**2017 National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Convention In Nashville.**

Several WCA & WCW members proudly represented the Washington State cattle industry at the annual Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Tradeshow.

*(left) Bill Sieverkropp past WCA President and Jack Field, WCF*  

**Congrats Jeannie Kiehn on your new position as ANCW Region V Director!**

*Jeannie Kiehn (third from the right) past WCW President, was announced as the American National Cattlemen\'s Region V Director at the annual ANCW convention held in conjunction with the Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show in Nashville, Tennessee.*

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A Message from the WCA President

Tyler Cox

I have had the privilege of being at this president posting just long enough to begin to see the place Washington Cattlemen’s is for what it is. Lobbying for a cause is a fascinating game that can take on more curves than Dolly Parton, a slinky, and a NASCAR race. It goes just about that fast too.

Mostly because of Dave Duncan’s efforts, the WCA has a score of “irons in the fire” pertaining to large carnivores, elk damage and disease control, the scope of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and USDFW authority, and the most popular of all, participation in the Wolf Advisory Group (WAG). There are a few bills working through committee at the time of writing pertaining to the greater wildlife issue. As you can well imagine, WCA loves some, likes a few, is hesitant of a handful, and downright fears one or two others.

Dave Duncan and our lobbyist have an excellent working relationship, are monitoring and commenting on the process, and at current, waiting to see which way some of these bills go.

The WAG has been an extremely trying process for our members that are involved. We will be working toward getting at least one, if not two of our members on the working group in the near future to fill some empty seats. The WAG has entered a critical phase that will include setting the agenda for the group. Our main focus will be opening the conversation on what the WAG plans to do post delisting. A considerable challenge to say the least. And hey, speaking of delisting, WCA has convinced the Pacific Legal Foundation to take a case from WCA and Oregon Cattlemen to delist wolves in Washington and Oregon. This does present an interesting conundrum when taken into account our new president and a more friendly House and Senate. Stay tuned.

On some other legislative business, I wish at writing time, I could come to you with more than a guess at what might happen. I can say that we have cleared one major hurdle in the senate. Thanks to the hard work of Senator Warnick, the Brand Fee Increase Bill and an Increase in the Checkoff assessment has cleared the Ag Committee. Please thank Senator Warnick and any other senators on the ag committee that you contacted. Tell them we very much appreciate them advancing these bills.

In the House, the Brand Fee Increase was passed on to Rules. The WCA had very much lobbied for the initial Agency Request of Minimum Certificate fee change from $5 to $10, increased per head assessment at small packing plants from $4 to $6, deleting the market minimum, and charging markets the same time and mileage change of $17/hr to $42/hr. In the end, the time component was decreased to an agency request of $27.50/hr. WCA ultimately supported this with concern. It is unclear if the Department will be able to maintain the current level of service with the projected income. We asked that this be revisited next session with data making clear if this increase will be sufficient.

The Checkoff Bill in the House is a little more enigmatic. The language in the House version is new to us and the board is engaged in what that language is evolving to look like. I have way
A Message from the Board of Directors Assistant
Amber Charlton

With the legislative session in full swing and the first cutoff past, the office has begun to quiet down a bit. I think I speak for almost all on the board, we are all taking a sigh of relief! But, that does not mean we are anywhere close to the finish line. I would like to thank all who ventured off their ranches during one of the busiest times of the year to head over to Olympia, and testify on behalf of the Brand Fee increase and the Beef Checkoff increase.

Thanks to diligent members we were able to see SB 5750 (Brand Fee increase) and SB 5793 (Beef Checkoff increase) make it out of the Senate Ag Committee last Friday. If you have a chance, please thank Senator Warnick for all of her hard work on both of these bills as well as Senator Pearson, Senator Hawkins, Senator Brown, Senator Honeyford and Senator Takko for passing it through committee. I am so privileged to work with a remarkable board that continues to amaze me with their generosity and git’r done attitude. We still have a long road ahead, but I am optimistic that we can see this through to the end.

I also enjoyed a day at the Spokane Ag Expo, where I had the opportunity to speak with students, members and hopefully future members about the WCA. The WCA was presented with a beautiful ribbon honoring 15 years of participation; a huge thank you goes to Dick Coon for representing the WCA tirelessly at the Spokane Ag Expo with a smile and warm conversation to all that he meets. While there I had the chance to see Mr. John Pearson, WCA District II Representative, who gave an informative presentation on alternative grazing options and his experience partnering with WSU Extension.

Thanks to Gary Knaus’ effort the Washington Cattlemen’s Association is excited to partner with CHS Nutrition and their Payback University program to participate in the Washington Young Cattlemen’s Tour, April 15th. For more information and the registration form check out page 18.

And finally with spring comes bull sale season! The WCA Bull Sale is March 22nd at noon, come swing by Bonina and join us for good food and great cattle.

Stay warm and eat beef!
Warmest regards,
Amber M Charlton
I must say I was a bit disappointed when I heard that the proverbial Ground Hog saw his shadow on February 2nd. I was in Nashville, TN at the NCBA/ANCW Convention and that meant 6 more weeks of winter. I am ready for the valley to shed its winter clothes and to at least see the sun shine again. Nashville was fun and the convention was very informative. Josh Turner was the official emcee of the opening session and what a voice. He was also the host of the ‘Cowboy’s Night at the Grand Ole Opy’ on Friday night. Opening session featured the National Anthem sung by contest winner Sage Patchin from Shelley, Idaho and keynote speaker Dr. Beck Weathers, survivor of the 1996 Mt. Everest tragedy. Dr. Weathers reflected on his harrowing tale of survival, the lessons learned, and his supreme appreciation for getting a second chance at life, encouraging others to cherish every moment.

The ANCW meetings were very informative and things are looking up in a positive way financially for ANCW!! Opening session featured Colin Woodall, Sr. VP of Governmental Affairs for NCBA in Washington, DC. Mr. Woodall had encouraging words for the group now that Donald Trump is our new President. He shared the dynamics of each state in the election and that President Trump had signed more executive orders in the 1st week of his presidency than any other president. He assured us that President Trump will take care of Agriculture. President Trump is a businessman and has an appreciation for Ag. Ag Secretary Perdue will focus on all agriculture, not just organic blueberry farmers, and he will fight for us and listen to us. The appointees for Secretary of Interior and the new EPA Secretary have big issues to address; WOTUS, rolling it back, the Endangered Species Act, GIPSA Rule, Farm Bill, Trade, COOL, Animal Traceability and other Western Issues. All in all Mr. Woodall was very optimistic about the future of Ag and this new administration.

WOW THAT COW brochure has been revised by Rebecca Been, Juanita Reed Boniface, Dr. Dave Daley, CSU—Chico and will soon be available. Suzee Boleen is the new K-12 Chair.

Another featured speaker was “RA Brown Ranch Legacy”. This has been a family business since 1895. RH Brown had a livestock commission company in the FT. Worth Stockyard. His son, RA Brown, Sr. managed the ranch and helped organize the AQHA. His son, RA Brown, Jr. served as the AQHA President. Rob and Peggy Brown decided to hand the reins over to their four children in 2013 through a “generational transfer”. This process allowed them to “Keep the Ranch in the Family and Keep the Family in the Ranch”. Today the original seed stock part of RA Brown Ranch is owned by Donnell and Kelli Brown. Kellie told all of us to “never, never, never give up”. Wishing will not bring a successful result. But desiring a result with a state of mind that becomes an obsession, then planning definite ways and means to achieve it and backing those plans with persistence that does not recognize failure, will produce results. The family gives much recognition to their hard working employees who work daily with them to reach the ranch’s goals. The employees don’t work for us, we work with them. The kids need to work with the employees. Reality is that “none of us have to change but we have to compete with those that do.” To complete the presentation the Texas Beef Council showed a video of the RA Brown Ranch.

Beef Promotion was the next item on the agenda and the ANCW members had a “fireside chat” with CBB officers, Anne Anderson and Brett Morris. They explained what an “AR” was; that being a beef promotion project and that CBB looks at the long range plan to determine AR requests. In the past ANCW had a very successful AR’s history with the “Beef Cook Off”. The past ANCW “AR’s did not measure up and in the long run hurt ANCW financially. The ANCW has a new opportunity by providing a service to the beef industry with traceability. The “AR” has to have the WOW factor and they realize that the ANCW is in a transition and is moving in a positive direction.

Next up, the Collegiate Advocacy Program; their motto is “Developing Collegiates of Character into Tomorrow’s Champion Advocates for the Beef Industry”. The focus is still on youth. The new program is called “CAP”. They have structure and guidelines for the program parameters. Three Collegiates were chosen this year. “Young Generation” is for age 7th grade to 12th grade and managing this program will be the State CattleWomen. States can develop their own guidelines and program.

Next, Kasey Wallace shared about Social Media and the Website. Kasey’s email is kasey_wallace@yahoo.com. They have a great Facebook page—ANCW, Twitter is @american CW, Pinterest is nat_cattlewomen_ANCW and Instagram is –BeefPros. Pictures are needed and Old Photos are good too! Holiday recipes, etc. are also being requested. Kasey shared that “People don’t buy what you do, they buy “Why”.

WCW continued on page 19
Is it Spring yet?

I don’t know about you folks, but I’m ready for Spring and I’m pretty sure I’m not the only one!

February and March are consumed with producing 2 publications: our first is the last Spring issue of the Ag@School magazine which focuses on agricultural stewardship and the second is the completion of our 4th annual Seattle Times Newspapers in Education insert about Agriculture (will be in the April 24th Sunday edition as well).

We are always working on the promotion of our program, signing up teachers to receive our FREE publications and being a credible source for teachers. Our magazine is targeted at 4th graders so please direct teachers to our website to sign up for their FREE subscription! They will also find many other resources and an on-line database of lesson plans!

WAIC also offers assistance for volunteers wishing to work in the classrooms so check our website! We are also available to help with fair booths, farm fairs and provide materials!

Our next meeting will be mid April in Lacey where we’ll mail the magazine and have our annual meeting! We are always looking for volunteers and partners! Feel free to contact me! 2017 will be full of many possibilities, relationships and memories!

God bless,
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WATER AND ECOLOGY UPDATES
Toni Meacham, Attorney at Law

In the last month flooding has occurred on many fronts. Many of us are experiencing flooding as higher than normal amounts of snow has started to melt, causing flooding at the same time we are trying to calve. On the legislative front, fixes to the Hirst decision are coming from all sides, flooding our elected officials with options on how to fix what came out of the Washington Supreme Court last October.

Senate bill 5239, sponsored by Senator Warnick has been at the front of the pack of legislative fixes. Warnick has sponsored a bill that is a common sense approach to the problem allowing Counties to rely upon DOE. Warnick has called the Hirst decision an "anti-rural ruling" and as the Chair of the Senate's water-policy committee felt that the bill needed to make water available for new household wells. Many believe that the Hirst decision has halted development in rural areas, Spokane and Whatcom counties have moratoriums on the issuance of building permits currently, waiting for a legislative fix. SB 5239 would allow the 39 counties impacted by the Hirst decision to move forward with development. SB 5239 would limit factors that increase the costs of development, such as counties requiring hydrology studies, prior to issuing permits. This is a bill that WCA needs to watch. Currently WCA supports this bill. Clearly that could change depending on where changes to the bill come from and their impact on the bill itself.

There are also numerous house bills currently being floated to try and fix the Hirst issue. One such bill, HB 1349, itemizes all of the money the state has paid to improve fish habitat. This bill declares that said fish habitat has led to a cumulative positive impact on instream flows which negates the 1% of water usage used by exempt wells. Testimony was given by a USGS hydrogeologist to support this bill. This bill was sponsored by Rep Taylor. HB 1382 simply changes the presumption of impairment to "no impairment" for permitted exempt wells.

Hirst is complex, but our elected officials are taking up the gauntlet to try and fix this decision, allowing rural Washington to continue to develop. There are bills from both sides and our hope is that some of these bills that offer no nonsense, simple solutions will make it through and become law. WCA is being very active with this process.

DOE has issued their updated CAFO permit which is available for viewing on DOE's website. The CAFO was issued on January 18, 2017. DOE states that the changes to the CAFO
Emerging animal diseases may threaten your cattle

If domestic livestock diseases such as brucellosis and tuberculosis aren’t worrisome enough to get your attention, there’s always a foreign animal disease or what I refer to today as an emerging infectious disease to keep you up at night.

Emerging infectious diseases carry risks not to be overlooked. I’m referring to diseases that may have recently appeared or have existed in the past, but are now rapidly increasing in frequency or geographical range. Examples include foot-and-mouth disease in South Korea, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1, Bluetongue and BSE in Europe, and Seneca Valley virus in Wisconsin. Our field vets also are predicting an increase in Equine Herpes Virus-1.

Impacts of disease

Washington’s livestock producers and their veterinarians are ‘front-line’ responders for detecting emerging diseases. If we are complacent about monitoring our herds, it could be devastating for industry. Outbreaks of livestock diseases have a significant impact on our economy, quality of life and an individual’s livelihood. They also can impact the security and safety of our food products. Outbreaks of foreign animal diseases set off alarm bells in the United States and our global trading partners. Such outbreaks can prompt new regulations, increased border controls, and live animal inspections to prevent emerging diseases from taking hold in the Northwest.

Government and industry response

Washington State officials, the federal government and industry representatives are re-evaluating emergency management plans in response to these potential threats. We see a shift to focus on local disease prevention and to plan more at the local level. Rapid detection and response to diseases are the keys to success. We have many tools to prevent or respond to outbreaks—the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (WADDL) in Pullman is a world-class diagnostic laboratory protecting animal agriculture. The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) works closely with WADDL staff to assure we quickly respond to significant outbreaks. Our response capabilities and the preparedness training and preparations are dependent on the infrastructure and availability of such facilities. We depend on good veterinary infrastructure, producer expertise, and diagnostic laboratory capacity and surveillance capabilities.

Globalization threat

Globalization has increased the spread of pathogens through international animal transport and increased travel. Strengthening state and national veterinary services while developing global early-warning systems are priorities at WSDA and the USDA. Identification of such systems must be part of the mission of livestock producers, WSU, WADDL, the WSDA and the USDA.

Our prime objective is to identify potential disease problems before they emerge while being ready to effectively manage disease outbreaks when they do occur.

Biosecurity tips

Livestock producer’s biosecurity measures help keep diseases out of animal populations and limit the spread of disease within herds. Producers are encouraged to develop effective local biosecurity guidelines in relation to isolating new animals brought to the farm, isolating sick animals from the herd, and regulating the on-farm movement of people, animals, and equipment. Additionally, using the correct type of feed, and procedures for cleaning and disinfecting facilities help reduce the risk of disease spreading.

International trade can represent a significant risk of introduction of disease into a Washington herd. So can animal movements and increased contacts between animals from different herds and states. The role played by some wildlife species as maintenance hosts of disease must also be emphasized in areas where contacts with cattle are likely to occur.

Keys to good policy

A rapid and effective response is a prerequisite to successful disease intervention. It is our global responsibility to ensure that there are no limitations within our system. As mentioned earlier, livestock producers and their veterinarians are the ‘front-line’ responders in Washington’s emerging disease response network.

Animal health in Washington is influenced by the actions and health of animals, people, and the environment. To promote and protect healthy livestock, we will need to change how we approach animal health and therefore animal diseases. Production practices must shift from thinking in terms of “independence” to thinking in terms of “interdependence.” Interdependence between key stakeholders.
Our first calf last spring
was born during a freezing rain. I knew
if I didn't bring her in the house,
she'd freeze to death.

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Heart Month and Valentine’s Day Shine the Light on Heart-Healthy Beef

February is Heart Month and your Beef Checkoff is reminding consumers to “go red with red meat” – and by that we mean beef!

Recent Beef Checkoff-funded activities lay the scientific foundation for educating consumers about beef’s role in a heart-healthy diet. The national beef checkoff funded an educational webinar to discuss the history and impact of scientific research on nutrition recommendations related to cardiovascular disease. The webinar featured nutrition and cardiovascular experts and reached 734 health professionals nationwide with 20 registered dietitians and nurse practitioners participating from Washington State.

Dr. Davidson, MD, FACC, FACP, FNLA, updated the group on cardiovascular disease and diet research and Jan Tilley, MS, RD provided practical tips and nutrition strategies for treating patients and clients with dyslipidemia today. Medical doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and registered dietitians were eligible to receive continuing education credit for attending this webinar and completing the educational hour.

American Heart Association Certified Beef Recipes

Your Beef Checkoff has also been working with the American Heart Association to certify that beef fits in a heart-healthy diet. In fact, the AHA has certified several beef recipes as heart-healthy and we are promoting them to consumers through traditional media and on mobile phones.

The collection of recipes can be found on our website at www.wabeef.org/nutrition/heart-healthy-beef. We promoted the recipes directly to consumers on their mobile devices through Facebook throughout the month. The Beef Commission also appeared on Seattle’s Q-13 television station to demonstrate several of the recipes and drive traffic to our website to find more AHA-certified recipes.

Beef A La Carte Health Professional E-Newsletter

Over 1,600 registered dietitians also received updated information about beef’s role in a heart-healthy diet via the Beef Commission nutrition e-newsletter. The February issue featured science-based nutrition research and promoted the webinar to health professionals that were unable to participate in the live webinar. Links to the AHA-certified beef recipes were also included along with information about the AHA-certified beef cuts, including extra-lean ground beef.
are based on substantial stakeholder and public feedback. There are two permits, one for exclusive groundwater discharge, or a State permit, the other for a combination of Federal and State discharges. Said permit authorizes discharges under certain conditions. DOE states "The CAFO permit requires large-scale livestock operations in Washington to implement specific practices to better protect groundwater, rivers, lakes and marine waters from manure pollution."

The permit itself is problematic, containing conditions that make operating a CAFO extremely costly, and some would say impossible under the current format. The applications are due by March 2017, leaving little time to go through and digest this lengthy document. The permit itself contains management issues that are themselves an issue. The nitrate testing requirement is problematic along with the table limiting nitrates to levels that do not allow for adequate crop production once said nitrates are used in crop rotation. The permit is set up in a way that is in direct contradiction with State RCWs. Further, the implication of the permit is that all CAFOs discharge. This ignores the scientific data that has been presented showing that some CAFOs may have a discharge, but not all do. Even if there is a discharge, that discharge may be so small as not to impact water quality. WCA will be in support of the ag industries that challenge this permit.

At the Federal level, Reps Newhouse, Costas, and McMorris Rogers have introduced a bill, HR 848 titled the Farm Regulatory Certainty Act. This bill has been introduced to help clarify that the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) does not apply to agriculture operations. This bill also clarifies that EPA regulations concerning ag operations under RCRA. The bill offers increased protection to the ag industry and specifically to individuals already engaged in legal action or that are working with government officials to address issues in their farming practices. This bill is not exempting ag from regulation, but is helping to reaffirm and clarify congressional intent concerning RCRA.

This session we are seeing more solutions opposed to simply increased regulation. Clearly WCA needs to continue being observant, involved, and on top of bills impacting membership. If members hear of proposals that are concerning, please let one of us know. We are all working diligently in an effort to try and do what is best for WCA, but it is important for the membership to help us as much as possible. This session has been very positive so far, hopefully this administration will continue to be solution based instead of merely trying to regulate ag out of business.
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Charriere Named Gelbvieh Association Breeder of the Year

Samee Charriere, of Ledgerwood Gelbvieh, Clarkston, Washington, was honored as the American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) Breeder of the Year for 2016 during the awards banquet held at the 46th Annual American Gelbvieh Association National Convention on December 2, 2016 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Charriere was joined by her husband, Pete, at the banquet. Mark Hopfer, Days Creek, Oregon, and president of the Pacific Northwest Gelbvieh Association, presented Charriere with the award.

Samee and Pete Charriere own and operate Ledgerwood Gelbvieh in conjunction with Rafter C Reds. The operation consists of about 130 registered Gelbvieh females, 20 Red Angus females, as well as an extensive commercial operation of 500 cows. Their vested interest in both registered seedstock genetics and commercial cow-calf production provides them with an understanding of what cattlemen and women in the area desire. It’s Ledgerwood Gelbvieh’s goal to produce bulls that will work for the commercial cattle producer. This coming March, Ledgerwood Gelbvieh will host their opening day bull sale where they will sell 40 yearling Gelbvieh and Red Angus bulls and 15 coming two-year-old Gelbvieh bulls.

Ledgerwood Gelbvieh has been a member of the AGA since 2005. Charriere is active within the association and participates in several shows throughout the West, such as the Northern International Livestock Exposition, National Western Stock Show as well as the Oregon State Fair. Charriere currently serves as the secretary/treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Gelbvieh Association and is a member of the Montana Gelbvieh Association. She is also active in her state cattlemen’s association.

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Bennetts are honored with the MidColumbia Ag Hall of Fame Pioneer Award.

William T. “Bill” Bennett and wife, Norma, are shown receiving the Mid-Columbia Ag Hall of Fame Pioneer Award. This award was in recognition of the significant contribution Bill has made to the local ag industry. This is a very prestigious award that honors his lifetime of achievement. Toni Meacham, granddaughter, and Terry Otte (of HomeStreet Bank who sponsored the award) are shown with the Bennetts.

2017 Eaton Cattle Drive  Erin and Kyle Eaton (Grandson of Jack and Beneitta Eaton.) help herd cattle down the Yakima Canyon Highway to the calving pasture near the Eaton Ranch.
The photo is courtesy of Molly Morrow Photography, 509 929 7050
The legislature is in session as I write and at the present time there are a couple of bills that have made it through the first cut. Mary Dye of the 9th district has a good bill allowing fire districts to hire spray planes for an initial attack with the spending at $10,000. These spray planes can carry as much as 800 gallons and have a quick drop valve that can readily squelch a fire. The other bill has been proposed by Kristine Lytton of the 40th district and is recommending that households in the eastern part of the state be assessed $30 yearly while those on the west side be assessed $20 so that there are more funds for fighting wildfire. I find both of these bills to be of value and strongly recommend that you contact your representatives and voice your opinion on these as well as other bills of interest to you and your community.

The State Mob (mobility action), as presently ran by the State Patrol, along with the DNR leaves us in need of improving the system. Their training requirements for Red Cards, which must be held in order to fight fire, takes a week of training. In our sister to the south the same card can be acquired in a one day training course. Why the great difference with no better-proven outcome? Ranchers, farmers and timber workers should be able to fight fires with less training. It is simply illogical to expect these people to leave their jobs for a week. They are the ones with the equipment and terrain knowledge to jump in and fight a fire. As an interesting sidelight is that the fatalities have happened to those with the extended training. Another great cost to the taxpayers are the fancy city fire trucks that come from faraway places to be paid upwards of $70 per person to fight fire. Their trucks hold small amounts of water and they refuse to fight a fire unless it is within 300 feet of a structure. They can’t go off on many off roads and need a hydrant to do the job. It is not right to pay the volunteer $12 an hour for the backbreaking work while others reap the high wages while sitting. The legislature also needs to appoint an advisory group to oversee the firefighting efforts and to report back to them each year. This group must include industry people and rural fire district representatives. This is another area of concern to discuss with your representatives.

Sincerely,
Jim Hinton
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Dear Membership Chairman:

My dear 55 year old husband, Robert A. Hensel, was president of the WA Cattlemen’s Assoc. In the mid 1990s, I think 1994.

He wants to retain his membership so that his obituary will indicate his work and his interest in the association.

He should be eating lean chicken, but do you think anything is acceptable but beef? Heaven’s no!

Just a little personal interest here.

Thanks,

Jane K. Hensel

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THANK YOU

WCA & WCW MEMBERS for your support!

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Washington Young Cattlemen’s Tour
April 15th, 2017
9:30-10:00 AM Registration
10:00-12:00 Presentations
12:00 PM Lunch provided by Washington Cattlemen’s Association
12:15-2:00 PM Presentations
RSVP BY April 7th, 2017

Topics
- Beef Nutrition
- Equine Nutrition
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  - Washington Beef, PPA Office

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NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

Kittitas County
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Snohomish County
Victor Woodward, M & P LLC
lead singer from Lonestar and the Paul Bogart Band. Friday was ‘Cowboy’s Night at the Grand Ole Opry’ featuring Josh Turner as host and singers Carly Pearce, Gatlin Brothers, Chris Janson, Carson Peters & Iron Mountain and the headliner Trace Adkins. Great southern hospitality was shown to all of us that attended and music, music everywhere we went.

It was announced at National Convention that the Beef Quality Assurance Program (BQA) will again be offered online for no charge for any of you that are interested in this. It’s a great program and I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Upon returning I rescheduled the WCW Meeting set for February 13th to March 20th at 10:00 at the WCW Office. I hope the weather will be more cooperative for you all then.

National Ag Day is set for March 21, 2017. The theme of this year’s event is “Agriculture: Food for Life” You can go online and visit the National Ag Day website and you may order your posters from the Ag Council of America. Their phone number is 913-491-1895. Judy Ragland is the chair and she will be contacting all of the counties by email in the next week. The Ag Council of America hosts the campaign on a national level. However, the awareness efforts in our communities across America are as influential-if not more than the broad scale effort. Ag Day is about recognizing and celebrating the contribution of AG in our everyday lives. The National AG Day program encourages every American to: understand how food & fiber products are produced; To value the essential role of AG in maintaining a strong economy; To Appreciate the role AG plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. We celebrate AG because AG provides almost everything we eat and wear on a daily basis. Few people today truly understand the contribution of AG. This is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to AG if they enroll in related vocational training. The AG Council of America is building an awareness of AG by encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in AG. Each American farmer feeds more than 144 people; a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960’s. American AG is doing more and doing it better. As the world population increases there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the U.S. So let’s get involved. Your participation in AG Day helps send a positive message about AG.

2017 Region V CattleWomen Meeting will be held on May 4-6 in Gillette, Wyoming. Hotel Accommodations can be made at the Best Western Tower West Lodge at 109 N US Highway 14-16, Gillette, WY 82716, phone number is 307-686-2210. You may also go online http://www.wyomingcattlewomen.org. Please plan to attend as the ladies have lots of fun events and speakers planned for you.

The 2018 NCBA/ANCW Convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ, January 31-February 2nd. Please save the date.

“There is something about the outside of the horse that is good for the inside of a man.” Winston Churchill

Happy Trails,

Linda Henderson
WCW President
**WCA Membership Application**

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- (those owning no cattle)
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March 22, 2017
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120 – Day Bull Test – Fed for Moderate Gain
Ages Range from January 1, 2016–March 31, 2016
Bulls are presently on test and can be viewed at the Bonina Ranch in Elopa, WA

SALE CRITERIA
1. All bulls must pass semen and quality test
2. Bulls must index 85 or greater for gain and yearling weight
3. Bulls must ratio in top 75% of each breed
4. Low birth EPD for Angus (2.0 BW EPD or less, CED 8 or greater, actual BW 80 or less and BW EPD of 2.0 from both dam and sire)
5. All bulls will have individual ultrasound carcass data results
6. All bulls tested negative for BVD
7. Angus and Angus composites identified as potential carriers of genetic defects will sell with a negative DNA test result
8. Calving ease Hereford bulls must have an actual birth weight of 80 lbs. or less, a birth EPD of 2.0 or less and a CED of 2.0 or greater and both the sire and dam must have a birth EPD of 3.5 or less based on the updated EPD information at the conclusion of the test, to qualify for the low birth EPD division.

COME EARLY!
March 21st Events Include: Viewing Sale Bulls, 6:30 p.m. Social
March 22nd: Attend the Pre-Sale Trade Show and Complimentary Lunch

126 BULLS
31 Hereford
16 Polled
15 Horned
69 Angus
4 Angus Composites
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