



CALENDAR of Events

***Saturday, June 28: AESCW Board Meeting ~
Amador County Fair Boardroom at 11:00
All members are welcome.***

**AMADOR COUNTY FAIR 2025
Thursday, July 31 thru Sunday, August 3**

***CCA/CCW Midyear Meeting*
August 14-15 in Paso Robles, CA**

Other Dates to Remember

***Saturday, June 22: Celebration of life for LELA JOSES
Castle Oaks Golf Course @ 11:30am***

Thursday, September 25: AMADOR FARM DAY

Saturday, November 8: AES CATTLEMEN'S DINNER

Friday, November 21: AESCW DRIVE THRU DINNER

President's Message

Dear AES Cattlewomen,

April and May were busy months for our unit. The El Dorado County Farm Day was another success this year. Gentry Gudel (Junior Beef Ambassador) joined me for a fun tag team presentation to third graders from six different schools. Our new byproducts signs looked amazing and really helped the kiddos visualize the many byproducts that come from beef cattle.

The Scholarship committee lead by Kalli and Cris Collins reviewed

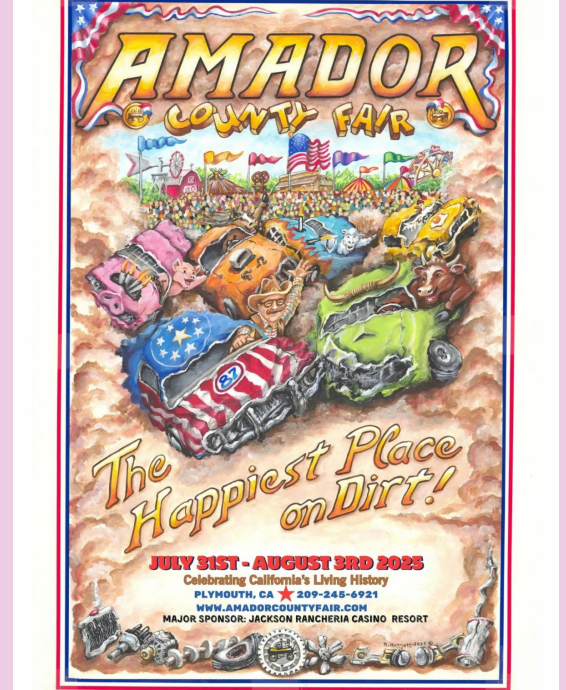
and selected the 2025 recipients. Great job with the digital applications and communication with the applicants. The Spring meeting/luncheon was held at Bluestone Public House that joyfully included our first raffle in several years.

We have donated three beautiful baskets representing AES Cattlewomen over the last few months. Jill Jess designed the basket for the Ione Hoedown and Rielle Waters- Santinelli designed the Farm Bureau and Future Hay Farmers baskets. Many thanks to you both for your time and creativity.

June usually means CCW mid-year meeting, in conjunction with the Cattle-PAC auction, it is planned for a bit later this year, August 14-15, 2025, in Paso Robles. Please contact me if you're interested in attending.

The board meeting is planned for June 28, 2025, in the Amador County Fair Boardroom at 11:00, all members are welcome.

I'm so excited to see our fair garden and the new fair booth. Please reach out to Denise Ding (Chairwomen) of the fair booth if you would like to volunteer. I'm looking forward a successful fair for our unit and the kiddos show cattle.



Warmly, from my Ariat's to yours,

Katherine Kussman-Collins
AES Cattlewomen President



"There's a Cow in my Marshmallow"



"There's a Cow in my Marshmallow" byproducts, environmental and husbandry presentation at El Dorado County Farm Day, attended by 1320 third graders. Twenty Six schools from as far as Lake Tahoe chose from 68 agriculture related presentations for a fun filled day. AES Cattlewomen's Beef Ambassador Gentry Gudel and President Katherine Kussman-Collins shared the importance of Beef Cattle.

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Lela Vonette Joses

Lela's Obituary

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 @ 11:30
CASTLE OAKS GOLF COURSE



**AESCW & AESCM
2025 SCHOLARSHIPS
are as follows:**

**Teagan Wunschel ~
\$2000 from AESCW &
\$1000 by AESCM**

**Taylor Bacchi ~
\$1500 from AESCW &
\$1000 by AESCM**



AES Cattlewomen's Spring General Meeting was filled with warm hugs and laughter as we conducted business. Thank you Blue Stone Public House for accommodating our unit and ensuring a successful event. Pictured are the amazing Sourdough Burgers and Taco Bowls for our luncheon.



Brooklyn Whalen was awarded \$500 from the Cattlewomen's Scholarship Fund. Presenter is Kalli Collins of AESCW! CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Madalyn Hopkins ~
\$1000 from AESCW &
\$1000 by AESCM**

**Thomas Martin Hopley ~
\$1000 from AESCW &
\$1000 by AESCM**



GENTRY GUEL & EMMA JIMENEZ

AESCW Jr. Member, Gentry Gudel, also won Jr. Showmanship and went on to win Master Showmanship!



AES Steers:

- 1. Emma Jimenez**
- 2. Sophia Forst**
- 3. Abigail Richie**
- 4. Gracelynn DeYoung**

Here is a recap of Sacramento County Fair.

- **4-H Champion & Supreme Champion Steer - Emma Jimenez**
- **4-H Reserve Champion Steer - Gentry Gudel**
- **FFA Champion & Reserve Supreme Steer - Garrett King**
- **FFA Reserve Champion Steer - Kylie Bryan**

AESCW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 26, 2025

BLUESTONE PUBLIC HOUSE, IONE

Member's Present: Pres. Katherine Kussman-Collins, Secretary: Toni La Belle, Brooke Martin, Rielle Waters-Santinelli, Colette Busi, Kara Gomes, Taylor Ristrom,

Judy Allen, Kathy Vicini, Cynthia Miles, Ginger Applegate, Cris Collins, Penny Martin, Emily Pruitt, Mary Robertson, Treasurer: Jacquelyn Olson, Alyoia Barba, Jill Curran.

Pledge led by K. Kussman-Collins

Prayer led by M. Robertson

President's Report:

Thank you to Taylor Ristrom for eight years as our unit Treasurer, especially the tasks related to DOJ clearance, gift Certificate for a massage @ a Spa.

Introduction of new Sacramento County Rep: Kara Gomes.

Introduction and welcome of new member Emmily Pruitt.

Introduction of Jacquelyn Olson as new Treasurer

Introduction of Brooke Martin as new Membership Chair

Secretary Report: Minutes from Fall Gather 2024 and Board Minutes from February 2025 provided for review of members.

Motion made to accept the minutes as written by G. Appleton and 2nd by T. Ristrom, with corrections made to Kara Gomes name.

Member's Report:

B. Martin reported Emmily Pruitt is a new member. AES Cattlewomen currently have 68 active members. To clarify, the board has decided to make the AES membership year January to December. CCW calendar year is November to November. Many of our members who joined at a Spring luncheon/meeting were paying membership dues at the Fall Gather luncheon/meeting a few months later, tracking individual dates is not efficient. Please check your emails for membership invoices when they are due from B. Martin.

Treasurers Report:

J. Olson reported the General Fund currently has \$15,276.80 and the A CCW Heritage Foundation Fund (scholarship money) has \$28,696.71 The square is active for membership payment and purchase of AES branded tumblers, contact J. Olson or K. Kussman-Collins for the tumbler, membership can be accessed through the AES website aescattlewomen.org

Old Business:

Unsung Heroes

Amador County Fair Garden:

Clear Center Tour: Taylor Ristrom reported: It was very interesting and had a great time.

Swag Update: R. Waters-Santinelli reported: we have a new shipment of hats & visors.

Ione "Hoe-Down": K. Kussman-Collins and J. Jess gathered AES swag and goodies, J.

Jess put her touch on the basket for the Ione Hoe-Down (fundraiser for Ione Homecoming)

Committee Reports:

Ag in the Classroom: K. Kussman-Collins, Denise Ding is my co-chair, upcoming El Dorado County Farm Day at El Dorado Hills is May 6th, Beef Ambassadors are invited to participate. Amador Farm Day is scheduled for September 25th we will be

requesting two stations again this year.

Beef Promotion Chair: Looking for a Volunteer

CCW Mid-Year Meeting in Visalia:

R. Waters-Santinellie and K. Kussman-Collins reported: Beef Check off QR code: each unit in the state that gets the most “clicks” will win a prize. Day 1: attended and participated in the Executive Meeting, helped the Credentials Chairperson prep materials for the Day 2 & 3 meetings. Day 2: meeting Board of Directors and voting members Day 3 Consisted of guest speakers and breakout sessions. Dr. Gabby Maier, UC Davis – “Beef Cattle Herd Health and Production”, Sandy Fiack- Board member California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom and Makenzie Coveau – Manger, Producer Education and Engagement Beef Council, along with Annette Kassis, Director of Consumer and Brand Marketing.

The breakout session (rotation style) showcased three different units fundraising projects, a Farm Day Beef By-Products, and a library of Ag books for reading in the classroom.

Scholarship: In Kalli Collins absence, K. Kussman-Collins read a detailed email thanking the committee members, especially Cris Collins’ correlations and organization of the applications. The review of applications was held on April 19 at the home of Kalli Collins. A total of 18 applicants were reviewed, El Dorado: 6, Sacramento: 7, Amador: 5. The winning recipients are: Teagan Wunschel \$2000 from AESCW & \$1000 from AESCM. Taylor Bacchi \$1500 form AESCW & \$1000 from AESCM. Madalynn Hopkins \$1000 from AESCW & \$1000 from AESCM. Thomas Martin Hopley \$1000 from AESCW & \$1000 from AESCM.

Brooklyn Whalen \$500 form AESCW. Donnie Hutchison from AESCM attended the review of scholarship applications this year.

Super Steer: R. Waters-Santinelli reported: The buckle for Sacramento County that wasn’t awarded in 2024, will have the year changed to 2025. This year’s buckles have been ordered from Gist for the three counties.

New Business:

Drive Thru Dinner: K. Kussman-Collins reported: The date is set for November 21, 2025. The menu will include Tri-tip grilled by Jason Wolin, baked potatoes with the fixings, Ceaser Salad, fresh baked French Bread in one of our AES insulated bags. As tradition desserts provided by our members for sale.

Swag: R. Waters-Santinelli, looking into the return of the ceramic coffee cups that look like metal camp cups. If there is interest in AES Wild Rags a new company will be researched.

Amador Fair Booth Chair: Looking for a Volunteer

Amador Fair Garden: K. Kussman-Collins reporting we have the Country Garden secured in the same location as last year. K. Vicini, J. Jess and K. Kussman-Collins Chairing the garden.

Discussion of having a spinning wheel in the fair booth for “Kids Day” at the fair and possible future events.

Purchase of a Spinning Trivia Wheel for beef education: motion made by C. Miles to

purchase up to \$125 for the wheel and 2nd by R. Waters-Santinelli. PASSED.

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AESCW Drive thru dinner Nov. 21

Meeting Adjourned: R. Waters-Santinelli and 2nd by B. Martin.

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MANAGING "Q FEVER" OUTBREAKS THIS SPRING

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A close and personal friend to all of us experienced an illness that no one wants to suffer. This article will describe the sickness and what to watch for.

Article is taken form the Western Livestock Journal

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