

Rich County Extension

Christmas Memories in Rich County

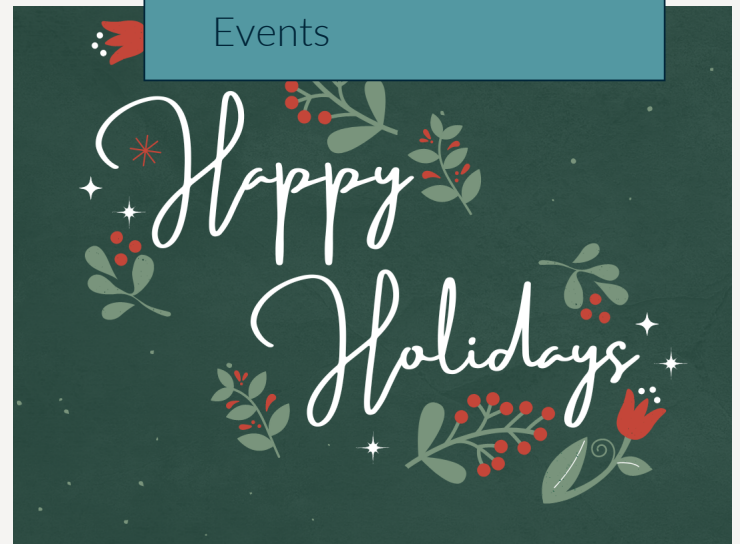
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It think the residents of Rich County have a sense of pride in the fact that it is freezing cold in the winter...literally. While I was going to college in Logan, I always had conversations that went like this... "Where are you from?" "Randolph?! Isn't that the coldest place in Utah?" I consider myself lucky that I talked my husband into moving to Randolph. When Jared first started to come around, he did not own a winter coat. Crazy, huh?! Jared grew up in Manila, UT, which he refers to as the banana belt now. Once Jared experienced a couple cold winter days in Randolph, he invested in a nice Carhart coat and a silk scarf. We love living in Rich County now because it offers a lifestyle that we have been seeking since we were first married. I am excited to share this lifestyle with my children as they grow older.

The holidays in Rich County have always held a special place in my heart. During Christmas break my sister and I would get to help our parents feed cows. It wasn't a formal tradition, but in a way, it became a common recurrence that we all helped feed the cows on Christmas.

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On Christmas morning, we would wake up early and open gifts. We would eat breakfast, and then we had to take care of our animals. After all, the cows and horses needed a nice Christmas breakfast too. My parents only have two girls, so Katy and I were just expected to do things (I could write a whole memoir on the things my mom made Katy and I do). During this time in our life, we had a feed wagon that we would pitch hay off. I remember vividly that we were feeding large square bales of straw along with grass hay, and for some reason this straw would not flake off...at all. My dad would usually drive the tractor and Katy and I would pitch the hay to the cows.



Christmas Memories in Rich County: Cont.

Well, the straw wasn't flaking off, and the wind was barreling down the valley that day.

Needless to say, my dad drove many circles around the feed row before Katy and I were done pitching the straw off, and I think half of it ended up in our eyes. At the time, Katy and I were a little annoyed and a little exhausted, but it's a memory that has always stayed with me.

Winter can be a trying time, but it's also a season that reminds us of the things that we are grateful for. I am grateful for my parents for pushing me to be tougher, and I am grateful for a sister that I got to experience it all with. I am also grateful for cattlemen, what great examples of stewards of land and animals. I am also grateful that I get to live in a great county with my family. Thank you all for making my job so rewarding. I hope all of you have a very happy holiday season.



Upcoming and Past Events

Winter Workshops

January 10, 2023 - Beef and Forage School

January 24, 2023 - Wyoming and Utah Ag Day

February - Ranch Succession Training

March - Managing Nutrition to Reduce Costs



UTAH 4-H JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

COMMERCIAL CATTLE PROJECT

Commercial Cattle Project Workshop

October 3, 2022

This new program will debut at the 2023 Rich County Fair!!

Look for the recording of the meeting in next month's issue.

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