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Developing leaders who will speak forcefully and articulately  
for agriculture and Wyoming communities

## WALC Treasurer's Notes

Shirley Tschannen, WALC Treasurer



I hope everyone is having a great summer. It sure is going fast and fair time will soon be here. Once again, WALC will be hosting a picnic at the State Fair on August 21, so be sure to mark this day on your calendars. The general meeting for WALC will also be held on August 21.

L.E.A.D. Class 11 is well underway and all is going well. Before long, they will be graduating and recruiting will be starting again, so be thinking about potential class participants.

Thanks to everyone who has paid annual dues. If you haven't paid yet, remember you can pay on line at [www.wylead.org](http://www.wylead.org) or mail your dues to WALC at PO Box 5, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

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## From the President



Brenda Williams, WALC Board President

Hello again everyone. I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying the summer. I don't know about you, but it's been going far too quickly for me.

Another thing that's going quickly is L.E.A.D. Class 11. This class of fellows will be participating in their seventh session during State Fair and are well past the half way point of their time together. From the fellows I've run into across the state, the class is going well and all are excited and proud to be participating in the program.

On another note, it's also that time of year for the WALC annual meeting and State Fair Alumni Picnic. I encourage all alumni to attend both events and show your support for the L.E.A.D. program. The picnic is free, but please be sure to bring to a friend or family member that may not be familiar with Wyoming L.E.A.D. and introduce them to the program.

One last reminder, please be sure to pay your dues! A huge thank you goes out to those alumni that have already paid, your continued support ensures the program's success and viability for years to come.

That's all for now, I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.



*Please joins us !*

WHO: Alumni, family, friends and potential L.E.A.D. fellows

WHEN: Saturday, August 21st at 1:00 pm

WHERE: Wyoming State Fair in Douglas behind the Communicom Building in grassy Area along the river.

COST **FREE**

RSVP: to Leif Hanson at Phone: 307-738-2585 or [leif2585@gmail.com](mailto:leif2585@gmail.com)



## NOTICE

**Saturday, August 21st**

2:30 p.m. Wyoming Agricultural Leadership Council Annual Membership Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Wyoming Agricultural Leadership Council Board Meeting

Everyone is invited to the meetings. You must be a member in good standing in order to vote at the membership meeting.

## From the Director

Cindy Garretson-Weibel, L.E.A.D. Program Director



August will find L.E.A.D. Class 11 in their seventh seminar already. This year we are holding the family seminar in Douglas during the week of Wyoming State Fair, and will conclude by joining the alumni at the picnic on Saturday, August 21. In addition to the 18 class members, Ten spouses and 10 children will be joining us!

The class projects are coming together nicely. One project will take place in September in Jackson, where the class will visit with grade school children about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. Jackson was identified as an area where there was a great need for school children to understand where their food comes from.

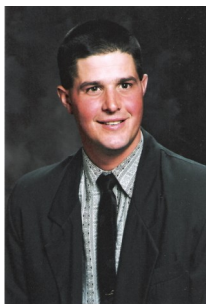
In addition, some of the class members are going to be involved in a second class project in Cheyenne, where they will be assisting with the remodeling of the Safe House in Cheyenne. When brainstorming ideas for the class project, a wide variety of ideas surfaced. As I told the class, your Wyoming L.E.A.D. experience is not the end of your involvement in community projects, it is just the beginning. One class member challenged each of her comrades to get involved in another need in their community right way, in addition to the class project. I suspect this class will take her up on the challenge!

I hope you will join us in Douglas for the alumni picnic and meet this outstanding class!

## Alumni Corner

Kim Porter, L.E.A.D. Program Coordinator

### State Fair is a Family Tradition



David Largent, LEAD Class 8, is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Hereford cattle rancher. Largent & Sons' main business is producing seed stock and selling bulls at the High Desert Herefords Bull Sale. Cattle shows, such as the open Hereford show at the Wyoming State Fair (WSF) are a marketing tool for the ranch and Largent & Sons has participated in the WSF for almost 30 years. Along with attending the state fair, they attend the Wyoming Junior Hereford Field Day, the Montana Junior Beef Expo, the Junior National Hereford Expo, and the National Western Stock Show – just to name a very few!

Not only is the WSF a marketing and advertising tool for the ranch, it is good experience and exposure for both the cattle and the family. Several of Largent's children also participate in showing in open shows. Cattle are not only the Largent business; he also makes this his way of serving his community. The ranch hosts the county beef club once a month and people come to their show barn to practice showing, clipping and fitting. They either bring their own cattle or they can work with the ranches cattle. The Largent's work with

the children to help them with these activities as much as possible.

Largent and his wife, Heather, keep busy with cattle shows and their four children's activities, so there is no such thing as "spare time." They do everything together as a family and the kids are very involved in all aspects of the ranch. The family enjoys going to football games in the fall and other sports activities their children are involved in. Largent has also recently been acting as an interim pastor for a church in Kaycee.

Largent served on the Board of Agriculture as a youth advisory member for three years, which opened his eyes to what is going on with agriculture in Wyoming. He attributes this position to having been in the L.E.A.D. Program, as well as contacts he has made with his business. "The contacts you make with a wealth of people are incredible. If you don't meet the contact you need, you know where to go to make the contact," Largent said.

## New Seminar Added

Kim Porter, L.E.A.D., Program Coordinator

The Wyoming L.E.A.D. Program added a new seminar entitled "Research and Technology in Agriculture" to the Class 11 schedule. The seminar included some of the tried and true programs such as Fish Bowl Day, communication styles and a tour of Y-TEX.



On the second day of the seminar, we boarded a bus and hit the technology trail. The class visited an embryo transfer facility, Gluten Free Oats and a bio-diesel operation. The tours were well received and it was interesting to see what agriculture producers are doing in Wyoming.



They rolled out the red carpet for the tours and provided stimulating information and tasty treats. The seminar was rounded out with presentation on the UW research station and GPS farming.

The class presentations fit nicely into the seminar, with topics from DNA testing to lessons learned from ranching experiences. We also saw a great demonstration on

irrigating and several of the class members gave this a try. It is definitely not as easy to do as it looks!



### Alumni Happenings

June was a busy month for L.E.A.D. weddings. Congratulations to Lisa Shepperson, LEAD Class 6, who married Gus Garnhart on June 12. The couple makes their home in Midwest.

Current Class Member Eric Felbeck, of Buffalo, married Patti Schultze on June 12, as well. The newlyweds and their five children will participate in the family seminar in August. Congratulations!

Larry Steinle, and wife, Nicole, had baby number 3 on May 12th. Allison joins sisters Alexis and Anna.

Don't Forget to Vote—August 17th



This is a very exciting election coming up on August 17, 2010. We have many alumni running and we wish them the best in their upcoming bid for an elected office:

Ogden Driskill—State Senator  
Terry Henderson—State Senator  
Curt Meier—State Senator  
Brad Reese—State Representative  
John Kaiser—State Representative  
Lisa Shepperson—State Representative  
Ed Werner—Converse Co. Commissioner  
Mark Hunter—Lincoln Co. Commissioner  
Robert Hendry—Natrona Co. Commissioner  
Gloria Mathis—Platte County Clerk  
Bob Stoddard—Uinta Co. Commissioner

If I inadvertently left your name off the list, call everyone you know and tell them you are running!

Good luck to everyone running in these races and also to those of you who are running in local races!

### Upcoming Events

Estate Planning & Family Relations	August 20-21, 2010	Douglas
ALUMNI PICNIC	August 21, 2010	Douglas
WALC Annual Meeting & Board Mtg	August 21, 2010	Douglas
Rural Economics, Marketing & Entrepreneurship	September 22-24, 2010	Thayne
International Study Tour	November	Ecuador

*If you are in the area—join L.E.A.D. Class 11 at their banquet*

*Put the alumni picnic on your calendar*