

SPRING 2024 EDITION

TASCOE Tales



Important Dates:

- April 11-14, 2024 NEA Rally
- May 2-5, 2024 All South Rally
- July 1, 2024 Memorial Submissions Due
- July 24-27, 2024 TASCOE Convention
- August 7-10, 2024 NASCOE Convention

SEE INSIDE FOR INFORMATION ON THE 2024 TASCOE CONVENTION!!!





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Howdy TASCOE Framily!

It was so great to see our FRAMILY once again at the NAP Trainings and grateful that we had some time to rekindle old friendships and make new friends in our agency and association! Even though we did sit through the days and hours of training, those of us that were fortunate enough to attend the trainings, did have that get-away time to regroup with our FSA connections and TASCOE family which certainly always energizes me and recharges my mind, heart and soul.

Speaking of recharging and energizing, who is ready for Spring? And who is coming to see your TASCOE and FSA family at our annual meeting and state convention in Granbury, Texas, July 24-27, 2024? We will be able to get some great re-charging of our minds, hearts, and souls in such a neat town like Granbury! If you received one of the Granbury postcards at the NAP Trainings, I hope you utilized the QR code and started checking out all that this "Celebration Capital of Texas" has to offer. If you didn't get a Granbury save the date postcard, then check out www.visitgranbury.com and discover why it is voted as the Celebration Capital of our Lone Star State. We are planning a "Grand Time in Granbury", and WE WANT YOU THERE with US!

Please continue to stay tuned to www.tascoe.org and our TASCOE Facebook page for information pertaining to our 2024 TASCOE Convention as you really won't want to miss it!

Those that know about TASCOE Conventions are ready to gather with the members, by greeting the current members, talking and networking with our stakeholders, hopefully having some additional trainings, and visit with the STO, too. It truly does become a Framily Reunion!

If you have never been to your state convention, I strongly encourage you to attend this event and see what you think! Please come to give us some pointers, suggestions and volunteer your talents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED...

As you read within these TASCOE Tales pages, you will see photos, read reports and see what makes your employees association the best in the land. There is a REAL reason we are members, and it shows in our passion to continue to help our employees and make FSA a better agency for all involved. Granbury is ready for TASCOE, are you ready for Granbury?

It truly is humbling to serve as your President working closely with the strong and very valuable leadership of your Executive Committee (EC), your Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs and each district's TASCOE Directors and Alternate Directors. We are keeping the constant communication flowing by sending out information to the members that we serve - that is one of our main goals. We do hope that the comradery that has formed with our TASCOE leadership is catching! Yes, your EC are all 4 very proud Aggies! 👍 But our pride in TASCOE will be continually working to remain an intense sense of team spirit to engage all and get enthusiasm alive! We trust that spirit encourages others to join our TASCOE family! Thank you always for your support, your membership, your loyalty, and faith in our mission! TEAM TASCOE for the Win!

As we sing, "WE ARE FRAMILY...I GOT ALL THESE MEMBERS WITH ME!"

Respectfully Yours,

Jeannine P. Wendel
TASCOE President



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TASCOE BACK FOR MORE IN 2024

WITH WINTER COMING TO AN END, THE PROMISE OF SPRING AND EVERYTHING THE NEW YEAR HOLDS IS UPON US! AS WE ALL CRAWL OUT OF HIBERNATION TO REALIZE, 2024 IS GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC YEAR! WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR TASCOE FAMILY IN GRANBURY FOR CONVENTION JULY 24 – 27! IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR YOUR DIRECTOR/ALTERNATE DIRECTOR.

WAS IT JUST ME OR WAS JANUARY THE LONGEST YEAR EVER!

I KNOW EVERYONE HAS BEEN VERY BUSY IN THE COFS BUT WANTED TO REMIND ALL MEMBERS THAT YOUR TASCOE FAMILY IS HERE FOR YOU! IT WAS GREAT SEEING SO MANY TASCOE MEMBERS AND LEADERS AT THE NAP TRAINING. IF YOU ARE EVER CURIOUS ABOUT BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN TASCOE PLEASE REACH OUT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND/OR DIRECTOR/ALT.

WITH TURNOVER/RETIREMENTS COMES NEW EMPLOYEES AND THE PERFECT TIME TO TALK TASCOE. NEW EMPLOYEES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION AND WHAT WE DO AND THE BENEFITS THAT COME FROM BEING A MEMBER. IF YOU EVER NEED POINTERS ON TALKING TO NON-MEMBERS ABOUT THE REASONS WHY TO JOIN TEAM TASCOE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THOSE IN TASCOE LEADERSHIP.

WE HAVE AN AMAZING TEAM OF DIRECTORS/ALTERNATE DIRECTORS AND CHAIRS/CO CHAIRS THAT ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS, OR JUST WANT TO CHAT WITH YOUR TASCOE FAMILY!

THANK Y'ALL!

**JOHN T TYSON
TASCOE VICE-PRESIDENT**



Secretary/Treasurer Report

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." – Lady Bird Johnson

Happy Spring TASCOE Family! I hope you have all been able to take a tiny sigh of relief with ARCPLC Deadline behind us. Make some time to enjoy the sunshine and wildflowers, especially the beautiful bluebonnets, with your families and friends especially before we get heavy into certification deadlines.

TASCOE Convention planning is well on its way. We cannot wait to see all your smiling faces in Granbury for a great time! The town is lovely and full of history so there will be plenty to do and see. If you are interested in helping at convention or have some cool ideas, please reach out to one of the Executive Committee members. We'd love to hear all suggestions!

If you are in need of anything, please feel free to reach out to the EC. We are here to help!

Veronica Crum
TASCOE Secretary/Treasurer



Howdy from TXRASCOE

Life in retirement. But first, my thoughts and prayers to everyone affected by the wildfires occurring across the State of Texas as I write this article the evening of Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

As President of TXRASCOE, I was asked to share a few thoughts. Well, my life in retirement has been great. I have no deadlines concerning any program signup, certifications, reports to make or committee minutes to write. How wonderful it is. Come this May, I have already been out of the agency for four years. As I have noticed, time ticks faster in retirement.

If you are thinking about retirement, I would encourage you to do just that and retire. Things always have a way of working themselves out. If you are eligible for retirement and choose to stay in your current job that works too. I am thinking of a couple of good friends of mine still working.

I will be attending the TASCOE convention this July in Granbury and look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends. If you are not a member of TASCOE I would encourage you to become involved. Networking can lead to awesome opportunities!

I am also inviting you to join TXRASCOE. As retirees, we cannot take for granted the benefits we enjoy, so we must stay abreast of current congressional happenings.

Wishing everyone good health and happiness.

Kevin Humphrey
TXRASCOE President



LEGISLATIVE CHAIR REPORT

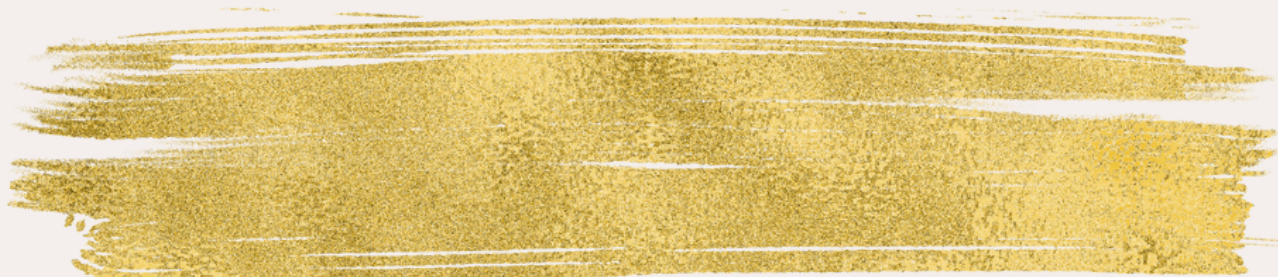
Legislative Report by Cris Perez, Chairperson

First off, my email is TASCOELEG@gmail.com for all communications. Some of you all have indicated that you will be forwarding Points of Contact (POC) info with our elected individuals. Please send that info to my TASCOE email.

I want to emphasize that our NASCOE & TASCOE reps are working hard to address the need for more funding & staffing. However, the issue is that Continuing Resolutions (CR) short term funding doesn't address those concerns. Our Congress is currently trying to address foreign aid, national security & border security issues.

With that mindset, the extension of the current Farm Bill leaves the USDA at spending levels equal to FY 2023. The House did propose the same levels of funding for FY 2024 & the Senate proposed 120% increase. However, the current administration is pushing to stay the same as FY 2023. Discussions about the future farm bill and FSA funding are at a standstill but our legislators have been receptive to the needs of FSA field office functions especially because of continued disaster programs.

Please be cautious in how you talk or visit with our elected officials. DO NOT use government equipment to communicate with these individuals and DO NOT do it while working. I suggest that you review the HATCH Act provisions to be on the safe side. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.





SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Howdy TASCOE Members,

We are getting close to announcing the winners of the 2024 TASCOE Scholarships! Letters notifying applicants of the decisions should be mailed out by April 16th .

As always, we have an excellent group of individuals applying for these scholarships. As TASCOE members we should all be proud of these exemplary students. We look forward to getting to know the recipients and hearing more about their future plans while in Granbury, Texas this year.

The funding for these scholarships is derived from proceeds from the Silent and Live Scholarship Auction. There are multiple ways to help fund these Scholarships like:

- Donate something GRAND for auction!
- Buy a ticket to the dinner, the auction follows (always a great date night option!)
- Purchase an auction item at convention, BIDDING WARS are our favorite!

Remember there are donor forms if you are planning on donating items for auction. These forms help us capture valuable information such as who donated the item, an estimated market value, and a suggested starting bid. This will also help with expediting the checkout procedure after the auction. If you have any suggestions, we are always looking for new ideas and ways to make improvements.

So, get the word out and start gathering those items now...it is time for some Spring Cleaning, and we could always use more awesome items to auction!

As always if you have any questions, please contact us.

Toodles TASCOE Family,

Jordyn Higgs & Jennifer Cochran
TASCOE Scholarship Co-Chairs



County Office Advocacy Committee Chair Report

BY: LORI LEBLUE, COAC COMMITTEE CHAIR

HELLO TASCOE MEMBERS!

LAST TIME I SHARED THE COAC MISSION STATEMENT. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU 4 KEY POINTS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE COAC INITIATIVE.

1. COMMUNICATION WITH NAFEC OFFICERS, CONSULTANTS, STATE OFFICES, COUNTY COMMITTEES AND COUNTY OFFICE STAFF FOR AWARENESS AND STAYING ABREAST OF ISSUES.
2. COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTY COMMITTEES IN BEING TRAINED PROPERLY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS COC MEMBERS TO THEIR COF EMPLOYEES, STO AND THE FARMERS AND RANCHERS, THEY SERVE.
3. COLLABORATION WITH THE NASCOE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSULTANTS, DAVID SENTER, NAFEC LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT, AND NASCOE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT HUNTER MOOREHEAD, ON MONITORING THE EQUITY COMMISSION DEVELOPMENTS.
4. COMMUNITY WITH NAFEC'S ASSISTANCE IN CALLING ATTENTION TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE ON UPDATING VERBIAGE/CHARTS IN HANDBOOKS THAT REFER TO THE COC SYSTEM IN REPRESENTING THEIR ROLES ACCURATELY AND EFFECTIVELY.

COAC FULLY REPRESENTS COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION, COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY, WHICH IS SO IN LINE WITH THE COC. I HOPE YOU ARE AS EXCITED AND INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF THE COAC COMMITTEE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE CONTINUED SUCCESSFUL ROLE THE COC PLAYS IN SERVING OUR FARMERS RANCHERS.





MEMORIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sharon Curtis and April Cowling are the contacts for the 2024 Memorials for current/former FSA employees, COC members, and Texas State Office employees who have received their angel wings.

Each year at the TASCOE convention we prepare a memorial presentation to honor the memory of those colleagues who have passed in the last year.

We welcome all FSA employees to assist us by submitting those colleagues that need to be honored. Information needed includes full name, the county they worked in, position, years of service, and dates of service.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. TASCOE Memorial Chair, Sharon Curtis, Eastland County Key PT has worked with the agency for 35 years and has been a TASCOE/NASCOE member since day one.

TASCOE Memorial Co-chair, April Cowling, PT, Wise County has been with the agency for 17 ½ years (2 ½ years temp, 15 years permanent) and has been a TASCOE/NASCOE member since day one of permanent appointment.

Please send any memorial information to sharoncurtis7582@att.net with a CC to april.cowling@gmail.com.



Membership Chair Report

Hi TASCOE Family!

I do not know about you, but boy these last few months have taken a lot of energy to make it through. With all the deadlines between LFP, ARC/PLC, and the ad hoc programs I am just pretty drained and it's only the beginning of the year! I wanted to provide you with a few updates related to membership.

If you have not seen already in the administrative bulletin, Alejo Sierra has been promoted within the agency. This promotion had led him to step down as membership co-chair. I am very appreciative of all the help he has provided the past year and I wish him the best of luck. With that being said, please make sure any FSA-444s will be processed through the TASCOE District Director and they will forward the paperwork on to the respective chair(s).

Also, I would like to highlight that Dawn Hoffmann, our publicity chair, has made a few updates to our webpage under the "Become A Member" section. Below the Regular Membership, she has provided a direct link of the Membership Flow Chart to help assist anyone on processing FSA-444s. Furthermore, if you have updated any personal information (personal email, address, phone number, etc.), she has created a link for the updated Membership Information Form. Please complete the form and submit it to your TASCOE District Director and they forward the information to the applicable chairs.

Lastly, we are about 64% with state membership. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please contact them and I be happy to speak with them as well. Thank you all for your help on keeping our association going and hope you all have a wonderful spring!

Jenna Leihardt
Membership Chair

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROGRAM EFFICIENCY SUGGESTION

**EVER HAD AN IDEA TO MAKE A PROCESS EASIER AND MORE EFFICIENT?
HAVE A SUGGESTION THAT COULD MAKE THINGS EASIER IN THE COUNTY OFFICES?**

**HERE'S THE PLACE TO SUBMIT THEM!!
FOLLOW THESE STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTION.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBMITTING A PROGRAM SUGGESTION
REACH OUT TO TASCOE PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR, COURTNEY DECKER.**

1

Have a solution to a program or software problem or inefficiency?

Visit nascoc.org and submit your idea through the Program and Negotiation Submission Form. Follow the ABCs:



Home > programs negotiations



Programs & Negotiations

Two of the most important functions of NASCOE are the Programs and Negotiations processes. These processes provide opportunities for NASCOE to present member's concerns and program issues to FSA program staff and management. Programs and Negotiations activities allow the concerns of membership to be presented in an effective manner and has produced many successful outcomes.

Be sure to clearly state the issue with background and facts, your position on the issue, recommendations for resolution, and any handbook/Notice references.

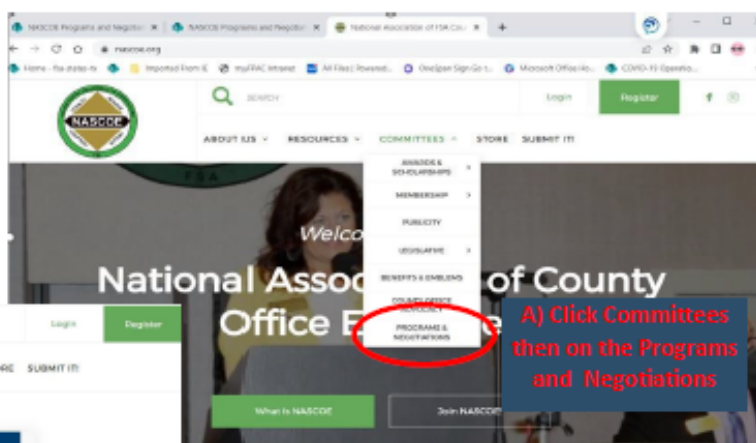
[Programs & Negotiations Submission Form](#) ← **B) CLICK HERE**

2

A state, area, or national programs chairperson may contact you for further clarification of the problem/solution, and will keep you informed of their communication with WDC!

3

Once the National Programs co-chairs have consulted with the National Office, the response will be shared on the NASCOE Share-Point site and then you will get a response from one of our team members.



C) COMPLETE THIS PART

Program and Negotiation Submission Form

NASCOE Program Efficiency and Negotiations Consultation Submission Form

* Required

1. Contact Name *

Please enter your first and last name.

Enter your answer

2. Contact Phone Number *

Enter your answer



We need
you!



your help
means a
lot!

Door Prizes needed!

TASCOE convention will be here before you know it, and we need your help! If you could collect items to bring for door prizes it would be greatly appreciated! We enjoy seeing all the goodies that are brought in from across the state! If you have any questions contact Door Prize Chair, Mayson Schulze.

New on the website!!



VOLUNTEER/SUGGESTIONS

Ever wanted to volunteer with TASCOE but didn't know who to talk to? Have a suggestion you'd like to submit? Now the website has a spot just for that. Check it out!!

<https://tascoe.org/volunteer-suggestions/>

NASCOE HAS PARTNERED WITH AGE OF LEARNING TO PROVIDE THEIR FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS, ABCMOUSE.COM AND ADVENTURE ACADEMY TO OUR MEMBERSHIP.

ABCMOUSE AND ADVENTURE ACADEMY ARE GREAT WAYS TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A 74% DISCOUNT FOR BOTH PROGRAMS ON THE FULL MONTHLY PRICE FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS. AFTER THAT, THE PRICE IS JUST \$9.95/MONTH FOR ABCMOUSE AND \$9.99/MONTH FOR ADVENTURE ACADEMY UNTIL CANCELLED.

CONTACT YOUR AREA BENEFITS CHAIR TO RECEIVE THE LINK TO ACCESS THIS BENEFIT.

NEW BENEFIT

FOR TASCOE MEMBERS!



ABCMouse

ABCMouse is for Ages 2-8

\$5.00 for the first
2-months,

then \$9.95/month until cancelled



Adventure Academy

for Ages 8-13

\$5.00 for the first
2-months,

then \$9.95 / month until cancelled

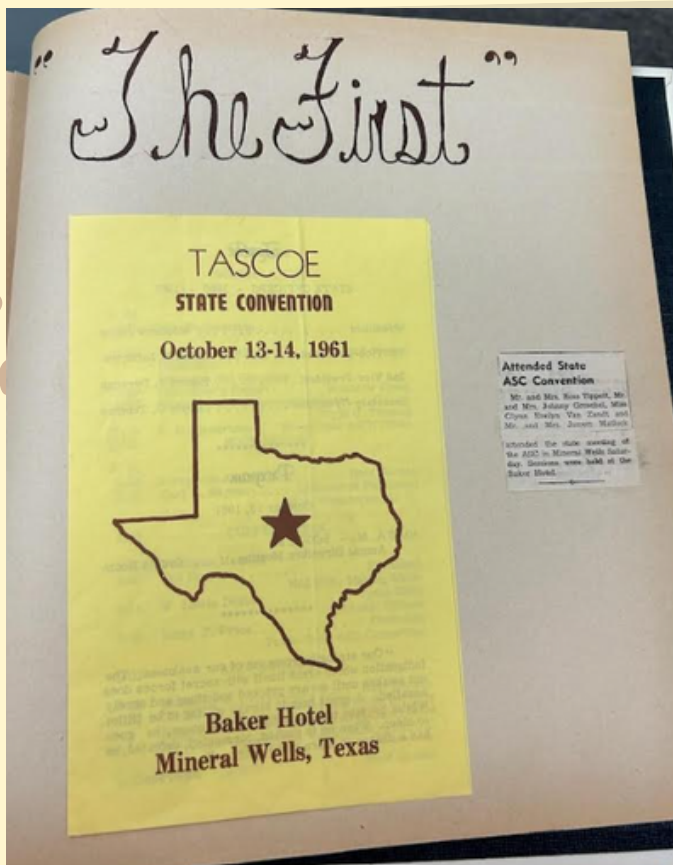
Submit your questions for the State office

Q : Did you know that the TASCOE Executive Committee has a bi-monthly call with the State Office??

Yes! This is our chance to submit questions, solutions, and suggestions to the State Office. I always make sure to submit mine to my TASCOE District Director!

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FUN FACTS & BLAST FROM THE PAST!



A wonderful find from the Parker County Office! Alissa Limon made this awesome find and shared with TASCOE president, Jeannine P. Wendel. How amazing to see how long our organization has been working for Texas FSA employees!



RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE FACES?? A GROUP OF TRAINEES EARLY ON IN THEIR CAREERS WITH FSA.

HAVE A BLAST FROM THE PAST PICTURE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE? SEND IT TO TASCOE@GMAIL.COM TO BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT TASCOE TALES!!

FSA HISTORY

COURTESY OF DARREN G. OWENS, RETIRED CHIEF OF CM & PS

Name Evolution of the Farm Service Agency

- Agricultural Adjustment Administration (1933-42)
- Agricultural Adjustment Agency, Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration (1942)
 - Agricultural Adjustment Agency, Food Production Administration (1942-43)
- Agricultural Adjustment Agency, Administration of Food Production and Distribution (1943)
 - Agricultural Adjustment Agency, War Food Administration (1943-45)
 - Production and Marketing Administration (PMA, 1945-53)
 - Commodity Stabilization Service (CSS, 1953-61)
- Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (1961-94)
 - Consolidated Farm Service Agency (1994-96)
 - Farm Service Agency (1/16/1996-Present)

History: Agricultural Adjustment Administration established under the Agricultural Adjustment Act (48 Stat. 31), May 12, 1933. Reorganized under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (49 Stat. 1148), February 29, 1936. Redesignated the Agricultural Adjustment Agency and consolidated with the Sugar Agency, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and Soil Conservation Service into Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration by EO 9069, February 23, 1942. Assigned to Food Production Administration by EO 9280, December 5, 1942; and to Administration of Food Production and Distribution by EO 9322, March 26, 1943, renamed War Food Administration by EO 9334, April 19, 1943. Functions reverted to the Secretary of Agriculture when War Food Administration abolished by EO 9577, June 29, 1945. Subsequently assigned to the Production and Marketing Administration by Secretary's Memorandum 1118, August 18, 1945, as functional successor to Agricultural Adjustment Agency. Designated the CSS by Secretary's Memorandum 1320, suppl. 4, November 2, 1953. Name changed to ASCS, 1961. ASCS established by Secretary's Memorandum 1458, June 5, 1961, in accordance with Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953, effective June 4, 1953. Administered agricultural price support, production adjustment, and conservation assistance programs; and international commodity agreements. Abolished by Secretary's Memorandum 1010-1, October 20, 1994, implementing section 226 of the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 3214), October 13, 1994, with agricultural stabilization programs and the conservation reserve program transferred to newly established Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA); and remaining conservation programs transferred to newly established Natural Resources Conservation Service (see RG 114). CFSA, established by same Secretary's Memorandum, acquired not only ASCS functions, but also the Farm Home Loan program of the Farmers Home Administration (abolished by same Secretary's Memorandum; see RG 96); and supervision of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. CFSA redesignated Farm Service Agency without change of organization or functions, January 16, 1996.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE:

2024

TASCOE CONVENTION

JULY 24-27, 2024

LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER



www.tascoe.org



*Things to do in
Granbury:*

Parks & Lake

Shopping

Vineyards

Museums

Antiques

Tours

Movies

Brewery

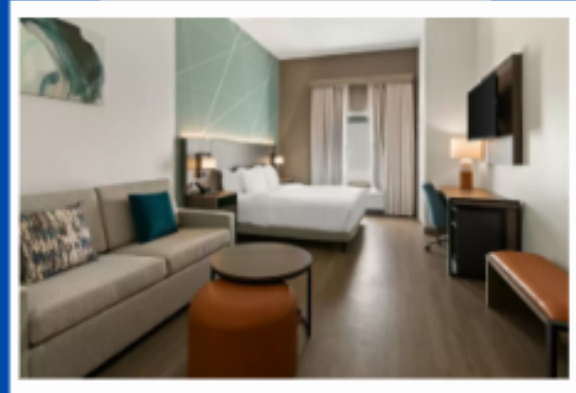
And SO much more!

Join us in Granbury this summer!

2024 TASCOE CONVENTION GRANBURY, TX

Host Hotel:
Comfort Suites

July 24-27, 2024



TASCOE is excited to announce that the Host Hotel for our 2024 convention will be the newly renovated Comfort Suites. Make your reservations now and get ready to have a **GRAND TIME IN GRANBURY!**

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/EJ02H0>

JULY 24-27, 2024

GRANBURY, TEXAS
TASCOE CONVENTION
A GRAND TIME IN GRANBURY



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The TASCOE Executive Board, Directors and Committee Chairs are excitedly planning the state convention that will be held in Granbury this summer, but we need your help.

Planning a state convention is a large undertaking and requires a great deal of financial support. If you know of any businesses or supporters that would be interested in donating to our annual convention it would be greatly appreciated if you could ask their consideration in donating to our endeavor.

Their support will allow us to host an exceptional convention while also exposing their business to FSA employees and their families from across the state.

If you are able to help in our fundraising efforts, please reach out to your TASCOE District Director to obtain the pre-written donation letter to use in your fundraising.

EMBLEMS BY SUPERIOR



CHECK THEM OUT ONLINE AT [HTTP://NASCOE.ORG/STORE](http://NASCOE.ORG/STORE) FOR ALL YOUR USDA LOGO APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES!



2024 NASCOE CONVENTION

TRAVEL INFORMATION &
HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

VISIT:

[VISITQUADCITIES.COM/2024-NASCOE-NATIONAL-CONVENTION](https://visitquadcities.com/2024-nascoe-national-convention)

AUG. 7 — WEDNESDAY

THREE THEMED TOUR CHOICES:

- JOHN DEERE
- FOODIE
- ART

EVENING ACTIVITY:

QC RIVER BANDITS BASEBALL
MODERN WOODMAN PARK
BALLGAME, DINNER & PIN TRADING

AUG. 8 — THURSDAY

CONVENTION CONVENES

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIP

EVENING ACTIVITIES:

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AUCTION
DAVENPORT POKER RUN

AUG. 9 — FRIDAY

CONVENTION CONTINUES

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIP

EVENING ACTIVITY:

JOHN DEERE PAVILION
FOOD TRUCKS & ENTERTAINMENT

AUG. 10 — SATURDAY

CONVENTION ADJOURNS

YOUTH ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIP

THREE ACTIVITY CHOICES:

- RIVER & HISTORY TOUR
- FREIGHTHOUSE FARMERS MARKET
- CHANNEL CAT WATER TAXI TRIP

EVENING ACTIVITY:

NASCOE AWARDS BANQUET
ROARING 20'S.
THEME DRESS ENCOURAGED

Questions? Contact: iascoenewsletter@gmail.com

2024 AL SOUTH RALLY

May 2 -5, 2024
Mobile, Alabama

Arrival in Mobile May 2nd

Meetings on Friday & Saturday, May 3rd & 4th

Banquet on Saturday night (Casual)

Depart Mobile Sunday, May 5th



Arrive early on Thursday and plan to stay through Sunday. With over 50 attractions (restaurants, bars, museums, and historical sites) within walking distance of the hotel there are plenty of options to explore.

Hotel info:

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 South Water Street
Mobile, AL 36602
Rooms are \$169 per night.

Use the following Link to make your reservations today!!!

[Book your group rate for Alabama Association of County Office Employees All South Rally \(ALASCOE\) 2024](#)

More Rally and Registration information will be available soon so stay tuned. Please address any issues or questions to 2024AllSouthRally@gmail.com.

TALES FROM THE TRAIL...



WHAT'S SPRINGING UP WITH OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE STATE



COZY HOLLY JOLLY STAFF **CLEBURNE USDA SERVICE CENTER**

This group knows how to get festive!

Pictured Left to Right Standing:

John Tyson CED, Vickie Boykin Retired PT, Tori Johnson PT, Paula Burgess Retired PT, Cheri Thomas PT, Kayla Rutherford PT

Left to Right Seated:

Trinity Scott NRCS, Rexie Hargus NRCS



FALLS COUNTY

Taylor Ancinec, CED in Falls County, and husband, Barrett, welcomed daughter, Parker Kate Ancinec, born January 24, 2024 weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz and 18.5 inches long. Welcome to the TASCOE family pretty girl!



CORYELL COUNTY

Arianna Cavitt, CED in Coryell County, with nephew Aidyn Taylor at his Army enlistment ceremony on January 3, 2024.



FORT BEND COUNTY

Arianna Crum, daughter of Fort Bend County CED Veronica Crum, was inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society. Mom and dad are extremely proud of her!





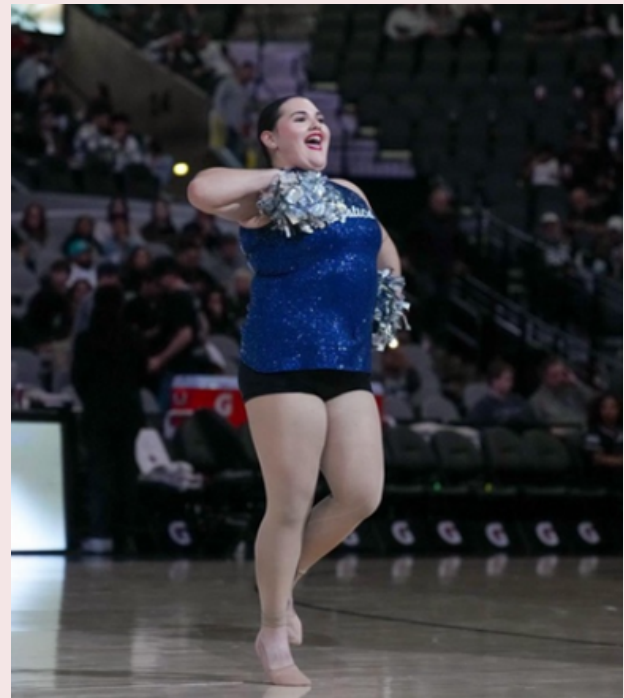
TERRY COUNTY

Rene Sanchez, Terry County PT, and her husband Mason, along with their 2 daughters (Summer and Mena) welcomed the addition of Elsie Grace to their family November 27, 2023, at 5:35 a.m.



FAYETTE/LEE COUNTY

Benjamin Garlick, grandson of CED-Levi Garlick, won Grand Champion with his ben of broilers at Rodeo Austin. This is his first year to show and he made the sale at the San Antonio and Houston shows as well. Levi is one proud grandpa!



GUADALUPE COUNTY

Allie Aguilar daughter of Guadalupe County CED Albert and Linda Aguilar got to perform with her New Braunfels High School Dance Team at the San Antonio Spurs Half Time.





UVALDE COUNTY

Uvalde County employees made a great showing at the 2024 Uvalde County Fair. Employees representing FSA are Eliabeth Rivera (Farm Loan PT), Rubi Rivera (PT), and Shayna Parker (Temporary PT).





JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County PT Darbi Tobola and husband Kolby are excited to announce that they are expecting a baby BOY in July 2024!!! Congratulations to the Tobola family, we're so happy for you!



HALE COUNTY

Torrie Gilleland along with 2 daughters & spouses, niece and grandkids attended the Mardi Gras parade in Bandera, TX the first weekend in February. Fun was had and plenty of beads were caught (without exposing anything).

Pic L to R: Caitlyn Rankin(daughter), Michaela Hevenor(daughter), Megan Hartline(niece) and Torrie Gilleland



POTTER/ARMSTRONG & OLDHAM COUNTY

Corrine Acker, daughter of Adam Acker, CED in Potter/Armstrong – Oldham and Acting in Dallam-Hartley and granddaughter of Anne Acker, PT in Castro County, competed at the Private School Institution Academic (PSIA) contests and took 1st place in 3rd Grade Ready Writing and 2nd place in 3rd grade spelling. She will now head to the state competition in Houston on April 27.



HOUSTON/LEON/MADISON-ANDERSON COUNTY

The Crockett County Office would like to welcome their new Program Technicians April Morris (2nd from the Left) and Amber Collier (3rd from the left). Also pictured are Kallie Lovelace, CED (left end) and Amber Harrelson (right end) who are very excited to have these new ladies on their team!



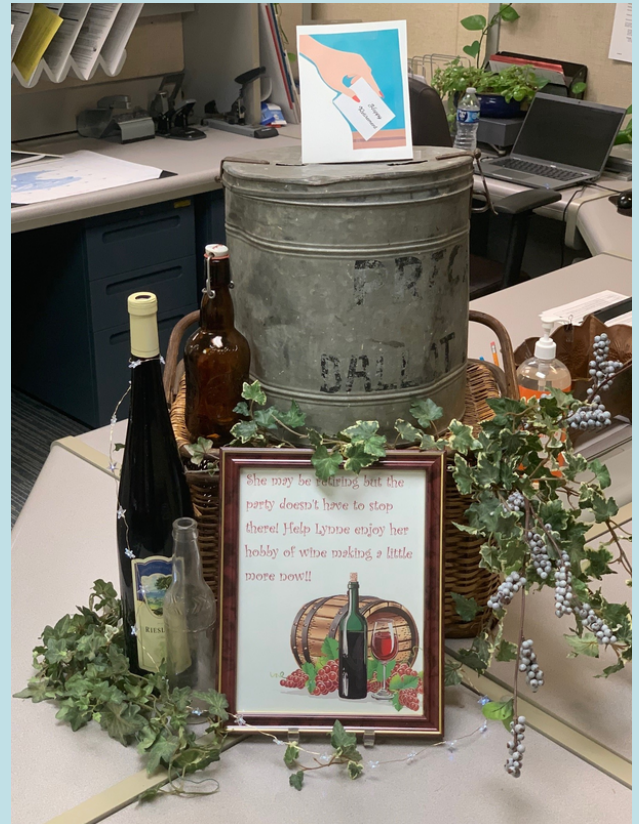
FORT BEND COUNTY

Arianna Crum, daughter of Veronica Crum, CED in Fort Bend County. Arianna and her Albion team took 2nd place at the La Copa soccer tournament in San Antonio.



DENTON COUNTY

The Denton County Office celebrated the retirement of Lynne Berend. She dedicated to 32 years of service to the Denton County FSA and its producers. Happy retirement Lynne!!





FANNIN COUNTY

Amy Lindsey, Fannin CED, is now “Honey” to her first grandson. Amy’s daughter Morgan and her husband brought Jadie Noble Dawson into the world on November 26th.

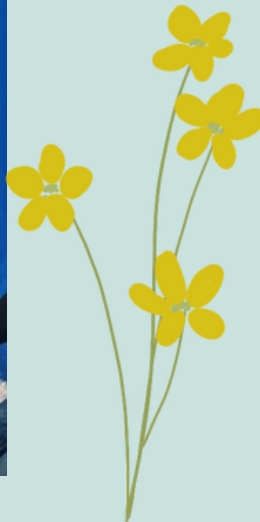


SCHLEICHER-SUTTON-VAL VERDE COUNTY

Jordan Watson, with her Schleicher County Grand Champion Steer. Jordan is the daughter of CED, Jodie Watson.
Congrats Jordan!

COTTLE-KING COUNTY

Austin Winger, son of Christie Winger, PT in Cottle-King County, at the Foard County Stock Show. (Pictured on the right)
Zoey Winger, daughter of Christie Winger, PT in Cottle-King County at the Foard County Stock Show. (Pictured on the left)



JACKSON COUNTY

Ryland Slusher, son of Jackson County PT, Chelsea Slusher, attended his Sophomore Prom in February with his lovely date.



SCHLEICHER-SUTTON-VAL VERDE COUNTY

The Eldorado County Office celebrated Kim Albin's birthday!



COLORADO COUNTY

The Colorado County Office celebrated Employee Appreciation Day by gifting the Program Technicians flowers. Their hard work for the producers of Colorado County is greatly appreciated!

Pictured are Jenna Leihardt and Lori LeBlue.
Not Pictured is Cassidy Howell.





JACKSON COUNTY

Rhett Slusher, son of Jackson County PT, Chelsea Slusher, turned 11 on 01/07/24 and is gearing up for baseball season!



WISE COUNTY

Carson Cowling (10), son of April Cowling, Wise County PT, received his awards for his UIL competitions. He won 3rd place individual in Chess, 2nd place team in Chess, and 3rd place team in Maps, Charts and Graphs.



LAMAR COUNTY

Cooper Whitis (13), son of Randi Sebolt, CED Lamar County, showed in the junior market goat show at Fort Worth. and celebrated his 13th birthday on January 5th! Pray for Mom as they enter the teen years!





FANNIN COUNTY

Evan Bailey, son of Fannin CED, Amy Lindsey, married
Shaylee (Audrain) on October 14th, 2023.
The two reside in Canyon, TX



COTTLE-KING AND MOTLEY COUNTY

Haygen, Sawyer, and Cayson Elliott, grandsons of
Shonda Elliott, CED for Cottle-King and Motley
Counties, enjoying the snow in Matador Texas.



SCHLEICHER-SUTTON- VAL VERDE COUNTY

Gideon (10) and Jolene Williams (7)
participate in the Little Dribblers
Basketball teams for 2024. Gideon and
Jolene are children of Schleicher,
Sutton, Val Verde County Office PT,
Hollie Williams.





DALLAS COUNTY

Pictured to the left are: Urban CED Stefen Tucker, State Conservationist for NRCS Kristy Oates, Kenneth Walker Deputy Chief of NRCS, Under Secretary Gloria Montaño Greene, former CMPS Chief Raymond Marr, and Urban Conservationist for NRCS Michael Brooks at the official ribbon cutting for the new Urban Service Center Grand opening.

Pictured to the right are: The Urban County Committee (Hyiat El-Jundi, Coy Poitier and Criss Lee) speak at the grand opening of the new Urban Service Center in Dallas.

YOUNG & THROCKMORTON COUNTY

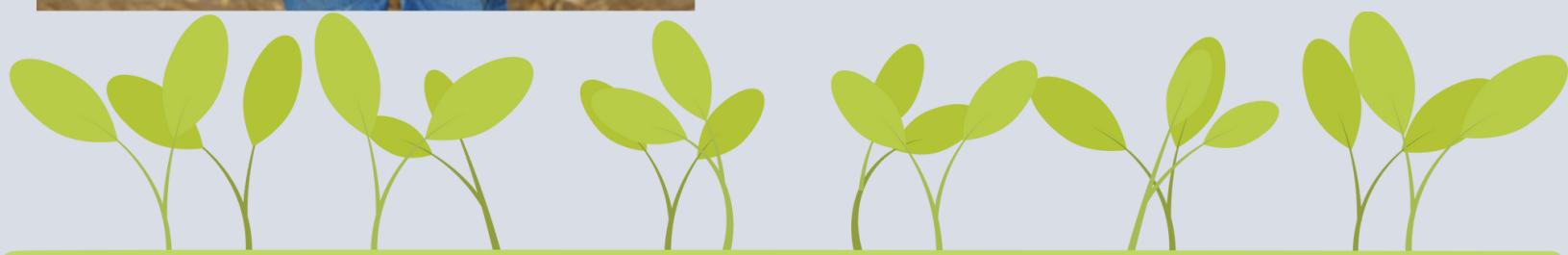


CED Jeannine P. Wendel pictured with outgoing Young COC Vice-Chair Billy R. Atwood. Appreciation gift for Mr. Atwood was made by Emblems by Superior.



SCHLEICHER, SUTTON, VAL VERDE COUNTY

Braxton Capuchin won Reserve Grand Market Goat on December 16th, 2023. Then went on to an open pewee showmanship show on January 6th, 2024, and won pewee showmanship with his goat and lamb. Braxton is the son of Bailee Capuchin, PT in the Schleicher, Sutton, Val Verde County Office.





CALDWELL-COMAL-HAYS COUNTY

"You had us at Cali," said the Kraatz family who recently went to The Golden State to visit Anaheim. They all went to Disneyland for a day and then Maeby and Lexie competed in the 2024 Musical Theater Competition of America (MTCA)!

Everyone brought home more Disney swag, smiles, and acting notes.

Family of Christa Kraatz, Caldwell-Comal-Hays County CED.



COLORADO COUNTY

Kylee Hoffmann participated in the Texas Tables and Container Garden contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and brother Clay also participated in the Container Garden contest. Kylee and Clay are the children of Colorado County CED, Dawn Hoffmann.



COTTLE-KING AND MOTLEY COUNTY



Haygen Elliott, grandson of Shonda Elliott, CED for Cottle-King and Motley Counties, with his Grand Champion pig at the Motley County Livestock Show.



Sawyer Elliott, grandson of Shonda Elliott, CED for Cottle-King and Motley Counties, with his bottle calf project at the Motley County Livestock Show.

DALLAS/TARRANT COUNTY



Randi Kay, Daughter of Dallas/Tarrant CED Stefen Tucker, cheers on her basketball team (above), and celebrates 100 days of school by dressing up like she is 100 years old (right),





YOUNG & THROCKMORTON COUNTY



Jillian P. Wendel, 22 year old daughter of CED Jeannine P. Wendel, has curated her 3rd art show while in her Art History Masters degree at UNT. The show was inside the UNT's College of Visual Arts and Design's Paul Voertman Gallery. She was also recently recognized in the Dallas art world through the Patron Art magazine.

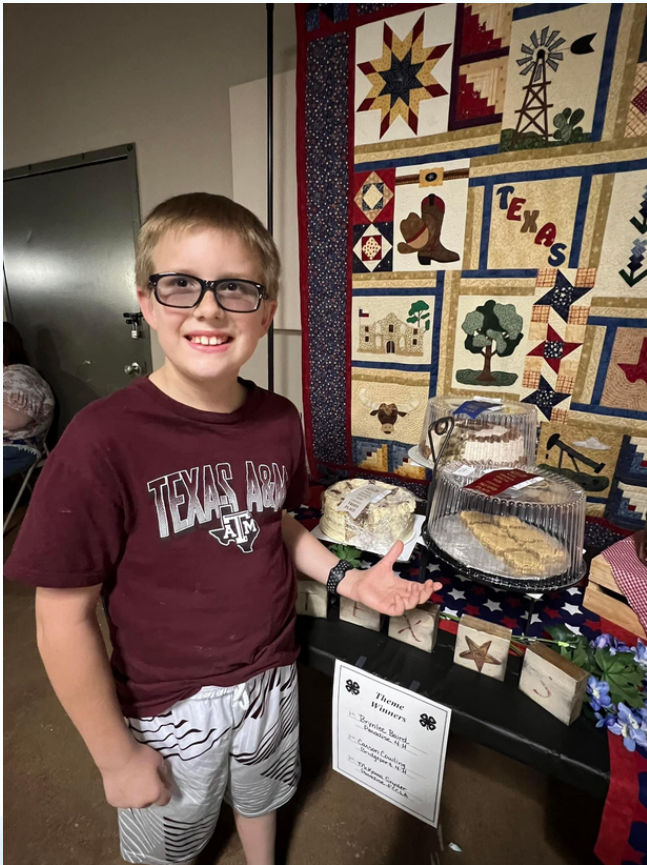
SCHLEICHER-SUTTON-VAL VERDE COUNTY



Gideon and Jolene Williams, children of PT-Hollie Williams, help their dad move some livestock over the winter break.

WISE COUNTY

Carson Cowling, son of Wise County PT April Cowling, cleaned up on awards at the Wise County Youth Fair in Foods, Crafts and Photography. Way to go Carson!



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