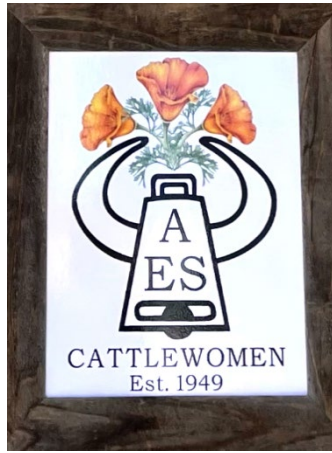




IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 30, 2026: AESCW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!!

Saturday, May 2, 2026: Scholarship Review & Selection Day

Tuesday, May 5, 2026: El Dorado Farm Day

Saturday, May 9, 2026: AES Cattlemen's SPRING GATHER

Social Hour – 5:30~Dinner – 7:pm

Location: Murieta Inn & Spa

More dates are posted at end of this newsletter within “Minutes of Spring Meeting.”

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The weather has been unpredictable over the past month, and I find my energy ebbs and flows with the seasons. Spring is the season that all things emerge and flourish with the energy of new beginnings, my favorite time of year. Our pasture grasses and grains burst; cows and calves shed their rough winter coats and are replaced with slick, shiny apparel and the hopes of a profitable year for the cattle industry.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Spring luncheon/meeting, those of you who couldn't make it, you were missed. My favorite part of our meetings is getting to see and hug you ladies. Watching and listening to our guest speakers and the conversations around the topics, new ideas and members engaging in future projects makes me smile. Please check out the AES Cattlewomen's FB page posts as the year unfolds.

Warmly,
Katherine





GUEST SPEAKERS:

Pleasant Grove H.S. FFA's five-member Ag Issues team presented a practice run of a 15-minute "podcast skit" that they are doing for State conference finals in May. The topic was *"Gray Wolf Reintroduction to California: Pro/Con, Impact on the Livestock Industry."*



GUEST SPEAKER:

Madison Kindberg, PhD. Student:
UCDavis Clear Center.

Madison shared her ranching background, experiences and opportunities with the UC Davis Clear Center, after deciding Veterinary Medicine was not her passion. She described her passion for research, her master's thesis, "Dairy on Beef," and her current PhD thesis.





SPRING LUNCHEON

It was a great turnout with informative and interesting guest speakers.

Thank you to Burke Family Restaurant for a lovely beef meal.



AG DAY @ CAPITOL

"Beyond serving BEEF, our presence at Ag Day is about education & relationship-building.

..... By showing up, serving beef, and sharing our story, we strengthen the connection between agriculture and the policymakers who shape its future."

by Rielle Waters Santinelli,
Chair of Ag Day at the Capitol for CCW.



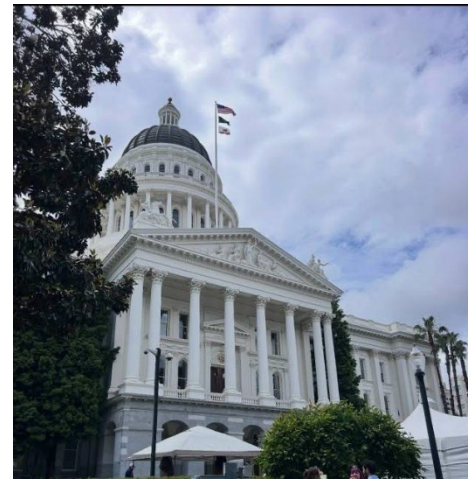


Left to Right:

- *Katherine Kussman-Collins-AES
- *Brady-Buckhorn Grill
- *Suzy Shimanishi-Madera
- *Ben-Buckhorn Grill
- *Tammy Tipton-Madera
- *Callie Martinez-Glenn-Colusa
- *Rielle Waters Santinelli-
CCW Ag Day Chair & AES
- *Patsy Gilbert-Alameda & AES



CCW provided Beef promotion recipes, handouts, and 300 lbs. of sliders, which were shared with California lawmakers and the public.



Got a visit from
2026

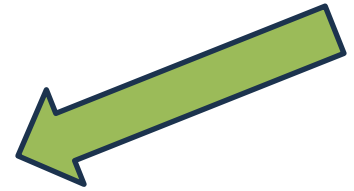
Lone Homecoming Rodeo Little Miss,
2026 Lone Homecoming Rodeo Jr. Queen
& 2025 Amador County Fair Rodeo
Queen.

GARRETT WUNSCHEL

State Sentinel

I can easily say running for state office was one of the more challenging and rewarding experiences I have yet to come across in the FFA. I'd be lying if I said going into that process I wasn't scared and filled with self doubt, but I was lucky enough to be surrounded by people both in and outside that waiting room that showed me the support and encouragement so many of us need in life. The process as a whole pushed me to grow not only as a leader and officer, but as a person and I'm beyond grateful for that.

As a state officer I think I'm most excited to give back to a community that has given so much to me. I know how hard it can be to find a sense of confidence within yourself, and I know I wouldn't have found mine if it weren't for people like my ag advisors, teammates, friends and family; and while it may be a small goal on paper I hope to be the reason at least one kid who may be in a position like I once was, decides that they can be apart of the change so many of us so badly want to see within our lives.



Q: What do you call a cow with no legs?

A: Ground Beef 😊

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING SOON.....



AMADOR - EL DORADO - SACRAMENTO
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CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

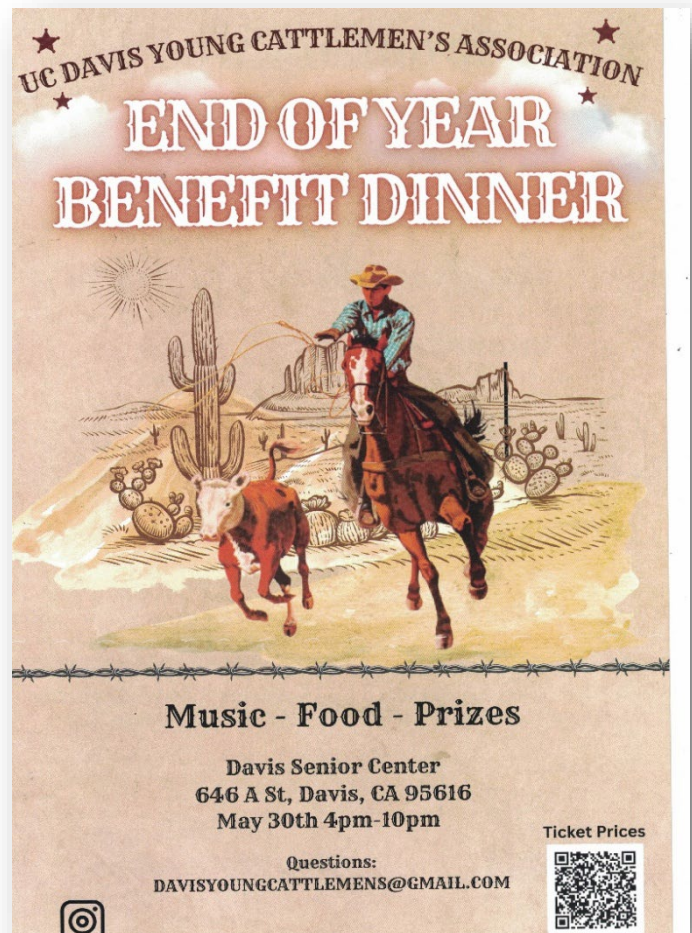
Spring Gather

MAY 9TH, 2026
SOCIAL HOUR - 5:30PM
PRIME RIB DINNER - 7:00PM

Murieta Inn and Spa
7337 MURIETA DR,
RANCHO MURIETA, CA

Tickets
\$75 PER PERSON
\$25 12 & UNDER

RSVP
By Friday, May 1st
TEXT (209)207-2133
OR AESCATTLEMENSASSN@GMAIL.COM
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT



★ UC DAVIS YOUNG CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION ★

**END OF YEAR
BENEFIT DINNER**

Music - Food - Prizes

Davis Senior Center
646 A St, Davis, CA 95616
May 30th 4pm-10pm

Questions:
DAVISYOUNGCATTLEMENS@GMAIL.COM

Ticket Prices



MORE.....



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AESCW
APRIL 11, 2026
SPRING LUNCHEON/GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
BURKE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, IONE
11:00 AM

Member's Present: President: Katherine Kussman-Collins, Secretary: Toni La Belle, Vice President: Jill Jess, Membership Chair: Brooke Martin, Scholarship Chair: Kalli Collins, El Dorado County Rep: Jeannie Varozza, Treasurer: Jacquelyn & Maggie Olson, Jennifer Mason, Karen Morgan, Connie Jess, Amber Downs, Jennifer Jess, Tosha & Ellie Tamantini, Sacramento Rep.: Kara Gomes, Connie Biehle, Mary Robertson, Emmily & son Pruitt, Pam Howard, Colette Busi, Amador County Rep: Jill Curran, Ginger Appleton, Tina Garcia.

Meeting called to order by President K. Kussman-Collins @ 11:34 am.
Pledge: K. Kussman-Collins Prayer: J. Olson

Guests Speakers: Pleasant Grove H.S. FFA five member Ag Issues team presented a practice run of a 15 minute "podcast skit" that they are doing for State conference finals in May. The topic was "Gray Wolf Reintroduction to California Pro/Con, Impact on the Livestock Industry"

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President's Report: K. Kussman-Collins reported: Powder River fundraiser generated approx. \$7,000-\$8,000 in sales. The winner was our very own Virginia Costa of AESCW unit.
The allocation of proceeds:
50% allocated to state-level scholarships.
25% allocated to beef promotion
25% allocated to the Heritage Foundation.

The California CattleWomen (CCW) Spring meeting was held in Winters March 13-15, K. Kussman-Collins and R. Waters-Santinelli attended. They visited Yolo Land and Cattle that raise Angus crossed Waygu cattle. Yolo Land and Cattle lease a portion of the ranch to Zipline, a company that has installed a drone docking and testing sight.

Large drones are being tested for livestock and medical purposes in Africa currently but have prototype docking stations being tested for Walmart.

FYI (Leland Schneider has a video on his Facebook page). Guest speakers included Dr. Barron from UC Stanford, detailing the role of the Carnivore and Lion diets and how key beef is in reducing and or eliminating symptoms of chronic inflammation, diabetes and many more diseases. K. Kussman-Collins is looking into finding and sharing her presentation to the membership.

Regional ANCW Cattlewomen's Conference: March 7-13, 2027, will be hosted in Amador County (Sutter Creek) Kiota Inn and Event Center. Helwig winery, Teresa's Place, Knights Foundry, Kennedy Tailing Wheels are a few of the places participating. Approx. 100+ attendees. All members are welcome to attend all or portions of the Regional meeting. CLM: Jake Parnell is one of the sponsors.

Tehama CattleWomen's member Joan Growney shared their crock-pot and recipe program for unhoused students in the Red Bluff area. The program is designed with education regarding nutrition and workability. The students are supported with tutoring, meal planning and a crock-pot and simple 5-ingredient recipes. Joan described the many students who have been supported, completed High School and have obtained gainful employment.

Financial Statement: J. Olson Reported: General account \$23,906.07, Heritage Foundation (Scholarship) account \$22,896.71.

Secretary Report: T. La Belle: Thanked K. Collins for taking notes at the February board meeting.

Member's Report: B. Martin reported: 66 paid members, with 80+ on the roster. Reminder: Dues can be paid at any time; however they are due November 1st.

Scholarships: K. Collins reported: In the February minutes there was a missing in the part of scholarship notes: J. Jess amended the motion to allocate up to \$1,000 total for the Trade School Scholarship *starting* for the current year. Correction made. G. Appleton made a motion for correction, 2nd K. Collins motion PASSED. She also reported that \$1,000 scholarship for 4-year college and up to \$1,000 Trade School scholarship. J. Curran made a motion: that a private donation can be made to go towards the scholarship funds and to broaden the language of where they can attend, (certified Trade school, UC, Jr. college) for the 2027 scholarships.

2nd J. Varozza motion PASSED.

Newsletter: P. Howard reported: please send recipes and photos of things our members are doing in the community.

Old Business:

* Ranch 2 Ranch luncheon was supposed to be 40 in attendance. Unfortunately, only 15 were in attendance including J. Jess and K. Kussman-Collins \$300 was deposited into the AES Heritage Foundation account.

* Sweatshirt/vests: J. Olson reported: Another order in the Fall is planned for sweatshirts \$60, with a brand added \$70. The committee will be seeking a new vendor to produce the quarter zip sweatshirts and vests.

*Drive Thru dinner: Friday Nov. 20, 2026. Jason W. will do the meat again. Sales and who supports this fundraiser was discussed. At meeting time the price will remain at \$65 per dinner for four.

Committee Reports:

Super Steer: Sacramento Co. no information.

Ag in the Classroom: K. Kussman-Collins reported: May 5th @ El Dorado fairgrounds. P. Howard will be chairing this event for Katherine. Set-up starts at 8am. Beef Ambassadors to help?

Amador Fair Garden: K. Kussman-Collins reported: Fair theme: "More Cowbell" is the Amador County Fair theme for 2025. Bluebells is the theme flower for 2025.

Amador Fair Booth: Due to the pole and drape setup of the fair booth and the conflicting schedule to load in cattle pens and all things related, our amazing team Chair Denise Ding and team Jennifer Mason, Jill Jess and company are stepping back. T. Tamantini will Chair the 2026 AES fair booth with help from P. Howard, J. Jess, K. Kussman-Collins. Please reach out Tosh or Pam if you would like to help with the booth, the more the merrier.

Swag: As reported by K. Kussman-Collins: Rielle Waters-Santinelli is in contact with a few new vendors for a new unit scarf. Our previous vendor has gone out of business. Stay tuned for details.

AES Men's dinner: we received ½ silent auction and ½ live auction. Total: \$3,857.50.

Scrape book: Patsy Gilbert, our new member from Alameda County will be guiding our scrapbook pages.

New Business:

AES Men's Dinner: K. Kussman-Collins reported: We spent \$600 last year on fresh flower centerpieces for the men's dinner. We will be looking into different options that might be more appealing for purchase. A sample of a wooden cow cut-outs planter boxes with artificial flowers for table decorations that can be reusable for future gatherings if not sold, cost approx. \$15-\$17 each.

AES Cattlemen's Jackpot: K. Kussman-Collins reported: We donated blankets and goodie bags for the AES bred class. R. Waters-Santinelli and K. Kussman-Collins. created (14 goodie bags with AESCW swag, candy and Starbucks cards donated by 4K Ranch (\$100 worth of prizes for each bag).

D. Ding and J. Mason, along with help from Nancy Hawkins prepared a breakfast of for 175 exhibitors on Sunday, funds to be applied to the charity of their choice.

AES Cattlemen's Jackpot attached cards for each gift bag to assist the exhibitors with send thank you notes. Thank you notes from recipients of goodie bags were received and available for review.

Member's Reports:

J. Curran reported: there is a video on YouTube about the Grey Wolves in the Sierra Valley that Tim Curran and Riley helped to create; it's about 17 minutes long.

K. Kussman-Collins reported: Reno convention basket winner was Diane Barr from San Benito County. Plumas Sierra unit has disbanded; K. Kussman-Collins will reach out to them see if any members would like to join our unit.

ANCW WIRED in Hawaii: Women in Ranching Education April 27-30, 2026. R. Waters- Santinelli, K. Kussman-Collins and J. Mason will be attending.

Dates to remember:

Scholarships Due: April 30, 2026.

Ag Day at the Capital: April 21, 2026.

El Dorado Farm Day: May 5, 2026.

CCA/CCW Mid-year meeting, Reno: June 24-25, 2026.

AES Cattlemen's Spring Dinner: May 9, 2026.

AES Fall meeting: TBA.

AES men's dinner/auction: TBA.

AESCW Drive-Thru Dinner: November 20, 2026.

Motion to adjourn by T. Tamantini and 2nd J. Mason.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 pm

Submitted by: Toni L.