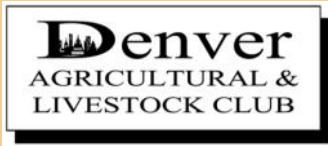


The Fence Line

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Upcoming Meeting: Monday, January 29, 11:30 a.m.

RSVP by noon on Mon., Jan. 22! Cost: \$26.00 Location: National Western Club

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...
January 29
February 26
March 25
April 29
June 3—Field Trip**

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



FFA Foundation: John Stahley

John grew up in Merino, Colorado on an irrigated farm and ranch where he raised corn, sugar beets, alfalfa, cattle and hogs. He was active in 4-H and FFA, showing registered Limousin cattle and Duroc hogs at local, state, and national livestock shows. John was active in FFA, serving as an officer at the local, district, and state levels. He has degrees from Northeastern Junior College and Colorado State University, and was an ag teacher and FFA advisor in Durango and Kersey, Colorado. He was honored with the "Legendary Owl" award by the Colorado FFA Foundation in 2021, and was a state FFA officer following his high school graduation. He has been a part of Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Young Farmers, and numerous other ag and community organizations. He has been married to Deena, for 38 years and they have two children, Kilee and Mitch.



John Stahley

John joined the Colorado FFA foundation on July 1, 2023, following long-time Executive Director Don Thorne's move to CSU as Manager of External Relations for rural outreach. John had previously worked for the Foundation as the Local Teacher Success coordinator, working with ag teachers in their early careers to provide mentoring, make connections, and help keep them in the profession.

Stahley guides the philanthropic mission of the Foundation, which seeks resources – human, financial and in-kind – to support agricultural education in Colorado, including students (FFA, CSU Ag Ed), teachers (CVATA), and alumni. He will oversee the development of two recent property acquisitions, the Kobilan Ranch near Calhan and the Lewis Farm, Berthoud, into educational opportunities to serve ag education students and educate the public about Colorado agriculture.

The Foundation has three fundraising activities yearly: the Agricultural Hall of Fame in February, the Meat and Greet in November, and the Blue Jacket Society/Legendary Owl induction in September. The foundation supports the FFA Contest at CSU, the State FFA Convention at CSU Pueblo, and leadership/professional development conferences across the state for FFA members and advisors. Additionally, one of our primary objectives is to support CSU Agricultural Education in recruiting and training future Agricultural Education Instructors.

President's Letter

Dear DALC Members,

This first week of 2024 is full of activity with the National Western Stock Show beginning. The Coors Art Show Gala is on Wednesday, January 3, showcasing amazing art work. Try to work in a little time to see this art show while attending the Stock Show. It will be worth your while.

The Catch-a-Calf competition is on Saturday, January 6, at 2:00 PM in the Stadium Arena. Our student this year, Porter Snyder from Byers, will be competing with his steer, Butterscotch. (Porter joined DALC when he came to speak to us at the October meeting; therefore, he is our youngest member.) The steers are Herefords from Texas. It will be interesting to see how they grew in this higher altitude.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the events during the Stock Show. It looks like the weather will be cooperating, making travel and participating more possible.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 29, 2024, at 11:30 AM in the National Western Club. Our speaker is John Staley, the new FFA Foundation Director. It will be interesting to hear what John has to tell us as he takes on this big role.

Remember that reservations need to be submitted by the Monday, January 22, before our meeting for the catering people to properly prepare for us.

Happy New Year to everyone! May the coming year be a healthy, happy one. I look forward to seeing on January 29, if not before.

*Sincerely,
Teema McIntosh*

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AGRICULTURAL &
LIVESTOCK CLUB

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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!

Meeting Minutes—December 4, 2023

Meeting called to order by Teema.

PRESENTATION: Hutchison-Western History & National Western Stock Show

SPEAKER: Blake Hutchison, President & CEO, Hutchison-Western

Hutchison-Western family members present: Buck & Janie Hutchison, Blake & Jo Hutchison

Presentation Highlights:

NWSS has been a part of the Hutchison-Western company for over 60 years and a part of Blake's life since he was 2 months old.

Hutchison-Western is a family owned & operated business. It started with one truck as Hutchison Moving & Storage in Delaware County in northeast Iowa. The business kept growing and changing with lumber distribution, a Champ forklift sales & service and more. In 1966, Blake's grandfather and father "Buck" purchased a steel manufacturing franchise for bovine, equine and swine equipment. The Western Division of Hutchison Lumber in Colorado became Hutchison-Western and has continued to grow into a company with 180 employees in Denver.

1964 was Hutchison-Western's first year exhibiting at NWSS. 2024 is the 118th NWSS and Hutchison-Western's 60th year exhibiting at NWSS. NWSS runs deep in the Hutchison-Western family with shared values for supporting youth, education & agriculture. Blake's mother, Janie, volunteered for 30 years with the Art Show & Auction and Citizen of the West. Blake's Father, Buck, volunteered for 30 years with Junior Livestock Auction Committee as well as Board of Directors, Citizen of the West, Silver Spur Club and 25 years with Roundup Riders of the Rockies.

A question & answer session followed Blake's presentation with a range of topics including:

The story of the Montfort boys and how they helped grow Hutchison-Western from a feeding & watering equipment business into much more including stock tanks, stock panels and fencing equipment. Hutchison-Western's expansion and the agriculturally based workforce they have today with farmers welding and manufacturing their products. A win-win arrangement that provides extra income to farmers who can keep farming too.

In Spring 1957, Colorado A&M changed its name to Colorado State University.

In the beginning, NWSS was in a tent borrowed from John Barnum (circus).

Teema closed out the presentation with a thank you to the Hutchison family for being a big part of NWSS and for their contributions to the West.

MEETING GUESTS

Sue Christiansen – founder of the Citizen of the West when it was under March of Dimes and before it moved to NWSS. Hosts: Chuck & Roni Sylvester

Brenden McCran, CSU College of Ag Dean's Office (new member) along with his coworker. His guest: Rachel Durkem, past DALC scholarship recipient and now Ag teacher at Pitkin Technical College.

Host: John Hiemer

Hutchison Family – Buck & Janie, Blake & Jo. Blake is a new club member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes were published in the newsletter. No additions or corrections. Motion to accept made by Fred Beisser and seconded by John Corkle.

Meeting Minutes—October 30, 2023

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TREASURER'S REPORT: (see p. __)

As printed and provided by John Hiemer. Motion to accept made by Bob Young and seconded by Mary Lou Chapman.

John also highlighted a few articles that had appeared in the Denver Post over the past month on topics that really impact Ag & Ranch industry: wolf reintroduction on Western Slope, efforts to do away with the cattle industry due to methane & impact on environment, plant-based foods & lab-grown meat. He will share the article details in the newsletter.

YOUTH REPORT: Youth Program director, Ben Duke, was unable to attend the meeting. Letters will be published in the newsletter. Porter Snyder joined DALC after last month's meeting and is the club's youngest member.

MEMBERSHIP: Members were reminded to pay their \$30 annual dues for 23-24 club year.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – Paper copies are available for review. A new edition will be released in the spring. Any changes needed should be sent to Ken Behrens to update the membership database.

OLD BUSINESS

Craig Russow with UW & Brendan CSU – Bronze Boot bet on UW & CSU football game. UW won and CSU donated \$100 to UW scholarship account for DALC. All members are invited to Laramie to see bronze boot and get a tour.

Reminder to bring guests to the meeting and prizes for recruiting the most new members.

By-laws: Working with Paul Andrews to get by-laws amended to avoid paying administrative fees with scholarships.

UW Scholarship: Working on criteria for UW scholarship selection and building an account for a perpetual scholarship. There is a matching day each year to help with building our endowment. This year, the matching funds (\$500,000) were gone in 19 minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Ben Duke is the 2024 NWSS Top Hand Award recipient.

CAC show schedule changed to Sat Jan 6th at 2pm in the Stadium Arena and not Sunday morning as it has been in the past.

Directory changes deadline = Feb 1st.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is Jan 29th, 2024

Treasurer's Report

Denver Agricultural and Livestock Club
 John Hiemer, Treasurer
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 Aurora, CO 80016
 Phone: (303)726-2787

Treasurers Report
 30-Nov-23

Bank Balance October 30, 2023 \$ 12,042.54

Receipts:	Luncheon	\$ 726.00	
	Dues	\$ 600.00	
	Contributions	\$ 181.00	
			<u>\$ 1,507.00</u>
	Total Receipts October 30 to November 30		\$ 13,549.54

		<u>Check #</u>	
Disbursements:	CaterWest	901	\$ 1,053.61

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Cash Balance November 30, 2023 \$ 12,495.93

Cash held for lunch change \$ 106.00

Catch A Calf—Porter Snyder—November

Porter Snyder

4166 vindale Lane

Byers, CO,80103

11/28

Dear Ben,

I hope this letter finds you in great spirits. I am thrilled to share an update on the progress of my show steer as we approach the National Western Stock Show.

I am delighted to inform you that my steer has been flourishing, and I am proud to say that he currently weighs an impressive 1100 pounds. It's incredible to witness his growth and development, a testament to the care, dedication, and hard work invested in his upbringing.

As my esteemed sponsor, your support has played an instrumental role in this journey. Your belief in my aspirations has been a constant source of motivation, enabling me to provide the best care and attention to my steer, ensuring his optimal health and growth.

The National Western Stock Show on January 4th is approaching rapidly, and I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to exhibit the results of our collective efforts. Your sponsorship has not only facilitated the nourishment and upkeep of my steer but has also empowered me to pursue excellence in this competitive arena.

The weight achievement of 1100 pounds stands as a testament to the dedication and commitment we've put into this endeavor. Your continued support has made this milestone possible, and I am immensely grateful for your belief in me and my steer.

I extend a warm invitation for you to witness firsthand the remarkable progress of my steer at the National Western Stock Show on January 4th. Your presence would mean a lot to me and would further reinforce the impact of your support on my journey.

Thank you once again for your unwavering encouragement and sponsorship. I look forward to sharing this incredible experience with you.

Warm regards,

Porter Snyder

Catch A Calf—Porter Snyder—December

Porter Snyder

4166 Vindale Lane

Byers, CO, 80103

12/31/23

Dear Ben,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to provide you with an update on the progress of my show steer, as your support has been instrumental in his development.

I'm thrilled to share that [Steer's Name] has been doing exceptionally well. Thanks to your generous sponsorship, I've been able to provide him with a nutritionally balanced diet that has significantly improved his health and overall appearance. He's been thriving on a carefully curated feeding regimen, which includes [mention specific feeds or supplements provided]. As a result, his coat is glossy, and he's filled out nicely, demonstrating robust health and vitality.

Moreover, I'm excited to inform you that Butterscotch] has found a new buddy on the farm. The addition of a companion steer has had a remarkable impact on his demeanor and well-being. They've formed a strong bond and spend their days exploring the pasture together. This companionship has contributed positively to his socialization and happiness, fostering a more relaxed and contented demeanor.

Your support has been invaluable in ensuring the best care for [Steer's Name], and I am sincerely grateful for your continued sponsorship. Your belief in our endeavor motivates me to provide the highest standard of care for my animal.

I look forward to the upcoming show season with great anticipation, and I am excited to showcase the progress and growth Butterscotch has made, which wouldn't have been possible without your support.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and generosity. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like further updates. I'll be more than happy to provide them.

Warm regards,

Porter Snyder

Catch A Calf—Porter Snyder—Ben Reply

H. Benjamin Duke III
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Dear Porter:

I received your invitation and your November and December letters. I will, for sure, be at the show, both as your sponsor and as head of the NWSS Catch-a-Calf program. I'm looking forward to it.

It sounds as though your steer is doing well, and that he'll be at a good weight when you take him to Denver. I'm glad that he has a buddy; I am sure that has helped him over the past few months.

I trust that your record book is all up-to-date, and that you are putting the final touches on Butterscotch. I will look forward to seeing you on Friday when you have the Interview Judging portion of the program.

I hope that you and your family had a very nice Christmas and New Year's. We had a wonderful time over Christmas with both of our children, their spouses, and our granddaughter here. It was lots of fun. We got some pretty good snow last week, and I am assuming that you all did as well.

See you this coming weekend!

Best regards,

Ben



Last sunset of 2023



First time on skis!

Heifer Wrangle—Tucker Hurley—2023 student

December 23, 2023
Ben Duke
32300 County Rd 15
Elizabeth, CO 80107

Dear Ben,

It has been a heck of two months, to say the least. I am sorry I have not gotten back to you before now and I can't wait to share everything. For right now I am planning on keeping the heifer for breeding. But, if I decide to attend Iowa State for college, I will probably have to sell. Due to being almost 10 hours away. For right now though the plan is to stay here and grow my herd. Even if I do sell once I am out of college I plan on building a herd and owning a ranch. But, either way, I will definitely show you my ranch one day.

Good to hear you got all of your fences back up. I hope everything else is still going well on the ranch.

That is definitely true we won't have another summer like this again. We still have forage out in the pasture at my work as well. My cow and calf plus a few other heifers are there and still getting plenty enough to eat.

Our trip to Idnaopoliss and back was good but long like usual. We ended up placing 5th for Parliamentary Procedure. It was rewarding to be only one spot away from the finals as well as sad due to not having much difference in points with the team ahead of us. All around though it was a good experience and I will always have a gold pin on my jacket to remember it.

Ya, there does always have to be something. But, in hindsight, I am glad I was able to experience taking care of an issue while new to having a calf. It turns out though the reddish tint was just temporary and she is now back to being all black.

I am glad you were able to take a trip to Wyoming. I bet she's cuter but growing every day too.

A week after Thanksgiving my mom, myself, my girlfriend, and her parents took a trip to Las Vegas to see the one and only Garth Brooks perform there. It was an amazing concert and a really fun trip. During the concert, he played all of his older songs. So it made it really fun for everyone to know the songs and singalong. I would definitely recommend going to one of his concerts.

But, I recently just finished up all my finals in the last couple of weeks. My college classes were a little rough, especially my estimating class. My group and I had to estimate a whole commercial building which was a pretty big project. But, I ended up having A's in both my college classes and all of my high school classes.

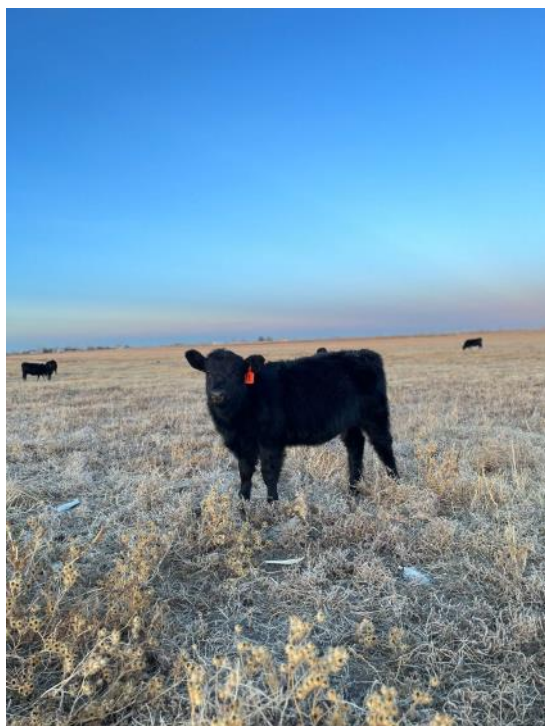
Yesterday was my first day of Christmas break and I spent it with a farrier I know. I have gone with him three times now and am very interested in becoming a farrier. I have learned more and more every single time I have gone with him and enjoyed it more and more every time as well. I have been looking into Farrier Schools and the main one that has been recommended to me is Five Star Horseshoeing School in

Heifer Wrangle—Tucker Hurley—2023 student (cont'd)

Oklahoma. So right now I am in limbo between Iowa State and Farrier School. But, with time everything will be figured out.

It was great to hear from you. Sorry again it has been so long since I have responded. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Tucker



Heifer Wrangle—Tucker Hurley—2023 student—Ben reply

32300 County Road 15
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303-646-4699

January 1, 2024

Tucker Hurley
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Evans, CO 80620

Dear Tucker:

Thanks for your recent letter, and Happy New Year! It's always nice to hear from you. I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas.

I do hope that you will be able to keep your heifer for breeding, even if you do end up at Iowa State. She will be the foundation for the herd that I know you want to build over time. Perhaps you can find a rancher or someone with cattle that would take her for you and care for her, if you were away at school. You'd have to pay a bit of room and board (so to speak), but I know that you wouldn't regret your decision in the future.

I'm glad that your FFA Chapter had a great trip to Indianapolis, and that your Parliamentary Team placed fifth. That's great. It sounds as though you were busy and had a wonderful time. You will cherish that gold pin forever!

I am glad that the hair issue with you calf cleared up. How are your cow and calf doing now?

What fun that you got to go to Las Vegas for Garth Brooks! Sounds as though you all had a lot of fun.

It sounds as though you are doing very well in school, and that's just great. I'm sure that it's not always fun, but that's school! Your experience with the farrier sounded fantastic. What an opportunity for you.

I hope that maybe our paths will cross at the Stock Show. No matter what, though, it is such a pleasure hearing from you. I go to Reno for a meeting at the end of January, and then back to Florida for a while.

Best regards,

Ben



That's the moon on the top of the tree!