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CAW August Meeting Summary

Colorado Agri-Women met August 21st at the Denver Aquarium. Members had the chance to tour the aquarium before the meeting and eat at the fantastic restaurant. The 2012 AAW convention was the main topic of discussion. Lengthy discussion about the Friday tours and dinner out led to the idea that May Farms would be an excellent venue after the local tours. May Farms is a great example of agri-tourism in our area and has the facility to accommodate the AAW attendees. Fundraising efforts have already paid off in the form of a sponsor for Friday evening's meal! The fundraising letter is being edited with the help of new CAW members to more effectively reach sponsors. Speaker topics were discussed and speaker ideas were shared. We will have a great lineup of speakers at the 2012 convention! We will soon have a CAW website link on the AAW website! Our next meeting will be October 19th at 8:00 PM via teleconference.

Hillman to Present Legislative Training

Mark Hillman, former Colorado Senate Majority Leader will conduct a training session on the legislative processes on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the Limon Community Building at 7:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the Colorado Agri-Women in an effort to educate its members to more effectively communicate with law makers on behalf of agriculture. Even though he is no longer in the Senate, Hillman continues to pen articles that bring attention to the conversations happening in our state government. As a member of our agriculture community, Hillman will offer insight into the legislative process and teach attendees how to keep up to date with current issues. This free event is open to the public.

CFB Opposes Agency Support of Food Day

Taken from post by Shawn M on Sep 23, 2011 in Ag Promotion, Regulatory, State Affairs www.farmbureau.com

Colorado Farm Bureau is working with other ag groups to oppose the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) partnership with anti-agriculture group, Food-Day.org

CDPHE has signed on as a partner with the group Center for Science in the Public Interest in an anti-agriculture, initiative called Food Day. Food Day's literature is filled with unsubstantiated claims, factual inaccuracies and unfair attacks on family farms, and the modern food production system.

The group sponsoring the Food Day scheme has direct ties with the Farm Animal Rights Movement, HSUS and PETA. As a regulatory body in Colorado, CDPHE's support for Food Day demonstrates a bias against some of the very industries it is called on to regulate. By becoming a partner, CDPHE offers an explicit endorsement of the policies and statements promoted by the Food Day organizers.

Colorado Farm Bureau and other Colorado Ag organizations are urging the leadership of CDPHE to abandon their support for Food Day. CFB President Don Shawcroft has penned a letter to CDPHE outlining ag's position. It was also sent to Gov. Hickenlooper and Commissioner of Agriculture, John Salazar.

Calendar Markers

October 19 at 8:00 PM
CAW teleconference meeting

October 26th, 2011 -
Legislative training with
Mark Hillman 7:00 PM
at the Limon Community
Center, South Room
477 D Ave, Limon

November 9-13, 2011
AAW National Convention
in Wichita, KS

November 7-11, 2012
AAW National Convention
in Denver, CO!

***"The nation that
destroys its soil
destroys itself."
Franklin D. Roosevelt***

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CAW October Meeting:

CAW will hold its next teleconference meeting October 19th from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM. The call in number is 1-270-400-2000 passcode *545732.

This meeting will focus mainly on the 2012 AAW National preparations and 2011 National arrangements. Please call into the business meeting to participate and stay informed of CAW business.

CAW Recipes

BEEF BRISKET by Janell Reid

The dry rub below is enough for a 4 pound brisket.

- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 1 bay leaf (crushed)

Preheat oven to 350. Mixe spices and rub both sides of the brisket. Place in a roasting pan with rack and roast uncovered for one hour. Add 1 and a half cups beef stock and enough water to equal a half inch in the bottom of the pan. Lower oven temperature to 300. Cover pan tightly and bake 3 hours or until fork tender.

Lincoln County Mutton Bustin'

Colorado Agri-Women sponsored the Mutton Bustin' at the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo in Hugo, CO. The mutton bustin' event preceded the rodeo on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Ten mutton busters rode on Friday night and twelve mutton busters rode on Saturday afternoon. Colorado Agri-Women provided each rider with a medallion and members of CAW were on hand to award each rider.

Colorado Agri-Women would like to thank Taylor Livestock of Karval, Colorado for providing the sheep and The First National Bank of Hugo for providing funding to purchase safety vests for the riders to use.



If you think that agriculture in Colorado is safe from animal rights activists think again!

A rabbit breeder in Eastern Colorado had all her rabbits and rabbits that belonged to 4-H members confiscated after a report that they were being neglected. The Bell Project was created to help her fight these charges and to make the authorities accountable for their actions.

In September a mountain lion came onto a farm in eastern Colorado. It laid down in the lawn of the homeowner next to the house before climbing a tree in the yard. While the property owners, local law enforcement and neighbors watched the lion, it slept in a tree. Colorado Division of Wildlife refused to put the animal down and relocated it to the Colorado Springs area, despite the landowner's concerns. These two situations show how animal rights activists can effect our farming and ranching businesses. CAW supports livestock operations and ethical breeders and encourages all farmers and ranchers to be aware that animal rights activist are in Colorado and are influencing decision making that effects our livelihoods.

Legislative Report

By: CO Agri-Women Vice President
Janell Reid

Colorado's legislature is out of session until January. Efforts continue to complete the reapportion/redistrict process continues. I hope several of you were able to attend the hearings in your area. The deadline to accomplish new congressional district lines as well as Colorado House and Senate districts is fast approaching. Check out this web-site to see the current maps (<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CGA-ReDistrict/CBON/1251599364628>) for State House and Senate districts. Congressional district maps may be found at (<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&childpagename=CGA-ReDistrict%2FCBONLayout&cid=1251581559226&pagename=CBONWrapper>). Contact any member of the commission if you have concerns about the district lines in any of the maps. Coloradans will have to live with the lines the courts pass for the next year so make your opinion known. A list of commission members is available at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CGA-ReDistrict/CBON/1251581558204>.

On the national Congressional and Senate front little is going at the moment. The members just returned from the summer recess. The 2012 Farm Bill will be a point of concern for the House and the Senate as well as all farmers and ranchers in the United States. Keep watching for and reading information from your house and senate members as to what will happen with this and all legislation and make your opinion known.

A big concern of agriculture remains the rules that are put into place without legislation being passed. One such rule was the one the Department of Transportation tried to put into place requiring anyone who uses the public roadways with any farm implement or livestock trailers 16 foot and above to obtain a CDL, to keep a log of hours on the implement or driving livestock, and to comply with all regulations the DOT has in place, including DOT numbers painted on the side of their machine or vehicle. The comment period ended August 1 and most of agriculture didn't know about the rule until August 3. Thanks to Senator Max Baucus of Montana for requiring the Department of Transportation to back down from this rule.

It is very important to keep reading and checking on rules, which require a comment period, and legislation. CAW has made this one of their main objections. If you know of pending legislation or rules please let one of the CAW officers know. This way we can activate our letter writing and phone calling ladies in order to let our legislators, state and national, know our stand on important issues.

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Scholarships Available

College sophomores, juniors and seniors majoring in agriculture (equine and animal science excluded) in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, or Kansas can apply for the Colorado Conservation Tillage Association \$1,000 scholarship.

Northeastern Junior College Diesel Mechanic students can apply for the \$500 diesel mechanic scholarship.

Applications and information are available at:
www.highplainsnotill.com

CCTA is a non-profit organization serving all the States in the High Plains Region. It is a resource of experienced farmers working with industry, University and agricultural agency personnel whose goal is to spread research and on-farm gained information about conservation farming practices.



Almost 40 AAW member flew to Washington, DC in June to take agriculture issues to Capital Hill, and meet with agency representatives for issue updates. (AAW Press Release, June 2011)



American Agri-Women Activities



2011 AAW Convention

November 10-13, 2011
Hyatt Regency Wichita
400 West Waterman St.
Wichita, KS 67202
316-293-1234

Room Rate: \$105 / night

(Register soon for the AAW block rate!)

Convention Registration Cost \$275
(\$225 before October 14th Register on AAW's website)

AAW Mid-Year Meeting

Videos of the AAW Mid-Year speakers are now on AAW's website!

You may also read affiliate reports from the Mid-Year Meeting online.

www.americanagriwomen.org



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: Becky Ravenkamp

Hotel: Danell Kalcevic

Menu / Room Setup: Janell Reid

Tours: Ann Cross

Decorations: Phyllis Mellott

Publicity/ Communications: Vacant

Hospitality: Debby Lewton

Trade Show:

Registration Packets: Heidi Kathrens

Silent Auction: Janell Reid

Invocation / Sunday Service: Danell Kalcevic

Updates:

During lunch at the 2011 Convention CAW will present, to all present, an invitation to the 2012 National Convention. We need to know who is attending the 2011 convention so we can plan the presentation.

Speakers: The speakers committee has met and is arranging keynote speakers. If you have suggestions for breakout training session speakers please email the contact information to Becky Ravenkamp or Kelly Polzin and they will contact speakers.

Fundraising: These CAW members are donating a percentage of their sales to CAW in the month of October!

Ann Cross will donate 30% of sales from Premier Designs - crosspremier@yahoo.com
Janell Reid will donate 20% of sales from Creative Memories - www.mycmsite.com/sites/janellreid
Becky Ravenkamp will donate 30% of sales from Mary Kay - www.marykay.com/rravenkamp

13 months until 2012 Convention!!!!

2012 Convention Committees

Registration: Heidi Kathrens

Budget: Heidi Kathrens, to be overseen by officers

Fundraising: Lori Helzer, Heidi Kathrens

Program / Speakers: Becky Ravenkamp, Kelly Polzin,

Hotel: Danell Kalcevic

Menu / Room Setup: Janell Reid, Diane Clark

Tours: Ann Cross, Becky Ravenkamp, Kelly Polzin

Decorations: Phyllis Mellott, Diane Clark

Publicity/ Communications: Need a Chair, Becky Ravenkamp

Hospitality: Debby Lewton, Lori Helzer

Trade Show:

Registration Packets: Heidi Kathrens, Phyllis

Mellott, Lori Helzer, Kelsey Helzer

Silent Auction: Janell Reid, Becky Ravenkamp,

Sally Miller

Invocation / Sunday Service: Danell Kalcevic

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 \$515
\$500 American Agri-Women, \$15 Colorado Agri-Women

Send your check or money order to:

Colorado Agri-Women
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.