

January 2023

Winter Newsletter



Greetings from the President

Dear Siskiyou County CattleWomen,

Happy New Year! Here's to many blessings in the coming year for each of you and your families. May your calves be many, your cows be fat, and your bulls stay in the fences!

What a wonderful blessing to be recognized as the 2022 Siskiyou County Cattlewoman of the Year! I was more than surprised and amazed as I truly had no idea I was even considered. Thank you so much for the many words of encouragement and recognition.

As your new president, I am very excited to start off the year with a great team. 1st Vice President Leanne Brown is already working hard to develop a new program for the young cattlemen in our unit. She has teamed up with Jenni Costales and Mallory Pappas to encourage the younger members, provide educational experiences, and leadership opportunities. Their first meeting was a social gathering at the Montague Elementary School, consisting of a Christmas cookie exchange, ice breaker, and idea sharing. It will be fun to watch the growth of this new group as they learn more about CattleWomen and the industry. If you know of a young lady under the age of 30 who might want to participate, please tell them about the opportunities and fun this group will have.

2nd Vice President Rebecca Broomell will be the lead for Beef Promotion this year. Rebecca has great ideas, and the energy and organization to get things done. Her creativity never ceases to amaze me. Secretary Nicole Stevens, Treasurer Cheryl Foster, Membership Chair Heidi Carver, Past President Lori Vallo March, and Directors Jody Coats and Keely Deetrick round out the team. Delegates Heidi Martin and Kendra Oliver attended the CCW Meeting on December 2, 2022. Please feel free to reach out to any one of the team if you have a question or idea for our unit.

This past year some changes were made to the By-Laws and Policy & Procedures to align with the California CattleWomen's affiliation requirements. It came about as the Department of Justice was investigating another unit for improperly conducting a raffle, leading to the CCW retaining legal counsel and addressing the issues of affiliation, insurance, and fundraising. Any raffle conducted by a unit must be registered with the DOJ and there are very specific rules regarding the use of money collected.

As such, the SCCW is looking at several other options to raise funds for operation and beef promotion. If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to share, please feel free to contact me or any board member or bring it to the next general membership meeting.

The Winter General Membership Meeting will be held on January 21, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Grenada Berean Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a "Best Beef Soup/Stew" competition with a great prize to the winner. Even better, we will all get to share the wonderful cooking of our SCCW friends for lunch. Bread, beverages, and dessert will be provided by the board. We will have several guest speakers and hope you will join the fun.

Again, I am looking forward to an amazing year with the Siskiyou County Cattlewomen. I am open to all ideas and encourage each of you to participate in events throughout the coming months. Each of us has wonderful things to contribute to our unit.

Best wishes
Stacey Jackson
SCCW President

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2022 SCCW Awards

SCCW Cattlewoman of the Year- Stacey Jackson

The SCCW recently awarded Cattlewoman of the Year for 2022 to Stacey Jackson from Grenada. Stacey's parents are Jim and Yvonne Beck. The Beck family lived in Yreka and moved to the Bogus Creek area when Stacey was 9 years old. Stacey was actively involved in 4-H and FFA throughout high school. She went on to attend Simpson College and earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Management and is currently earning her Master's degree in Communications.

Stacey married Sam Jackson in June 1991. Stacey and Sam have two sons; Samuel Clayton and Colton Pierce and one daughter Lacey Kay. Stacey continues to balance her roles as mother, rancher's wife, and working at the Siskiyou County Probation Office. She also enjoys gardening, cooking, sewing, and crocheting.

Stacey has been an active member of SCCW and is the current President. She has chaired many events and continues to impress us with her leadership skills, her willingness to help and her ability to create new beef promotion ideas.



Pioneer Beef Woman of the Year- Cheryl Foster

Cheryl Foster is active in the running of Bogus Creek Ranch, a long time Siskiyou County cattle operation of the Foster family. Her role in the operation has increased in recent years with the passing of her Father and health issues for others in her family. She is responsible for the record keeping and volumes of state and federal paperwork required for the ranch. However, this is just a small part of what she is doing on a daily basis. During the summer she irrigates, puts up hay and takes cattle to the mountains. In the winter she feeds hay. Throughout the year she puts together a crews to move cattle, vaccinate and castrate, and load out for market.

As many of you know, ranching is not the only way Cheryl supports the Siskiyou County Beef industry. She provides leadership within Cattlewomen at local, state and national levels. Cheryl's mentorship as advisor to the Siskiyou Golden Fair Junior Fair Board, shows her investment in the young people who will be the future of ranching either by becoming rancher's themselves or by serving as ambassadors for ranching in communities near and far.

It is evident that cattle ranching is at the core of who Cheryl is and has been her entire life. She exemplifies the pioneering spirit of ranching women who are the backbone of our industry.

SCCW Top Hand of the Year- Keely Dietrick

This years recipient of the SCCW top hand award is the epitome of why the award was created. She is a fairly new member to cattlemen about 5 years. She has helped with the cattlemen booth at Bishop Mule days for the last 2 years and helped with the commercial booth at the fair and Ag awareness day. In 2021 she took over the cattlemen art contest. She is now a member of the cattlemen board and can always be counted on to lend a hand whenever one is needed with a smile on her face.





2022 California Cattlemen & Cattlewomen's Convention

The CCA/CCW Convention and Trade Show returned to the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada, this year as over 250 California beef producers and industry supporters met for education, information, fun, and celebration! Speakers included Colin Woodall, Chief Executive Officer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association who provided information about the NCBA's efforts in Washington, D.C.; Brian Bledsoe, Chief Meteorologist, who gave producers a look at weather predictions for the coming year; Dr. Eric Scholljegerdes, a Professor in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences at New Mexico State University who explained cow/calf nutrition with a focus on strategic supplementation programs that not only improve cow reproduction but also improve the longevity, health, and growth performance of their offspring; and Michele Payn, CSP, connects the people and science of food and farming as principal of Cause Matters Corp.

Siskiyou County Cattlewomen were well represented with ten members attending and five Siskiyou County Cattlemen attended as well.

The CCW Cattlewoman of the Year luncheon was well attended with over 125 people in attendance. Every unit had a representative present for this annual celebration and we were blessed to have ANCW President Reba Mazak and Oregon Cattlewomen President Diana Worth attending as well. A brief "teaser" message was shared by Michele Payn who would be the guest speaker for the afternoon session.

The afternoon session was very interesting and packed with thought provoking discussion. Michele Payn has worked with farmers in more than 25 countries, raised over \$5 million in sponsorships for the National FFA Foundation and founded AgChat and FoodChat on Twitter. She is the author of three books: #1 Best Seller, *Food Bullying*; *Food Truths from Farm to Table*, an IPPY bronze medal winner; and *No More Food Fights!* Michele's degrees are in Agricultural Communications and Animal Science from Michigan State University. She earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation. She resides with her 'city slicker' husband and cow-loving daughter on a small farm in central Indiana. She encouraged each person in attendance to have discussions with people, consider how we feel when someone tries to "educate" us, and not give up our love of our way of life.

The CCW Board meeting on Friday morning was well attended with 68 members and delegates present and online. Business was addressed followed by the installation of officers for 2022-2023. Sheila Bowen was gracious and conducted the poppy ceremony installing new president Jeri Rowen, 1st vice president Debbie Hay, 2nd vice presidents Maddison Easley and Tish Coffman, secretary Erin Rogers, and treasurer Heidy Carver. Jean Barton, Tehama County Cattlewoman, was recognized for her years of service to CCW.



UC Davis Agriculture & Natural Resources Livestock Mortality Composting Research Project Report

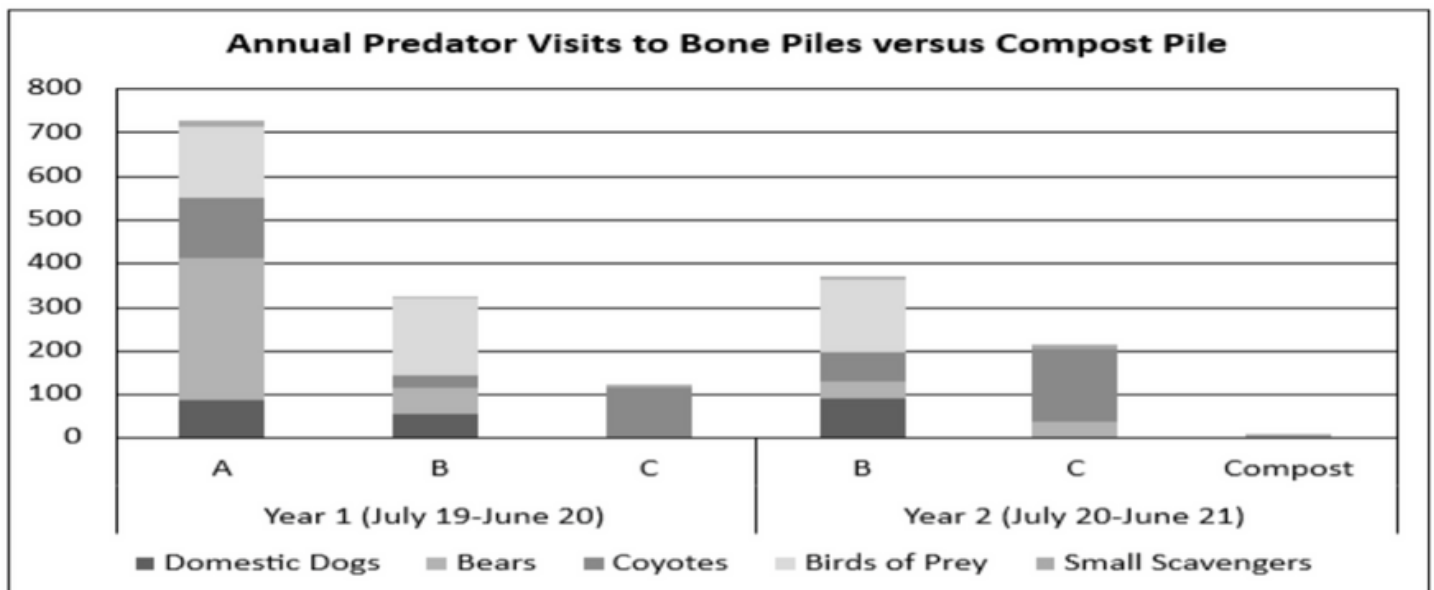
Author: Nicole Stevens

This research project is a collaborative project between University of California Cooperative Extension Siskiyou, Modoc and California State University Chico. In 2016 the presence of the Gray Wolf in Siskiyou County prompted conversations between Siskiyou County Ag Commissioner Patrick Griffin and UCCE Siskiyou County Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor Cari Koopman Rivers. In 2017 in collaboration with Kasey DeAtley at Chico State University discussions occurred to develop a plan for a project. Next step came the Research and Grant writing component. In 2018 Cari Koopman Rivers was awarded Grant money from the Russel Rustici Endowment. Once funding was awarded, Nicole Stevens started the process of researching how to compost livestock mortalities. Currently other states compost mammalian tissue however in California it is illegal to compost mammalian tissue except for in emergency situations for instance heat waves, fire etc. where a large number of animals have died. Through the research process and conversations with local enforcement agencies we learned about the different forms and permissions we needed to have in order to be able to carry out this project.

In 2019 UCCE Modoc County Livestock and Natural Resource Advisor Laura Snell was brought on to the project as the new project investigator. Through conversations with the water board, we were able to fall under an Enclosed Vessel to be CEQA exempt. This meant that we needed to have a roof, walls, and non-permeable base under our structure to be able to compost mammalian tissues. In addition to those requirements, we had to submit paperwork for:

- Waste Discharge,
- University of California Environmental Impact Classification form
- Notice of exemption form, Enforcement Agency Notification Cal Recycle Form 169,
- A letter was submitted to the State Veterinarian for Research Approval
- Nicole Stevens had to obtain a dead animal hauler's license to be able to transport a carcass from a ranch to our composting site in Tulelake.

Another component of this research project was to compare scavenger/ large predator visits to current disposal sites with a compost pile. We placed trail cameras on 3 current disposal sites and monitored scavengers/ large predator visits. The below chart shows the comparison.



UC Davis Mortality & Composting Report cont.

In 2020 we gathered and assembled all materials, this included building the roof structure, placement of pond liner, then base rock on top of the pond liner. We were able to secure wood chips from the mill in Modoc county to use as our bulking material for creating the compost pile. The base layer of wood chips and straw was placed 24 inches thick under the roof structure. In August we received a call that a cow had died of "natural causes per research approval" and she was placed on top of the wood chips. We then covered the carcass with more wood chips and straw to create a cover 18 inches thick on all sides. At this time, we installed a trail camera at the compost pile to capture any critter visitors. The data we collected during composting was temperature, moisture, pH and odor. The compost pile needed to reach 131 degrees Fahrenheit within 24 hours of placement of the cow carcass and needed to stay at the temperature for at least 3 days to kill pathogens. Once we started composting our local Environmental Health inspects the pile every three months. At the three-month mark after the cow was placed in the compost pile, we rotated the pile. We were very surprised to see that almost all the soft tissue and hide was decomposed. There were large bones and some hide left and a slight odor was present however it did not smell as bad as a decomposing deer on the side of the road on a hot day. In 2021 we composted 2 more adult cow carcasses and 1 yearling heifer carcass. During this year we started developing an On Farm Composting Best Management practices document to serve as a guide for someone to perform composting on their farm pending legalization. During this year Grace Woodmansee joined the collaborating team to assist with this project. In January 2022 we sifted the cured compost pile to remove large bones that were left over from the composting process. We then started a new pile and added the large bones to the pile. During this year we composted 1 more adult cow carcass and continued to rotate the pile every three months. We submitted a draft of our Best Management practices document to Agencies for feedback.

Next steps: we are working towards legalization. We will be continuing more research on the breakdown of large bones and are continuing stakeholder engagement and education.

Why does this research matter? Through our research we found that a significant number of large predators (Coyotes, bears, mountain lions and wolves) as well as scavengers, visit current livestock mortality sites. With the increasing presence of wolves in our area we are hoping to have another tool in the tool box for producers if they would like to compost on their farm to be able to do so. Our goal is to work with Agency Stakeholders to change the current regulations in hopes that composting livestock mortalities can fall under the current compost regulations. In the far northern counties in California, we have a lack of carcass disposal infrastructure which has resulted in an extremely burdensome process for those seeking to dispose of livestock mortality. In addition to state and regional regulations, each county in California has unique restrictions on where carcasses can be buried (i.e., distance from waterways, ground water etc.). Therefore, carcasses are often either left to decompose "naturally" or moved to a carcass disposal pit (e.g., bone pile). Both of these options can lead to unwanted livestock-predator interactions as bone piles can be a food source for predators, effectively "drawing" predators to the ranch to feed. According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, eliminating bone piles is the best proactive management to reduce wolf and other predation on livestock. In addition, leaving a carcass to decompose "naturally" can pose health and/or environmental hazards.





Young Cattlewomen's Gathering

A social gathering/cookie exchange was held on December 19th at Montague Elementary School, to introduce the Young Cattlewomen's program to young women interested in the beef industry. The organizers of the event, Jenn Costales and Mallory Pappas, did a wonderful job encouraging young people to attend and decorating the meeting space. Everyone brought lots of cookies and a beautiful spread of snacks was provided. There were approximately a dozen young ladies attending who indicated an interest in becoming members of Siskiyou County Cattlewomen. The participants were asked to provide ideas for activities they would be interested in. The organizers also have some ideas to stimulate the interest of these young ladies. A great big THANK YOU to Jenn and Mallory for getting this going.



2022 CCW Awards Presented to SCCW

Siskiyou County Cattlewomen were presented with two awards and a presentation to the Cattlewomen of the Year at the Cattlewomen Awards Breakfast held at the Convention. Stacey Jackson was presented with a beautiful silver bracelet that is traditionally presented to each local unit Cattlewoman of the Year. Thank you Stacey, we are proud of the work that you do.

A second place award was presented to SCCW for the Beef Promotion and Education Book (formally the scrapbook). Kendra Oliver put this book together and did a wonderful job. Thank you Kendra.

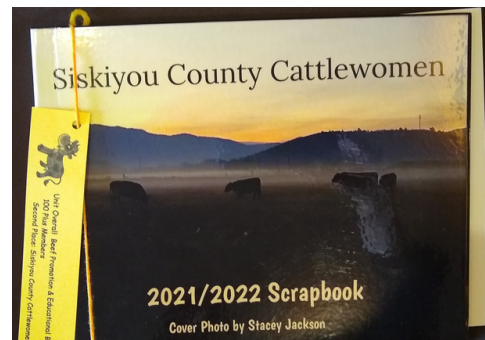
A second place award was also presented to SCCW for the Walt Rodman Award. This award is sponsored by the Beef Council. Judges for this award are selected by the Beef Council and are community members that work in the field of Agriculture. This year, SCCW selected the topic of the Beef Skillathon. Leanne Brown completed the application this year. Thank you Leanne.

CCW Trade Show Booth

The SCCA had numerous items for sale at the CCA/CCW Trade Show at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada. Creations from Heather Criss and Stacey Jackson as well as puzzles from Greg and Jean Girdner and travel cups with Mt. Shasta and cow/calf silhouettes were available for purchase by the attendees. Rebecca Broomell was the Chair for this event and, with the help of Tara Porterfield and Stacey Jackson, set up a beautiful display, showcasing the many items from across the state. A total revenue for the unit will be available at the Winter Membership Meeting.

2021/2022 Scrapbook & Year In Review

Thank you to Kendra Oliver for putting together our 2021/2022 Scrapbook and Year in Review! This will be available for viewing at our January 21st Membership Meeting



Nicole Stevens Receives CCA Award

Nicole Stevens received an award at state convention this year for the 2022 California Cattlemen's Association, Top Hand Award for being 3rd place in Member Recruitment Efforts statewide. Nicole is on the Board for Siskiyou County Cattlemen.

SCCW Winter Membership Meeting

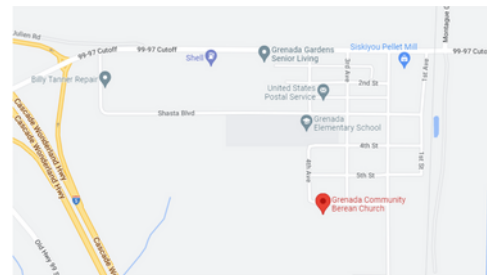
Join your Siskiyou County Cattlewomen for a great time of food and fellowship!

We will have a Beef Soup/Stew Competition. Winner will receive an awesome prize and bragging rights. Bread, Dessert, and Drinks provided.

- Several Guest Speakers
- Discussion on Wolf Depredation at Table Rock Ranch led by Heidi Martin
- Learn about the Young Cattlewomen's Committee Proposal
- Receive updates on new events

January 21, 2023
11:00 - 2:00 pm
Grenada Berean Church
512 6th Street
Grenada CA 96038

Directions from I5: Drive east on Hwy A12 to Siskiyou Blvd. Turn Right onto Siskiyou Blvd. Turn Right onto 6th Street Church is on the left.
Directions from Hwy 97: Turn onto Hwy A12 Turn Left onto Siskiyou Blvd after crossing the railroad tracks at Grenada Turn Right onto 6th Street Church is on the left.



Additional Resources

Ranching for Profit Workshops

Siskiyou AGccelerator is proud to present Ranch Management Consultant, Dave Pratt, as he provides three exciting and interactive workshops that teach the tools farmers, and ranchers need to IMPROVE THEIR LAND and CREATE a PROFITABLE BUSINESS for the future!

The first workshop will be held on Thursday, January 26th from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Best Western Miner's Inn in Yreka

Sign-Up Now to Save Your Seat



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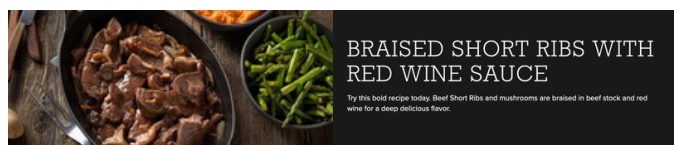
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BRAISED SHORT RIBS WITH RED WINE SAUCE

Try this bold recipe today. Beef Short Ribs and mushrooms are braised in beef stock and red wine for a deep delicious flavor.

INGREDIENTS:

2 pounds beef Chuck Short Ribs, Boneless
 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
 1-1/4 cups beef broth
 1-1/2 cups dry red wine, divided
 2 small onions, quartered
 4 teaspoons minced garlic
 3 fresh thyme sprigs
 1-1/2 cups sliced mushrooms
 2 tablespoons butter
 1/4 cup chopped shallots
 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme
 2 teaspoons cornstarch



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COOKING:

1. Heat oil in large stockpot over medium heat until hot. Brown beef Short Ribs on all sides. Season with salt and pepper as desired. Add broth, 1 cup wine, onions, garlic and thyme to stockpot; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover tightly and simmer 1-3/4 to 2-1/2 hours or until beef is fork-tender.

Cook's Tip: To cook in a slow cooker, add beef, salt and pepper, as desired, broth, 1 cup wine, onions, garlic and thyme to 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 quart slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cook on HIGH 4 to 6 hours, or LOW 8 to 10 hours, or until beef is fork tender. When the beef is done, continue instructions for sauce preparations beginning in step 2.

2. Remove Short Ribs from stockpot; keep warm. Strain vegetables and skim fat from cooking liquid. Reserve 3/4 cup cooking liquid for sauce; discard remaining cooking liquid.

3. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, shallots and minced thyme; cook and stir 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Dissolve cornstarch into remaining 1/2 cup red wine. Add reserved cooking liquid and cornstarch mixture to skillet. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes; stirring often. Remove skillet from heat; stir in remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Serve sauce over Short Ribs.

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Upcoming Events

- **SCCW Winter Membership Meeting**
 January 21st- 11:00am - 2:00pm - Grenada Berean Church
- **Red Bluff Bull & Gelding Sale**
 January 24th-28th - Tehama County Fairgrounds, Red Bluff
- **Ranching for Profit Workshop- The Three Secrets for Increasing Profits**
 January 26th-9:00am - 4:00pm- Best Western Miners Inn, Yreka
- **Animal Health & Pie Meeting-**
 February 23rd- 6:30pm- Montague Elementary School
- **Ranching for Profit Workshop- This is How We Do It**
 March 16th 26th-9:00am - 4:00pm- Best Western Miners Inn, Yreka



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