

## Wapiti West Chapter Annual Conservation Banquet

## Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Park Inn by Radisson 3377 New Castle Rd West Middlesex, PA 16159

## Doors open at 1:30PM

Hello fellow elk enthusiasts and conservationists,

I hope this letter finds you well and eager to attend the Wapiti West Chapter at this year's Conservation Banquet! Our committee has been working very hard, and making changes to ensure you have a very memorable afternoon and we would like to show you a "sneak peek" as to what we have been up to! We have some new raffles and high-quality merchandise featured in our live and silent auctions and our various raffles that we are very proud of and hope that you will enjoy!

First off is the KECA Banquet Rifle! The Alliance has teamed up with our friends at Grice Gun Shop to bring to you this Ruger Hawkeye Hunter Rifle 300 Win Mag!! This rifle is part of a numbered Series, and will feature a scenery engraving of a KECA bull harvested in 2021!!





Also we will offer the Progressive Raffle with a chance to win the Mossberg Patriot Predator Strata Camo with bronze Cerokote 6.5 Creedmoor with Vortex Sonora 4 -12x44 Scope to the winner; the winner is then entered into a drawing for a Companion ELK hunt in New Mexico at Fishtail Ranch!!

The Wapiti West Chapter will also feature some amazing one of a kind items, and pictures from Elk Country's own ELK!! These are one of kind pieces only offered at the Wapiti West Chapter!! We will also have some fun games with chances to win some great prizes!! And of course we will be selling tickets for a (BOAT LOAD OF BEER) a brand new Kayak and 10 cases of beer!!! We also will have The Elk Mountain Homestead as a live auction item for May 27-29, 2022!!

The Keystone Elk Country Alliance is a Pennsylvania based non-profit with our headquarters located at the Elk Country Visitor Center. The Elk Country Visitor Center is a world-class conservation educational facility which hosts school groups of all ages, as well as adult groups and scouting organizations. KECA's professional conservation education instructors provide high quality educational programs on elk, Pennsylvania wildlife and the natural history of the region, as well as conservation in general. In 2019 we welcomed a record attendance of 521,000. In 2020, more than 518,000 visitors came to the Elk Center and we were closed for two months! Since opening more than 4 million visitors have walked through our doors. These visitors drive economic development in the region, an estimated \$70 million annually in Elk County alone! In 2020 KECA's educators delivered programs to more than 41,000 students and guests. We also improved more than 400 acres of habitat for elk and a wide variety of other wildlife across Pennsylvania's Elk Country. The Wapiti West Chapter Committee and I are looking forward to spending a very memorable, enjoyable, and high energy day supporting and celebrating all that we do for PA Elk Country. Thank you all for your support and we'll see you at the Park Inn by Radisson. The Park Inn has placed some rooms on hold for the banquet with a discounted rate of \$99! If interested please contact the Park Inn and let them know you are coming to the banquet and interested in staving!! Yours in Conservation from the Wapiti West Chapter Committee