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Editorial Comments...

Jill Bayers Hotchkiss



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It's been a year of highs and lows and the summer was no exception. I'm sure most of you feel the same way between all of the bizarre weather, severe winter, tough calving weather, spring and summer flooding, late crops in some areas and bumper crops of hay in others, it's just been a wild ride.

Seems like a lot has happened since our last issue which was in April.

Our AHA fieldman Levi Landers announced in July he was leaving the Hereford association for a similar job with the Angus Association. We sure hate to see Levi leave, however he had one of if not the largest areas of any breed rep in the nation covering the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and into Saskatchewan for a few sales. He traveled thousands of miles especially in February and March and worked hundreds of sales. Thanks for the great job, Levi. We will miss you but wish you well in your new position. With the Angus Association he will be covering Colorado and Nebraska.

Congratulations are also in order for Judy Finseth who was recently hired by the *Canadian Hereford Digest* as managing editor. She will also perform field services for Canadian breeders in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Judy is a talented writer who has a great deal of experience in the Hereford industry as well as association and event organizing and man-

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Ochsner Family Recipients of Wyoming Environmental Stewardship Honors



The Ochsner Ranch is situated about 20 miles north of Torrington, WY and was homesteaded in 1913. The operation runs both Hereford and Angus cattle.

Photo by Terra Ochsner



A beautiful Hereford pair on the Ochsner Ranch... "healthy land means healthy cattle."

Photo by Terra Ochsner

Torrington, WY — Often times, when one utters the phrase "I had no idea what I was getting myself into" it carries a negative connotation. I have found myself uttering that phrase a lot over that past four years, but with a more positive intent. I was so fortunate to have married into the Ochsner-Roth family, and consequently the George Ochsner Ranch, where I quickly adapted to their immense passion for the cattle, and their deep respect for the land that supports them. Every day I stand in awe at the never-ending perseverance and dedication that this family, and the rest of our community, has when it comes to their land and cattle.

When we learned that we had been nominated for, and had received, the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) Environmental Stewardship Award, we were extremely honored and excited for the opportunity to share our passion for conservation and stewardship. With the help of the WSGA our family organized a ranch tour on June 20th. It turned out to be a beautiful day jam-packed with informational talks from local and state leaders, and featured a bussed tour of our ranch with a different topic of focus at each location.

It's in our History

The day began at our ranch headquarters approximately 20 miles north of Torrington, which also serves as the home to George and Ruby Ochsner. Dixie Roth kicked us off with a Powerpoint presentation that highlighted the history of our family's operation.

"What eventually became the ranch you see now was homesteaded in 1913 by Eva and Jacob Ochsner," Dixie said as she pulled up a well-preserved black-and-white photograph of the two.

She explained that Eva and Jacob's son, Godfrey, and his wife Esther settled four miles south of the ranch headquarters. Here, they raised their four children: Dee, Jack, George, and Marge. The children were all involved

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September

- 1 South Dakota State Fair
Hereford Shows, Huron
- 2 Walker Polled Herefords
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Morrison, TN
- 5 Hereford America October
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Ree Heights, SD
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Kisbey, SK
- 20 Blair/Athol/Haroldson's
and Guests Sale
Arcola, SK
- 24 Jensen Bros. "The Chosen"
Female Sale at Sanders Ranch
Louisburg, KS
- 26 AHA Annual Meeting
Kansas City, MO
- 26 Ladies of the Royal Sale
Kansas City, MO
- 27 American Royal Show
Kansas City, MO



November

- 1 Jamison Herefords Fall
Female Sale
Quinter, KS
- 8 SD Hereford Assn. Annual
Meeting & Banquet
Brookings, SD
- 9 SD Hereford Assn.
Excellence Sale
Brookings, SD
- 9 Nebraska Hereford
Association Annual Meeting
Grand Island, NE
- 9 Iron Lake Ranch
Iron Clad Genetics VI Sale
Grand Saline, TX
- 10 Nebraska Hereford Assn.
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Grand Island, NE
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Laurel, MT
- 17 NAILE Show
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- 21 Largent & Sons Sale
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- 23 Amdahl Angus and Hereford
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Ochsner...

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in the ranch from an early age, and that's when our family's tradition of stewardship began.

Dixie projected an old photo on the screen showing Godfrey, Jack, and a young George beside a large pile of cactus. In order to control the massive infestation of cactus throughout the pastures, they would dig and chop the cactus by hand, making piles that would smother and kill the plants.

"He was only eight years old and learning to take care of the land," stated Dixie proudly.

Dixie went on to show how George and his wife Ruby, who were married in December of 1955, carried on a legacy of stewardship as they continued to build this ranch and their family. In fact, they were first recognized for their stewardship practices in 1959.

"George and Ruby received an award for planting trees for protection and beautification," said Dixie.

Looking forward to 2019, Dixie showed how the legacy started by Eva and Jacob has grown and flourished. George and Ruby currently have eight grandkids, two of which have come home to work on the ranch full time, and 11 great-grandkids.

"These kids are the future stewards of the land," said Dixie, emphasizing how important it is that we set a good example for future generations of ranchers.

Dixie also took time to give an overview of our stewardship practices that would be covered in depth on the ranch tour. She concluded the presentation by explaining that everything we do is for the cattle.

"Healthy land means healthy cattle," she said.

We loaded up onto school buses to begin our ranch tour. It was decided that a different member of the ranch would speak at each stop to highlight the various ways that stewardship works within our operation. Each bus had at least one member of the ranch in order to answer questions and provide commentary about our history and significant landmarks along the way.

Range Management

We made our way to my in-laws', Blake and Chrissy's, home about 10 miles south of our ranch headquarters. The buses pulled off alongside a pasture directly west of their house, and we gathered around Blake as he talked about our history of range management.

Blake started by discussing how, originally, these specific sections of land had been used for dryland farming.

"We were constantly battling wind erosion on our dryland farm ground and it was hard to make a profit," Blake explained, "so we planted it back to grass [for] pastureland and dryland hay fields."

"Pasture has a lower land value, but it was the best thing to do for the land."

He talked about how some of the erosion became bad enough that the decision was made to fence them off in order to help the land heal.

"[This] allows the land to heal itself without cattle eating or tramping out the grass that is trying to re-establish," he said.

When it was decided to do away with our dryland crops, crested wheat was planted in its place.

"Crested wheat grass provides more AUM's (animal unit months) than native grass species, and can be hayed on



Godfrey, Jack, and George Ochsner (8) beside a large pile of cactus. Back then they controlled massive infestations of cactus by digging up and chopping it by hand, then making piles that would smother and kill the plants.

Photo

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years with plenty of early moisture," Blake said as he turned to point out a few areas that have been hayed in years past.

You'll also find large areas of cheat grass and other native grasses that have been very beneficial to our cattle, but also need to be managed carefully.

"Cheat grass provides ground cover to reduce wind erosion, and cattle will utilize it early and late in the growing season," he explained.

We have made sure to be extremely conscious of the ways we utilize and rotate our pastures.

"Our rule of thumb is to leave half of the grass for next year. By doing that we leave enough grass to catch the snow, [provide] more ground cover to reduce evaporation, and [have sufficient cover] to ensure invasive weed species don't get started," said Blake.

In the words of grandpa George, "leaving half the grass is just like putting money in the bank."

A few tour participants also took this as an opportunity to ask

Tour participants gather around Blake for his discussion of range management.

Photo by Katie Ochsner



questions in regard to the control of noxious plants and pests in our pasture. Blake described how in the past, we had a major problem with the control of cactus and thistle.

"We had areas of cactus that were so bad that cattle would not walk through [them]," he said, "we had several areas of thistle that were so thick no other grass species would grow."

We have had to make a very conscious effort to control both cactus and thistle, and while these tasks are time consuming and sometimes monotonous, they yield positive results for everyone.

"Controlling weeds like cactus and thistle make the land better for wildlife and domestic animals, and it is also a way to be a good neighbor," Blake said.

From there, we made our way back to the north to our school section where



Rodney Ochsner speaks to the crowd about the ranch's watering systems.

Photo by Dixie Roth

Rodney Ochsner would lead the next forum.

Watering Systems

At this stop, we all gathered around a newly updated water tank as Rodney took the mic to discuss our watering system methods. He pointed out that we have had to be very conscious about our water use, as we do not have access to any running water on our ranch.

"Wisely utilizing this precious resource is a continual process," said Rodney, "we depend, and capitalize, on the water we have access to by maintaining wells, piping water to pastures, feedlots, and pivots."

He highlighted how our ranch features over 30 miles of pipeline. While this may seem excessive, Rodney explained how this enables us to central-

ize water tanks in our pastures as a way to better utilize our pastures and prevent excess erosion.

In the past, our cattle were travelling very long distances to get water. Rodney discussed that by centralizing our water tanks, and creating smaller sections of our pastures, we were able to take better care of our land.

"[We experienced] over-grazing near water sources and erosion due to cattle trailing, and grass throughout entire pastures was not utilized as it was too far from the water sources for cattle to bother travelling to," he stated.

Rodney also took this opportunity to mention that "we started utilizing solar wells to replace old windmills and/or deep wells to modernize our operations." He explained that since we have implemented this new technology, we

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DD TRUST ME 847 (P43964744)
BW 2.6 WW 61 YW 99 M 25 M&G 56 REA .42 MRB .14



DD MISS DOMINO 306 (43373727)
BW 4.0 WW 57 YW 98 M 30 M&G 59 REA .33 MRB .03



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BW 3.4 WW 51 YW 78 M 25 M&G 51 REA .43 MRB -.03

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have seen a lot of benefits.

“Over time they have proven to need less maintenance, and are more reliable,” said Rodney.

Rodney rounded out this stop by pointing out the various windbreaks throughout our school section pasture, which serves as a very important calving pasture for our operation. He discussed that whether they are made of metal, wood, trees, or even recycled cement ties, we are very adamant about having various windbreaks in every calving and spring pasture to ensure that cattle have sufficient protection from the elements. In light of the harsh spring storms this year, our windbreaks helped to prevent the cattle from drifting with the wind, and provided suffi-



Son-in-law Steve Roth discussed farming practices on the ranch.



The men of the George Ochsner-Roth ranch received the WSGA Environmental Stewardship Award on June 20th.

Photo by Dixie Roth

cient protection from the biting winds and snow.

We then made our way onto the buses again, and headed even further north for Steve Roth’s discussion of our crops and irrigation.

Crops and Irrigation

We stopped alongside a few of our alfalfa circles for Steve to discuss our ranch’s farming practices. He explained that everything we feed our cattle comes from our own cultivation, and in order to do so, we operate on 614 acres of irrigated, center pivot forage sorghum, alfalfa, and rye.

“We put every bit of our feed back into our cattle,” Steve stated.

He discussed that in recent years we

have switched from corn to sorghum, and have found many positive outcomes from that switch.

“In three years, we have seen roughly a 1/3 reduction in both seed and fertilizer cost,” he said, “and we have had to use noticeably less water.”

“We have found that corn and sorghum have similar ensiled nutrient values, but sorghum has the edge of lower water maintenance,” said Steve.

He reiterated that with our limited access to water, it is very important that we get the most out of every drop that we have. This not only applies to the efficiency of our crops, but of our pivots as well.

“We utilize low pressure systems

with drop nozzles,” Steve noted.

He explained that this helps to reduce evaporation so we can get the most use out of our water as possible.

With that, we made our way back to the ranch headquarters for one last stop to conclude our tour.

Calving Facilities and Heifer Development

At this last stop, Rustin gathered the group in the alleyway of our new calving facilities. He explained how every facility in the area had to be reconstructed following the Prairie Center fire of 2016.

“Every first and second calf heifer (continued on page 6)

30 bred females for sale



BW	3.0
WW	65
YW	105
M	22
M+G	55
REA	.37
Marb	.14

F Ms York 639 (polled) by SHF York Y02
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BW	0.1
WW	65
YW	95
M	25
M+G	58
REA	.46
Marb	.47

F Ms Tested 741 (polled) X651 x York
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BW	1.3
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YW	89
M	36
M+G	64
REA	.19
Marb	.13

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will calve in our new barn so we can keep a closer eye on them," said Rustin.

He pointed out that once the calf has been born, claimed, and has nursed, the pairs will be moved into individual calving "jugs" across from the barn so they can get further acclimated to each other.

"From there, pairs will be moved into a pen with a few others before being moved to the feedlot, and eventually out to pasture."

He discussed that we are very meticulous in this process to make sure our heifers have that natural mothering ability, and that our calves are healthy enough to be moved into the larger herd.

Rustin also noted that our school section pasture, where Rodney led his discussion, is where we calve out our older mothers. While we still check these cows throughout the day and night,

Rustin explained that they have proven to us with their first years calving that they can handle the process.

Rustin then transitioned to a discussion of our commercial heifer development.

"Our commercial heifer program plays a major roll in our operation, and even though it is time consuming, we put in the extra work to offer the best to our customers," he said.

He discussed how our strict breeding protocols help us to offer the very best to our customers.

"We utilize a fixed-time A.I. on our commercials off of an MGA regimen as a way to maximize our conception rates" he said.

Rustin also emphasized the extra time and consideration we give our commercial heifers by ultra-sounding so our customers can be sure when they will calve.

"We ultrasound 30 days after we AI, again 30 days after that for the February bull-breds, and then a third time for

March-April breds," he stated.

This has helped us to more accurately group our commercials based on their projected calving date when we offer them for sale.

"We started grouping the heifers off of calving dates because we want our customers to get exactly what they want without the guess-work," Rustin explained.

On our side of things, Rustin touched on how our commercial program has diversified our operation, and gives us a safety net if we need to cut back on numbers in the case of a drought, or a natural disaster like a fire.

A.I. Sires and Registered Herd

As we rounded out the tour, BW took a few minutes to outline how we select for our A.I. sires, and our strict criteria for the registered side of our herd.

"When picking our A.I. sires for both our commercial and registered heifers, we emphasize phenotypic quality and well-rounded EPDs, with a strict focus on calving ease, growth, and carcass quality," BW said.

Further, he said that using high quality AI sires not only makes the commercial bred heifers more marketable, but it gives the buyers a product that will generate added premiums for their operations as well.

"Plus, it promotes genetic progress in both our marketed females and the registered heifers and cows that are retained in our herd," BW stated.

When it comes to our home-raised bulls, BW explained that we want them to be progressive, structurally sound cattle who are in breeding shape whether they will become our own herd-sires, or sold private treaty.

"We keep our bulls in breeding shape throughout their growing process by feeding them high forage-silage based rations with minimal corn," he said. In doing so, our bulls aren't too fleshy to breed and remain sound.

"This keeps bulls from being over-conditioned and having bad feet," BW stated.

He also shared how our bulls are all sold private treaty. We have made ma-



The ranch tour concluded with discussions by Rustin Roth (not pictured) and BW Ochsner. Photo by Dixie Roth

jor improvements to our ranch website so that all of our marketed bulls are listed on the website along with their EPDs and the price they'll be offered for sale.

"Private treaty sales keep the prices low for our customers, takes away the pressure of bidding wars, and makes for a stress free, casual buying experience," said BW.

He mentioned that our high standards for our bulls comes from a long-standing mentality on our ranch that we will not sell a bull that we wouldn't use on our own cattle.

BW emphasized that we are extremely critical of our registered females as well in order to continue improving our herd.

"Throughout the year, young cows must meet three standards: udder quality, maternal instinct when calving, and docility," he continued, "over time our cows need to maintain a sound structural build, a feminine and balanced phenotype, and a productive and durable udder."

BW concluded by voicing that our selection criteria for our cattle comes from our commitment to the progress for both the Angus and Hereford breeds.

In Reflection

At the end of the day, our family is extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to share about the land



Rustin Roth gathered the group in the alleyway of the new calving facilities and explained how every facility in the area had to be reconstructed following the Prairie Center fire of 2016.

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Hard to top this cute Hereford baby and his mom

Photo by Dixie Roth

and the cattle that we love so much. As I have reflected on our ranch tour in preparation for this article, I was honestly overwhelmed at all that I have learned over the years as a newly-christened member of this ranch family, and our wonderful community. But, I was overwhelmed in a good way. In fact, I had a bit of an epiphany. There are no longer any questions in my mind revolving around “what have I gotten myself into?” I know for sure that I got myself into a family who works tirelessly as good stewards of this land and their cattle. I got myself into a community who loves, supports, and works just as hard as we do. I got myself into an industry that celebrates and learns together, all for the better of our livestock and our land, an industry that is generous in recognizing the hard work of others. For all of that, I am proud and I am thankful for all that I have gotten myself into, I am proud of this family

and its deep roots in stewardship, and I can’t wait to see that passed down to future generations of ranchers and ag-

riculturalists.

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— Terra C. Ochsner

Editor’s note: Currently the George Ochsner Ranch, spans over 36,000 acres and is operated by George, sons Rodney and Blake, and son-in-law Steve Roth. Additionally, the 5th generation of ranch ownership will be continued through Rustin Roth and Blake W. Ochsner, who are both recent, full-time additions to the operation.



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agement as well as being a Hereford breeder. Most recently she and her husband Doug, have co-managed Bar Pipe Herefords near Okotoks, AB. We wish Judy all the best in her new position.

The highlight of our summer was a trip to Scotland with brief stops in Northern Ireland and England. I'll give you a brief over-view of the trip but will include some pictures for you. Of course the trip included Herefords. I traveled with my husband Marc and our two rancher friends Mark and Jo Vroman from St. Onge, SD. The initial reason for going on the trip was a wedding reception for our nephew Ty Hotchkiss and his new wife Rosie Douglas. They were married in South Dakota in January and her family had a reception for them at the family farm in Scotland this past July.

We included a tour of Edinburgh, a



Congratulations to Ty and Rosie Hotchkiss.

quick trip to Belfast to tour the Titanic museum, then after visiting Douglasses for several days we went on to visit the Kemp family at Auckvale Herefords in northern England.

The wedding reception at Douglasses was a fabulous party and get-together, similar to here in the respect that all the neighbors and friends turn out for the event as well as lots of relatives. There were a number of people from around the world, mostly relatives, and a few of their friends, including a couple from Greece, George and Maria, who we found very interesting and entertaining. It was quite the evening complete with tremendous food, drink, music and dancing and lots of visiting. Our small South Dakota delegation made up of Marc, Mark, Jo and I plus Terra Popkes from north of Sioux Falls and aunt of Shayna Popkes (friend of Rosie's) from Iowa, tried to remember dance steps we had learned last winter for the ceilidh. Suffice to say the dance steps went better when they changed the music to country western with Mark and Jo demonstrating their dance moves from back home. In all honesty the ceilidh dances (Google it and see what it looks like) are a lot of fun and Rosie schooled some of us in South Dakota last year but it's easy to forget unless you do it often. The locals even had to be reminded which I found interesting. Anyway, the party was



Our group at the Titanic Hotel restaurant. Pictured are (left to right) Mark Vroman, Marc Hotchkiss, Jo Vroman and Jill Hotchkiss.



This impressive set of sale bulls greeted us each morning while staying at Douglasses Ervie Herefords.

a lot of fun and it was a great way to once again honor Ty and Rosie in their new marriage. They reside here at the Hotchkiss Ranch in South Dakota.

It is always wonderful visiting the Douglasses. They are a delightful family and are gracious enough to tour us through the Herefords each time we visit. One thing Marc and I naturally gravitate to on all our trips is find Herefords. That's just part of our makeup. Douglasses also run Texel and Romney sheep and we enjoyed seeing the Tex-

els when we were looking at the cattle.

This year the cattle had been out on grass a couple of months by the time we went through them and they looked outstanding. The Douglas breeding program includes Line One bloodlines primarily from Holdens.

Since the winters are cold and wet the cattle spend considerable time in barns. Even though it's not as cold there temperature-wise as it is here, they get a cold, wet rain that will chill a critter, bovine or human, to the bone. But the



Beautiful cow at Ervie Herefords, with some Line One influence. Note stone fence in background.

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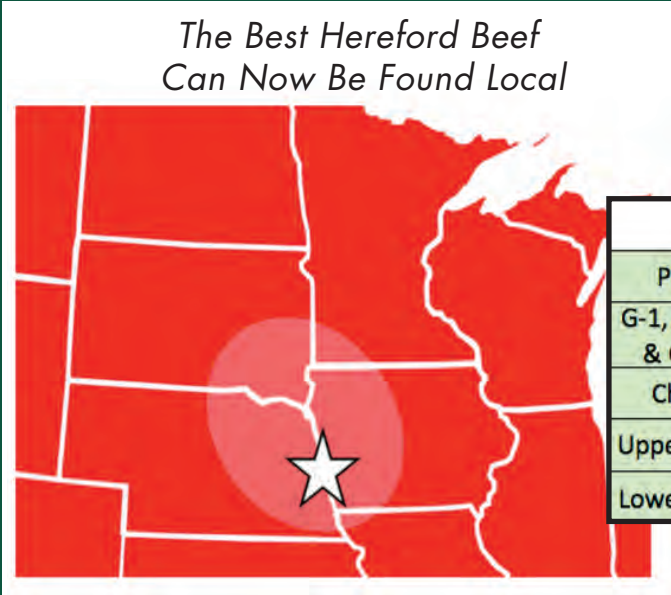
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grass grows quickly in the spring and the cattle benefit from being back out in the sun and green grass.

The Douglas farm, Ervie Herefords is on the Mains of Airies which is a peninsula on the southwest coast of Scotland. It is a beautiful setting with pastures going right down to the shoreline of the Irish Sea. Loch Ryan is farther to the east and is where the ferries run from Scotland to Ireland. We took the Stena Line ferry from Cairnryan (close to Stranraer) to Belfast. It's an enjoyable two-hour ride. Our crazy driver, Marc, was even game to load the car on the ferry and drive in Belfast. The loading on and off the ferry was the easy part, and the rest of us were glad we didn't have to drive.

If any of you have the opportunity to tour the Titanic Museum in Belfast it is certainly worth it. Congratulations again to Ty and Rosie. We are blessed to have them as part of our family.

After visiting Douglasses, we traveled east to northern England to visit the Kemps, John, Tom and Catherine. We have visited with them several times while they were over here in the United States and once in Canada at the World Hereford Conference. They kept inviting us over so we decided to take the opportunity to visit them at Auckvale Farms near Bishops Auckland, UK.

It was about a 5 hour drive to get from Stranraer to Bishops Auckland, something we are fairly used to here. Our friends Mark and Jo were great traveling partners, putting up with all the craziness of traveling in a foreign country,



Fun time by the shoreline at Ervie Herefords with Mark Vroman, John Douglas, Ty Hotchkiss and Marc Hotchkiss.

and were game to go to another ranch/farm with us. In fact, we all preferred touring farms and the countryside, over the hustle and bustle of Edinburgh or Belfast, even though it was interesting to see those two cities and all their history.

Driving from Douglasses to Kemps, the topography quickly changed from beautiful sea scapes and rocky coastline, with bushes, green pastureland with sheep, dairy and beef cattle and an occasional wheat or barley field to rolling, vast hills with more cultivated fields of small grain and eventually to the Pennines, a range of hills that separates northwest England and northeast England.

It's quite an experience driving in a foreign country in the first place but we didn't have much of an idea where we

were going. Thank goodness for a good GPS, a gutsy driver and tolerant friends. Seriously, we had no trouble finding the farm, were very relieved of that and arrived on time. I might add, while normally fairly cool in the summer compared to South Dakota, England was experiencing record heat while we were there.

Arriving at John Kemp's location first, at Wigdon Walls Farms, we also met up with Tom there and had tea and visited, getting re-acquainted. Then it was on to a fabulous tour of the cattle at John's. Kemps have been quite successful in the showing es-

pecially this summer, but touring the herd and visiting these people, it wouldn't strike you as a "show outfit" like it might over here. We were able to see a couple of their recent champions who were out in the pasture.

We saw incredibly good cattle but they were out in their natural environment grazing in the fields, not pampered but in great condition. John took us to the top of a hill behind his house and barns to show us a lovely group of cows and calves. As we stood in the middle of the cattle on top of the hill with these two friendly Hereford breeders, we gazed out over beautiful scenery of old stone buildings, small acreages of wheat and barley and green, green pastures. I couldn't believe I was finally touring Herefords in England, the birthplace of the breed. It was incredible.

From there we went to see a pen of sale bulls that would rival anything we've seen here in the U.S. What impressed me about this group of bulls was their body depth, muscling and thickness. We took a drive through the heifer pasture nearby. It's funny how your eye is drawn to certain cattle.

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Jo Vroman, Alexandra Douglas and Ellen Douglas.

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Dad was one of many that worked for the betterment of the Hereford Breed. He didn't spend much time showing cattle or seeking awards or accolades. He just wanted to produce better cattle for the commercial sector. His favorite activity was to be looking at Herefords, always seeking the next great bull.

He had the privilege of owning and using some pretty good bulls. He looked over the High Plains from Texas to Alberta and East to Manitoba and Missouri. He had a fascination of pedigrees, and was fast to point out that "the numbers" don't reveal all the things that the pedigrees do. His fascination of pedigrees splashed over into genealogy and surprised customers more than once when he'd say, "Then that makes you relation to..."

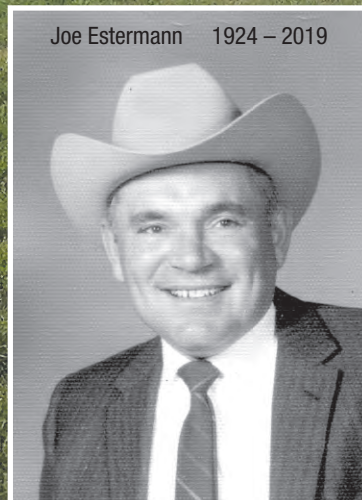
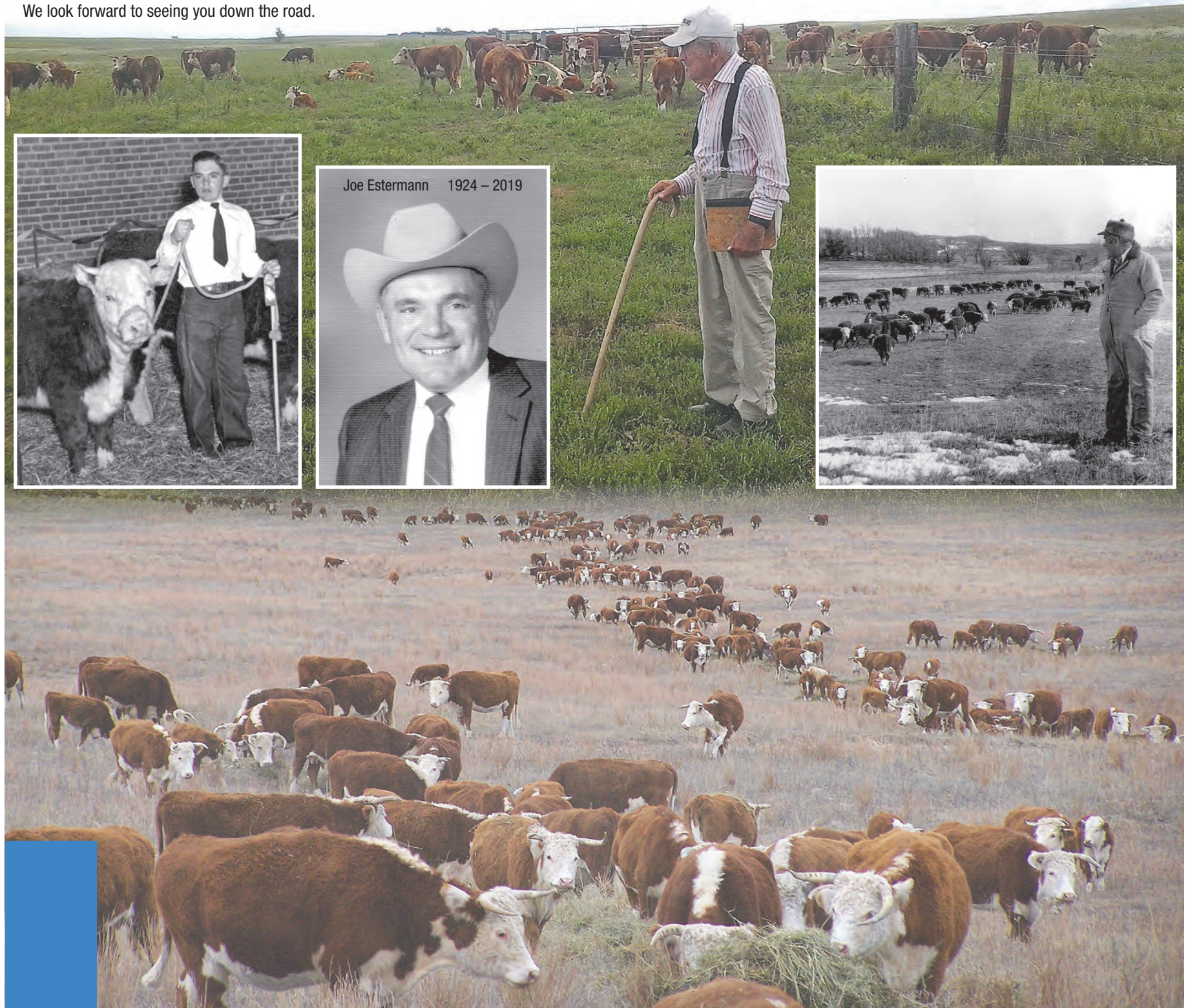
He had the privilege of knowing some pretty great people as well. He liked and admired some great cattle breeders and in earlier years emulated them. Mousels, Kuhlmanns, F.E. Messersmith, and Walter Graham. Later, with more confidence he struck out on his own track and pursued his own lines. He learned early that fads had a way of reversing and leaving you on the fringe.

Elmer Youngs started our herd in 1899. We continued it in 1938 with the purchase of keeping heifers at his retirement. Dad was a freshman in high school and it was his responsibility to do the registration work. He sold bulls privately from that time until the mid 1960's when he started having production sales. Production sales were always a hit or miss event with snow days inevitably occurring and so Dad moved back to private treaty sales. "We have bulls here when you are ready and can get away to look" As the cattle business has changed, Estermann Herefords evolved with it. Our business has expanded over much of the territory Dad looked for bulls in his early years.

This year, marks our family's 100th year on this ranch. Dad was born on the ranch and was here for just shy of 95 years. As I write this, I get to thinking I have been here for 54 of those years. I've been here longer than my Grandfather who first bought the place. In sifting through photographs, I came across a letter from Elmer Youngs, to my Dad, extending condolences upon my Grandfather's passing in 1957. And, in a reflection of the change in times, I received a text this week, on my smartphone, from one of the cowgirls that worked here and became like family. She sent me a photo of the Horned Hereford tattoo on her shoulder she'd gotten in memory of Dad. Dad sure hated to see those cowgirls get tattoos, but I think he'd have to smile about that one in spite of himself.



We look forward to seeing you down the road.



Joe Estermann 1924 - 2019



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Marc and I found ourselves drawn to the same ones (we had been by them at the beginning of our tour) and we found out they carry the U.S. breeding of Untapped and Down Home.

After this wonderful tour at John's, we went a few miles to Tom, Cath-

erine and William's farms. Mark Vroman mentioned it would be interesting to have one of those GPS trackers like hunters use, to see where you've been. I don't know how to even describe where all we went on this trip, but for being new to this area, I know I couldn't find it again.

We stopped off at another set of ex-

ceptionally good looking sale bulls with the same attributes as the first group, then we were off to Tom and Catherine's home place for afternoon tea and a tour of the cow herd.

We arrived in what seemed to be in the middle of town, to their old stone house. What's interesting in England is you might feel like you are in the middle of a town, then you go behind the house and there are stables, barns, cattle and horses. The buildings were old, dating back to at least the 1500s but a mixture of continuing building to the modern-day.

First off was the tea. Oh my goodness. I will include a photo here of the spread of sandwiches, desserts and tea. Having never experienced true English "tea", this was something else. Tea is not just the drink but rather an extensive selection of

sandwiches and desserts and the entire experience that goes along with it. The food was over-the-top delicious and we had a good visit with all of them, learn-

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Tom and John Kemp, Auckvale Herefords.



Catherine Kemp and the afternoon tea she prepared for us.



View from the hill behind John Kemp's house at Wigdon Walls Farm near Bishop Auckland.

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TEAT 1.5 DMI -.1 REA .42 MARB -.15 CHB\$ 82

Super stylish, moderate framed, deep ribbed, and big topped. This 105Y daughter is a top donor with exceptional calving ease and maternal strength.



LOT 78 — HH MISS ADVANCE 8348F

CED 3.8 BW 2.2 WW 60 YW 92 MM 27 M&G 57 UDDR 1.3
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TEAT 1.5 DMI .4 REA .37 MARB .03 CHB\$ 91

Razor fronted, smooth made, thick topped and just loaded with natural eye appeal. Here is a donor prospect that could raise some great show heifers.



LOT 61 — HH MISS ADVANCE 8025F ET

CED 9.5 BW 1.4 WW 54 YW 83 MM 26 M&G 53 UDDR 1.4
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Final Farewell

Ervin A. Maahs

Ervin A. Maahs, 82, of rural Lincoln, passed away April 10, 2019, in Lincoln, NE. Born October 18, 1936, to Albert and Luella (Baade) Maahs, youngest of four children, Maxine, Arlene, Virginia and Ervin.

Ervin graduated from Eagle High School and attended UNL for one year. He returned to farm with his father and began his herd of registered Hereford cattle. He was active in the community, church, and held offices on several boards: past president of District 145 school board, past president of Nebraska Hereford Association and member of local cattle organizations. Ervin was respected and given honors by fellow cattlemen and with his children showed cattle at county and state fairs, AKSARBEN and Denver Stock Show. He also served in the Army National Guard.

Ervin enjoyed family fishing trips to Minnesota. A loving husband and father, living his entire life on the family farm east of Lincoln.

Survived by wife of 43 years Sandra; son Mike (Kelli) Maahs, their children Reece and Trini; daughter, Abby (Marty) Bunde, their children Bill, Garrett (Paxton) and Dr. Katy Bunde; daughter, Julie (Dave) Rau, their children Aaryn and Jamie Rau; daughter Carolyn Maahs; stepson Mitchell (Pam) Mullins, their children Mikhaela and

Spencer Mullins; stepdaughter Mary Logan, her children Amber Mathes and Ginger Cowles; stepson, John D. Mullins and his son Matt Mullins; 4 great grandchildren; nieces, nephew and extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters and brothers-in-law.

Robert George Fawcett

Robert George Fawcett, 84, passed peacefully on May 24, 2019, at his home south of Ree Heights, South Dakota, overlooking the lush green hills and valley where he spent his entire life.

On July 28, 1934, he was born in Miller, South Dakota, the third child of George and Johanna (Hasart) Fawcett. Robert graduated from Miller High School in 1952 and married his high school sweetheart, Marjean Joanne Diede, on September 25, 1953 in Miller.

Robert was a proud member of the Miller National Guard, rising to the rank of Lieutenant before retiring. He was an avid pilot and enjoyed flying his Piper Cub and small Cessna, along with sharing stories of his passion of flight. Robert was a strong supporter of 4-H. He served as a leader of the West Hand Baby Beef 4-H Club for 20 years, served on the State 4-H Advisory Board and as a director of the 4-H Livestock Trust Fund for 30 plus years. Bob worked at the S.D. State Fair as the Open Class Beef Superintendent for

many years. He and Marjean shared the days of the fair as their "yearly vacation". He enjoyed visiting with fellow cattlemen while at the fair and that was his way of relaxing after a summer of hard work at the ranch. Robert took the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better", to heart as the ranch grew. The success of the ranch's endeavors was always a source of pride and joy.

Family was important to Robert. He was also extremely proud of his grandchildren and was amazed by his grandchildren's talents, travels, and accomplishments. He was happiest with Marjean by his side in the Bronco checking the east pasture tagging calves. Robert experienced a lifetime of change on the ranch and he embraced it all; from feeding hay with horses and sleds in the winter to GPS controlled tractors. Robert was an active member of the community. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Miller and held many leadership roles in local and state livestock associations.

Grateful to have shared in Robert's life are his children: daughter, Kim Marie (Bill) Priest of Sebetha, Kansas and their children: Kelly Priest (Michael Painter), Kerry Priest, Laura (Nate) Miller, and John Priest; daughter, Peggy Lee (Steve) Busse of Rapid City and their children: Andrew Busse (Anna Anderson), William (Corissa) Busse, Andrian Busse (Matteo Bava), and Morgan Busse (Camio Gonzalez); son, Keith Robert (Cheryl) Fawcett of

Ree Heights and their children: Daniel Fawcett (Kyla Copeland), Matt Fawcett, Erin Fawcett (Adam Kaufman), and Kristin (Weston) Kusser; 13 great grandchildren; sister, Bernadine (Mark) Johnson of San Deigo, CA; sister-in-law: Mavonne (Linn) Neu; brothers-in-law: Marvin (Carolyn) Diede and Leo Istas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marjean in 2013; and two sisters: Thelma Novotny and Ellen Wheelhouse.

Jaxon Klempel

Jaxon Klempel, 17, of Reva, SD, passed away on June 5, 2019 from injuries sustained in a vehicle roll over.

Jaxon Tyrel Klempel was born July 9, 2001. Jaxon lived in Reva, SD with his father, Joshua Klempel, mother, Erin (Lermeny) Klempel, older, and younger brother, Jaden and Jace Klempel. Jaxon could be found any day of the week doing what he loved to do which was working cattle, repairing fence, branding, and other ranch chores, along with helping friends and family, and playing with his cousins.

Jaxon would have been a senior student this next school year at Harding County High School. He participated in several track & field events, played Defensive End & Guard for the Rancher football team, he also played a mean

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center position during the basketball season. While in elementary he tried his hand and wrestled in AAU. Jaxon put all that he had into everything he did. He could always be counted on to give you a strong handshake and an even stronger bear hug, whenever he greeted you. Jaxon was known around Harding County as the “gentle giant” due to his extraordinary shoe size of 17, and his unmatched caring demeanor for all those that he loved. Jaxon was a champion of caring for and loving people no matter what. In his past time Jaxon loved to play darts, play a good game of pinocle, fish, and was an avid hunter.

On June 5, 2019 Jaxon was taken from this world after doing what he loved to do, helping the neighbors out with a branding. Our Lord and Savior took him to live in his eternal home in heaven. We are forever blessed, and honored to have been a part of his life. Jaxon is survived by his father and mother, Joshua and Erin (Lermeney) Klempel, brothers Jaden and Jace Klempel, love of his life, Alayna Tomac, great grandmother Ardis (Collie) Lermeney, grandparents, Mark and Marcia Lermeney, grandparents, John and Sue Klempel; aunts and uncles Margo, and Tyler Carroll, Dillon and Julia Lermeney, Chance and Casey Lermeney, and Jared and Angela Klempel; and cousins, Doyle Lermeney, Griffin Lermeney, Gretta Lermeney, Pauline Lermeney, Kaylee Lermeney, Collin Lermeney, Crosby Lermeney, Kimber Carroll, Jaxon Tabert, and Sawyer Klempel. Jaxon is preceded in death by his great grandparents, Gus and Clara Klempel, Walter and Evelyn Knopp, “Papa” George Lermeney, Melvin and

Martha Heggem; uncles, Will Teigen, Lonny Balo, Ron Steiner, and Robert “Butch” Knopp; and cousins, Amanda Martian and Eric Lermeney.

Willard Mark Wolf

Willard Mark Wolf passed away peacefully on March 13, 2019, at the age of 78, at Hospice House in Spokane, WA, with his wife and daughter by his side, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born July 26, 1940, in Meers, OK, to Kenneth and Helen Wolf. Willard and his brother, Gordon, were raised on the family’s commercial Hereford cattle ranch, adjacent to the Wichita Wildlife Refuge, where Willard and other young cowboys spent many hours riding the range.

Willard graduated from Elgin High School in 1958 as an honor student and outstanding ag student and earned an FFA Junior Master Farmer’s Degree. During high school, he showed the grand champion steer in the 1957 Tulsa State Fair. Willard went on to graduate from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor’s degree in Animal Science and a minor in Business Law. In college, he earned high academic honors and was an active member of several livestock-related teams and clubs.

While attending college, Willard got his start buying and selling feeder and fat cattle at the Oklahoma City Stockyards. In 1963, he was hired by the *Livestock Market News* which included assignments in Oklahoma, San Francisco and Spokane. In 1965, Willard was transferred to Washington, D.C. and later accepted a position with the Foreign Agricultural Service, which included exporting thousands of head of

cattle, sheep, hogs and horses to many foreign countries. In 1968, Willard moved to Spokane and began working as the Northwest Field Representative for the American Hereford Association – a position he held for 33 years. During that time, he served as a consultant, marketer, researcher, and promoter of the Hereford breed across the U.S. as well as Canada, Mexico and Australia.

The annual Western Nugget Show and Sale in Reno, NV continues today as a result of Willard’s development and guidance through the years. The “Willard Wolf Award” is given each December at the Reno show to an outstanding Junior Hereford Member. Willard’s highly innovative ideas of promotion led to unique sales like The Ladies of the Lobby in the Historic Davenport Hotel and the Ladies of The Boardwalk on the floating dock at the Coeur d’Alene Resort as well as the first ever sale of registered cattle by satellite held at the Ag Trade Center in Spokane.

Calf roping was one of Willard’s favorite pastimes. He always looked forward to attending the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Willard was also accomplished in the highly specialized art of water witching, and he successfully witched hundreds of wells all over the Pacific Northwest in his lifetime.

First and foremost, Willard was a cattleman who worked on behalf of the entire beef industry. He was former President of the Spokane County Cattlemen; served on committees with the Washington Cattlemen’s Association; was an active member of the Cattle Producers of Washington; and for 30 + years, he conducted educa-

tional programs as part of the Spokane Ag Expo/Pacific NW Farm Forum. He also believed that it was vitally important to support youth who were starting out in agriculture. He was a source of leadership and encouragement to Junior Hereford members and served on the board of the Spokane Junior Livestock Show. Willard was inducted into The American Hereford Association Hall of Merit in 2005 and the National Livestock Marketeers Hall of Fame in 2007.

Willard officially retired from the American Hereford Association in 2001, but he never really left the cattle industry; although, he did allow more time to play golf, travel with dear friends and family, and always cheered on the ZAGS! Many summer days were spent at Conkling Park Marina with his B Dock family of boaters, and he regularly join his Monday Night Poker Club. Willard stayed active in purchasing cattle for the Certified Hereford Beef Program and Crossroads Cattle Company up until a few days before he passed.

Willard is survived by his wife Patty, Valleyford, WA; son Bart Wolf, Mead, WA; daughter Wende (Lance) Wilber, Anchorage, AK; and daughter Wendy Porter, Spokane Valley, WA. He is also survived by grandchildren Ian and Claire Wilber, Anchorage, AK, and his brother Gordon (Jeannie) Wolf, Meers, OK.

Patty and Wendy would like to thank Cancer Care Northwest and Hospice House of Spokane for the exceptional care Willard received during his final days, as well as a special thank you to all the neighbors in Valleyford for many days of snowplowing and their ongoing support.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Spokane, PO Box 2215, Spokane WA 99210, or to a local Cattlemen’s Association or Junior Livestock Show of your choice.

Robert Lee Dillinger

Robert Lee Dillinger, age 87 passed away on May 11, 2019 at Close to Home Hospice in Gillette, WY of natural causes. Robert Lee Dillinger was born on May 19, 1931 to Jacob and Della (Coffee) Dillinger in Dillinger, WY.

Bob did his many chores at his parents homestead and worked the horses with his brothers. As a young man he worked for the Gillette Sale Barn for numerous years. Bob attended Gillette Schools and graduated from high school in 1949 and went to full-time ranching with his mother, Della. They had a ranch full of Hereford cattle and later started to raise Quarter Horses.

In 1960 Bob married Claralee Fox and they continued to ranch on the home place which they purchased from Della. They had two daughters, Phoebe and Carrie.

Both Bob and Claralee have been active members of Farm Bureau in Campbell County. Bob served as president of the Campbell County Farm Bureau several times. Through the years


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of marriage, Bob and Claralee shared their love for the horses they raise and the cattle they have had. In 1953 Bob took over the weather observation with National Weather Service, continuing on until he was no longer able to, but it continues on with the family.

Bob is survived by his wife, Claralee; two daughters, Phoebe (David) Anderson; Carrie (Tim) Allison, one granddaughter, Fillie (Anthony) Gibson; three great-grandchildren, Ceinya, Kadyne and Adam, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Earl, Jay and Bill, two sisters, Margaret and Inez and step-father, Bob Bratton.

Memorials and condolences may be sent in Bob's name to Walker Funeral Home 410 Medical Arts Ct Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at www.walkerfuneralgillette.com

Vernon Wilson

Vernon L. Wilson of Ennis, MT passed away at the Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis on May 18, 2019.

He was born in Jackson Hole, WY on July 11, 1932 to William and Jeanette Wilson.

He served in the military 1956 to 1958. In 1965 he moved to Sheridan, MT. He and his father purchased the Raymond and the McCrea ranches where they continued ranching for many years and raised Hereford cattle.

Vern served on the Board of Directors of the Ruby Valley Bank, Soil Conservation District, Library Board and was a member and past president of the Montana Hereford Association.

He married Geri Pederson in 1987. They had a combined family of children: Bob Wilson (Sandy), Ellen Crane, Sarah Wilson, Nancy (Tom) Hoffman and Doug Wilson (Lisa), Roy

Pederson (Stacey), Susie Sprout (Bill), and Bud Pederson (Cindy).

Vern was a loving grandpa to 12 grandkids and 13 great-grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Geri Wilson of Ennis; brother, Gene Wilson of Wyoming; sisters, Wilma Showers of Idaho and Janet Ellis of Utah; and his children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Jeannette Wilson.

Del Wood

Earl Delano (Del) Wood was born May 6, 1933 to Floyd R. and Alma (Batten) Wood at the family farm 4 miles west of Chelsea, SD. He was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Chelsea and confirmed at Concordia Lutheran in Cresbard.

Del attended a one room country school for 7 years and then went to Cresbard and graduated in 1951. He attended SDSC for two years majoring in Ag, however, the Korean War broke out and his brother Vernon was drafted. Del came home to help run the farm.

In January 1955 Del enlisted in the US Army and served in the Veterinary Food Inspection Service for 34 months active duty-23 months in Japan. Back home!

Del got his herd of registered Polled Herefords back home. The herd was started

as Woodcrest Farms in 1947 with one heifer as a 4-H project. 4-H was a big part of Del's life for many years beginning in 1943. Through the years he won many state and national awards including a trip to National 4-H camp in Washington, DC. After 12 years as a member, Del became a 4-H leader for about 15 years. He was inducted into the SD 4-H Hall of Fame in 2005.

Del married Ruth Ablin in 1963 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. Three children were born to this union: Wendy in 1966, Cindy in 1967 and Steven in 1970.

Del was active in local pursuits. He helped organize the Faulk County Conservation District and served on the first board of supervisors as President. He also served on church and township boards.

Del held lifetime memberships in the American Hereford and Polled Hereford Associations. Del was a member of SD Hereford Association for 60 plus years and received the Seed-stock Producer of

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the Year award in 2014.

Del was proud of his children who graduated from SDSU with degrees in Ag. All are currently engaged in production agriculture in North Central SD.

Del and Ruth traveled extensively for many years in North America and overseas to Japan, Australia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Germany, England, France, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, and the Netherlands.

Del's wishes were to be cremated and his ashes be spread on the big Polled Hereford pasture where the Pasque flowers bloom each spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Vernon and two brothers-in-law, Henry Ablin and Ralph Ablin.

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He is survived by his wife, Ruth, three children, Wendy (Vaughn) Thorstenson, Cindy (Darwin) Aman, and Steven (Rene) Wood. Eleven grandchildren, Gina Thorstenson, Jana Thorstenson, and Kara Thorstenson, Kendra (Greg) Fred, Andrew Aman, Sam (Audra) Aman and Alex Aman, Zack Jesse, Hunter (Haley Daughters) Wood, Nick (Macy Olson) Wood and Seth Wood. One great-granddaughter, Hazel Wood. Brother-in-law Ted (Joanne) Ablin, Sisters in law, Judy Ablin and Lois Ablin.

Jack Beeson

Jack D. Beeson, 90 of Wayne, Nebraska passed away Sunday, May 26, 2019 at a hospital in Wayne, surrounded by his family. Memorial Services will be held 10:30am Monday, June 3, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, NE. Burial will be in Black Hills National Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 5-7pm Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Waterbury Funeral Service of Sergeant Bluff.

Jack Delmer Beeson was born March 17, 1929 on a farm near Hunter, Oklahoma the son of Dell and Olive (Neff) Beeson. He attended country school four years then Hunter grade school for four years, then transferred to Garber, Oklahoma High School. Reason for transfer was his interest in Agriculture and FFA. Jack showed steers at Oklahoma City and Kansas

City and was President of what was considered the strongest FFA in the county at the time.

After graduation he worked for Honey Creek Ranch in Oklahoma and Riffel Polled Herefords in Kansas. Then he poured concrete at cement elevators for a while, but he liked cattle raising better.

On July 12, 1950 he became Herdsman for Hervale Farms. Jack served 2 years in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He came right back to Hervale Farms where he showed cattle in over 20 states and Canada. Early we used boxcars on railroad then semi trucks and later gooseneck trailers. We had the National Champs Female in 1965. Made several herd bulls Gold Trophy Bulls by point system.

In 1954, Jack met Beverly Ann Lunstra (Bev) of Beaver Creek, Minnesota. It was love at first sight for Jack, but it took him three years to convince Bev. On June 19, 1957 they got married in Beaver Creek, Minnesota. In this union one son Jock was born. He traveled with his parents from a young age until he went to college.

Jack was very proud of the accomplishments he and Bev received showing and selling Bulls and also in the friendships they had developed across the county and especially with Nebraska and Midwest cattle people. Jack and Bev showed cattle in more than 50 Nebraska State Fairs. He was a board member of Wayne County and Nebras-

ka Farm Bureau and believed Strongly in their programs. Jack served as Beef Superintendent for 4-H breeding beef at the County Fairs for many years, and more than 20 Nebraska Cattleman Classic shows and sales.

He loved his family more than cattle, but was always so happy when Jock, and Bev would receive particular awards for their achievements in livestock activities.

Jack was first a Deacon and then an Elder for the First Presbyterian Church in Wayne; he also served on many committees which he thought were very important.

He is survived his wife Beverly, son Jock (Brenda) Beeson, one sister, Marilyn (Butch) Hale of Dallas, Texas, numerous brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ron and his wife Sue Beeson.



Jack Beeson

Kenneth A. McMillen

Kenneth A. McMillen age 80, of Sidney, NE passed away Sunday, June 2, 2019 in Loveland, CO.

Ken was born on September 13, 1938 in Sidney, NE to parents Arthur George and Edna Mable (Hammond) McMillen. He graduated from Sidney High School and attended The University of Nebraska. Through the years he was employed with Wheatbelt Public Power, The Egging Company and managed The Far More Coop for twenty-seven years. At retirement Ken had more time to enjoy raising Registered Hereford Cattle on the 7 Mill Iron Ranch.

Ken was very invested and actively involved in the community. He was elected to two terms as a Cheyenne County Commissioner. He enjoyed time spent with family, friends and colleagues. He will be remembered as a caring, compassionate and loving person.

Ken is survived by his wife Nan L. (Wiggins) McMillen of the 7 Mill Iron Ranch, in Sidney, mother of Ty Justin Mull and granddaughter Kendall Mull of La Quinta, CA, Ken's (3) children; Burl McMillen and wife Dana of Craig, CO, Doug McMillen and wife Cynthia of Gering, NE, and Katy James of Bellingham, WA; Nancy McDonald and husband Jim of Loveland, CO, mother of Burl, Doug and Katy; brother Paul McMillen and wife Carolyn; sister June Katen, sister-in-law Dorothy McMillen all of Sidney,

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Ken was preceded in death by his parents Arthur George and Edna Mabel (Hammond) McMillen; brother Ron McMillen, brother-in-law Dale Katen, cousin Russ McMillen and son-in-law Jerry James.

Memorials may be sent to The Nebraska Hereford Foundation Scholarship fund, Cheyenne County 4-H Council Scholarship fund or The First United Methodist Church in Sidney. The family would like to thank all friends and the area communities for their loving prayers and support. You may view Ken's Book of Memories, leave condolences, photos and stories at www.gehrigstittchapel.com.



Ken McMillan

Paul E. Allen

Paul E. Allen, age 74 of Nebraska City passed away early May 20, 2019 at St. Elizabeth's Regional Medical Center in Lincoln, NE.

Paul was born on August 18, 1944 at Plattsmouth, NE, the son of Floyd Leslie and Grace Emma (Graham) Allen. He attended school in Nebraska City and graduated from the Nebraska City High School with the Class of 1962.

He entered the U.S. Army National Guard in 1964 and honorably served until his discharge in 1970.

On May 13, 1967, he was united in marriage to Linda Ann Gress at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Nebraska City and to this union four children were born: Matthew, Paula, Joni and James. Paul was a long-time farmer and purebred livestock producer; a job that he truly loved. Prior to his career in farming, he worked at the former Safeway Grocery Store in Nebraska City. He was a member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church, the Polled Hereford Association and a 4-H Leader for many years. He was always very proud of his family; they were his greatest love!

He is survived by his wife Linda of Nebraska City; three children, Paula Aldana and husband Jose, Joni Flewelling and husband Dennis and James Allen and wife Chrissy all of Nebraska City; 11 grandchildren: Ashlee Miller and husband Jason, Adam Aldana and

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By June Dunn

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It seems like every time we talk to a local producer we get asked, "Where can I go to dine or purchase Hereford Beef?" That leads us to start thinking about how important it is for us to continue to work with the Producer-to-Feedlot-to-Packer-to-Distributor-to-Restaurant Owner or Retail Store. This chain is critically important to all involved, especially sourcing the cattle necessary for Greater Omaha's production. As you can see there are a lot of steps to cover in order to make it a reality.

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fiance' Lauren Ball, Aaron Aldana, Andrew Aldana, Aidan Aldana, Michael Flewelling, Bryant Flewelling and wife Kassie, Matthew Flewelling, Nicholas Allen and fiance' Bergan Johnston, Kellii Allen and Jhett Allen; three great-grandchildren: Ryan and Elijah Miller and Addy Flewelling, numerous nieces, nephews, other family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by an infant son Matthew Allen in 1969, six brothers and sisters: Marie, Dorothy, Orlane, Betty, Fred and Cliff as well as his parents. Remembrances may be left at www.gudefuneralhomes.com.

We at Greater Omaha have had a lot of fun over the past several months hosting plant tours, feed yard tours, and producer dinners to educate everyone involved in this process.

Earlier this year we held contests with some of our Food Service partners where the salespeople with the best Hereford sales won a trip to Omaha to tour the plant. Touring the plant is something we take for granted as we see it every day, but for those who have never experienced a harvest facility it was a positive learning experience for all of them. They were all very impressed at the care we take of the animals as well as the superior workmanship of our fabricators and passion the entire staff has for what they do.

After the tour we were able to stop by some of the feedyards that have been loyal to Greater Omaha for generations and they're always happy to have visitors to tell them a little about the day to day chores that need to be done 24/7 rain or shine.

The group got to see some beautiful Herefords and they are always shocked at how gentle and curious the cattle are when they're around people. Most of our guests have never seen what the feed looks like and always have great questions about



Chef Skyler at The Bluestem is very impressed with the new Greater Omaha box, he had two of them on display for the dinner! Pictured are Dave Uppman, Sysco Western MN, Chef Skyler Hoiland, June Dunn and Chris Koehn, Sysco Western MN.

it. Believe it or not, there are always a few in the group that have NEVER been that close to a live steer and that is another reason we need to keep educating each other on what we do.

The highlight of the recent tours was the producer dinners where we had the pleasure of dining at "The Bluestem" in Luverne, MN that is proudly serving our Greater Omaha Hereford Beef and everyone in attendance loved the steaks!

The Bluestem Restaurant, Luverne, MN has served several brands of beef in our 7 years of business," says Chef Skyler Hoiland, owner. "As of 2017 The Bluestem Restaurant and Bluestem Catering Co. have been using the Greater Omaha Hereford Beef program provided by Sysco. Since the switch we have noticed the quality, consistency, pride, and greater satisfaction in


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the product that we serve. I encourage anyone out there that is looking for a great beef product from nose to tail, Hereford Beef is the way to go."

We had a great representative group of local Hereford producers at each dinner including:

Jim and Jeri Hanson from J&J Hanson Herefords, Comfrey, MN; Erik Scott from Section 16 Cattle Company, Canton, SD; Mark, Jeanne, Trevor, and Tate Johnson from Sleepy Hollow Farm, Centerville, SD; Jenna McGunegill (Schmidt) from Schmidt Herefords, Pipestone, MN; and the MN Hereford Queen Hannah Kruse along with her parents Kory and Michelle from K&M Cattle, Ellsworth, MN.

The conversations during dinner were simply wonderful and a testament as to why we need to continue to connect the producers with the end users as it is very clear that neither side truly knows what each other goes through daily. We went around the table and had a chance for the salespeople to introduce themselves and tell a little about the customers they sell to

and what items they use. It was fun to watch how proud each one of them was to talk about what they do. Many of them have contacted us since the tours to report on new customers they have brought on due to the education they gained during the tour. Again, education is the key for everyone involved in this process to help each entity become even more successful.

When talking to the producers we asked how important it is to them to see Hereford product in local area restaurants and grocery stores and what does it do for their operation. Erik Scott said, "It is very important as it shows our commercial customers that there is a difference with our beef when they purchase Hereford Genetics."

Jeri Hanson had a similar response, "I feel it is very important, as a seed-stock supplier we are the beginning of the life cycle. As more and more grocery stores and restaurants sell and serve Hereford beef, our females and bulls become more in demand."

Jim Hanson said, "We like seeing it! With the marketing of CAB, people think it's the best until they are willing



Jim and Jeri Hanson proudly standing with the visitors in front of their hand painted sign at the entrance to their farm.

to try something else. Hereford Beef is tender and tasty. Once they taste it, they become repeat customers."

Our worlds all pretty much revolve around cattle and beef but when we are with our friends outside of the agriculture industry, we like to promote what

we do. We asked the group if they are able to spread the word about the Hereford products to their friends and family. Jeri's answer was, "Yes! We continue to educate friends and family about the great taste and consistency of Hereford beef. This past May, thanks to the USMEF, Minnesota Beef Council, and Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association, I had the privilege/opportunity to travel with a Beef Leadership Team to Taiwan and Japan. Most of our meetings and conversations were with persons outside of the ag industry—all very interested in the great taste of US Beef. Our focus was US Beef, not branded beef, but I did have the privilege of showing our family's Hereford farm to a large group of chefs/restauranters in Japan, a very humbling experience! There is a lot of potential in the export markets as they do enjoy our US Beef, however, I saw NO Hereford beef on my travels in the markets or featured on menus. Hopefully we can change that!"

Jim Hanson's response was, "We continue to communicate

to others where they can find Hereford Beef. Visiting with June Dunn, we have found it very interesting how many restaurants in Minnesota and surrounding states serve Hereford Beef, some exclusively."

We are always looking for more cattle to put in our Hereford influenced program so we asked what they as producers could do to organize Hereford influenced feeder calf sales. Erik's response was, "Being in close proximity to cattle feeding areas in NW Iowa I continue to hear how these feedlot operations are wanting more Hereford influenced cattle. With demand this high, I feel that our state organizations need to lead the effort on providing opportunities for these buyers to purchase our customer's cattle."

Jim's thoughts were similar regarding the state organizations, "Minnesota Hereford Breeders have tried to organize groups. It's hard getting people to work together because we have small herds in the state where people wean, vaccinate, etc at different times of the year making it difficult to get even, uniform groups. We also need a common place or places to bring groups of cattle together to have those uniform pens that would be large enough groups. It has been talked about, just not pulled together yet. Currently, there are sales of this type at Bagley, MN, Zumbrota, MN, and Mitchell, SD. Not sure how well they are attended though."

We asked if they thought the local sale barns would be open to marketing this type of sale. Erik feels that the local sale barns would certainly be open to marketing this type of sale on a regular basis. Jim and Jeri both feel that it would take someone to organize it and they think they would need to go west/southwest to Sheldon, Iowa; Pipestone, MN; or Mitchell, SD.

When asked if their commercial bull customers noticed a demand for the Hereford influenced cattle Jeri and Jim had some great responses:

Jeri says, "They have commented on how quickly the BWF animals finish.

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The Sysco Western MN group dining at The Bluestem, everyone looks like they just enjoyed an amazing Greater Omaha Hereford Steak dinner!

Pictured left to right, first row: Todd Schimmer - Greater Omaha, Jim Hanson, Jeri Hanson, Mike Waldvogel, Chris Koehne, Megan Buckingham, Dave Peterzen, Second row: June Dunn, Dennis Ullmann, Frank Theros, Scott Boeynik, Jill Skaja, Mark Johnson, Jeanne Johnson, Trevor Johnson, Tate Johnson, Dave Uppman, Mrs Uppman, Chef Skyler Hoiland.



The Sysco ND group dining at The Bluestem in the presence of royalty, MN Hereford Queen Hannah Kruse was our guest that night. Pictured left to right, front row: Todd Schimmer - Greater Omaha, Jenna Schmidt, Michelle Kruse, Cory Kruse, Queen Hannah Kruse.

Back row: Dusty Swenningson, Vince Langtot, Ben Wieben, Erik Scott, Toby Kuntz, Zach Kruckenburg, Ronnie Legion, Kyle Marden, Robert Dowd, June Dunn.

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ing some of the history and customs. We were stuffed to the gills as we waddled out to take a look at the cows. I think we were all thankful for the walk.

Our final tour was walking out onto a lush field to see about 50 pairs grazing in the late afternoon sun. We were afoot, moving through the cattle, and it was finally starting to cool off. As we walked through the cows and calves our travel partners were amazed how docile the were.

We then ventured to look at their open-sided barn used for wintering the cattle. It also had slats for ventilation. I think the winters here aren't as wet and cold as at Douglasses but certainly not sunny through the winter months.

To top off this wonderful day, we walked back to the back garden (yard) and sampled apple cider made by William, then toured an extensive museum of agricultural antiques that Tom had in one of the buildings there. It's unbelievable what Tom has collected

including, my favorite, old cattle pictures, magazines and books.

I could write volumes and show dozens of photos about this trip but I don't

have the time or the space to allow for it. This is a very quick over-view of a 10-day trip. If you check my Facebook feed, there are more photos there.

Thank you to our hosts, the Douglasses and Kemps for an absolutely fabulous time. Our experiences far exceed what words can express.



Auckvale Kalgoorlie 1322K was an impressive bull in the pasture. He was recently named Reserve senior male champion at a major show.



The end.



Beautiful heifer calf.



Afternoon tea prepared by Catherine Kemp.

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Greater Omaha...

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We continue to visit with them about various programs offered by some of the packers hoping they will investigate these options!" Jim's response was, "Everyone loves the Black Baldy!

We also had the pleasure of co-hosting a district meeting with a group from Sysco Western MN out of St. Cloud, MN at Jim and Jeri Hanson's farm on August 2nd. It was a great chance for a group of salespeople to tour the farm, ride a hay wagon to the pastures, and



The perfect way to head out to the pastures to see the beautiful Herefords, until some of them realized that the visitors were sitting on food and started eating the seats!

get "up close and personal" with some beautiful Herefords before dining on some wonderful Greater Omaha Hereford Beef for a picnic lunch. Royalee Rhodes and Mark Melacek from the MN Beef Council was also there to promote beef. Jim and Jeri had a wonderful display set up taking us through every step of the process from AI, vaccinations, to the different feed they use at different times, all very interesting.

We at Greater Omaha want to continue to help when and where we can to make sure your cattle get to our dock. Connecting dots wouldn't be quite as rewarding if we didn't work with people who have a passion for great beef. Connecting producers who love what they do with the customers who love their beef is very rewarding. The only thing missing is more dots to connect.



Jeri Hanson explaining the process step by step from birth to weaning.



Examples of some of the feed the Hanson's use. The visitors were very interested in all the different types.



Billy Ashe of Ashewood Farms, Selmer, TN was a Hereford beef advocate at one of the Greater Omaha events earlier in the summer in Nashville, TN.

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Sale Roundup —

Sidwell Ranch Third Annual Production Sale March 30, 2019 Columbus, MT

Auctioneer: Joe Goggins

25 Hereford Bulls — \$3,030

Top Selling Bulls:

Lot 1830, SR Mr Rawhide 1830, 3/1/18 by WCC/BCC 0054 88X Rawhide 20J to A-5 Ranch, Denton, MT, \$4,250.

Lot 1820, SR Jamba 1820, 2/24/18 by Churchill Cinch 5101C to Connor Castleberry, Ekalaka, MT, \$4,000.

Lot 1753, SR Mr Cinch 1753, 3/12/17 by Churchill Cinch 5101C to Dana Williams, Three Forks, MT, \$3,500.

Lot 1782, SR Jambalaya 1782, 9/20/17 by SR CCC Jambalaya 1414B ET to Jess Donahoe, Red Lodge, MT for \$3,500.

Lot 1803, SR Mr Cinch 1803, 2/15/18 by Churchill Cinch 5101C to Hofmann Ranch, Ismay, MT, \$3,500.

Lot 1807, SR Mr Bingo 1807, a 3/5/18 son of LCC 002 Bingo 329. Purchased by Hofmann Ranch, Ismay, MT for \$3,500.

Lot 1854, SR Jambalaya 1854, 3/14/18 by SR CCC Jambalaya 1404B ET to Hofmann Ranch, \$3,500.

Ned and Jan Ward Sale Sheridan, WY March 31, 2019

Auctioneer: Joe Goggins

80 Yearling Bulls — \$7,528
2 Herd Sires — \$9,125

33 Yearling Hereford Heifers — \$6,636

Commercial Yearling Heifers — \$1,429

Top Selling Bulls:

Lot 252F, NJW 79Z 33B Forward 252F, 3/11/18 by NJW 160Z 10W Whit 33B to Pablo Herrera and Iron Lake Ranch, \$75,000.

Lot 238F, NJW 84B 4040 Fortified 238F, 3/5/18 by Boyd Ft Knox 17Y XZ5 4040 to Kyle Perez; Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch; Tennessee River Music; McGuffee Polled Herefords; Will Wheeler, \$55,000.

Lot 73F, NJW 84B 33B Big Jim 73F ET, 2/4/18 by NJW 160Z 10W Whit 33B to Sierra Bravo Farm, Sesser, IL, \$12,500.

Lot 222F, NJW 137C 53D Journey 222F, 2/28/18 by NJW 84B 10W Journey 53D to McGuffee Polled Herefords, Newhebron, MS, \$11,250.

Lot 207F, NJW 133A 4040 Fortified 207F ET, 2/23/18 by Boyd Ft Knox 17Y XZ5 4040 to Glenlees Polled Herefords/Blair Athol Farms, Arcola, SK, \$11,000.

Lot 38F, NJW 73S 10W Honor 38F ET, 1/30/18 by LJR 023R Whitmore 10W to Wood Hereford Farms, Berryville, AR, \$10,000.

Lot 54F, NJW 161Z 53D Journey 54F, 2/1/18 by NJW 84B 10W Journey 53D to Beery Land & Livestock, Vida, MT, \$10,000.

Lot 161F, NJW 76S 10W Hey Earl 161F ET, 2/14/18 by LJR 023R Whitmore 10W to Jirl Buck, Madill, OK, \$9,500.

Lot 27F, NJW 135U 10W Decorby 27F ET, 1/28/18 by LJR 023R Whitmore 10W to Gant Polled Herefords, Geddes, SD, \$9,250.

Lot 119F, NJW 46Z 33B Slapjack 119F, 2/8/18 by NJW 160Z 10W Whit 33B to Prause Polled Herefords, Yoakum, TX, \$8,750.

Top Selling Herd Sire:

Lot 33B, NJW 160Z 10W Whit 33B, 2/7/14 by LJR 023R Whitmore 10W to Storey Hereford Ranch, Bozeman, MT, \$14,000.

Top Selling Heifers:

Lot 157F, NJW 1A 173D Rita 157F, 2/15/18 by NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 173D ET to Iron Lake Ranch and Burns Farm, \$55,000.

Lot 76F, NJW 149Z 88X Lexy 76F ET, 2/5/18 by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X to Robert Orsten, Willmar, MN, \$19,000.

Lot 75F, NJW 22C 88X Rita 75F, 2/5/18 by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X to Kyle Perez, Nara Visa, NM, and GTN Cattle, \$10,000.

Wilson Lees 15th Annual “Value Added” Bull Sale April 5, 2019 Kisbey, SK

Auctioneer: Chris Poley
Sale Management:
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43.5 Hereford Yearling Bulls — \$6,130

6.75 Hereford Two Year Old Bulls — \$9,370

50.25 Bulls — \$6,565

High Selling Lots:

Lot 21, Haroldson's SCC Hawk 208E by R Leader 6964, to River Valley Polled Herefords, Newburg, ON for \$26,500 for 3/4 interest full possession.

Lot 43, Glenlees BNC 27C Contact 113F by NJW 73S 38W Rimrock 27C ET to Phantom Creek, Swift Current, SK, \$16,750, for 3/4 interest full possession.

Lot 12, Haroldson's Solution ET 242F by PW Victor Boomer P606 to Aaron & Sara Friesz, New Leipzig, ND, \$12,500.

Lot 41, Blair-Athol 97B Trojan 20E by NJW 73S 22Z Mighty Max 97B ET to Harvey Duke, Regina, SK, \$10,000.

McClun's Lazy JM Ranch Spring Sale Torrington, WY April 15, 2019

Auctioneer: Lex Madden

21 Yearling Hereford Bulls — \$3,321

12 Two-Year-Old Hereford Bulls — \$3,246

28 Yearling Angus Bulls — \$3,813
5 Two-Year-Old Angus Bulls \$3,470

5 Commercial Hereford Pairs — \$2,520

5 Commercial Angus Pairs — \$2,760

Top Selling Hereford Bulls:

Lot 29, MC Homemade F7 3/10/18 by NJW 73S W18 Hometown to Jason Folot, Lyman, NE, \$5,100.

Lot 18 MC Fearless Leader 131F, 3/21/18 by R Leader 6964 to Don Weaver, Big Sandy, MT, \$5,000.

Lot 20, MC Forman 108F, 3/18/18 by R Leader 6964 to Mary Evelyn Krejcek, Lance Creek, WY, \$4,750.

Top Selling Angus Bull:

Lot 48, MC Absolute 42F, 3/6/18 by KCF Bennett Absolute to Will Garrelts, Torrington, WY, \$5,500.

Tricky's Herefords Bull Sale (Dick and Betty Wetlaufer) April 17, 2019 Winfred, SD

Auctioneer: Chisum Peterson

16 Yearling Bulls — \$3,134
4 Two-Year-Old Bulls — \$2,500

Top Selling Bulls:

Lot 1, Trickys Gal X51 C87 F45, 3/21/18 by KCF Bennett Revolution X51 to Mark and Tim Mathies, Chancellor, SD, \$4,500.

Lot 25, Trickys Boy C100-C92 F02, 2/11/18 by Trickysgun X01-308A C92 to Steve Page, DeSmet, SD, \$4,250.

Lot 7, Trickys X51 B07 F26, 3/14/18 by to KCF Bennett Revolution X51 to Larry Stuckenbroker, Windom, MN, \$4,100.

Lot 26, Trickysboy Z43-C92 F01, 2/5/18 by Trickysgun X01-308A C92 to Dale Johnson, Winfred, SD, \$4,000.



Thorstenson Hereford Ranch Annual Bull Sale Selby, SD May 3, 2019

Auctioneer: Doug Dietterle

33 Yearling Hereford Bulls — \$3,614
18 Yearling Angus Bulls — \$2,986

Top Herefords:

Lot 8237, THR Thor 8237F, 4/5/18 by NJW 47X 8Y Homegrown to Ernst Herefords Windsor, CO, \$9,500.

Lot 8197, THR Thor 8197F, 3/30/18 by Pyramid Catapult 5176 to Green Valley Stock Farm, Inc., Selby, SD, \$7,000.

Lot 8093, THR Thor 8093F, 3/20/18 by NJW 47X 8Y Homegrown to Cane Creek Cattle Company, Glenham, SD, \$6,000.

Lot 8183, THR Thor 8183F, 3/28/18 by Pyramid Catapult 5176 to Pavel, Mike & Ron, Lesterville, SD, \$5,750.

Lot 8100, THR Thor 8100F, 3/21/18 by NJW 47X 8Y Homegrown to David Witlock, Selby, SD \$5,500.

Lot 8083, THR Thor 8083F, 3/19/18 by Pyramid Domino 5123 to Craig Olsen, Mandan, ND, \$5,000.

Top Angus:

Lot 8042, THR Thor 8042F, 3/12/18 by JLS Something Special to Skip Rau, Selby, SD, \$5,250.

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39 Registered Fall Pairs — \$2,250
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18 Fall Bred Cows — \$1,486
78 Registered Open Heifers — \$2,181

4 Commercial Open Heifers — \$1,250

21 Registered Open Cows — \$1,390
13 Commercial Fall Pairs — \$1,715
21 Commercial Spring Pairs — \$2,157

7 Commercial Open Cows — \$1,000

8 Herd Bulls — \$4,500
24 Fall Yearling Bulls — \$2,427
48 Spring Yearling Bulls — \$1,893
2 Commercial Bulls — \$2,000

1 Angus bull — \$2,000
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Stuber Ranch
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April 20, 2019
Bowman, ND
Auctioneers: Joe Goggins and Greg Goggins

95 Bulls — \$4,321
45 Registered Open Heifers — \$2,064
89 Commercial Hereford Heifers — \$1,177
35 F1 Baldy Heifers — \$1,246

Top Selling Bulls:

Lot 30, SR Dominator 308F ET, 3/15/18 by BCC Dominator 619D to Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE, \$25,000.

Lot 10, SR Motion 108F by 3/1/18 CL 1 Domino 6128D to Van Newkirk Herefords, Oshkosh, NE, \$19,000.

Lot 77, SR Motion 778F, 3/1/18 by CL 1 Domino 6128D to Rankin & Sons, Inc., Draper, SD, \$16,000.

Lot 70, SR BLC Domino 708F, 1/31/18, Churchill TSC First RA1 to Van Newkirk Herefords, \$12,000.

Lot 35, SR Dominator 358F ET, 3/19/18 by BCC Dominator 619D to

Ridder Hereford Ranch, Callaway, NE, \$11,000.

Lot 63, SR Dispatch 638F, 3/26/18 by BCC Billy the Kid 330A to Pied Piper Farms and Baumgarten Cattle Co., \$10,000.

Lot 80, SR Sustain 808F, 3/2/18 by Churchill Sensation 02 to Pied Piper Farms and Baumgarten Cattle Co., \$10,000.

Lot 103, SR Solution 1038F, 3/27/18 by UU Solution 5436 to Brad Stuart, Roby, TX, \$10,000.

Top Selling Heifer:

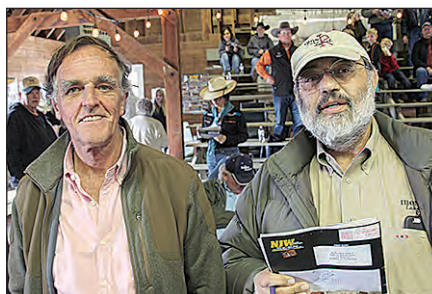
Lot 8071, SR LS Domina 8071F 2/22/18 by BCC Dominator 619D to Steve Landt Union, IA, \$4,500.



Cousins Devin Murnin and Levi Landers at the Stuber Sale.



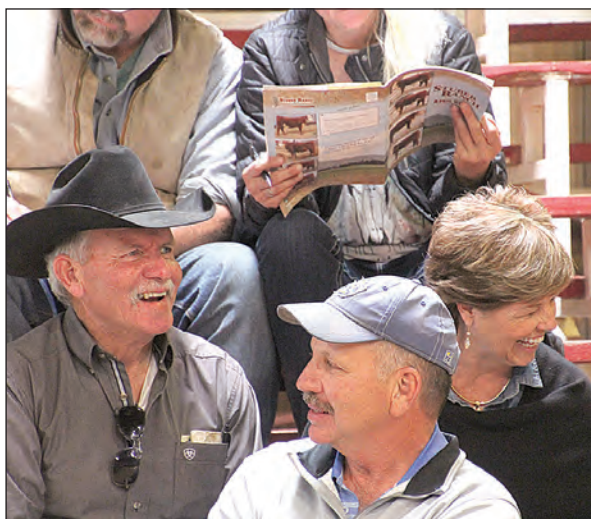
Richard Sidwell visits with the Castleberrys from Ekalaka on sale morning.



Successful day for Pablo Herrera and Dimitri Mataragas at the NJW Sale.



Becky Sidwell all smiles on sale day.



Something was funny in the competitive bidding section at Stuber Ranch. Pictured are Joe and Cyndi Van Newkirk and Bob Rankin.



Sale bulls at Tricky's Herefords who finally had their sale on the third try! Winter weather caused two postponements this year.



Buyers at the McClun Lazy JM Sale in Torrington, WY.



Theresa and Dan Daniels from Utah helped Carter and Wheeler Smith bid on heifers at the Ned and Jan Ward Sale in Sheridan, WY. Carter was successful in winning the bid on Lot 162F. Wheeler was beat out but said he would be back to try again.



Sale day at Thorstenson Herefords. Pictured are Levi Landers, Jim Schuette and Donny Leddy.

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LOT 104A - H JOSLYN 8128



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sired by NJW 160B 028X Historic 81E ET.

LOT 106B - H MS BLAZE 8237



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sired by LCX Perfecto 11B ET.

LOT 102B - H MARIAH 8411 ET



#43918110

Confirmed heifer calf pregnancy due 1/24/20,
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Cribbs Hired as New South Dakota Hereford Manager

White, SD - The South Dakota Hereford Association is pleased to announce Abbie Cribbs as the new manager of the organization. Abbie assumed the position as of May 1, 2019.

Abbie spent the better part of her childhood days on her family's dairy farm in Andover, SD. She was an active member of the South Dakota 4-H Program and served on the SD 4-H Youth Council in her later teen years. After high school, she attended South Dakota State University where she received a Bachelors of Science in Animal Science and minored in Business.

Abbie and her husband, Josh, live on an acreage near White, SD, where they raise their two sons, Jesse and Jed. They are enthusiastic, young members of the Beef Industry, owning a small seedstock operation consisting primarily of Angus and Simmental cattle. Josh serves as the Director for Commercial Development for the American Maine-Anjou Association, and the couple owns and operates Our Perspective, LLC, a livestock marketing venture specializing in livestock photography, videography and graphic design.

The Cribbses are excited to be a

part of yet another family of livestock producers. With their new found ties to the industry through the Hereford breed, Abbie looks forward most to meeting the membership of the SDHA and representing the organization as its face and voice in the time to come. The South Dakota Hereford Association exists to further enthusiasm of the Hereford breed, encourage participation among our youth, and celebrate Hereford culture. Visit our website at SouthDakotaHerefords.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook too!

Pratz Joins the AHA as Southwest Field Representative

The American Hereford Association (AHA) welcomes its newest team member, Colton Pratz, Stillwater, OK, as the Southwest region field representative for the AHA and the Hereford World. Pratz started his post May 20.

In this position, Pratz will attend Hereford sales and events as well as assist breeders with marketing and genetic selection. He will also contribute to educating members and commercial producers about AHA programs and other beef industry opportunities.

"We are excited to have Colton start as a fulltime fieldman for the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas," says Joe Rickabaugh, AHA director of seedstock marketing. "He comes from a great cattle background and has worked extensively on a Hereford operation since he has been in college. He impressed us in his interviews as being a personable young

man with a passion for the Hereford breed. We look forward to him traveling extensively and meeting many breeders in his territory."

Pratz is a May 2019 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a degree in animal sciences on the business track. He also earned an associate degree in animal science from Redlands Community College. Pratz was a competitive member of the livestock judging team at both institutions, as well as being involved in many other extracurricular activities.

His work experience boasts being herdsman at Six Mile Creek Cattle Co., El Reno, OK, where he played an instrumental role in marketing and genetic decisions for the operation. Pratz also gained valuable experience through Bonham Show Cattle and Swinford Equipment.

"I am extremely excited to join the

AHA team and start advocating for the Hereford breed," Pratz says. "The Hereford breed has been a vital cornerstone for the cattle industry across the world, but I think most of that is due to the fact there has been a strong belief in the breeders and the will to keep the Hereford heritage strong. I am ready to continue promoting the Hereford breed in my travels, and I look forward to meeting new faces along the way."

Abby Bischoff named Executive Director of Stockyards Ag Experience

March 26, 2019 (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) - The Stockyards Ag Experience Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Abby Bischoff has been named the organization's new Executive Director. Bischoff began her role on March 25.

Bischoff, of Sioux Falls, has more than 13 years of marketing and nonprofit management experience and most recently served as the Marketing Director at EmBe, a nonprofit focused on empowering women and youth. A graduate of South Dakota State University, Bischoff has a broad range of experience from working in venue management and political campaigns to event planning and social and traditional media.

"Abby's breadth of experience in a variety of nonprofit work plus her strong agricultural roots, makes her the perfect individual to lead the Stockyards Ag Experience into its next phase of development," said Jim Woster, President of the Stockyards Ag Experience Board of Directors.

Bischoff's passion for Sioux Falls is matched only by her passion for agriculture. Bischoff grew up on her family farm, Ravine Creek Ranch, near Huron, South Dakota. Her family raises registered Hereford cattle and Bischoff grew up as an active member of both her local 4-H club and the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association.

"I've carried my rural upbringing along with me throughout every step of my career and as the next Executive

Final Farewell

Bill Granzow, 92, of Herington, KS, passed away Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019. He was born May 3, 1927, in rural Latimer to Louis H. and Grace M. (Smalley) Granzow.

Survived by his wife, Delores Granzow, of the home in Herington; four sons, Steven Granzow (Melody) of Lincoln, Dennis Granzow (Lynette), of Mammoth Spring, AR, and Thomas Granzow (Mary) and Rick Granzow (Amy), both of Herington; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials: to the church or Hilltop Activity Fund, in care of Yazel-Megli-Zeiner Funeral Home-Herington Chapel, 404 S. Broadway, Herington, KS 67449-3038.

2019 AHA Board of Director Candidates

The American Hereford Association (AHA) nominating committee is pleased to announce the six candidates slated for election to the AHA Board of Directors. The 2019 candidates are as follows:

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The AHA would like to thank this year's nominating committee for their work organizing a great slate of candidates. Members of the 2019 nominating committee are Chairman Eric Walker, Morrison, TN; Cliff Copeland, Nara Visa, NM; Tim Dennis, Penn Yan, NY; Denny Hoffman, Thedford, NE; and Mark Ehlke, Townsend, MT.

Director for the Stockyards Ag Experience, I look forward to honoring the rich agricultural history that has shaped our community."

As the Stockyards Ag Experience moves towards the creation of the plaza - a 3.7-acre development that will walk visitors from "Pasture to Plate" through interactive exhibits - Bischoff will lead fundraising, site design and management and marketing efforts.

"I'm thrilled to be joining this unique organization that connects people to the food that they eat and honors the legacy of agriculture and how it connects to our urban communities. I look forward to collaborating with the ag producers, businesses, ag groups and City of Sioux Falls to bring this vibrant plaza to life."

About the Stockyards Ag Experience The Stockyards Ag Experience Plaza and Barn are being developed as regional attractions at Falls Park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Stockyards Ag Experience will communicate the story of agriculture in our economy and society - and showcase its impact on our region. The Stockyards Ag Experience is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Contributions should be made Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, Stockyards Ag Experience Special Project Fund, 200 N. Cherapa Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. If you wish to pay by credit card, please visit www.s-facf.org.

Final Farewell

Lois Berdina (Stillman) Helms

Lois Berdina (Stillman) Helms, age 95, of Arapahoe, Nebraska passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the C.A. Mues Good Samaritan Society in Arapahoe, Nebraska. She was born to Herman and Meta (Haussler) Stillman on March 27, 1924 in the newly built family home northwest of Arapahoe. She attended St. Matthews Lutheran Church, northwest of Arapahoe, where she was baptized April 1, 1924, completed eight years of education in the parochial school and confirmed on May 31, 1936.

Lois married Clarence Helms on February 16, 1944 at St. Matthews Church. After their marriage, she followed Clarence to Camp Pendleton, California before his deployment to Germany during World War II. After the war, they moved to the farm north of Holbrook, Nebraska, which they purchased, raised their four boys and lived on for 60 years. Lois and Clarence held their farm sale in September of 2005 and moved into Prairie Pines Independent Living Center in Arapahoe, NE. They then moved into the Good Samaritan Home in 2011.

Lois played the organ for over 50 combined years at St. Matthews and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Nebraska. She also taught Sunday and Saturday School and was a faithful servant of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Lois supported her family in their farming and Polled Hereford business, was a longtime member of the Hereford Pollette Auxiliary. She also served many years with the VFW Auxiliary of Holbrook and the Holbrook Toastmaster's Club. Her hobbies were quilting and embroidering and she gave many of her handmade masterpieces to others, including a quilt to every grandchild upon their high school graduation. She was well known for her homemade pies, especially sour cream raisin and Angel Food cake. Lois enjoyed baking and tending her flowers. Her greatest joy were her grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Meta (Haussler) Stillman; husband, Clarence; sisters, Adelia (Hollis) Clausen, Lillian (Henry) Helms, brother, Paul (Barbara) Stillman, and many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Survivors include sons Lanny and wife Martha of Arapahoe, Randy of Holbrook and fiancé Glenda Leithoff of Litchfield, Dick and wife Bonnie of Arapahoe and Bruce and wife Sue of Holbrook; nine grandchildren, Melanie (Rev. Ted) Olsen, Sarah (Titus) Staples, Cody (Casie) Helms, Sheree (Tom) Burford, Hannah Helms, Bryan (Shannon) Helms, Kyle (Kayla) Helms, Molly (Chris) Blickenstaff, and Cory (Katie) Helms. Her eighteen great-grandchildren are, Aimee, Ashlee and Abbee Olsen; Madilyn, Abraham, Samuel and Laura Staples; Hayden and Kylan Helms; Kaden Helms; Savannah Helms; Lillian and Abigail Helms; Carter, Wyatt, Amelia and Beau Blickenstaff and Harrison Helms.

As a strong Christian wife, mother,

grandmother, great grandmother, friend and witness to her faith, we know she has joined Clarence and her family in Heaven and waits for others to join her.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Ministries. Wenburg Funeral Home of Arapahoe, Nebraska is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences and personal reflections may be left at wenburgfuneralhome.com

Raymond Leroy Colyer

Raymond Leroy Colyer, 94, of Bruneau, ID passed away peacefully from natural causes on Monday, June 10, 2019 at a Boise care facility.

Ray was born September 15, 1924 to Troy Guy and Lois Emery Colyer in Castleford, ID. He was raised with four brothers and two sisters and attended school in Three Creek. After graduating from 8th grade, he went to work full time for his neighbors, the Hawes family. It was during his time in their employment while taking cattle to Bruneau for the winter that he met the love of his life, Bonnie Black. Ray was drafted into the Army on January 27, 1945 and was sent to Camp Roberts, CA for basic training. While home on furlough, Ray and Bonnie eloped to Elko, NV on June 25, 1945 to be married. With World War II raging on, Ray was soon sent to Japan. He was scheduled to be one of the first troops to land on the coast of Japan, but while in route, the atomic bomb was dropped so he was part of the occupational forces. He spent his 21st and 22nd birthdays in Japan, a period of 14 months. After his discharge from the Army, he and Bonnie returned to Three Creek and worked for the Hawes family at House Creek. Their daughter, Catherine Rae, was born in 1947. They survived the winter of 1948-49, one of the coldest on record, feeding cattle with a sleigh and team of horses. In August of 1949, they made a life changing decision to move to Bruneau to work for Bonnie's family on the ranch. They bought a small house in the town of Bruneau. Their son, James Guy, was born in 1950 and two years later they moved to the ranch where they resided the rest of their lives. He loved riding horses, herding cattle and staying at their "little red cabin" on Battle Creek. Through years of hard work and dedication, Colyer Cattle Company was created and became the foundation of the ranch that grew and evolved into what it is today. Ray's greatest pleasure was when he was braiding rawhide and he made sets of reins for his kids, grandkids and many others. A set of his reins was given away at the annual Colyer Bull Sale for many years.

Ray was a member of the Bruneau American Legion Post #83 for 76 years and past commander, was a member and served as president of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, member of the Owyhee County Fair Board and a proud sponsor of many cattlemen's sponsored steers at the Owyhee County Fair. He also belonged to the Idaho Cattle Association and Owyhee County Historical Society. He was inducted into the Idaho Cattlemen's Hall of Fame in 1988 and was honored to be the Grand Marshall

of the Bruneau Rodeo.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Cottages of Mountain Home, Shaw Mountain of Cascadia and Horizon Hospice Care, especially Cara and Corinne for their loving care.

Ray is survived by his daughter, Catherine (Chet) Sellman, son, Guy (Sherry) Colyer, grandchildren, Carla Sellman-Carley, Crista Sellman-Jones (Destry), Chad Sellman (Kelly), Kyle Colyer (Bobby-Jean) and Katie Colyer and eight great grandchildren, Emma Carley, Grayson Carley, Piper Colyer, Cruz Colyer, Dashen Jones, Addison Sellman, Lola Jones, Wyatt Sellman. Also, his sister, Cindy Plott of Eugene, OR, sister-in-laws, Leah Colyer of Spring Creek, NV. and Pauline Colyer of Grand View and nieces and nephews. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Bonnie Black Colyer, brothers, Troy, Cliff, Walt and Marvin Colyer, sister Lola Blossom and grandson Robert John Sellman.

Memorials in his name may be made to Bruneau Legion Post #83 c/o Bill McBride, P.O. Box 582, Bruneau, Idaho 83604, Bruneau Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 294, Bruneau, Idaho 83604, Bruneau Boosters, P. O. Box 604, Bruneau, Idaho 83604.

Joseph Deck Estermann

Joseph Deck Estermann, age 94 years, 11 months, and 16 days of Wellfleet, NE passed away July 11, 2019 at Linden Court.

Joe was born on July 25, 1924 in Somerset, NE to Joseph Jacob and Jessie Joy (Hughes)



Joe Estermann

Estermann.

He attended Rose Valley school in Somerset, and high school at the Nebraska State Agriculture School in Curtis. Upon graduating he returned to the family ranch at Somerset. He met Marlene Gibson through the Nebraska Rural Youth program and the two were united in marriage on January 8, 1961 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Platte, NE.

Joe raised purebred Hereford cattle which his father had started. He had continued to ranch up until recently when his health deteriorated. Joe was active in the Nebraska Hereford Association.

Traveling all over the world, especially following the family name was a passion of Joe's. Taking the children on summer camping trips in different states was something to always look forward to.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene of Wellfleet; children, Teresa Ann (fiancé David Hewitt) Estermann of Ocilla, Ga, Deborah Jeanette (Randy) Weitzenkamp of Nebraska City, NE, and Joseph Daniel Estermann of Wellfleet, NE; grandchildren, Cassandra Jeanette (Miguel) Farfan-Weitzenkamp, and Bryan (Miranda) Weitzenkamp; great-grandson, Alexander Farfan-Weitzenkamp; sister, Dolores Kosmicki of North Platte; and

in-laws, Kenneth (Beverly) Gibson of Geneva, Connie (Kim) Stewart of North Platte, Deloris Grauerholz of Sutherland, and Rodney (Carol) Gibson of North Platte.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and infant grandson, Brett Mitchell Weitzenkamp; and two brothers-in-law, Herman Grauerholz, and Al Kosmicki.

Memorials are suggested to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.adams-swanson.com.

Gene Weldon Grabenstein

Gene Weldon Grabenstein of Eustis, Nebraska passed away Monday, July 22, 2019 at St. Luke's Assisted Living in Kearney at the age of 77.

He was born to Paul Grabenstein and Clara (Holbein) in Cozad, NE on May 13, 1942. He was baptized on July 5, 1942, and confirmed on March 26, 1956 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Eustis, NE and was a lifelong member. He served two terms on the Church Council in the late sixties.

He was married to Linda Witthuhn on August 1, 1971. To this union, two children were born: Terri and Todd.

Gene was passionate about Herefords, and was a committed volunteer for the Eustis community. He was a member of the Nebraska Hereford Association, and served as President. He hosted five Nebraska Hereford tour stops, and held 22 production sales at his ranch near Eustis, NE. In addition, he was a member of the Heart of Nebraska Hereford Association from the mid-sixties into the mid-seventies, and won several trophies over the years.

Gene was honored for his 50 years of service as a Eustis Fair Board member, and was a leader of the Rolling Meadows 4-H Club for 25 years. He organized several horse shows for the Frontier County area held in arenas near Farnam and Eustis.

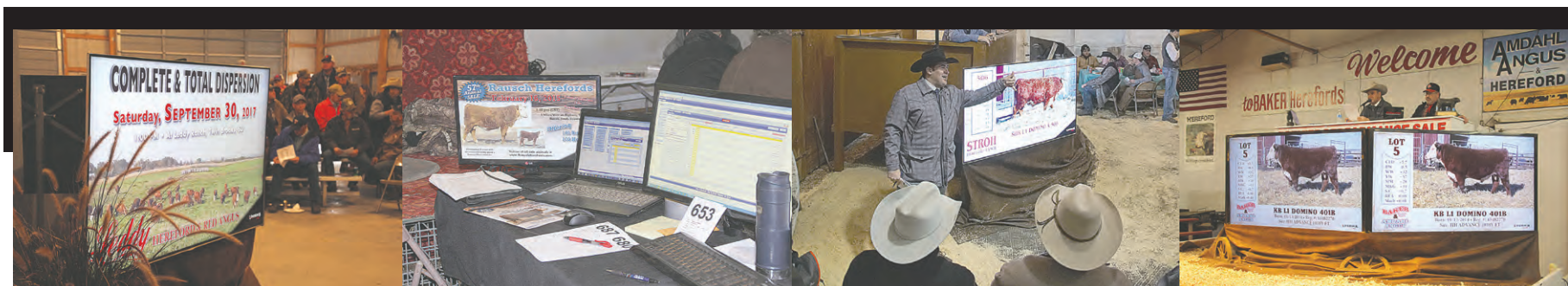
Gene was preceded in death by grandparents: Dan and Minnie Grabenstein and Christian and Marie Holbein; parents Paul and Clara Grabenstein, and sister Phyllis Svoboda.

He is survived by children Terri (David) Bierbower of Lincoln and Todd (Tricia) Grabenstein of Smithfield; grandchildren Jillian and Joel Bierbower of Lincoln, Cooper and Cailey Grabenstein of Smithfield; siblings Lyle (Lonna) Grabenstein of Eustis, Janet (Don) Fleischmann of Cozad, brother-in-law Jon Svoboda of Elkhorn; and many other family and friends.

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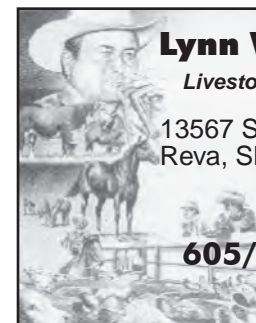
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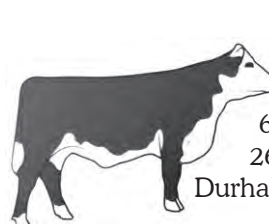
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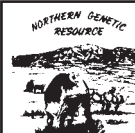
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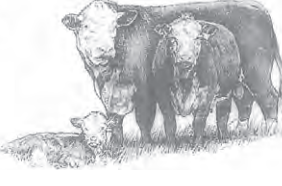
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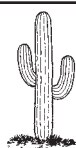
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