



TASCOE

Tales

2023

Pre-Convention
Edition

IMPORTANT DATES

August 1, 2023

- Southwest Area
Rally/Leadership
Meeting

August 2, 2023

- NASCOE
Convention in
College Station!!

August-
September
2023

-District Director
Elections

January 15,
2024

-NASCOE Awards &
Scholarship
applications DUE!
-DSA Nominations

February 15,
2024

- TASCOE
Scholarship
Applications DUE!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Well, hello gang, please know this report will be one of my last ones as your TASCOE President. Where I am quickly reminded how fast time flies, but also making sure I share my sincerest gratitude to you all for having me as your TASCOE President. President JFK, Jr. stated "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to (just) utter words but to live by them."

Please know I have a few more words to utter but know this, I will continue to live by them...because it has been a pleasure to serve you all and honor to work alongside our fabulous board of directors, our hard-working chairs and you all as devoted members. Please know I started my journey in TASCOE when I first started with FSA 17 years ago as a PT in Caldwell County, where I now reside as manager/CED. I have been a member since day one but didn't become active member or take a leadership role until 2014 when Darvin Collins, retired CED from Houston County, asked me to serve as Legislative Chair under then TASCOE Officers Chris Perez, Morgan Limmer and LaCresha Dale.

It's been a whirlwind of things since 2014. Some of us might remember in 2019, when we were furloughed for 35-days, and where we had to learn how to get back to work after being gone for a month and half. We had tons of files to catch up on, appointments to rebook and contracts to get filed by our extended ARCPLC deadline.

We thought some of those days were hard and difficult and then came 2020. A world-wide pandemic, new leadership, Presidential vaccine mandate, COVID protocol for work, learning to navigate telework days, VPN signing in and learning to juggle life and work all the while staying safe for yourself, your fellow colleagues, family and friends.

In 2020, as your Vice President, we hosted our first ever fully virtual TASCOE business meeting and did it in our homes. In 2021, as your President, we hosted our first hybrid, part virtual/part in-person meeting in Amarillo, where we had speakers and guest from in-state and out-state. In 2022, we had the unfortunate timing of high COVID numbers and had to cancel our in-person meeting in San Marcos and host another virtual business meeting later in September of last year. So, all those meetings, we have learned to "PIVOT" and "ADJUST" and you all trusted me as your leader to help make that happen.

Now in 2023, and this year we are gathering earlier to take care of TASCOE business, and to meet and prepare for hosting the 2023 NASCOE National Convention in College Station this August. Knowing we all cannot wait to wear our boots, maybe not our spurs, and help get "NASCOE, branded by the Lone Star State!"



CHRISTA KRAATZ

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED...

So, please know through the THICK and the thin it has been a true honor to be your leader and to service you all. I might only be with you all a little longer, as your president. As per our TASCOE bylaws, I will continue to serve as TASCOE president as, Article IV-Election of officers, Section 2, states "The President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Officers will serve until 15 days after the later of the NASCOE Convention or the TASCOE Convention." Since our business meeting is earlier than normal and we are helping host the national convention, then I will be with you all 15 days after our NASCOE National Convention in August.

However, I will ALWAYS be with you all. I will be pro TASCOE and NASCOE until I retire. I will continue to help you all, to keep serving you all honorably and give my support to TASCOE and NASCOE's mission. Remember it is "Our objectives are to assist in every way possible to assure successful operation of FSA and the attainment of FSA's objectives, to cooperate with other groups and organizations, to conserve and improve our soil resources, to secure equitable salaries, working conditions, and retirement provisions for all county office employees and to promote the professionalism of our employees."

Thank you again for allowing me to be part of your TASCOE leadership and I will stay grateful to be part of our FSA Family and the TASCOE Team! I truly do care for each of you, and I hope I lived by the words I shared as a member, a chair and as a leader for TASCOE.

If you need assistance or would like to chat, please don't hesitate to email/call me.

Kind regards,

Christa Kraatz, TASCOE President



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2023 SOUTHWEST AREA
RALLY/LEADERSHIP MEETING

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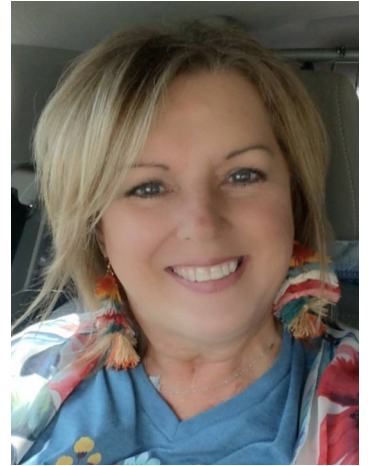
August 1st
5-9 pm
\$20

Contact Terry.cater@nascoe.org
for questions

Vice President Report

Howdy y'all!

Do you ever feel like a squirrel? You start one task and then quickly jump to another while thinking of another. Well, that was me today...and a lot of days. In fact, some days I feel like the squirrel who got all the nuts and then there are those days that I am the nut! Hopefully, all of you are not feeling squirrely but understand our plight with work and life! Busy times calls for busier people! With the busy-ness of life, I wanted to thank you for allowing me to be your outgoing TASCOE Vice President for the past 2 years. It has truly been a real learning experience in a very busy time in our association and agency as a whole. It has been said that "Nobody is TOO busy...it's just a matter of priorities". It is my hope that you can see that putting FSA employees as a priority in my life has enriched our association for the benefit of serving you.



JEANNINE WENDEL
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In serving as your Vice President, I have travelled all over Texas, New Mexico (Membership Jump Team for NASCOE) and even took a bit of TASCOE philosophy to Italy. (Do not worry, I paid for that last trip! What an experience! See how I was ready to squirrel all over again! Ha ha) With all the travel, emails, IM's calls and planning, it remains a huge honor for me to serve on your behalf. And now to be working for our NASCOE Convention in College Station, I am ready to travel again, and be even busier than before to make our convention truly be a memorable event for our employees and guests to know that we care about you, our agency and striving to make it stronger and better yet. If you have not ever experienced a National convention with NASCOE, please consider registering on the NASCOE App so you, too, can see why we are so busy and what it takes to be involved with amazing, inspiring leaders and networking with our fellow employees all over the nation. It is such a rewarding experience to attend a convention in our state each year, but when the NASCOE folks come to Texas, it is definitely informative and most certainly worthwhile in your career in FSA. Come see for yourselves August 1- 5, 2023! If you can't be there for the entire week, just round up some time to be there for a couple of days. Check the registration form and see what is in store with tours, speakers, and evening events. Let's brand them @ Aggieland!

Now that I have given my plug for NASCOE Convention, I want to say that being a TASCOE member is not just paying your dues, but it is becoming a leader in your office, community, church, and self-improvement for yourself. We all strive to be better version each and every day. Even when the squirrel comes a running! So how can you as an employee and/or TASCOE member be involved and a part of this great family? Ask yourself, do you want to be around positive, like-minded folks? Do you like to have someone to lean on in times of stress? Do you love comradery and family reunions? Do you think that you have something to make your job more enticing and tolerable? If you can say, "YES" to any one of these questions, WE are looking for you! Please reach out to a TASCOE member, Director or any one of the Executive officers to see where you can fit into our association. You will make friends for a lifetime all over the country, I promise you.

It was a whirlwind of a year as VP and I wouldn't trade for most of it. Thank you to those that worked with me, including members, directors, chairs of committees, STO staff, and the Executive officers. I would not have been able to keep the passion without all of you. It is time in our agency and association to see the good, the fun, the inspiring leaders and times that will keep us going for many years to come. And if you are a person that often gets "squirreled" from one task to another and yet still gets things done, please come see me. I am looking forward to continuing in our TASCOE family and staying even busier on issues that need to be heard. It is like the 4H motto, "to make the best better!" We will make FSA and TASCOE better by serving and working together for the common good of us all. Can you accept that challenge with me? "Keep busy at something: a busy person never has time to be unhappy." Robert Louis Stevenson

Thank you for your hard work, your TASCOE membership, and your friendship but most of all for your time.

Respectfully yours,
Jeannine P. Wendel, TASCOE Vice President



SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Howdy TASCOE Members,

I hope each one of you has had a great Spring/Summer so far. We made it through Acreage Certification now to keep up the momentum for NASCOE Convention! I'm super excited to see everyone that will be volunteering their time at Convention to give NASCOE members our warm Texas welcome. If you feel inclined to help us at convention please don't hesitate to reach out to and Exec or Committee Chair. Everyone would appreciate the extra hands.

Sending everyone positive vibes for a great end of summer and Fall!

Veronica Crum, TASCOE Secretary/Treasurer



VERONICA CRUM

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Reminder

WE ARE STILL NEEDING WELCOME
BAG AND DOOR PRIZE GOODIES!
ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY
APPRECIATED!!



CALL FOR DONATIONS!

Members,

Please make efforts to contact agricultural partners and friends in your communities to seek monetary donations to use towards convention expenses. Many hands make light work! All donations will be deposited to the TASCOE general account. Your help is much appreciated!

For more information or questions contact:
Jennifer Garcia
2023 National Convention Finance Chair
jennifer.garcia@usda.gov



COAC COMMITTEE REPORT

Howdy Members,

My name is Kyle Longoria, CED- Terry County- Brownfield, Texas. Texas has a newly elected NAFEC Directors for Texas- Arthur Chaney from Fannin County will join Jason Pyle from Floyd County as Texas NAFEC representatives. NAFEC is working with NASCOE and TASCOE to encourage targeted Texas COC attendance at the NASCOE convention. If approved, TASCOE directors may be asked to assist with reach out the CEDs or PTs in the targeted areas. NAFEC worked with NASCOE to get all CED positions to the CO-12 grade level. These are just a few things that NAFEC has done over the past several months for FSA and its members. NAFEC is an organization that County Committees can join as regular members and anyone else can join as an associate member. NAFEC can give County Committees 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. Dues 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 too you. (kylelongoria@yahoo.com). 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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance Report, Darrin Watkins, Chairman

The following are balances as of 06/01/2023:

Wells Fargo	\$114917.17
Wells Fargo Scholarship	\$3478.39
Brazos Star-FedStar FCU CD	\$5064.17
Citizens State Bank CD	\$XXXXXXX

TASCOE Members,

The current financial health of our organization is solid, but please note that a National Convention will put a financial strain on TASCOE and the importance of fundraising and sponsorships should not be understated. It will take hard work of TASCOE members, committees, and our executives to ensure financial stability during planning stages of National Convention.

My past Finance Committee report discussed personal finances and several members and non-members reached out to me with questions and asked for advice. I always state that I am not a CPA or financial consultant, but I do not mind helping folks in any way that I can.

Current inflation rates have made people change or rethink their larger purchases, investing decisions, and reassess their current lifestyles. However, there are a few instances where an investor can take advantage of the situation. Certificate of Deposits (CD) available in various terms that fit your needs are now earning over 4% in most cases and over 5% in some instances. Currently, Money Market Accounts (MMA) that offer a low-risk environment are earning higher interest rates compared to years past.

The Current Year to Date (YTD) returns for all TSP funds are in the black. I encourage you to check your TSP balance regularly and make sure that you have established or updated your beneficiaries. Lastly, educate yourself on the Roth TSP option and determine if it is a good fit for you and your financial goals.

Have a great summer and great convention!



NASCOE SCHOLARSHIP

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD

Auction

Who: All Members are encouraged to seek donations for items or donate an item themselves to be auctioned off in the live or silent auction.

What: Anything (besides live animals)! Over the years we have seen a wide range of items auctioned off and we all enjoy the creativity that goes into many of the donations.

When: Thursday, August 3rd, 2023

Where: NASCOE Convention in College Station, TX

Why: The auction allows us to give back to our members and their families through scholarships that are awarded each year. There are eight categories with numerous applicants each year. In 2023 we will award \$18,375 in scholarships to 16 very deserving individuals.



AUCTION ITEM IDEAS

- Event Experiences
- Autographed memorabilia
- Jewelry
- Travel Packages Home Accessories
- Outdoor Activities
- Unique Beverages/Foods
- Assorted Gift Baskets

Ship Items to:

AUSTIN/WASHINGTON COUNTY FSA OFFICE

ATTN: JORDAN HIGGS

1351 W MAIN STREET

BELLVILLE, TX 77418

Contact Info:

ELLIE STRINGER

PHOTOS OF ITEMS BEING BROUGHT TO
CONVENTION CAN BE SENT TO
ELLIE623@GMAIL.COM

SCHOLARSHIPS/EMBLEMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Howdy,

This year, we received applications from several outstanding students. I would like to introduce the 5 finalists.

Courtney Hampton, Daughter of Austin (Chase) Hampton, Hill County CED
Caleb Jacobs, Son of Lance Jacobs, Nacogdoches, TX CED
Sadie Smith, Daughter of Sandra Smith, Bexar County Key PT
Camryn Nuncio, Granddaughter of Leisa Smith, McCulloch County PT
Delaney McDonald, Daughter of Michael McDonald, Clay & Jack County CED

Be sure to watch the TASCOE Facebook page for an introduction of each recipient and their family.

Best Regards,

Ellie Stringer

EMBLEMS BY SUPERIOR



Check them out online for all your USDA logo apparel & accessories!
<http://nascoe.org/store>

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

If you have a personal or working relationship with your elected representative where you live, TASCOE wants to know about it. Reaching out and contacting them is very important to our Association and benefits all our employees. Please contact the Executive Board if you have information to share.

Information received from Southwest Area Legislative Chair shows that Legislative Priorities, Reminders, and Updates are as follows:

FY 2023 Farm Bill- NASCOE continue to monitor House & Senate Ag Committee hearings through Spring & Summer 2023. NASCOE Members attended Farm Bill listening sessions which included discussions on staffing in FSA Offices and desire to streamline administration of future farm programs. Monitoring ELAP program and suggestions from membership about policy updates.

Equity Commission updates- Equity Commission is scheduled to meet again (June 27-29, 2023) The Legislative Team will continue monitoring upcoming meeting comments and registration.

HR 82- Social Security Fairness Act- Windfall Elimination Act (Rep. Garret Graves-R-LA & Rep. Abigail Spanberger-D-VA) re-introduced 1/09/2023, currently 279 co-sponsors.

The Legislative Team continues to watch the following bills: HR 866 Equal COLA Act (Rep. Gerry Connolly-D-VA) reintroduced on 2/8/2023, currently has twenty-six co-sponsors. HR 856 Comprehensive Paid Leave for Federal Employees Act (Rep. Donald Beyer, Jr.- D-VA), introduced on 2/7/2023, has thirty-five co-sponsors. HR 4268 Federal Retirement Fairness Act (Rep. Derek Kilmer-D-WA) Failed during 117th Congress (had 101 sponsors). Not yet re-introduced in 118th Congress. Reclassification of Program Technicians as well as the hiring entry level Grade classifications & criteria for new employees.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Garcia

BENEFITS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hey All! I hope everyone is having a great start to Summer 2023! I'm Taylor Hand and I am the TASCOE Benefits Committee Chair. I am the CED in Falls County and have been a member of TASCOE for 3 years! As members of TASCOE, we have some great benefits available to us. Please check out the TASCOE website for more information on each of our benefits. If you are looking for car or homeowners insurance, Ag Workers Insurance is a great place to check out for a quote. If you are nearing retirement or need financial planning, Dillard Financial Solutions is a great option we have as members. If you see something on the website, you are interested in and need a code please send me an email. I currently have the code to the Live Streaming Fitness that was advertised in the NASCOE newsletter as well as a signup code for Working Advantage that is needed to set up an account.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions and I will help in any way that I can.

Have a great Summer!

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Howdy! My name is Courtney Decker and I am your new Programs Chairperson. I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity to serve you all. This past year has been one for the record books with drought throughout Texas, but FSA employees prevailed through all the hardships and continued to help and serve our farmers and ranchers. Teamwork seemed to be a common theme that helped us through everything. It was great to see employees checking on each other and working hard to serve their producers in a time when they needed us more than ever.

Texas had a total of 24 submissions as of 05/31/2023, 3 of those submissions are considered closed, which means they have been resolved or we heard back from national office and 2 have been referred to negotiations. The remaining 19 submissions are in a pending status. Programs and Negotiations submissions process is transitioning from a manual process to a digital web-based process. The project is not complete yet as there are a lot of moving parts, but submissions are still being accepted and submitted through the current process. Any outstanding questions will be answered as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.

As we near the end of the summer and look forward to new challenges I encourage everyone to consider visiting the NASCOE webpage and becoming familiar with how easy it is to make a program submission! Here is the link to the NASCOE homepage- [Programs & Negotiations | National Association of FSA County Office Employees \(nascoe.org\)](https://www.nascoe.org) As a reminder, these submissions can be done on government computers and on government time. If you need help with the process, I am only an IM, email, or phone call away.

Courtney Decker


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2023 DISTRICT ELECTIONS


THIS YEAR WE WILL HOLD THE ELECTION OF **EVEN-NUMBERED** DISTRICT DIRECTORS TO SERVE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. THESE ELECTIONS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY AFTER THE NASCOE CONVENTION, SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFO.

IF YOU WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED, THIS IS ONE WAY OF DOING SO!







TASCOE needs you



Become a new regular member of TASCOE between January - July 31 and your name will be put in a drawing for a \$250 gift card. Any new associate member along with new members will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. The drawing will be held during the 2023 NASCOE National Convention hosted by Texas, in College Station, TX. You will not need to be present to win. When you send your FSA-444 to the STO for processing, please CC Jenna Leihardt and Alejo Sierra. We look forward for you joining today!



What is the purpose of the TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FSA COUNTY OFFICE EMPLOYEES??

- ✓ 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
- ✓ To promote the welfare of Texas Farmers and Texas Agriculture
- ✓ To cooperate with the Texas State FSA Committee, the State Executive Director, and staff to improve the FSA in Texas
- ✓ To place FSA county office employees on an equal basis with privileges of other Federal employees
- ✓ To promote the professional improvement of its membership

Visit our website at
www.tascoe.org to learn more
about us!

For questions or more information, contact Jenna Leihardt or Alejo Sierra, TASCOE Membership Chair's, at jenna.leihardt@usda.gov or alejo.sierra@usda.gov and/or your District TASCOE Director and Executive Officers.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!



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AUGUST 01-05

BUSINESS AGENDA: TBA

Activities: below!

AUG 02
WEDNESDAY

**TEXAS
NIGHT**

AUG 03
THURSDAY

**COLLEGE
TEAM
NIGHT**

AUG 04
FRIDAY

**WESTERN
BANQUET**

HOTEL: Contact LaCresha Dale
for availability.

Important Convention Links:

[Convention Registration](#)

[Hotel Booking](#)

[Event Details](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#)





2023 ANNUAL TASCOE

Business
meeting

MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023 | TEXAS A&M HOTEL, COLLEGE STATION, TX





DISTRICT NEWS!



Kylee and Clay Hoffmann, children of Martin County CED, Dawn Hoffmann, attended the Fayette County 4-H's Best Day Camp Ever!

Martin County



Victoria County



The Logan Twins are officially kindergarten graduates! Leighton Kady (top) and Lynleigh Kate (bottom) are twin daughters of Victoria PT, Marcy Logan and husband, NRCS Engineer AJ Logan.

Falls County



April 2023, Falls County CED Taylor Hand became Taylor Ancinec! Congrats Taylor!!

Fort Bend County



Arianna, daughter of Fort Bend County CED, Veronica Crum, completed 5th grade and will be on to 6th grade. She received numerous awards including the Principal's Award-the highest GPA of all the girls in her classroom.



Audrina, daughter of Fort Bend County CED Veronica Crum, completed her First Communion at St. Laurence Catholic Church.



Ava and Arianna, daughters of Fort Bend County CED Veronica Crum, competed at the District 9's 4-H Food Challenge competition. Their team, the Come and Taste Its, finished 3rd in the Junior Division out of 17 teams!



Jesse Crum, husband of Fort Bend County CED Veronica Crum, lead his Mayde Creek Junior High 8th grade boys soccer team to the district playoffs. Although the team came up short it was a great season!

Red River County



Red River County PT, Ellie Stringer, and husband Dustin welcomed their first daughter, Rainey Jane Stringer on May 23, 2023. Big Brothers Emmitt and Pake are loving having a sister!

Schleicher-Sutton-Val Verde County

Jodie Watson, CED of Schleicher-Sutton-Val Verde County, attended National Leadership Training in Indianapolis.



Back row (left to right): Kendra McKinnis (MO), Amie Johansen (IA), Jared Thomas (IN), Brandi Schumm (IL), Cameron McCorkle (KS), Becky Knudsen (MN), Halie Horn (MS), Morgan Sapp (NE), Jodie Watson (TX), Flint McCullough (AR), Clark Sturgeon (KY, trainer), Cade Tibbs (OK), Donna Purdy (NY, trainer), Sarah AcMoody (MI, trainer). Middle row (left to right): Patrina Thomas (IL), Janelle Solko (KS), Marnie Plucienik (MI), Julia Wisner (IA), Deidra Werner (NE), Darcy Torpen (ND), Kayla Claussen (SD), Shelby Jackson (AR), Mike Schwab (MI), Rachel Eissens (IL, trainer), Ashley Loflin (MS). Front row (left to right): Kim White (OK), Hannah Thomeczek (MS), Kayla Mattson (MN), Darah Melroe (SD), Norman Cummins (MD)

Young-Throckmorton County



Jillian P. Wendel, daughter of Young-Throckmorton CED, Jeannine P. Wendel graduated from the University of North Texas with 2 degrees in Art History and Philosophy, earning Magna Cum Laude honors. In the upcoming Fall semester, Jillian will embark on a new chapter at UNT to pursue a Master's degree in Art Museum Education. This was her celebration pose in her Mean Green grad gown after receiving her degrees on May 13, 2023! Jillian is currently working at Meliksetian and Briggs Gallery. She most recently curated her first art show for the Arts Fort Worth at the Fort Worth Community Art Center showcasing her piece "Reflections" with other artists from UNT.



Lavaca County



Lavaca County PT, Bailee Petru, and husband Dalton welcomed Rynlee Grace Petru on February 21, 2023 weighing 5 lbs. & 17 in. long!

Caldwell-Hays-Comal County



Here is the Kraatz family enjoying their theater time again. The show this time was Matilda, and the entire family was part of this play. Dusty, played Mr. Wormwood, and the girls, Maebry (older kid ensemble), Lexie (Lavender) performed in the play, and Christa (Caldwell-Hays-Comal County CED) helped paint and build sets. Fun was had by all, and they loved spending family time together this way. One of the Kraatz family’s favorite speeches from a play, “All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players.”



Jackson County

Congratulations to Jackson County PT, Lisa Gabrysch, on her retirement after serving producers for 24.5 years! Neighboring County friends who stopped by to celebrate for a retirement lunch & photo-op (L-R): Jerrell Diaz (Calhoun/Victoria PT), Marcy Logan (Victoria PT and District 13 TASCOE Director), Lisa Gabrysch (Jackson PT & proud retiree!), Darbi Tobola (Jackson PT), Korena Hutchison (Jackson CED), & Darrin Watkins (Victoria/Calhoun CED & TASCOE Finance Chair).



Reeves County



Gage Strain is the son of Michelle Strain, CED in Reeves County, and Edward Strain Jr. He graduated from Odessa College on May 13, 2023, with his associate degree in general education and from Pecos High School on May 26, 2023. Gage will continue his education this fall at Sul Ross State University to earn his bachelor's degree in business management with his HVAC certification.

Guadalupe County



Congratulations to Allie Aguilar as she made Lieutenant for NBHS Mystics Gymnastics and was selected to perform in Hawaii during spring break at officer camp! Allie is the daughter of Guadalupe County CED, Albert Aguilar and wife Linda.

Lipscomb County



The newest member of the District 1 family! Beckett was born on April 25th to Shannon Roots, Lipscomb County PT. Shannon has been in Lipscomb County since July 2020, and this is their first child. Congrats!!

Fayette/Lee County



Fayette/Lee County PT, Errin Schneider's daughter, Koralyn, had graduation from PK-3. She officially starts kindergarten August 17th, and cannot wait!!

From the beach to the pool, the Schneider girls are keeping cool! These cuties are daughters of Fayette/Lee County PT, Errin Schneider.

Hale County



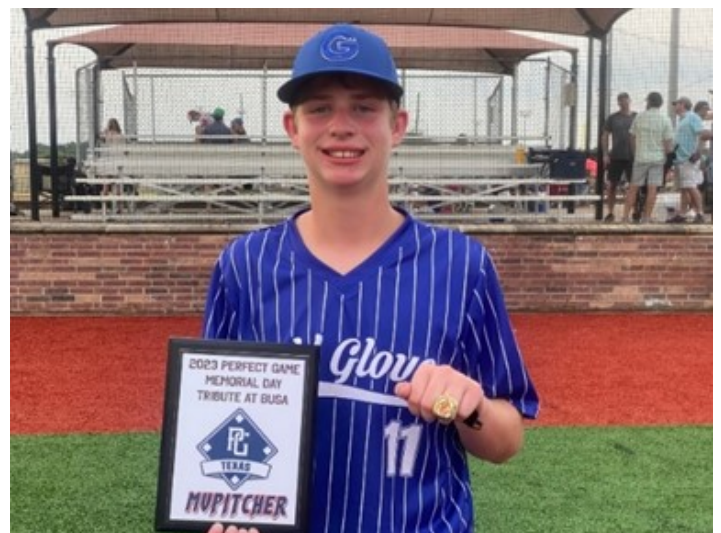
Hale County had the privilege of having Amy Mitchell, who is the Section Head in the Common Provisions Section, Safety Net Division, Washington DC, in our office shadowing us the week of June 26-29. She was here to learn all the ins and outs of certification. She had not had any experience with certifying and by the end of the week she was able to certify. We enjoyed having her and getting to know her!

Above: Amy Mitchell working on an acreage report with Chief PT, Torrie Gilleland, watching.

Group Picture (L-R): Kimberly Lutrick, Torrie Gilleland, Amy Mitchell, Cristal Heard, Shelly Fuston (CED), Tami Campbell, Patti Miller

Victoria County

Ryan Worsham's (Victoria County PT) son Heston was awarded MVP pitcher at the Memorial Day Tribute tournament in Houston!



Hockley County

Darryl Perryman, Hockley County CED, and his family took a trip to Portugal, where his oldest daughter, Kenzie Perryman Bunch, wedded Dr. James Bunch. While in Portugal the Perryman's enjoyed the beautiful ceremony, fine cuisine, countryside and many local attractions.



Young-Throckmorton County



Jessa, daughter of Young-Throckmorton County PT, District 7, Michelle Singleton, graduated Valedictorian of her high school class and with her college Associate's Degree all in the same month.

Victoria County



(Left) Charlotte Watkins earned 2nd place in the Jackson County Youth Fair Progress Show. (Middle) Miller Watkins helped his team to earn first place for the 2023 Edna Minor Little League season and was selected for All-Stars. (Right) Braden Watkins finished the regular Little League season 13-1 and was selected for All-Stars to represent Edna. They are the children of Victoria County CED, Darrin Watkins.

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AWARDS

Errin Schneider

BENEFITS

Taylor Hand

COAC

Kyle Longoria

DOOR PRIZES

John (Jay) Hinojosa

FINANCE

Darrin Watkins

LEGISLATIVE

Jennifer Garcia

MEMBERSHIP

Alejo Sierra
Jenna Leihardt

PROGRAMS

Courtney Decker

PUBLICITY/WEBMASTER

Dawn Hoffmann

SCHOLARSHIPS/EMBLEMS

Ellie Stringer

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!

DISTRICT 1

Adam Acker
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