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Editorial Comments...

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The month of September is a big one for Hereford tours in our region.

Kansas and Iowa normally are the earlier ones followed by Nebraska, Montana and South Dakota and a few others such as Minnesota and North Dakota, depending on the year.

Marc and I both attended tours in early to mid-September and will be on the South Dakota Hereford tour about the time this issue prints.

These tours get to ranches that showcase some of the country's best Hereford cattle and the camaraderie with fellow Hereford breeders is second to none. It's always interesting to see how creative tour hosts and state groups get in regard to added points of interest, meals and speakers. Seeing a variety of countryside, scenery and historical points of interest is an added benefit.

Look inside this issue for photos and coverage of the Nebraska and Montana tours. Next month we will cover the Kansas and South Dakota tours.

At the Nebraska tour, the president of Greater Omaha, Mike Drury, made some very encouraging remarks to the group about Hereford beef. Greater Omaha has their own lines of Hereford beef and their customers love the product. He encouraged breeders in the group to continue producing consistent, high-quality Hereford beef. He also commented that they don't have enough.

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Feddes Herefords – Put your Trust in the Right Places

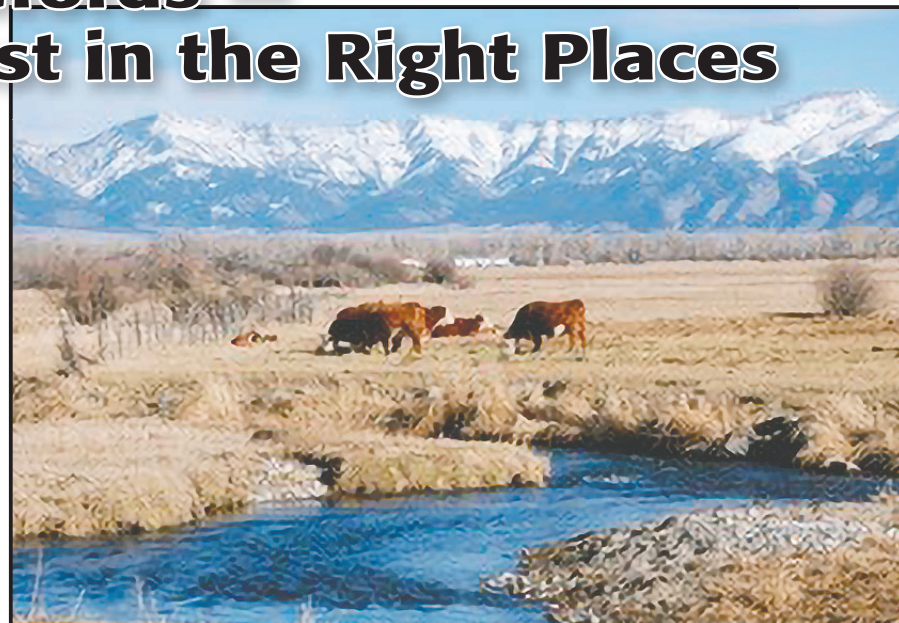
By Terra Ochsner

"It doesn't get any better than Feddes'," Fred Borman, of Circle B LLC., said. "They are super good people, as good as there are in the world."

Borman and many others have stuck by Feddes Herefords, which was started in 1945 by brothers Marvin and Neal Feddes, because they offer quality cattle, but most importantly, they're great people.

Now, Feddes Herefords is run by Dan and his brother, Tim. Dan's son, Taylor came back to work on the ranch and carry on the legacy that's been built over the course of 65 years.

Fred Borman is a cow-calf operator out of Eastern Montana who has been using Feddes bulls on his black cows for over 15 years. In fact, Borman buys roughly 40 Feddes bulls a year to con-



A beautiful Hereford scene at Feddes Herefords near Manhattan, MT.

tinue capitalizing on a very successful F1 cross.

Borman said his baldy cattle "gain good and grade through the roof,"

and that's due in part to the genetics of those red and white bulls.

"They have all the traits you'd want

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Longwood's 22 Bar Herefords

By Ruth Wiechmann

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Lester and Sharon Longwood both came from families with deep roots in ranch country and a long history with Hereford cattle. They raised their three daughters Laura, Carrie and Erin on the ranch where Lester's grandparents and great-grandmother homesteaded, and now their grandchildren are wrestling calves at their branding every spring. They wouldn't want it any other way.

"My grandparents, W. D. and Hilma Longwood, settled here in 1902 before it was opened up for homesteading," Lester said. "They filed on their claim in 1904. W. D.'s mother, Johanna Danielson, filed a claim adjacent to theirs: she was somewhere in her seventies at the time."

W. D. Longwood had some Short-horn or Shorthorn cross cattle at the time they came to northern Butte County (now Perkins County) in western South Dakota. He also raised Percheron

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Lester Longwood roping a calf in the branding pen.

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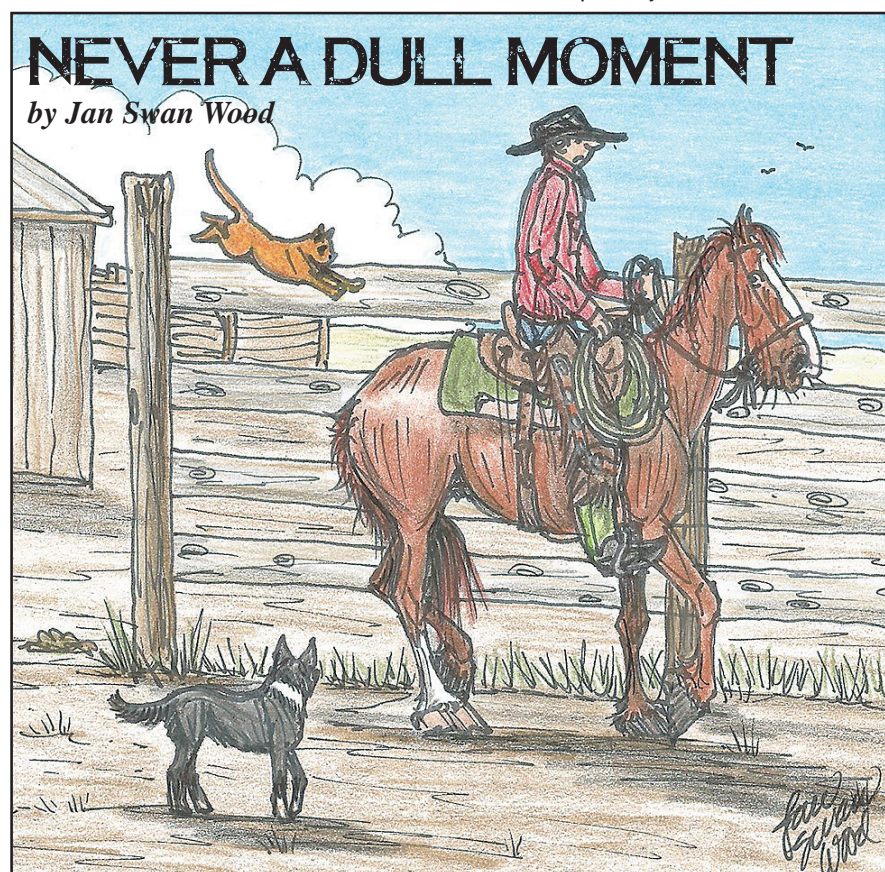
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Jill's Editorial...

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"We worked with a lot of discerning chefs and customers across the country and one thing we never had to do was apologize for the quality of our beef and that's a credit to what's happening right here with the Hereford producers today," said Mike.

He was very positive about the Hereford beef product we are producing and indicated the need for more Hereford beef through their supply chain. (See more on page 18.)

We are still praying for rain up here in northwest South Dakota and many other areas of South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. At this point it may come in the form of snow. At least it's a form of moisture. I don't think we've had more than an inch and a half of rain (total) all summer but there are other people in worse shape than we are. I'm hoping and praying for relief to the situation soon.

Of course, this also means many producers are weaning early. There have been large runs of cows selling in the Dakotas since spring and hay prices, if it can be found, are sky high.

We've just reaching the first day of fall so a change in weather is a certainty.

Even though there is a large area affected by the drought, the Montana female sales in mid-September were hugely successful with cattle selling into many states, mostly out of the drought area and into southern states.

On October 23rd, the American Hereford Association once again holds its annual meeting in Kansas City. This year's retiring board members are Nate Frederickson, Spearfish, SD; Mark St. Pierre, El Nido, CA; and Joe Waggoner, Carthage, MS. Candidates for these vacant positions are Chad Breeding, TX; Jim Coley, TN; Lou Ellen Harr, OH; Travis McConaughy, MO; John Ridder, NE; and Corrine Santos, CA. The candidates will have online speeches available for the voting delegates.

The South Dakota Hereford Association once again served Hereford Ribeye Steak sandwiches at Dakotafest in Mitchell, SD. These are always a popular item at Dakotafest which is sort of a farm fair type of event. The steaks are grilled right there by the booth, with the wonderful aroma wafting throughout the grounds. It's an excellent selling point. Kudos to the SDHA manager Allie Jensen who planned and implemented and all the members who helped out at the event. It is no small feat to get it all done but is a great event for the breed and the breeders.

See you down the road!

— JBH



Dakotafest Another Huge Success for SD Hereford Association, Hereford Beef

Some of the Hereford Ribeye Steak Sandwich crew at Dakotafest were (left) Mark Johnson, Jeff Gerlach, Ryan Olerich, Joe Brandt.

Pictured, right are Senator John Thune, Boyd Dvorak, SDJHA Queen Addison Haase, Maesa Dvorak. SDHA manager Allie Jensen and Matt Zens.



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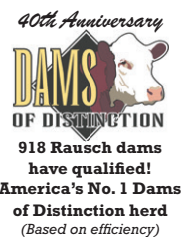
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Feddes...

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in a bull. They're real athletic," Borman said.

When it comes down to it, though, Borman said it's been the character of the outfit that's made him want to stick around all these years.

"Their word is good. They stand behind their product, and they put a lot of time and energy into it," he emphasized.

Amy Nuhsbaumer of Nuhsbaumer Herefords has a different perspective on the Feddes', but her outlook on the

family is very similar to Borman's.

"My dad made me introduce myself to Marvin when I was just 13, and I bought my first Hereford cow from him that year," Nuhsbaumer explained.

She went on to build her very own herd with that Feddes cow, and remained close with the family over the years. In fact, she worked for them throughout college by helping them work with and fit their cattle for shows. Through these experiences, Nuhsbaumer got to see firsthand the critical eye the Feddes's have for cattle, and most importantly, she built a relationship that will last a lifetime.



The Feddes Family Today — Back row: Tim, Dan, Paul, David. Front row: Michael, Nell, Marvonne (Feddes) Logterman



Marvin Feddes out checking cows in the 4-wheeler, shortly before he passed away.

"I've always been struck by how fussy they are with their bull selection. They're very particular in what they do, and they won't compromise on that," Nuhsbaumer admired.

It's only fitting that when it came time for Nuhsbaumer to build an operation with her husband back in 1992 she chose to start out with Herefords, Feddes Herefords. Aside from the cattle themselves, Nuhsbaumer attested to the care that Dan, Tim, and Taylor devote to connecting with their customers.

"When they call, we talk kids, and cows, and family," she said.

Faith, Family, & Good Herefords...

"Our family and our faith are most important to us — money and all that is fine — but faith is what gets us through," Dan said when asked about how they've persevered through lows of ranching over the years.

He emphasized that when the tough times come, like the major uncertainty caused by the drought this year, and the looming reality that another is most likely in store next year, they try not to spend too much time worrying about things they cannot control.

"There's only one person who holds

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the future, and that's not us," Dan said. "We can spend our time worrying, but we try not to. The Lord will take control."

This mindset stems from Matthew 6:26-34: the Lord will provide, because He does even for the birds, and they don't spend their time worrying about tomorrow.

The Feddes' do their best to take what comes in stride and pray that the Lord will take care of them; in the meantime, the Feddes' concern themselves with

providing the best cattle and customer service possible. The first part of that strategy starts with, you guessed it, Herefords.

Dan and Tim grew up with Herefords and have continued to choose the breed as the years have passed, because Herefords have taken care of their family for over half a century.

"We've never had anything but Herefords," Dan said. "They've been good to us, even in the tough times."

Tim added that they've always appreciated the "ease with which you can work these cattle, especially with family operations where you have kids

working as well."

Logistically speaking, the Feddes mentality has always been that if you produce a functional female, everything else will follow suit.

"Since the beginning, our emphasis has been on the female," Dan said. "They have to have good udders and produce a lot of milk."

As the years have gone on, they've also started to put a greater emphasis on their carcass traits and marbling, while looking to achieve more growth with moderate birthweights.

"We've been real successful with that," Dan said.

"We've put a lot of effort into raising practical cattle that'll go out and perform," Tim noted.

Now, you could have the best cattle in the world, but if you don't treat people right and adapt to the needs of the customer, your efforts will be in vain, Dan explained. "The main thing you have to have is trust. Build a relationship with your customers and they'll stick with you through anything."

Like Fred Borman mentioned, this



Feddes females have to produce in order to stay in the herd. Good udders, milk production and motherability are requirements.

means not having too much pride to make things right.



Dan and grandkids ready to go check cows.

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Functional females are a focus of the Feddes program. "If you produce a functional female everything else will follow suit."

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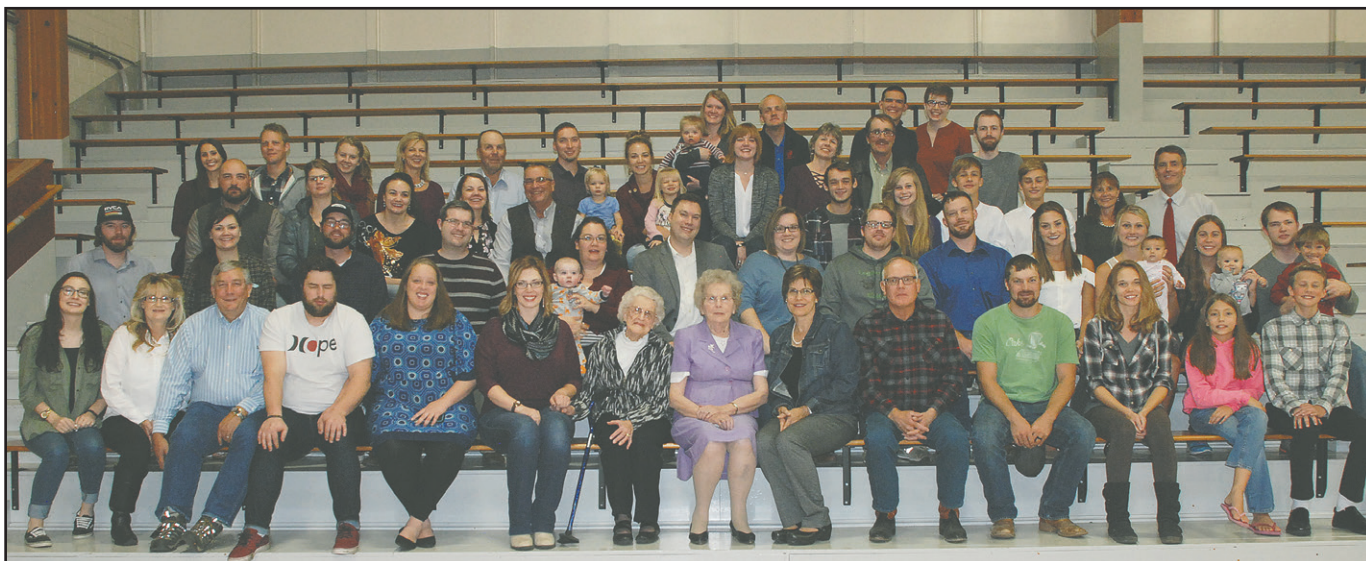
"Stand behind your product, even if it means fixing something or making an issue right," Dan said.

Feddes customers can also trust that they're getting the cream of the crop, not their problem culls. For instance, they are proud that the average cow on their ranch will rank in the top 2 percent of the breed for milk and gain, so even if you're picking through the middle of their herd, "you are still getting the very top end maternal genetics in the Hereford breed," their website states.

Dan explained that they aren't willing to sell an animal that they wouldn't keep themselves, and in some cases, they'll eagerly keep a female that hasn't sold.

Another facet of their customer service can be found in their unique approach to sales; Feddes yearling bulls, heifers, and bred females are offered for private treaty consideration year-round.

"When people need them, we sell them," Dan said.



Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Marvin and Nell Feddes. Nell Feddes is in front with her sister-in-law Lee Venhuizen (Churchill Cattle Co.) Sadly, Lee passed away about a year ago.



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One thing is certain: when you work with the Feddes crew, you can rest your hat on a quality investment. The cattle you're buying will be outstanding, and if there's

an issue, they'll fix it. But most importantly, you can trust that you are dealing with genuinely good folks who are in the business because they love their cattle, and they love people even more.

They're not going to sell you problem cattle to make a quick buck, and when you call, they won't push you off the phone; in fact, it's a good bet that conversations with them will span the spectrum of topics. They'll talk to you about cattle, about family, and about the Lord. The Feddes' are people you can trust, just like their genetics.

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horses. "Grandpa never used anything but a Hereford bull," Lester said. "The Shorthorns, or Durhams, as they were often called, were quickly upgraded. A photo from 1907 of grandpa and his cattle shows a very strong Hereford type already."

W.D. built a sod house for his family, and it is still kept in good repair.

"He used a breaking plow to cut strips of sod along the creek," Lester

said. "They cut the strips of sod into blocks 1 foot x 3 feet. You can still see where the strips were cut in the pasture."

The ranch has always been a commercial operation, although W.D. Longwood did purchase a couple of registered cows from Ike Johns in the 1930s.

"They were eventually absorbed into the herd," Lester said. "It has basically always been run as a commercial place."

In the early days, cattle were trailed to White Butte, SD, and loaded on the train to be shipped to market. Steers were sold mostly as finished three year olds.

"I ran across a note in my grandpa's ledger that mentioned 40-50 three and four year old steers running in a particular pasture," Lester said. "He ran about a hundred cows. In the '50s, when the last of the steers were phased out, the records indicate that the three year olds made a 1350 lb. payweight. They went to Chicago and were sold to packers as a finished product; they didn't need to go to a feedlot. Steers were trailed a dozen miles or so to White Butte, SD to be shipped on the train till the 1940s. When trucking came in they trucked them to the railroad rather than trailing them."

Lester wasn't very old in the 1950s when the last of the three year old steers were shipped out and the ranch transitioned to shipping steers as year-



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Calves start arriving in March and the Longwoods calve through May in order to avoid the worst of the winter weather in northwest South Dakota. The ranch is north of Bison, SD.

lings, but he can remember the two and three year old steers in the pasture and remembers the transition.

Lester's father Walter Longwood met Judith "Judie" Kilness when she came to teach the Johnny Butte school in the neighborhood and became friends with his sister. The couple married in 1934, and after working at various places came back to the ranch in 1943. W.D. held onto the management of the ranch until he passed away in 1955, and then Walter was in business with his mother until her death in 1962.

"1961 was a really dry year and there was not much hay," Lester recalled. "Dad sold all of the yearling steers that year and increased the cow herd substantially. That was one reason grandpa didn't run very many cows, he had so many steers stocking up the place."

Lester was the youngest of Walter and Judie's six children, following four older sisters and an older brother. Growing up on the ranch he always knew he wanted to spend his life there.

"I didn't always know that's how it would turn out," he said.

Les attended Johnny Butte School through the seventh grade, then graduated from the 8th grade at Pleasant Ridge School where his mother was

teaching. After graduating from Lemmon High School in 1966, he attended South Dakota State University, graduating with a B. S. in Animal Science. While at SDSU he met Sharon Irvine, a recent University of Wyoming graduate, when she took a job with the South Dakota state veterinary diagnostic laboratory in Brookings. The couple married in 1973.

Sharon also came of hardy, pioneer ranch stock, immigrants from Scotland and Ireland who settled near Wheatland, WY. While she found few differences between raising Herefords in Wyoming versus in South Dakota, she was surprised by a few things.

"I was not familiar with any kind of branding other than 'rope and drag,'" she said. "That was not how Walter did things at the time! I thought a calf table was the 'farmer way.' But we had to do what the boss wanted. We also had never calved two year old heifers at home; we bred the heifers as two year olds and calved them as three year olds. I was a bit dismayed the first few years over that. My family sold steers as yearlings, and when Les and I got married Walter was selling the calves right

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The "rope and drag" tradition for branding is used by the Longwoods every spring. The ropers pick out the heifers out of Sharon's cows which are branded with her brand, a quarter circle J lazy reverse S, before the rest are branded with the 22 Bar irons. Pictured is Carrie Longwood Stadheim.

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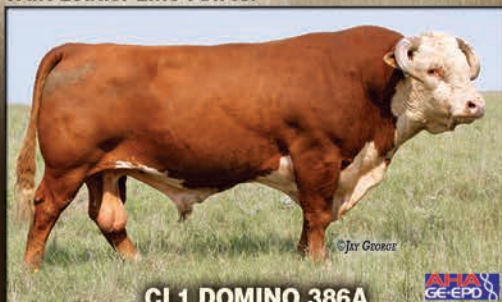
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off the cows; I had never had anything to do with selling calves at that stage."

She was also surprised to learn that Lester's folks did not have running water indoors until about the time he came home from college.

"We were maybe more backwards than some," Lester chuckled.

Then there were the rocks.

"The first fall we were married, Les and Duane (his nephew) put in a new fence," Sharon recalled. "After they got it built Les said, 'We really need to go find some rocks with holes in them for hangers to keep it down in the low spots.' I thought, 'I may be stupid but I'm not that dumb. Rocks with holes?' We had a lot of rocks in Wyoming but I had never seen rocks with holes in them. But sure enough, we went out and found some!"

Changes may have come slowly at the Longwood ranch, but today the family keeps the 'rope and drag' tradition alive for branding every spring.

"When I came back to the ranch after college, dad sold me an interest in some she-cattle," Lester said. "At that point I kind of knew that from that time on I would be here. Dad was in control and held the reins till he passed away in 1986."

Walter did give Lester some specific directives about managing the ranch.

"Dad told me, 'Don't overgraze it, don't mortgage the place, and don't

use cheap bulls,'" Les said. "I don't remember if he said them in a particular order of importance, but those were the instructions he gave me."

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In 1986 Les and Sharon began to transition into running more yearlings again, reducing their cow numbers somewhat. They also brought home Sharon's cows from the Irvine ranch in Wyoming. Every spring when the calves are branded, Lester has the ropers pick out the heifers out of Sharon's cows and they are branded with a quarter circle J lazy reverse S, before the rest of the bunch is branded with the 22 Bar irons.

"Sharon had a few Herefords that she had built up from her beginnings in Wyoming," Lester said. "We brought them here in '86 or '87. Their descendants are still identifiable by brand. It seemed like the thing to do at the time, though they have all been run together and bred the same way for so many years that the brand is the only way to distinguish them. At this point, even their DNA is probably very much the same."

"My grandpa Chase's cattle, that my cows traced back to, also had a strong

Durham or Short-horn influence," Sharon said. "Over time that was bred out but when I was younger it was still evident in his herd. But we always had Herefords."

Bulls are turned out June 20, so calves start arriving in late March. Most are born in April and May, balancing nutritional demands with feed availability and trying to avoid the worst of the winter weather. The cows calve on pasture and are not typically run through a barn unless a need arises. Weaned calves are held over each fall to be run as yearlings, with a certain percentage of heifers being culled and the rest bred as replacements for the herd and a few offered for sale.

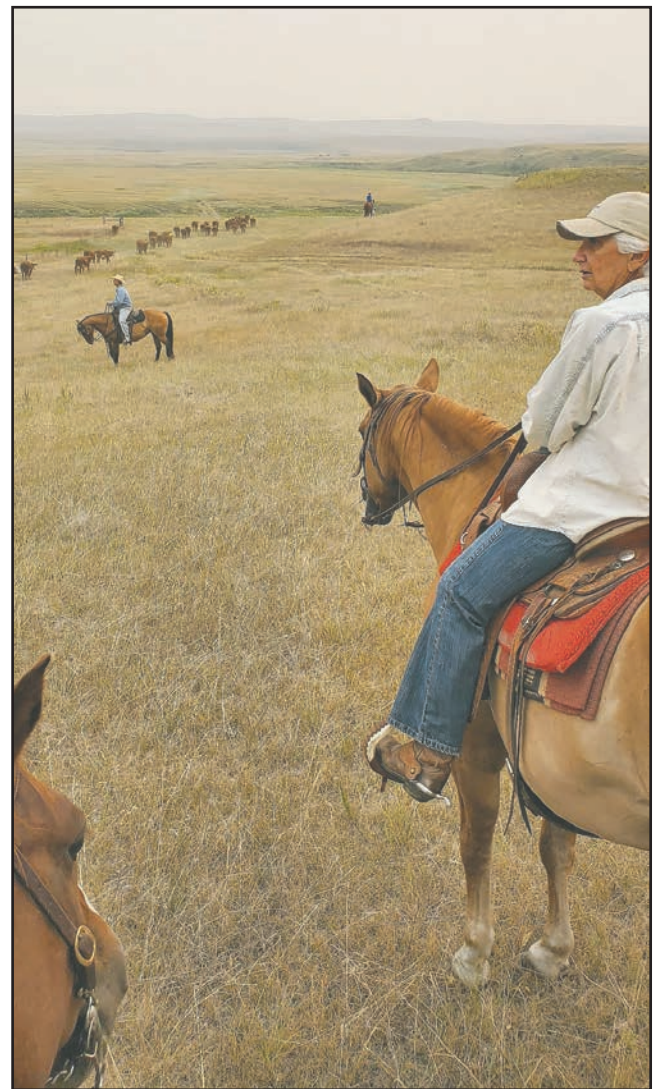
"By having part of the place stocked with yearlings, we

can use that part of the herd to roll with the punches that drought and feed supply throw our way," Lester said. "Any part or all of them can go at any time. We haven't ever been so dry that we had to sell all of our calves in the fall, but there were several years in the early 2000s when it was pretty dry, and we sold part or all of our steers anywhere from January to June several times."

Les and Sharon had purchased a few registered Hereford females in the '70s and '80s, but none of them stayed in the herd for very long.

"In 1991 we got acquainted with John and Arlene Grassel at Artesian, SD. They had Prince Domino bred registered Herefords. We went there and we liked the cattle and the people. We bought 13 head of registered heifer calves that year, then bought a few more cattle from them in 1994 and again in 1997 when they dispersed their herd. Those Grassel cattle fit into our style of management and they be-

Longwoods select for cattle that are sound in every way: bulls that are masculine and cows that are feminine and hardy.



"Mom is an integral part of the ranch, from the cattle work to the book work to bull-buying. She has always supported the ranch and loved the cattle. She refuses to take credit for the massive amount of work she does, but that doesn't lessen her importance on the ranch!" — Carrie Longwood Stadheim



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came the basis for the registered cattle that we run here."

Longwoods select for cattle that are sound in every way: bulls that are masculine and cows that are feminine and hardy.

"We want cows with good feet and neat udders," Les said. "One that carries her flesh easily without expensive supplemental feed. We want depth of body, a reasonable amount of muscling and a look of Hereford character, although that is not the same in everyone's eyes. Fertility is a must along with disposition: we have no tolerance for troublemakers. We look for a good hair coat, eye appeal and we like a bull to look like a bull and a cow to look like a cow. We strive to breed for uniformity and a similar look across the herd. I've learned to avoid extremes in trait selection; there's usually a price to pay for extremes."

The two wire fence that marks the perimeter of many of their pastures attests to the disposition of their cattle. The pedigrees of the Longwood cattle have stayed pretty close to Canadian bred Herefords. For many years they were strong on the Prince Domino bloodlines, but Lester said that those lines are getting more outcrossed over time so it is hard to find a concentration of that blood.

"We have purchased bulls from Courtney Herefords at Alzada, MT

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and they have crossed very well on the Grassel cattle,” he said. “Most recently we have outcrossed with two bulls from Sparks Herefords at Plevna, MT. Those Sparks cattle are almost a total outcross and they have nicked really well on our cows. Their offspring have been very uniform; we have really liked the results.”

Lester’s main goal with adding registered cows to his herd was to have home raised bulls to use on their own cattle, but they do offer 10-12 yearling and two year old bulls for sale each year.

“They all sell private treaty to mostly repeat customers; the biggest share stay within 40 miles of here,” he said. “The primary object of getting into registered cattle is that we’ve been raising bulls for our own commercial herd so that we know what traits we’re putting into our cattle. As a result we end up raising a few more than we had a need for each year. We mostly use home raised bulls and keep our cattle pretty strongly line-bred and we bring in new blood when we feel the need to keep things from getting stale.”

The majority of Longwoods’ cattle are commercial cows, with only an approximate 20% of the herd being registered.

“The commercial cattle trace back directly to my grandpa W. D. Longwood’s cattle,” Lester said. “New blood has been brought in entirely on the top side.”

Longwoods have offered a few bred heifers for sale more years than not since the 1970’s. Any heifers not suitable for breeding are sorted off prior to bull turnout.

“We cull a certain percentage of heifers for all sorts of reasons each year,” Lester said. “Sometimes they get spayed if someone is in the area to do it; if not we attempt to run them as open or sell them before turnout. We don’t breed any females unless they are suitable to stay here.”

Les and Sharon’s three daughters all grew up horseback, helping with the Herefords alongside their parents. In spite of the fact that one of Laura’s first rides ended in two broken arms, the girls all are competent horsewomen. They share their parents love of the ranch, their heritage, the livestock and the land.

Laura Lahr and her husband Jared have two children, and live in Morrison, Colorado, where Laura works for the Livestock Marketing Information Center. Carrie Stadheim, with her husband



The Longwood family, spouses and children.

Jeremy and their five children still at home, ranch near Reeder, North Dakota, not far from her childhood home; they also run Hereford cattle. Carrie works as the editor for Tri State Livestock News as well. Erin Stadheim, her husband Luke and their three children also ranch near Reeder. Erin is a registered nurse, though right now she is a part time nurse and full time mother.

All three girls are handy ropers when it’s time to brand calves, and daughters, sons in law and grandchildren make a pretty good roundup crew.

“It means a lot to have family that still feels strong ties to the ranch, who come back to help and pick up where they left off,” Les said. “We appreciate them, as well as dependable neighbors.”

The girls shared in the work that followed the seasons throughout their childhood.

“I have countless memories of riding many miles horseback moving cattle as a family,” Erin said. “I was always the one dawdling behind while Dad would encourage me to ‘catch up’ which was generally followed by a sister’s snarky aside- ‘mustard.’ Not only is Dad a knowledgeable and wise cattleman, but a confident and quiet horseman as well. I’m thankful to have been mentored by him in both areas. Mom is involved in every part of the ranch as well. She knows a ton about livestock and loves the lifestyle and the cattle every bit as much as Dad does.”

“I remember dad talking to us about conformation and what a good cow or heifer should look like,” Carrie said. “Then I remember him asking for our opinions as he was deciding which heifers to keep and which to cull. That made

me feel so very important and valued. Mom is present in all of my memories and has always been an integral part of the ranch, from the cattle work to the book work to bull-buying. She is a kind and welcoming host to any and all visitors and an exceptional housekeeper, cook and gardener. She has always supported the ranch and loved the cattle. She refuses to take credit for the massive amount of work she does, but that doesn’t lessen her importance on the ranch!”

“I always liked calving time,” Laura said. “All those cute little calves with their little white faces running and playing. When I was little my grandpa used to feed hay with the tractor and my dad would ride around the calving cows on horseback to check on them all. As I got older and my grandpa was gone, dad had to feed, so he checked cows in the pickup and I could go along. He did still go out on his horse to bring a cow or pair into the corral.”

Erin also enjoyed adventures with her dad during calving season.

“One of my favorite memories is bouncing through the cows in the pickup each afternoon after school during calving time to check for new calves with my folks,” she said. “Dad has always known each cow inside and out. Just as he knows and trusts them, the cows know and trust him, too. I loved when we’d stop for Dad to work a calf. I especially loved when we didn’t stop and I got to take the wheel as he’d take a moving leap onto the faster, older calves.”

“Still to this day he gets down on the ground with each new calf to work it while the gentle, trusting mommas stand nearby and quietly talk to their babies. However, I’m not sure if he still jumps out of the moving pickup to catch them.”

The Hard Winter of 1996-1997 took its toll on their cattle, as it did for so many farmers and ranchers in South Dakota.

“We lost a lot of weaned calves to a three day blizzard in December,” Les recalled. “We had turned them back out on pasture already, and we couldn’t get to them for a couple of days. The ones that survived didn’t do well for a long time either. A lot of people lost a lot of cattle that winter”..

That storm is etched in Carrie’s memory too.

“During a bad blizzard in December of ’96, our yearlings drifted out of their pasture and out of any protection. Many of them stood up above the creek in the

open with the wind and snow pounding them for what seemed like a week, but I think it was 2 days. Once in a while the wind would let up enough that we could see the yearlings and we’d talk about going after them but then the blizzard would set in again. I remember dad saying at that point (after he had built a snow fence with the tractor that they walked away from) that we needed to stay put until the storm was over because no cattle were worth risking his family’s lives for.

“I also vividly remember the aftermath of that blizzard. It was ugly, but we worked together to get the yearlings home, and spent many afternoons taking the bloat off of them because the bugs in their stomachs had gotten messed up from lack of feed and water.”

That winter brought many storms including a bad blizzard in April of ’97 during calving.

“We lost power for several days,” Carrie said. “I remember warming calves up in the pickup and also in Grandma Judie’s house (the sod house built by W. D. Longwood) by the propane stove.”

“We’ve had several bad spring storms where we didn’t wind up with a very satisfactory calf crop,” Les said. “It wears on us, but you have to go on when things like that happen and not let it get you down.”

“Les always says ‘you don’t have to talk about the losses, just focus on the ones you save,’” Sharon said.

“The effects of my parents close walk with Jesus reach to every corner of their lifestyle,” Erin said. “Honesty and generosity are characteristics that come to my mind often when I think of them. No matter the price at the sale barn, it is always satisfactory. Severe drought doesn’t frazzle them. When hardships come, they are secure in God’s promise to work it out for good. Ultimately, they trust in God’s abundant goodness and provision which brings joy, gratitude and generosity with each new day regardless of external factors.”

Regardless of the changes that have come to the Longwood Ranch in the past one hundred twenty years, the rhythms of life on the ranch and Hereford cattle scattered over the grassy hills continue to bring joy and contentment.

“I love seeing the yearling heifers in the fall when they are really blooming,” Sharon said. “They are so pretty, just like a young girl, when they are in their prime. We give God the glory for the successes; He has remained steady and faithful through it all.”

“Mom and Dad are very honest and generous people,” Carrie said. “They lead by example to teach us that making a lot of money is not necessarily the best goal in life, but instead, that making an honest living and taking care of the resources the Lord has provided will make a person happy and content.”

“One of my favorite things is seeing the cattle out on good pasture, enjoying themselves and doing well,” Lester said. “We appreciate the friendships we have with other ranchers and other Hereford breeders; those relationships are a pretty big deal to us. Knowing that the cattle we sold met the needs of the person on the other end is very satisfying.”



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Nebraska Hereford 2021 Tour

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Randy and Glenda Helms, Holbrook, NE, visiting with John Ridder (center) of Callaway, NE, at the first stop of the day at the Gosper Co. Fairgrounds, Elwood, NE.



Helms Cow-Calf pairs on display at Elwood. Randy & Glenda Helms and Cody & Casie Helms.



Mike Drury, President of Greater Omaha, Omaha, NE spoke to the crowd about the value of the Hereford beef producers and their importance to G.O. (See Mike's speech in this issue)



Randy Helms commenting on the Helms program. Joe Brockman (center), President of the Nebraska Hereford Association.



The Tour group enjoying breakfast at the first stop of the day, Gosper County Fairgrounds, Elwood, NE.



Rudy Pooch (left), Manager of the Nebraska Hereford Association and Joe Brockman (right), President, passed out items won during the drawings at the Estermann's.

Aaron Bock of Beatrice, NE won the "Weight Guessing Contest" at Elwood and received a Vizio 50" TV. He guessed 3,900# for the four heifers and they grossed 3,910 lbs.!



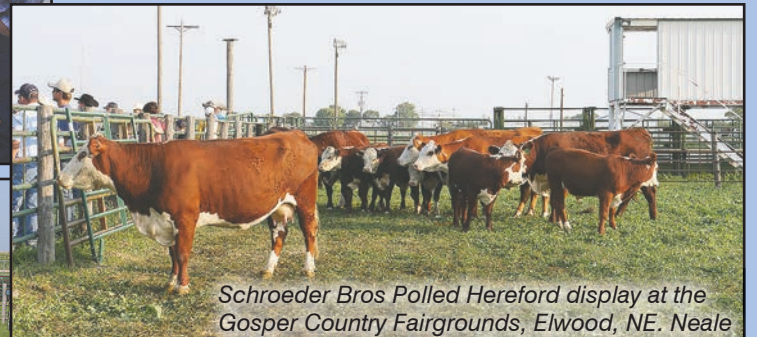
Dan Estermann, Estermann Herefords, spoke of the Estermann history with Herefords and their program. Dan's mom, Marlene, was in charge of getting people signed up in the Guest Book.



Estermann Tour Stop near Wellfleet, NE: L to R, Dan Estermann, Pat Herz, Don Klein, Guy who won the gate chain, Jessye and Dave Goertz. I asked around but never got the name of the guy getting the chain. If someone knows let me know!



Glenda Helms displaying the tour breakfast no one will forget. Prime Rib, fried eggs and hash browns! Thank you to Tyson Fresh Meats of Lexington, NE for donating the Prime Rib!



Schroeder Bros Polled Hereford display at the Gosper Country Fairgrounds, Elwood, NE. Neale Schroeder rode along with Art Handel and I to the North Platte stop. Having him along made me appreciate the history of Herefords in Nebraska!



Four of the Estermann Herd Bulls on display.

Fall Calving cows belonging to Snowshoe Cattle Company, Arthur, NE. Bernie & Stacie Buza-nowski moved from Montana about 3 years ago and are now enjoying good cow country in the Sandhills of Nebraska.



Nebraska Hereford 2021 Tour

Photos by Marc Hotchkiss and Art Handel



Don Klein, long-time Hereford breeder and daughter, Pat Herz.



Lunchtime at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in North Platte. It was 100° outside so cattle were inside out of the sun with fans blowing. Good cattle were presented by Spear Lazy V Herefords, Sukraw Herefords, Sachtjen Herefords and XA Cattle.



Kids are having a great time in the sand pile just for them! Fun and entertainment for all ages!



Cyndi Van Newkirk, Van Newkirk Herefords, and Tracy Mader of MN and also with an interest in Mader Farms of Hoxie, KS, are in an intense conversation.



Kolby Van Newkirk (left), Joe Van Newkirk, Matt Cover and Barrett Van Newkirk getting cattle in for the tour. (Cyndi Van Newkirk photo)



Melissa Evans playing with her grandson while at the Van Newkirk tour stop.

The winner of the Van Newkirk registered heifer was Jaylea Pope from Shelton, NE.



Relaxing, visiting at the end of the day at Van Newkirk Herefords.



Display Booth at Snowshoe Cattle Company.



Jack Ward, Executive Vice Pres. of the American Hereford Association, addressed the tour group at Van Newkirk's stop.

(Cyndi Van Newkirk photo)



Cyndi Van Newkirk visiting with the couple that probably came the farthest, Amanda & William Schaub of Starkville, MS.



Serena Boner (right) visiting with folks during meal at Van Newkirk's. Meat was provided by Greater Omaha. Thanks!



Bulls on display at Van Newkirk Herefords.



Fall calves at Snowshoe Cattle Company.

Greater Omaha's Mike Drury: We Want Hereford Cattle

by Marc Hotchkiss

Mike Drury, President of Greater Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, spoke to participants on the Nebraska Hereford Tour September 11th at the last stop of the tour, Van Newkirk Herefords of Oshtosh, NE.

Here is what Mike had to say to them:

My background is that I grew up on a cow-calf operation in Northwest Illinois and then spent 20 years in California selling high quality beef from Greater Omaha and much of that prod-

uct was Hereford.

We worked with a lot of discerning chefs and customers across the country and one thing we never had to do was apologize for the quality of our beef and that's a credit to what's happening right here with the Hereford producers today.

"It starts right here with the seedstock. People who understand how to handle the cattle and raise it to what our customers are asking for, which is consistent cutability on beef and the Hereford program has proven that."

Through my relationship with Greater Omaha and speaking with Henry Davis, the owner of the company, I was given chance to come on board and join the company about nine months ago.

I'm really pleased with what I've seen here so far with the company and the many opportunities that exist, but what gets me excited, is the supply line. We can spend time talking about promoting the beef, but if it's not consistent, high quality, then we don't have a story to tell on Monday morning, and



Mike Drury, President of Greater Omaha spoke to the Nebraska Hereford Tour group and encouraged them to continue raising top quality Herefords.



Levi Kerkman (left), Mike Drury, Joe Van Newkirk and Jim Williams gathered cattle at Van Newkirk's prior to the Nebraska Hereford Tour. (Photos by Cyndi Van Newkirk)

that's a credit to what happens here.

It starts right here with the seedstock. People who understand how to handle the cattle and raise it to what our customers are asking for, which is consistent cutability on beef and the Hereford program has proven that.

One of the messages I want to leave with this group is we don't have enough of it. I want to share with you and encourage you that what you're doing is resonating throughout the industry. It's resonating across the country and the 70 countries that we sell beef to. They want this high quality, consistent beef, so keep up the good work!

Our goal is to help connect the dots which starts with the beef producers and then on to Greater Omaha Packing and ultimately to the consumer whether that be through the foodservice or retail channel.

The more we know where these high-quality cattle are and where they finish out at is what we're looking for. None of that's easy work, but I appreciate the work being done here today. I want you to know that we count on you day in and day out.

I appreciate the hospitality, the chance to be here and a chance to meet you. Thank you all.

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Final Farewell...

Delores Audrey Schmidt

Delores Audrey Schmidt was born to Alfred Ernest and Rosa Margaret (Wahlert) Staeffler on February 14,



1935 in Luverne, Minnesota. She was raised on a farm east of Hardwick, Minnesota where she attended school in District #55. She continued her education at the Luverne High School. After her graduation in 1953, she worked in an insurance agency in Luverne. In 1955, she became employed with the Rock County Extension Office. On June 29, 1957, she was united in marriage to John Schmidt at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Following their marriage, they lived on a farm in Sweet Township of Pipestone County and Delores worked at the Pipestone County Extension Office until the birth of her first child. At that time, she stayed at home to care for her children. While living on the farm, she raised poultry and sold eggs. In 1968, she began working as a secretary at the Pipestone Insurance Agency. She earned her insurance license in 1982 and continued working at this agency until Lathem Insurance purchased the business. She then became employed by the Key Agency in Pipestone until her retirement in 1999. At this time, she worked part-time for Farm Bureau Insurance Agency, she worked as a receptionist at the Pipestone Vet Clinic, and she worked part-time for D's Sanitation. Delores passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at the Pipestone Medical Center at the age of 86 years, six months, and 17 days.

Delores was baptized on June 2, 1935 at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Luverne and confirmed in 1947 at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. She was currently a member of St. Leo Catholic Church where she was active in the Ladies Aid and was a circle leader. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Hi Neighbor Birthday Club, and the Pipestone Senior Citizens. She enjoyed watching TV, especially the Minnesota Twins. She also enjoyed baking, and everyone loved her angel food cakes. Her spare time was spent playing solitaire on the computer. She enjoyed watching her children at their 4-H and school events. She looked forward to family get togethers, especial-

ly Christmas where she could be with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 64 years, John E. Schmidt of Pipestone, Minnesota; three children, John A. (Joyce) Schmidt of Pipestone, Minnesota, Joan A. (Barry) Kelley of LeRaysville, Pennsylvania, and Jacqueline J. (Danny) Schaefer of Marshall, Minnesota; six grandchildren, Jenna (Patrick) McGunegill,

Amber (Brad) Seiss, Brittney Schaefer, Shelby (Steven) Buchholz, Addy Schaefer, and Jason (Rebecca) Kelley; and great-grandchildren, Logan, Mabry, Max, and Lenox McGunegill, Piper and Brooks Seiss, and Alice and Austin Schaefer. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Virgil Staeffler; her sister-in-law, Marjorie Staeffler; her nephew, Larry Staeffler; and her niece, Sandra Vander Beek.

Memorials are preferred to the St. Leo Catholic Church maintenance fund, 415 Hiawatha Ave, Pipestone, Minnesota 56164.

Richard "Miles" McKee

Longtime Kansas State University animal science professor and renowned beef cattle judge Richard "Miles" McKee, 91, passed away on Monday August 30, 2021, in Manhattan, KS.

Miles was born on October 8, 1929, to Nell (Miles) McKee and Thomas F. McKee in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. He was united in marriage with his high school sweetheart, Marjorie (Fisk) McKee on June 22, 1952, in Cottonwood Falls, KS. They raised

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one daughter Annell, and three sons, Dave, Richard, and John.

Miles grew up on a ranch in Chase County, KS. He attended Kansas State University (KSU) receiving a degree in animal science. He enlisted in the U.S Marine Corps and served in the Korean War as a 1st Lieutenant. Upon completion of his service he worked as a beef herdsman on ranches in Kansas, Missouri, and Michigan. He returned to KSU as the herdsman for the purebred beef unit. Miles received his Doctoral Degree in Animal Science from the University of Kentucky in 1968 and returned to KSU, to join the Animal Science and Industry faculty where he received numerous teaching awards and developed a reputation as a top beef cattle judge. His greatest legacy is as an academic advisor, guiding, mentoring, and caring for generations of students. Miles felt each student who walked in his office door was special and unique.

In 2015, Miles received the initial "Don L. Good Impact Award" from Kansas State's Livestock and Meat Industry Council. Miles was a member of the 1950 National Champion Livestock Judging team at Kansas State coached by Dr. Good.

Miles was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan where he sang in the choir and volunteered part-time as a host and receptionist in retirement. He enjoyed tending his apple trees, harvesting a bounty of apples that his wife Marjorie processed into apple sauce and pie fillings each year. For years Miles served as a "Burger and Brats Griller" at the Animal Science tailgate tent on Football Saturdays greeting current and former students from across the state.

Miles was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie, parents Nell and Thomas, one brother, Tom, and two sisters, Margaret and Jane. He is survived by his, four children Dave (Susan), McKee of Sheridan, WY; Richard McKee of Topeka, KS; Annell (Gary) Danczyk of Whitefish, MT; John (Angie) McKee of San Clemente, CA; and nine grandchildren.

Charitable donations in memory of Miles can be made to the Miles McKee Student Enrichment Fund, at the Department of Animal Science and Industry, Kansas State University, 1424 Claflin Road, 232 Weber Hall, Manhattan, KS. 66506-8028. For more information contact: 785-532-6533, or asi@ksu.edu.

Sale Roundup



Holden Sale Topper — High seller was this powerful daughter of the 5139R donor cow at \$31,500 to Wilhelm Cattle in Sundance, WY.

Holden Herefords
Miss Advance Female Pageant
Sept. 16, 2021
smartauctions.co
29 Lots — \$7698

High sellers:

Lot 13, HH Miss Advance 1217J ET, 1/24/21 by HH Advance 8010F ET to Wilhelm Cattle Company, Sundance, WY, \$31,500.

Lot 5, HH Miss Advance 9017G ET, 12/29/18 by HH Advance 5044C ET to CMT Cattle, \$20,509.

Lot 11, HH Miss Advance 9139G, 1/13/19 by HH Advance 6212D ET to Marvin Harding, \$20,000.

Lot 3, HH Miss Advance 8179F ET, 1/18/18 by HH Advance 5304C ET to Winston and Daniel Tanner, \$14,500.

Lot 2, HH Miss Advance 4011B ET, 12/30/13 by HH Advance 1098Y to Andrew Laprath, \$12,000.



Brad Holden (left) and J.D. Evans



Churchill Sale Topper — High seller was this straight horned bull, Churchill Roughneck 0280H by Churchill Rough Rider 719E. He sold to Express Ranches, Yukon, OK for \$25,000.

Churchill Cattle Co.
World Class Female Sale
Manhattan, MT
Sept. 17, 2021
Auctioneer: Joe Goggins

52 Bred Heifers — \$4,587
9 Donor Cows — \$6,417
21 Fall Pairs — \$3,702
1 Bull — \$25,000
19 Spring Heifer Calves — \$8,303
102 Live Lots — \$5,458

42 Embryos — \$769
50 Units of Semen — \$84

Top Bull:

Lot 21, Churchill Roughneck 0280H, 3/15/20 by Churchill Rough Rider 719E to Express Ranches, Yukon, OK, \$25,000.

Top Females:

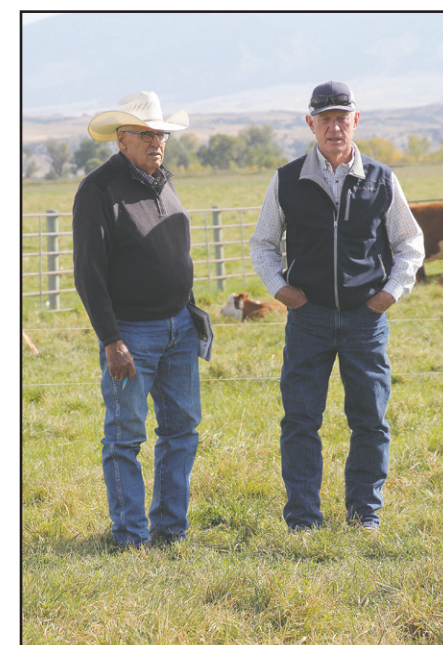
Lot 1, Churchill Lady 103J, 1/4/21 by Churchill Red Baron 8300F to Barrett Herefords, Eustis, NE, \$16,000.

Lot 2, Churchill Lady 113J, 1/7/21 by NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 173D to Medonte Highlands Polled Herefords, Orillia, ON, Canada, \$15,500.

Lot 8, Churchill Lady 1212J, 3/4/21 by Churchill Broadway 858F to Sadler Ranches, Tryon, OK, \$15,000.

Lot 7, Churchill Lady 126J, 1/11/21 by Loewen Genesis G16 to BJK Farms, Vinton, IA, \$14,000.

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Roger Stuber (left), Bowman, ND and Dale Venhuizen visiting and assessing things before the Churchill sale.

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Sale Roundup



Ehlke Sale Topper — High selling lot was a flush from ILR 16W Lady Beth 835 ET, owned with Iron Lake Ranch. This female is sired by Pyramid 16W 110T 9116 and out of the DJB 46B Beth 1L cow. The flush sold to Kevin Self, Whiteright, TX for \$7,000.



Mohican West Sale Topper — High selling lot was Mohican 4013 65J, 2/20/21 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET at \$16,500 to Clifford Hereford Farms, Harrison, KY and Ehlke Herefords, Townsend, MT. His mother sold for \$8,000 to Topp Herefords, Grace City, ND.

**Ehlke Herefords
Montana Made Female Sale
Sept. 18, 2021
smartauctions.co**

**35 Lots sold
to buyers in 8 states**

Top Lots:

1 Right to IVF flush ILR 16W Lady Beth 835 ET (owned with Iron Lake Ranch), sired by Pyramid 16W 110T 9116 to Kevin Self, Whitewright, TX, \$7,000. High selling Bred Heifer, E 507C Lady Dew 9004 ET, 8/17/19 by Churchill Toro 507C ET to Andy Stellpflug, Glenrock, WY, \$6,250. High Selling Heifer Calf, E 252 Whitney J17, 2/22/21 by NJW 79Z 33B Forward 252F to Andy Stellpflug, Glenrock, WY, \$8,750.



John Woolfolk from Jackson, TN bid on cattle at the Mohican sale for Chapman Land and Cattle of Nunnally, TN.



Clifford Hereford Farms, Harrison, KY purchased the Mohican top seller, Lot 5A, a 4013 bull calf, along with Ehlke Herefords, Townsend, MT (Mark Ehlke pictured below.)

**Mohican West
& Guests Female Sale
(McMurry Cattle and Durbin Creek
Ranch)
Sept. 19, 2021
Laurel, MT**

Auctioneer: Dale Stith

**54 Female Lots — \$6,975
1 Herd Bull — \$14,000
55 Total Live Lots — \$6,898
7 Embryos — \$614**

Top Lots:

Lot 5 and 5A, \$24,500. Bull Calf, Mohican 4013 65J, 2/20/21 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET at \$16,500 to Clifford Hereford Farms, Harrison, KY, and Ehlke Herefords, Townsend, MT, \$16,500; Cow, Mohican Mattie 403E ET, 3/14/17 by NJW 76S 27A Salute 201C to Topp Herefords, Grace City, ND, \$8,000. Lot 31, \$23,000. Mohican Peggy Sue 35H, 2/4/20 by EFBEEF BR Validated B413 to C&L Hereford Ranch, Ixonia, WI, \$23,000. Lot 6 and 6A, \$16,000. Bull Calf, Mohican 4013 43J, 2/9/21 by Innisfail WHR X651/1723 4013 ET to Mead Cattle Enterprises, Midville, GA, \$12,000. Cow, Mohican Mattie 16E to Smith Herefords, Lehi, UT, \$4,000. Lot 12 and 12A, \$13,250. Cow, Mohican Vicky 47E, 2/8/17 by TDP Cutting Edge 410C to Sunnyside Farms, Dresden, OH, \$8,250. Heifer Calf, Mohican Vicky 42J, by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET to River Valley Polled Herefords, Newburgh, ON, Canada \$5,000. Lot 49 and 49A, \$12,700. Cow, Mohican DCR 199B Image 9306, 4/10/19 by NJW 78P 88X Cowboys 1998 to Cottage Hill Farm, Petersburg, WV, \$10,000. Calf, DCR 6009 Image 1028, 3/22/21 by DCR 4288 Manhattan 6009 to Mohican West Polled Herefords, Laurel, MT, \$2,700. Lot 51, \$11,600. Cow, DCR 199B Daisy 9239, 4/4/19 by NJW 78P 88X Cowboys 199B to Mead Cattle Enterprises, \$9,000. Calf, DCR 7059 Daisy 1051, 3/30/21 by THM Grits And Grace 7059 to Wayne Hess, Park City, MT; \$2,600.



Jake and Jane'a (Ehlke) Merkel and their twin sons McCoy and Maverick at the Ehlke Montana Made Sale. Congratulations Jake and Jane'a!



Mark Ehlke at their Open House, dinner and Online sale. The ranch is near Townsend, MT.



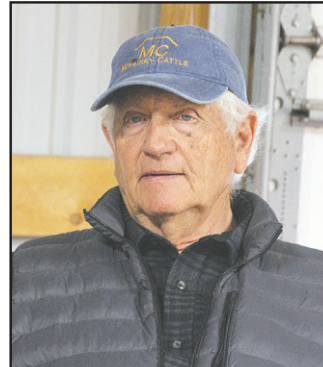
Mike and Carol Allison, Boardman, OR, at the Mohican West sale.



Wyatt and Joey Agar, Durbin Creek Ranch from Wyoming, were guest consignors in the Mohican West sale.



Jenni and Ross Hofer from the Bozeman area, at the Ehlke sale.



Fred McMurry, McMurry Cattle, Billings, MT was a guest consignor in the Mohican West sale.



Maggie and Matt Stitzlein of Mohican Polled Hereford Farms and Mohican West, concentrating on the sale.



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JW WSF PRECIOUS LADY H421 ET {MSUDP}

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K CARTEL 708 ET {DLF,HYF,IEF,MSUDP}

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SULL TCC HARLEY 4069B ET {DLF,HYF,IEF,MSUDF}

CRR 719 CATAPULT 109 {SOD}{DLF,HYF,IEF,MDF}

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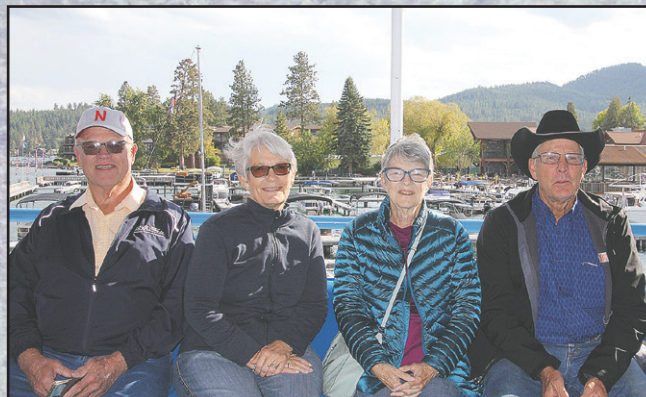
Montana "Crown of the Continent" Hereford Tour

September 13-15, 2021 • By Jill Hotchkiss

Based in Kalispell, MT the group went on a Flathead Lake dinner cruise the evening of the 13th. The first day of the tour took us through the edge of Glacier National Park and on to Anchor Polled Herefords at Vaughn, then Holden Herefords near Valier with a special display by Rock Star Cattle Co.



Flathead Lake dinner cruise on the Far West the evening before the tour kicked off.



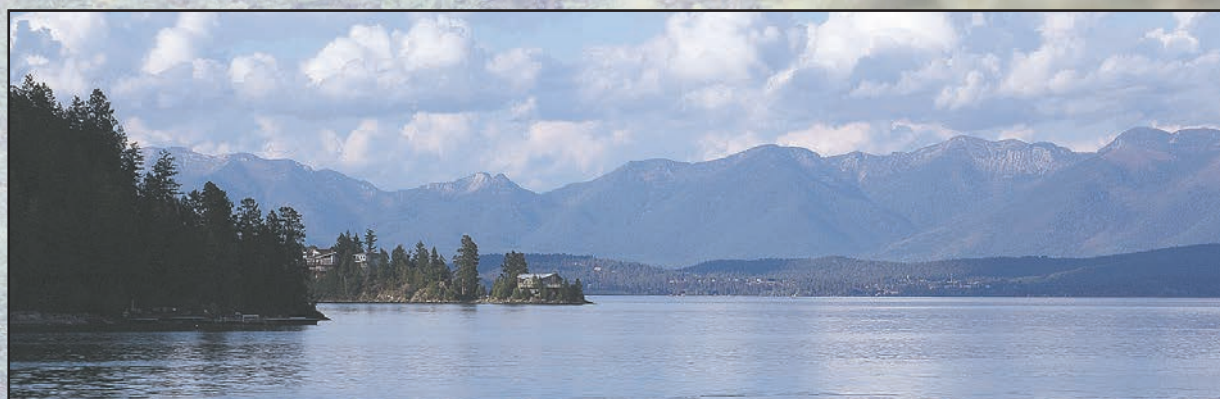
Nebraskans Rich and Karla Person, Hordville, NE with Kay and Ronnie Morgan, Burwell, NE, getting ready to cruise.



Marge and Jack duPrel from Sturgis, SD enjoying their time on Flathead Lake.



Jon Bouma, who was on the tour committee and displayed cattle at St. Ignatius, welcomed the tour group to the Flathead Lake cruise. Jon was wearing quite a few hats on this tour!



Flathead Lake is the largest fresh-water lake west of the Missouri River. It sits at the base of the Swan and Mission Mountain ranges. It's gorgeous!



Dale and Linda Helsing from Washington state have been Hereford breeders for a long time. Dale spent some of his earlier years near Brookings, SD.



Brittany Carmon, got to captain the ship during the dinner cruise. She and her husband Isaac are Hereford breeders from Philpot, KY.



April and Wes Ashe of Ashewood Farms near Selmer, TN, made a vacation of the trip.



Beautiful Glacier Park area in northwest Montana.



Anchor Polled Herefords near Vaughn, MT had their cattle split into heifer pairs and bull calf pairs plus another group of bred heifers. Paul Hinderager's dad started his herd in 1947 with a purchase from Kuhlman's in Nebraska. Paul bought his first heifer from John E. Rice in 1973.

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Day 2 of the MHA tour took us to Hedstrom Dairy/Kallispell Creamery by Kalispell, due to Whispering Pine Farms having to cancel their tour stop due to illness. After the dairy tour we headed south to the St. Ignatius Mission and cattle displays by Griffin Polled Herefords, Wilson Ranch and Lucky U Cattle Co. Great combination of Hereford cattle, great company and great scenery! Thanks Montana!!!



Heifer calf pairs at Anchor.



Berva Hinderager along with husband Paul Hinderager, welcomed the group to Anchor Polled Herefords. Berva served a delicious lunch with hamburgers, potato salad and more.



Wes Ashe (left), TN, Kevin Murnin (AHA), Billings, MT and Dave Hansen, Bar Z and Cooper Herefords, Willow Creek, deep in conversation in the bull calf pen at Anchor Polled Herefords. Dave is also the MHA vice president.



Heifers on display at Holden Herefords, Valier, MT. Holdens raise Line One cattle and their cowherd consists of approximately 300 head of cows. "We expect a cow to have a calf every year, or she better have a darn good reason why she didn't," Jack says.



Holdens were ready for their online female sale which was the day after the tour was at their ranch.



Jack Holden and grandson, Brayton, were part of the welcoming committee.



Brooke Holden Lawver, Heidi Forbes and Tresha Holden (right) prepared steak with all the trimmings. Fabulous meal!



Hyer McKechnie, Shelby, MT, is the current MHA president and did a great job along with Dave Hansen, keeping the group on the move.



Doug Branch, manager of Buford Ranches, Oklahoma, studying the females at Holdens.



Jagger Flash of Rock Star Cattle Co. spoke about his display of polled cattle at Holdens.



Ann and Sam Smith from Batesland, SD looking over the Holden offering.

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Montana "Crown of the Continent" Hereford Tour

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The final stop on the tour was at the St. Ignatius Mission in St. Ignatius. Several herds had cattle on display there, a first for the Mission!



Lucky U Cattle had a nice display in front of the Catholic statues.



Tieg, Jemma and Rhorie Bouma displayed cattle with their dad, Jon.



Inside the St. Ignatius Mission where paintings are being restored.



The St. Ignatius Mission is a landmark Roman Catholic mission founded in 1854 by Father Pierre-Jean De Smet and Father Adrian Hoecken. The current mission church was built between 1891 and 1893, and listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1973.



Rex Griffin from Darby and his dog, enjoying the day at St. Ignatius. He and his granddaughter Mya had a display of Polled Herefords including several 719Ts.



Pat, Sidney and Mindy Wilson from Trout Creek displayed cattle at the St. Ignatius stop. Their heifers included some Cooper progeny.



Terri and Nels Nixdorff, YV Ranch in Airdrie, Alberta, made an appearance at Holdens. Good to see you!

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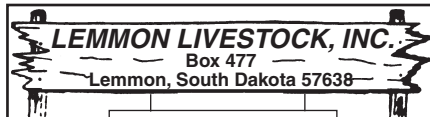
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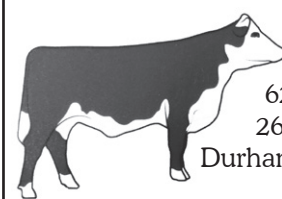
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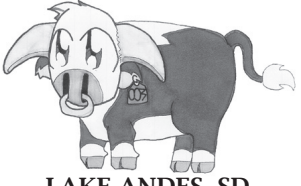
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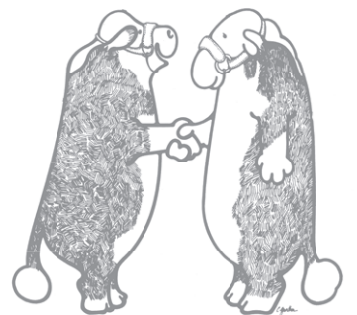
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