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CAW to make donations to Greeley Women's Shelter and Weld County Victim Assistance Program

The CAW members are holding a donation drive for May 31st. All used items in gently used condition are needed at the Greeley Women's Shelter. Clothes, blankets, kitchen utensils and anything else of use can be donated.

The Weld County Victim Assistance Program is currently accepting donations of new blankets and stuffed animals. These items will be used to comfort children in a time of need. These items will be distributed by officers or volunteers who have been called to assist when a child is present.

To donate to the cause, please bring your items to the Limon Community Building on May 31st at 6:00 PM. Items will be collected and taken to the appropriate agency by CAW members. If you are unable to make it to Limon please contact us at ColoradoAgriWomen@yahoo.com and request someone to pick the items up.

CAW Graduates Four from Syngenta Leadership At Its Best

Ann Cross, Kelly Polzine, Becky Ravenkamp and Darlene Scott represented Colorado at the American Agri-Women Leadership At Its Best training in Minneapolis, MN April 16 - 20, 2012.

The focus of the leadership training was to prepare AAW members to be the voice of truth in agriculture. To that mission the eighteen participants studied transformation leadership, business etiquette, dimensions of behavior, public speaking, social media and the craft of presenting your message to the media. Just as important to the mission of the program was the opportunity to discuss agriculture issues with other AAW members from across the country and perhaps on the other side of the issues. Having discussed issues such as immigration, animal and property rights, the farm bill and organic farming the collective group of Agri-Women have a broader, more informed picture of ag issues. With information comes confidence to speak about the issues knowing you can share your message while doing no damage to your sisters in agriculture.

Upon completion of the program National President, Karen Yost, sent each attendee an email with her expectation of increased leadership within each person.

Calendar Markers

Next CAW Meeting:
Thursday, June 14th ??
PM at ???

Convention Planning Meeting and GWS Donations

Thursday, May 31st, 2012
6:00 PM at the Limon Community Building.
The topic of this meeting will be the AAW convention. CAW will provide drinks and pizza for supper. If you have items to donate Greeley Women's Shelter bring it to the meeting or email CAW to arrange someone to collect your items.

AAW Washington D.C. Fly-In

June 4-7, 2012
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AAW Position Statements

Private Property Rights

131. AAW supports legislation that reinforces our citizens' constitutional private property rights that requires just and complete compensation at highest and best use for the taking of private property.

132. AAW opposes Agenda 21 and "takings" legislation that devalues land by:

- regulatory action,
- activities that negatively impact adjacent land by creating buffer zones, scenic byways, scenic viewsheds, and scenic viewscapes, or
- activities that impact landowner's rights in any way, or
- by endorsing conservation easements.

133. AAW strongly supports private property owners and the sovereignty of states above the federal government regarding allocations of water within their borders.

134. AAW urges Congress to take no action outside those enumerated powers found in Article 1, Section 8, of the United States Constitution that would infringe upon the rights left to the states and to the people. Article 1, Section 8, enumerates these rights, which are limited.

135. AAW opposes the right to trespass onto private property by land or water access.

Eminent Domain

136. AAW opposes the use of Eminent Domain for the purchase of private property from an owner to transfer or lease to another private or commercial owner.

137. AAW supports compensation at highest and best use when property is taken.

138. AAW opposes the use of Eminent Domain for economic development and additional tax revenue accruing from such development

139. When Eminent Domain is used for public welfare or safety, AAW opposes the government acquiring more land than necessary for the project.

140. AAW strongly opposes the taking of private property by postings on the Internet or proper notification only.

141. AAW supports every effort to use existing public land before imposing Eminent Domain.

142. AAW opposes the taking of private property by eminent domain to construct the planned NAFTA Transportation Corridor that will reach from Mexico to Canada.

143. AAW opposes the use of Eminent Domain by a foreign country.

Legislative Update

The 2012 Legislative session in CO ended on Wednesday May 9 and was immediately called into a special session beginning on Monday, May 14 to look at things Governor Hickenloper thought should be voted on. The cost of the special session was about \$23500 per day.

Bills of importance to Agriculture that were dealt with during the session include: HB-1002, the "Clear Act". This bill allows permit applicants to continue with the same rules that were in place when the process began rather than making them start over with a new process if the rules were changed. This bill passed. HB12-1037 allows certain agricultural products to be classified as wholesale rather than retail. This bill also passed. HB12-1309 the E-Verify Bill was defeated by the legislature. SB12-008 a bill to postpone the repeal of the Denver Basin Aquifers passed and was signed into law. SB12-059, The Commercial Vehicle Standards Livestock and Weights bill passed and was signed into law. SB12-132 a bill requiring that permits for air and water quality be issued within 12 months died in committee. There are many more bills that were introduced into the legislature during the 2012 session. For a complete list with outcomes for each bill go to www.leg.state.co.us and click on bills for each house.

As you all have heard by now the US Department of Labor has canceled all of the proposed regulations concerning youth working on farms and ranches. This is a great example of how every regulation proposed to harm agriculture can be defeated by providing input in a polite and respectful way. Do not hesitate to contact your congressman or senator if there are things that concern you.

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CAW Sponsors Lincoln County Mutton Bustin

CAW will again sponsor the Mutton Bustin' event at the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo. We need 1 -2 people to help with registrations Aug. 10th and 11th. Contact Becky Ravenkamp at 719-740-0715 or bravenkamp@rebeltec.net

CAW Recipes

APRICOT-GLAZED PORK KABOBS

1 lb. boneless pork loin, cut into 1" cubes

10 oz. jar apricot preserves

4 tbsp. orange juice

4 tbsp. butter

Stir together apricot preserves, orange juice and butter in a small saucepan until butter is melted. Place pork cubes in heavy plastic bag. Pour 3/4 cup apricot mixture over to coat. Marinate for at least 30 minutes. Thread pork onto 4-6 skewers (if using bamboo skewers, soak skewers in water first for 1 hour to prevent burning).

Grill over hot coals 10-12 minutes, turning once. Baste often with the marinade. Warm remaining apricot marinade and serve along side of kabobs. Serves 4. Calories per serving: 309.

AAW Washington DC Fly-In

Make your plans now to attend the AAW Fly-In on June 4th-7th. We will have a full day on Monday for you, so make your flight for Sunday, if possible.

On Monday morning we will be visiting the Heritage Foundation (Heritage.org) and the Allan P. Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies (<http://kirbycenter.hillsdale.edu/>), then will be briefed on the AAW Positions and Policies at 3 p.m., with an evening event as a group.

We have an important agenda of Hill and agency visits throughout our week. We recommend that you schedule your Hill visits on Wednesday afternoon, with the Congressional Reception on Wednesday evening.

If you have questions on any of this schedule, don't hesitate to call AAW President Karen Yost, 406-860-8888, or StART Chair Anna Morrison, 541-991-6318.

We have booked rooms at the Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Phone 202-682-3410, fax 202-789-4213, or go online at www.renaissancehotels.com to make reservations. Ask for the American Agri-Women room block or code: AGRAGRA.

Watch the AAW web site for an update on the issues we will take to Washington.

Land Acquisition Trust Fund

US Senate creates huge new Land Acquisition Trust Fund by amendment to the Transportation Bill giving billions of dollars to the Federal land agencies with NO appropriations process! That means there is no oversight or accountability. It gives the Park Service, Forest Service, Fish & Wildlife Service and BLM a blank check to take private land. Language was added whereby the Senate upped the LWCF funding to \$700 million. (upped from \$150-\$350 million annually) so the Federal land agencies could buy more private land and convert it into government ownership. There is no Congressional appropriations process for this money in the LWCF fund and little or no oversight in spite of our country facing a huge deficit.

Please call, fax and e-mail your Congressman today at (202) 225-3121! Ask them to oppose any version of the Transportation Bill that has Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) acquisition funding inside it. Make sure he or she understands that you will remember the vote on the LWCF Land Grab in November.

Contact the Speaker of the House John Boehner at (202)225-0600 or the Capital Switchboard at (202) 225-3121. Urge him to pass a separate Transportation Bill which does NOT include money for LWCF funding and which actually includes an explicit prohibition on federal land acquisition. E-mail: bill.greene@mail.house.gov

What's wrong with the LWCF Amendment to the Transportation Bill?

----A. None of this money will be used to create jobs.

----B. None of this money will be used to reduce the deficit.

----C. It doubles funding for the LWCF adding \$700 million for each of the next two years. It will be a threat to all private property owners and Rural America for many years.

----D. NONE of the money can be used for land management and maintenance... so our forests will continue burning and our watersheds will be destroyed.

Use the link below to log in and send your message:

<http://www.voterve.net/link/target/aaw/B2JKFM85.aspx>

AAW Washington D.C. Fly-In

June 4-7, 2012

www.americanagriwomen.com

Join AAW members to take our issues and positions to Washington D.C. to be a voice for American agriculture.

Details on AAW web site www.americanagriwomen.com



American Agri-Women Activities



The 2011 AAW Convention was attended by women from all over the United States.



Colorado Agri-Women invite you to attend the 2012 AAW National Convention in Denver!

Arnold's Custom Seeding



2012 American Agri-Women Convention

November 7-11, 2012

Renaissance Denver Hotel

3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO, 80207



Convention Chairs

General Co-Chairs: Danell Kalcevic, Lori Helzer, Heidi Kathrens

Registration: Heidi Kathrens

Budget: Heidi Kathrens, to be overseen by officers

Fundraising: Lori Helzer

Program / Speakers: Kelly Polzin

Hotel: Danell Kalcevic

Menu / Room Setup: Janell Reid

Tours: Ann Cross

Decorations: Phyllis Mellott

Publicity/ Communications: Vacant

Hospitality: Debby Lewton

Trade Show: Janell Reid

Registration Packets: Heidi Kathrens

Silent Auction: Janell Reid

Invocation / Sunday Service: Danell Kalcevic

Updates:

Seven CAW members attended the 2011 Convention in preparations to host the 2012 National Convention. We would like to thank our sponsors who helped make that happen! Thank-you to Simplot, Rabo Financial, Mountain Plains Farm Credit, Colorado First National Bank, and Arnold's Custom Seeding! Thank-you to Colorado Corn for the use of the suburban and the fuel sponsorship!

Newly revised fundraising letters are available and all members are encouraged to use them when contacting potential sponsors for the 2012 Convention!

5 months until 2012 Convention!!!

**Book your hotel now:
www.denverrenaissance.com
Group Code: aawaawa**

2012 Convention Committees

Registration: Heidi Kathrens

Budget: Heidi Kathrens, to be overseen by officers

Fundraising: Lori Helzer, Heidi Kathrens

Program / Speakers: Kelly Polzin

Hotel: Danell Kalcevic

Menu / Room Setup: Janell Reid, Diane Clark

Tours: Ann Cross, Kelly Polzin

Decorations: Phyllis Mellott, Diane Clark

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Registration Packets: Heidi Kathrens, Phyllis

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Silent Auction: Janell Reid, Sally Miller

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Colorado Agri-Women Membership Application

First Name

Last Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

Fax

Email Address

Person who referred you



Membership Options

Individual Membership \$45

\$30 American Agri-Women, \$15 Colorado Agri-Women

College Student \$25

\$10 American Agri-Women, \$15 Colorado Agri-Women

School Name:

Business Membership \$100

\$35 American Agri-Women, \$65 Colorado Agri-Women

Send your check or money order to:

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PO Box 63
Bennett, CO 80102

Colorado Agri-Women
Membership Benefits

Membership includes but is not limited to:

American Agri-Women Benefits:

- Access to the latest industry news and information
- Networking opportunities
- Participation in advocacy efforts in legislative and regulatory issues
- Opportunities to serve on committees with AAW members and other organizations
- Experience leadership Training
- Bi-Monthly AAW newsletter "The Voice"
- Annual Washington D.C. Fly In invitation
- Annual conventions sponsored by affiliates throughout the country showcasing agriculture

Colorado Agri-Women Benefits:

- Opportunity to be as active as you want in advocating for agriculture
- Education on important agricultural topics
- Educate and inform others about agriculture
- Learn more about the legislative process
- Experience leadership training
- Prepare to host the 2012 AAW National Convention
- Receive Colorado Agri-Women's newsletter "Colorado's Voice"

Mission

Our mission is: "We, as women's agriculture organizations and individuals, made up of farmers, ranchers, lawyers, goat herders, moms and more, all uniting to communicate with one another and with other consumers to promote agriculture for the benefit of the American people and the world." Thru this mission we have obtained the slogan: A Voice of Truth to the Public for Agriculture.