

THE COUNTY TAX \$STATEMENT



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President's Message

By Ronnie Keister, Lubbock County Tax Assessor-Collector



Hello. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Waco conference as much as I did. Thank you to Jeri, Randy, Michelle and everyone else who helped make the conference as great as it was. I hope to see everyone in San Marcos at the annual VG Young Conference November 13th through the 16th.

I want to bring everyone up to date on a few things. First, the thing that has prob-

ably drawn everyone's attention is the new DMV P&H fee. Chairman Pickett has filed a request for an AG opinion to clarify several things, including the big question of the legality of centralized online registration. As part of the process, T.A.C.A. has been asked to provide a brief on what we believe the law says. The AG opinion process can take 6 months, so it may be a while before we hear what the result is.

In addition to the AG opinion, several including myself, have filed a petition with DIR asking for them to consider making a rule that would require DIR to verify statutory authority for agencies using DIR for contracts. We have also asked DIR to consider if the additional money associated with the contract amendment from DMV exceeds the maximum 10% addition without having to rebid the contract. DIR held a meeting on August 18th and were expected to consider the requests at that meeting. We will let you know the results as soon as we get them.

Second, the Legislative Committee, chaired by Kristy Roe and Vice-Chaired by Ro'Vin Garrett and Bruce Elfant, is actively

trying to determine our agenda for the next session. Our platform is voted on by the board at the November meeting during VG Young. I would encourage each of you to contact those folks with any concerns of items that you feel need their attention soon so that it can be considered.

Lastly, I know that there was an email that was seen concerning Linda Bridge resigning from the board. I can tell you that Linda did want some time to think over some things but has decided not to resign. Linda is a great board member and we look forward to her continued involvement. One thing that this did bring up is that the By-Laws Committee needs to consider what to do in the event that a board member or VP resigns. Currently our constitution and by-laws only address what happens if the President or President-Elect positions become vacant. There are several options for them to consider and I look forward to hearing what their recommendations are.

Finally, I want you to consider that with our theme for the year being "Framing the Future" what are you doing today to make your office better tomorrow?

Respectfully,

Ronnie Keister
Lubbock County Tax Assessor
President, Tax Assessor-Collector's Assoc.



Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

Submitted by: Danna Reeves, Program Specialist, Vehicle Titles and Registration



Welcome to the TxDMV On-Ramp! We appreciate the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas continuing to provide newsletter space for us. Please know you may reach out to your Regional Service Center (RSC) with any questions you may have. We are happy to share the following announcements:

New Logo for WebAgent-Subcontractor (webSUB)



For those counties who have subcontractors, the webSUB application has a new logo design. The logo was successfully deployed to the application in June. Users were advised of the new logo and informed there were no functionality changes to the application.

Dates to Remember

Columbus Day
Monday, October 10, 2016

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6, 2016

Election Day
Tuesday, November 8, 2016

V.G. Young School for County
Tax Assessor-Collectors
November 13-16, 2016

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2016/2017 Board: (Left to right) Ronnie Keister, Randy Riggs, Michelle French, Diane Bolin, Monte Shaw, Teri Garvey, Tammy McRae, Cathy Talcott, Linda Bridge and Midget Sherman

From the Editor

By Teresa McCoy, Hood County Tax Assessor-Collector



Hello Everyone. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and that you are surviving the budget process in great shape. Fall and the tax collection season will soon be here.

I want to take time to thank Jeri Cox, the Program Committee, host Randy Riggs, last years Secretary/Treasurer Michelle French and everyone else who played a part in making the 82nd Annual T.A.C.A. Conference such a great one. If you missed it you really missed a wonderful event and a great educational opportunity.

I'd also like to thank Midget Sherman and the entire 2015/2016 Board for all they done for our association last year. In addition, congratulations and thank you to our President, Ronnie Keister, and to all of the new 2016/2017 Board members for all they are doing and will be doing for us over the upcoming year.

I can't believe it but it's time to register for the annual V.G. Young School for County Tax Assessor's; this seminar will be held in beautiful San Marcos at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa & Conference Center. The dates for this year are November 14th through 16th and the early registration deadline is October 12, 2016. The cost for early registration is \$175, after that date registration is \$190 and on-site registration is \$200. The agenda is not currently available but the registration form and a schedule of events can be found at <http://vgyi.tamu.edu/schools-for-county-officials/tax-assessor-collectors/>. Please note that an extended learning opportunity is being offered following the completion of this event, the course being offered is Lawmaking, which is a T.A.C.A. Professional Designation Certification Course. The cost for the Lawmaking course is \$45 and this is in addition to the school registration fee. More information will be available as the seminar gets closer so watch for emails on our list serve.

Our association awards scholarships each year for the annual conference and for the V.G. Young School to assist Tax A/C's, who are first time attendees, with the registration fee and hotel expenses. If you are a Tax Assessor-Collector who will be a first time attendee to the V.G. Young School for County Tax A/C's this in November and have a limited travel/education budget, please print and complete the Scholarship Application Form (in this issue) and email it to our Immediate Past President, Thelma "Midget" Sherman at the email address shown on the form as soon as possible. These applications must be received by October 1, 2016 to be considered.

There is more information in this issue but here's a quick reminder to all of you that it's time to nominate someone from your region for the Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year Award. The nomination forms have been mailed to each regional coordinator, the completed forms must be postmarked or emailed to Donna Atzenhoffer no later than September 26, 2016. If your region does not have a regional coordinator please take time to contact Donna for a nomination form and mail it in so that we can have nominees from every region of this great state of ours.

Well this is it for me for this time but please remember, we want to hear from you so if you have any news you'd like to share with the rest of us or have information and/or photos from your regional meetings please send it all to me via email at tmccoy@co.hood.tx.us and I'll do my absolute best to include it in our next publication.

Until next issue, thank you for all you and your deputies do every day for the citizens of your counties!

Texas DMV On Ramp

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Vehicle Titles and Registration Forms Initiative

VTR started an initiative to review, revise, consolidate, and/or eliminate more than 60 title-related forms. The updated forms will be posted online in July and August with the exception of certain secure forms that will be released once existing stock is depleted.

If any revisions result in changes to policies or procedures, VTR will communicate the updated change to policy or procedure through a Registration and Title Bulletin and webinar session. VTR will also distribute a notification when the existing stock of secure forms is depleted and new versions are available. We anticipate this will occur by early 2017.

To ensure you are informed of future form revisions, please subscribe to the TxDMV GovDelivery "Form Updates" email distribution list. To subscribe, click the GovDelivery icon at the bottom of www.TxDMV.gov webpage or go to www.TxDMV.gov/subscribe. Check the box beside "Form Updates" to receive the latest notifications for form-related updates.

Regional Services New Hire

TxDMV Chief of Regional Services William Diggs has announced W. Boyd Bush, Jr., Ed. D., will come on board as Assistant Chief of Regional Services effective August 1, 2016. Boyd brings a wealth of leadership experience to his new position. He has a doctoral degree in administration from Texas Tech University, master's and bachelor's degrees from West Texas A&M University, and 20 years of experience as a legislative director, college administrator, professor, and principal.

Bush will be responsible for the Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Houston, Midland/Odessa, Pharr, and San Antonio regions.

Pamela Carter will continue to be responsible for the Abilene, Amarillo, Dallas, Fort Worth, Longview, Lubbock, Waco, and Wichita Falls regions.

The Truth About Toll Scofflaws and the Tax Office

**Submitted by: Carrie Rogers
Director, Government Affairs
North Texas Tollway Authority**



Millions are choosing to drive on toll roads every year – but what happens if someone doesn't pay their tolls? State law allows local governmental toll authorities such as the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) to use a handful of tools to ensure fair payment by all customers. The law applies to habitual toll violators – registered vehicle owners with 100 or more unpaid tolls that have been issued at least two invoices within a year. *The registered owner at the time the unpaid tolls were incurred is the responsible party.*

The most effective toll enforcement tool for habitual violators is vehicle registration block. Tolling entities have the authority to request that the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles block a vehicle registration for habitual nonpayment of tolls. The tax offices in turn refuse a vehicle's registration with a scofflaw remark (1) observed in TxDMV's Registration and Title System or (2) on the mailed registration notice until the tax office is presented with a registration release/receipt issued by the tolling authority.

How Can a Toll Registration Block be Removed?

A registration block for unpaid tolls can be removed by paying a toll bill in full or entering into an approved payment plan – either in person or by phone.

- Habitual violators can present their vehicle registration renewal notice with the "SCOFFLAW" remark they received in the mail or a license plate number to any [NTTA Customer Service Center](#).
- They can also call the NTTA Toll Enforcement Team at (469) 828-4619. An NTTA Specialist will provide a registration release/receipt to return to the County Tax Office to clear the vehicle registration block.

When a customer pays a full toll balance or enters into a payment plan over the phone, a receipt authorizing removal of the block may be faxed and/or emailed to both the customer and to the County Tax Office confirming payment.

While there is no law on the books that directly allows a driver to be arrested for not paying tolls, a person may be issued a citation for nonpayment of tolls by the Department of Public Safety. The driver must appear in a local Justice of the Peace court to respond to the complaint for nonpayment of tolls. If a person fails to appear in court, he or she may be issued a warrant for failure to appear, which may also result in a vehicle registration block by the County.

The vehicle registration block is intended to ensure payment for services rendered and to ensure fairness to the overwhelming majority of drivers who pay for the convenience, maintenance and safety of toll roads. The simple truth is: the easiest way to avoid getting toll invoices in the mail is to pay tolls with a TollTag.

For questions about the toll scofflaw program, FAQs are available [online](#). You may also contact Carrie Rogers, NTTA Director of Government Affairs, at 214-224-2269 or crogers@ntta.org.

THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Submitted By: Robert Baker, Training and Web
Development Specialist, Tax Policy Division

Motor Vehicle Tax

No Signature and No Sales Price on Application for Texas Title

Both the seller and purchaser of a motor vehicle must complete and sign the Form 130-U, Application for Texas Title. Along with the required seller's and purchaser's signatures, the sales price of the motor vehicle should also appear on the Application for Texas Title.

So, what happens if the seller's signature is missing or the sales price isn't known?

If the seller's signature is not on the Form 130-U, the purchaser must make a diligent effort to get it. Acceptable evidence of that diligent effort can take the form of a receipt from sending a certified letter to the seller's last known address. Other credible documentation can be accepted by the county TAC. If a motor vehicle is purchased out of state, a seller's signed bill of sale can be accepted instead of the seller's signature on the 130-U.

If the sales price of a vehicle is not known, the taxable value can be determined in the following ways:

If the seller is known to be a dealer, you can use a seller signed bill of sale. If a signed bill of sale is not available, use the Standard Presumptive Value (SPV) or, if the SPV is not used, require an appraisal from a dealer, insurance adjuster or, at the discretion of the county TAC, a person with special knowledge of the vehicle's value. A person with

special knowledge can include an antique dealer or antique auction.

If the sale was made between private parties for a vehicle fewer than 25 years old, or if the seller's identity is not known, you can use the SPV procedure, which includes comparing the price to other documentation (e.g., bill of sale, canceled check), if available. If the SPV is not available, require an appraisal.

If the sale was made between private parties for a vehicle 25 years or older you can use a seller-signed bill of sale. If a signed bill of sale is not available, then require an appraisal from a dealer, insurance adjuster or, at the discretion of the county TAC, a person with special knowledge of the vehicle's value. The Comptroller's appraisal Form 14-128 can be used, but is not required.

Instead of the appraisal, a title applicant who is obtaining a title through a bonded title process can use two-thirds of the bond amount as the sales price. The Comptroller's appraisal form can be used, but is not required.

When a public sale is held, an auction sales receipt from a governmental entity can be accepted instead of the seller's signature on the 130-U.

When sales are conducted by the federal government, the purchaser is not provided with Form 130-U. The federal Form 97, United States Government – Certificate to Obtain Title to a Motor Vehicle, contains information sufficient for the registration and titling of the vehicle.

THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

Submitted By: Betsy Schonhoff, Voter Registration Manager
July 2016

2016 is shaping up to be a historic year in Texas elections. With over 14 million registered voters in the state, the November Election will be the busiest election season in any four year cycle. In preparation for the events yet to come this year, we recommend Voter Registrars get a jump start in preparing and updating your rolls in the following ways:

1. Be sure to work your tasks & voter applications - Working the tasks on your dashboard or posted on the County Data Website will help ensure your voter rolls are ready for November. In addition, you should work all DPS applications and Texas Online applications as soon as possible (we recommend completing this no later than September 1).
2. Verify the maps for local entities conducting elections in November - If you have a local entity conducting an election in November, we recommend that you coordinate with them to ensure that you have the most up to date map and have coded the street index accordingly.
3. Be sure to check your login for the Web Portal - As a reminder, voter registrars are required to investigate provisional ballots in which the voter indicates he or she attempted to register with DPS. In preparation for provisional ballot inquiries, be sure to check your login to the Web Portal to make sure you can access the location.
4. Run and work your Suspense voting History Report - Voters who have voted since being placed on Suspense are not eligible to be cancelled as part of the Mass Cancellation scheduled to take place after the November Election. As such, we recommend that counties run their Suspense Voting Activity Report for voting Activity and, where unable to locate a Statement Of Residence (which is returned in Envelope #4) for a voter, make the voter active and reissue a Notice of Address Confirmation to place the voter in the proper sequence for the next available Suspense Cancellation process (which would occur in 2018 for these voters).

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As we move into the election cycle, our office will begin posting updated materials including mini-manuals on the DocShare site. If you do not have access to this site, please contact your Senior Administrator. Senior Administrators should contact our office if the county needs assistance accessing this information.

For those of you who were at the Seminar, we enjoyed getting to see you all and meet some of you in person for the first time. As we prepare for the November Election, keep in mind that the Elections Division is here to help. We look forward to working with each of you to make 2016 the best year yet!

With Sympathy & Prayers...

“A LIMB HAS fallen from the family tree that says Grieve not for me

Remember the BEST TIMES, the laughter, the song

The good life I lived while I was STRONG”

DeAnn Williams, Roberts County Tax Assessor-Collector, passed away on June 24, 2016 in Dallas. Sworn into office on January 1, 2015, DeAnn also served as the Chief Appraiser of Roberts County.

Kaley Franconi-Schock, husband of Norma Arroyo, Tax Assessor-Collector for Presidio County, passed away in June of this year.

The hearts of everyone in the Angelina County Tax Office are saddened due to the loss of their friend, co-worker and valued employee, Tanya Sullivan. Tanya collapsed in the office while closing out her cash drawer on July 28, 2016. Tanya left behind her husband and four beautiful children.

Please keep the families, co-workers and friends of all of these folks in your prayers as they are greatly missed.



Message from Midget Sherman: When was the last time you told your staff what a great job they do and that you love them? Don't wait, today is a great day to tell them.

This is a photo of Midget and her staff members wearing t-shirts they had made to wear in Tanya's memory.

Region News

COASTAL BEND REGION

Submitted by Ida M. Turner
Refugio County TAC

The Coastal Bend region of the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association held its meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the Calhoun County Appraisal District Board Room in Port Lavaca, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Linda Bridge, Bee County Tax A/C. Mrs. Rena Scherer, Victoria County Tax A/C, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Patrick Kubala, Wharton County Tax A/C the group in prayer.

The first session of the meeting was on Truth-In-Taxation. Ms. Connie Rose, Director of Education, with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen did the presentation/review. She went over different house bills, effective and rollback rates, the truth-in-taxation process, 2016 planning calendar dates and law changes.

Lunch consisted of a delicious barbecue lunch from Cecil's, compliments of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen.

Melissa De La Garza, Kleberg County Tax A/C, made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Rena Scherer, Victoria County Tax A/C seconded the motion. No one opposed so the motion carried.

The first part of the afternoon session Ms. Rose continued the review and told the group about SB 1760, which is in the Notice of Tax Revenue Increase. The new law is wanting a purpose for which the tax increase will be used.

The second part of the afternoon session was a presentation by Mr. Stefan Krisch, Corpus Christi Regional Manager with Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Mr. Krisch went over the proper processing of Mechanics Liens and uses of POA's. Also discussion opened up regarding the resolutions opposing rules proposed by the Texas DMV that decrease county revenues, increase county costs and reduce local control.

Twelve (12) counties were represented with a total of 25 tax office personnel (Tax A/C's and deputies) plus several Calhoun County Appraisal District employees were in attendance.

The date for the next meeting was set for Wednesday, August 17, 2016 with San Patricio hosting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

BIG COUNTRY REGION

Submitted by Josie Dean
Coke County TAC

The Big Country Region met on April 21, 2016 in Abilene. The meeting was called to order by Jan Dukes, Taylor County Tax A/C.

The minutes from the January 21st meeting were read and approved. The motion was made by Sandy Cagle, Eastland County Tax A/C, and seconded by Jennifer Carey, Erath County Tax A/C and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Josie Dean, Coke County Tax A/C. The motion was made by King County Tax A/C, Sadie Spitzer, and seconded by Sandy Cagle and the motion carried.

A reminder about membership dues being due was the only item discussed under old business and there was no new business to be discussed.

Jamie Trammell, Coleman County Tax A/C, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Cagle seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Following the meeting, a program on the Driver's Privacy Protection Act was presented by Donna Wright, Customer Service Coordinator from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Regional Service Center in Abilene.

2016 Distinguished Service Award



The recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Award is Mrs. Thelma "Midget" Sherman, the Tax Assessor-Collector for Angelina County. This award is presented to someone who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association.

Nominations for this award are made by members of the T.A.C.A. Board of Directors and/or the Chairs of the associations committees. This year's award was presented to Midget Sherman on Tuesday, June 14th during the 82nd Annual T.A.C.A. conference in Waco. Last year's award winner, Scott Porter, Johnson County Tax Assessor-Collector, presented the award.

Midget took office as the Tax Assessor-Collector for Angelina County on March 11, 2008 and has a total of 35 years in the tax office. She has served on the board as Director, Vice-President Internal, Vice-President External, President Elect and as President. Midget has also served on the following committees: Regional Coordinating, Education, Awards, Public Information, Membership, Honorary Membership, Life Membership and Program Committee.

"What better way to go out of office than by being President my last year and then having the honor of receiving the Distinguished Service Award", said Sherman about being honored with the award.

Congratulations Midget! And on behalf of the T.A.C.A. membership and board, "Thank you" for your service and commitment to this association and for all you do, and have done for many years, for everyone in our profession. You are very deserving of this award so again, Congratulations and Thank You!



Changes are Coming...

In September of 2016 – Changes to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33 Navigation & Navigable Waters, Section 174 will require the following additions and revisions for boats and outboard motors:

Submitted by: Julie Gilmore, Manager
Boat Titling, Registration & Marine Licensing

Owner Identifier Data

Federal Regulations will require TPWD to collect and record within the Boat system:

- **INDIVIDUALS** - A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER and DATE OF BIRTH - If No Driver's License, then other acceptable forms of identification include:
 - US State Identification Cards (i.e. Texas ID Card)
 - Foreign Military Identification Card
 - US Military Identification Card
 - US Citizenship & Immigration ID
 - Mexico Driver's License
 - US Department of Homeland Security ID
 - US Passport
 - US Department of State ID
 - Foreign Passport

- **COMPANIES/BUSINESSES** - FEDERAL EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN-9 digit number issued by the IRS, NOT 11 digit Texas State Comptroller tax identification number)

The identification information must be entered in the Boat system to process the following transactions:

- Boat Registration Renewals
- Title Transfers for Boat or Motor
- Titling of Boat or Motor (not previously on TPWD record)

Phone Numbers & Email Addresses

Owner and Co-Owner phone numbers and email addresses will be required fields within the Boat system. Phone numbers are crucial and can provide a quick answer when ownership questions arise. Email addresses were requested by the TPWD Commissioners and are used for providing additional renewal notices to the customer.

For those situations where you may not be able to get the information or a customer does not have an email address, the entry field in the Boat system will accept "NOT PROVIDED".

Vessel Description Changes (New/Revised Items Noted In Blue Below)

Hull Material	Predominant Color	Propulsion Type	Fuel Type		Vessel Use
__ Aluminum	__ White/Beige __ Red/ Maroon	__ Propeller __ Manual	__ Gasoline	__ Electric	__ Pleasure
__ Fiberglass	__ Gray/Silver __ Green	__ Waterjet __ Air Thrust	__ Diesel	__ Other _____	__ Livery
__ Plastic	__ Brown/Tan/ __ Yellow/ Gold	__ Sail __ Other	__ None-N/A		__ Charter Fishing
__ Wood	Bronze __ Orange		Vessel Type		__ Commercial Fishing __ Commercial Passenger __ Other Commercial __ Govt/Political Subdivision
__ Steel	__ Black/Dark __ Purple/Pink		__ Open	__ Inflatable	
__ Rubber/Vinyl/Canvas	Gray __ Camouflage	Engine Type	__ Cabin	__ Paddlecraft	
__ Other	__ Blue/Teal/ Turquoise	__ Outboard __ Pod drive	__ Houseboat	__ Pontoon	
		__ Inboard __ None-N/A	__ PWC/Jet Ski	__ Rowboat	
		__ Inboard/ Outdrive	__ Other	__ Airboat __ Sail Only	
			__ Aux Sail	__ Other _____	
Inboard, Inboard/Outdrive, or Pod Drive Only:		Serial #	Outdrive#	Horsepower	Special Classification

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As the implementation date draws closer, counties participating with the TPWD Boat Titling & Registration Program will be provided more information about: 1) Online training classes - available for processing staff to view all of the Boat system changes prior to implementation; 2) Distribution of new forms (PWD 143, PWD 143M, PWD 144, & PWD 144M) – expected shipment and effective dates; and 3) Color charts and definitions for vessel description changes.

If you have any questions about any of the information provided by TPWD in this newsletter, or about any other aspects of the Boat Titling & Registration Program, please contact a TPWD Boat Field Liaison at (512) 389-4393 for assistance.



R E M I N D E R

It is once again time to be thinking about nominations for the **Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year Award** which will be presented at the VG Young Conference in November. Nominations for this Award are submitted by a Region or Tax Assessor-Collector in the nominees region of the state.

This award is presented to a Tax Assessor-Collector who conducts county business with high ethical standards and continues his or her education to improve the operations of the tax office.

Nomination forms were mailed to the Regional Coordinators last week, completed forms must be post marked or emailed to Donna Atzenhoffer, Jackson County Tax A/C by no later than September 26th.

If your region does not have a regional coordinator please contact Donna to obtain a nomination form and submit your nomination. Also, if this is the case, please consider signing up to be the coordinator for your region.

There are Tax Assessor-Collector's all across the state who are deserving of this award so please try to make sure that someone is nominated from your region. It would be wonderful to have a stage full of nominees this year!

You Need To Know....

Kay Scarbrough retired on May 27, 2016 after 23 years in office as the Hudspeth County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Carol Bielamowicz, a former T.A.C.A. Board Member, has retired after 15 years of service to Robertson County.

Welcome to the following new Tax Assessor-Collectors:

On May 28, 2016, Patricia Rose was appointed to fill the unexpired term vacated by Hudspeth County Tax Assessor-Collector Kay Scarbrough, who retired on May 27th after 23 years in office. Patricia was unopposed in the primary election and will be unopposed in the general election in November.

Michael Brewer was appointed as Robertson County Tax Assessor-Collector on July 18, 2016. Michael is unopposed in the general election.

Hether Williams was appointed Tax Assessor-Collector of Roberts County effective July 18, 2016. Hether does have an opponent in the general election but is currently serving in the interim. Hether replaces her mother-in-law, DeAnn Williams, who passed away in June of this year after serving just over 11 years as the Roberts County Tax A/C.

Congratulations and welcome to all of you, you have joined a wonderful family and we're all here to assist you so please don't hesitate to call on us!



THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

An Association to secure the benefits of organized ideas and discussion of mutual problems that will advance and maintain proper efficiency and dignity of the County Tax Office.

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"FRAMING THE FUTURE"

Scholarship Application

VG Young Institute School for County Tax Assessor-Collectors

November 14-16, 2016 Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel

INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

Completed Application must be received by October 1, 2016. Your completed and signed application should be scanned and emailed to Past President Thelma "Midget" Sherman at midget@angelinacounty.net. Applications received late may not be considered for this scholarship opportunity.

The TACA Scholarship Committee is a sub-committee of the Advisory Committee. Once received, your application will be reviewed for consideration. Additionally, the committee may contact you for additional information. You will be notified of the committee's recommendation by October 15, 2016.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to increase membership activity for Tax Assessor-Collectors who are not provided with a conference travel allowance. This year's scholarship is for a first time attendee of the VG Young School. The scholarship will include a full school registration and a hotel room. The scholarship does not include mileage or meal reimbursement.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Current Active Member in good standing
- Current Elected or Appointed Tax Assessor-Collector
- First Time attendee to the VG Young School for Tax Assessor-Collectors

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

County: _____ TAC#: _____ Date you took Office: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Designations Currently Held (Please Circle): PCC CTOP PCAC

Designations Working Towards (Please Circle): PCC CTOP PCAC

Does your county pay for your required classes for certification or CE's? Yes___ No___

Does your county pay for any classes or conferences that you desire to attend? Yes___ No___

Please attach a brief explanation (no more than one page) of why you are applying for this scholarship and how it would benefit you.

AFFIRMATION

I affirm that the information provided in this application and in all attachments, if any, is true and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS NO LATER THAN **OCTOBER 1, 2016**
TO PAST PRESIDENT THELMA "MIDGET" SHERMAN @ midget@angelinacounty.net

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Approved for Recommendation: Yes ___ No ___ Authorized Signature: _____

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82ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

REACHING OUT, TO RISE UP

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Very special guests were in attendance....



Some of these Past Presidents left office quite some time ago so it was great to see and visit with them.

There were also a lot of future retirees in attendance...



There is a lot of knowledge and experience leaving our profession at the end of the year.

Certificates & Awards



Photo left: PCAC Certificate Recipients (Professional County Assessor-Collector)



Photo right: CTOP Certificate Recipients (County Tax Office Professional)



Photo left: PCC Certificate Recipients (Professional County Collector)

Photo right: PDAC Certificate Recipient (Professional Deputy Assessor-Collector)



Congratulations to all who received their Professional Designation Certificates!

Certificates & Awards

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Photo right: Robin Harper, Andrews County Tax A/C, received her 20 Year Certificate on Wednesday, June 15th during the T.A.C.A. business meeting.

Photo left: The three exemplary nominees for the Distinguished Service Award, Deborah Hunt, Williamson County, Thelma "Midget" Sherman, Angelina County and Donna Atzenhoffer, Jackson County.



Photos below: The recipients of the 2016 Presidents Award are Tammy McRae, Montgomery County Tax A/C and Ro'Vin Garrett, Brazoria County Tax A/C



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