

12th Annual CICA Convention to be held July 14 & 15

According to Convention Chairman Cody Jolly from Hugo, members of the Colorado Independent CattleGrowers Association will gather for the first day of their annual convention on Friday at 2 p.m. in Brush, Colorado at the Livestock Exchange located at 28061 US 34. The afternoon will be devoted to an educational presentation by Dr. Tom Noffsinger DVM, nationally recognized cattle-handling expert from Benkelman, Nebraska. He grew up near Wray, Colorado where his family was involved with cattle, swine, crops and a small dairy and later attended and graduated with a degree in veterinary medicine from Colorado State University. After 32 years of practice in a clinic setting, Dr. Noffsinger became an independent feedlot consultant specializing in facility design, stockmanship and low-stress livestock handling. Following Dr. Noffsinger's presentation, attendees will be provided dinner at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 15, the CattleGrowers will be meeting at the Country Steak Out located at 19592 E 8th Avenue in Fort Morgan. After registration from 8-9 a.m., President Lorene Bonds, a fourth-generation rancher from the Durango area, will open the convention with a welcome to all in attendance for the 12th Annual CICA Convention. The morning will be devoted to committee breakouts by policy area followed by a discussion of resolutions and a business meeting. After the noon luncheon, Dr. Dennis Hermes, a veterinarian with Phibro Animas Health, will address animal health issues. He is known for his expertise in vaccine protocols and herd health and can talk to you about killed vaccines vs modified live.

The keynote address will be delivered after Dr. Hermes's presentation by KrisAnne Hall, a former assistant state attorney from Florida. According to her website she "teaches, on average, 265 classes in over 22 States every year to people of all walks of life about the Constitution, our Bill of Rights and what we can do to defend, promote and preserve liberty for generations to come."

And last but not least, Bill Bullard, the CEO of R-CALF USA, the national affiliate of CICA, will be providing a report on the issues facing cattle producers from a national perspective.

A social hour (6:00 p.m.) with dinner (6:30 p.m.) and entertainment are scheduled for Saturday evening. On Sunday morning Cowboy Church will start at 9 a.m. at the park in Fort Morgan near the city library (414 Main St.). Bring a lawn chair!!!

Conference registration is \$80. For more information or to register for the convention, please call, text or email Julie Sumpter, CICA Marketing/Membership Coordinator. 719-980-0460 or cattlegrowers@coloica.com