

# The Breed That Will Do More **BRANGUS**®

## WEST COAST BRANGUS BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Volume 1, Issue 3

Summer 2013

### Milestones!

\* Junior Brangus Breeder, **Courtney Callaway**, graduates from Cuyama High School, Cuyama, CA, this year with a bucket-load of scholarships and awards. Her senior project and presentation is on artificial insemination in beef cattle. She plans to continue breeding, showing and marketing Brangus and Angus cattle while she attends Hancock Community College in Santa Maria, CA.

\* **Brendan Doiron**, long-time junior WCBBA member and now an active senior member, graduates *summa cum laude* from California State University at Humboldt, Arcata, CA, with a major in zoology and a minor in wildlife management. He will work in San Luis Obispo County for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on a bear migration and DNA study.

\* **Annie Belden**, Wyman Creek Cattle Company, Palermo, CA, is the 2013 California Junior Beef Ambassador. Annie, who raises award-winning Brangus cattle in Butte County, was up against competitors from across California, from Shasta to Kern Counties. Annie had to show proficiency in beef knowledge as well as public presentation. Congratulations on a job well done! We are all so proud of you!

\* International Brangus Breeders Association's **Ben Spitzer** was interviewed in the March 8th issue of *Beef Magazine*. You can see the actual interview as it was recorded on the *Beef Daily Blog*.

\* **Dr. Joseph Massey** has resigned his position as Executive Director of the IBBA and the association is now recruiting his replacement. We owe Dr. Massey a dept of gratitude for taking IBBA from near-bankruptcy to today's solvency. He initiated THR not only for the Brangus breed, but extended the service to other breed associations, bringing in additional revenues for our benefit.

\* **WCBBA's** website is now linked in the "Contacts" section of the IBBA website. I noted a glitch in the link and Jim Bulger got right on it and made the correction. So now anyone going to the IBBA site and looking for a West Coast breeder will be able to find us with just one click!

### CA Cattleman Magazine Brangus Issue Update

The WCBBA is not sponsoring a Brangus issue in the May/June issue of *California Cattleman Magazine* this year. Steve has been industriously revamping our advertising to get more "bang for the buck." We will advertise in the July/August Bull Buyer Guide instead.

## **IBBA Reveals Bylaws Change as Approved by General Membership**

Please note the bylaws change presented by IBBA regarding Ultrablacks and breeding up to Brangus. The membership approved this change this spring which was officially announced at this year's conference in Houston. The details and other information can be found on the IBBA website. You can just "Google" gobrangus.

## **See You in Sacramento!**

Good luck, everyone. We'll see you in Sacramento for the 2013 Western Region Brangus Classic! It will be a great show -- and no other group has as much fun or works together better than the Brangus folks!

All of you in Northern California, Oregon or Washington, or even on the windward side of the Big Island -- SEND SOME OF THE RAIN THIS WAY!!

All the Best to Everyone!

*Pamela G. Doiron*

**El Rancho Español de Cuyama**

P.O. Box 367

New Cuyama, CA 93254

805-245-0434

[doiron@spanishranch.net](mailto:doiron@spanishranch.net)