



From the President, Karen Smith



Happy early Summer my fellow cattlemen! Spring into the start of summer always feels like a season of renewed hope and possibility as the first wildflowers, green grass, and new life spring forward. Spring & summer come late to the high country and I'm sure we've got another big last snow storm still lurking about. I hope you are seeing lots of healthy calves

and that your brandings are going smoothly. We've had strong winds for a couple of weeks but on our branding day, the weather was almost perfect with sunny skies and no wind. What a blessing it was to be with family, to work hard, and to feel pride in the next calf crop that will eventually provide healthy nutrition to so many people.

In March, I attended the Fremont County Cattlemen's annual meeting down in Canon City. There were cattlemen from Pikes Peak and Custer County as well. Fremont County installed their new officer team and shared about their upcoming beef promotion events. It was great to re-connect with old

friends and meet new cattlemen friends as well. If your local chapter would like a visit from a state officer, please let us know!

I personally want to invite all of you to attend the CCA/CCW Summer meeting in June in Colorado Springs. Did you know that if you just want to attend the CCW meetings, that they are FREE? Yes! If you want to do the CCA events including the banquets and trade show, you'll need to pay that registration. Since the CCW meetings are FREE, why not get a group of your local cattlemen and friends together and come on over for the day? We would be delighted to have you join us! It's a great way to meet people, to get caught up on industry news, learn from other cattlemen, and have some fun.

I'd also encourage you to come to the ANCW Region V meeting in Cody, WY in May. There are several of us from Colorado who are attending and it's always a good meeting. Please reach out if you are interested in going.

On behalf of our executive board, we appreciate all your diligence and hard work in sharing your passion around our agricultural lives and healthy, nutritious beef! You ARE making a difference every day!

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CattleWomen Chaps and Rockies tickets to be Auctioned at Annual Convention

This pair of chaps were made by the Colorado Corrections Industries leather shop. They are being donated by Bunk House Burgers to the Colorado Cattlewomen Association and will be auctioned off at the CCA/CCW Annual Convention in June. They will be a great addition to anyone and will fit both men and women!



4 Club level Rockies tickets. Section 226 Row 10 Seats 11-14 and a night stay at the Rally Hotel in Denver's newest hot spot McGregor Square. The Rally Hotel is the rallying point for anyone and everyone who wants to discover the spirit of Colorado, The Rally is your home away from home in the heart of Denver. Welcome to a fun, vibrant, family-friendly hotel in Denver's LoDo neighborhood that puts you right in the center of all the action. McGregor Square is in the heart of Lower Downtown Denver adjacent to Coors Field, McGregor Square ushers in a new chapter of urban living, entertainment, food, and business travel in Colorado's historic city. Spanning an entire block, it includes The Rally Hotel, McGregor Square Residences, McGregor Square Offices, various restaurants, retail outlets, and expansive food-hall, all circling a 17,000 square foot plaza complete with a stadium-sized LED screen. The seats are in foul ball territory so bring your glove! The buyer will need to contact Britt Pratt and pick the game! Yes you get to pick the game! *(Restrictions may apply if the owners of the tickets are using them that day.)*



Where is my favorite handout? Materials from the Colorado Beef Council

Submitted by Julie Moore, Colorado Beef Council

Do you remember that booklet of recipes? Do you have the handout with this information on it? These are some of the questions we get at the Colorado Beef Council. We may remember those items, but our inventory changes regularly to stay current with the trends.

If you ever wonder what we have in stock, go to our website www.cobeef.com to the bottom of the page in the black part and there is a RESOURCES column and then choose the MATERIAL REQUEST FORM and you will be able to see what we have and even order the items online. One disclaimer – some of the giveaway

items are not on the website because we save those for industry people and don't want general consumers to order thousands of them and then we would not have anything to share with you.

In addition to the Materials Resources section check out the Cattlemen's Corner page – we have tried to put all the resources there, so you have them at your fingertips. There is nutrition info, environment, videos, and some digital ads. Feel free to check out the website and then use it as a resource when you need it. ~ Julie Moore, julie@cobeef.com, 303-830-7892.

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In Memory of Marilyn Irene Hansen

Past President of CCW

JULY 7, 1937 - APRIL 14, 2022

Marilyn Irene Hansen (Mathews), 84, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2022. She was born July 7, 1937 at home in Commerce City, Colorado to Alva and Doris Mathews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Mathews and one sister, Barbara Pearson. Marilyn grew up in Commerce City, Colorado, attended Adams City High School, where she met Ed, whom she married on June 6, 1955.

After Ed's graduation from Colorado A&M (CSU), they moved to the family ranch in Livermore, Colorado. She immediately became actively involved in all aspects of ranch operation. Marilyn was an active member of the community, serving roles as Larimer County 4-H Leader, member of Larimer County Cattlewomen and honorary life member of the Colorado Cattlewomen. She served on the National Beef check off board, and was also the National Beef cook off co-chairman. Marilyn also was appointed by the governor and served 2 terms on the Colorado Beef Board. Other awards included 1989 Colorado Commercial Breeder of the year award, 1994 Colorado State University Livestock leader of the year, 2014 Larimer County Fair and Rodeo Family of the Year, all while raising a family, helping with the ranch and volunteering her time to serve community members in need.

Marilyn loved spending time taking care of her flowers and enjoying her beautiful yard with her American flag on display. Her priority was always family and one of her favorite traditions was hosting Christmas Eve celebration every year, with her children and their families. She wanted all her friends and family to know she loved them very much!

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ed Hansen of Livermore, Colorado and sister, Shirley Stertz of Littleton, Colorado, 2 sons, Carl Hansen (Debbie) and Chris Hansen (Janeth) both of Livermore, Colorado and a daughter, Cheri Dent (Scott) of Fort Collins, Colorado, 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday May 1st at 10:30 am at Allnutt Funeral Home, Fort Collins.

Memorial donations benefitting Parkinson's Research Foundation or National Multiple Sclerosis Society, in care of Allnutt Drake Chapel, 650 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526.



Meet The Board



President, Karen Smith

I am a native Coloradoan, born and raised in the rural, northern mountain high country. My family has a cow calf operation and raise Angus cattle, bison and grass hay; we sell our products directly to consumers at local farmers markets and small local stores.

I love sharing about agriculture, ranching, cattle, and beef with consumers so they can make that personal connection to the nutritious food we raise for them. One of my favorite things about serving in CCW and ANCW is building lifelong relationships with really wonderful cattlemen and cattlemen around our state and country.

Vice President, Kathleen Shoemaker

I'm Kathleen Shoemaker and I live in Canon City. Our family ranch is a cow-calf operation that was established in 1899. The cattle, and agriculture industry have always been a very important part of my life. I also own Bunk House Burgers with my sister that features grass-fed beef and am proud to say that we have been in business for 10 years.

It is very important to me that I continue the legacy of my mother to be active in the Cattlemen's Association on the local and state level. I have been a member of Fremont County Cattlemen for 15 years and just completed the office of President. I am currently the Vice President of Colorado Cattlemen and, really enjoy being on the CCW executive board. I am looking forward to all the great things to come.



Past President, Jo Ann McEndree

My name is Jo Ann McEndree. I grew up on a ranch in Southeast Colorado that was started in 1882. I have been President of Colorado Cattlemen's Association twice, President of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers association and have served as treasurer for Southeast Colorado Cattlemen's for several years. I am one of the advisors for Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association where I have served for over 20 years. Also, I serve as a 4-H leader for Baca County. I really enjoy working with the youth and supporting them in everything they do.

Secretary, Lacie Harman

Hello fellow cattlemen! I am Lacie Harman, a fifth generation agriculturist from Akron, and I have the honor of serving as Secretary for the Colorado Cattlemen. I manage my own herd of momma cows and calves (they are my heart's desire), and also work with my family on their ranching and farming operation, all while being employed fulltime at a local feed yard. The cattle industry has been my passion since I was old enough to walk. As I reflect on all of the places this passion has taken me, and the amazing people it has allowed me to connect with, I am truly humbled. My time spent with this network of incredible cattlemen is something that I will always take pride in. Thanks to each and every single one of you for all that you do to promote and educate about our industry, but most importantly, thanks for being so dedicated to supporting each other. Remarkable things happen when women build each other up! I am looking forward to continuing to work with the Colorado Cattlemen, and all of the possibilities that the future holds for our industry. I truly believe that cattlemen will be at the forefront of many great things to come.





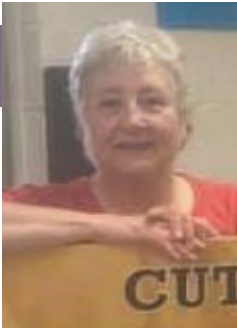
Treasurer, Loy Jones

It's funny how when you try and make sense of how you got to a certain place in life the memories are endless and the nostalgia is bittersweet. In trying to know what to say about myself I found the road down memory lane longer than I anticipated for my 31 years. We always lived on a ranch when I was growing up. When I was little, we had a commercial herd. My dad had gotten his start in cattle from his grandpa who ran Herefords. I'll always hold a special place in my heart for those docile momma cows and cute curly faced babies. There were a few sale barn crazies I learned from at a young age; how to hide in a rock pile from Lana the Sem/Holstein that turned into the devil herself after calving. Number 36 who had black circles around each eye on her Baldy face taught me to slide through barbed wire fences, balance on the top of a sidewheel sprinkler wheel and hide in a culvert with spiders for fear of death by cow. Like any ranch kid I had my share of bottle calves, dogs, cats and a good horse to be a part of whatever world I could imagine. And though I loved my jobs of heat detection, keeping calving records and all other various ranch duties that I took very seriously at the time... I never imagined being a part of agriculture in my adult life. I'm allergic to all things ranch related, and then some. Milking a cow?... going to break out. Pulling a calf?... raised hives. Anything grass or hay related?... hello asthma and I become the snot factory. Anything four legged with hair or dander... same deal. I didn't know there was a place for someone like me in ag. I was in my late 20's when the squeaky wheel kept getting louder everywhere I went about how bad agriculture is for the world, especially cattle and I quickly found a home in the Moffat County Cattlewomen. They were an established place where I could help educate and promote the lifestyle that I love so dearly without having to get in a hay field. And just like a seed when watered... my passion for agriculture grew and now here I find myself in a place where I am getting to know like minded women across the entire state whose ideas and actions fuel the force of ag inside us all. I hope in my time on this board, I can do my part in helping grow and strengthen Colorado Cattlewomen beyond my years on earth.

NE Quarter Representative, Britty Pratt

Hello! I am, Britty Pratt, President and founding member of Logan County CattleWomen and CCW Northeast Quarter Rep. My husband Morgan and I live southwest of Sterling with our boys Walker Morgan (7) and Hudson Allen (3). I am also a bonus mom to a beautiful teenage girl named Paige. My family owns and operates a small feedyard in Merino, where we feed cattle from all over the country. I handle all of the feedyards risk management. We calve out about 130 cows in the spring. We also run about 1400 yearlings in the summer on grass. The boys and I very much enjoy checking the cattle on grass and calving. It is about our favorite thing to do in the spring and summer. Our time is coming when we chase our boys around doing all the activities that boys do, but until then we enjoy spending time with friends, traveling to cattle sales, going to Rockies games, and hanging out with our families. I was born on a ranch in the middle of nowhere in Colorado, and I have always felt that the love I have for cattle and the cattle industry was bred in me...I believe the love and passion I have cannot be taught, it is just inside you. To get up and do what we do every day, you have to absolutely love it, it is not just a job for us, it's a way of life, it is what we want our children to take over and love. The long nights, the early mornings, the cold winters, the long stretches without any rain, all of this is not for the faint of heart but here we all still are doing it every day and we do it for the love of our country and the people in it. I am proud to call Colorado my home. And our Colorado ranchers and farmers are the best stewards of the land, we are proud of the way we treat and take care for our animals, we love feeding the world and providing a sustainable food source because we want there to be something left here for our children, our grandchildren and their children and their grandchildren. We are not the problem we are the solution. I am going to leave you with a quote from one of my favorite movies....McLintock, "Everybody works for somebody. Me, I work for everybody in these United States that steps into a butcher's shop for a T-bone steak!" I am so excited to have the opportunity to be a part of this amazing group of women!





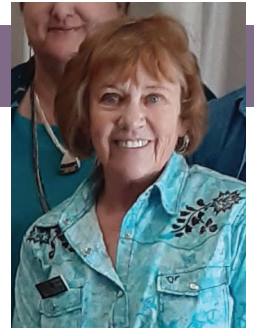
NW Quarter Representative, Debbi Anderson

Welcome to the Northwest quarter of the state. I live in Jackson County on a small family-owned ranch. I live with my husband, but our two sons along with two granddaughters share the ranch with us. It is wonderful to have their help but also see the girls grow up and have them close to us. Our ranch is a cow/calf operation at 8,425 feet in the Rocky Mountains. We have winter and snow for 7 months out of the year but the 5 months of summer and autumn are the reason we tolerate the cold, snow and wind and live here. I stay busy with my community volunteer jobs, hiking, gardening, canning, sewing, weaving, knitting and reading.

Then there is the calving, irrigating, haying and lots of honey-doing! And lately, there is another activity. Wolf watching or hoping not to see them, I live in the county where the wolves have migrated to. They have killed our friends' cows, along with a family dog. There is nothing cute or fun about a pack of wolves attacking animals that are our livelihood and our country's beef source. We eat beef and want everyone to enjoy the fruits of our labor too! But, people have no idea how bad predators like wolves are for a ranching community. We don't need wolves in Jackson County. I'm a member of the North Park CattleWomen and the Northwest representative for the Colorado CattleWomen.

SE Quarter Representative, Nora Gilstrap

I am Nora Gilstrap, the Southeast Quarter Representative from Branson, Colorado and a member of the Arkansas Valley CattleWomen. I believe in CCW. I am proud to be a member for this many years. The power of positive thinking is a standard of CCW and I always feel uplifted during and after our executive and general meetings.



SW Quarter Representative, Christy Hawk

If you have ever read a Louis L'amour novel, it's pretty much the same just a different location. My husband, an avid fan, has probably read each one at least 3 times. The cowboy gets the ranch, the girl and the gold. Married my husband in 1982, thinking this was how ranching was going to be hmmm. We did get the ranch, and he got the girl not sure about the gold. Started with basically nothing, we didn't inherit a ranch, we started one. I had mostly grew up on ranches as kid, my dad worked for different ranches along the way, lived at cow camp during the summer. Pretty normal childhood, met my husband in high school, we got married 2 years after we graduated, started with a few cows, a few kids, and became cattle permittee holders, bought some more land, and had several more kids. Opportunity arose and we sold our one permit and was able to purchase a permit out the back door. We now run on the West Elk Cattle allotment for over 25 years. As with most I realize we have the best job in the world. I was fortunate enough to be able to stay home raise the kids and do the daily ranch jobs, we sacrificed a lot over the years, wouldn't change a thing. Have been a member of the Black Mesa Cattlewomen for decades, literally. Long lasting friendships with amazing women whom I adore. We have made mistakes along the way, my favorite saying, if you're walking down the street and you see a sign saying 2 elephants for sale for a quarter, buy the elephants if you have a quarter and only if you need an elephant, we have bought a few elephants over the years. Love what I do and so looking forward to joining the CCW team and hoping to make a difference along the way. So appreciate the opportunity.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Fremont County Cattlewomen's Annual Meeting

Submitted by Gerrie Colette

Fremont County Cattlewomen's Association held its 69th annual meeting on Saturday March 5th in the Abbot Room at the Abbey with President Kathleen Shoemaker presiding.

A brief synopsis of the 2021 years activities at the local level was given which included scholarships for college students in our county, catering luncheon for the district annual meeting for Lyons Club, catering the Lyons 100th year celebration along with passing out beef recipes to grocery shoppers on Farm to City day. In addition the Cattlewomen gifted \$25 beef certificates celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparents Day and Veteran's Day.

We attended a tour of the Meat Packing Company in Pueblo which showcased the amazing history of this outstanding part of the meat industry in Colorado.

In response to the "Meat out" Day declared by the current Governor Polis and in conjunction with an extensive response from Coloradans across all counties and supported by our Fremont County Cattlemen's Association we proudly displayed and distributed information on beef.

Our meeting guests included Cattlewomen from Colorado Springs, Westcliffe and State officers Nora Gilstrap and Karen Smith.

Kathy Herrin presented an informative and entertaining

program of WOW, Women of the West. The women featured were from all walks of life, the successfully met the challenges of the West exclusively on their terms.

Three Cattlewomen were recognized as Lifetime Members Status, Gerrie Colette, Kathy Lhamon and Marie Adams presented with flowers.

Cattlewomen Penny McPherson conducted installation of Officers using a diagram of meat cuts from cattle.



Left to right: Joanne Shoemaker, New President; Janice Zeiler, First Vice; Sheila Newton, Second Vice; Mona Atwood, Secretary; Tomalee Young, Treasurer; Gerrie Colette, Recorder; Lydia Lara, Historian and Kathleen Shoemaker, immediate Past President.

Washington County CattleWomen Share About Beef with School Children

Submitted by Lacie Harman



Members of the Washington County Cattlewomen's Association have been busy visiting all of the schools in our county. Preschoolers through fifth graders were excited and eager to learn about beef, byproducts, and where their food comes from. All students were given beef goodie bags full of information as well as a beef stick. Kindergarten Rancher by Rachel Gabel was read to each of the classes, and a copy of the book was left as a gift from the Washington County Cattlewomen's Association.



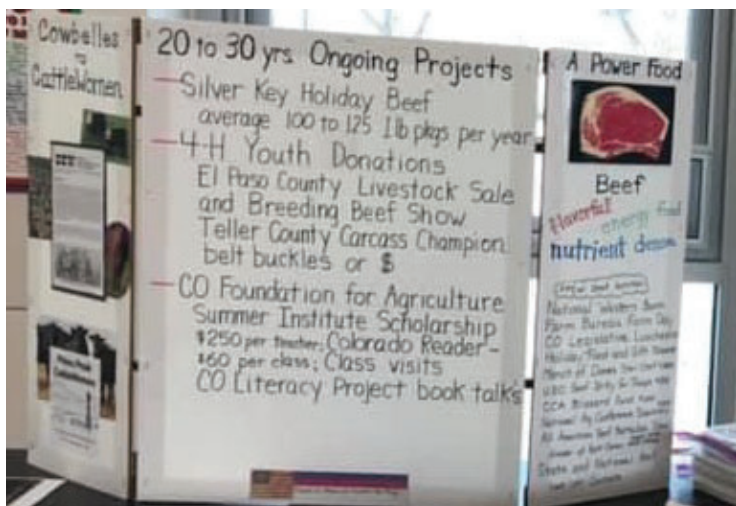
Pikes Peak CattleWomen Meat In 2022

Submitted by Christina Casey, Pikes Peak CattleWomen President

The Pikes Peak CattleWomen held our second annual Meat In event on Saturday, March 19th where we invited the public to come support the beef industry and enjoy a free hamburger. We served about 100 burgers during the two-hour timeframe.

We promoted the event mainly through our Pikes Peak CattleWomen Facebook page and the Calhan Auction Market's page, where the event was held. Many people shared our event as well as with flyers and word of mouth.

We had cattlemen information as well and beef information on our table with a poster board from last year's meat in. We also sold brand napkins. There were vendors at the event as well as a producer selling beef.



Colorado CattleWomen Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

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May we send communication via email, including the quarterly newsletter and any upcoming information? (circle one) Yes No

Local affiliation:

Do you need contact information for a local CattleWomen's group?
Yes No

Amount included with application: Colorado CattleWomen
_____ \$25 for Colorado CattleWomen annual membership due
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Membership year is January - December. If dues are received after July 1 they will be applied to the following year. Dues for the Colorado CattleWomen include liability insurance coverage for the member.

Colorado CattleWomen dues should be made payable to CCW and mailed to:

Treasurer Loy Jones, 121 Ervin St., Craig, CO 81625

American National CattleWomen dues must be sent to:

ANCW c/o Jill Worthington; 16799 Prairie Circle, El Reno, OK 73036 or pay online at ANCW.org

Black Mesa CattleWomen Keep Momentum Going

Submitted by Marlyse Cunningham

The Black Mesa CattleWomen have kept our momentum rolling with several projects and activities since the last CCW Newsletter.

We sponsored another successful Beef Cook-off on March 10 for the Hotchkiss K8 cooking class. Prior to the cook-off, two of our members, Teresa Burns and Pauline Carr gave a presentation to the class on the Life Cycle of Cattle and their own personal ranching experiences. On cook-off day, providing one pound of ground beef for each of the four competing teams, securing judges and sponsoring the prizes



allowed the class the opportunity for a hands-on experience preparing a ground beef entree from start to finish. These Beef Cook-offs have been a project of the Black Mesa CattleWomen for over thirty-years, first at the high school level and then with the elimination of Home Ec at that level, the cook-offs were moved to the middle school level.

On March 19, we participated in the 2nd Annual Meat-In Day hosted once again at Zack's Bar-B-Q in Hotchkiss by proprietors, Dave and Cheryl Price. Homestead Natural Meats and the Delta County Livestock Association donated the



burgers with the Prices providing the fixings and our unit furnishing the water. Over 300 free burgers with chips and water were passed out. Donations of \$2000 were distributed between four local fire departments.

Our Vice-President Christy Hawk made a winter project of updating our scrapbooks with an accumulation of articles and photos from the last several years. Past scrapbooks

have proven to be a wealth of local history with the majority of them available for viewing at the Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Society Museum in Hotchkiss. These newest ones were viewed by members attending our monthly meeting in March.

The Delta County Public Libraries sponsor an outdoor StoryWalk® at three local walking trails in Delta County one of which is located at the Delta County Fairgrounds. Christy asked DCPL's permission for a book of our choosing to be on display during our county fair in August. After soliciting photos of kids engaged in agriculture activities, an 18 page book was compiled and submitted to the library for this project. It will be displayed during the months of July and August.

Our most ambitious project this year was hosting an Ag Expo for 4th-6th grade students from the North Fork and Crawford areas of Delta County. Our intent in 2020, before the event got canceled by the pandemic, was to host this event for 4th graders.

Since it was put on hiatus for the previous two years, we wanted to catch up those students who missed out in 2020 and 2021. We had seven stations representing bees, the digestive system of cattle, wildlife, livestock



transportation, fencing and gates, sheep and livestock guardian dogs and beef byproducts. In addition we had a reading corner where students listened to *The Sweetest Treat* and enjoyed some Palisade peach juice. We were able to reach over 200 students with some hands on experiences and provide them with take-home fact sheets reiterating the lessons from the Ag Expo. Among others, the resources from the Colorado Beef Council and the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture were invaluable in our successful presentations.

In spite of our limited fund raising opportunities during the pandemic, we made the decision to transfer money into our dwindling Scholarship Fund in order to award scholarships to three very deserving seniors from North Fork High School. All recipients are from beef producing families which makes it a pretty sure bet that they will be beef advocates no matter what their chosen life path is.

Cattlemen calling on the Capitol

Written by Rachel Gabel, *The Fence Post*

The Logan County Cattlemen are a relatively new group, though Logan County boasts a thriving cattle-raising and feeding community. On the heels of a successful and well attended annual meeting, the group, encouraged by Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg, decided to reinstitute what was previously a Legislator's Steak Fry. The group dubbed it Cattlemen Calling on the Capitol and they set to work to make it happen.

President Britt Pratt, a cattle buyer for her family's McEndaffer Feedyard in Merino, Colo., said the group was excited to rekindle the tradition of grilling steaks for guests, including legislators, aides, and others at the Capitol from both sides of the aisle. The protein producers in Logan County were quick to throw their support behind the event, donating the steaks and all of the other items necessary for a memorable meal.

Prior to the meal, the group sat in on the Senate floor as Sonnenberg and Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Kerry Donovan declared March 24 to be Ag Day.

Pratt reached out to Gov. Jared Polis' office and he also joined the group and enjoyed a steak dinner. Pratt said the group served nearly 100 steaks to attendees. The group of cattle women themselves, were made up of ranchers, teachers, farmers, bankers, moms, and wives.

Gov. Jared Polis and Britt Pratt at the steak dinner the LCCW hosted. Pratt said Polis spoke, ate, and engaged with



members for about an hour. Courtesy photo.

"As we sat and ate, he asked what he could do better," she said. "So we told him. We asked him to stop appointing animal activists to ag boards and committees. He agreed and assured us they are working to put measures in place to prevent another Ellen Kessler."

After dinner, Pratt said Polis addressed the group, calling Colorado farmers and ranchers a "valuable, vibrant, and growing part of Colorado." Pratt said Polis stayed after he spoke and engaged with several members, which she said was encouraging.

Volunteers from Logan County served steaks for legislators, aids, interns and others at the Capitol on March 24, 2022.

"Our goal was to simply eat some beef and tell our stories and make some connections so that our legislators can put some faces to Colorado agriculture," she said. "We left Denver to head back to the plains feeling accomplished."

In all, 11 members of the LCCW attended and items for the meal and the facility rental were provided by Kevin and Jaci Wagner, Kim Suter, Jim and Becky Santomaso and Bret and Tina McEndaffer.



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