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Editorial Comments...

Jill Bayers Hotchkiss



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What a summer it has been! Seems like every year is just a little different but with the same cast of characters: cattle markets, haying, farming, not enough rain, too much rain, high wind, high temps, wildfires and more.

As I write this we are coming off of a heat wave which topped out at 107 degrees. Fortunately a few days later, we are in the 60s and 70s! I know, you are not all so fortunate. Our friends in the South still have 100s to deal with. We have had hot weather like this before. I think the last big heat blast was the year Junior National was on the opposite side of the state but it stayed for the entirety of the event. When I got home from that I remember helping fight a local wildfire and the temp was 113 and we also had humidity which is somewhat rare for far northwest South Dakota. I'm not saying by any means I'd like a repeat of that. In this area, far northwest South Dakota, once it starts getting hot the rain is usually not to be had either. Such is the case right now and it's drying out fast. Recently there was a wildfire in our county (Harding) that burned about 10,000 acres through some prime rangeland. We are all so thankful for the local ranchers who all have their own spray rigs or ranch units along with small and medium sized volunteer fire departments that come out so quickly and fight these fires. There were also vol-

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Herefords, Land and Family Integral at Thomas Herefords



Holistic view keeps Thomas Herefords thriving
By B. Lynn Gordon

With an endless passion for Herefords, superior land management, and commitment to family, Thomas Herefords has established a business based on a holistic approach, extending more than six decades, and has all the fundamentals to keep moving forward.

Beginning with humble origins in 1957, Richard and Shirley Thomas of Gold Creek, Montana commenced their life together with a dream of ranching and raising cattle. Their hard work and willpower have created one of the industry's top Hereford programs and shaped opportunities for their three children Donna, Bruce, and Terri Jo, their grandchildren and now great-grandchildren to experience.

Choosing Herefords, they had early success due to the breed's popularity.

However, in the mid to late 70s, times were changing. They witnessed other cattlemen moving away from Herefords, but the Thomases decided to stay the course. By this time, joining in the daily management of the ranching operation were son Bruce and his wife Tammy. Currently, Richard and Bruce are the primary laborers for the ranch, with Richard taking the lead in the tractor conducting nearly all the feeding. Bruce does most of the daily chores on horseback and provides leadership in the genetic selection. Shirley keeps them well-nourished with tasty meals and Tammy, who works full-time at the Deer Lodge Medical Center, is there to provide support and an extra hand when she can.

Bruce and Tammy's family enjoyed many years of involvement and success in the Montana and National Junior Hereford programs. Son, Kurt,

his wife Jessica, and two girls, Kynlee and Kaydee live in Ropesville, Texas where Kurt raises club calf prospects. Jessica teaches in the veterinary school at Texas Tech and is a practicing veterinarian. Daughter Amber and husband Travis and two sons, Cooper and Conner live near Williston, ND, and Heather and husband Ben and four children, Haven, Bridger, Aspen, and Grayson, live nearby in Missoula.

Each generation involved in this Hereford operation has remained devoted to family and the ranching way of life. "There have been numerous times when we didn't know how the bills would get paid, just like many family ranching operations," says Bruce. "But with grit and a positive mindset, we have made it work."

Developing the Vision

In the 1980s and '90s, Thomas Herefords took steps to incorporate artificial insemination into their breeding program recognizing later they had focused on the fads or flavor of the day and were still in need of making changes to ensure their longevity in the breed and cattle business. Despite the trend of using embryo transfer beginning, the family decided against it due to the added cost. "There was

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CALENDAR OF *Sales & Events*

September

- 6 Walker Herefords Frozen Genetics Sale
- 7 Walker Herefords Foundation for the Future Sale Morrison, TN
- 9 Genoa Herefords Bull Sale Minden, NV
- 19 Holden Herefords Miss Advance Female Pageant Valier, MT
- 20 Churchill Cattle Co. World Class Ladies Female Sale Manhattan, MT
- 21 Ehlke Herefords Montana Made Production Sale Townsend, MT
- 22 Mohican West Total Dispersion Laurel, MT
- 28 Minnesota Northern Hereford Tour

October

- 4 DaKitch/Rangeline Online Sale
- 5 Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch Fall Female Sale Ree Heights, SD
- 5 Colyer Hereford and Angus Annual Fall Female Sale Bruneau, ID
- 10 GKB Inaugural Fall Bull Sale Desdemona, TX
- 11 Cardinal Creek Online Female Sale
- 14 Delaney/Atkins Genetic Opportunity Event Lake Benton, MN
- 14 Indian Mound Annual Bull and Female Sale Canadian, TX
- 19 Northern International Livestock Exposition Billings, MT

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- 24 Jensen Ranch
The Chosen Sale
Louisburg, KS
- 24-27 American Hereford Assn.
Annual Meeting
and Convention
Kansas City, MO
- 26 American Royal Junior
Hereford Show
Kansas City, MO
- 26 Ladies of the Royal Sale
Kansas City, MO
- 27 American Royal Open
Hereford Show
Kansas City, MO
- 27 Perez Cattle Co. Fall
Bull Sale
Columbus, TX
- 30 Wooden Shoe Herefords and
Angus Dispersion
Blackfoot, ID

November

- 1 Red Deer Hereford
Showcase Female Sale
Red Deer, AB
- 1 Cornhusker Classic
Kearney, NE
- 2 Nebraska Hereford Assn.
Annual Meeting & Banquet
Kearney, NE
- 3 Huth Herefords Dispersion
Oakfield, WI
- 4 P&R Herefords Bull Sale
Trail, OK
- 8 SD Hereford Associaton
Annual Meeting & Banquet
Brookings, SD

- 9 SD Excellence Sale
Brookings, SD
- 11 Mohican West Bull Sale
Laurel, MT
- 14 Hoffman Ranch Bull Sale
Thedford, NE
- 16 North American Livestock
Exposition
Louisville, KY
- 19 B&D Fall Classic Bull Sale
Odin, KS
- 21 Largent and Sons Bull Sale
Kaycee, WY

December

- 4-7 Western States Hereford
Shows
Reno, NV
- 5 Hereford America Ad
Deadline for January issue**
- 6 Knoll Crest Farms Total
Performance Bull Sale
Red House, VA
- 7 Frederickson Ranch Sale
Spearfish, SD
- 9 The Berry's Bull Sale
Cheyenne, WY
- 12 Minnesota Hereford
Influence Sale
Pipestone, MN
- 13 Minnesota Hereford Assn.
Annual Meeting
Hutchinson, MN
- 14 GoPher the Purple Sale
Hutchinson, MN
- 14 GKB Cattle & Barber Ranch
Female Event
Desdemona, TX

January

- 9 Minnesota Hereford
Influence Sale
Bagley, MN
- 16 National Western Stock Show
Junior Hereford Show
Denver, CO
- 17 National Western Stock Show
Hereford Yard Show
Denver, CO
- 18 National Western Stock Show
Open Hereford Show
Denver, CO
- 20 Van Newkirk Herefords
Bull Sale
Oshkosh, NE
- 27 Atkins/Delaney Bull Sale
Lake Benton, MN

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Upcoming Ad Deadlines

October issue	Sept. 5
Nov/Dec issue	Oct. 5
January issue	Dec. 5
February issue	Jan. 6
March issue	Feb. 5
April/May	March 5

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Stop 5 — Back to DaKitch to view and unload buses.

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Thomas Herefords...

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a day when I allowed myself to lose sleep because we couldn't afford to incorporate ET into our program, but

today, I see that as a blessing. The decision allowed us to maintain a diverse genetic base in our herd."

"By the mid-90s we started breeding cattle with objectivity," states



Abundant grass and water on the Thomas place make for good cattle country. Care and stewardship of the land is as important as a good breeding program.



Richard, Shirley, Tammy and Bruce Thomas make up the core of day-to-day operations at the ranch.

Bruce, emphasizing longevity and marketability through objective EPD traits such as fertility, maternal, calving ease, efficiency, and carcass merit. Cattle with desirable phenotypes were also considered as the family was actively participating in junior and national shows.

Today's cowherd consists of 250 highly efficient, hard-working, moderate-framed cows with the goal of making them trouble-free, a lesson they learned early in the business. "We don't, nor do our customers have time to tolerate any problems. If a problem shows itself, that cow will be gone in the fall."

Decision-making on traits and genetics to incorporate into the herd comes with a lot of studying and

sticking to their motto – 'Developing the Vision'. Determining sire lines is not taken lightly. "There is an abundance of sires that can do a few things right, but there are only a few that can take a program to the next level in most of the measurable traits. If one considers the animal's look, the list of sires is even shorter."

The vision in 1957 was to make a living selling bulls to neighbors, but hard work has expanded their reach. Thomas Herefords genetics are now marketed worldwide, and their bulls are featured in the Select Sires lineup. Starting with the focus on breeding functional cattle and utilizing the tools available through the American Hereford Association (AHA) such as total performance records, EPDs, and

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genomics their breeding program has gone from simple beginnings to endless opportunities. “I’m a strong supporter of the more tools the better,” says Bruce. “As a seedstock producer the words, ‘recent trends’ make me grind my teeth as it’s sustainability through and with genetics to compete in the protein arena, that we need to focus on.”

“Our goal is to produce cattle with excellent calving, explosive growth, high maternal (including breed-leading udder and teat characteristics), and carcass traits, all traits that lead to sustainability. In my view, sustainability is the key, and while it’s a big word and covers a lot of things the bottom line is it means profitability for our customers.”

One of their notable achievements was raising RST Times a Wastin 0124,

who gained international recognition as the 2013 NWSS Grand Champion Bull, Supreme National Champion, and Champion of the World. Thomas Herefords built from the strong phenotype from ‘Times a Wastin’ and added in genetics with additional carcass merit demonstrated by KT Built Tuff 1010. Today, one of the cornerstone bulls in the program is RST Final Print 0016, a son of Boyd 31Z Blueprint 6153. Final Print represents the phenotype and genotype Thomas Herefords aims for as he is in the top 1% of the breed for growth and is featured in the AHA National Reference Sire Program.

Another proud accomplishment is RST 5051 Small Town Kid 9023, a Hometown 10Y grandson who was added to the Select Sires lineup last year.



RST Final Print 0016, a son of Boyd 31Z Blueprint 6153, is a cornerstone in the Thomas program today. He represents the phenotype and genotype Thomas Herefords aims for and is featured in the AHA National Reference Sire Program.

Kid 9023 is a trait leader in 15 EPD and dollar value indexes and has been heavily represented in the Thomas cowherd. “He’s the complete package and excels in foot shape and heel depth.”

Additional genetics recently added into the herd are from Bar JZ On Demand, Churchill Kingdom, and CMF Gold Rush, bulls that meet the objectivity targets the program is striving for.

“With a breeding philosophy of mating

cattle to complement one another by no means is it about producing peas in (continued on page 8)



8032, dam of Final Print.



RST 5051 Small Town Kid 9023, a Hometown 10Y grandson, was added to the Select Sires lineup last year.

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WW	74
YW	118
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M+G	65
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WW	70
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M+G	68
REA	.89
Marb	.06

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LOT 2: HH MISS ADVANCE 1204J ET (44239006)

Sire: HH Advance 221 ET

CE 3.0; BW 1.1; WW 61; YW 89; DMI 0.2; SC 0.6; SCF 16.8; MM 38;
 MG 69; MCE -0.9; MCW 92; UDDR 1.30; TEAT 1.40; CW 81;
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LOT 1: HH MISS ADVANCE 6169D (43688511)

Sire: HH Domino 221 ET

CE -1.1; BW 6.0; WW 61; YW 101; DMI 0.4; SC 0.5; SCF 16.0; MM 37;
 MG 68; MCE 4.3; MCW 101; UDDR 1.40; TEAT 1.40; CW 86;
 FAT 0.042; REA 0.58; MARB 0.04; BMI\$ 363; BII\$ 436; CHB\$ 128

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LOT 4: HH MISS ADVANCE 7005E ET (43786111)

Sire: CL 1 Domino 420B ET

CE 8.2; BW 1.1; WW 64; YW 98; DMI 0.4; SC 1.8; SCF 16.1; MM 32;
 MG 64; MCE 5.5; MCW 75; UDDR 1.20; TEAT 1.40; CW 81;
 FAT 0.062; REA 0.53; MARB 0.26; BMI\$ 365; BII\$ 455; CHB\$ 140

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ELITE DONOR COWS



LOT 7: HH MISS ADVANCE

1273J ET (44239074)

Sire: CL 1 Domino 883F

CE 1.8; BW 3.6; WW 60; YW 100; DMI 0.3; SC 0.5; SCF 15.7; MM 33; MG 63; MCE 4.2; MCW 111; UDDR 1.40; TEAT 1.40; CW 80; FAT 0.072; REA 0.33; MARB 0.25; BMI\$ 358; BII\$ 445; CHB\$ 138

Beautiful young donor with extra pigment and udder quality and carcass. We flushed her last spring.



LOT 6: HH MISS ADVANCE

1067J ET (44238874)

Sire: CL 1 Domino 883F

CE 2.1; BW 2.7; WW 60; YW 88; DMI 0.4; SC 0.8; SCF 22.9; MM 39; MG 69; MCE -0.1; MCW 64; UDDR 1.40; TEAT 1.50; CW 80; FAT 0.062; REA 0.44; MARB 0.13; BMI\$ 450; BII\$ 533; CHB\$ 119

Big time production, udder quality, and extra stylish. Top 5% on Milk, TEAT, and BMI\$.



LOT 8: HH MISS ADVANCE

7032E (43786137)

Sire: CL 1 Domino 420B ET

CE 10.0; BW 0.8; WW 54; YW 85; DMI 0.2; SC 1.8; SCF 18.5; MM 31; MG 58; MCE 8.4; MCW 70; UDDR 1.40; TEAT 1.50; CW 58; FAT 0.052; REA 0.15; MARB 0.27; BMI\$ 371; BII\$ 456; CHB\$ 111

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LOT 20: HH MISS ADVANCE

3137L (44482816)

Sire: CL 1 Domino 8232F

CE 2.8; BW 2.0; WW 66; YW 115; DMI 0.7; SC 1.2; SCF 15.0; MM 29; MG 62; MCE 9.0; MCW 111; UDDR 1.20; TEAT 1.20; CW 66; FAT 0.092; REA 0.30; MARB 0.31; BMI\$ 329; BII\$ 426; CHB\$ 120

Exceptional bred heifer that combines phenotype, cow power, and outstanding EPDs. Full sister to the \$67,500 3096L bull.



LOT 10: HH MISS ADVANCE

3115L (44454254)

Sire: CL 1 Domino 001H

CE -3.4; BW 4.2; WW 68; YW 106; DMI 0.8; SC 1.1; SCF 19.5; MM 26; MG 60; MCE -1.6; MCW 67; UDDR 1.40; TEAT 1.40; CW 76; FAT 0.062; REA 0.30; MARB 0.28; BMI\$ 391; BII\$ 491; CHB\$ 121

Well marked, powerful made, deep ribbed, and outstanding EPDs. Dam is one of our favorite donors.



LOT 9: HH MISS ADVANCE

3079L ET (44454220)

Sire: HH Advance 0159H

CE 6.3; BW 2.6; WW 68; YW 96; DMI 0.5; SC 1.4; SCF 27.6; MM 43; MG 76; MCE 6.7; MCW 61; UDDR 1.30; TEAT 1.40; CW 81; FAT 0.052; REA 0.65; MARB 0.37; BMI\$ 540; BII\$ 648; CHB\$ 146

Full sister to the \$56,000 2066K heifer that sold in Denver. Big time donor potential!

SPECIAL ET HEIFER



LOT 11: HH MISS ADVANCE

3033L ET (44454178)

Sire: HH Advance 0043H

CE 6.0; BW 1.8; WW 68; YW 112; DMI 0.9; SC 0.9; SCF 13.5; MM 30; MG 64; MCE 2.1; MCW 109; UDDR 1.40; TEAT 1.40; CW 89; FAT 0.132; REA 0.34; MARB 0.36; BMI\$ 323; BII\$ 426; CHB\$ 143

Powerful ET heifer out of 0043H. Exceptional EPDs pigment, and phenotype.



LOT 21: HH MISS ADVANCE

3153L ET (44454290)

Sire: HH Advance 0022H ET

CE 2.3; BW 2.6; WW 67; YW 106; DMI 0.7; SC 1.2; SCF 16.3; MM 30; MG 63; MCE 5.2; MCW 84; UDDR 1.20; TEAT 1.20; CW 89; FAT 0.002; REA 0.72; MARB 0.10; BMI\$ 369; BII\$ 449; CHB\$ 136

Exceptional eye appeal, length, and pigment with outstanding EPDs.



LOT 27: HH MISS ADVANCE

4222M ET (44553789)

Sire: HH Advance 0011H ET

CE 0.6; BW 2.5; WW 66; YW 110; DMI 0.9; SC 1.0; SCF 11.1; MM 34; MG 67; MCE 3.2; MCW 97; UDDR 1.50; TEAT 1.50; CW 77; FAT 0.002; REA 0.21; MARB 0.36; BMI\$ 282; BII\$ 378; CHB\$ 139

Fantastic phenotype with great EPDs. Out of the \$42,500 7131E donor cow.

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a pod,” says Bruce. Thomas Herefords is fortunate to be geographically located in a state where cattle outnumber people 3 to 1. Montana and regional cattle producers are seeking bulls that will work in their commercial operations, seeking to take advantage of heterosis and deliver a pounds heavy, homozygous polled calf. “If we

Ranching Stewardship

Cattle are not the only focus at Thomas Herefords. A holistic approach with pride and respect for the land occurs every day. Nestled in the western Montana Flint Creek Mountain Range, centrally located between Missoula, Helena, and Butte, the ranch sits at 4,250 feet, with summer pastures up to 6,500 feet. The Gold Creek stream, one of the



The Thomas family pictured on the Montana Hereford Tour last fall.

are servicing our customers, we will know their program as well as they do, plus, these ranchers are busy, they are operating with one man for every 350 to 500 cows, and we need to provide them with a problem-free bull.”

Thomas Herefords markets 80 bulls and 45 pregnant females annually by private treaty. “Every day is sale day at Thomas Herefords – there was a day when I thought that was a curse, today that’s not the case.”

five spawning tributaries to the Clark Fork River, flows through the middle of the ranch.

The family’s stewardship practices have recently been recognized and selected as one of three finalists in Montana for the esteemed Leopold Award. Their efforts to integrate sustainable ranching practices such as converting from flood to pivot irrigation has reduced water usage, an off-stream water system throughout the entire ranch,



Summer pasture is in the mountains which run up to 6,500 feet. The ranch headquarters sit at 4,250 feet.

wildlife-friendly fencing, and rotational grazing have influenced the quality and quantity of grasses in their pastures, not only benefiting the cattle but also wildlife. Bruce has worked closely with local and state government agencies and conservation organizations to make continued environmental improvements on the ranch. The Thomas’s also received a Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) grant for the study of late-season return flows and cutting-edge pivot management.

Pride in the agricultural industry and its natural resources runs deep in the Thomas family. Bruce gives back his time to the industry serving on several water and rangeland boards and was a member of the AHA board of directors from 2016-2020.

Thomas Herefords has followed their motto of

“Developing the Vision” – but more importantly that vision has included top-quality cattle, land stewardship, customer service, and a devoted family ensuring their sustainability in the Hereford breed.



Cows coming out off the mountain pastures in the fall.



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PJ Budler: Serving as the Genesis of International Cattle Markets

By B. Lynn Gordon

For PJ Budler, his calling to be a livestock judge started at an early age. “I absolutely love judging cattle,” says the South African cattleman who carved out his passion by using magazine cutouts to consist of the show entries. “I would spread photos of show champions on the living room floor, and my grandma would serve as the overall judge.” Two decades later this cattle enthusiast has judged an impressive 94 cattle breeds in 43 countries, more cattle breeds than most of us knew existed. In 2017, Budler became the first to ever judge a National Show on all six continents.

Raised in South Africa’s Eastern Cape Province, Budler hails from a fifth-generation Hereford operation. His great-grandfather imported Herefords from England, establishing a renowned horned Hereford herd, with the notable Sugwas Silk cow family. Though the herd was dispersed in 1950 by his grandfather and had incorporated polled genetics it was reestablished by a breeder in the same community. At 15, Budler was ready to start his herd. He purchased his first Herefords from this neighbor and was surprised to learn many of the females went back to the original Silk family lineage. “It was amazing that the herd started by my great-grandfather had left our family and then came back with the Silk family intact, still representing its original characteristics. This taught me at an early age how a strong cow family can go four generations without much change.” While working on farms in the UK, he toured the originating herd of the Silk cow family.

From an early age, Budler couldn’t believe anyone would raise anything but Herefords. He founded BonHaven Beef Cattle in 1996, serving a local market spanning 200 miles. His family’s annual bull sale also featured Angus and Red Angus, with the top two-thirds sold as purebreds and the remainder, crossed to produce red and black baldy females, building on the advantages of crossbreeding. Budler gained valu-

able insights into profitable traits crucial for commercial cattlemen from this experience.

After college, he merged his family’s herd with a partner herd of Brahman-influenced cattle, expanding BonHaven across five locations and three countries. This expansion broadened his horizons and laid the groundwork for his international perspective.

“I learned so much from this experience. I learned there is not a breed that can do everything – everywhere,” The environment at BonHaven assimilated southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico, but his partner’s land covered tropical climate and high desert conditions. The answer was finding the right percentage cross to adapt to the conditions. He was humbled to realize that Herefords may not be able to solve all the problems but learned about their global prominence and influence through crossing to form composite breeds.” The Hereford story was even bigger than he imagined.

In 2006, Budler traveled to the U.S. to seek genetics for BonHaven. He spent two winters at Topp Herefords in North Dakota, assisting with bull sale preparation and calving, deepening his understanding of genetics, and forming partnerships through bull purchases with NJW Herefords, Semex, Hoffman Herefords, Langford Herefords, and Perks Herefords which further fueled his enthusiasm for the cattle industry.

That’s when he decided it was time



Budler judging the Buenos Aires Show.

to carve out his niche. He realized, that while there are cattle all over the globe, there was not a “bridge bringing them all together.” He would be the bridge builder, but he couldn’t do that from South Africa, the country was too isolated from the major cattle markets.

Research led him to Fort Worth, TX. Cowtown as it is known, has turned out

knowledge, fostered awareness, and impacted international trade. “It’s been amazing, the genesis of this all.”

Initially founded for Herefords it now amasses 16 breeds. Entries must win a major or national show or be a high-selling animal in their country. Nominations are gathered from owners/exhibitors of the animals or respective



Hereford Champions of the World met in Texas.

to be the perfect fit. “It’s the line where bos indicus and bos taurus cattle meet and where the farmers and ranchers meet,” he says. “It’s difficult to serve these markets if you are not familiar with how they work. Being placed in this geography, I can experience them first-hand.”

The Birth of Champions of the World

Budler’s vision materialized in 2012 with the birth of the “Champions of the World” Competition, a global livestock initiative encompassing all cattle breeds and countries. This initiative has facilitated connections and shared

breed associations plus website research conducted by Budler. Today, the competition selects a champion of South America, Asia, Africa, Australia/New Zealand, Europe, and North America regions for bulls and a Miss World for female entries. The All-Breeds World Supreme comes from the respective country champions and that bracket winner is announced on New Year’s Eve. The entire project is managed and coordinated by Budler including securing judges.

For many countries, it’s an opportunity to receive an opinion from a judge they would never be able to attain to evaluate their animal. It has



BonHaven Beef Cattle was founded in 1996. This is one of their top bulls.

united people with a common interest, impacted genetic trade, and opened the door for travel work experiences for young people to other countries and farms and ranches.

This initiative has put Budler in front of breed leaders globally, creating endless business relationships, granting him an invitation to judge or speak in 108 countries and 48 states, serving as a consultant worldwide, and opened the professional role of International Business Developer with Trans Ova Genetics.

The impact has also been witnessed outside of the cattle circles. The Uruguayan President mentioned in a recent State of the Union address that a Uruguayan bull won the All-Breed Supreme in the Champions of the World competition. Stories of the impact are endless from changes to how animals are photographed and presented to compete across the world, cattle traveling thousands of miles to strive to qualify, and changes in breeding programs.

Fundamentals of Cattle

Budler has viewed cattle in nearly every environment — tropical, high desert, temperate cold winters, high altitude yet the message he shares with global beef producers is the same. No matter the environment, “The fundamentals of cattle breeding stay the same, the focus needs to be profitable traits.” First and foremost, cattle must be adaptable. “We’ve been tempted to breed cattle that don’t fit the environment and then try to make them work in it.” But, if an animal isn’t adapted to its environment, it doesn’t matter what we do, the animal won’t express the genetics of growth, marbling, muscle, or milk we are seeking. North America often pushes these boundaries more than other countries.”

“We have been guilty of bringing British cattle into hot, humid environments and it cost producers a lot of money.” But, crossing Herefords with heat-tolerant breeds like Brahman to form the composites of Braford, Beefmaster, and others, allows Herefords to bring the complementary traits they excel in such as docility, fertility, fleshing ability, and hardiness.

“Functional efficiency is also im-

portant. If cattle are not functionally efficient expecting them to propagate functional traits is not possible.” Recognizing that fertility is the most profitable of all traits, fertility cannot be expressed if an animal is not first, functionally efficient, or adaptable. “Very few people are breeding for fertility,” he says. In fact, he challenges his clients and breeders, by asking, “Are you breeding for fertility or against infertility?” Noting that culling open cows isn’t breeding for fertility, it’s breeding against infertility.

Longevity is another important profitable trait. “Are people breeding with bulls out of aged cows in production

and propagating those genetics back in their herd?”

After the baseline of profit traits, is turnover traits. “These are the traits such as muscle, marbling, and growth. The challenge is taking the (cont. on pg. 12)



Early Start — Budler with a Broker son.



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4.7	4.3	74	115	0.6	1.0	16.8	29	66	5.2
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMS	BIS	CHBS
103	1.40	1.40	99	0.032	0.40	0.17	385	480	152



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0.7	4.4	71	104	0.7	0.9	17.1	31	67	5.3
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMS	BIS	CHBS
83	1.50	1.60	90	0.012	0.59	-0.13	364	436	109



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CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	M&G	MCE
-0.5	5.2	65	102	0.5	1.1	12.2	31	63	3.9
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMS	BIS	CHBS
83	1.30	1.20	83	0.042	0.53	0.24	309	396	140



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IMR H086 TEXAN 3039L ET (DLF,HYF,IEF,MSUDF)
 SIRE: SHF HOUSTON D287 H086
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CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	M&G	MCE
9.0	1.2	67	101	0.3	1.5	18.6	22	56	5.4
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMS	BIS	CHBS
67	1.60	1.50	92	0.052	0.77	0.34	422	521	166



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IMR 8122F MISS ADVANCE 0086H
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CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	M&G	MCE
8.6	1.5	50	84	-0.1	1.3	19.1	35	60	8.5
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMS	BIS	CHBS
78	1.40	1.50	63	0.042	0.38	0.06	389	456	110

Bred AI on 11/28/23 to IMR 710E Domino 0117H ET, the pasture exposed to H5 9241 Advance 2183 from 12/5/23 to 1/27/24.



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 SIRE: IMR L1 5047C ADVANCE 8099F ET
 MGS: CL 1 DOMINO 710E 1ET

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	M&G	MCE
4.5	3.1	56	80	0.2	0.8	15.9	26	54	6.4
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMS	BIS	CHBS
87	1.40	1.40	74	0.022	0.13	0.16	344	422	119

Bred AI on 5/8/24 to CL 1 Domino 3249L, then pasture exposed to CL 1 Domino 3249L from 5/8/24 to 6/22/24.



Miss World Beefmaster presentation.

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strides to breed for cattle that optimize these traits.” From a global perspective, the American culture is focused on maximization rather than optimization, he explains. “We are not selecting for animals that are average on every trait, but we are driven to select and market the animals that have maximized that trait.” The industry can get caught up in selecting the top 1% of a trait. “There is no profitability in maximization because the traits end up being antagonistic to each other. Average is profitable but it doesn’t make the headlines.”

Trends on a Global Scale

The story of Herefords presents a unique challenge. Unlike Angus cattle, where color uniformity simplifies breeding goals, as fewer attributes are factored into the genetic decision-making process, Herefords focus on several cosmetic attributes. He explains, first is horned versus polled, meaning right

away a breeder loses a large group of the genetic base to select from. Next is color. Where is the white? Where is it not? Is the animal red-necked or feather-necked? What about pigment or coat color? Does the breeder want a deep burgundy hide color or prefer the golden yellow colored hide? “It is amazing how prominent the breed is despite all the selection factors that narrow the genetic pool. This is a testament to how good the Hereford breed is.” Budler hears negative perceptions of North American Herefords for their temperament, feet, and hair quality, offset by the positive comments for their udder quality, skeletal structure, and body capacity. These perceptions help in selecting appropriate North American genetics for each export market.

Exporting and Importing Genetics

Having dedicated the past 15 years to international markets, Budler possesses a unique understanding of the market dynamics and generously shares his insights. He states Canada and the U.S. collectively account for half of the world’s registered Herefords. Argentina and Uruguay boast significant populations of purebred Herefords, along with Russia and Australia, but many remain unregistered. He sees promising growth in the northern central Asian countries — Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan who he believes will be looking for large numbers of cattle once the Russia

and Ukraine war tensions ease. While the focus will be commodity cattle without much premium, they will seek significant herd repopulation, particularly with Angus and Hereford breeds.

China has recently expanded its import options to include a fifth country. Previously limited to Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand, and Albania, they have now included Kazakhstan, a nation with only 50% of its potential cattle capacity. “With China’s increasing openness to imports, they are poised to seize available opportunities.” Their preferred breeds include Angus, Hereford, and a local Kazakhstan breed derived from a cross between Hereford cattle from Uruguay.

Markets like Argentina, Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa are known for their preference for specific genetics and thorough research. They show a strong interest in procuring substantial quantities of semen and embryos at fair prices going forward.

Another growth area is Mexico. Cattle from the northern U.S. states and Canada favorably adapt to the Chihuahua, Durango, Sonora, and Jalisco states in Mexico. Some of this demand will be for commodity cattle and others for premium genetics.

The European Union maintains a consistent presence in regions such as Scandinavia and Eastern Europe, however, is limited to embryo trade due to regulatory constraints.

On the import front, the previous obstacle hindering entry was the challenge of translating and managing EPDs into the North American database. Breeders

were hesitant to accept genetics from other countries due to the discrepancies, however, with advancements in genomics and improved relationships across breed associations the future is more optimistic for trade. Interest is occurring with Australia and New Zealand Hereford genetics and Canadian breeders are introducing Uruguayan and Argentinean genetics.

Endless Experiences

Budler has embraced his experiences. “It is very important to get out and see things and understand the reasons behind certain practices, regardless of whether they’re deemed good or bad or may not be common in North America. Doing so, one gains fresh insights and perspectives.”

From evaluating the Palermo Hereford show in Buenos Aires, Argentina in front of a football-sized crowd to judging in Herefordshire England, the birth of Herefords to evaluating the once-a-decade show at the Sydney Royal featuring over 350 Herefords, Budler himself is adaptable. He thrives on building relationships and his journey exemplifies a lifelong dedication to advancing the international dialogue in the beef cattle industry.



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Final Farewell....

Tributes can be found throughout this issue.

Wayne Brillhart

Wayne Brillhart passed away on Friday, February 9, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings, MT, due to complications from surgery. It was just one week after his 82nd birthday.

Wayne was born February 2, 1942, in Orville, OH to Ross and Irene Clapper Brillhart.



Wayne Brillhart

Wayne was the middle child of six children. In 1946 at the age of four, his family moved to Montana to the Three Mile area of the Bitterroot Valley. A couple of years later his dad purchased a ranch at Lolo, MT, where he spent the next 20 years. He attended Lolo grade school, graduated from Missoula County High and then on to Northern Montana College in Havre, MT. He graduated in Farm and Ranch Management. This is where he met his wife Shirlee Cure, they were married in 1963. They celebrated 60 years of marriage in 2023.

While growing up on the Lolo Ranch, Wayne was active in rodeo, wrestling, 4-H and FFA, showing Hereford cattle at the Missoula County Fair. His love for Hereford cattle started at a very young age.

After finishing college, Wayne and Shirlee worked for the Barbour on the Monture Hereford Ranch near Ovando, MT and for another rancher who had ranches in the Bitterroot Valley and North Dakota. Wayne was responsible for getting the bulls ready for the Top Cut Sale in Missoula. At that time the "Top Cut" Sale was the largest Hereford Sale between Denver and Calgary – selling over 500 head of Hereford bulls. It was during this period that their two sons, Winston and Bentley (Ben), were born.

In 1968, Wayne and Shirlee, sons Winston and Ben, his brother Charles and his parents purchased a ranch at Musselshell, MT. It became known as the Brillhart Ranch Co.

The registered Hereford cattle herd was started by Wayne's dad, Ross, in the mid 1950s with some cows he bought in a dispersion sale at the Missoula Stockyards. His dad also purchased the first herd bull from Fred and Olive Porch of the Three Mile Hereford Ranch (Beau Donald breeding). Wayne and older brother Charles then purchased another herd bull from Mario and Mary Feronato, who were prominent Hereford breeders in the Bitterroot Valley. Females were also purchased from Wayne B. Hill, Edminston Land and Cattle and semi-load of cows from Oliver Shipp of Glasgow, MT. In 1990, Jim Brown, Wayne Waarvick, and Wayne with the assistance from Leo McDonnell Sr. started the Big Country

Hereford Breeders Sale held at Midland Bull Test. Due to Wayne's health issues, the ranch was sold in 2015 and the last sale was in 2016.

Wayne served as President and Vice President of the Musselshell Valley Stockgrowers. He served on the following Boards – Musselshell Grade School, Roundup High School, Delphia-Melstone Canal Users, Zion Lutheran Church, Montana Hereford Association, Beef Leader for Hawk Creek

4-H Club, Member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, American Hereford Association, National Cattle-men's Association and R-Calf. In 2007, the Montana Hereford Association honored Wayne as Hereford Person of the Year.

"Now when I am dead and gone and you hang my old worn tack, I want you to remember I never sold my saddle and I never bred'em black."

Despite Wayne's health issues, he and his wife traveled all the back roads near and far and checked off places on their bucket list since retirement in 2015. He loved to travel since he could no longer raise his beloved Herefords.

Wayne believed in God, family, and Herefords. He had a great sense of humor; he delighted in pulling pranks on family and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents Ross and Irene, brother Charles, and sister Rita.

Wayne is survived by his wife Shirlee; sons Winston (Michele) Brillhart of Luxembourg, Europe and grandson Kai Brillhart of Luxembourg, Bentley Brillhart, Huntley MT; sisters Louella (John) Lokemoen of Jamestown, ND, Maxine Vink, Missoula, MT, Thelma (Jerrome) Cole of Musselshell, MT; 14 nephews and nieces.

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Donald J. Knippling

Donald J. Knippling, 89, of Gann Valley, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Good Samaritan Society in Miller, SD. Donald Jerome Knippling was born June 29, 1934 in Wessington Springs,



Donald J. Knippling

SD, to Joseph Knippling and Eleanor (Etbauer) Knippling. He lived in Arlington Township, Buffalo County his entire life. He was the oldest of six children. He had two brothers, Jerald (Ardith) and Clayton (Evelyn) and three sisters, Genevieve (John Rank), Joyce (Ken Lawver), and MaryJo (Mark Joens). He grew up on the home ranch in Gann Valley, SD.

He attended grade school at Prairie Center School near his home, usually riding horseback to get there. His high school years were spent in Brookings, SD at the Agriculture School, which he completed in three years. Though he didn't appreciate being away from home, he made good friends.

At the age of 20, he was drafted by the United States Army and served from 1954 to 1956. He did his training at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. He was a specialist third class stationed in Panama where his unit trained other units in the art of Jungle Warfare. His memory of the humidity, snakes, bugs, sea sickness on the boats, and scouting pirate caves led to some interesting stories. The time spent on the East Coast explains his distaste for "big city" life and traffic. What he was most proud of during his tour was when he received his Jungle Warfare Badges.

Donald was happy to get back to the

ranch where he and his brother Jerry formed a partnership. They started a registered Hereford herd and they sold the first bulls at the Miller Sale Barn in 1958. The ranch expanded as did the cattle herd. In 1968, Donald along with his father, Joe, and brothers, Jerald and Clayton, formed a partnership and corporation which expanded to include each of the brother's two sons. Donald did most of the bookwork involved in registering the cattle and he always looked forward to the new crop of calves.

Donald was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church at Stephan, SD. He had a membership in the American Hereford Association, South Dakota Hereford Association, Sales Association, and the South Dakota Stockgrowers.

On May 16, 1959 he was joined in marriage to Mary Louise Johnson. From this union, 5 children were born: Allan, Gann Valley, SD; Suzanne Davis (Bill), Sioux Falls, SD; Jeanne, Rapid City, SD; Tim (Brandi), Huron, SD; and Jackie Dalzell (Mike), Pierre, SD.

Donald lived most of his life ranching on the northern ranch. He loved everything about it, especially putting up silage with his brothers, Jerry and Clayton, and driving his baler.

You might have found him on the banks of the Missouri River, goose hunting or hunting for arrowheads. He has an impressive artifact collection and he had a good eye for finding these items. He loved metal detecting and fishing, especially with his grandkids. He had a love for old country music.

His family, grandchildren, and his Catholic faith were the most important things in his life. He took great pride in the success of the family ranch for six generations.

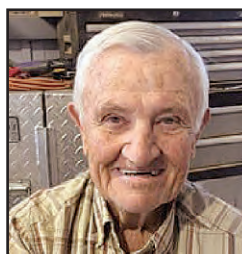
Donald was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Mary Lou; his parents, Joe and Eleanor Knippling; sisters, Genevieve Rank and Joyce Lawver; son in law, Durward (Woody) Lang; and three granddaughters, Natalie, Delaney, and Sydney Knippling.

He will be dearly missed by his five children and their spouses; 22 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

Ralph E. Dyer

Ralph Dyer passed away peacefully, April 30, 2024, at home surrounded by his loved ones on the family farm he grew up on and lived at for the majority of his life. He was born to Donald and Susan Almeda Dyer on November 12,

1928 in Pleasantville, IA. He graduated from Knoxville High School in 1946 and was a star athlete, being inducted into the Knoxville



Ralph E. Dyer

Schools' Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was married to the love of his life Donna (Fee) Dyer on October 17, 1952. To this union Ralph and Donna had two sons, Monty and Tim Dyer.

After his service in the Korean War in the Air Force, Ralph and Donna settled in rural Pleasantville and raised Hereford cattle and Ralph farmed. Ralph was active in the community including 4-H Leader and Marion County Extension Board, Marion County Fair Board, Pleasantville School Board and the Election Board. He was active in the Pleasantville American Legion. He was a reputable registered Hereford cattle breeder since the 1950s and was inducted into the Iowa Hereford Breeders Hall of Fame. Ralph had a life-long love of Hereford cattle and went to many Cattle Shows in Iowa and the nation. Ralph had many activities that he enjoyed with family and friends. Ralph loved the Iowa Hawkeyes and was a season ticket holder and attended games with his grandson, Jason Dyer. He loved to attend Sprint car races in Knoxville with his son, Tim Dyer, and volunteered for years at the races with the Marion Co. Fair Board.

Ralph really enjoyed going to sporting events, especially to see his grandchildren and great children compete, often with his daughter-in-law, Shirley Dyer. He went to the Pleasantville football games every Friday night and loved visiting his family in Texas often. He liked to host his family out on the farm in the summertime. An avid birder, Ralph had Purple Martins, bird feeders and attracted orioles. He knew his timber surrounding his land and would hunt deer and mushrooms depending on the season.

Ralph had many friends and loved the joy and laughter of children young and old. He is survived by his son, Tim (Rhonda) Dyer, daughter in law, Shirley Dyer; grandchildren Jason (Kristin) Dyer, Amanda (Luke) Dyer Fitzpatrick, Traci (Brandon) Dyer-Townsend, Rhiannon (Gus) Garcia, Taylor (fiancée Lauren) Dyer. He has six great grandchildren; Kaydin Dyer, Beka Dyer, Jensen Dyer, Trece Townsend, Granger Garcia and Brinleigh Townsend. He was close to and considered Mark and Deb Core as his family and felt strong family bonds to their children; Bailey Boyert and Kennedy Phillips and their children Sloan, Brindle and Boston Boyert and Nixon Phillips. Those preceding him in death include his wife Donna Dyer, his son, Monty Dyer, his siblings Harold Dyer and Martha Langebartels and his parents.

Donations can be made to the Iowa 4-H Foundation to the "Ralph and Donna Dyer Scholarship." Checks can be sent to Iowa 4-H Foundation, 1259 Stange Rd., Ames, Iowa 50011 and make sure and put Ralph Dyer Tribute. Or online to www.iowa4H-foundation.org/make-a-difference/ways-to-give/donate-online. Make sure and notate tribute to Ralph Dyer.

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Final Farewell....

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Harley E. Zens

Harley Edward Zens, 73, of Canova, SD passed away peacefully on March 23, 2024 surrounded by his family.

Harley Zens was born on January 13, 1951 as the oldest of 4 children to Clement and Elsie (Ehlke) Zens. He attended country school near their family farm until its closure after he completed the third grade and then attended St. Mary's Catholic school in Epiphany, SD through the 8th grade. After parochial school, he attended and graduated from Canova High School in 1969. Following high school, he earned his degree in Architectural Drafting from Mitchell Vo-Tech, which led to employment at Fullerton's Lumber Yard in Madison, SD where he remained employed until he returned to the family farm in 1974. He then operated Zens Herefords for the remainder of his life.



Harley Zens

On June 26th, 1976, Harley married Ronda Hofer in Huron, SD and this union was blessed with 2 boys, Matthew and Mark. Harley remained active in the farming and cattle operation until the end. He was a lifetime member of the Church of the Epiphany as well as the Catholic Order of Foresters, served on the Pearl Township board as clerk and supervisor for 45 years, served on the Canova school board, the Canova Farmers Elevator Board of Directors, and the SD Cattlemen's board. He was also a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Assn. as well as the SD Hereford Assn. where he helped spearhead the Mitchell Livestock Hereford influenced sale which has become the largest Hereford sale in the nation.

Harley had a passion for Hereford cattle. The advent of video sales kept him on top of sales across the country. He had prices written down in production sale catalogs from many, many sales for many, many years. He also loved watching baseball and rodeos on TV. If there was ever a question of who was in the top 15 of the world standings, just ask Harley. He would know. He grew up an avid fan of the Milwaukee Braves and loved to tell the story about when he was a young child and got the entire team's autographs including Hank Aaron and Bob Uecker. Above all, he had a strong faith that never wavered through all the challenges that life dealt him. He rarely complained and with hard work and determination, he just kept plugging away. He also had deep love for his family. His kids

and grandkids meant the world to him. He loved watching them play in their various sports and always had a front row seat in his Ranger at the Canova baseball diamonds. He was so proud of all his grandchildren.

Those grateful of sharing his life are: his wife, Ronda; boys, Matthew (Jill) and Mark (Jenny); grandkids, Stratton, Treston and Shaylee and Isaac, Owen and Macy; sisters, LuGene Koepsell and LeAnne (Jay) Cutts; sister-in-law, Kathy Zens; in-laws, Danny (Connie) Hofer and Kerry (Chris) Hofer as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clement and Elsie, in-laws, Joe and Alma Hofer, a brother, Warren Zens, a brother-in-law, Greg Koepsell and a niece, Melissa Zens.

David Edward Gottschalk

David Edward Gottschalk (Byron, MN) was born May 20, 1936, in Rochester, MN. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1954. He was a member of the National Guard Reserves for 5 years. David married Rose Anna O'Byrne in Rochester, MN on June 4, 1954. David passed away April 5, 2024.



David Gottschalk

David was a reputable registered Hereford cattle breeder since 1961 and a passionate lifetime "Minnesota Hereford Breeder's Association Hall-Of-Fame member" as well as a National Hereford Association member. He was a Mayo Clinic employee for 21 years from 1957-1978. David was married to his wife Rose for nearly 70 years.

David is survived by Rose, and his children Scott (Astrid) of Kimball, MN, Julie (Dean) Albers of Red Wing, MN, Gerald (Diane) Byron, MN, Sally (Kevin) Vacura of Red Wing, MN, Marcia Zieman of Byron, MN, thirteen grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren, and his sister Audrey (Warren) Folkert of Rochester, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents Vernon and Monetta Gottschalk. A private family memorial service will be held on the Byron, MN family farm.

*Psalm 46:1:
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*

Rainn Judie Stadheim

Rainn J. Stadheim, 12 of rural Reeder, ND tragically passed away at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger, ND on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Rainn is survived by her parents, Jeremy and Carrie, her brothers, Pitch, Stone and Steele, her sisters Kyan and Kinley and many other relatives, friends, classmates and teammates.



Rainn Stadheim

Rainn Judie Stadheim was born January 23, 2012, in Hettinger, ND. Her older siblings wanted to name her Rainbow.

Rainn came home to the family ranch south of Reeder, ND, where she developed into the petite, blonde, soft-hearted toddler who cared for her "babies" from the time she could walk.

Kinley and Kyan took care of her from the day she arrived. After they started school, it was Stone's job. All it took was a small candy bribe, and she was his shadow for the day.

Before starting school, Rainn was blessed with the friendship of cousins and Sunday School students.

Just after Rainn turned 4, her baby brother arrived. A real live baby to cuddle! Rainn was Mom's helper when the older kids were in school.

When kindergarten began, with Grandma for a teacher, she couldn't stop talking about all of her new friends. She even got to play house and take care of babies in school!

Many teachers influenced Rainn, and the parent-teacher conferences were always the same—she was sweet, kind, hard-working and lent a hand to those who needed it. She helped a classmate organize her desk, always taking care of the tiny details.

Rainn spent many blessed mornings in Sunday School. She cherished this time, as well as Bible School and perhaps the best of all – Cedar Canyon Bible Camp last summer.

The day a neighbor delivered a batch of kittens was a big deal for the family. Soon Rainn had more little beings to care for.

Feeding, snuggling, naming and taming the cats became Rainn's job, along with her sidekick Steele. After intense negotiations between the two, each cat was named.

One evening after an exhausting day in the lambing barn, Rainn didn't show up at the house as expected. After a frantic search, she was found sleeping in the "cat pen" in the barn, covered and kept warm by her kitties.

Picnics at the river were a favorite activity for Rainn and she wouldn't let Stone forget that she skipped a rock be-

fore he did!

Sleepovers with big sister Kinley were another treat for Rainn and when she had friends and cousins over, they often wound up in Kinley's room where the giggles, manicures, music and art projects went late into the night.

As Rainn got older she developed a new talent: teasing. Getting under Kyan's skin or teaming up with her to pester another sibling put Rainn in a good mood!

Whether they were laughing hysterically together over a silly video or Rainn was seeking his advice, big brother Stone was her idol. Nobody but the two of them understood most of their jokes, but that didn't matter. She beamed with pride when Stone taught her maneuver the stick shift to drive the Dakota.

Steele was the best friend Rainn didn't know she had. While often bickering, the two were inseparable: building, exploring, choring, giggling, racing, riding. Rainn, the early riser; Steele the night owl, their shared room and bunk bed meant there was never a dull moment.

Playing with or talking to big brother Pitch was always so special to Rainn. A call or text from big brother was simply the best. Then her niece and nephew arrived and somehow they were better than the best.

Her wit came from her dad, and she loved nothing more than to hear him laugh when she'd get one up on a sibling. Her work ethic was steady and focused. Her goal was always to take care of others. The daily watering in the lambing barn was Rainn's duty and she often grew frustrated when feeding and other jobs slowed her progress. Like her dad, when she started a project, she wanted it done "right now."

Rainn and her mom spent hours and days working together in the house, garden and barn. Rainn tagged along to sibling activities and entertained mom: picking out music in the car and making sure mom's wallet, coffee and snacks were available. Devotion and prayer time in the evenings was the most precious of all.

Sewing, cooking and art projects with Grandma Sharon and Grandma Polly brought Rainn immense joy. One-on-one time with Grandma was the best. Rainn's helpful nature came out on her grandparents' ranch where one weekend she helped Grandpa Lester fence hay corrals, and recently helped him with a cow during calving.

Rainn started riding Buddy at a young age and they truly became best buddies. She very reluctantly graduated to another horse when, one spring, old Buddy was too stiff to make it past the gate into the pasture bring in a problematic bull.

Riding with her family, grandparents and cousins put a smile on Rainn's face.

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C CJC1313 GENESIS 2315 ET

P44405893 • 9/12/22 — A goggle eyed, red necked one that is a big volume, high capacity female — long hipped and big boned. This has been a great combination as she would be a full blood sister to Arlo, Denali and top selling heifer in 2022. What a great EPD profile. Top 5% CED, 2% REA, 1% for \$CHB and CWT, 11% EPD, MPG and 12% IMF, 27% for BEPD, 14% YEPD, 8% Udder, 30% Teat. She sure checks all the boxes.
 AI Bred 4/4/2024 to C CUDA BELLE 2111, due 01/12/2025, Checked Safe.



C 8140 0321 ENDURE 3200 ET

P44471241 • 2/1/23 — Tremendous donor quality here. Maternal sister to the \$50,000, 1/2 interest donor that is doing a great job for GKB and us. Her numbers reflect her genetic superiority being in the top 2% for \$CHB, 3% IMF, 5% REA, 14% YEPD, 20% Stayability and 8% Udder, 20% WEPD, MPG, 12% Teat, 22% for Milk. This cow family adds extra carcass quality. Selling 1/2 embryo interest.
 AI Bred 04/07/2024 to SHF Legion H315 L060, due 1/15/2025, Checked Safe.



C 8019 LADY GENESIS GAL 2329

P44405907 • 9/26/22 — This heifer has been a stand out since birth. Tremendous donor capabilities. Freckle faced, long and level through her hip with lots of extension, extra volume and capacity. She was naturally raised by her famous mother 8019 making her a maternal sister to the popular sire Key West. 8019's teat and udder structure is superb along with her body depth and fleshing ability. Selling 1/2 embryo interest. AI Bred 04/04/2024 to NJW 98S R117 RIBEYE 88X ET due 01/12/2025, Checked Safe.

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C 8140 LADY 7057 HAWK 1262 ET



C D83 LADY ARLO 4007 ET

44564814 • 1/3/24 — Individually this is one of the most exciting show prospects in this offering. She is the only female we have of this mating and the first daughter of Arlo that we have to sell. Her mother is a full sister to Marksmen, who has been one of the most dominant sires in the show ring as of late. This one has the hip and hind leg with look and build to go a long way. She should be very competitive at any level.



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C BAR ONE SHERMA 4061 ET

44559298 • 1/6/24 — This female is a powerhouse. Her mother was choice Lot 1 in last year's auction and a very popular cow because of her pedigree and extra mass and shape. We feel this is the next generation replacement with a touch more look. Her \$CHB is in the top 1% and the second highest in the entire offering.



C 1037 ARLO LASS 4233 ET

44559445 • 1/7/24 — Early this spring we thought this was one of the top females and she is still in that conversation. Her body and build with her extra color and markings make her an elite breeding piece. This is the only ET calf we have by this mating so she is hard to part with. Her mother 1037H is a fun cow to show visitors. She has a picture perfect udder and the quality and phenotype that you want every young cow to emulate.



C PRH 0226 BELLA 4216 ET

44559433 • 1/8/24
 These two sisters are incredible but this lot 5 heifer is unbelievable. I'm not sure we have ever seen one with this much shape and power but still has this kind of look and blends this well. She has been a standout all summer, visitors never miss her and always want another look before leaving because she is truly unbelievable. Lot 6 is no slouch. She has the same pattern and without her sister she would still be a sale feature. The donor dam 0226 was the champion female at the 2022 National Western and is becoming a big time donor. The sire Cuda Belle 2111 will have everybody's attention after you see this first crop of calves. We used him a lot and we still don't think we used him enough.



C PRH 0226 BELLA 4231 ET

44559443 • 1/3/24



C 1311 GUARDIAN GAL 4199 ET

44559419 • 2/1/24 — We are excited to be able to kick off the heifer calf division this year with two direct daughters of 1311. These kind are rarely offered for sale and when they are these are the kind to build a program around. With over \$1.5 million dollars of progeny sales, 1311 has proven to be one of the breed's most elite cows. Lot 3A is a sight to see. All the color and look with body and build. She will not only build show cattle but also herd sires for years to come. Her fall sister 3B is a solid female with a touch more \$CHB and carcass values.

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The final days of her life were spent in a new saddle gifted by Grandpa Lynn that brought her much pride.

Born into a family of athletes, Rainn started playing basketball at a very young age, then later volleyball. A quick and feisty player, her agility was obvious from the beginning. She enjoyed the game but cherished the friends she made so much more. Her Ballerz friends, her school teammates and her Ludlow basketball friends will forever hold a special place in her heart. Being organized and on time was a top priority for Rainn. The perpetual lateness and chaos of her large family sometimes pushed her to the brink of craziness.

Rainn tended to many details we will probably never even know. Before starting school, it was a full-time job just keeping track of mom's glasses and wallet! If a letter needed a stamp or a flower needed to be watered, it was Rainn's doing.

A rarity in her family, Rainn never lost anything. Her backpack, boots, coat and snowpants went straight to her room where she could find them in the morning. Her dad was always impressed when she jumped out of bed the moment he woke her up. She quickly – sometimes with Kinley's help – put up her hair each day and then rushed out the door before the bus was even parked, to keep the driver from waiting.

Rainn was capable of so much more than she knew, and often had to be reminded that she COULD do it!

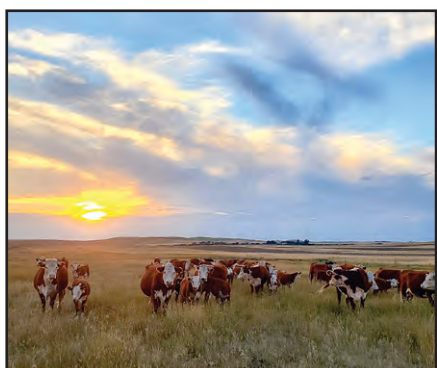
Giving gifts was her love language. Carefully crafting bead art, keychains, beaded bracelets, friendship bracelets for others gave Rainn great joy. Writing letters to friends and receiving a response or a magazine in the mail brightened her day immensely.

Good roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, a cup of tea, a lettuce salad, Ramen noodles, strawberries with sugar and dark chocolate would make Rainn's day. "That was good, Mom," were her sweet words after a good meal.

But far above all those earthly pleasures, Rainn loved her Savior Jesus and is in his arms forever. We will see her again and to this truth we cling.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16



James Clarence Caraway

James Clarence Caraway was born March 7, 1970 to Clarence and Mary (Delaney) Caraway. He was welcomed by his sister Barb and then followed by Lori, Mary Kay, Corey, and Jon Caraway. James attended grade school in Lake Benton until 2nd grade when the family moved to Clearfield, SD where he went



James Caraway

to country school (Star Prairie Country School). In 4th grade the family moved back to Lake Benton. James was very active throughout Junior High and High School in 4-H, FFA, and Minnesota Junior Hereford Association where he, along with his siblings and several of his friends in the show cattle world, enjoyed shows including county fairs, state fairs, and several Jr National shows all over the country during the summer. James was a great fitter and won several awards including Herdsmanship every year he showed in Fargo at the RRV fair. In FFA he won several awards such as Star Farmer. Along with showing and raising Hereford Cattle he spent endless hours washing and clipping cattle with the family business (Blue Ribbon Fitting Service). On the farm in the summer he spent endless hours baling, throwing and stacking hay, walking beans, and picking rock along with working on cattle with his dad, grandpa Jack, uncles and many high school friends.

James was active in football, track, wrestling, and basketball all through Jr High and High School and had several winning seasons. James also participated in Jr and Sr Class plays. Upon graduation from High School in 1988, he attended Northern State University where he pursued his passion for football. James was a walk on at NSU in both football and track. He played four years and earned All American Honors. He was a part of several winning football seasons, including the Conference Championship in 1992. James also ran track and threw shot and discus while at Northern. He graduated from NSU in the summer of 1993 with a degree in elementary education.

In 1995, James moved to Texas. He taught elementary in San Antonio and then moved on to his love for playing football for the San Antonio Stallions Semi Pro team. He also worked at several gyms and health clubs. On July 23, 2000 James married Sundok Lee and through that union they had two children, Renee and Solomon. James and Sunny sold real estate for several years together and then James ventured off into the roofing business and started his own company called "Third Day Roofing".

James was also an ordained minister and was passionate about the Lord.

For the last seven years he had been working within the prison ministry and saved many souls. Every July, James would look forward to coming to South Dakota for a family and friends' reunion at his brother Corey's lake home over the 4th of July.

Grateful for sharing James life is his Daughter Renee Lee Caraway, Austin, Texas, his son Solomon James Caraway, Austin, Texas. His mother Mary Caraway, Lake Benton, Minnesota. James's special friend Nyarie Zhou, Georgetown, Texas. His sisters Barb Carruthers, Baltic, South Dakota, special friend (Carey Story-Chamberlain, South Dakota), Lori Caraway (fiancé Cory Stein) Brookings, South Dakota, Mary Kay Caraway, Ivanhoe, Minnesota, brothers, Corey (Alethea) Caraway, Volga, South Dakota, Jon (Blair) Caraway, Lexington, Nebraska; along with several nephews and nieces. James is preceded in death by his father, Clarence Caraway; parental grandparents, George and Harriett Caraway, and maternal grandparents Jack and Dorothy Delaney.

Keith Robert Fawcett

Keith Robert Fawcett, 64, of Ree Heights, passed away Friday, June 7, 2024, at Highmore Health, after an intense battle with cancer with his wife at his side.

Keith was born to Robert and Marjean (Diede) Fawcett as the third child of three, the only son and the 4th generation to thrive on the ranch, which would become known as Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch. Showing cattle in 4-H, go carts, and dirt bikes filled his childhood with cousins and neighbors alongside the typical work that was to be done. He graduated from Miller High School in 1977 and pursued his secondary education at the school of hard knocks as he devoted his life to the ranch. He was quick to lift an eyebrow to any conversation that college was the only path to success.

Shortly after establishing himself at the ranch, Keith married Cheryl Busse in July of 1980 and began their family raising kids within the wide-open spaces of Green Valley. After his kids grew, it was time for the grandkids to run around the ranch and those grandkids gave him great joy. Being able to attend the activities of the older grandkids was a highlight for him and the thought of not being there to watch was something that weighed heavy on his heart. Their success in the show ring and sporting events made him proud. The younger grandkids always brightened his days, an example would be Marty who would spend time sitting on his lap watching sales on the computer



Keith Fawcett

and raising her hand to bid when he was no longer able to go outside.

As if the ranch did not keep him busy enough he was also active throughout many organizations: Hand County Livestock and Crop Association director for 25 years, Board of director for Western Jr Livestock Show, Keith and Cheryl were Jr Advisors for the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association 1994-2004, South Dakota Beef Breeds Council representative helped initiate SD Hereford's involvement in Dakota Fest, hosted and organized SD Hereford Tours, Vice President of the SD Hereford Association, Hand County Ag Producer of the Year 1999, National Hereford Board 2010-2014, 2017 Seed Stock Producer of the Year recognized by the SD Hereford Association, Honorary Member of SD Hereford Association 2023. All things Hereford and Juniors within South Dakota have felt his impact directly or indirectly.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Cheryl; children: Daniel (Kyla), Matthew, Erin (Adam) Kaufmann, and Kris (Weston) Kusser; six grandkids: Hollis, Ivy, Falon, Jensen, Marty, and Kal.; two siblings, Peg (Steve) Busse and Kim (Bill) Priest; and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marjean Fawcett.

Isabel M. Brown

Isabel McKerrow Brown, age 102, passed away peacefully at her home in Merton, WI on June 9, 2024. Isabel was born on March 1, 1922, in Pewaukee, WI to Gavin and Carolyn McKerrow.

Isabel is survived by daughters, Carolyn (Eric) Erdman of Silverton, CO, and Tucson, AZ, and Bette (Paul) Slayton of Bedford, PA; daughter-in-law, Cindy Brown, of Hartland, WI; grandchildren, Jenny Brown of Plymouth, WI and Ben Brown of Spring Green, WI; two sisters, Helen Pugh of Waukesha, WI, and Florence Glass of Lincoln, MA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Brown, who passed away in 2005, and her son, Randy Brown, passing in 2023.

Alongside her late husband, Isabel owned and operated the W.W. Brown Nursery, established in 1901. In addition to the nursery, they ran beef cattle and crop farms and were nationally recognized breeders of Polled Hereford cattle. Their contributions to the cattle industry were honored with inductions into the American Hereford Association Hall of Fame in 2020 and the Wisconsin Polled Hereford Association Hall of Fame in 1995. The Browns were named Wisconsin Livestock Producer of the Year in 1990 and Wisconsin Cattle Producer of the Year in 1996.

Isabel served on the Arrowhead School Board for 21 years, the Merton School Board for 12 years and as the

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Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Merton for five years.

She was the General Leader of the Richmond 4-H Club for 20 years and served as Beef Superintendent of the Waukesha County Fair, where she was named Honorary Fair Marshall in 2003. She was a certified livestock judge traveling to fairs throughout the Midwest.

Isabel was a past president and over 30-year member of the Hartland Woman's Club, co-founder of the Schoolhouse Players, a local theatri-

cal group, and was an active member of her church. She was well-known for her bread baking and enjoyed gardening, knitting, and entertaining.

Isabel attended Carroll College in Waukesha and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. John's United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 525, Merton, WI 53056, or the McKerrow-Brown Family Fund at the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, The Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53706 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eugene E. "Gene" Bock

Eugene E. "Gene" Bock, was a beacon of strength, humbleness, and generosity, a dedicated family man,

a friend to all, and a passionate advocate for agriculture education and horned Hereford cattle. Born on July 31, 1957, in Beatrice, NE,



Gene Bock

Eugene was a man of deep integrity and humor. His dedication to his work and family was unmatched. His laughter was contagious; his patience, legacy, and love for his family and community, unparalleled.

Eugene was a man whose grit and savvy were matched only by his love for people, Hereford cattle, and conservation. A member of the Hereford Association, the Tallgrass Prairie Association, and the Natural Resources and Conservation Service, he was a champion of land conservation, re-seeding native grasses, terracing farmland, developing water sources, and managing timber. Whether it was

helping the SCC intern program, leading his kids' 4-H club, or serving on church and county boards, Eugene's leadership was diverse and plentiful. He was also a dedicated collector of 2-cylinder tractors and also loved checking cattle with his kids. His work as a realtor for Hayden Outdoors was a testament to his multi-dimensional personality and skillset.

Eugene was married to his beloved, Janet (Mitchell), on November 11, 1989. They were blessed with two children, Annie and Aaron.

Eugene is survived by his wife Janet, his daughter Annie Boesiger and son-in-law Tanner, and his son Aaron as well as his adored Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Reba. He is also survived by his sister, Jeanette Carney; twin sister, Verjean (Tom) Noojin; brother-in-law, Steve (Pam) Mitchell; nieces and nephews: Lucas (Dayna), Chrisy, Ben, Christopher, Daniel, Sarah (Nick), Preston (Ashton), and Paul (Brittany); and a host of extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Oscar Bock; mother, Vernetta Bock; brother-in-law, Paul Carney; and sister-in-law, Christy Mitchell.

John Leibel Memorial Scholarship Recipient



Peyton Bischoff

Peyton Bischoff, Huron, SD is the recipient of the 2024 John Leibel Memorial Scholarship presented by the South Dakota Junior Hereford Achievement Program.

Peyton is a 2024 graduate of Huron High School and plans on attending South Dakota State University in Brookings majoring in Ag Systems Technology/Animal Science.

The scholarship is given in memory of John Leibel who served as the South Dakota Hereford Association (SDHA) manager for 33 years, starting in 1952. He was a true industry leader who devoted himself to the Hereford breed and South Dakota Hereford members. John understood the importance of providing support and educational opportunities to the next generation of leaders. Through his hard work the foundation for the success of the SDHA and SDJHA was established.

Michael and Cynthia Schlosser Scholarship Recipient



JaCee Dvorak

JaCee Dvorak, Lake Andes, SD is the 2024 recipient of the Michael and Cynthia Schlosser Scholarship which is part of the South Dakota Junior Hereford Achievement Program.

JaCee is a 2023 graduate of Wagner High School and plans on majoring in Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Business at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

This scholarship was established in memory of the late Michael Schlosser and continued support by his wife Cynthia Schlosser. Their dedication to the Hereford breed and South Dakota Hereford youth are a tribute to their strong Hereford background, continued support and a fitting tribute to Michael.

South Dakota Junior Hereford Association Officers



South Dakota Junior Hereford Association officers pictured at the Field Day are (left to right): Chance Blum, Ireland McAreavey, Jayna Blume, Hollis Fawcett, Natalie Marshall, Tanner Grupe, Riley Rasmussen, Kane Grace

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Sale Roundup

Ulrich Herefords Final Chapter
Feb. 27, 2024
Lethbridge, Alberta

Auctioneer: Bob Balog

25 Bulls — \$5,482
34 Females — \$4,453
60 semen units — \$111

Top Bulls:

AGA 48Y Super Hero 84H, 5/2/20 by AHA 77J Superman 48Y to Lonnie Kozlinski, Provost, AB, \$8,500 for 1/2 interest.

AHA 77G Explosive King 43K, 4/23/22 by SNS 23E Explosive Land 77G to Andy Elshere, Faith, SD, \$11,000.

AGA 15B West Kookaburra 41K, 4/22/22 by CR 87R West Lad 15B to Misty Valley Farms, Maidstone, Sask, \$7,250.

AGA 77G Explosive Karate 20K, 4/15/22 by SNS 23E Explosive Lad 77G to Andy Elshere, \$6,750.

AGA 15B West Knightly 73K, 4/30/22 by CR 87R West Lad 15B to YW Ranch, Rocky View County, \$8,750.

NJW Polled Herefords Annual Bull and Female Sale
March 27, 2024

Auctioneer: Joe Goggins

1 Herd Sire — \$22,000
87 Yearling Hereford Bulls — \$9,799
8 Two-Year-Old Bulls — \$12,688
40 Yearling Hereford Heifers — \$10,669
5 Fall Bred Heifers — \$13,000

Top Herd Bull:

Lot 216J, NJW 119E 87G Endorsement 216J, 3/7/21 by NJW 133A 6589 Manifest 87G to Krebs Ranch, Gordon, NE, \$22,000.

Top Yearling Bulls:

Lot 35L, NJW 119E 142 Proud 35L, 1/29/23 by CRR 971 Levitate 142 to Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE and Buck Cattle Co., Madill, OK, \$75,000.

Lot 147L, NJW 79Z 029H Desperado 147L ET, 2/20/23 by Churchill Desperado 029H to Rausch Herefords Hoven, SD, \$50,000.

Lot 94L, NJW 147J 216J Endorsement

94L, 2/11/23 by NJW 119E 87G Endorsement to Andrew Orsak, Wallis, TX, \$45,000.

Lot 136L, NJW 73E D287 Daybreak 136L ET, 2/18/23 by SHF Daybreak Y02 D287 ET to Big Gully Farm Maidstone, Sask., \$27,500.

Lot 68L, NJW 300G 142 Soggy 68L ET, 2/7/23 by CRR 971 Levitate 142 to Dvorak Herefords, Lake Andes, SD, \$20,000.

Lot 95L, NJW 73E D287 Daybreak 95L ET, 2/11/23 by SHF Daybreak Y02 D287 ET to Blair-Athol Farms Arcola, Sask., \$17,500.

Lot 100L, NJW 73E D287 Daybreak 100L ET, 2/12/23 by SHF Daybreak Y02 D287 ET to Oliver Brothers Herefords Levan, UT, \$17,500.

Lot 47L, NJW 209F 142 Levitate 47L, 2/1/23 by CRR 971 Levitate 142 to Holst Cattle Farms LLC, Lanesboro, MN, \$17,000.

Lot 49L, NJW 1A 148J Zane 49L, 2/2/23, by NJW 300G 20G Zane 148J to Goodine Farms Bear Island, NB E6L 1H8, Canada, \$15,000.

Lot 84L, NJW 77F 173D Endure 84L, 2/10/23, NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 173D by Midway Polled Herefords Sheyenne, ND, \$15,000.

Top Two-Year-Old Bulls:

Lot 255K, NJW 51G 87G Manifest 255K, 8/3/22 by NJW 133A 6589 Manifest 87G to Rees Brothers Herefords Morgan, UT, \$29,000.

Lot 259K, NJW 82E 87G Manifest 259K, 8/14/22 by NJW 133A 6589 Manifest 87G ET to Tom & Bonnie Mills, Gillette, WY, \$12,000.

Lot 263K, NJW 79Z 0186 Domino 263K ET, 10/1/22 by CL 1 Domino 0186H to Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE and XA Cattle, Moorefield, NE, \$12,000.

Lot 268K, NJW 79Z 029H Desperado 268K ET, 12/15/22 by Churchill Desperado 029H to Jenni Ranch, Lewistown, MT, \$12,000.

Top Yearling Heifers:

Lot 17L, \$45,000.00 NJW 129E 619D Spiritqueen 17L, 1/25/23 by BCC Dominator 619D to Gustavo Camereno, \$45,000.

NJW 32G 148J Rita 142L 02/19/23 by NJW 300G 20G Zane 148J to Netherhall Farm, United Kingdom, \$40,000.

Pick of Spring 2024 Heifer Calves: Boyd Beef Cattle Mays Lick, KY, \$30,000.

Top Spring Heifer Calves:

NJW 79Z E149 Rita 2L ET, 1/13/23 by SHF Ellison 167Y E149 to Gustavo Camereno, \$30,000.

Lot 101L, NJW 60E 0016 Free Spirit 101L ET, 2/12/23 by RST Final Print 0016 to Herrerra, Pablo Sheridan, WY, \$25,000.

Lot 177L, NJW 79Z E149 Rita 177L ET, 2/26/23 by SHF Ellison 167Y E149 to River Valley Polled Herefords, Newburgh, Ontario, \$20,000.

Lot 97L, NJW 73S 901 Daydream 97L ET, 2/11/23 by CSC 701 Bolder 901 152L to Horn Farms, Dover, OK, \$12,000.

Lot 12L, NJW 262F 7616 Rita 152L, 2/22/23 by UPS 2504 Sensation 7616 to Bacon Herefords, Siloam Springs, AR, \$11,000.



NJW Polled Herefords sale top was NJW 119E 142 Proud 35L selling to Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE and Buck Cattle Co., Madill, OK for \$75,000.

Lot 217L, NJW AHF 158J Goldenrod 217L, 3/7/23 by NJW 160Z 254G Ridge 158J to Twelve Oaks Land & Cattle Co. Ltd., Windsor, NS, Canada, \$11,000.

Top Bred Heifers:

Lot 262K, NJW 79Z 901 Rita 262K ET, 9/8/22 by CSC 701 Bolder 901 to Chapman Cattle Company LLC, Nunnely, TN and GKB Cattle Co., Desdemona, TX, \$26,000.

Lot 260K, NJW 79Z 901 Rita 260K ET, 9/1/22 by CSC 701 Bolder 901 to Larry Kerr, Friendsville, TN, \$16,000.

Lot 254K, NJW 73S 4013 Daydream 254K ET, 8/1/22 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET to Kevin Wilds, Saint George, SC, \$10,000.

Hennebold Herefords

March 22, 2024

Winner, SD

Auctioneer: Matt Lowery

27 Bulls — \$5,593

20 Commercial Females — \$2,400



Luke Hennebold welcoming the crowd.

DaKitch Farms

March 23, 2024

Ada, MN

Auctioneer: Dustin Carter

13 Bulls — \$6,077

9 Females — \$3,433

12 Commercial Females — \$2,396

Top Bulls:

DaKitch MDK 125F Mr Karen 10L, 1/1/23 by TH Masterplan 183F to Crazy K Ranch, Minnesota, \$10,000 for 1/2 interest.

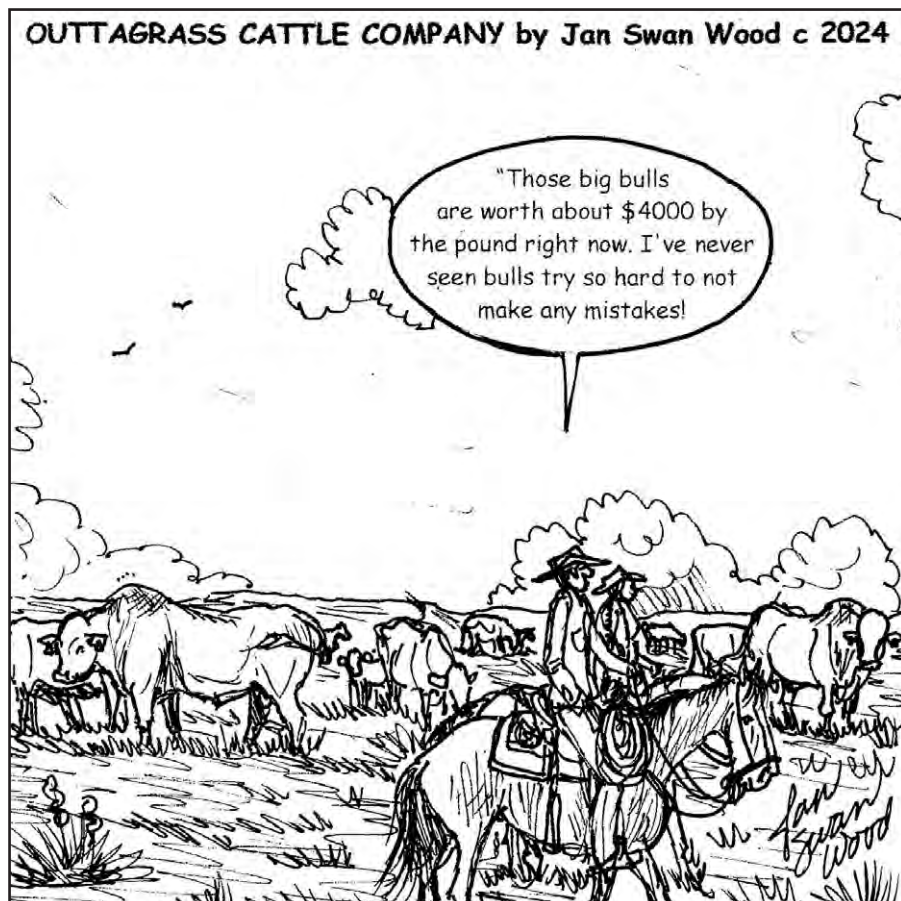
DaKitch MDK 132J Sleep On 64L, 1/31/23 by TH 523F 738C Sleep On 163H to Jeff Russell, Cokato, \$7,750 for half interest.

DaKitch MDK F121 JV 68L, 2/10/23 by TH 183F Joint Venture 121J to Jes-

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Bulls on display at NJW Polled Herefords, enjoying some nice weather.



OUTTAGRASS CATTLE COMPANY by Jan Swan Wood c 2024

"Those big bulls are worth about \$4000 by the pound right now. I've never seen bulls try so hard to not make any mistakes!"

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sica Horn, Gonvick, MN \$9,000.
DaKitch MDK 71C Master 15L, 1/5/23
by TH Masterplan 183F, to Greg Ham-
mer, Garretson, MN, \$7,000.

Sandhill Farms
March 23, 2024
Haviland, KS

Auctioneer: Joel Birdwell

130 Bulls — \$8,979
30 Females — \$9,308
110 Commercial Females —
\$2,393

Top Bulls:

SHF Legion H315 L060, 1/31/23 by SHF Headstrong D287 H315 ET to Bill King, Moriarty, NM; GKB Cattle, Desdemona, TX; and Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, ID, \$58,000 for 1/2 interest. SHF Liberty H028 L356 ET, 2/26/23 by SHF Haviland F158 H028 to Van Hook Farms, Cedar Hill, TN, \$47,000 for 1/2 interest.

SHF Lucas H028 L118, 2/5/23 by SHF Haviland F158 H028 to Van Hook Farms, \$33,000 for half interest. SHF SHF Lego 569G L347 ET, 2/10/23 by CMF 1720 Gold Rush 569G ET to Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE; Genex, Economy, IN; and Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD, \$22,000 for half interest. SHF Louisville 619G L099, 2/4/23 by SR Expedition 619G ET to Schutte & Sons, Guide Rock, NE, \$35,000.

SHF Lockhard 569G L198, 2/11/23 by CMF 1720 Gold Rush 569G to Bowling Ranch, Newkirk, OK, \$25,000. SHF Landscape H033 L119, 2/5/23 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Diamond J Farms, Beaver, OK, \$17,000.

SHF Locker 569G L341 ET, 2/21/23 by CMF 1720 Gold Rush 569G ET to Bar JZ Ranches, Holabird, SD, \$16,500.

SHF Largo 569G L345 ET, 2/24/23 by CMF 1720 Gold Rush 569G ET to Tony Lasseter Farms, Moultrie, GA, \$16,000.

Top Females:

SHF Lacy D287 G313 ET, 2/22/19 by SHF Daybreak Y02 D287 with a Feb. Heifer calf by SHF Insight F158 J354 to Tony Lasseter Farms, \$33,000.

SHF 30U 167Y G342 ET, 3/1/19 by NJW 33 TB 100W Trust 167Y and a Feb. heifer calf by SHF Insight F158 J354 to Bowling Ranch, \$25,000.

Sidwell Ranch and Frank
Herefords Bull Sale
March 25, 2024
Columbus, MT

Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar**41 Bulls — \$5,366****Top Bulls:**

SR Harvest 2319, 2/19/23 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Ehlke Herefords, Townsend, MT, \$7,000 for half interest. AFH H033 1836 Hunter 2220, 2/13/22 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Toby and Laura Pierson, Kaycee, WY, \$9,000. AFH 195G 1840 Rimrock 2265, 3/4/22 by NJW 119D 27C Rimrock 195G to Gordn Carlson, Belfry, MT, \$8,250.

SR Harvest 2290, 8/25/22 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Dana Williams, Three Forks, \$8,000.

SR Harvest 2297, 9/18/22 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Dane Castleberry, Ekalaka, MT, \$7,000.

Frenzen Polled Herefords
March 26, 2024
Fullerton, NE

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl**27 Hereford Bulls — \$4,574****14 Females — \$3,604****55 Commercial Females — \$2,369****Top Bulls:**

Frenzen Final Test L20, 2/23/23 by Frenzen Final Test J74 ET to Paul Kenney, Amherst, \$8,000.

EF Grizzly K173, 9/3/22 by Frenzen Grizzly G36 to Doug Scholtz, \$7,000.

Frenzen Final Test K162, 8/12/22 by Frenzen Final Text H05 to Edward Graff, Greeley, NE, \$7,000.

Snowshoe Cattle Co.
April 1, 2024
Arthur, NE

Auctioneer: Matt Lowery**42 Bulls — \$4,940****Top Bulls:**

Snowshoe Masterplan H138 152K, 8/25/22 by TH Masterplan 183F to Jim McCulloch, Boulder, MT, \$7,750.

Snowshoe 173 Endure D26 161K, 8/29/22 by NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 173D ET to Kim Keltner, Terry, MT, \$7,500.

Snowshoe 173 Endure D21 144K, 8/21/22 by NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 173D ET to Ethan Fell, Fortuna, ND, \$7,500.

Jensen Bros.
April 4, 2024
Courtland, KS

Online**20 Females — \$13,313****20 semen units — \$425****Top Females:**

KJ 746D Coco Cheer 318L ET, 9/3/23 by KLD RW Marksman D87 ET to Ella Weldon, Piedmont, OK, \$50,000. KJ DCC 181H Gemstone 319L ET, 9/3/23 by KLD RW Marksman D87 ET to Makenna and Tessa Smith, Hubertus, WI, \$42,500.

McClun's Lazy JM Ranch
Spring Sale
Torrington, WY
April 11, 2024

Auctioneer: Lander Nicodemus**21 18-Month-Old****Hereford Bulls — \$4,831****14 Yearling Hereford Bulls —****\$5,250****35 Total Hereford Bulls — \$4,993****14 18-Month-Old Angus Bulls —****\$7,392****38 Yearling Angus Bulls — \$5,098****52 Total Angus Bulls — \$5,715****Top Hereford Bulls:**

Lot 91, MC King 91L, 3/11/23 by GO King E33 to James McBride, Agate, CO \$7,750.

Lot 95, MC Perfecto 14L, 1/9/23 by BG LCC 11B Perfecto 84F to Sandy Hill, Kremmling, CO, \$7,000.

Lot 89, MC Red Baron 110L, 3/15/23 by Churchill Red Baron 8300F ET to Buyer #1006, \$6,750.

Top Angus Bulls:

MC Regiment K40 DTM, 8/23/22 by Wilks Regiment 9035 to Crow Valley Ranch, Carpenter, WY, \$9,500.

MC Dynamic L6 DTM, 1/21/23 by B A R Dynamic to Bed Tick Ranch, Douglas, WY, \$9,500.

MC Iconic 196K, 8/30/22 by DB Iconic G95 to Mills Land & Cattle, Casper, WY, \$8,500.

Thorstenson Hereford Ranch
April 12, 2024
Selby, SD

Auctioneer: Doug Dietterle**33 Hereford Bulls — \$5,242****34 Angus Bulls — \$6,368****15 Hereford Females — \$2,797****24 Angus Females — \$2,600****Top Hereford Bulls:**

THR Thor 3184L, 3/30/23 by NJW 21C 6589 Ignite 97G to Topp Herefords, Grace City, ND and Fredrickson

Ranch, Spearfish, SD, \$14,500.

THR Thor 3160L, 3/28/23 by KCF Bennett Eagle H550 to Ryan Wolff, Fredonia, ND, \$10,500.

THR Thor 3116L, 3/24/23 by Bar Star Embellish 020 to Tom Semmler, Parkston, SD, \$7,000.

THR Thor 3145L, 3/27/23 by Bar Star Embellish 020 to Pat Thorstenson, Selby, SD, \$7,000.

THR Thor 3098L, 3/23/23 by NJW 21C 6589 Ignite 97G to Brandon Rohrbach, Roscoe, SD, \$6,500.

THR Thor 3189L, 3/30/23 by NJW 200F 81E Historic 20 to Sheila Kalonick, Menoken, ND, \$6,500.

Top Angus Bulls:

THR Thor 3144L, 3/26/23 by Mohnen Rainfall 3978 to Nathan Rohrbach, Bowdle, SD, \$11,500.

THR Thor 3223L, 4/3/23 by High Point Dollar Up 72 to Reuer Farm, Hoven, SD, \$9,000.

Top Hereford Heifers:

THR Miss Thor 3271L, 4/10/23 by THR Thor 0050H to Luke Hennebold, Winner, SD, \$4,000.

THR Miss Thor 3065L, 3/20/23 by NJW 21C 6589 Ignite 97G to Topp Herefords, Grace City, ND, \$3,750.

THR Miss Thor 3101L, 3/23/23 by KCF Bennett Eagle H550 to Luke Hennebold, \$3,500.

Stuber Hereford Ranch
April 20, 2024
Bowman, ND

Auctioneer: Joe Goggins**83 Yearling Bulls — \$4,792****15 18-Month-Old Bulls — \$6,567****52 Reg. Hereford Heifers —****\$3,360****2 Fall Heifers — \$2,600****106 Commercial****Hereford Females — \$2,019****Top Bulls:**

Lot 2, SR Lyric 23L, 2/27/23 by CL 1 Domino 0186H to Churchill Cattle Co. Manhattan, MT, \$27,500.

Lot 96, SR Marvel 963L ET, 4/ 2/23 by CL 1 Domino 993G 1E to Baker Farms Streator, IL, \$18,000.

SR Venture 1772K 08/18/22 by WHR 290E B901 Beefmaker to Engelhaupt Herefords, Butte, NE, \$12,000.

Lot 44, SR M&M Venture 443L ET, 3/23/23 by WHR 290E B901 Beef-

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Nice crowd at the Sandrock Sale in Benton, WI, this past April.

maker to Ryan Wolff, Fredonia, ND, \$11,000.
 Lot 74, SR Steller 743L, 3/1/23 by Stardance M8086 ET to Jinaye Yanota, Evesham, Sask., \$10,000.
 Lot 94, SR Dominate 943L ET, 4/1/23 by SR Dominate 308F ET to Rankin & Sons, Inc Draper, SD, \$10,000.

Top Heifer:
 SR Venita 3042L ET, 3/24/23 by WHR 290E B901 Beefmaker to Roger Jennings, Palmyra, IL, \$10,000.



Laureen and Wendy Stuber with their great-grandson and grandson at the Stuber sale.



Beautiful set of heifers at NJW Polled Herefords, Sheridan, WY.



Hundreds of years of Hereford knowledge in this group! Pictured are (left to right) Art Handel, Rapid City, SD; Dwayne Dietz, Billings, MT; and Rod Gierau, Springview, SD, at the Stuber sale where they all bid and bought.



Active bidding at the Sidwell Herefords / Frank Herefords' sale with auctioneer Seth Weishaar. Pictured are (left to right) Meg Stanley Foran, Austin Frank, Seth Weishaar, Richard Sidwell and Lauren Clark with The Livestock Link.



Garrett and Sydnee Kidd getting ready for the Stuber sale.



One of the top bulls in the Snowshoe offering.



Brothers Darin and Tate Thorstenson before their sale.



Ryan Rankin, Draper, SD, bought Lot 94 in the Stuber sale.

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Jim McClun looks on as Kody McClun makes introductions prior to their sale. Lander Nicodemus was the auctioneer.



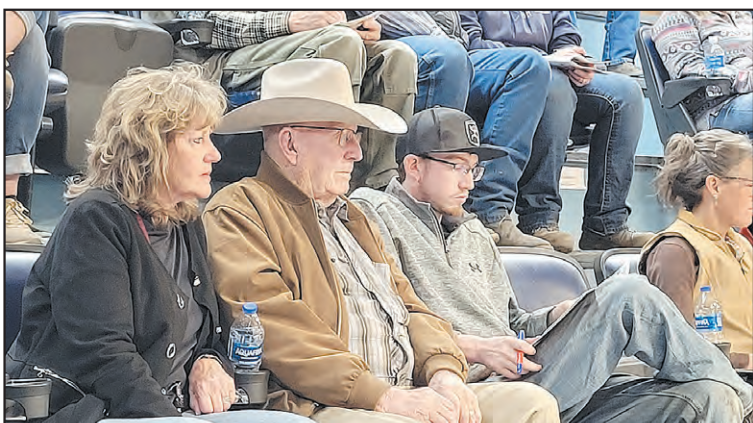
Nice set of bulls at Sandhill Farms, Haviland, KS.



Joe and Will Kruse buying a bull at the McClun Lazy JM Sale in Torrington, WY.



Lots of breeders assessing cattle at the Sandhill Farms sale in Haviland, KS.



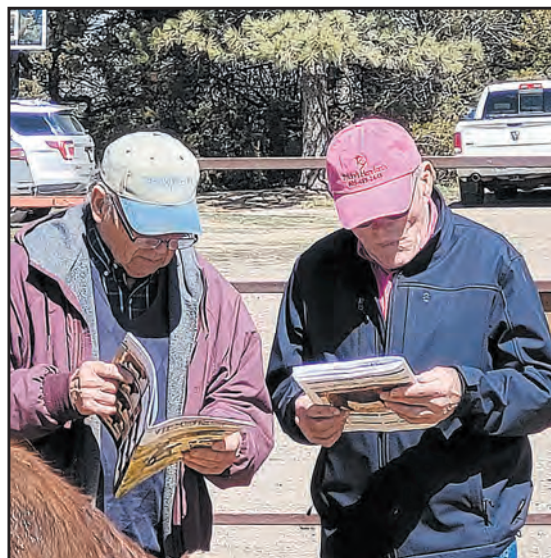
McClun crowd, including Mr. Kelly in the hat, who bid on several bulls.



Looking at the next crop at Sandhill Farms.



Mark Largent, Kaycee, WY, and his young crew, Tori Largent, Kelley and Christian Spencer and son, at the Stuber sale.



Steve Witt and Dick Wettlaufer studying the Thorstenson catalog and bulls.



Art Handel (left), Ryan Topp, Grace City, ND and Bill Thorstenson at the Thorstenson sale.



Jay Kloos and Mark Frederickson looking at the Thorstenson bulls, Selby, SD.

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Champion Bred and Owned Female — Rett Blume
Sponsor: Blume Herefords, Michael and Becky



Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Female — Rett Blume
Sponsor: Blume Herefords, Gordon and Thordys



Champion Bull — Hollis Fawcett
Sponsor: Blume Show Cattle, Ivan Blume



Reserve Champion Bull — Makayla Simmermon
Sponsor: Frecking Cattle



Champion Cow/Calf Pair — Ireland McAreavey
Sponsor: LNJ Farms & Ranch



Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair — Rielle Knock
Sponsor: Rainbow Herefords



Champion Owned Heifer — Kinsly Altana
Sponsor: Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch



Reserve Champion Owned Heifer — Chance Blum
Sponsor: Ravine Creek Ranch



Champion Steer — Skylar Stiefvater
Sponsor: Hansmeier & Sons



Reserve Champion Steer — Shaelee Jensen
Sponsor: McAreavey Family



Outstanding Older Member — Ireland McAreavey



Hereford Royalty — L to R: Ellie Olawsky, Brooklyn Marshall, Lily Blume - Queen

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Res. Cow/Calf	Dawson Kitchell, MN
Champion B&O Bull	Hollis Fawcett, SD
Res. B&O Bull	Dawson Kitchell, MN
Champion Steer	Taylor Reed, MN
Res. Steer	Skylar Stiefvater, SD
Champion B&O Heifer	Maddi Beissel, MN
Res. B&O Heifer	Kyla Peskey, SD
Champion Heifer	Kyla Peskey, SD
Res. Heifer	Madelyn Thompson, MO
Champion Sr Showman	Haley Mouser, MN
Res. Sr Showman	Mckayla Simmermon, SD
Champion Intermediate Showman	Kyla Peskey, SD
Res. Intermediate Showman	Natalie Marshall, SD
Champion Jr Showman	Hollis Fawcett, SD
Res. Jr Showman	Aubrey Nagler, MN
Champion PeeWee Showman	Lilly Beissel, MN
Res. PeeWee Showman	Dawson Kitchell, MN



Grand Champion Female — Kyla Peskey, Iroquois, SD with DJF Miami Spice 1L ET.



Reserve Champion Overall Bred and Owned Bull — Dawson Kitchell, Ada, MN exhibited DaKitch 123F Moonshine 144L.



Champion: Haley Mouser and Reserve: Makayla Simmermon



Reserve Cow/Calf — Dawson Kitchell of Ada, MN exhibited FCC JD 8923 8923 Chantel 201.

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Junior Showmanship — Champion: Hollis Fawcett and Reserve: Aubrey Nagler

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Intermediate - Champion: Kyla Peskey and Reserve: Natalie Marshall

Junior - Champion: Hollis Fawcett and Reserve: Aubrey Nagler

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Final Farewell...

Delores Yvette Granzow

Delores' life began on June 18, 1931, in Herington. She was the daughter of Clarence J. "Jake" Schneider and Alice L. (Hedburg) Schneider. Delores attended school in Herington and a member of the Class of 1949. She was united in marriage to Wallace D. "Bill" Granzow on September 20, 1948, at the United Methodist Church in Herington. Delores went to work when she was eleven years old and worked hard all her life. She was an early telephone operator, worked for Bus Stiles Thriftway Grocery, was the secretary for the Tri-County Methodist Parish and spent 20 years at the Herington Hospital as a medical transcriptionist. Delores was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, United Methodist Women, Herington Hospital Auxiliary, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the WELCA group at church. Delores was a great cook making Christmas candy, and other goodies, she loved to go swimming at the pool and visiting the local library. She loved watching old westerns and was a fan of Audie Murphy and Gunsmoke. Delores enjoyed going to her children's, grandchildren's and great grandchildren's sporting events and she loved watching Kansas basketball, whether KU or State.



Delores Granzow

Delores had many memories of farm life and raising her 300 plus chickens a year and doing their own butchering. She was a good farm wife and tough as they come. Her greatest joy was her family which includes her children Steve (Melody) Granzow of Lincoln, KS, Dennis (Lynette) Granzow of Mammoth Spring, AR, Tom (Mary) Granzow of Herington and Rick (Amy) Granzow of Herington; grandchildren Brandi (Steve Traczyk) Granzow, Bryan (Jessica) Brown, Sara Anderson, Toniann (Patrick) Richard, Tobyn Granzow, Jacob (Rosa) Granzow, Kyle Granzow, Dale (Vikki) Mulderring, James Mulderring, and Billy Granzow; eight great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

Delores passed away on Tuesday May 7, 2024, at Legacy of Herington. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Clarice Garman and brother Clarence "Sonny" Schnieder.

Lila Lou (Drybread) Churchill

Lifelong cattlegirl and rancher, Lila Churchill, of Valentine, NE passed away at home on June 26, 2024. Born August 15, 1932, to Wilbur and Celia Drybread, and married to Kenneth Churchill, Lila raised two sons of her own, Brad and Linn. There were countless other "children" that passed

through her life on the ranch; she played an integral role in their upbringing too. Some went on their way, many kept in touch through the years, and a few are considered family.

Lila's family moved to the Red Deer Ranch south of Valentine when she was a young girl, and later purchased the ranch where she lived out most of her life. Much of her childhood was spent raising, showing and selling champion Hereford cattle. She still enjoyed attending the county 4-H shows, bull sales, and the Hereford Crossroads gatherings.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska, Lila enjoyed watching Husker football and Lady Husker volleyball. She even played a little football herself in high school.

Actively involved in her community, Lila served as a Cherry County Commissioner for several terms. Even when she wasn't a commissioner, she wasn't afraid to stand up for what she believed to be in the best interest of the county.

Lila loved mowing hay and only quit when the ranch started using a swather instead of bar mowers a few years ago. Her summers also consisted of raising a garden with enough produce to feed the neighborhood and then some. She took great pride in her flowers and grew some of the most beautiful gladiolas.

A 4th of July tradition for Lila was to attend the Cherry County Demolition Derby. She and a group of friends would pool their money and buy a car or two in the calcutta. Lila knew how to pick a winner and they usually had the winner bought.

Lila took many trips with Kenneth and their longtime friends Buzz and Shirley Kime. They didn't miss the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas for 20+ years, attended weddings across the country and went on various other adventures. She went on many high school rodeo road trips with Jarolyn Crouse as well. Watching rodeo on the Cowboy Channel she could still score the bronc riders as good as the judges.

Lila also had a few bucket list trips she went on with friends. Those included an Alaskan Cruise, a Mississippi River Boat Cruise, a George Strait concert, the Calgary Stampede, the American Rodeo and the Rose Parade. It didn't matter where she was or what time zone she was in, Lila had her 5:00 toddy.

Lila's house served as a gathering place at holidays for anyone that didn't have somewhere to go. It's been said that you shouldn't trust a skinny cook, but that wasn't the case with Lila. The only thing she didn't make from scratch was pie crust; she thought Mrs. Smith did just fine. She could feed an



Lila Churchill

army with whatever she had on hand in a moment's notice or cook a prime rib to perfection.

Some have called her the First Lady or Queen of the Sandhills, but Lila was the Matriarch of the Simeon Community. She leaves a legacy and a wealth of knowledge of all things ranching. Her quick wit and sense of humor will be missed, but we will all remember the many nicknames she assigned.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Nebraska Jr Hereford Association or the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Lila was preceded in death by her parents Wilbur and Celia Drybread, brothers Gene Drybread and Charles Drybread.

Survivors include husband Kenneth Churchill, sons Brad (Shirley) Churchill, Fowler, CO, Linn (Trula) Churchill Valentine, NE and her cat Sailor. Bonus extended family members Tom and Chris Davis, Dustin Davis, Molly Aschoff, Kathleen Gilham, Adam Pope, and Maureen "Mo" Thompson and a host of other very special friends.

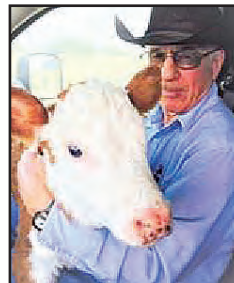
Lovell Kuykendall

Lovell Kuykendall passed away on Thursday, June 27 2024, one month shy of his 87th birthday, at his home, in Cherokee, TX.

Lovell was born in Temple, TX on July 27, 1937 to James and Zudora Kuykendall and was raised on the family ranch in Cherokee, TX. After graduating from Cherokee High School, Lovell continued his education at Texas A&M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1960. Shortly after graduation he married Sandra Jones on July 30, 1960.

While at A&M Lovell was president of the Saddle and Sirloin Club and was a member of at the 1959 National Championship Livestock Judging Team. He was a proud alumni and loved all things Aggie. Throughout his life he followed Aggie athletics, particularly football games, always watching to the bitter end.

Lovell started his working career as a county agent in Howard county and then McCulloch county. In 1965 he moved to Kansas City to work for the American Hereford Association wearing many titles during his 35 year career. Each position he held benefited from his knowledge, dedication and passion of the Hereford breed. He was quoted "if I wasn't raising Herefords the past 35 years, then I can't think of any place I'd rather be than working with the people promoting the breed." He retired in July of 2000. In 2010 Lovell was inducted into the American Hereford Association Hall of Merit for his contributions to the Hereford in-



Lovell Kuykendall

dustry.

Shortly after retiring, Lovell and Sandy moved back to Texas and built a home on the family ranch in Cherokee that has been in the Kuykendall family since 1878. He could not have been happier to be back in Texas to carry on the work at the ranch with his brother John. Lovell and Sandy spent many happy years at the ranch, making wonderful friends and loved being part of the community. Lovell loved nothing more than to give ranch tours and share the ranch history with family and friends. The Kuykendall ranch was designated as a Texas Century Ranch by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sandy Kuykendall; son, Jim Kuykendall of Lake Placid, NY; daughters, Karen Blanco and husband Luis of Austin TX, Donna Stewart and husband Darin of Olathe, KS; grandchildren, Clay Stewart and wife Elle, Alyson Stewart and fiancé Will, Kyle Blanco; great grandchildren, Lewie and Norman Stewart; sister-in-law, Patty Kuykendall; niece, Lisa Whittlesey and husband Randel; nephew, Jeff Kuykendall and wife Veronica; great nieces and nephews, Taylor, Cole, Case, Carson, Sydney and Harper and many dear friends.

James Walter Douthit, Jr .

James Walter Douthit, Jr. was born in St. Francis, Kansas, on July 9, 1938, to Helen (Pochop) Douthit and James Walter Douthit. He left to be with his Savior on July 22, 2024. He passed away peacefully at the Cheyenne County Village. He had four siblings: Emily, Roger, Rudolph, and Stephen. Walter was the oldest of the boys.



Walter Douthit

Walter led a life centered around his Catholic faith and his family. Growing up, he attended Broadview School, the nearby country school. As a young boy he worked beside his father and brothers. He was proud of himself when he got to run a hay crew at the young age of 11 with the mules Molly and Dolly. Upon entering junior high, he was sent to the Holy Cross Abbey in Cañon City, Colorado, because his mother wanted him to have a Catholic education. He didn't enjoy his time away from his family and the farm, so he returned home to complete high school at St. Francis Community High School. He later attended both Benedictine College and Kansas State University. However, the farm was calling him so he came home to farm and ranch.

His return to the farm would provide a happy, fulfilling life for him. He proudly farmed and raised cattle with his brothers, Roger and Stephen, until 2008. For several decades, they operated Douthit Brothers, Jim Douthit

Farms and Douthit Herefords together.

Walter always enjoyed going to the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, and he did so as long as his health permitted him. His legacy continues to this day, with Douthit bulls still being prominently displayed in the yards, a mark that exceeds 80 consecutive years. His pride in their herd of Hereford cattle was only surpassed by his pride in his family.

Walter was blessed with three children: Teresa, Chad, and Megan. They became the light of Walter's life; he centered his energy around them and their families. His love for agriculture was passed on to them, with each of them working in the agricultural industry in some capacity today. In 2008, he and his daughter and son-in-law, Megan and Chuck, began their own farming operation. He guided them for 16 years with a steady hand. Even as his health was deteriorating, he always had words of wisdom, which they sought out regularly. He had a vision and passion for farming in Cheyenne County that continues through Megan and her family.

Walter did not know a stranger; he was a jovial man who welcomed all with a smile and a twinkle in his eye. He lived out his faith in many ways, such as being an active member of the St. Francis Catholic Church, helping to build the current church in St. Francis, and praying the Rosary regularly.

Walter served on both the Farm Credit of Western Kansas and the Wheeler Equity Exchange Boards of Directors for over 10 years. In 2009, the local community recognized him as a Cheyenne County Fair parade marshal, alongside Roger and Stephen, in recognition of all they did for the local 4-H program. Walter was recognized by the NWSS Red Meat Club in 2017 for his dedication to the meat industry. The greatest public recognition he received was again alongside his brothers. Walter, Roger, and Stephen were inducted into the American Hereford Association's Hall of Fame in 2012 for their commitment to the Hereford breed and the contributions their program made to the industry.

In his later years, Walter enjoyed international travel and attending as many Kansas State University football games as possible. He always wanted to see the world and was grateful for the opportunity to explore new places. During this time, he was blessed with five grandchildren who were the light of his life. To see Walter when they entered the room was to see pure joy.

Walter will be missed by many. Those left to carry on his legacy are his children: daughter Teresa Douthit, her husband Tom Svoboda, Grant, Elena, and step-grandson Lane; son Chad Douthit, his wife Tanya Draper Douthit, and Oliver; and daughter Megan Douthit-Downey, her husband Chuck, Carter and Austin.

He is survived by his sister Emily Peter, brother Rudolph Douthit and his wife Pat; sister-in-law Melva Douthit;

nieces and nephews Deborah Peter, Jennifer (Brian) Cree, Mark (Jane) Peter, Michelle (Andy) Conrad, Jason (Kellie) Douthit, Jared (Candi) Douthit, Amy (Kevin) Barrier, Michael (Heather) Douthit, Stephanie (Rusty) Thomas, Ana (Tyler) Enfield, Erica Gattshall, Margo Douthit (Jacobus Swart), Courtney (Matt) Nelson, and Thomas Douthit.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, James and Helen (Pochop) Douthit, and brothers Roger and Stephen Douthit, and Roger's wife Myra.

Paul "Bill" William Schmele

Paul W. "Bill" Schmele, 91, of Belle Fourche died Thursday, July 4, 2024, at Belle Estates Senior Living. Born on October 31, 1932, in Rapid City, SD, to Paul William and Sophia Anna (Karinen) Schmele, Bill attended Horse Creek Elementary School and Newell High School.

Bill married Alice Blackburn on June 8, 1961, and they were blessed with six children: Nadine (Dwight) Sandoz of St. Paul, NE, Carol (Klemen) Vidic of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Mary (Nathan) Johnson of Grand Forks, ND, Joanne (Brian) Wise of Orange City, Iowa, James "Jimmy" Paul Schmele, and Donna Phillips of Grand Forks, ND.

A dedicated and passionate cattle rancher, Bill was renowned for raising registered Hereford bulls and cultivating a distinguished bloodline of Hereford cattle traced back to England. His exceptional knowledge and intuition about cattle earned him national recognition. Bill sold bulls for 75 years and was well known in the area. He was also known for performing much of his own veterinary work, a testament to his deep understanding and care for his animals.

Bill had a profound interest in nature. He enjoyed capturing its beauty through photography and had a special affinity for animals. He loved picking fruit and collecting rocks and was an avid reader until the end of his life. His striking blue eyes reflected his compassion for those in need and positivity throughout life. Bill's extraordinary talent for whistling, complete with vibrato, provided joy for many, and he found great pleasure in riding horses. Rarely seen without his hat, always worn at a slightly tilted angle, his signature look brought smiles to those around him.

Bill is survived by his beloved sister, June Schmele; his five cherished daughters, 19 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Koskela, son, Jimmy, and great-grandson, Bridger Johnson.



Bill Schmele

Iowa Hereford Breeders Dedicate Barn Quilt at State Fair



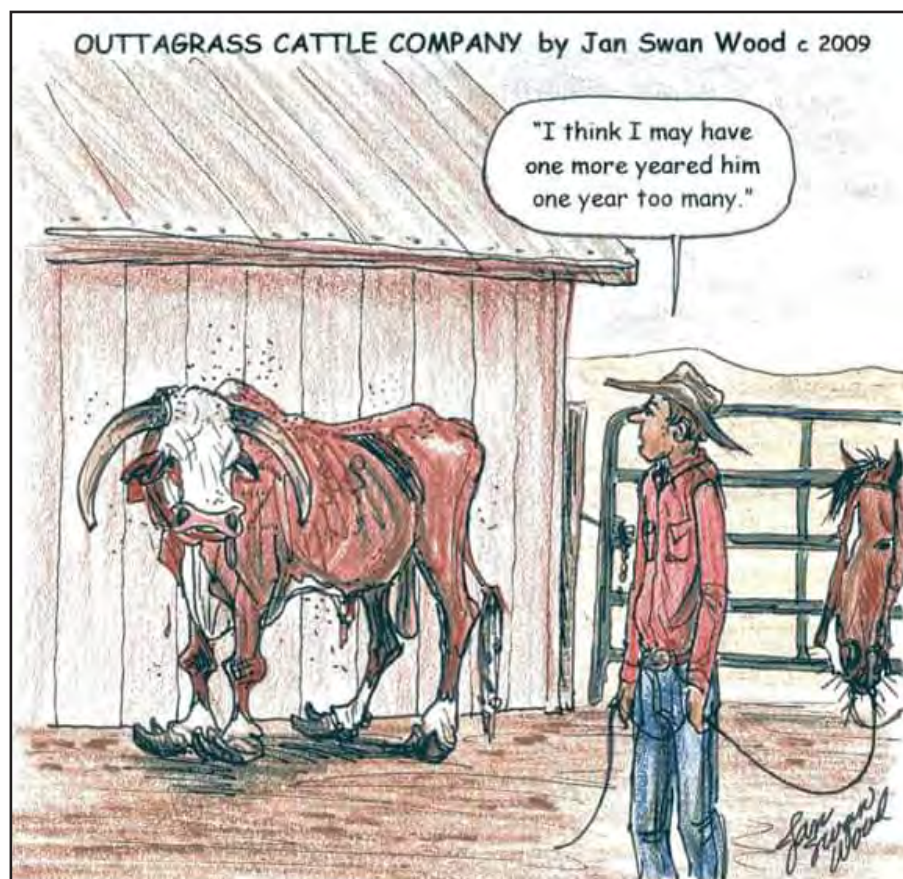
In a ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 14, the Iowa Hereford Breeders Association (IHBA) will dedicate a custom-created barn quilt given in memory of three longtime Iowa Hereford breeders. The event will take place at 3 p.m. on the west side of the Gammon Barn on the Iowa State Fairgrounds, followed by an ice cream social in the Sheri Avis Horner Pavilion just north of the barn museum.

Designed and created by Freedom Rock® artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II, the 8'x8' barn quilt was given in memory of Dan McFarland, Fredericksburg; Ray Sorensen, Fontanelle; and Eric Tiernan, Stuart, by their families, who wished to honor their loved ones at a place that was dear to their hearts.

Moved to the State Fairgrounds in 1991, the Gammon Barn was the site of the birthplace of Polled Herefords, the first major beef breed of American origin. Its original location near St. Marys/New Virginia, in rural Warren County, was named a National Historic Site in 1984. Today the upper portion of the barn serves as the National Polled Hereford Museum and houses the National Polled Hereford Hall of Fame as well as more than a century's worth of breed memorabilia.

The unofficial historian of the Polled Hereford breed, Dan McFarland was instrumental in getting the barn relocated to the State Fairgrounds and oversaw the initial installation of the artifacts now housed in the museum. Eric Tiernan spent many years volunteering at the museum during the Iowa State Fair, where he welcomed visitors and shared information on the displays. Ray Sorensen loved Hereford cattle, which he raised well into his later years, and spent a lot of time at the Iowa State Fair.


The Gammon Barn Museum, located north of the Cattle Barn and east of Pioneer Pavilion, is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the Iowa State Fair and at other times by appointment. Admission is free.



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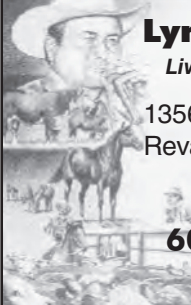
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Byron's Classics

Byron Bayers' Editorial from
September 2007

It is finally cooling off in Montana and it feels like fall and football are soon to arrive. We now have nearly one half million acres on fire in Montana and the fires will probably not go out until the snow falls. I have lived in Montana for a whole lifetime and never have we seen a summer so hot. It is good that we had good rains in May and June or we would have no grass at all. The grass grew well in those months and that carried us through.

I feel for our cattle friends in the mid-south and the southeast where the moisture was 20% of average. The smoke is so bad where we live that most days you can not see the moun-

tains. We live in a valley with up to 10,500 foot high mountains on each side. Breathing problems for some people are now becoming imminent, athletes on football teams included.

After I was done doing my currency flying in the Mooney last week, yes that is important for us "Old Dogs," as my son-in-law in South Dakota calls me, I got thinking about the things that have affected not only the Herefords, but all breeds of cattle, in my lifetime, in the way of genetic problems. Some of the problems were lethal, or deadly, and some were cosmetic. We faced them all, and moved on, and continued to develop the best cattle we could. So did the Angus and Shorthorns who had many of the same problems we faced. They had other problems and faced

them. You have to face your problems head on, no hiding and no backing up.

When I was in high school (in the late '40s), my Dad went to Denver and bought a class winner for \$15,200, named Alpine Pioneer 14th, which in those days was an unbelievable amount of money. I remember my Mom and Dad didn't speak much for a long time after the bull purchase. Of course we did not have electricity or running water then, but small item to a cattleman, right? We used the bull heavily and developed about half of the herd from his daughters. The sons were good and sold well, and our commercial customers "scooped" them up. Things were going along so good we got electricity, running water and a new addition to the house. My Dad then went to Colorado to a herd that was winning in Denver and had a national reputation, and bought a fine looking bull called, TT Prince Wilton. Before their dispersion sale, I worked at this Colorado firm

and heard some talk behind the barn, but no specific details. The next year we knew what the talk was, families had the problem. The Angus breed was experiencing the same problem at that time. We were fortunate that half of our herd were Evan Mischief bred cattle and did not have the problem. My Dad was getting older and was having some heart problems and was beside himself. We had a big talk one day and he was sure we could never recover from the problem because of his age and health.

I assured him that we could fix the problem and that we needed to head right into the predicament and correct it. After he thought about it, and knew he had support, we started to create a plan. We had about 400 cows in the herd and half of them were "clean" and half were from families that could be carriers. We decided to sell all of the carrier family cows. If possible we would sell them as commercial cows, if not possible they

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would go to slaughter. We contacted our best, biggest commercial customer and set up a meeting with him and explained the situation. We offered to sell to him the herd of carrier cows, at a commercial price, with the stipulation that we advise him on the bloodlines of the bulls to be used on the cowherd and that we would guarantee no problems. Bert agreed and he later said that those were the best set of cows he had ever owned and no problems occurred. We rebuilt our herd from our "clean" cows and went on to greater days. We faced the problem, were honest with our customers, and took the steps we needed to go on with our herd.

Genetics are an unusual thing in breeding cattle because they always come back to visit you, in one trait or another, good or bad. Don't forget that!

Another problem beset the industry later in the form of Hydrocephalus. This was a water on the brain problem that was also lethal. There was no test developed at the time and most of the line involved was eliminated, but again breeders faced the problem and went

on with better genetics. Again this affected several different breeds as did the "dwarfism."

Then along came Hypotrichosis, a short or lack of hair problem. Again no tests were developed that I am aware of, but most breeders recognized the problem and eliminated the cattle. Some lines are still being used where the problem has previously occurred but I am sure breeders are careful not to cross these families.

Next was the Diluter problem, and this one was not lethal. Certain Hereford cattle crossed with Angus cattle, if they had this gene, would produce a grayish haired offspring. The only problem with the offspring was the different hair color. A DNA test has been developed to recognize this gene in an animal. One thing that I will always remember was the nasty backbiting among the breeders to try and get an edge on another breeder that was having trouble. All this does is hurt the breed because gossip is very dangerous so be careful what you say and how you say it.

I have always respected our Canadian breeders because they have always been very careful about spreading the "mouthrot."

I will not get into the problems in the Angus, Shorthorns and Maines breeds, but they have had their own problems through the years to face, and are facing some currently. For most of my life in the purebred seedstock business, we just had to face the problem by eliminating the individuals, or in some cases the family.

We are facing new problems now and we will always face problems as breeders, as long as we are in the business. But now we have new, modern tools to help us out in the form of DNA tests. In the very near future we will have a DNA test for almost everything, the bad and the good. One of these days we can predict tenderness, marbling, rib eye, and possibly even temperament, on all our cattle. I will probably get letters from readers correcting me or updating me on the current breakthroughs.

We have two outstanding geneticists working on our industry problems in Dr. Beever of the U of Illinois and Dr. Taylor at the U of Missouri. Dr. Mike MacNeil of Fort Keogh has also been very involved. Results seem very close so have faith that some of our concerns will have some answers in the near future, possibly in a few months. I am

sure happy that we do not have to go through the problems like we experienced in the '50s again, without DNA!

Be sure and read the article in this issue of Hereford America from the Canadian Hereford Assn. on their approach to marketing Herefords. It is very good and we should follow the lead. The big South Dakota meeting this summer brought many issues out. I can see results in the industry even now but we must keep working. The pressure is going to continually be on us to produce better carcass cattle and each breeder has to keep that in the breeding equation. As I go to the County fairs and regional steer shows, the judges, and most of them are young, keep pushing the carcass issue to the kids and the adults. In fact at the last show I attended, the Judge came over to the crowd and asked a lot of questions.

When I answered some of them for him, he said, "you're the first person that would ever answer my carcass questions at a show." As I have stated before, the commercial and the seedstock people need to study carcasses and the effect on the industry more!

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Last week I talked to a friend from eastern South Dakota who said it had been so rainy and wet there, they had a hard time A.I.ing due to rain and mud. Such a difference from one side of our state to the other. So now, as we are in August, we are on high alert in our area for wildfires. There have been enough of them. High temps and low humidity coupled with wind, sends us into the next phase of summer and early fall.

On another note, the USDA recently made grants in the sum of \$110 million to about 50 small and independent meat and poultry processors across the United States. I was quite surprised when I read one of those small plants is less than 60 miles from us!

“When you have basically 85% of the processing capacity for meat and poultry in the hands of four compa-

nies, and you have areas of the country where farmers are given one place to market, and only one place, and they have to take the price ... I think it is important and necessary for us to continue to make the investments that we’re announcing today,” said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. The grants range from \$123,000 for a small meat shop in Washington state to \$10 million for a new, large beef plant in Texas.

The one that is close to us, Midwestern Meat Locker in Newell, SD is slated to get “\$5.7 million to build a replacement for its 1911 facility, where it processes cattle, hogs, sheep and bison for local producers. The new facility will increase the company’s processing capacity by 300%, double the number of producers it can service, and create five new jobs, according to the USDA grant award listing.”

Needless to say, this will be a real shot in the arm for Midwestern Meat Locker and the little town of Newell, population around 600 people. This

small town is surrounded by farmers and ranchers who will definitely be helped by this. It makes me think back just a few short years when small local plants couldn’t get the local ranchers’ beef processed for a year or more. This will certainly help alleviate that problem. Stay tuned for more on Midwest Meat’s progress. I drive through this town almost every week. I hope it’s not too good to be true.

Vilsack mentioned pandemic issues, “The reality is, during the pandemic, what we learned was that the food system was incredibly efficient, but not particularly resilient.”

He also said, The expansions of smaller, independent processors will help make the meat processing industry more adaptable to disruptions — a problem that was exposed in the early months of the coronavirus pandemic when some major meat processors were forced to temporarily shutter their operations because their workers were infected. That led to the mass killings

and waste of livestock that had nowhere to be butchered.

Also receiving funding in our general area, the Minnesota Farmers Union Foundation will invest \$603,582 in grant funding to develop a modular red meat processing facility in north-central Minnesota.

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