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Editorial Comments... Jill Bayers Hotchkiss



The big bull sale season has started and will be in full swing by the time this paper is in the mail.

The fall female

Jill Hotchkiss

and bull sales

were remarkably good and this trend should continue. With an odd juxtaposition of drought areas selling off cattle, an influx of cash from crops and relief funds of one sort or another, I think bull sales will be strong. There certainly are some exceptionally good Hereford genetics right now. As I am working with all the ads, I seem to be easily distracted looking at EPDs and pedigrees. I hope you all enjoy "shopping" through the ads as much as I have.

The big shows and sales at Oklahoma City and Denver are just over and it appears they were as exciting as ever.

I wasn't able to go this year due to the production schedule of this issue of Hereford America, but there has been a lot of feedback from these two shows both in social media and a few conversations I have had. I think a lot of Hereford breeders are talking about it right now. There is also the Fort Worth Stock Show at the end of January which is a favorite among many. History and geography will also play a role in determining breeder favorties but one thing is for certain, nothing can replace the history and atmosphere of Denver. So, we'll see how it plays out in years to come.

After being recognized by the Kansas Hereford Association last month, which we greatly appreci-(continued on page 24)

Bar JZ Ranches: One Man's Vision Growing Through New Generations

by Ruth Wiechmann

Bar JZ Ranch started with a young man's dream. John Zilverberg was 14 when his parents, Jake and Lutske Zilverberg moved their growing family from their small farm near Wessington Springs, SD, to



Bar JZ Hope 881A ET by Trust 100W with her calf.

a run-down ranch in Hyde County near Holabird. The family raised Red Poll cattle, but young John was impressed when his father crossed a Hereford bull on his Red Poll cows.

John Zilverberg purchased his first registered Hereford cattle in 1940, but his dream of a purebred herd of Herefords was sidelined by World War II; when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, John knew he had to fight. His cattle were sold, and he enlisted in the Marine Corps and spent four years serving his country.

After two years of fighting in the Pacific, John came home on furlough to recover from malaria. He married Dorothy Boehmer, on February 17, 1945. The couple moved to Klamath Falls, OR where John was assigned a job in a supply depot and Dorothy taught school. After the war ended, John was discharged and they came home to the ranch in South Dakota.

John purchased some more registered Hereford (continued on page 5)

Cooper Herefords: A Century of Selecting for Genetic Excellence

By Terra Ochsner

The Cooper family has been a deeply rooted landmark in the Montana landscape for over 100 years, beginning in 1914 when Frank Oscar Cooper settled the 480 acre "Silver Brooke Farm." Through the Great Depression and industry ebbs and flows, generation after generation of Coopers have diligently worked to keep the family operation going with a continued emphasis on producing outstanding Hereford genetics.

Frank's son, Jack, started working on the ranch after graduating from high school, and in 1947, he invested in what would truly put the Cooper name on the map in the Hereford industry: he purchased 15 L1 females from the U.S. Range Livestock Experiment Station in Miles City, Montana.



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"Back then, the number one thing L1 cattle were known for was their performance testing," Mark Cooper, Jack's son and the third generation of Cooper men to run the operation, said. "Performance testing caught our program on fire."

From the very beginning Jack understood "that he could improve his stock (continued on page 13)

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February

- Black Hills Stock Show 2 Hereford Show and Sale Rapid City, SD **Ridder Hereford Ranch Annual** 3 Bull & Female Sale
- Callaway, NE Stroh Hereford Ranch Sale 3 Killdeer, ND

- **Dvorak Herefords Bull &** Female Sale
- Lake Andes, SD Baumgarten Cattle Co. **Production Sale**

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- Idaho Falls, ID 5 Upstream Ranch Annual
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April

- Knoll Crest Farms Spring Bull & Female
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- 14 McClun's Lazy JM Ranch Sale Torrington, WY
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cows and started building his herd. Success did not come without a share of challenges. 1947 was a good crop year and John had a lot of hay put up and plenty of grass for his cattle. One windy September day two grass fires started and merged to become one large fire. The fire burned up all of the hay and grass. Dorothy was alone in the house with their two-year-old daughter and was 8 1/2 months pregnant with their son Don. The fire was burning close to the house while John was attempting to save the buildings. By the grace of God he was successful. Now, instead of being ready for winter, John had to move the cattle elsewhere to find feed, begin putting up hay again some distance away from home and rebuild his fences.

"Dad had a world of patience," Don said. "He always said that if somebody else can do it, I can too. He was not afraid to tackle any job."

John showed his cattle at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron every year



Hereford Tour -A drone shot of the Bar JZ south ranch on the 2021 SD Hereford Tour. Newly renovated sale barn on the left.



Zilverberg family — Back row, Kevin, Don, Wesley, Bridget, Seth holding Solanus. Front row, Peg, Lydia, Caroline, Cody.

to establish recognition for his breeding program. He hosted his first bull sale in Miller in 1950.

"In the '50s we sold bulls for \$250-\$350 each," Don said. "It doesn't seem like much, but it only took half a dozen to buy a new pickup!"

John began selecting for polled cattle early on.

"Our customers want polled cattle," Don said. "Dad's cattle were originally horned, but he selected for polled genetics from the beginning. The herd gradually evolved into predominately homozygous polled cattle. We only use homozygous polled bulls now."

Zilverbergs look for a balance of EPD's across a spectrum of traits: performance, carcass quality, maternal traits, structural soundness and disposition.

"Customers ask about birth weight first, so that is one of the first EPDs we look at when choosing a sire," Don said. "After that we try to get a bal-(continued on page 6)

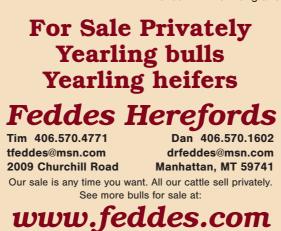
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ance of maternal, growth and carcass EPDs. We have used a lot of different bloodlines over the years. We are constantly trying to build up good EPDs



1952 Snow — John Zilverberg digging out the fences after one of the many blizzards in 1952. Don and Blackie "helping out."

in our herd and selecting for structurally sound and functional cattle. We have used many good AI sires over the years and have a diverse set of genetics in our females."

John ranched until he was 87 years old. He passed away in 2019 at the age of 106. Gradually he had been turning the ranch management over to Don and his wife Peg. Don and Peg are the third generation of Zilverbergs on the ranch. Their son Seth, along with his wife Bridget and son Solanus, are the fourth and fifth generations on the

Bar JZ Ranch. In 1975, the year Don and Peg were married, cattle records were kept by hand on index cards, a time consuming process. Peg helped John with this job as well as typing ads and getting catalog material ready for printing. By 1986 when home computers were becoming available, they bought a Tandy with two floppy drives. What a terrific improvement that was! They never looked back. Peg still manages the office doing performance records, registrations, web site, catalog design, ads, finances, etc. She helps outside as needed too, includ-



fifth generations on the Pairs headed north to the home ranch for sorting to their respective breeding pastures following AI.

ing running the silage cutter. This job is so much easier now with a modern tractor with a guidance system.

Bar JZ first-calf heifers start calving around the end of February each year.

"By the book they are supposed to start March 10," Don said, "But we always have the first calves the last of February or the first of March. Cows start calving March 15."

Heifers are synchronized for breeding but cows are not, in spite of how time consuming three weeks' heat detecting can be in the middle of June's workload.

"We don't want too many calving at once in a mid-March snowstorm," Don said. "We also feel we get more bred when we let them cycle naturally."

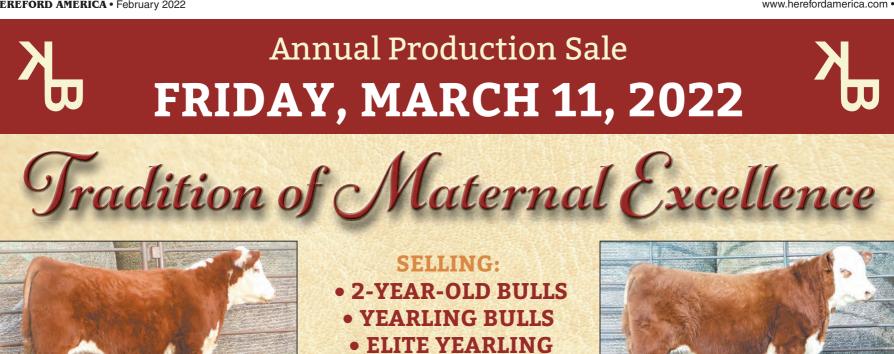
The family has used artificial insemination for almost 60 years to bring desirable genetics to their herd.

"We started using AI in 1963 because Dad could not get possession of a bull he wanted to use," Don said. "This meant searching through 200 cows on a 320 acre pasture. Each cow ready for

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AI was trailed by horseback to a central corral. Breeding was done once per day in the morning. We now AI nearly all the cows for three weeks and turn out clean-up bulls for six weeks following Aling. We synchronize our heifers and time breed. Bulls are turned out later. We have also done some embryo transfer work in past years."

"We focus on genetics that work for us," Seth said. "One of the bulls we've used a lot recently is Frenzen Bar JZ Bruiser B30. A lot of our younger cows are his daughters and granddaughters. Bar JZ Tradition 434V was a nationally prominent bull in the '90s and when I look through pedigrees in other herds I see him pop up often."

The 434V bull was used heavily in the herd until his semen was gone. Another prominent herd sire raised by Zilverbergs was Bar JZ Puckster 529D, named after the baseball player Kirby Puckett. Puckster sired many champion cattle, including two national champion steers.

"It's encouraging to see genetic progress in the herd after years of selection," Seth said. "These cows have kept the ranch working since long before I was born and they have done a good job for us for many years."

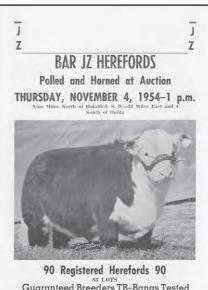
Zilverbergs plant some feed and forage crops for their cattle. Alfalfa and grass hay are a big part of the winter rations.

"We do a little farming for feed," Don said. "We plant forage sorghum that we chop for silage. We also plant some forage winter wheat and forage barley. We start making hay in June."

Holistic range management practices are important to the family.

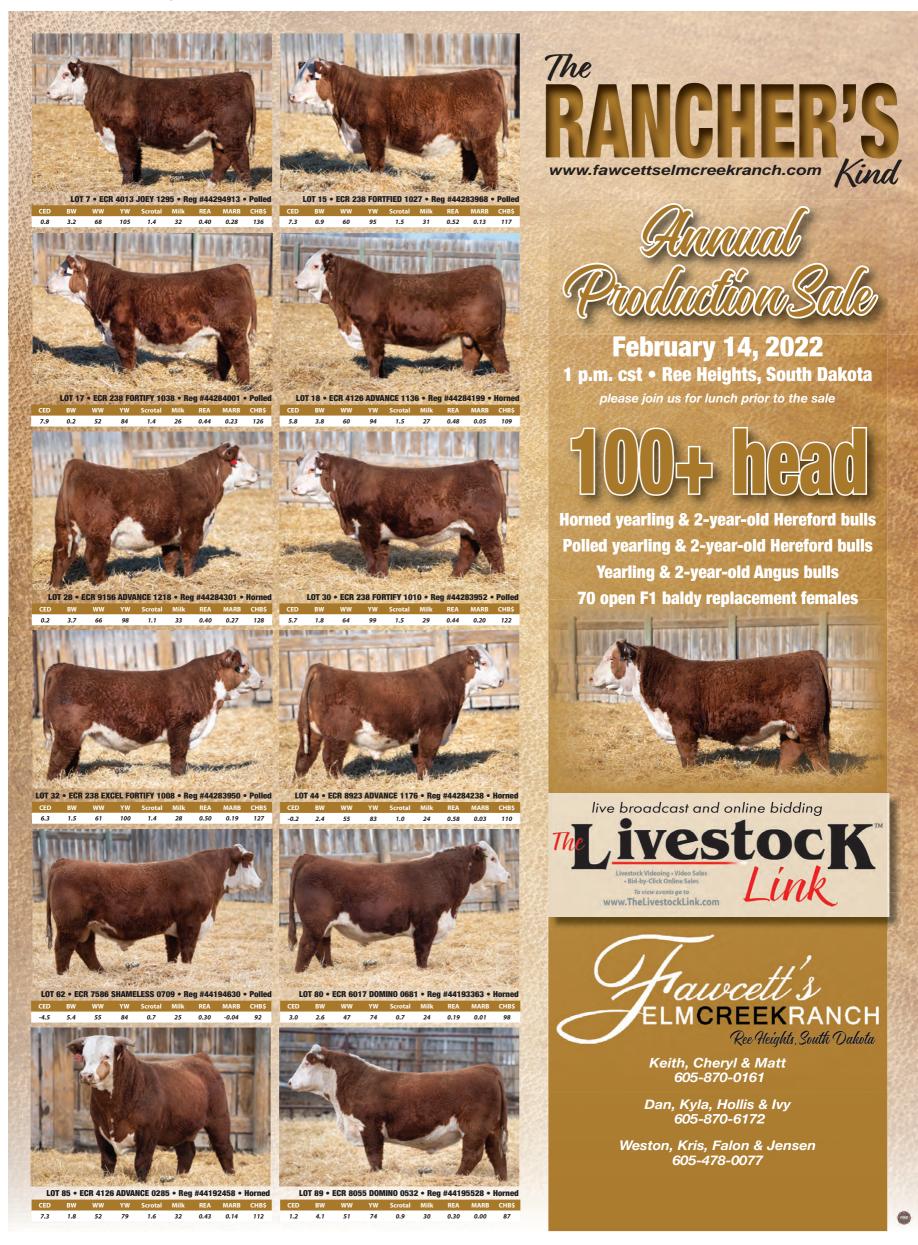
When John came to Hyde County, the land was nearly all native grass with no fences," Don said. "A lot of the land in the area is now farmed; however, the Zilverberg ranch is still predominantly

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native grass. Even before modern pasture management practices became popular, we always tried to leave some grass on the land. Since Seth became a partner in the operation, we have begun to do more pasture rotation and rest."

Zilverbergs also run a herd of purebred Limousin cattle, and they are managed in sync with the Herefords. Calves are vaccinated the first week of May and pairs are turned out until June first, when they are sorted for breeding.

"The Limousin cattle run right with the Herefords through Aling," Don

said. "They run together and are handled exactly the same, except for when we sort the cattle for turnout with cleanup bulls after we AI. Calves are preconditioned the first week of August and weaned around the first week of September. Cows are preg-tested as soon as possible after the calves are weaned. Seth and I do all the AI and preg testing with the exception of ultrasound preg testing the heifers."

Zilverbergs background their steer calves, normally feeding them until January. Limousin calves have been sold off the ranch directly to a feedlot; Hereford calves are usually consigned to a special Hereford sale at Mitchell, SD.



Bar JZ Buccaneer 210E owned with Semex.



Bar JZ Sleep On 738C owned with Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch.

From late November through January, Zilverbergs spend quite a bit of time in preparation for their bull sale, held on the Tuesday after President's Day in February each year. Sale bulls need to be photographed and advertising is done.

"Last spring we completely reconditioned the sale facility at the place where Seth lives," Don said. "We do a video sale and have offered online bidding for eight years with increasing numbers of cattle sold online. It is very helpful if the weather is inclement on sale day. We encourage our customers to leave their bulls here until April first, when we semen test and give prebreeding shots. We deliver all bulls

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Don said that there has always been a good demand for their bulls. While John showed cattle at the South Dakota State Fair to get his name out, Don and Seth have found other ways of promoting the cattle, including paper advertising, word of mouth and the internet. Zilverbergs most recent bull sale included roughly 50 Limousin bulls and 70 Hereford bulls.

"We have been around for a long

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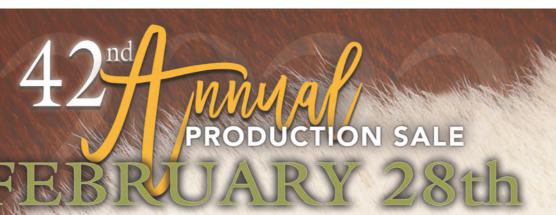
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LOT 13



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A definite herd bull prospect. He combines the growth, performan power and eye appeal with a top set of EPD's. Big ring eyes and to the ground. Dam topped our 2018 fall sale at \$99,000 and named Grand Champion female at the 2020 Fort Worth Stock Sh Two full sisters to 1024 averaged \$19,750 in our fall female sale.



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Elite herd bull prospect by the donor dam 1311. She continues to write Hereford history as the mother of herd bulls. She is a full sister to Miles McKee and is the mother of Special Edition, Double Your Miles, Diversified, Spot On and numerous others. We feel 1062 has the credentials to join those ranks. Freckle faced, ring eyed with extra length and body depth. 1311 has produced \$977,800 in progeny sales thus far with 35 bulls and heifers averaging right at \$30,000. Retaining 1/4 in herd interest Retaining 1/4 in herd interest.



A bull with a youthful looking appearance. Very elongated through his front end, and true in his stride. His dam was Reserve Grand Champion at Fort Worth and is a favorite with visitors at the ranch with a square, level udder. Six daughters have averaged over \$16,000. This is her first son offered.

LOT 77



Performance and eye appeal all wrapped into a special package. It is hard to put a hole in his EPD profile and phenotypically he is fault free. Five full sisters were a sale highlight this fall and averaged \$9200.



A young herd bull prospect with a great future. His enhanced EPD profile ranks him among the breeds elite in numerous traits. He is hard to fault and is wide based, clean in lines, and fluid in his motion. One half interest in his dam sold for \$97,500 to Bowling Ranch and has right at a half a millions in progeny sales thus far. She is an ideal Hereford female. Retaining 1/4 in herd use.



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(continued from page 10) time and people are aware of our breeding program," Don said. "We have sold cattle from coast to coast, north to south, east to west. We have also sold to several foreign countries including Canada, Mexico and Argentina. Four years ago we started a fall calving herd to transfer some of the work load from spring calving and also offer some older bulls for sale.

"We also sold a group of heifers to Kazakhstan about 10 years ago," Seth said

Friendships built with other Hereford breeders and their customers are treasured.

"We've had customers buying bulls from us for three or four generations," Don said. "We've gotten to know a lot of people really well and become good friends. It's very interesting and fulfilling to choose bulls that we think can improve our herd, to get the cows bred and then see the calves born and develop into what you hoped they would be and see them meet customers' needs in



their herds."

John Zilverberg was inducted into the American Polled Hereford Hall of Fame in 1994.

"They took his old felt hat and bronzed it," Don said. "It's on display in the Gammon Barn at the Iowa State Fair. It sure is special that we now have the fifth generation, Seth's son, on the ranch with the opportunity to carry on the Bar JZ tradition that Dad started."

"I really admire his vision for starting a purebred Hereford herd and sticking with building up his business," Seth said. "I love these cattle, especially their quiet disposition, and I am thankful I didn't have to start from scratch. I have a lot of respect for both my grandpa and my dad who had the vision for Bar JZ Herefords."



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by keeping precise records and breeding animals with desirable traits," the Cooper website says. "By the time the Montana Beef Performance Association was formed in 1957, with Jack as a charter member, he had 10 years of experience with Line 1 Herefords and performance testing. Jack later joined the American Hereford Association's "Total Performance Records" program at its inception in 1964."

Mark was exposed to these stringent standards for tracking the performance of their cattle from an early age, when it was evident he had a keen interest in working alongside his father.

"I always had a passion for farming and ranching, and my dad was an instrumental part in that," he said. "It wasn't work for us, we enjoyed what we were doing, I learned more from my father than I did in school."

So, Mark and his wife, Cristy, moved back to the family ranch in the '70's to do what he and his father loved best: selecting the best L1 genetics for both the purebred and commercial breeder.

Together, with their eyes set on common goals, Jack and Mark focused their efforts on continued performance testing, because for them, it came down to "cow families, maternal traits, performance, and quality carcass trends," Mark said.

Mark praises the work he and his father did with L1 cattle because they take the "guesswork" out of breeding because "there's a uniformity and predictability that our buyers have come to appreciate." While there are a lot of good lines out there, Mark argued, "many of the good ones have a shot of L1 cattle."

He also added that "the F1 female is the best out there on the range - you



Mark and Dave — For Dave, being brought into the Cooper family was where he truly got his education in cattle. Now, he's an expert on Cooper EPDs and will handle a lot of breeding decisions in the future.

hear it day-in and day-out. Any commercial cattleman should be doing crossbreeding."

For Mark, the quality of cattle they raise has come down to one simple idea: raising efficient cattle not only helps the breeder, but most importantly, it helps your customers be successful, he said.

These are all priorities that have remained intact as the next generation of Coopers have found their way back to the ranch. Their daughters, Katie and Kelsy,

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Cooper cows on late summer pasture. Willow Creek is in western Montana.



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always had a love for the ranch and the cattle, but both went away to California to pursue their education after high school.

Kelsy went to school in Northern California, "but returned home each summer and sort of just serendipitously ended up working back into the operation shortly after graduating," she said. "I've always enjoyed working with my hands, working outside, and staying busy. I really can't imagine working in another industry and really feel blessed to be involved in a family operation."

"Mom and Dad always encouraged us girls to use our education, so when I graduated from Cal Poly, I moved to Sacramento where I accepted my first engineering job," Katie added. "I anticipated being there for a year or two, but eight years really flew by."

But, the opportunity presented itself for Katie's husband to remodel her grandparents' ranch house, and it was "just the nudge" they needed to move back, and it has turned out to be a wonderful opportunity.

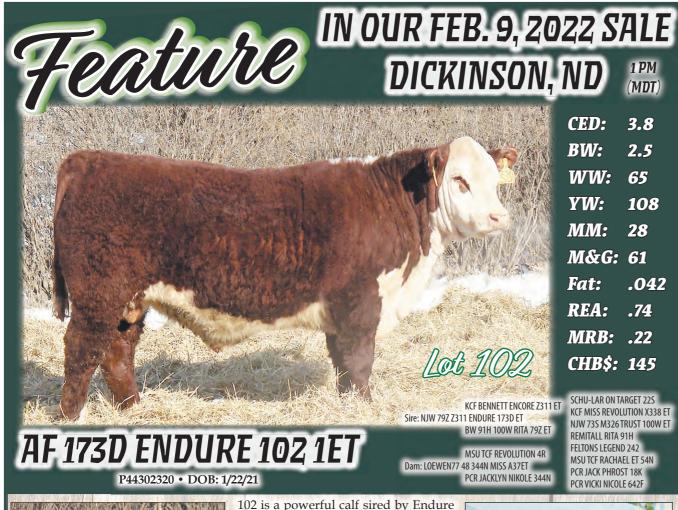
"My parents say it's a way of life, and I think it's a good way of life. It gives me the opportunity to wake up every day with purpose, to work hard, and remember what a blessing it is to work side by side my favorite people," Katie remarked.

The third member to make up the next generation at the Cooper ranch is Kelsy's husband, Dave Hanson.

"I grew up on a 2,500 cow/calf com-



Cooper Family — Pictured from left to right are Katie, Kelsy, Cristy, Mark, Luke, Dave. This diverse crew is dedicated to hearing each other's diverse perspectives and work together to keep the operation going.



mercial operation in central Montana where my grandfather raised mainly Hereford and F1 cattle," Dave said. "As a young kid I spent my summers just like any other kid did, driving tractors and moving cows."

Dave was initiated into the Cooper crew in 2002 when he and Kelsy were dating, and he went to work on the ranch.

"It's not every day a young guy decides to go to work for his girlfriend's father during calving season for an introduction to working for the family, but it's been one of the best choices I've made" Dave said. "I admit, I got my real education in the cow business when I started working here."

Mark made note that Dave has worked especially hard to get to know the cowherd, and down the road, he'll most likely be the one making a lot of the breeding decisions. He's also been really committed to building relationships with their customers, Mark added.

When Dave's time at the ranch was supposed to draw to a close that first

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Katie and Kelsy — It was never expected that Katie and Kelsy come back to the operation, but now that they both have, they've learned quickly and are integral members of the Cooper Ranch.

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year, he found that the ranch was where he wanted to be.

"I really didn't want to leave. I knew I would miss it," he said.

The beauty in the situation is that Katie, Kelsy, and Dave each found their own way back to the ranch, not because they felt obligated or forced to, but because they were committed to maintaining everything the Cooper name has built and carrying it forward.

Dave said that his first impression of Cooper Herefords "was the noticeable level of attention to detail on the operation," not just around the grounds, but also used to critique the cow herd. "It was a type of ranch environment I had personally never been around (purebred), and I quickly grew to appreciate it. Mark impressed upon me early on the importance to critique each animal for its strengths and weaknesses and to realize that no animal is perfect, not even your favorite cow. We work hard to breed and develop cattle that will add value to our customers operations."

Kelsy echoed that sentiment and added that "I think the realized value associated with our L1 cattle comes from the high degree of in-breeding which ensures a uniquely high degree of heterosis that our customers can appreciate in addition to an increase in uniformity of offspring and consistency of transferred traits. Our intended market has always been the commercial cattleman. I think that remaining steadfast in our commitment to line-breeding and resolute in producing cattle fit for commercial herds is what has kept us unique and relevant."

Customer service is also at the forefront of the Cooper crew's outlook for the future, just like it has been since the very beginning.

"Thanks to Grandpa Jack and dad, we have a program founded on data and integrity, and people behind it that our customers can trust and believe in. Grandpa always said his greatest reward was the relationships formed and friendships built through the years," Katie said. "Relationships are key to success in any business. Relationships with co-workers, customers, industry affiliates, and community members are what keep a business viable and stable."

This is illustrated in the continued success of Cooper genetics; they will be holding their 55th Annual Production Sale in March where they will offer 85 performance tested bulls and 20 "top notch" females.

Mark said that this upcoming sale crop, along with the calves that will drop this year, are some of the most exciting ones yet. He attributed this to the fact that they "cull pretty hard" and "move genetics forward pretty rapidly."

"We continue to place great emphasis on structural soundness and growth, in addition to key maternal traits," their website states. "Our herd sires are kept for a maximum of three years with the assumption that a herd bull should produce sons better than he is."

Utilizing the highly effective performance testing that Jack tapped into over 70 years ago, 25 percent of Cooper bulls and females are culled each year. They also like to incorporate the freshest genetics possible through these young bulls, Mark explained.

"We are really excited about a lot of our young herd bull prospects," Mark said.

One of those young bulls they're particularly excited about is CL1 Domino 0186H who boasts a high calving ease (+5.7) coupled with above breed average weaning weight (+61) and yearling weight (+99).

"Bulls like that are unique," Mark said. "He's a bull we feel the industry needs."

For Mark, it's always been gratifying



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to see these young bulls go out and perform for a long time in programs across the country and the world. Their bulls have been highly successful in registered herds, commercial herds, and "have been well tested in Uruguay," he explained.

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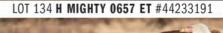


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Looking Forward...

As far as moving forward is concerned, which is a thought that's always in the minds of those on generational ranches, Mark and Cristy have reached that point in their lives where they're beginning to think about passing the baton off to Katie, Kelsy, and Dave, just like Coopers have done for the past century.

"Time moves so darn fast," Mark reflected

However, Katie mentioned that, even though they're in the nascent stages of a transition, Mark is still the main decision maker for Cooper Herefords in terms of breeding and selection, and he is still out getting his hands dirty every day

Here recently, though, Mark and Cristy were taking a walk together and pondering "what will this little valley look like in 20 years?"

While that question was impossible to answer definitively, Mark conceded, they both have accepted that there's a

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chance that things could look different than they always have, but there's one thing that will remain the same: there will always be a great deal of pride taken in working together on the Cooper ranch.

The girls both agreed that "Working in a small family business that was established over a century ago, while at times can be extremely difficult, is also extremely rewarding. It requires a huge amount of compromise on everyone's part. But we believe it's through com-

open-minded and willing to commit to one another and the success of our operation."

"They have three different personalities, but that's the beauty of working as a team. They all bring something different to the table and they all have the same end goal," Mark said.

As mentioned before, it was never a guarantee that Katie and Kelsy would come back to the ranch, but for Mark, it has been no surprise to see how they've grown and thrived immensely since be-

"They have a passion to learn and have a vision of their own. That is their strength - failure isn't an option in their eyes," Mark said.

Looking back, Mark said, "my father was always very supportive of my decisions and really never criticized me. He just figured I would learn from them [...] We've got to respect each other's point of view [...] regardless of decisions, we try not to be critical of each other, because at the end of the day, none of us try to make a bad decision,' Mark said.

In that same sense, Mark and Cristy have been open to the diverse points of view their kids have brought to the table, as well as the different ideas they have for the ranch moving forward.

"You can't handcuff these kids," Mark added. "There's gonna be change."

"Farming/ranching today is quite different from the stories I remember growing up," Cristy added. "Back then, ranch work was much more physical whereas today, with all of our modern technology, farming and ranching seems to require more education and mental strength. Before marrying Mark, I had no knowledge of the complexity involved in this registered Hereford operation. We held our first annual production sale here at the ranch the following March after Mark and I married. I learned quickly to embrace the ranching lifestyle and opportunity we had to raise our four daughters in this agricultural environment."

While the goal is to stick to what has been so successful for Cooper Herefords over the years, which is a continued focus on quality performance testing and high standards for selection criteria that not only move their customer's herds forward, but the entire Hereford breed, Katie, Kelsy, and Dave also realize that the agricultural environment will only continue to shift and change.

We believe there is a lot of opportunity in farming and ranching. But there are also many new obstacles that will require fresh solutions," Katie said. "I think that for any operation to move forward it's going to be imperative to give more than we take and further our efforts towards sustainability and efficiency. We hope that by focusing on the intersection of soil, plants, and livestock, while remaining mindful of opportunities to become more diversified, we can continue to create a business model that is sustainable, and one that encourages the next generation to return."

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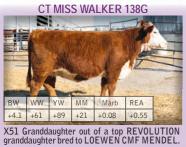
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FH 227 NAVARRO 094 MD • 44207601 • DOB: 3/10/20 BW 4.4 WW 54 YW 94 M 25 MG 52 REA .43 MRB .29 CHB\$ 134 Attractive son of Navarro 227, 227 had a really strong set of sale bulls last year & 094 is the same type & kind.



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FH 7056E LADY SENSE 1209 LC • 44309735 • DOB: 4/9/21 BW 2.4 WW 62 YW 99 M 44 MG 75 REA .51 MRB .24 CHB\$ 131 Feminine heifer by UU Sensation 7056 out of a 227 first calf heifer, should make a brood cow.

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Sire: NJW 135U 10W Decorby 27F ET • Dam: Gant Trust BW 4.3 WW 72 YW 116 MM 23

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Sire: A&B Payweight • Dam: Gant Resource BW 1.3 WW 69 YW 121 MM 28

Jill's Editorial...

(continued from page 1) ate, we were contacted by the Black Hills Stock Show (BHSS) in Rapid City and informed that our sister company, The Livestock Link and Marc and I, are being honored as the Agri-Business of the Year. We are incredibly honored to receive this award and it is very humbling to be recognized by an organization such as BHSS. We have a tremendous crew and wonderful coowners to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude. They are the best in the business and we appreciate them all.

The Livestock Link was incorporated in 2016 but actually started in 2009. It is a livestock video company that specializes in providing videoing and editing services, video sales, online bidding and clerking services.

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Needless to say, our company is very busy this time of year videoing, clerking and conducting sales. Videoing and editing for these sales has been ongoing for the last several months and will continue through the sale season. Thank you to the Black Hills Stock Show for selecting us and our company for this award. We are very grateful.







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Sale Roundup

Cane Creek Cattle Company Annual Production Sale Mobridge, SD Dec. 18, 2021

Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar Sale Manager: CK Sales & Marketing, Colt Keffer

50 Bulls — \$3,785 13 Open Heifers — \$4,231 2 Bred Heifers — \$2,350 9 Bred Cows — \$1,967 1 Ranch Gelding — \$8,250

Top Bulls:

2/26/20, BEHM 100W Cuda 504C to Upstream Ranch, Taylor, NE, \$9,000. Lot 33, CCCC Roughrider 347 5152H ET, 2/28/20 by Churchill Rough Rider 719E to JN Maher Angus, Morristown, SD, \$8,000.

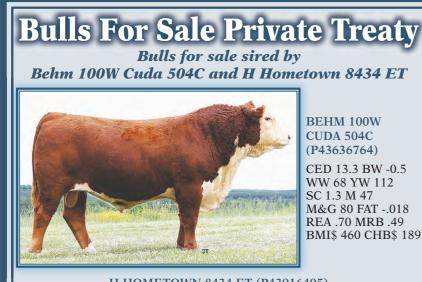


Casey Perman (left) and Auctioneer Seth Weishaar welcomed the sale crowd.

Top Heifers:

Lot 51, CCCC Miss Sancho 106J, Lot 6, CCCC Cuda 5405 5139H ET, 4/3/21 by ECR 628 Ivys Advance 8923 ET to Taylor Gosch, Selby, SD, \$15,000.

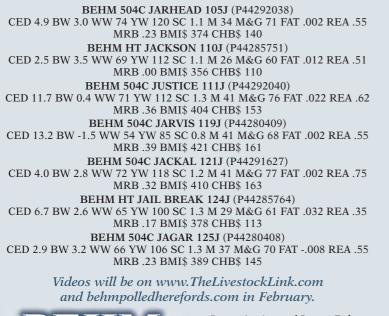
> Lot 55, CCCC KE Miss Benton 717E 9J, 5/5/21 by JDH AH Benton 8G ET to Atkins Herefords, Tea, SD, \$5,000.



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00642 AHA P44234878 09/03/2020 Sire: BG LCC 11B PERFECTO 84F CED 9.1 | BW 0.1 | WW 74 | YW 123 M 38 | REA 0.68 | Mrb 0.09 | \$CHB 130



00613 AHA P44234892 09/02/2020 Sire: BG LCC 11B PERFECTO 84F CED 10.7 | BW 0.4 | WW 65 | YW 109 M 33 | REA 0.49 | Mrb 0.14 | \$CHB 117



11121 AHA P44279856 01/17/2021 Sire: BG LCC 11B PERFECTO 84F CED 2.7 | BW 2.6 | WW 61 | YW 107 M 29 | REA 0.77 | Mrb 0.14 | \$CHB 118



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11098 AHA P44277824 01/14/2021 Sire: HILLS-GALORE 44Z RESOLUTE 128D CED -1.7 | BW 3.0 | WW 67 | YW 114 M 23 | REA 0.59 | Mrb 0.08 | \$CHB 128



11331 AHA H44277817 03/02/2021 Sire: /S INTECRITY 55498 ET CED 6.9 | BW 2.5 | WW 72 | YW 110 M 31 | REA 0.65 | Mrb 0.15 | \$CHB 139

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Final Farewell

Clifford Copeland

Clifford Copeland, age 89, died on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at his home near Amistad, NM.

Clifford Copeland was born on May 1, 1932 in Lubbock, TX. He was the first born of Jack and Mary Alice Griggs Copeland. Clifford and Barbara Jean Mullins were married on June 22, 1952 in Ft. Sumer, NM. He is survived by his wife Barbara of 69+years, his son Cliff and wife Pat, grandson Matt and wife Alyssa, and great-granddaughter Cally Jo, all of Amistad, NM. His brother Ernest and wife Brenda of Santa Rosa, his sister Patricia Ritch of Clovis, his sister-in-law Barbara Jean Copeland of Clovis, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Otis, his brother-in-law Hugh Ritch and nephews.

The family of three moved to Dumas, TX, when Clifford was about four vears old. Jack worked at the Shamrock Refinery and later opened a Drug Store in Dumas and started a small herd of Hereford cattle. Riding several miles on horseback to look after those Herefords became Clifford's job at age 7 or 8. Thus his love of Hereford cattle began and continued when his Dad and Grandad, in 1943, established the Copeland Ranch six miles south of Amistad. NM.

Clifford told of how very happy he was to now live on a real ranch! At nine years old he began his life of service to his Dad and family by doing chores of milking the cows, feeding the livestock and so on before and after riding the school bus to school at Amistad. He which would form a great deal of his life. He showed his first 4-H calf at the New Mexico State Fair in 1945, and never missed another State Fair until the 1990s.

During that time, he not only showed cattle, but won practically all the awards the State of New Mexico had to offer in the 4-H program. Several trips (by train) to Chicago to the National 4-H Convention, where he was honored by being asked to address the Steak and Sirloin Club of Chicago where in the speech he told those men that "New Mexico was as Big as Texas, just not rolled out as thin"! He also won the prestigious Award of being one of four 4-Hers in the State to go to Washington DC and New York City.

Clifford was a quality person all of his life, sweet and loving son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He cared deeply for his Family, his Church, and his Hereford Cattle. He was always FOR his Amistad community, and among other things was instrumental in forming the Amistad-Hayden Fire Dept. He called the meeting of the community, which met in the Historic Amistad United Methodist Church basement, 41 years ago. He was the first Fire Chief and served as Chief for several years. He also was among those who fought for the Amistad School for over 30 years when the District was trying to shut down the school, and also joined the fight to keep the Amistad Post office open. He was a lifelong member of the American Hereford Association, and member of the NM Hereford Association, NM Cattle Grower's Association and the Amistad United Methodist Church. He served as the Secretary of the Union County Fair Board for many years.

Clifford and Barbara were long time advisors for the NM Junior Hereford Association and the NM Junior Cattle Grower's Association

Clifford and Barbara were honored to receive the Buck Ramsey Award from the Nara Visa Cowboy Gathering.

Clifford and Barbara were inducted into the American Hereford Association Hall of Fame recognizing a life time achievement in the Hereford industry.

He was a loyal and faithful friend to his neighbors, most of whom have preceded him in "Going Home" as well as those who still remain.

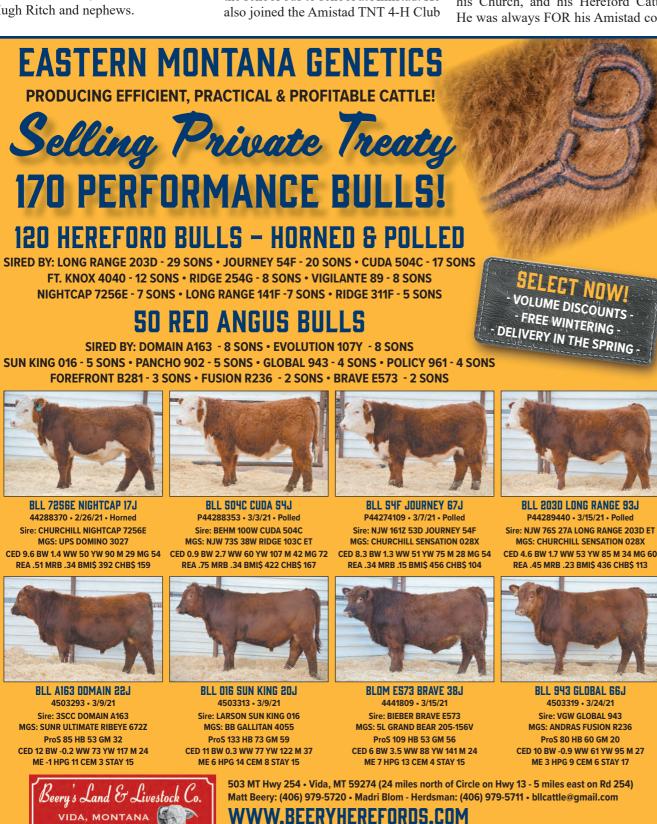


Record Numbers Enroll in Hereford Feedout Program

Seedstock and commercial cattle producers enrolled a record 756 head of Hereford and Hereford-influenced steers in the American Hereford Association's (AHA) 2022 feedout programs. The significant increase in cattle numbers underscores the value producers are gleaning from the opportunity.

Participants in the Hereford Feedout Program, which began in 2020, enroll a minimum of five head of steers that comply with a specified 45-day weaning and preconditioning protocol. They receive feedlot performance data for their cattle throughout the feeding period, as well as carcass data at the end.

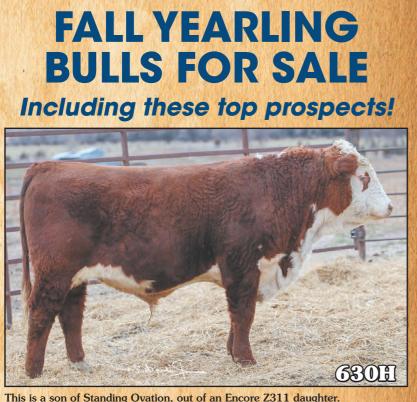
Similarly, the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) Fed Steer Shootout (FSS) program, begun in 2017, enables NIHA members to enroll a minimum of one steer, meeting the same weaning and preconditioning requirements of the HFP. Juniors also receive feedlot and carcass data for their entries. This year's FSS includes 200 steers from 74 NJHA members in 17 states.



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This is a double bred Churchill Stud. CE -0.7 BW 3.8 WW 62 YW 100 M 28 M&G 59 UDDER 1.50 TEAT 1.50 REA .55 MARB .05 CHB\$ 108



Byron's Classics

A Classic editorial by Byron Bayers from the February 2018 issue.

As I am writing this column for *Hereford America* this month, the big National Western Stock Show in Denver is underway.

All of you people who move cattle and show cattle around the country know that today almost everybody moves their cattle with super nice die-

sel trucks and trailers and these units probably cost in the area of \$100,000 per unit. I can't believe when I ride in one of these conveyances people take a big load of cattle and go over our mountain passes at over 70-75 miles per hour. The other day when I was hauling cattle in our truck and trailer, my thoughts went back to over a half a century ago when I made my last trip on a freight train with show cattle.

I was 19 years old at

the time and had just finished my freshman year at the University of Montana where I was enrolled and taking Business Administration.

I had lettered as a freshman in both football and track and was looking forward to the next year of college and competing with the big boys in sports. I also had a special girl in college that I did not want to leave with all those college boys. I had been home about a month when my dad informed me that he decided that year to show our cattle at the Portland International in Portland, OR, the Montana State Fair at Great Falls, the Midland Empire State Fair in Billings, MT and the Tri-State Futurity in Miles City, MT, which was held in early winter. He wanted me to take the show cattle and he said, we will find someone to go with you and help. (A high school boy the first trip, an unreformed drunk the second trip, and a guy that did not want to work the third trip, so I fired him.)

My dad also informed me that he thought I should skip college for the fall quarter so that I could help with our annual sale in the fall and then take the cattle to Miles City later in the year. I was quite disappointed because I had high hopes of being able to contribute to the Grizzly football team that year as a running back. I had been the second leading scorer on my freshman team and so the coaches were very interested that I return in the fall. So was the girlfriend! However, it is very difficult to turn your father down, so to make long story short, I agreed to road the show herd for about six months.

The plan called for over 10,000 miles

of travel in a box car on the freight train with the cattle and we normally took 10-12 head of cattle on the show circuit. Dad ordered the boxcar from the Northern Pacific (now the Burlington Northern) and the boxcar was moved up to the siding at Twin Bridges, where we installed tie down rings for the cattle, and did the rest of the preparations such as water tank, hay, feed, straw etc., that



At the first Tri-State Livestock Futurity in 1944 were Byron, his sister Helen and her daughter Gail, Art and Elizabeth Bayers.

we would need for the trips. I will only describe the last of the trips because of the length of this article, however, I will say the first 6,000 miles from home to Portland and return, was accomplished in good order and the summer trip from home to Great Falls, Billings and back home went well.

After our fall bull sale, I had to get ready for probably the most difficult trip of all. I will tell you in a later article about our trip to Portland and back and the trips to the state fairs that year.

It was possible in those days to hire a boxcar for a period of time, and my dad did just that. We rented the boxcar for six months. After we returned from the Billings Midland Empire show, the boxcar that we had outfitted, sat on the siding at Twin Bridges for two months.

After the sale that fall, and the delivery of about 100 bulls to their new homes, we had to start planning for the trip to the Tri-State Futurity in Miles City, MT. The futurity idea was a concept that was fostered by my dad somewhat after the horse futurity principal. The idea was that the cattle would be entered in the futurity show six months prior to the show and the cattle that were entered had to be the ones that were brought, shown and sold at this event. There could be no changes or substitutes. If something happened to the cattle they had to be withdrawn.

The idea was presented to the major breeders in the states of Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, South Dakota and Idaho. Breeders from the states of Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming

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agreed on the principals and the various locations would be alternated between the three states. A few breeders that did not wish to show cattle in those states declined to be part of the organization.

The event was called the Tri-State Futurity and claimed wide acclaim for the quality and substance of the cattle and the sales results later proved this to be true. Several beautiful trophies were donated by various hotels, oil companies and other varied agricultural groups. I have never seen any trophies in the cattle business

that would match these trophies in size and beauty. Before each of them could be permanently claimed they had to be won three different times.

These trophies included Champion Bull, Champion Heifer and Get of Sire, My dad was

Sire. My dad was very competitive and it was his desire to win any, or all, of these that he could. We finally won both the Champion Bull trophy and the Champion Get of Sire trophy the three times to keep them permanently.

In early November we had the cattle ready to travel to Miles City. We were taking two bulls and one heifer, all sired by the same bull. Because we had such a small group of cattle, my dad decided that I could go to the show alone with cattle. The boxcar was still sitting on the track and my dad decided that this was the way to move the cattle to Miles City. After the cattle were sold we would turn the boxcar back to the railroad in Miles City.

I carefully prepared the box car with straw and the hay and grain that I would need to complete the trip. I also had a 55-gallon drum of water that we felt would be adequate for the 400-mile trip, that the railroad estimated would take 16 hours. Because the weather was starting to get cool I planned, and took what I presumed would be adequate winter clothing. I took my sleeping bag to help keep warm and possibly to get some shut eye if possible. I took enough food, and water for about three meals thinking that if we were in Miles city in 16 hours, that would be sufficient. (Little did I know!)

So, our ranch crew helped me load the cattle into the car with my show gear and personal belongings and I waited for the train to pick me up. The railroad had proposed to pick me up at about noon time and I was ready. The small train chugged up the tracks at about two in the afternoon and I was advised that it was necessary for them to go up country about 20 miles and then I would be picked up on the return in about two hours, and then we would head to Whitehall, MT, where the main line of the Northern Pacific ran at that time from Portland to Chicago. After

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being picked up and going down the Jefferson Valley toward Whitehall, the train chugged along at about 20 miles per hour, because of the varied track conditions in this valley.

By the time we traveled to Whitehall the fall day was getting very short and darkness was approaching. The cattle were doing fine, but it was getting uncomfortable in the car because it was getting cold and of course in the box car after dark, all you had for light was your flashlight. The thing that I never got used to when riding a freight train was



how they would "hump" you when they connected the cars. For those of you that are not used to railroad trains, whenever they would connect the cars you would be standing still and they would connect the cars at about 5 miles per hour.

After the many thousands of miles traveling in the boxcar I never got used to this, if you were not ready you would be knocked down and I always hoped that the cattle were laying down so that they would not get knocked down by the "humping."

Once we were on the main line of the Northern Pacific we rolled along at a pretty good pace to Laurel near Billings MT. Of course, we had to go over the Bozeman Pass and that made very slow travel for about 20 miles. After we did get over the pass, we went at a very fast clip into Laurel. We got into Laurel late at night and were put on a side track and sat there for several hours. I was getting very nervous because we were way behind schedule and the weather was really starting to turn cold. My drinking water froze and my food was ice cold. In a freight yard, on a freight train, you never dared leave your car because we were not sure when the train might start moving and the "bums" started to look for a ride. No one ever came by that you could talk to about the delay, so there was nothing a person could do but sit and wait it out. Very late at night we got connected and the train started to roll toward the east to Miles City, my final destination

It was getting colder all the time at Laurel and as we passed Billings and out onto the flatlands of Eastern Montana it got extremely cold and I could tell we were in a major blizzard. I put on all the clothes I had, got into my sleeping bag and moved over between the cattle to get some of their warmth, as it had been

Selling āt the Black Hills Stock Show February 2nd!!





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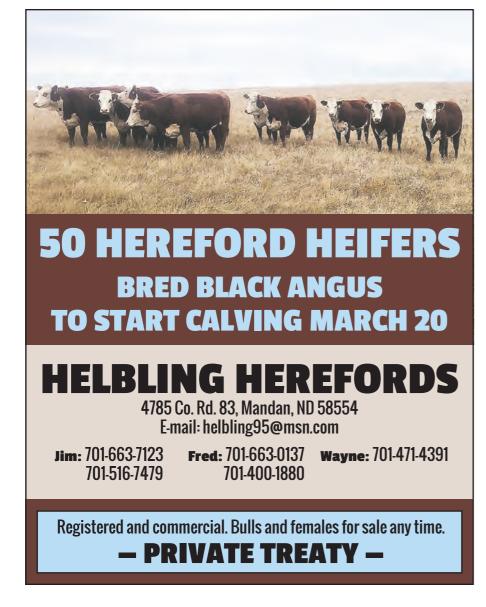
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 MG 61 REA 0.62 MRB 0.11 CHB 119
 MG 64 REA 0.44 MRB 0.13 CHB 119

Selling at the Watertown Winter Farm Show on February 9th!!





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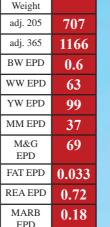
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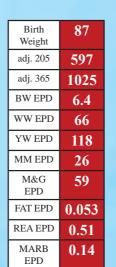
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(continued from page 30) a long and stressful day, and I finally went to sleep.

I was awakened the next morning by someone opening the boxcar door. As I looked over the top of one of the bulls, I could see three strange looking men coming into the car in a very inquisitive manner. They didn't say anything until they were almost on me, and my first perception was

that I had a real problem here.

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had arrived in Miles City. The railroad men thought it was really funny that a guy was laying down in a boxcar trying to stay warm in between the cattle.

They then informed me that it was 35 below zero that morning. I was extremely happy to get the cattle into the barn and get regrouped. This, for me, would be the end of approximately 10,000 miles of traveling on a train in the past 6 months. Even though I was just 19 and in excellent physical shape, I was extremely tired and worn out, and in those days when you showed cattle and rode on the train your work days normally were 18 hours a day, as we were at the fairs and stayed with the cattle.

The music and noise of the carnivals would keep us awake until 2 o'clock in the morning and in those days there were always a few old herdsmen that would wake me at about 4 o'clock in the morning and tell me, "Byron, it's time to get up and go to work."

We did very well at the Tri-State Futurity and we won the third leg of the Get of Sire trophy, which made my dad extremely happy. The sale and show went along very well. My dad had arrived by motor car the day before the show and when the cattle were sold, we loaded the rest of the remaining show tack and headed for home.

I told my Dad on the way home, "after 10,000 miles on a boxcar covering over five states, this is the end of my railroading. From now on we need to go by truck." My dad agreed and said, OK. However, the freight train story was not yet to be ended and in a future article I will tell you the rest of the railroad story. And by the way, I married the girl, and Pauline and I were married for 63 years.

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Cattlemen's Congress Hereford Champion ET. Ben and Kevin Jensen, Courtland, the Horned Reserve Champion Bull Polled Champion Female title

gathered in Oklahoma City, OK, Jan. 5-8, 2022 for the 2nd annual Cattlemen's Congress. Coming from all across the country, cattlemen congregated on the red dirt to exhibit the best of the best in Hereford genetics. The enthusiasm for the breed shined through each day as exhibitors and spectators alike took in the event.

Junior Show

Hereford junior exhibitors' hard work culminated as they stepped onto the red dirt during the 2022 Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City. Judge Lydell Meier, Clinton, TN, sorted the show of 269 Females. Paige Lemenager, Hudson, IL, exhibited the Grand Champion Polled Female, BOY Harley 018H ET. BK CMCC Highness 082H ET received the Reserve Grand Champion Polled Female honors and was owned by Mason Allan of Nocona, TX.

Blake Bruns of North Platte, NE, won the Grand Champion Horned Female title with H Pixie 0635 ET and Aidyn Barber, Channing, TX, exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Horned Female with her Bred-and-Owned Female, BR Gabriella 0142.

Pen Show

Sam Shaw, Caldwell, ID; Keith Phillips, Maysville, KY; and Bruce Thomas, Gold Creek, MT, evaluated the pen show, which included 11 female pens, four Pen-of-Five bulls and 16 Pen-of-Three bulls for a total of 101 head.

The Grand Champion Pen-of-Three Females and champion junior yearling pen was exhibited by Peréz Cattle Co., Nara Visa, NM Matheny Herefords, May's Lick, KY, showed the Reserve Grand Champion Pen-of-Three Females.

Express Ranches, Yukon, OK, brought home the Champion Pen-of-Five bulls with their champion junior bull calves. The Reserve Champion Pen-of-Five and Reserve Champion junior bull calves went to Delaney Herefords, Lake Benton, MN.

Champion honors for the Pen-of-Three Bull Show went to Buck Cattle Co., Madill, OK, with the group first winning the senior bull calf division. In recognition for their champion pen of bulls, Buck Cattle Co. received the first Arlo Janssen Memorial Award in remembrance of long time Hereford exhibitor and herdsman, Arlo Janssen, Klamath Falls, OR. Perks Ranch, Rockford, IL, won the Champion Pen-of-Three spring bull calves before being selected as the Reserve Grand Champion Pen.

Open Show Champions

The stakes were high as judges Matt and Cliff Copeland, Nara Visa, NM, sorted the 91-head Hereford bull show and 266-head Hereford Female show at the 2022 Cattlemen's Congress. The Champion Polled Bull went to Crayton and Cora Belle Chapman, Seneca, IL, and Michael Pérez, Nara Visa, NM, with PCC 7009 173D Maverick 0183 KS; Bar A Cattle Co., Nocona, TX; and TWJ Farms, Carroll, NE, were named Reserve Champion Polled Bull with KJ TWJ 907E Liberty 159H ET.

Aidyn Barber, Ryon Cox, Mt. Pleasant, TX; Edwards Ranch, May, TX; and Drew Pérez, Canyon, TX, took home Horned Champion honors with BR ER Big Country 007 ET. Dry Creek Farm, Pell City, AL; Buck Cattle Co.; and Hoffman Herefords, Thedford, NE, received banner with DCF 642Z Dilly 002H.

Blake Bruns claimed the Horned Champion Female title with H Pixie 0635 ET and the Horned Reserve Champion Female went to Grady and Hudson Carter, Stratford, OK, with BK Just Flashy 154J.

Bryden Barber, Channing, TX, and his champion spring yearling female, BR Merida H031 ET, was awarded the

the Horned Reserve Champion Bull Polled Champion Female title. Kinnick Paulsen, Preston, IA, with OHR Miss VIP 510 ET, claimed Polled Reserve Champion Female.

> See sale information, Youth Foundation info, photos and more starting on page 46.



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We decided to bring back the old 9126J pedigree and see how it stacks up against the industry today. We feel like this bull has a lot of potential. He's big topped, has excellent length and a solid EPD panel - top 10% for CW, IMF and CHB; top 20% CED and maternal traits!



CL1 942G ET x 4136B

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Dam 4136B sold to Holden Herefords in our 2020 Female Sale. She was one of the higher Marbling cows in our herd and the bottom side of her pedigree is stacked with generations of calving ease. Really balanced bull - EPD panel ranks him in the top 30% in 15 traits.

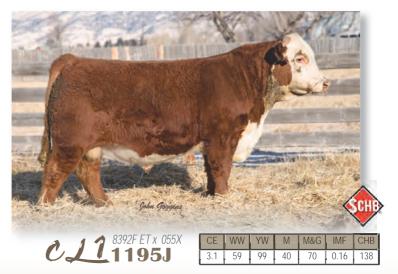


Sire 9108G is a 7156E son that sold for \$45k to Johansen Herefords and L Bar W Cattle Co. The 7156E sons have performed really well and we're seeing the same out of 9108G progeny. This bull has a lot of eye appeal - he's stout, has a biq quarter and deep flank, and good length. Dam 713E is a full sister to herd sire 710E. 56 th Annual PRODUCTION SALE Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the ranch, 1/2 mile south of Willow Creek, MT

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The Early Years: A Living Legend – Art Handel celebrates 58 years marketing Herefords

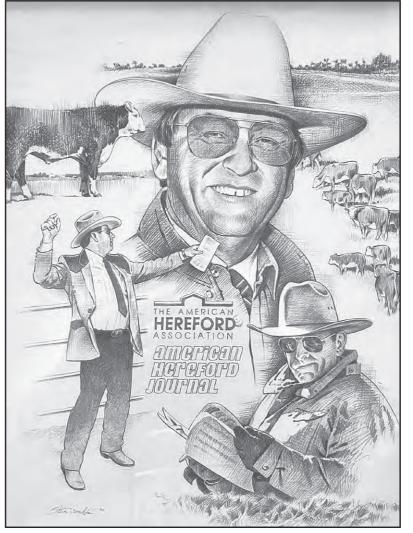
"A living legend," that's how many cattlemen describe Arthur (Art) Handel, Jr., Rapid City, SD. Famous within the Hereford industry, the 85-year-old is still doing what he always dreamed of, marketing Hereford cattle and doing it very well - the true definition of a living legend.

Handel's dream of being a fieldman for the American Hereford Association (AHA) began at 17. Fifty-eight years later, in 2022, he is still on the road pursuing his dream. Not a day goes by when he is not on the phone talking Herefords. "It's like a well-fit glove. Why would you look for anything else?" the proficient marketer who lives and breathes Hereford cattle says.

Destined to be a cattleman

Art's grandfather Christ Handel and A.J. Mettler, and his dad, Arthur Sr., were cattlemen. The family started raising registered Herefords in 1925 near the southeastern South Dakota town of Menno. Art Sr. later moved the family 17 miles west near Scotland, SD purchasing a farm foreclosed on during the Depression, for \$35/acre. Hereford cattle soon filled the pastures.

Art Handel, Jr., was born in 1937. Quickly unveiling the beginning of his



Drawing by Steve Crombie of Art's career with the American Hereford Association, chronicles the life of a fieldman and love for Herefords.

life as a cattleman, joining 4-H, FFA, and showing Herefords at the county and state level. Later, he headed off to college in Brookings, S.D., to attend South Dakota State University in 1955. His interest in cattle peaked further. He was a Block and Bridle Club, Collegiate 4-H, Rodeo Club member, showed in the Little International, and participated on the meats and livestock judging teams. He became friends with many other livestock students and spent his weekends showing Hereford steers.

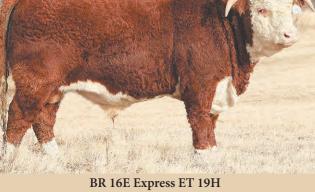
Handel's college roommate was another well-known cattleman, Roger Hunsley. The trio of Handel, Hunsley, and Richard (Tricky) Wettlauffer, and sometimes others would regularly hit the show road with Hereford steers winning at the American Royal, Chicago International, Odgen Utah's Golden Spike, and the National Western.

Then combining the individual steer entries to compete in the pen of three steer division taking championship at American Royal and Chicago International. The young men were masters at putting together three steers to excel.

The marketing bug was sparked in Handel when he met John Leibel, manager of the South Dakota Hereford Association for 30 years. As a college student, Handel lived in the basement of the Leibel home and would travel to bull sales, alongside

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Handel...

(continued from page 37) John, who provided him his first opportunity to take bids. The fire was lit, and there was no stopping from that point on. He was destined to reach his dream to be a fieldman for the prestigious American Hereford Association (AHA).

January 1970, at 32-years of age, Handel joined the staff of the AHA.

Dreams Come True

Having a long resume of raising and showing Herefords and working sales since college, the transition to fulfill the role of a breed field representative was a comfortable one.

"I met with Hop Dickinson, AHA



Art's first set of wheels in 1940.

Executive Secretary, and Lovell Kuykendall, AHA Director of Field Services; they gave me a car and a credit card, said hit the road and I did just that."

His storied career as a marketer began with the assignment of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin for two years. Then, when an opening surfaced, Dickinson asked Art to sell ads in Nebraska for the upcoming *Hereford Journal Herd Reference* edition until a replacement could be hired. The Cornhusker state was Hereford

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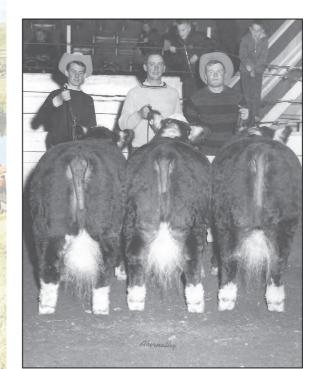
Arthur Handel Sr. and Jr.

country in the mid-70s and continued as a driver in the business. Handel accepted the challenge and hit the road swiftly. "That was the most money I ever made selling ads. I sold 112 pages for the July reference issue."

The AHA rewarded Handel's success by assigning him the Nebraska territory full-time, followed shortly after with the addition of Colorado and Wyoming. His previous role was shifted to a new staff member, Jay George. However, he soon found out that Colorado and Wyoming production sales; didn't align well with the timing of his Nebraska responsibilities. Due to the popularity of Herefords in Nebraska, he became responsible for the state for nine years.

During his tenure, he met and worked closely with the Nebraska Hereford Association managers, Ronnie and Kay Morgan, Burwell, NE. The team created the eminent 'Nebraska Showcase Sale,' one of the breed's top consignment sales, second only to the National Western Stock Show at the time. Cattle were hand-selected by Ronnie Morgan and Handel. The pair traveled up and down many county roads to find an elite group of Hereford bulls to meet the demand. Held in North Platte, NE, from the late 1970s to 1980, bulls sold as high as \$30,000. "That was a lot of money in those days," assures Handel.

The Nebraska Hereford tours became a mustattend event. Herefords from many of these ranches were a hot commodity. Many hours of work from Handel and the Morgan's presented top-quality events. Tour attendees often hit 600 people.



Back in his steer-showing days, Art (center) with Joe Devitt (left) and Dick Wettlaufer in Chicago. They showed there three years in a row.

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Hereford Hey Days

Herefords had hit their stride in the late '60s thru the early '80s. The association registered nearly 400,000 head, making it the largest breed registry; the 1981 *Hereford Journal Herd Bull* edition was over 1,000 pages; and everyone wanted to own Hereford cattle.

With enthusiasm buzzing, Handel and fellow AHA field staff coordinated the "20 Grand Sale" held in conjunction with the esteemed American Royal. That sale was hosted in a tent in the parking lot of the AHA headquarters downtown Kansas City, overlooking the famous stockyards and under the shadows of the gigantic "Hereford Bull on the Hill." Big crowds came to bid on the elite bulls.

Handel was a road warrior. He spent over 300-days a year traveling to sales, making herd visits, attending association functions, and helping breeders determine what genetics to use. He had two home bases, Scotland, SD, and North Platte, NE. Because of his focus in Nebraska, he worked out a long-standing hotel reservation at the North Platte Ramada Inn. "It was my home away from home for eight years. I had the room year-round, didn't have to check out, and could leave my clothes there and only paid for nights I was there."

Averaging over 100 bull sales a year in Nebraska, where some of the herds had both a spring and fall sale, Handel would log over 75,000 miles on his association car. Imig Herefords, Lakeside, NE, was an example of this. They would have two to three sales a year, meaning Handel worked over 60 bull and female sales for the Imig family during his career.

Writing sale reports was time-consuming. All reports were hand-written, starting with an introduction summary on the weather, crowd, popular sire groups sold, and breeding program, followed by a listing at least 10 top-selling animals.

But the gathering of bids at bull sales was only a small portion of his role. He took thousands of bull photos annually for sale catalogs and ads. To track the animals, he incorporated the trick of taking a photo of the animal's ear tag



At the Spur Cattle Co. (Sam Moore) Dispersal, Art strung phone cord for a half mile in order to have phone service closer to where he needed it. Obviously before cell phones, but similar issue.



before snapping a picture of the animal.

The photos were the base of many ads he designed and sold. "This was pre-computer days when everything was done by hand." Hours and hours were spent sketching out ads with a pen and piece of paper or restaurant napkin, gathering support materials such as photos and pedigrees, and locating the nearest mailbox to ship it off to the *Hereford Journal* magazine staff in Kansas City.

Hereford breeders built great faith in Handel. They trusted him and his ability to find the most effective way to promote their breeding program. "I drew up many ads. Breeders never asked to see a proof copy before I mailed

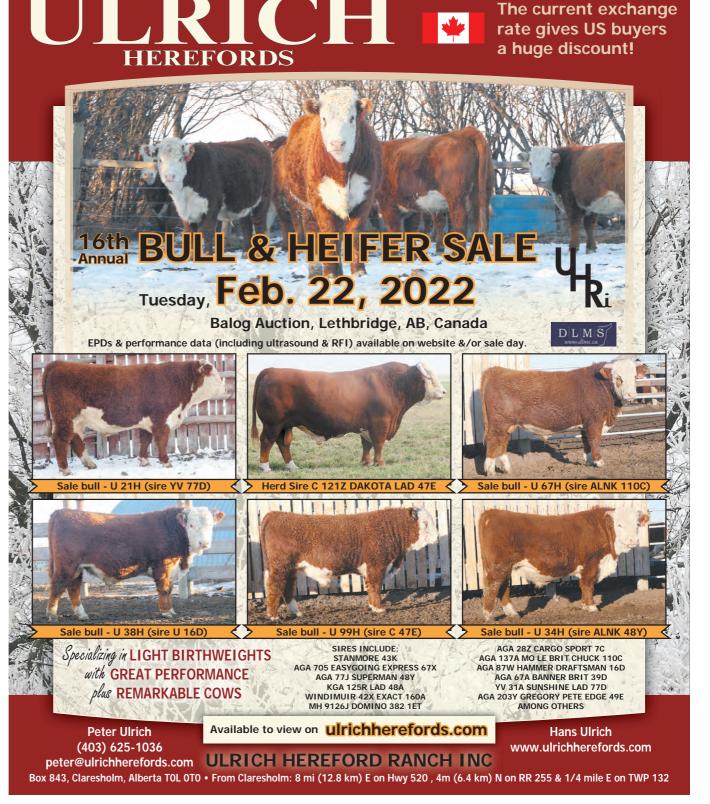


Speaking at the Ken Baker sale, Rapid City, SD. Pictured in the background are Auctioneer Jim Birdwell and Ken Baker.

it in. They trusted me as their marketing specialist."

Handel's innate skill to communicate

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with breeders meant he was not afraid to provide honest feedback on what direction breeders should take their genetic programs. He didn't shy away from an issue, especially those who would impact the Hereford breed.

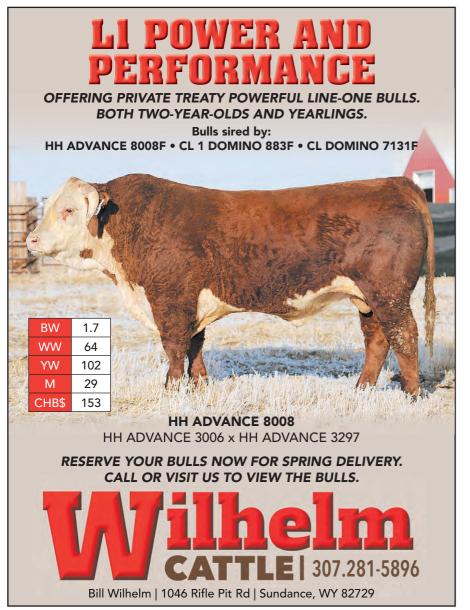
Some monumental issues occurred before DNA. Breeders put faith in the field representatives, like Art, to guide and educate them.

Roger Stuber, Bowman, ND, says, "Art has the ability to evaluate the breed, suggest changes to breed enhancement and the ability to do it in a firm, nonjudgmental way with a vision to make the breed stronger and fit the dynamics of cattle genetic progress." Longtime breeders, Van Newkirk Herefords, Oshkosh, NE remember how influential he was introducing them to a herdchanging bull out of North Dakota in the 80s.

"Art is a boots on the ground marketer. Windshield time gave Art time to reflect on events and project the direction breeders and the Hereford breed needed to go," comments Colin Hoffman, Leola, SD. Hoffman compliments Handel's ability to realize that every breeder has different types and bloodlines of cattle, recalling Handel's



Field Day at Ken Baker and Sons, Ada, MN, in 1973 had an impressive line-up of special guests including (back row) Jerry Carlson, Tom Sellman, Jim Mickelson, Jimmy Fiedler, Ken Baker and Art Handel. Front row, Jay George, Bob Schnell, P.H. White and Gerald Roise.





Group of juniors back in the day, including Marie Fawcett, Brenda Handel, Karen Handel, Andy, Brenda Bieber, Colin Hoffman, Donnie Leddy, Thea Handel, Lisa Handel and Bonnie Bieber.

guidance to his family to step outside their base of horned Hereford genetics to purchase a polled bull in Denver, 30 years ago.

Raising a Show Family

While their dad was on the road marketing Herefords, Art, and Karen's three daughters, Brenda, Thea, and Lisa, also gained experience in the Hereford business.

Summertime for the girls started with showing in 4-H at the county fair, the state junior Hereford field day, South Dakota State Fair, and some regional junior shows. The fall show season was filled with Aksarben, the American Royal, and ending at the National Western Stock Show. The "Handel Sisters" were a force to be reckoned with in the showring. They were skilled in showmanship and took pride in ensuring their animals were always presented in top fashion.

"The girls did nearly all the work because I was on the road," Handel says. "Karen drove the truck and trailer to many events with the girls, and I would often meet them there. In those days, your goal was winning championships but also making enough prize money to pay the gas bill," chuckles Art, "that doesn't happen today."

Lisa showed a heifer called Miss IRS,

champion bred-owned at the Junior National Hereford Expo in Springfield, IL. "We called her Miss IRS because I got in trouble with the IRS on how I reported my show expenses, says Handel. They didn't seem to see the items I listed as show expenses the same way I did." One of the girl's show heifers was sold to EE Ranch, MS, for \$14,000 in the Denver Stock Show Sale.

There were numerous highlights during the girls showing career and stories that pull at the heartstrings and create a lot of laughter when the family reminisces about the "good ole days" such as loading fast for the next trip and grabbing the wrong cooler for the cookoff contest, opening it before the judges, to find it filled with beer and pop, not cookoff supplies, or laughing about the names the girls gave the heifers. "Thea was the best at the names; we had 'Kneely' who was always kneeling when she ate," says Brenda.

Brenda served as co-chair, alongside Ray Runner, Athol, S.D., for the 1990 Junior National Hereford Expo held in Rapid City, S.D. "We created memories that live on in history." The girls formed lifelong friendships with fellow juniors like Kirk, Brooke, and Brenda Bieber, Colin Hoffman, and many more.

Brenda, Thea and Lisa Handel at a family wedding last summer.

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"Dad set the perfect example for us. We worked hard and gained a work ethic that has influenced our success going forward." Although dad was building his own legend with his commitment to the Hereford industry; "he was still our dad, not an AHA fieldman, when he arrived at the shows or when he was home."

Regrettably, he did sacrifice time with his family, especially with his three girls, and the overwhelming time on the road ended his marriage with Karen.

The following decades of devotion to his family and the Hereford breed would come with change, challenges, and creating even more lifetime memories.

The Later Years

Breed Merges – New challenges ahead

When the AHA and the American Polled Hereford Association (APHA) merged in 1996, fieldman duties for Art Handel, Rapid City, SD, shifted to cover the representation of both polled and horned breeders. The newly formed association continued as the American Hereford Association (AHA). The publication, previously *Hereford Journal*, became the *Hereford World*. Although the association format changed, Handel's devotion to the breed did not.

Handel married Pat Clanton in 1994, and the two have lived in Rapid City, SD, for 28 years. Art and Pat often opened their home to Hereford enthusiasts during the Black Hills Stock Show, hosting the "Handel Winterfest." Art showed off his culinary skills, grilling Hereford brisket and ribs. Pat delighted over 150 guests featuring her wellknown "Cream-Puffs" that she became famous for selling for 38 years at the Central States Fair and festivals in the Black Hills region.

Memories continued to build as Handel expanded his circle of customers. The winter of 1996-97 was one to remember. Snowstorm after snowstorm made it a devastating winter. "Nearly every sale in South Dakota and North Dakota was postponed and had to be rescheduled."

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Art and Pat cooking Certified Hereford Beef at Sunshine Foods in 1997.



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Colin Hoffman recalls, "In Art's ringman days when a sale was headed in the wrong direction, you could hear him say: "Colonel, stop the sale," followed by Art's industry insight and attributes of the Hereford breed."

Handel wrapped up his career with the AHA, covering the territory of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Kansas through December 2002. Throughout his tenure, Handel had great respect for his fellow AHA fieldmen and long-time friends, Jim Boyd, Willard Wolf, Dwayne Dietz, Tom Stromberg, Jay George, and Dave Geffert. The gentlemen had genuine respect for each other and an undeniable passion for the breed.

As the times demanded change, Handel studied and educated breeders along the way. From performance records initially managed by state cattlemen's organizations to the shift of the records processed by the breed associations and incorporated into total performance records plus the growing influence of artificial insemination, EPDs, embryo transfer, DNA, and carcass parameters, Handel has witnessed many influential times.

Marketing Milestones

With 33 years under his belt, the next step after retirement from the AHA was to keep doing what he does best. He formed Handel Marketing, LLC, with the goal to serve as a consultant and order buyer of Hereford cattle. "My motto always was faith, trust, and honesty as a field man, and the breeders knew this would not change when I went on my own."

This was indicative of how respected Hereford cattlemen would describe Handel's abilities. "Never has a purchaser complained about cattle that Art has purchased for them-the sign of a professional marketer," says Roger Stuber. "His integrity is gold. You

Did you know Art:

■ Was a rodeo clown for SDSU Rodeos and a bullfighter across South Dakota

■ Sang in a nine-person 'Balladers' group performing at the National Hereford Women luncheons for several years and the AHA's Annual Meeting in 1976.

Sold Dr. McDonald Feeds to George and Robert Fawcett, Ree Heights, SD and many other Hereford breeders in the mid-60s

Served as the co-establishing advisors for the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association, alongside Pat and Boots Gant and Karen Handel in the early 60s.

■ Wrote his own newsletter – "Handel Hotline" sent to Nebraska Hereford members.

Once called the airport and asked them to hold the plane for him.

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Show assistant for his girls at Aksarben.

know if he is buying you a bull, it will be okay," says Ron Behm, Burlington, ND.

Few individuals could parallel his Hereford knowledge and industry perspective. He continued to attend 40-50 bull sales a year and drew attention to the marketing of Hereford-influenced feeder cattle.

Handel ensured that white-faced cattle were competitive in the marketplace. "When I walk in a sale barn, the auctioneer says, we must be selling some Herefords today; the Hereford man is here." He has placed thousands of feeder cattle in Northern Plains feedyards.

Soon, another niche emerged. Connecting those in need of Hereford cows or heifers with those interested in selling them. He has become the "eBay" of Hereford cattle. Selling more than 60 herds of cattle private treaty, some with transactions over one million dollars, a testament to the confidence Hereford breeders had in Art.

When Hereford families needed to disperse or downsize due to retirement, health issues, or a family death, Art was there to make sure the history and genetics were preserved.

Some examples of the herds he has influenced include:

Fawcett Elm Creek Ranch Herefords, SD. The Keith Fawcett family started in the registered Hereford business by purchasing 250 Line One cows from Imig Ranch Herefords, NE.

■ Mrnak Herefords, Bowman, ND. The Mrnak family purchased 100 cows from Carswell - Nichols, Osborne, KS. Handel put together a complete portfolio of the herd's pedigrees and traveled with Wayne Mrnak to select the cows.

Elton Erickson, Barrett, MN. With Elton's retirement, his entire cowherd (four pot-loads) was marketed to Don Cain, Broken Bow, NE.

Redbird Ranch, Nopal, TX purchased 80 fall 2-3 year-olds with fall calves from Upstream Ranch, Burwell, NE.

"I knew I was talking to the right man in the first few minutes of our conversation. He was very thorough and impressed me with his experience and

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knowledge of the Hereford breed. Art was the best start Redbird Ranch could have ever asked for," explains Harlen Merks, Jr., about Art's role in helping them start their herd.

'With Art's trustworthiness and his ability to accurately represent the cattle he saw, many busy cattlemen purchased cattle, sight-unseen, on Art's word," says Hoffman. However, serving as the middleman in the marketing arrangement is not always easy. "When you respect the people who you do business for and want them to respect you as well, then you drive all night to go pick up cattle when someone didn't pay for them," says Behm.

Handel has also shared his talent

with Marc Hotchkiss, Reva, SD, to form the Hereford Connection, a sales management company that successfully manages large Hereford sales and dispersals.

Friends Forever

Art is still canvassing the country and having the time of his life. "He can pick and choose who he wants to work with for customers and how many days he wants to be on the road. He is setting the course and steering the wheel nowadays and couldn't be happier doing that," says Behm.

Still sharp as a tack, Art is working with the third or fourth generation of families. In the case of the Fawcett's from South Dakota, it's five genera-



Leo Arbach (left), Vern Rausch, Joe Goggins, Kenny Bieber, Dave Geffert, Bonnie Bieber and Art Handel at a big sale, possibly the Oxley Dispersion in Mahnonmen, MN.

tions. "When you visit their homes as often as I have, they become your extended family," he says. Keith Fawcett concurs, stating, "At the conclusion a recent production sale, I look over, and Art is sitting on the bottom row of a bleacher with most all the fourth-generation sitting around him visiting."

"My life has been with Hereford cattle, but it isn't just the cattle; it's the people that kept me doing it."

Over the years, the Hereford breeders he has worked with are like family to him.

Many of them consider Art part of their family also.

"After 28 years of marriage, Covid has meant Art has been finally been home more than he has been gone," says his wife Pat. "But, that didn't mean he wasn't on the phone or watching on the internet, staying in touch with everyone. He is still taking care of his customers."

The Hereford industry in the U.S. would not be the same today if it wasn't for Art Handel, echoed many folks who have been associated with Handel.

Art's Angle:

"I have never considered the work I have done or the life I have lived as a



Pat and Art Handel

iob: I believed it was my calling. All the people I work with are more

than customers. They are my friends. My wife, Patricia, came into my life when I needed direction. She has been an avid cheerleader and strength for me to continue. She has been my caretaker, friend, love, and confidant for over 28 years. Special thanks to Patricia, I couldn't have survived without you!

I really do believe the good Lord has provided a driving angel to guide me over the many miles I traveled.

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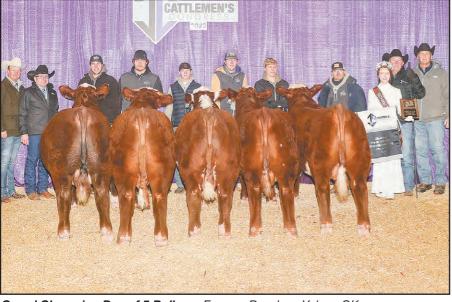
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Grand Champion Polled Bull — Crayton and Cora Belle Chapman, Seneca, IL, and Michael Pérez, Nara Visa, NM, with PCC 7009 173D Maverick 0183 ET.



Grand Champion Horned Female – H Pixie 0635 ET owned by Blake Bruns, North Platte, NE.



Reserve Champion Horned Bull – DCF 642Z Dilly 002H owned by Dry Creek Farm, Pell City, AL; Buck Cattle Co.; and Hoffman Herefords, Thedford, NE.



Reserve Champion Polled Bull – KJ TWJ 907E Liberty 159H ET owned by Ben and Kevin Jensen, Courtland, KS; Bar A Cattle Co., Nocona, TX; and TWJ Farms, Carroll. NE.



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Lot 25 - KC L1 DOMINO 20005 (44205174) 3/20/20 · BW 73 · WWR 109 · YWR 111 Sire: B&D L1 Baron 4273 BW 1.9 WW 59 YW 99 M 36 M&G 65 MPPA 103.4 on 2 hd.



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Lot 79 - KC L1 DOMINO 20138 (44205314) 4/21/20 • BW 74 • WWR 104 • YWR 111 Sire: KC Mr Freckles 18066 BW 2.0 WW 53 YW 96 M 23 M&G 49 Ranks top 30% BW, 25% YW · Dam's MPPA 106.7 on 3 hd.



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Lot 61 - KC L1 DOMINO 20067 (44205256) 4/1/20 • BW 76 • WWR 105 • YWR 103 Sire: HH Advance 5006C ET BW 1.6 WW 52 YW 86 M 29 M&G 55 Dam's MPPA 106.6 on 7 hd. Dam has produced sons for our operation.

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JUNIOR SHOW - Grand Polled Female — Paige Lemenager, Hudson, IL, with BOY Harley 018H ET. BK CMCC Highness 082H ET.



Reserve Champion Polled Female — Kinnick Paulsen, Preston, IA with OHR Miss VIP 510 ET.



JUNIOR SHOW - Reserve Grand Champion Female — Mason Allan of Nocona, TX, with BK CMCC Highness 082H ET.



JUNIOR SHOW - Grand Champion Horned Female — Blake Bruns of North Platte, NE, with H Pixie 0635 ET.



JUNIOR SHOW - Reserve Champion Horned Female — Aidyn Barber, Channing, TX with BR Gabriella 0142.

Hereford Night in OKC National Sale Results

A standing room only crowd filled Super Barn Sale Arena for the Hereford Night in OKC. The sale was a true testament to where the breed is headed and the excitement built by breeders. The sale grossed \$801,750 with three revenue share packages grossing \$150,000 with the high package selling for \$100,00 and the average being \$50,117. Fifty one semen packages grossed \$247,500 with an average of \$48,853 per package; 4.5 bulls grossed \$131,500 with the high selling bull bringing \$40,000 for ³/₄ interest. The bulls averaged \$29,222. The 11.5 Females grossed \$156,750 with the high selling Female bringing \$30,000 for half interest. The Females averaged \$13,360. The picks from prominent herds across the country are always sought after with 5.5 picks grossing \$115,500 and the high

selling pick bringing \$25,000 for half interest. The picks averaged \$21,000.

Two special lots benefiting the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) generated close to \$80,000. The first lot was a Kentucky Derby Experience and the second was a heifer from T/R Cattle Co., Glencoe, OK, with half of the proceeds generously being donated to HYFA and the production of the 2022 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), in Louisville, KY

The Kentucky Derby Experience included two day clubhouse courtyard tickets for four, three-night accommodations in downtown Louisville and roundtrip private plane transportation generously donated by BioZyme Inc. This once in a lifetime package was purchased for (continued on page 52)



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\$42,500 by Chapman Land and Cattle, Nunnelly, TN, with all proceeds going directly to HYFA and the growing a lasting legacy campaign.

T/R Cattle Co.'s, T/R Miss Shelby J43 ET, was the high selling female at the Hereford Night in OKC Sale and half of the proceeds were donated to HYFA as part of the Foundation One Program. GKB Cattle, Waxahachie, TX, stepped up and purchased the heifer for \$60,000, and this special female will not only make an impact on the breed, but also on the youth who benefit from leadership and education through the foundation.

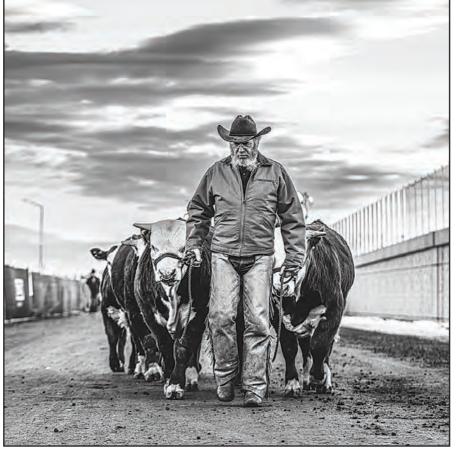
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Grady Carter, Reserve Female, OKC. AHA photo.



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Glen Klippenstein (left) with Sheila and Kevin Jensen in Denver at the Red Meat Club.



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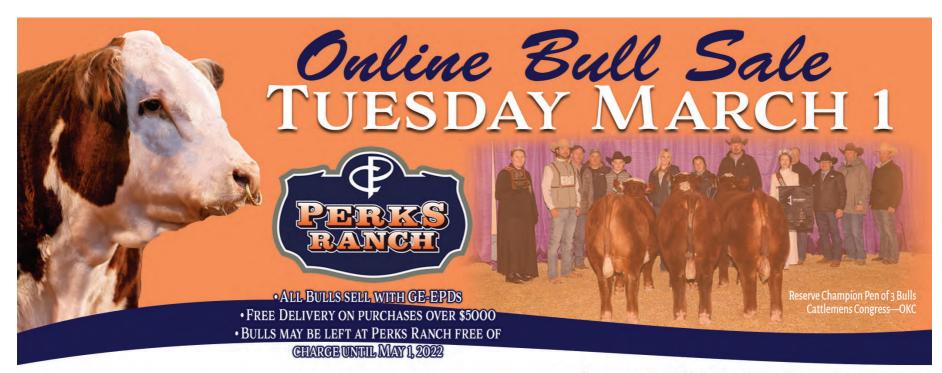


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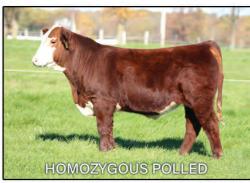


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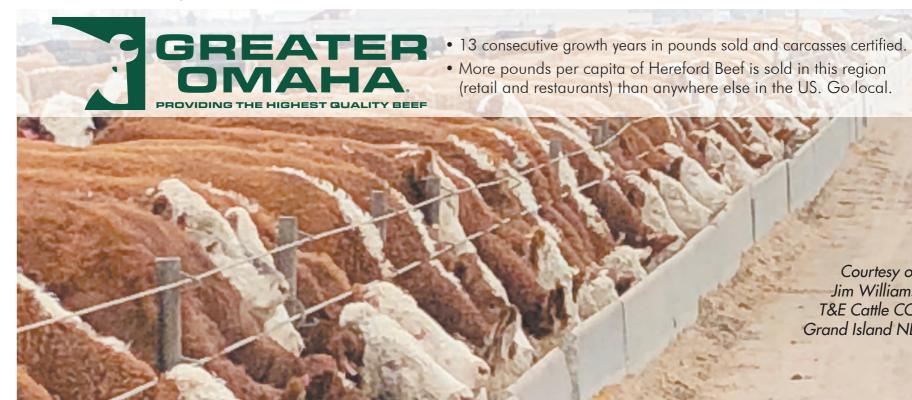


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(As of press time, the National Western Hereford results were not complete. We will have more coverage in the March issue, if needed.)



Grand Champion Horned Bull — Colyer Herefords of Bruneau, ID, with C 8086 Sancho 1084 ET.



Reserve Champion Horned Bull — Fawcetts Elm Creek Ranch of Ree Heights, SD, ECR Candi's Copper 1333 ET.



Grand Champion Polled Bull — Bar A Cattle Co., Nocona, Texas, TWJ Farms, Carroll, Neb. and Kevin and Ben Jensen, Courtland, KS with KJ TWJ 907E Liberty 159H ET.



Reserve Champion Polled Bull – Coyote Ridge Ranch, La Salle, CO, with CRR 971 Leverage 142.



Grand Champion Horned Female – C Bar One 1326 Bailee 0226 ET owned by Piper Colyer of Bruneau, ID.



Horned Reserve Champion Female – Sage, Kashlyn and Kynsleigh Krebs, Gordon, NE with JCS Annie Oakley 0802.

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