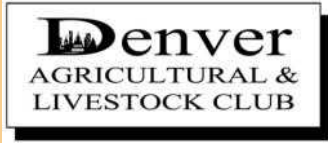


# The Fence Line

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**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, February 26, 11:30 a.m.**  
**RSVP by noon on Mon., Feb. 19! Cost: \$26.00 Location (CHANGE!): Centennial Room**  
**If you RSVP 'yes' and do not attend, DALC still has to pay for your meal!**  
**Please plan accordingly!**

*If you receive this newsletter through the U.S. mail, call 303-299-5562 to RSVP if you will attend.*

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!  
HITCH UP THE  
WAGON AND  
BRING ALONG  
SOME FRIENDS...  
February 26  
March 25  
April 29  
June 3—Field Trip**

**...GOOD FOOD,  
GOOD SPEAKERS,  
GOOD AG & LVSTK  
CONTACTS**



## February Speakers: FFA State Officers

At our January meeting, Speaker John Stahley (Executive Director of the Colorado FFA Foundation) said it's exciting that our FFA State Officers now live in the CSU-SPUR Vida building on the National Western Campus advocating for AG and growing personally through life learning experience.

We are excited that two state officers, Rebecca Gardner (State Reporter) and Maggie Livingston (Executive Committee), will be our February speakers. Each year the Colorado FFA Association selects ten student members to represent the association as a state FFA officer. They are elected officials expected to represent the student membership during Executive Committee meetings and teachers of leadership and teamwork to regional FFA officers and chapter members. As motivational speakers, they inspire members and non – members to heights they did not think they could achieve and, on behalf of the Colorado FFA Association, build positive relationships across the state and across our nation.



**Maggie Livingston**



**Rebecca Gardner**

From Maggie's FFA Officer introduction on Instagram:

My journey through FFA was an interesting one, as my freshman year was the year my chapter (the Severance chapter) was founded! As the inaugural reporter, I had the opportunity to create chapter traditions that will serve members for many years! It is truly a blessing to have served as a chapter officer for four years as my chapter grew, and I cannot wait to serve at the state level!

My goal this year is to use this opportunity to spread awareness about mental health in agriculture. As someone who struggled with mental health, and found relief in FFA, I hope to encourage others to reach out for help. FFA saved my life and, I cannot wait to give back to this wonderful organization!

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**President's Letter**

Dear Fellow DALC Members:

The past month has provided wet snows that will help the land produce grass and crops for the coming spring and summer. We are fortunate here in this area to get this necessary moisture. I visited with a ranch friend from near Wheatland, and they have not received any of this moisture.

The 118<sup>th</sup> National Western Stock Show concluded with 671,000 visitors. Most of the rodeos, the ranch rodeo on the first Saturday night, and the free-style reining had good crowds. Many of ticketed events were sellouts. The last Saturday afternoon and evening rodeos had no tickets available at show time. This was decent attendance in spite of the extremely cold temperatures.

There were great prices for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals. The Grand Champion steer sold for \$185,000; the Reserve Grand Champion sold for \$100,000.

The Grand Champion Catch-a-Calf sold for \$60,000 to the Roundup Riders of the Rockies Friends combine. The Reserve Grand Champion Catch-a-Calf sold for \$40,000 to Gutterson Ranches near Greeley at the Junior Livestock Auction supporting this great 4-H program.

On behalf of DALC we presented a wood plaque to the winning team at the National Western Stock Show Collegiate Judging Contest awards banquet. The winning team this year was Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. These students travel from Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois, and Texas. They compete judging livestock for several days during the first week of the Stock Show.

Ben Duke received the 2024 Top Hand Award from Paul Andrews at the first Saturday rodeo during the Stock Show. What an honor for Ben for all of his years of working with the young people with the 4-H Catch-a-Calf program and the FFA Heifer Wrangle. Congratulations to you, Ben!

The 35<sup>th</sup> Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame banquet is February 29 at the Westin Westminster. The funds from this event benefit the Colorado FFA Foundation. Those being honored this year are Dr. Scott Haley, Bill Hammerich, and Dr. John Stulp.

National Ag Day is March 19, 2024, with the theme of "Agriculture: Growing a Climate for Tomorrow". Look for Ag Day events in your area.

The next DALC meeting is Monday, February 26, 11:30 in the Centennial Room. Come in the front door of the Education Hall and take the elevator to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Please bring a prospective new member.

Sincerely, Teema McIntosh, President



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and Directors**

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**Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2024**

Meeting called to order by Teema. **Program:** Teema introduced program speaker and DALC member, John Stahley. Growing up, John had an extensive background not only in farming but also in FFA. He thought he would farm the rest of his life, but his friends and mentors encouraged a different direction, graduated from college and ended up teaching Ag for many years. The last 5 years, he was the Program Coordinator for the FFA Foundation’s Local Teacher Success (LTS) Program. John felt 31 years of teaching was his “Best Buy Date.” Not the kind that expires on your food packages! For John, it was time for a change! In July 2023, John made that change and is now the Colorado FFA Foundation new Executive Director.

The Colorado FFA Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support the more than 9,000 FFA members in Colorado’s 125 chapters and is growing. FFA is the largest AG organization in the world and has to be specifically tied to local high school programs. John helps guide the philanthropic mission of the Foundation, which seeks resources – human, financial and in-kind – to support agricultural education in Colorado.

“It’s a struggle retaining teachers. We need to continue to fill classrooms with good teachers.” John continues to help future generations get excited about the agricultural industry by preparing them for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture through work based experience. It’s a 3 circle model: class, work based, leadership. John said it’s exciting that our FFA State Officers now live in the CSU-SPUR Vida building on the National Western Campus advocating for AG and growing personally through life learning experience.

When asked about Kobilan Ranch and Lewis Farm development plans progress, John stated they are now reviewing best use for these properties.

How can we help locally? There are about 22 different ways! We want to sit down and spend time with you to see what is of value to you. Reach out to John! There are a few upcoming major activities including a Careers Development Event, State FFA Convention and 3 major events: Blue Jacket Society, Legendary Owl and the Meat and Greet Gala. On February 29, 2024, three inductee’s will be celebrated at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet presented by the Farm Credit Associations of Colorado.

**Minutes Approval:** Dec. 2023 Minutes approved after noting Montfort spelling was corrected.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer, John Hiemer, reported:

Bank Balance November 30, 2023		\$12,495.93
Receipts		
Luncheon	\$750.00	
Dues	330.00	
Contributions	10.00	
Total Receipts November 30 to January 29		1,090.00
	13,585.93	
Disbursements		
NW Scholarship Trust	1,000.00	
CaterWest	625.02	
MicroBlue Software	26.03	
Service Charge	3.00	
Total Disbursements		\$1,654.05
Cash Balance January 29, 2024		11,931.88
Cash held for lunch change		106.00

**Meeting Minutes—January 29, 2024****Continued from p. 3**

**Youth Reports:** Emily Land, speaking on behalf of CSU, read a heartwarming letter from a Scholarship Recipient and how it made a positive influence on their life.

Jennifer Sharpe, CSU Executive Director Colorado Reader Program, provided an update on their 2024 Literacy Project, "Seed, Sprout, Spice! All About Pueblo Chiles." They are seeking additional financial support, and volunteers to be able to reach the anticipated 22,000+ students in 1,000 classes across the state! They recently did a Pueblo Chiles booth at the CSU Spur Terra Building.

**Old Business:** Ben Duke was recognized as the 2024 NWSS Top Hand Award recipient. Reminder to pay your \$30 annual 23-24 club year dues. Contact: John Hiemer. DALC Directory draft update is complete; send final revisions to John Hiemer by March 1. Membership report/directory: Reach out to John Stencil if you are interested in this position. If you bring a guest to our DALC meeting, your name is entered in a \$50 gift card drawing.

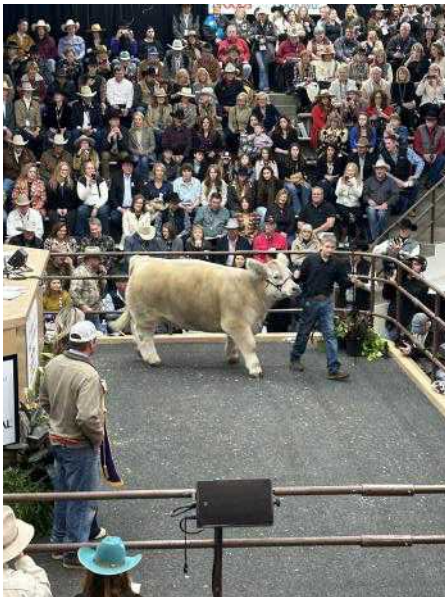
**New Business:** UW Scholarship: DALC Board discussed the University of Wyoming \$25,000 endowment. The goal is to donate \$5000 and hope it will be matched. Tom Fey moved to approve DALC contributing \$5,000 each year to University of Wyoming endowment for 5 years, if we have the funds, until we meet the \$25,000. The move was seconded, voted and passed. Once it's endowed, it will be there forever. Teema reported a CSU endowment will be discussed in the future.

DALC Fundraiser: It's Butter Braids season! We normally make around \$1200. John Stencil made a motion to proceed with this fundraiser before Easter. The motion was seconded, voted, approved. Coordinator, Mary Lou Chapman, will share the order form at our next meeting.

Attendance 25 members/9 guests

**Next meeting:** Monday February 26, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Donna Devine, filling in for Secretary, Lori Liepold who was not able to attend.



2024 Grand champion steer—Croix Reimann, 13, from Ree Heights, SD, and his Grand Champion steer named "Frosty"

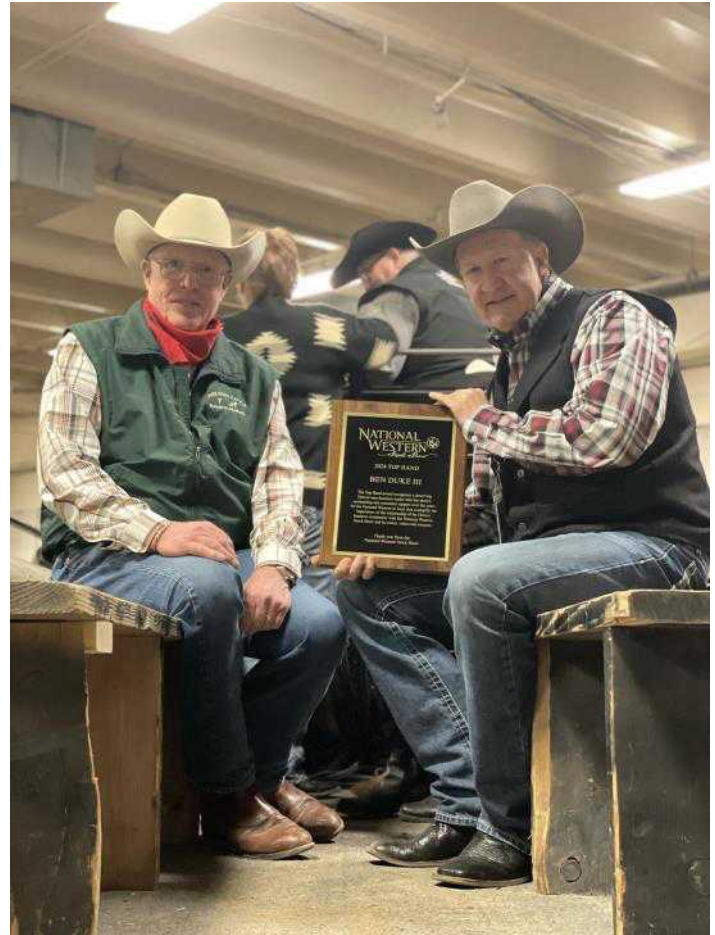


2024 Reserve champion steer—Mason Shalla, 14, from Riverside, IA, with the Reserve Grand Champion named "Bear"

## Photos from NWSS



Oklahoma State University - 2024 NWSS Collegiate Judging Team Overall Winner



DALC Youth Programs Liaison Ben Duke and NWSS CEO Paul Andrews. Ben was presented with the “Top Hand” award at the NWSS.

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### DALC Dues are now Due!

We operate on a September-September year, so please have your dues ready at the next meeting, or send them in to John Hiemer at 7037 S Valdai St., Aurora, CO 80016.

Even if you don't consider yourself an “active” member, and can't attend our meetings, your \$30 in dues help us continue to support the FFA Heifer Wrangle, 4-H Catch-a-Calf, CSU Scholarships, and Colorado Foundation for Agriculture—Please continue with your generous support! Any donations above and beyond your \$30 dues are very welcome!

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## February Speakers: FFA State Officers (cont'd)

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My SAE's were poultry placement, market lambs, market swine, and aquatic education!

My hobbies include aquatic care, livestock showing, showing my horse Wally, reading, knitting, and creating stickers for my red bubble account!

My future plan is to become an Ag Teacher and help people just as my advisors helped me! I am so excited to take the next step in my FFA journey, and cannot wait to meet all of you!

From Rebecca's FFA Officer introduction on Instagram: My journey to state office wasn't the typical one as I wasn't even a member until my sophomore year, and I don't come from an ag background. I ran for state office for a chance to show members that they can be agriculturalist no matter what background they come from! State office has been a dream of mine for quite some time, after attending National Convention in 2021 I knew this would be something I would pursue after seeing how large of an impact our organization has.

During my State Officer year I hope to encourage new members to join our organization and make the best of the opportunity I have to advocate for the agriculture industry.

My passion for agriculture started with a market lamb project and grew from there. My SAE projects now include showing lambs and goats as well as working for a cattle ranch! My favorite place to be is in the show ring with my livestock or working livestock at home.

I'm feeling very excited and blessed for the opportunity to serve as a state officer this year. My team and I can't wait to get to work. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone throughout this year!



The Logan County Cattlewomen have petitioned for a new specialty license plate that represents Colorado's agriculture. They have gathered the 4,000 signatures to get their bill in front of sponsors in the legislative session.

## Butter Braids

Hello DALC Members,

It is again time for our spring fundraiser of Butter Braids. We are back on our usual timeline this year, so we can have them in time for EASTER. Dates are from now until March 12. Orders will be delivered to our meeting on Monday, March 25. Hopefully this will give you all enough time to sell to family and friends. The prices of the products are the same as last year. Our club makes 40%, or \$6, on each sale, so our goal remains at \$1000 profit to help us buy a calf or support our youth scholarships. That means we need to sell 200 products!

An ONLINE STORE option is available again this year. There are a few additional products available online. The Cream Cheese and Raspberry Butter Braids and Coffee products are only available online this year. I encourage you to use this option if you are comfortable with the Internet. We also have paper forms, printed here, if you prefer. The company says that they find that combining paper orders online sales provides the most successful fundraiser. Sellers that combined online sales with paper orders almost doubled their sales compared to sellers that did paper orders only! It also gives your supporters a convenient way of ordering and paying online.

To use the online store, you simply open this link and enter your name and email. It should then send you an email that you can share with your supporters, or open and order yourself:

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/RegisterSeller/4d69db98-28e0-494e-8a04-ca4d91baf219>

If you have trouble, you can contact the company at the phone number on the link. They are very helpful.

I will continue to be the coordinator for this fundraiser. Any orders you have other than those on the website should be sent to me with payment by March 12.

Orders will be delivered to our meeting, March 25, 2024. The driver will also bring some extra Butter Braids to the meeting so you can add to your order if you wish. Be sure to bring a cooler to carry your products so you can deliver to those who have purchased. If you are not able to come to the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>, be sure to arrange for someone to pick up your products.

Thank you...and Happy Selling!!

*Mary Lou*

Mary Lou Chapman

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**If you have questions call:** Mary Lou Chapman at (303) 478-8587

Important Dates		Seller Registration	Online Ordering
<b>End Date</b> Mar 12, 2024	<b>Delivery Date</b> Mar 25, 2024		
<b>Checks Payable to: DALC</b>			

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER/GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

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