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SDCW Quarterly Meeting - March 10

Beef Industry Council

Conference Room in Pierre, SD

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tentative Agenda

- Ron Frederick, BIC Executive Director,
"SD CattleWomen are needed"
- ANCW Annual Convention Review
- Review current project and set-up goals,
objectives and outcomes in relation to ANCW
and Beef Industry Council's standards
- Develop plan of action for upcoming events
we have planned to be part of
or introduce new projects we may want to be part of
- Region VII and Region III meeting discussion
- Master of Beef Advocacy Training second lesson

South Dakota Beef Day at the Capitol

Monday, March 10 - 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

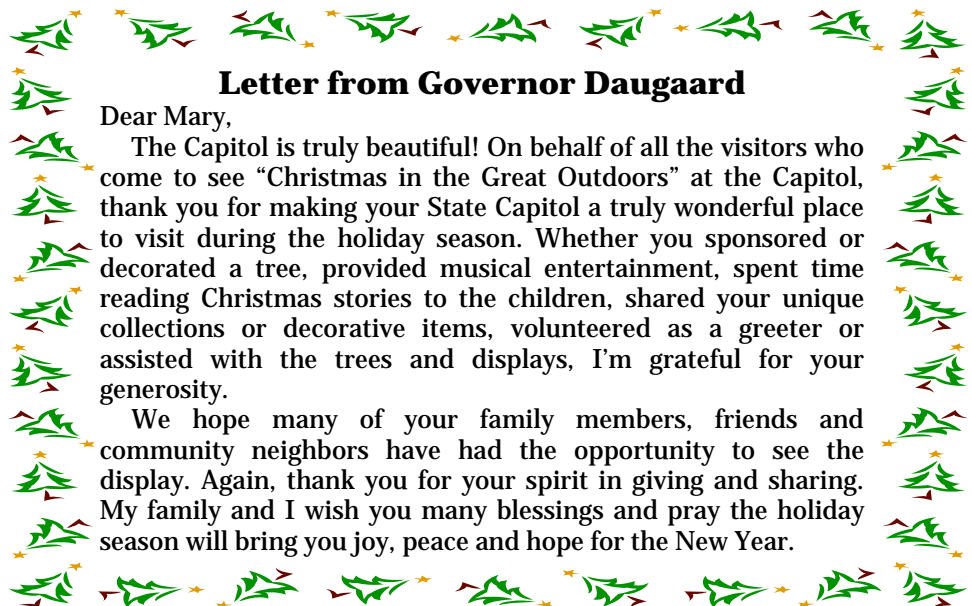
Capitol Rotunda

Letter from Governor Dugaard

Dear Mary,

The Capitol is truly beautiful! On behalf of all the visitors who come to see "Christmas in the Great Outdoors" at the Capitol, thank you for making your State Capitol a truly wonderful place to visit during the holiday season. Whether you sponsored or decorated a tree, provided musical entertainment, spent time reading Christmas stories to the children, shared your unique collections or decorative items, volunteered as a greeter or assisted with the trees and displays, I'm grateful for your generosity.

We hope many of your family members, friends and community neighbors have had the opportunity to see the display. Again, thank you for your spirit in giving and sharing. My family and I wish you many blessings and pray the holiday season will bring you joy, peace and hope for the New Year.



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Patti Buck to serve as 2014 ANCW President

Patti Buck, Ignacio, Colorado, has been elected the 63rd President of the American National CattleWomen, Inc. (ANCW) during the organization's 2014 Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tenn. ANCW is a voice for women who support and promote the beef industry.

Buck and her husband are Colorado cattle ranchers, raising Black Angus cattle. She is also the owner/operator of the Pampered Pets Boarding Kennels and has a successful real estate rental business. Her passion and volunteerism for the beef industry runs deep. She has served as the National Beef Cook-off committee Chair and as a committee member for ten years, Secretary of the Colorado CattleWomen's Association for four years, Committee member of the NCBA Nutrition committee for nine years and has served on many committees for her local La Plata Cattlemen's and Cowbelles association, including the Executive Committee. She's spent hundreds of hours on beef education and promotion activities and hasn't missed an annual Cattle Industry Convention or summer conference in the past 12 years.

Fran Hill, fellow ANCW and Colorado CattleWomen member shared "Patti has the heart and desire to do an excellent job for ANCW. She always has personal experiences she can draw on and helps with projects and problem solving. She has great ideas!"

Buck said, "I have a huge passion for the beef industry



from pasture to plate and volunteering. Victory is only achieved if you value your organization's volunteers. The world is run by the people who show up. I could stay quietly on my ranch with rose colored glasses on and watch the world go by. Or I can get off the ranch, go around my community, in the classroom, my state and the country and make a difference. We have to be very transparent and tell consumers our stories."



ANCW's 2014 Executive Committee members are: President, Patti Buck, Colo.; President-Elect, Melanie Fowle, Calif.; Vice President, Ann Nogan, PA.; Recording Secretary, Jo Stanko, Colo.; Past President, Barbara Jackson, Ariz.; Region I Director, TBD.; Region II Director, Michelle Boyles, N.C.; Region III Director, Penny Zimmerman, Minn.; Region IV Director, Desta Crawford, Texas; Region V Director, Jeannie Kiehn, Wash.; Region VI Director, Suzanne Menges, Ariz.; Region VII Director, Judy Reece, Neb.; Chair of the Board of Directors, Evelyn Brown, Ala.; and Parliamentarian, Susie Magnuson, Colo.

Seated (l. to r.): Barbara Jackson, Ann Noogan, Melanie Fowle and Patti Buck; standing: Evelyn Brown, Penny Zimmerman, Desta Crawford, Jeannie Kiehn, Michelle Boyles, Jo Stanko and Judy Reese



SDCW Minutes of the December 11 quarterly meeting in Pierre



SD Cattlewomen met December 11, 2013 at 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse in Pierre. President Kodi Blotsky called the meeting to order with 11 members present. Thank you to Shirley Thompson and Zootis for the sharing of their meeting room. Motion by Lindy Harkin to approve the agenda with the additions noted. Second by Kay Abbott. Voted and passed.

President Kodi gave an overview of the new meeting binders.

Danielle McDonnell led the Flag Pledge and Kay Abbott led the CattleWomen's Creed. Mary Jessen gave the invocation.

Sarah Caslin made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as they were reported in the SD Cattlewomen newsletter. Second by Erin Yost. Voted and passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Erin Yost. Erin reported on the filling of the previous years taxes and recommended we move our account to James Walti. Karla Pazour made a motion to acquire James Walti as our new accountant. Sarah Caslin seconded. Voted and Passed.

Newsletter items need to be in by Feb. 1. Send reports or pictures to Mary Jessen.

Lindy Harkin gave an overview of the Beef Certificate Program and reported she had sent out letters to past purchasers and had a good response.

Becky Littau has a shadow for this year for Membership Director. She will be training Katrina so she can take over next year.

Sarah gave an overview of our Executive meeting held Oct. 24 in Chamberlain. Minutes were printed in the newsletter. Kodi did inventory of the storage shed and now has a list of what all is available there.

Karla Pazour gave a report on the Beef Industry Council. With points being that they will focus on evaluation of money spending and strategic planning for the next three years.

A discussion was held about Website and Facebook and how we should utilize them.

Sarah Caslin reported on the Collegiate Webinar and discussion was held on the Collegiate group. At this time it is just isn't possible to get a group started at SDSU. We think it would be better to go to other groups already started and encourage them to join SD CattleWomen at this time.

Old Business: Top topics of the Annual meeting. ANCW President Barbara Jackson, Common Ground South Dakota-www.findourcommonground.com, SD Ranch Blog-www.justaranchwife.com were discussed.

New Business:

We have a Christmas Tree at the Capitol in Pierre. Thank you to the ladies who put that together.

Kodi would like us to come up with a way to measure Outcomes vs Outputs for our projects and discussed how we measure who we reach.

2013-2014 Binder Updates: We need to fill committee chairs. Kodi will have a list of these printed at our next quarterly.

A discussion was held on a raise for the Beef Certificate Director. It was tabled until the next meeting. Lindy will discuss it with the Beef Certificate Committee and bring recommendations back to the group at our next meeting.

A report was given on the ANCW Convention and the restructuring of the group.

Riding for Ranchers (AKA Faces to Falls) bike ride will be June 8-14. CattleWomen are again asking to be involved. We will make more plans later.

Beef Day at the Capitol will be the first part of March. A date has not been set yet. We will have a catered meal this year. This will leave time for everyone to visit with legislators and also have information booths.

Social Media ideas were discussed. We would like Shirley to keep up with promotions on Facebook. She will come up with one for December.

Stockmen's Gala in Sioux Falls was discussed. It will be June 14. Cost is \$1,000 per table of eight. It was thought that this would be a good event to support. Kodi was going to mention it to the Faces to Falls group as their ride would end in Sioux Falls that day.

Anna Marrs asked if we would be interested in sponsoring the Youth Football League. After discussion, Sarah Caslin made a motion to donate \$300 to the project. Second by Lisa. Voted and passed.

The State Fair Booth was discussed. Should this possibly go back to being the responsibility of BIC? After discussion it was tabled till the next meeting.

Mary Jessen made a motion to adjourn. Second by Erin Yost. After the meeting we watched the first segment of the Master of Beef Advocacy Program. This class can be taken online. Members will have a chance to do them at the meetings if they choose to.

Thanks to Mary Jessen for the Christmas snickers treat and to Shirley for lunch and treats she shared.



Jean Jill Ginn, chairman of ANCW Outstanding CattleWoman Committee, left, presented an engraved crystal vase to Joan Hemsted of Cottonwood, CA, after she was named the Outstanding CattleWoman of the Year.

Joan Hemsted was named the 2013 Outstanding CattleWoman of the Year by the American National CattleWomen, Inc. (ANCW) at the Annual Cattle Industry Convention in Nashville, Tenn. The CattleWoman of the Year Award is sponsored by Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC.

Hemsted has served many important roles throughout her tenure as a CattleWoman. She was the President of the California CattleWomen, an ANCW Region Director, Chair of the National Beef Cook-off committee, Co-chair of the ANCW Education Committee and served on numerous regional committees. She was a champion for a large ANCW re-structure project as a part of the Focus Advisory Team and created "196 Ideas to Recruit New Members." With 24 years of ANCW membership, she's attended nine summer conferences, 12 annual conventions and today is still active in CattleWomen, serving as the Budget Chair and local CattleWoman director in California.

Her impact on Beef Education is significant. She has volunteered many hours in elementary classrooms delivering programs like "Music, Literature, Art and COWS!" program and she's encouraged hundreds of women to become certified in special ANCW Education projects. Her passion for education carried beyond her work with CattleWomen, proven by her service as the first national chairman of Ag in the Classroom. The strong relationships Hemsted has built with CattleWomen across the country are remarkable. Barbara Jackson, ANCW President said "Joan has a tremendous talent for engaging members. Whomever she works with-she does it with style and grace AND she gets the job done! Her co-workers



(committee) are always happy to have worked with Joan."

Jean Barton fellow ANCW member and California CattleWoman agreed, stating "Joan's personality and hugs have created many friends throughout the United States in the beef industry."

Melanie Fowle, ANCW Vice President and fellow California CattleWoman added, "When I think of Joan, it is with awe. Yes, she is a worker bee, but she also writes encouraging notes when they are least expected. She nudges, praises, and asks questions at just the right moment."

Joan and her husband, Jerry, who accompanied her to Nashville, have been married for 48 years and have two daughters and a son, plus several grandchildren. She still fixes lunch for the branding crew, the control burn crew and visiting ranch tours.

Beef scholarships available

South Dakota students are reminded to apply for BEEF scholarships. The deadline this year is May 1, 2014. Scholarships are available for students attending college or technical schools. The scholarships are scored on an essay telling how they would promote beef and on the students involvement in school and community. The Cattlewomen are encouraged to promote the scholarships to the students in their communities.

All interested applicants can apply at www.sd cattl ewomen.org or contact the SD Cattlewomen, % Carol Simon, 15688 324th Ave., SD 57475 or call 605-442-2522.

In 2013, the SDCW awarded three scholarship. The winners were: Jessica Goeken, a Yankton High School graduate; Annie Johnson, a Bennett County High School graduate and Amanda Kammerer, a student at SDSU.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for sponsoring the State Fair Public Speaking award. It was greatly appreciated. I am an eight-year member of the Davison County 4-H. I enjoy and hope to continue speaking in my future years in 4-H and influence the younger members of my club. Thanks, again.

Sincerely,
Johnna Jorgensen

Thank you so much for sponsoring my State Fair speech award about beef. I was raised on a cattle ranch and I have bee involved with a beef project for eight years. Beef is one of my favorite speech topics. Thanks, again.

Kaley Nolz

In Memory of Edith Bartels

(July 13, 1929 - December 6, 2013)

Edith Irene Kearns was born July 13, 1929, to Owen and Jeannie (Sutton) Kearns and passed away December 6, 2013, at the Aberdeen Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held December 14 in Gettysburg. She grew up in rural western Potter County, attended rural grade school and graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1947. She married Louie Bartels on Nov. 27, 1949. Four children were born to this union. They lived 62 years on their farm west of Gettysburg; the last two years, they have resided in Aberdeen.



Edith will long be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was deeply involved with 4-H. Her family and friends laugh that she taught half of Potter County how to sew – not just the daughters in 4-H, but their mothers too. A superb cook, Edith cooked meals for her family and farm-help yearlong and for as many as 15-20 at harvest time, in addition to the many banquets for numerous groups especially FFA and FHA (FCCLA) Awards. Being an Extension Club member fueled her love for teaching youth and being active in her community. She was honored to receive the SD Eminent Homemaker Award in 1999. Edith was a founding member of the Medicine Rock Cowbelles, served on the South Dakota Beef Council; the Cowbelles later became the American National CattleWomen. She enjoyed her many roles as a part of the State and National Beef-Cook-Off competitions, serving at all levels, including Chairman when South Dakota hosted the Cook-Off in 1981. She helped develop and install Ag in the Classroom throughout our schools and traveled at the state and national level promoting agriculture and beef industry. In honor of her work, she was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2004. She was a 50+ year member of Eastern Star, active in Job's Daughters, United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary. In their retirement years, Edith and Louie enjoyed winters in Sun City West, AZ. There, Edith began extensive research of family genealogy providing numerous notebooks and family photos to Bartels, Kearns and Sutton families. She also enjoyed being a member of the International Ikebana Society, exploring the art of Japanese flower arranging.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Louie of Aberdeen; daughter, Marcine (Arne) Fennel of Concord, NC and their children: Alicia (Corey) Glass, Waxhaw, NC; Geoff (Celyn) Fennel, Decatur, GA; Adam (Rebecca) Fennel, Tega Cay, SC and Julie (Andriy) Budnyy, Tampa Bay, FL; daughter-in-law, Corlene Bartels (Owen) Elk Horn, WI and their son, Clint Bartels, Frasier, CO; Owen's children: Bob (Annelies) Bartels, Mount Buller, Australia and Cristin (Mark) Wantland, Sugar Hill, GA; son-in-law, Bill (Corliss) Kellogg, Gettysburg; children of Bill and Ethel Kellogg: Paul (Bonnie) Kellogg, Gettysburg; Rebecca (Ryan) Wuttke, Scottsdale, AZ; and Elizabeth Kellogg, Sioux Falls; daughter, Marion (Dean) Marske and their daughters, Megan and Kallie, all of Aberdeen; great-grandchildren: Dylan and Garrett Glass, Anja and Marcus Bartels, Alexis Kellogg, Nathaniel Wantland and Ava and Kennedy Leedom; two sisters: Dorothy (Herb) Lesmeister, Belle Fourche and Janet (Robert) Gesinger, Ridgeview and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Edith was preceded in death by brothers, Edwin (Buddy) and Francis; her parents; stepmothers, Martha and Selma Kearns; her son, Owen; her daughter, Ethel and one great-granddaughter, Ashley Kellogg.

***Sympathy is extended to
the families of
Edith Bartels and
Ken Halligan***

Southern Belle CattleWomen

The Southern Belle CattleWomen held its annual steak night at the Holiday House Jan. 17, with 27 members and guests present. Ron Frederick of South Dakota Beef Industry Council, gave an interesting presentation following the meal.

The following business was discussed:

In-store promotions are to be held on Jan. 31 at two grocery stores. Cheryl Littau is in charge

and would like volunteers to help. Debbie Steinke offered to make a dish, but would not be able to serve. Members were to contact Cheryl for details.

Debbie Steinke asked the group if they wanted a booth at the Bullnanza. After discussion, MJ made a motion to have the booth, with second from Barbara and motion carried.

Debbie also asked member to discuss and decide on serving lunch at the Mid-Dakota Fair. Kris made a motion to contact all members and get a survey on how the membership feels on this subject. Second from Ruth. Matter will be discussed at the Feb. 21 meeting.



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Services held for Ken Halligan

(8-2-1921 to 1-29-2014)

Kenneth William Halligan was born August 2, 1921, to Frank and Ethel (Rousch) Halligan at Cedar Butte, SD, and passed away January 29, 2014, at his home in Pierre.

In 1931, they moved their family to Parmelee, SD. Ken attended school at Running Bird for the first four years and transferred to Parmelee School after the move, remaining there through the 11th grade. His senior year was spent at Curtis, NE attending the Nebraska School of Agriculture.

On August 15, 1942, Ken entered the Army to become a Signal Corp lineman with the 101st Signal Battalion. He was attached to the 7th Infantry Division as "Special Forces". Ken received several awards and citations, including the Purple Heart, and had achieved the rank of 1st Sgt. by the time he was honorably discharged. After World War II, Ken worked for three years as a lineman for Bell Telephone Co. in Rapid City and Valentine, NE. During this time he met Ruth Louise Verch. They married on October 5, 1947, and Ken returned to ranching at Parmelee. Then, in 1954, they moved west of Ft. Pierre, SD where Ken was a partner in the Rankin Ranch operation for 10 years. In 1964, Ken and Ruth purchased a ranch on the White River south of Draper and moved there with their five children. They spent many happy years running cattle and irrigating crops on the river bottoms until 1995 when they moved to Pierre. Ruth had been fighting cancer and passed away in March of 1996.

Ken worked as an order buyer for Gottch Feed Corporation during his 'retirement' and married Florence Williams on November 2, 1997, in Eagle Butte, SD. They made their home in Pierre. Ken was very involved in every community in which he resided. He served on the school board for Tomahawk District in Stanley County for ten years and was a Jones County Commissioner for ten years. He was proud to serve as a Charter Member for the SD Cowboy Hall of Fame, where he served on the Board of Directors, and was the last living Charter Member at the time of his death. He and Ruth were both inducted into the Hall of Fame. Ruth was inducted into Teaching and Cultural Affairs in 1990 and Ken into Agriculture in 1996.

The West River/Lyman-Jones Rural Water Board was a special interest of Ken's for 34 years. He was a lifetime member and served twice as commander of American Legion Otterman Post #94, was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and also the Disabled American Veterans. In 1999, Ken and the entire Halligan Family were honored to be inducted into the Casey Tibbs Foundation. Ken worked tirelessly for the South Dakota Stockgrowers Assn. and served as Vice President beginning in 1986 and



President in 1988. He also served on the S.D. Brand Committee and was appointed to the Brand Board in 1998 where he served for five years. He was a lifetime member of the Aberdeen Angus Association.

Ken's faith was an important part of his life. He was a member of the American Sunday School Union in Parmelee until he joined the Methodist Church in Valentine, NE. He was a Trustee and on the Pastor Parish Board for the Little Brown Church at Hayes, SD and the Draper Methodist Church. He was a member of the Pierre Methodist Church at the time of his death.

Grateful for having shared his life are his five children: Frank (Shirley) of Midland; Bill (Virginia) of Bushnell, NE; Linda (Ray) Gilbert of Buffalo; Jim (Barb) of Pierre and Laura (Tim) Olson of Buffalo; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene Hutchison and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, his parents, brothers: Eugene, Delbert, Bernard and Daryl and wife, Florence Williams Halligan.

Region VII, Region III to hold joint meeting



The Region VII meeting and Region III meeting for the South Dakota CattleWomen will be held in conjunction with the ANCW 2014 Meeting June 12-14 at Key Largo on lake Shetek at Slayton, Minnesota and hosted by the Minnesota CattleWomen. Check your calendars and see if you can find room in your busy schedule to attend this meeting and re-ignite your passion for supporting the beef industry, network with others with similar interests and learning new ideas for your operation. Hope we can round up a herd of SD CattleWomen to attend and share the expense and enjoy each other's company.

Registration fee is \$75.00 and includes all scheduled events from Thursday, June 12 through Saturday, June 14. The registration form is available on the SDCW website at www.sdcatllewomen.org. Early registration is May 12. After May 12, registration fee is \$85.00.

Thank You Notes!

Thank you, South Dakota CattleWomen, for the vintage rose garden tea set and the "I Heart Beef" black t-shirts. Please tell Julie Holmquist thanks for the Pioneer Women cookbook, also. I only raved about the shirt aprons and forgot to mention the cookbook. Our ANCW auction was a success.

Sincerely - Melanie Fowle, Etna, Calif.

My name is Mark Hamilton and I was awarded a \$25.00 gift for public speaking at the State Fair. I spoke about the two-year cycle of a beef. Thank you for your continued support!

Mark Hamilton

Kelsey Reppenning describes Beef Ambassador activities

As the first few calves of the New Year are hitting the ground, I would like to wish you all good luck with the season. I have had an exciting year since being named the 2013-2014 South Dakota Beef Ambassador as it has brought me the opportunity to promote beef to consumers across South Dakota. My first event was the Heart Healthy Beef Recipe demonstration at the South Dakota State Fair with SD Beef Industry Council Director of Nutrition and Consumer Information Holly Swee. At the event, I assisted in preparing three delicious and nutritious dishes for viewers which included Beef Rock & Roll Wraps, Beef Spy Thai and Beef Sweet Potato Mash-up. The three recipes were a part of a five recipe pilot study that the National Cattlemen's Beef Association worked on to create more school lunch and home use from ground beef recipes. I also helped hand out beef samples for the South Dakota Beef Industry Council at the State Fair from Mid Dakota Meats in Winner. One of my favorite experiences thus far occurred during this event. A mother of three explained to me that her youngest daughter was not a fan of anything but potato chips and bologna. As I offered this young girl a sample, her eyes lit up and she proclaimed that she loved it. It is the experiences like these, the ones that help benefit the lives of consumers, which make the Beef Ambassador position so rewarding. I also had the opportunity to offer Governor Dennis Daugaard a sample. My second promotional event occurred in Sioux Falls at the Women's Expo for Her Event. With football season in full swing, the ladies loved the No Noodle Lasagna Beef Dip samples that I helped hand out along with brochures promoting lean beef in a healthy diet along with other recipes. In November, the South Dakota Beef Industry Council, along with the American Heart Association, teamed up to host the National Eating Healthy Cooking demo at Strawbale Winery in Renner. It was a full house as Chef Amy Warren prepared Smoky Round Roast with Garlic Kale as well as Pesto Steak and Arugula Pizza. For both recipes, Chef Warren used a sirloin cap roast, part of the USDA's 29 lean cuts. I will be at the Black Hills Stock Show this month and I would love the opportunity to visit with you. In September, I will compete at the National Beef Ambassador Contest in Denver, Colorado. I look forward to seeing my fellow cattlemen and women in the upcoming year.



Ricki Kollmar, member of Southern Belle CattleWomen, is shown (at the left) serving beef samples to encourage using Beef for a Super Bowl party. We served a light Philly cheesesteak dip. Bobbi Jo Hossle (below) gives her daughter a sample.

Notes of Thanks . . .

Thank you to all the "elves" that helped make decorations, decorate and take the SDCW tree down at the Capitol. Thank you, Carol Simon, Linda DuBois, Eileen Honnor, Tonja Jessen and Velvet and Letha Jessen. I couldn't have done it without your wonderful help! Trees can be viewed at: <http://sd.gov/christmas2013>. Thanks, again!

**Mary Jessen, Chairman
Christmas Tree Committee**

I was not aware of your group until I received a gift certificate from WRCTC. I am very grateful to receive \$20.00 of "What's for Dinner". Thanks you!

I am a resident of Nisland, SD. The family I purchased my home from run cattle. Roxanne, mother of the ranch, is a very strong and insightful woman. She believed in me when I was not sure if I believed in myself. My hat is off to all of South Dakota and, especially, the beef producers, AND the woman of who keep us going and inline!

Thank you! I have used my certificate of \$20.00 wisely and purchased \$38.00 worth of beef at my local grocer. Thanks, again!

Michael Cosner, Nisland, SD

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**Thompson and Blotsky attend
 ANCW meeting in Nashville**

“Follow me to Tennessee” was this year’s theme to the 116th Cattle Industry Annual Convention and National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Trade Show, which involved ANCW, NCBA, CBB, CattleFax and National Cattlemen’s Foundation. Shirley Thompson and Kodi Blotsky represented the South Dakota CattleWomen.

Focus sessions were on Mom’s, Millennial and More (M3) training, beef promotion and youth development. It was stressed during M3 training that M3 programs are check-off programs, not ANCW programs, because it is funded with check-off money. ANCW are managers of the programs. One new message about beef we need to focus on as a USDA recommendation is that “**Beef is Nutritious**” and not that it is healthy. We learned one way to promote beef is by blogging. Research shows 80 percent of the people log into social media.

The focus area in youth development is working groups for National Beef Ambassador Program, Consumer Youth Education and Curriculum, Collegiate CattleWomen and the new Junior CattleWomen.

Specific committee meetings were held, as well as a President’s Council and executive committee, board of directors, general membership and 2014 executive meetings. Two of the main topics were ANCW’s proposed restructure flow and a number of by-law changes that needed to be updated.

Kodi said, “I came away overwhelmed but energized at the same time. I realize more now that we do have a strong community of support people that can help us here in South Dakota with project ideas and other issues we come across. I will talk about all of this at the upcoming quarterly meeting March 10 in Pierre.”

★ Associate Members	CHS Farmer’s Alliance	Highmore Herald, Highmore	Rosebud Electric Coop, Inc.,
★ Animal Clinic, Ltd., Winner	Elevator, Chamberlain	Jessen Ranch, Holabird	Gregory
★ Anson Insurance Services, Inc.,	Country Pride Cooperative,	Johnson Implement Inc., Burke	Rosebud Farmers Union Coop,
★ DBA Southern Dakota	Burke, Chancellor, Dallas,	Jungle of Flowers, Burke	Cenex, Gregory
★ Insurance, Burke	Fairfax, Freeman, Menno,	Kohlman, Bierschbach and	Scott’s Welding & Repair,
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★ Mitchell, Onida, Pierre,	White River and Winner	Littau Angus, Carter	Sioux Nation, Kimball
★ Rapid City, Selby, White	Cuz’ns Corner, Bonesteel	Main Street Auto, Burke	Stagg Veterinary Clinic,
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★ BG’s Electronic Service/Serenity	Gregory	McKay Insurance Agency,	Statewide Ag Insurance, Inc.,
★ Hair Salon, Burke	DBA Naper Café & Lounge	Huron	Chamberlain
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★ Bonesteel	Gregory, and Winner	Chamberlain	Chamberlain
★ Casey Drug and Jewelry,	Flying D Convenience Store	Purvis Electric, Burke	Winner Livestock Auction
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★ Charles Mix County Livestock	Gregory and Burke Animal	Redi Mix Inc., Chamberlain	Kathy Fuoss
★ Market, Inc., Platte	Clinics, Burke and Gregory	Ringling Cattle & Trucking,	Nancy Stirling Neuhauser
★ Charly’s Restaurant & Lounge,	Gregory Building Center	Platte	
★ Chamberlain	Gregory Farmers Elevator	Ronald Tedrow, CPA, Pierre	

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