

January 2017 – Oregon Beef Producer

The Oregon CattleWomen hope that everyone had a very merry holiday season and that your holiday beef dishes were cooked to perfection for your family and guests. What a great time of year to enjoy traditions of giving and kindness to others.

As the year came to a close there were also opportunities for change in several county leadership positions as well as activities that promote our industry.

Klamath County has been very busy preparing for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Klamath Bull Sale to be held February 2-5, 2017. They play a major role in organizing amenities provided at the sale. Our Collegiate CattleWomen will also have attendees at this event to experience a superb opportunity to be involved in networking, learning about genetics and volunteering. We look forward to celebrating the success of the bull sale.



Harney County CattleWomen recently elected new officers including their new president, Elisha Miller. In December they had a Christmas party for cattlemen and their families and took collections of beef to help fill baskets that are passed out by the local Elks Lodge. What a great way to contribute to the community by providing powerful protein, "BEEF," to fuel the hungry.

Tierra Kessler was recently elected as the Umatilla County president. She is young and vivaciously excited about growing their county cattlemen numbers. They have tackled a very large project; in conjunction with the OCW they will be incorporating a beef display into the SAGE Center. This is an interactive visitors center that displays sustainable agriculture and energy, located in Boardman, Oregon, just off I-84. Thousands of visitors attend this center annually.

Baker County CattleWomen have been very involved during the holiday season providing their ever famous authentic fudge "Cow and Calf Pies." These cow pies have been sent as far as Australia and Iraq to cheer the hearts of many as they lie resting in a bed of grass and boast a large plastic fly on top. Plopped perfectly to taste!

OCW is looking forward to a positive new year in creatively engaging in the cattle industry in our state.

## Bingham Family Funnies -

Our eight year-old, Range, is a dedicated exerciser. He sets his alarm to wake up early in the mornings and do exercises - wall sits, sit-ups, push-ups, laps around the house and down to the shop and back. He also likes to use hand weights. One day as I was asking about what all exercises he had done he mentioned doing his "Buffalo Crawls." I immediately asked him to demonstrate, that sounded like an intense exercise. He then began to show me and said, "See Mom, just like you taught me." I let him know that the correct name for this exercise is Bicep Curls. - Sometimes what we say isn't what others hear. Always give each other the benefit of the doubt. We may speak the same language but comprehend differently. -

