buddy is also a retired COC member from Jim Wells
County. They look forward to supporting TASCOE at the
2023 National Convention in College Station in August.
They are appreciative of all the hard work county office
employees do to keep FSA running!

### Eastland County

Pictured is Ricky Agnew and youngest daughter, son and granddaughter of Eastland County PT, Sharon Curtis, as she was named FFA Sweetheart for DeLeon High School. He has recently been promoted to Procurement Manager with Technip FMC, where he has been employed for 20 years. Sharon is very proud of her family's accomplishments!

# **Montague County**



Montague County PT, Crista Byers' daughter, Camrin, graduated from Texas Tech University in August. She got a managerial training job with Tree House Foods in Princeton, Kentucky in November. She is now 11 hours away from me, but I'm so glad she isn't afraid to spread her wings and fly.





# Lamar County

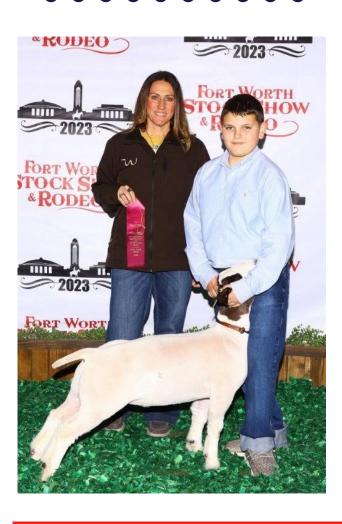




Cade Whitis celebrated his 4th birthday
March 13th. He is the son of Randi
Whitis, CED in Lamar County. Pictured
with older brother Cooper (12).

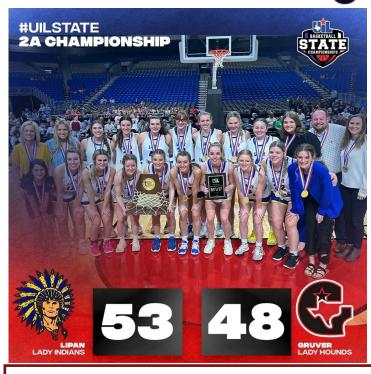
Cooper Whitis (12), son of Randi Whitis (CED Lamar), went to his first major stock show this year with his goat, Flapjack. Cooper and mom had a blast in Fort Worth!







# Young County





Young County PT, Tanya Bell and family traveled to San Antonio for the Girls UIL Basketball Tournament. Mrs. Bell's sister, Misty Little (group photo far right), is an assistant coach for the Lipan Lady Indians. Mrs. Bell's niece, Lynsey Little, is a Senior guard #12 for the Lipan Lady Indians. They took it all the way to State and won gold in the Championship game March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **Childress County**



Taylee Rios, niece of Frances
Thomas-Medina, PT in
Childress County, showed her
rabbit at the 2023 Hardeman
County Stock Show. She also
represented Hardeman
County in the District Food
Show in Vernon, TX!



### Wise County

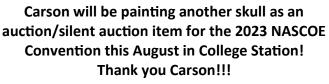




Wise County Youth Fair was a great week for the children of April Cowling, Wise County PT. Carson (9) won Grand Champion craft with his painted cow skull and made the sale with his spotted pig, Chip. John (13) made the sale with his meat pen of rabbits.













### **Bexar County**







Sadie Smith, daughter of Sandra Smith, Key PT Bexar County, is a senior at Eagle Pass High School. She is involved with FFA and 4H. She is a State Shooting Sport Ambassador and participates in many extracurricular activities, stock show, archery, sports, FFA land judging, meat competition, and poultry. She will be graduating with an endorsement for animal science and continuing her education in animal science at Texas A&M. She is part of the NASP archery team which have been qualified for National Competition in Louisville!

### County Office NEWS!

The <u>Eastland County Office</u> has a new temporary PT, Judy Krantz, who has been in the office since January 31st. She is a native of Eastland County and graduated from Eastland High School. She is glad to work for FSA, and anticipates meeting our producers. She is enjoying her job, and the office is looking forward to teaching her all about FSA!

John Bird, former <u>Eastland County</u> CED, left the county office on March 13th to accept the position of Texas State Office Specialist in the Appeals and Mediation Division. They wish him well in his new position!

Amanda Bird, John Bird's wife, was hired as a temporary PT in the <u>Shackelford County Office</u> starting March 13th. She is excited to learn about FSA and meet all the producers!



# **Bell County**



Lindsey Hansen, Bell County CED, with husband, Ray and son, Milo went on Milo's first trip to Disney World. He was ecstatic to meet Mickey!



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# District 8





Vickie Boykin pictured left and Becky Parker pictured right, have both retired from FSA!

Vickie Boykin had 36 years of service and Becky Parker had 34 years of service. They will be greatly missed by their producers and fellow FSA staff. District 8 lost some great talent and knowledge with these two but we wish them well and very a much deserved retirement life!







# Schleicher-Sutton-Val Verde County

CED Jodie Watson submitted these beautiful pictures from the backroads of District 6!



















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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?

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