

TASCOE TALES

Winter 2024/Spring 2025 Edition



Important Dates:

June 22-26, 2025

2025 NASCOE Convention
Whitefish, Montana

July 1, 2025

Memorial Submissions Due

July 8, 2025

Executive Committee
Nominations Due

August 7-9, 2025

2025 TASCOE Convention
Fredericksburg, TX

From the President's Desk

Howdy TASCOE family!

Here we are once again in the Springtime of the year with the birds chirping, grass finally growing and greening up with a skip in your step and the Easter Bunny just around the corner! Everyone is hopping right now in our offices, so it will be nice to stop and take some time to realize how special our friendships truly are in the jobs that we do serving the farmers and ranchers of this great state and nation! Hopefully, we can all remember to take a step back, enjoy the air, breath a bit slower and most importantly take that quality time off to fully enjoy some much-needed time with our families and friends while also refreshing ourselves and our faith like the Easter season brings. We all need that time away to regroup our thoughts, replenish ourselves and recharge our minds, hearts and souls. Plus hunt some Easter eggs and eat some candy!

Speaking of our family and friends, we know TASCOE (& NASCOE) are a set of those friends that have truly become family, too! With the hours we spend on the job, we know spending time with our co-workers is what makes TASCOE such an incredible association. Wherever you are...north, south, east, or west, you can certainly count on your FSA, TASCOE and NASCOE family for support, networking, problem solving and reassurance in all avenues of our lives. As you are reading this, ask yourself if you have shared your love and passion for our association to non-members. Please tell the TASCOE story to someone who is not a member of our TASCOE/NASCOE family. Tell them how it has helped your career, your attitude, and the friendships you have made for a lifetime. We need our association to stay strong! We always need to share the story for all the benefits we have been blessed to have in being a member.

Another great way to share the TASCOE story is by coming to convention! We will certainly be enjoying our members and TASCOE family in Fredericksburg this August 7-9, 2025! Please be watching for information pertaining to TASCOE Convention and save these dates now! It is always such a great time to come together like a "family reunion"! We encourage you to attend a convention, even if you never have...and be a "first timer"! It is going to be fun and fabulous in Fredericksburg!

Thank you for being a TASCOE and NASCOE member and supporting our association and the employees we are here to serve. A very special thank you the TASCOE Executive Board and all of the Directors, Alternate Directors and Committee Chairs who continue to keep information flowing from our association and agency to you, our members, and prospective new members. Please keep believing in our mission and striving for our true success overall!

With a joyful and hopeful heart, I certainly hope to see all of you all at convention, so "Follow us to Fredericksburg!" May you feel the jubilant greetings, endearing hugs and incredible times that keep you smiling and feeling the warmth from the Spring sun and into the summer!

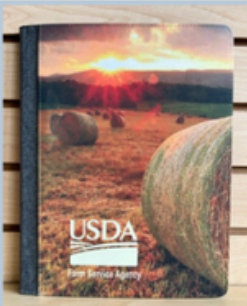
Blessings and Happy Easter!
Respectfully yours, TASCOE President
Jeannine P. Wendel



LOOKING FOR USDA AND FSA BRANDED GEAR??

CHECK OUT EMBLEMS BY SUPERIOR!

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*Please help us remember deceased
TASCOE, TASE, and TACS members;
State and County Office Employees; and
COC Members through our*

Memorial Program

*Please submit:
Name, Years of Service, Position and Location
to Memorial Program Co-Chairs
Sharon Curtis and April M. Cowling*

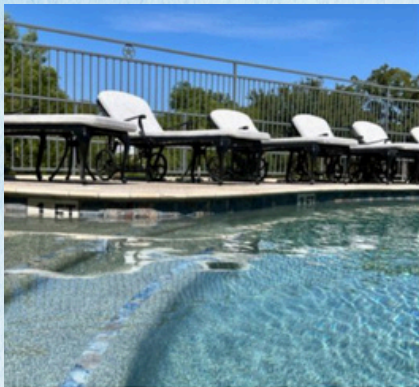
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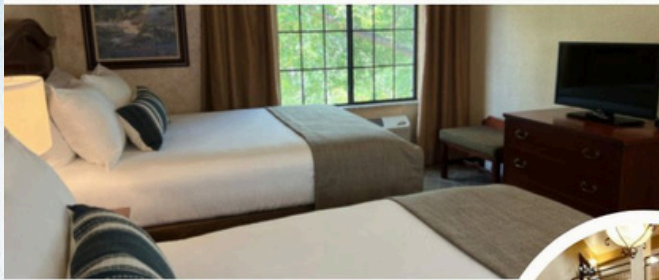


INN ON BARONS CREEK

Room rates are \$110 per night/weekdays
and \$249 per night/weekends
Rates are guaranteed until July 5th

830-990-9202

Tell them you're with the TASCOE room block



Tales from the Trail

What's springing up with our friends around the state!



District 14

At their district meeting in December, District 14 gifted Ricky Neffendorf a rocking chair for his upcoming retirement.

Below are some pictures from Ricky's retirement party.





San Saba County

Santa visited San Saba County back in December! Pictured are members Sage Thompson, Ashley Watson and Beth Battallion with Santa, Steve Watson.

Wise County

CED, Tracy D Meadows, returned from his district meeting to a “wrapped” office! Only fragile and living items were left unwrapped.





Young-Throckmorton County

Bragging rights again on Jillian P. Wendel, daughter of Jeannine P. (Young-Throckmorton CED and TASCOE President) and Duane Wendel. Jillian is obtaining her master's degree in art education at the University of North Texas and is looking forward to graduating in May 2025. In 2024, Jillian accomplished many of her goals, including publishing her art writing for the first time, curating numerous exhibitions, speaking as a guest panelist at UNT, and even debuting a group show of staff artwork at Dallas Contemporary, the museum where she currently works. One of the art shows

Jillian co-curated at the museum has received even more press and noted as one of the best shows in Texas for 2024!!!!

Jillian did the press releases on this show as well. This year, Jillian founded the "Shed Show", a DIY art gallery in her very own backyard shed in Denton. Since May, she's curated five exhibitions there of local artists. In addition to her busy schedule, Jillian also

began working as an assistant for the commercial art gallery, "12.26" in Dallas. You can find her art writing at [CED, Tracy D Meadows, returned from his district meeting to a "wrapped" office! Only fragile and living items were left unwrapped.](#)

and keep up with her curatorial projects through her Instagram @jillyreally & @theshedshow__



San Saba-Mills County

Texas' very own, Beth Battalion, was one of the 19 FSA employees nationwide who was selected to participate in the Customer Experience Enhancement Committee!

The Customer Experience Enhancement Committee was established in September 2019 to create the process of a feedback loop from field employees to the Customer Experience Division (and the FPAC Mission Area). The committee is comprised of representatives from all agencies within FPAC from across the nation with a focus on external customer-facing service center employees.

Each FY cohort has been comprised of 35-40 members, with the general breakout being structured to provide representation to all four agencies in the Farm Production and Conservation Mission Area. This year, membership will consist of:

19 FSA members
19 NRCS members
4 RMA members
4 FPAC Business Center members

Goals for the cohort –

- To develop CXEC members who will become “CX Advocates” for using Customer Experience design methods among their peers. We want them to take control of finding solutions using a CX lens.
- For the CXEC members to learn and understand the various policies and initiatives that are driving a greater focus on designing for the customer.



Houston-Leon-Madison and Anderson County
PA, Amber Harrelson, and her family celebrated
her husband's grandmother's 91st birthday!!

And they also celebrated a big family
Thanksgiving!





Houston-Leon-Madison and Anderson County

Amber Harrelson's daughter had a terrific volleyball season!
(L) Layla is a sophomore on the Lovelady High School JV team.
(R) Julie is on the 7th grade Lovelady Junior High team.





Gillespie-Kendall-Blanco County

Karen Rode's grandson, Liam, visiting their ranch. He is 18 months old, lives in Arkansas, and love goats! He was a great ranch hand helping check the herd before kidding season started.



Coryell County

Avery has proven to be a top hand working sheep and goats! Avery is the daughter of Coryell County CED, Arianna Cavitt.



Schleicher-Sutton-Val Verde County

Kim Albin celebrated 35 years with FSA!!!
She is pictured with Bailee Capuchin (PA) and CED Jodie Watson.
Congrats on 35 years Kim!! Thank you for your years of
dedicated service to FSA and Texas farmers and ranchers!



Calhoun County

Crystal Esquivel, Calhoun County PA, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Houston–Victoria on December 14th, 2024, earning a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She was also recognized by her professors as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, an honor that is given to one student in each graduating class. She is pictured with her son and her mom.



Fayette/Lee County

Levi Garlick, CED of the La Grange FSA office, finally decided to give retirement a try! Levi is pictured with Dawn Hoffmann (Colorado County CED), Morgan Limmer (DD #13), Melissa Galipp (retired Fayette/Lee County PT), Lori LeBlue (Colorado County PA), and Marcy Logan (Victoria County PA).

Perryton/Ochiltree County

Victoria Fischer, PA in the Perryton/Ochiltree County office was married on October 26th to Hayden-James Hughes. Congratulations to the happy couple!



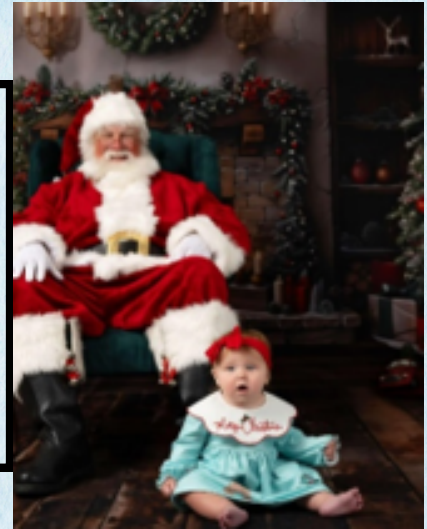
Guadalupe County

Guadalupe County CED, Albert Aguilar, recently had the pleasure of dancing with the New Braunfels High School Monoceras Dance Team in a daddy-daughter dance with his girl Allie!



Lavaca County

PA, Bailee Peru, took her sweet girls to see Santa during the holidays. It doesn't look like they're very big fans of the bearded guy!



Austin/Washington County

December was a big month for our Briana... she transferred from Fayette/Lee County one week and changed her name the next...Meet Mr. and Mrs. Wagner! Briana is a PA in the Bellville office.





Lavaca County

Wyatt and Baylee Decker won Grand Champion Broilers and Reserve Champion Goat in the Shiner Junior Livestock Show in November. They are the son and daughter of Lavaca County PT, Courtney Decker and her husband Tim.



District #4

Long time PA/ HUGE TASCOE Advocate/ and first TASCOE Female President- Penny Kelton retired from FSA after 42+ years of service. Thank you, Penny, for your years of service to Texas farmer and ranchers and all the hard work you did for TASCOE!!



Austin/Washington County

Austin/Washington County Christmas Team Build, we decorated shirts! Of course, we had to make our newest member of our FSA family a shirt too. Sweet Kyler is the daughter of new PA, Kelsye Janish.

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OR FOLLOW US ALL ON FACEBOOK!!



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www.nafecfsa.com

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