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Editorial Comments...



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Jill Hotchkiss

In early July I attended an Open House at Greater Omaha Packing in Omaha, NE (article at right). It had been quite a few years since I toured the plant

so it was very interesting to see it again. A lot of improvements were made since my last visit. In 2022 the company received a \$12 million grant for expansion which helped fund an elevated portion of the plant, advance technology and automization. Value-added products were ramped up around that time as well and now 40-50% of their customers purchase value-added products. In 2023-2024, big freezers were added which enabled them to freeze offal in 24 hours. 2024 saw the addition of a Wagyu branded product. All of these improvements and additions made the company more efficient and profitable.

The afternoon started out with a tour of all the beef packing operations including harvest, sanitizing, de-boning, breaking apart the entire carcass, grading and packaging. The group had a quite a view from above for a large portion of the tour which enabled us to see in detail what the workers were doing and all the stages of processing a carcass and its byproducts. Although not for the faint of heart, it was incredibly interesting and fascinating at the same time. As a beef producer, it sure gives you a different perspective of the end product and an appreciation for people who work in packing plants.

The plant's processes definitely maximize sanitation of the carcass which is so important. Every part (continued on page 8)

Greater Omaha Packing Plant Hosts Group of Hereford Breeders, Feeders

by Jill Bayers Hotchkiss

The Greater Omaha Hereford beef program is stronger than ever and wants Hereford breeders to be involved. In early July they welcomed a small group of Hereford seedstock producers and feeders to tour the plant, hear about new developments and discuss the Hereford affidavit program.

Organized Sara Van Newkirk Cover, Supplier Development Program Manager for Greater Omaha, about 15 Hereford seedstock breeders and several feeders attended the event which started with a tour of the packing plant. The group viewed everything from harvest to packaging. That evening the group congregated for a delicious Hereford prime rib dinner and

socialized with customers, distributors and employees.

The fascinating birdseye view from an overhead walkway in the plant showed the group many of the processes involved in the beef packing plant. Ryan Abell, V.P. of Operations, was the tour guide and explained every process while fielding questions along the way. He has worked for Greater Omaha for over 10 years.

The plant processes 2,400 head of cattle per day which includes Hereford, Angus and Wagyu branded programs, all sourced from Midwest producers and feeders. "Our commitment to quality runs deep," says Greater Omaha. "Each of our brands represents the

highest standards in beef — sourced cattle, no cows. Greater Omaha beef is from premium Midwest cattle, crafted with precision, and delivered with unwavering consistency." Their brands are Greater Omaha Angus Classic, Greater Omaha Classic Hereford, Winterfrost American Wagyu, Certified Angus Beef (CAB) and Zabiha Halal Beef. "We take pride in offering

sold in the United States and exported to several countries.

"All the cattle are (processed) under one roof," said Dustin Schaaf, head cattle buyer for Greater Omaha. "No cattle from Canada or Mexico and no imported trim" are used. He was quick to point out there are a lot of Canadian



A small group of Hereford breeders and feeders toured the Greater Omaha Packing Plant, then had an active group discussion with Greater Omaha managers, distributors and customers.

a diverse selection tailored to meet the needs of retailers, foodservice operators, and distributors worldwide. Excellence isn't just our promise—it's our

Hereford cross cattle can qualify for both the Hereford and CAB programs. All cattle are American, sourced primarily in the Midwest and all are fat

legacy.'

cattle of excellent quality but the company only uses U.S. beef.

While touring the plant, it was apparent that many processes are implement-



ed to ensure food safety and quality all along the way, such as using a paracetic acid wash to kill microbes and E-Coli. Several other sanitizing measures and temperature control used during carcass processing eliminate potential contamination

Time of year is a big factor. "This time of year, Abell said, yield grade av-

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CALENDAR OF Sales & Events

August

- Ad deadline for the September issue of Hereford America
- 9-10 Kansas Hereford Tour
- 14 Wyoming State Fair Douglas, WY
- 14 Iowa State Fair Des Moines, IA
- 19-21 Dakotafest / SDHA Hereford Ribeye Sandwich booth Mitchell, SD
- 23 NDJHA Hereford Field Day Morton County Fairgrounds New Salem, ND

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AUGUST 5

Frozen Genetics Sale

- Annual Meeting & Banquet Morton County Fairgrounds New Salem, ND
- 23 Wisconsin Hereford Tour
- 24 Iowa Hereford Tour North Central Iowa
- 28 Nebraska State Fair Grand Island, NE
- 29 South Dakota State Fair Huron, SD
- 30 Minnesota State Fair St. Paul, MN
- 31 Perez Cattle Co. Spring Calving Cowherd Dispersal Nara Visa, NM

September

Foundation for the Future '25

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- Walker Herefords Foundation for the Future '25 Live Cattle Sale Morrison, TN
- Tennessee Hereford Assn. State Show Nashville, TN
- 12 Kansas State Fair Hutchinson, KS
- 14 Holden Herefords Private Treaty Female Sale begins Valier, MT
- 14-17 Montana Hereford Tour Eastern Montana/Western ND
- 16 Mitchell Livestock Auction Fall Hereford Feeder Calf Special Mitchell, SD
- 18-19 Churchill Cattle Co. Complete Dispersion Manhattan, MT
- 20 Ehlke Herefords Montana Made Sale Townsend, MT
- 20 Minnesota Hereford Tour
- 27 Delaney Herefords and Atkins Herefords Genetic Opportunity Sale Lake Benton, MN

October

- Journagan Ranch Annual Sale Springfield, MO
- Cattlemen's Delight Sale Black River Falls, WI

- Jamison Quarter Horse Sale 9 Quinter, KS
- 9 GKB Annual Fall Bull Sale Desdemona, TX
- 11 Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch Fall Female Sale Ree Heights, SD
- Indian Mound Ranch Bull Sale 13 Canadian, TX
- 18 White Hawk Ranch Georgia's Big Fall Event Buchanan, GA
- 22-24 World Hereford Conference Kansas City, MO
- 23 Jensen Bros. The Chosen Sale Louisburg, KS
- 25 **AHA Annual Meeting** Kansas City, MO
- 25 American Royal Show Kansas City, MO
- 27 Hoffman Ranch Female Sale Thedford, NE

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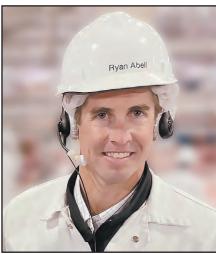
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erages 64-64.25%. In the winter it averages 63-63.7% because of trimming off potentially contaminated material from the carcass."

Increased storage capacity in their boxed beef area and a two-level fabrication floor added in recent years, aids in moving beef out the door much fast-



Sara Van Newkirk Cover, Greater Omaha's Supplier Development Program Manager, organized the tour and discussion.



Ryan Abell, Vice President of Operations at Greate Omaha, led the plant



Wes Wondercheck, Vice President of Sales at Greater Omaha spoke to the tour group and gave his perspective of the business and the breed.

er than before. They have 2.5 to 3 days of storage capacity in their boxed beef area. There is now a second packaging shift which also speeds up the process of getting beef out the door. An automated freezer was added a year and half ago. All of these improvements have greatly improved getting product to distributors quickly. This in turn has increased the company's cash flow, according to Abell.

After the incredible tour, the group assembled in a break room where Dustin Schaaf, head cattle buyer presented a company overview to the group. He welcomed questions and there was a fantastic open forum for discussion.

"Our plant is small but a large plant for the area. We process 2,400 head a day, 5-6 days a week. We employ about 1500 people so we're a pretty large

employer for Omaha the metro area. Most of our cattle come from within a 100-200 mile radius but we stem from Illinois to Wyoming, western Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. That's our trade territory. We try (cont. on pg. 4)



Cowboy Hats to Hard Hats — Getting ready for the tour are Austin Snedden (left), Maricopa, CA; Gary Friedt, Mott, ND; and Joe Van Newkirk, Oshkosh, NE.

Picture by Cyndi Van Newkirk



Greater Omaha...

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Dustin Schaaf, head cattle buyer for Greater Omaha, did an excellent job of telling the crowd about the Greater Omaha Hereford program and the company.

to buy the best 2,400 head we can."

"We've got five buyers out West (working the country) that put a lot of miles on and look at a lot of great cattle." Between Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas, we are able to get everything we want from Angus to Herefords, that fit our programs."

Greater Omaha prides itself in supporting the local cattle trade. "We do participate in the cash market very heavily. About 80-90% of our cattle are bought on a weekly basis over the cash trade between Iowa and Nebraska. The reason we do that is to support our local farmers." Greater Omaha is 40-50% of the cash trade in Iowa and Nebraska every week.

"Our customers here at Greater Omaha really pride us on workmanship and quality of beef that they get from us," says Schaaf. "Our customer, at the end of the day, really dictates this market. It's all about supply and demand. Right now we have great demand for our beef and a short supply."

With three branded beef programs, the F-1 black baldy steer fits in a lot of places. "He can fit whatever we need," says Schaaf. "If he can grade Prime, he can fit in a Prime box, if he can grade CAB he can fit in a CAB box, if he can grade upper Select and above he can fit in a Hereford box. So it all depends on what our customer is wanting. The reason that animal is so valuable to us is he is so diverse. He can go in any of our boxes depending on where we



Matt Goehring, head protein buyer for CashWa Distributing, discussed his side of the business and how popular Greater Omaha's beef is.

have the demand for beef. So the typical animal we try to buy is the black baldy Hereford," says Schaaf.

Hereford beef is about 30% of their ground beef operation. "We process our own ground beef," said Abell. We don't get it from Australia or South America.

It's all Greater Omaha ground beef. It's all under one roof and we have control of it. That's the big advantage we have over the Big 4."

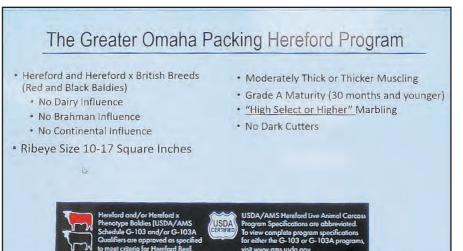
The plant is very efficient and customers like the product. "There is not another one our size that can do all that

we do in only one plant. It resonates with our customers quite a bit."

"A big pat on the back for all of us raising cattle," says Schaaf, "we've done a great job promoting our product. There is so much you can do with beef, it's so diverse. It's not just the ribeye that makes our beef high quality, we've got small cuts like coulottes and tenders, the craft hamburgers which are going wild now and that's what's supporting the cut out." We've done a lot with beef in the last few years that has made it a dominant protein in the industry.

In 2022, Greater Omaha was up over 140,000 head according to Schaaf, but it wasn't enough. They increased their premiums to \$20 live, \$40 dressed, \$60 contracts.

"That's why we went down and talked to the Hereford association a year ago on changing the spec on the white face, because we know we are



Basic elements and requirements of Greater Omaha's Hereford Program.



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getting more pigment on these cattle and more brockled faces." said Schaaf. Consequently we weren't getting as many stamped approved." Most of all the issue is the face, so we worked with the association to set up an affidavit program for the cow/calf producer stating the animals are half Hereford and half Angus or Red Angus. "When these cattle come to us with an affidavit, we can stamp every one of them Hereford and pay a premium for those that qualify."

According to Trey Befort, Director of Commercial Programs at American Hereford Association, "It's really a simple process once we receive the affidavit form. It only takes a matter of minutes to run that list of registration numbers to make sure those bulls are transferred to the producer. Then we get the approval documents sent over to Greater Omaha and the cattle feeders. It's worked very smooth."

Cover added, it's very easy and the AHA has a docu-sign system in place to fill out the affidavits.

Current premiums offered by Greater Omaha on qualifying cattle is \$40-\$60 per head which is helping them get more Hereford and Hereford-cross cattle through the plant. It's an excellent incentive for producers and feeders.

The quality of Greater Omaha Hereford beef is outstanding. "We haven't seen grading like this in our industry—ever. It's amazing how cattle are performing," said Wes Wondercheck, vice president of sales at Greater Omaha Packing.

In regard to Hereford beef, said Schaaf, I really don't care about the grade so much, whether the box says Select or Choice. They're still going to eat the same, they're still very tender animals. I think that's one thing the breed has above any other breed is the tenderness of that beef and that's what our customers brag about.

For more information contact Greater Omaha Supplier Development Program Manager, Sara Cover at 308/458-7116.



Trey Befort, AHA's Director of Commercial Programs was there to talk about the Hereford affidavit and how it works with AHA.

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Hereford breeders Keith Carmichael, Meadow, SD and Jerri Ann and Garin Haak, Gann Valley, SD took part in the day's events at Greater Omaha.



These guys had a pre-tour lunch of Hereford steaks at Johnny's Steakhouse near the old Omaha Stockyards. Pictured are Roger Stuber, Austin Snedden, Trey Befort, Joe Van Newkirk, Gary Friedt and Aaron Friedt. Picture by Cyndi Van Newkirk



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Dustin Schaaf spoke about the history of G.O.'s Hereford program.

This chef has the #3 ranked steakhouse in the world, La Cabrera. He serves steaks from Greater Omaha. Picture by Cyndi Van Newkirk



Brent Meeks, Upstream Ranch, Taylor, NE pictured in the front.

AHA fieldman Aaron Friedt (back, left), Mott, ND, pictured with Gerardo and Hymie, beef distributors from Mexico City who supply La Cabrera.

Gerardo said, "Those restaurants (La Cabrera) serve a lot of steak (about 90,000 customers per month). They were rated Number 3 in the world, five or six years in a row. They also distribute to other restaurants in Mexico, primarily in the population centers in the central part of the country. They are trying all sorts of different cuts such as briskets, inside skirts, strip loins, ribeyes, tomahawks and ground beef. We also like the yield and the yield is very good compared to other brands, said Gerardo. We are interested in Hereford because we wanted to try something different. So far our restaurant owners really like the program because it is different. The product is tender and we like the product.

Consistency of the product is also paramount for customers and consumers. "Greater Omaha is winning in a lot of blind taste tests at food shows. So that just tells you there is consistency of the product. That's what we offer our customers who sell Hereford beef across the globe."



Trevor Johnson, Hereford breeder from Centerville, SD. He recently joined the AHA as a commercial marketing representative but wears several other hats as well



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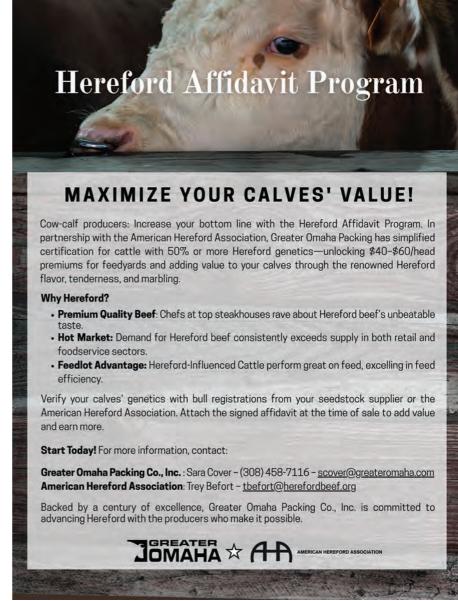
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of the animal is used and optimized for sale with the customer in mind. Of course, efficiency and safety at every level is paramount.

It's fascinating to see some of the newer beef cuts as well as the packaging of Hereford branded hamburgers which of course is a popular item.

Suffice to say it was an incredible day and very encouraging and exciting for Hereford breeders to see what is going on at a company which highly values its Hereford branded product.

The discussion about the newly revived Hereford affidavit was interesting and there were AHA representatives there to answer questions. See our April/May issue for an in-depth article on the affidavit.

I'm hopeful the association will continue to review the specs it has set up with the USDA (Schedule G-10, G10A and Phenotype Specifications) in order to keep pace with the continuing changes in our breed.

Thank you to Sara Cover and all the managers and employees at G.O. who hosted our group, visited with us and treated us to a fabulous meal and social hour that evening. It's always great to visit with such a group of people who have common interests. I don't think we had enough time to get all the visiting covered though! I knew many of the people who were there. It was kind

of funny at the beginning though when everyone was suited up for the tour, they were hard to recognize!

This was just one of the highlights of the summer but another, which is fairly local but national at the same time, was the Maude Case being dismissed. It has had national recognition but if you have not followed it, Charles and Heather (Hamilton) Maude from Scenic, SD were charged last May with "theft of federal property." This involved a small portion of land which the Maude family has owned since 1907. They "purchased adjoining land in 1910 and have managed it without incident and with great care since then," said Heather Maude. The family even has a dated photo from this same area from 1913 which says Alfalfa seed harvest. (See Tri-State Livestock News' July 19th issue.)

How it started was a complaint had supposedly been made by a hunter to the the local Forest Service agency.

The indictment against the couple stated that they, "did steal, purloin and convert to their own use" federal property, 25 acres of grazing land and 25 acres of cultivated land.

These charges were made after Forest Service agents contacted them about a fence dividing their land and U.S. Forest Service grassland they rent appeared to not be in the correct place. After meeting with Maudes twice about this issue and discussing boundary lines and possible solutions, a grand jury

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felony indictment was issued to each of them. All of this happened within three months. A side note is there was a survey of the land in question but the results are still unknown.

In my personal opinion, this case was ugly from the start. Separate federal cases were filed which meant this married couple wasn't even allowed to discuss the case with each other. They each faced 10 years in prison if convicted along with a \$250,000 fine, each.

The entire course of events was unbelievable and scary for their family and friends. Fear rippled through western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming ranching families like you can't believe.

An upstanding, honest young ranching couple was facing serious charges. It was a very difficult year for their family and friends. This case has been followed closely by us and other people in our area.

Fast forward to April 2025. U.S Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, called the Maudes and invited them to Washington, DC for a press conference announcing the dismisal of all felony charges against them. What glorious news!

This news conference is on You-Tube if you would like to listen to the speeches of Rollins, US Secretary of Homeland Security Kristy Noem, SD Senators Rounds and Thune and Wyoming Representative Harriet Hageman and Heather Maude. It's incredible and touching.

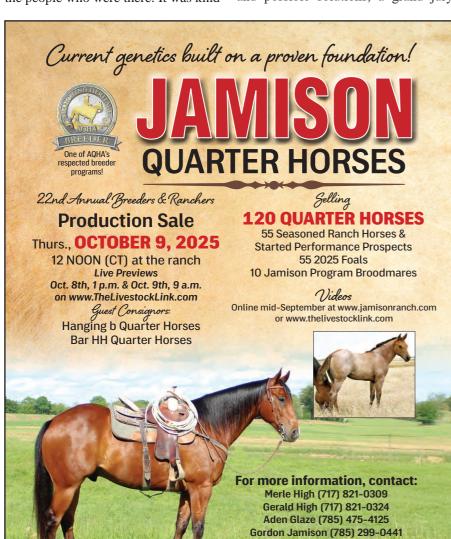
This is but a quick story of what happened and I am thrilled these charges have been dropped. However the Maudes still face resolving the land boundary issue with the U.S. Forest Service. I commend Carrie Stadheim, *Tri-State Livestock News* editor, for her continued coverage of this and recommend you follow the story through their publication.

You can also listen to an excellent interview with Heather Maude at

https://www.americaunwon.com/p/heather-maude-fighting-for-the-american

Some of you may recall Heather writing for Hereford America several ago.

She grew up on a commercial cattle and sheep operation in eastern Wyoming. She and her husband ranch in southwestern South Dakota, raising cattle, kids and hogs. They are an outstanding young, ranching couple who are well thought of in western South Dakota. They are both fifth-generation ranchers. We support them and wish them all the best in getting these issues resolved.



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Brooke Rollins and team gather with the Maude family in prayer before their press conference at the USDA building in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy Brooke Rollins Instagram



Charles and Heather Maude with their two children, who are now ages 8 and 10.

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Grand Champion Bull — Jayna Blume with BLME Shooter 62M. Sponsored by Bar JZ Polled Herefords.



Grand Champion Owned Female — Ivy Fawcett with TB Miss Jackie M386. Sponsored by Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch.



Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair — Ireland McAreavey with ECR Miss Tater Tot 314 ET. Sponsored by Rainbow Herefords.



Reserve Champion Bull — Lyla Bothe with LNJ 354 Deadpool 1951. Sponsored by Blum Ranch.



Reserve Champion Owned Female — Kyla Peskey with ECR SQCF Leila 431ET. Sponsored by Freking Cattle.



Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female — Rett Blume with BLME Velvet 21M ET. Sponsored by Blume Herefords



Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Female — Natalie Marshall with NMM Razzle. Sponsored by Blum



Grand Champion Steer — Braxton Williams with OHL Slim Shady 449M. Sponsorship in memory of Jerry Schuette



South Dakota Junior Hereford Association Board — Pictured from left to right, President, Ireland McAreavey; President Elect, Natalie Marshall; Secretary, Jayna Blume; Treasurer, Kane Grace; Reporter, Kyla Peskey; Director, Kendall McAreavey; Director, Hollis Fawcett and Director, Chance Blume.



Reserve Champion Steer — Chisum Blum with Marvin. Sponsored by Blum Ranch.

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South Dakota Junior Hereford Show June 6-7, 2025 • Lennox, South Dakota



Senior Showmen — Champion, Tanner Grupe, sponsored by Springwater Herefords; Reserve Champion, Makayla Simmermon, sponsored by Hoffman Herefords; 3rd place, Ireland McAreavey, sponsored by Tri-Valley FFA; 4th place, Rebecca Milbrandt-Schuette sponsored by Hoffman Herefords.



Intermediate Showmen — Champion, Kyla Peskey, sponsored by Brandt Herefords. Reserve Champion, Jayna Blume, Sponsored by Schuette Land & Cattle; 3rd place, Kane Grace, sponsored by Stenberg Herefords; 4th place Hollis Fawcett, sponsored by Laible Herefords; 5th place, Chance Blume, sponsored by Peskey Farms



Junior Showmen — Champion, Brock Sime, sponsored by Neil Farms; Reserve Champion, Ivy Fawcett, sponsored by Schuette Land & Cattle; 3rd, Macey Josephsen, Frederickson Ranch; 4th, Carli Cox, sponsored by Dvorak Herefords; 5th, Brooklyn Marshall, sponsored by Atkins Herefords.



PeeWee Showmen — Champion, Braxton Williams, sponsored by Peterson Cattle Co.; Reserve Champion, Blaze Grace, sponsored by Grace Herefords; 3rd place, Jaeda Jensen, sponsored by Eggers Southview Farms; 4th place, Holden Tostenson, sponsored by Kreth Herefords; 5th place, Ellie Olawsky sponsored by CK Cattle; 6th place, Charlotte Olawsky, sponsored by Sleepy Hollow Farm.



SDJHA Royalty — Queen - Mallory Gant; Princess - Courtney Schuette; Sweetheart - Jaeda Jensen.



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Midwest Classic Regional Junior Hereford Show June 14-15, 2025 • Pipestone, Minnesota



Grand Champion Heifer — ECR SQCF Leila 431 ET (44576207), 4/16/2024 shown by Kyla Peskey, South Dakota.



Grand Champion Bred & Owned Bull - Dakitch DMK 1J Landman 14M (44539632), 12/16/2023 owned by Dawson Kitchell, Minnesota.



Reserve Champion Heifer — DKE Queen Chandler 401 (44642918), 9/20/2024 shown by Anna Gordon, Minnesota.



Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Bull - LNJ 043 Endure 1951 (44555470), 5/3/2023 owned by Lyla Bothe, South Dakota



Grand Champion Bred & Owned Heifer — AKN No Limit Lainey (44598045), Grand Champion Cow/Calf — Bar Star 018 Beth 2175 ET, Aubrey Nagler. 5/2/2024 owned by Aubrey Nagler, Minnesota.





Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned Heifer — NMM Razzle (44589125), Reserve Champion Cow/Calf — NJW DHH Vaca Rae 013 ET, Andrew Timm. 5/4/2024 owned by Natalie Marshall, South Dakota.



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Midwest Classic Regional Junior Hereford Show June 14-15, 2025 • Pipestone, Minnesota



Grand Champion Steer — OHL Slim Shady 449M 1133 (44622745), shown by Braxton Williams.



Reserve Champion Steer — JRR 014H MR Catapult 454M (44630695), shown by Maddi Beissel.



Champion Senior Showmen — Champion: Bella Pressnall, MN Reserve: Mabry McGunegill - MN



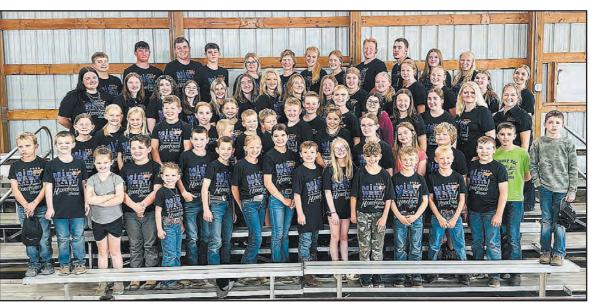
Champion Intermediate Showmen Champion: Natalie Marshall, SD Reserve: Kendall McAreavey, SD



Champion Junior Showmen — Champion: Maddi Beissel, MN Reserve: Aubrey Nagler, MN



Champion PeeWee Showmen — Champion: Braxton Williams, SD Reserve: Dawson Kitchell, MN



All the exhibitors at this year's Midwest Classic!



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Wyoming Junior Hereford Field Day June 13, 2025 • Cheyenne, Wyoming

Judges: Matt Copeland • Kari Brumley



Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull — Samantha Campbell with SLC Mr Maxwell MLL6.



Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female — Charlea St. Louis with SCC Pay It Forward 2443 ET.



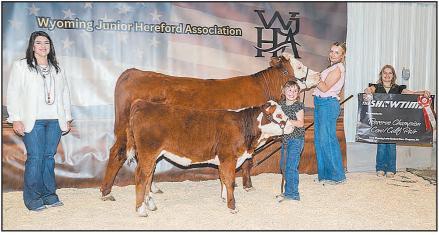
Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Bull — Wynn West.



Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Female — Sam Birdsall



Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair — Wynn West with 4T Sandy 9095.



Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Pair - Maddy Rodgers



Champion Hereford Influence Steer — Evander Spencer



Reserve Champion Hereford Influence Steer — Stetson Decker

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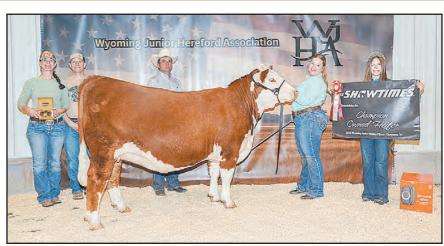


Wyoming Junior Hereford Field Day June 13, 2025 • Cheyenne, Wyoming

Judges: Matt Copeland •



Grand Champion Registered Steer — Peyton Tatman



Champion Owned Heifer — Samantha Campbell with KJ TWJ 907E Chateau



Reserve Champion Registered Steer — Cora Freese



Reserve Champion Owned Heifer — Chloe Collins



Champion Pre-PeeWee Showman - Maddy Rodgers



Reserve Pre-PeeWee Showman -Kit Collins



Champion PeeWee Show- Reserve PeeWee Showman - Charlea St Louis



man - Cora Freese



WJHA Queen and Princesses Queen Wynn West (center) with princesses Charlea St. Louis (right) and Chloe Collins (left).



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Champion Sr. Showman -Samantha Campbell



Res. Champion Sr. Showman -Tessa Booco



Champion Int. Showman -Sarah Birdsall



Champion Junior Showman -Jenna Freese



Res. Champion Junior Showman — Wynn West

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Forbes New Manager of SD Hereford Association

The South Dakota Hereford Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Jaycie Forbes has been named the organization's new Manager.



Jaycie Forbes

Forbes, of Willow Lake, has years of experience in youth development, leadership and communication roles

serving as President for three years of the American Gelbvieh Junior Association. In addition to her role with the SDHA, Forbes founded Jaycie Forbes Photography, a thriving business offering photography, graphic design, and social media services. Forbes has a broad range of experience in organizing large-scale national events, supporting stakeholder relationships and leading collaborative teams.

"The SDHA Board is extremely fortunate to have Jaycie Forbes as the new manager of the SDHA. Her experience in photography, graphic design and social media will greatly enhance the connection to our current membership and our appeal to the new and upcoming Hereford people young and old," said Jeff Gerlach, President of the South Dakota Hereford Association Board of Directors.

Sporting blue and yellow, Forbes is a proud South Dakota State University Alumni. With a deep passion for the beef industry, strong organization

serving as President for three years of the American Gelbvieh Junior Association. In addition to her role with the SDHA, Forbes founded Jaycie Forbes serving as President for three years of skills, and a creative mindset, Forbes brings an authentic connection to agriculture and a forward-thinking approach to association leadership.

"I'm thrilled to join the South Dakota Hereford Association and work alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of members who represent the very best of the Hereford Breed. Becoming a part of SDHA is such an honor-I'm excited to contribute to the legacy of excellence and integrity that has shaped the Hereford tradition in this great state," said Jaycie Forbes, Manager of the South Dakota Hereford Association.

As the South Dakota Hereford Association continues to be committed to serving its' members and the next generation of breeders, Forbes will manage promotions, event planning, communications and membership relations.

Matt Zens joins South Dakota Hereford Association as Promotions Mentor:

The South Dakota Hereford Asso-

ciation is delighted to welcome Matt Zens back to the Association, where he will serve as the Promotions Mentor through the duration of 2025. Servings on SDHA Board of Directors from 2019 to 2024, and President of the Board from 2023 to 2024, the Association will utilize Zens proven expertise and extensive experience. Zens will be responsible for the management of Dakotafest and the coordination of various promotional events and advertising initiatives.

"We are very excited to add Matt as an integral part of the SDHA team as he will help ensure a seamless transition with our new manager. Matt is a familiar face within the association and its members. He brings a plethora of experience, industry knowledge and passion for the Hereford breed," said Jacob Rausch, Vice President of the South Dakota Hereford Association Board of Directors.

Please join us in welcoming Jaycie to the South Dakota Hereford family!

Leibel Scholarship Recipient



The South Dakota Junior Hereford Achievement Program has awarded the 2025 John Leibel Memorial Scholarship to Ireland McAreavey of Crooks, SD. This \$1500 scholarship was established in the memory of John Leibel who was the longtime executive director of the South Dakota Hereford Association. In that capacity, John became a Hereford seedstock industry leader, devoting himself to service toward the South Dakota Hereford Association membership and to the improvement of the Hereford breed.

Ireland graduated from Tri-Valley High School this year and plans on attending South Dakota State University and majoring in Agriculture Education

Schlosser Scholarship Recipient



The South Dakota Junior Hereford Achievement Program has awarded the 2025 Michael and Cynthia Schlosser Scholarship to Riley Rasmussen of Aurora, SD. Michael (deceased) and Cynthia Schlosser are Hereford breeders and great supporters of youth in agriculture. This scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Riley is 18 and graduated from Brookings High School this year. He plans on attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. His intended major is Agricultural Sciences focused on Animal Science and Agronomy.

Murnin Joins Western Livestock Journal



Kevin Murnin

Western Livestock Journal is pleased to welcome Kevin Murnin of Worden, MT, to its team of field staff. Kevin brings with him a strong background in livestock and a passion for serving the industry. He began his role on June 23 and will represent WLJ readers and advertisers across Montana, northern Wyoming, North Dakota and Minnesota.

"I have always had a deep respect for WLJ and the representatives that have been out in the field," Kevin told WLJ. "I am excited to get to work with the staff and producers, and I believe I can bring a new perspective to the team as I've had the opportunity to work on different ends of the industry, including on the international scale."

Kevin previously served as the mountain region field representative for the American Hereford Association (AHA), where he assisted breeders with marketing and genetic selection and attended Hereford sales and events. Prior to his time at AHA, Kevin worked as a beef genomics territory manager for Neogen and as a field auditor with IMI Global.

"Coming from a family that has developed fieldmen and livestock marketers, Kevin has built a wonderful reputation for himself, and we are thrilled for him to join our staff of excellent fieldmen," said Logan Ipsen, WLJ president. "He has always been a standout of his generation and carries a wide ar-

ray of quality assets. We couldn't be more excited for him to join our team as we continue to look to the future and building WLJ's commitment to its readership and advertisers."

Kevin will be assuming the role of field representative previously held by his brother, Devin Murnin, a responsibility Kevin describes as an honor.

"It is a very neat opportunity to fill in my brother's position, especially with how successful and great of a job he did," Kevin said. "He is a true professional. I have learned so much from having him next to me ringside and watching how he conducted business. It's a big honor to get to fill some big shoes." HEREFORD AMERICA • August 2025 www.herefordamerica.com • 17

Hereford Breeders Unite: World Conference Comes to the U.S.

By B. Lynn Gordon

American Hereford breeders across the U.S. fondly recall the last time the world came together through Herefords. The year was 1996 and the United States served as the host country of the prestigious World Hereford Conference showcasing the Hereford breed and highlighting the passionate breeders committed to advancing both the phenotype and genotype of the white-faced breed.

From October 22-26, 2025, the global community will once again gather in the U.S. to unite with breeders from around the world to spark new ideas, form lifelong friendships and emphasize the powerful legacy of Hereford cattle. The American Hereford Association (AHA) and its members will welcome hundreds of domestic and international guests to Kansas City, Missouri—the home of the AHA— for the long-anticipated 2025 World Hereford Conference.

Established in 1951, the World Hereford Conference (WHC) is hosted by a different country every four years, connecting Hereford breeders from around the globe. The most recent world meeting was held in New Zealand in March 2020. Now the excitement turns to the U.S. to serve as the hosts of the 2025 global gathering. Make plans now to join Hereford breeders as they share insights, create connections and recognize the significance of the Hereford breed during the jam-packed schedule of events.

In addition to the formal conference, the event will be book-ended by preand post- tours to esteemed Hereford ranches along with the highly anticipated Young Breeders Competition.

Registration Details

Registration closes September 1, 2025, so reserve time now and don't miss your opportunity to be part of history.

Schedule details and online registration is available at https://www.world-herefordconference.com/

The full conference registration fee is \$850, with a la carte options available for attendance at specific portions of the event. All meetings will take place at the host hotel, the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The hotel room block cutoff is September 24. Note that hotel accommodation is not included in the registration fee.

Global Perspective on Herefords

A schedule chalked full of timely and insightful educational seminars from international experts will provide attendees with a wealth of information on current topics emerging in the beef industry and specific to the Hereford breed. During the sessions you will have the opportunity to contribute to the thought-provoking conversation and build relationships with like-minded Hereford enthusiasts.

The conference kicks off Wednesday, October 22 with the Beef Festival, an evening welcome reception that includes an on-site visit and tour of the American Hereford Association national headquarters. Attendees can stroll through the office gallery showcasing the rich history of the breed while enjoying a delicious meal featuring Certified Hereford Beef® and local entertainment.

Thursday and Friday October 23-24, the activities center on educational sessions hosted throughout the day at the host hotel in downtown Kansas City. Attendees can explore the industry trade show connecting with allied industry

partners and sponsors and will have time to engage with fellow breeders. Prepare to be challenged with thought-provoking speaker presentations from industry subject matter experts and leaders and hear reports from Hereford member countries in attendance from around the world. A comprehensive schedule outlining all speakers and topics will be coming soon.

After two full days of educational sessions, a special off-site event—the Global Celebratory Banquet—will be held at the famous Arrowhead Stadium, home of Super Bowl Football Champions—The Kansas City Chiefs. This will be a perfect setting for a more networking and celebration.

On Saturday the focus shifts to the AHA Annual Membership Meeting, where outstanding breeders will be recognized for their achievements. The day continues with a visit to the historic American Royal, one of the nation's premier livestock shows and host to one of the AHA's annual national shows. The day's focus will be on youth.

The Young Breeders Competitors will feature the fitting and showmanship contests and culminate with the Awards Ceremony, announcing placings from the full range of skills competitions. Visitors can also view the National Junior Hereford Show and have the opportunity to participate in the International Genetics Sale.

Capping off the special event will be the National Hereford Show, the evaluation of sought-after genetics from leading breeding programs from the U.S. and Canada. Hundreds of the most elite bulls and females will be paraded and on display at the American Royal.

Young Breeders Excel

A highlight of the World Hereford Conference is the spotlight on the next generation of Hereford breeders in the Young Breeders Competition. Each World Hereford Council member country can bring a team of four young breeders to compete in a series of



Photo by Wendy Stuber

education and hands-on challenges focused on agriculture and the breed. The competition takes place October 19-22 at Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS and then the teams join the rest of the global delegation in Kansas City for the main conference and final round of competitions.

Seeing the Country

To provide international guests a view of the American cattle industry, three top-notch tours were designed featuring different regions of the country's land-scape. During the tours attendees will visit numerous Hereford ranches getting a first-hand view of cattle production in the U.S. and taking a deeper dive into the various breeding programs proudly

presented by many Hereford families and operations.

One pre-conference tour visits the breathtaking scenery of Montana's Big Sky Country. Two post-conference tours explore the unique Nebraska Sandhills and the other tour travels to Cowtown featuring site tours in Oklahoma and Texas. All tours are sold out, reconfirming the enthusiasm and global interest in Herefords in the United States.

As a Hereford breeder or enthusiast, the World Hereford Conference hosted by the American Hereford Association is a once in a lifetime opportunity to exchange ideas, build global friendships, and celebrate the worldwide impact of the Hereford breed.

Hereford Breeders Featured On Tours

Herefords In Montana's Big Sky Country Tour

- NJW Polled Herefords, Decker, MT
- Cattle display at NILE and NILE Hereford Show
- · L Bar W, Absarokee, MT
- Feddes Herefords, Manhattan, MT
- Churchill Cattle Company, Manhattan, MT
- Storey Hereford Ranch with Ehlke Herefords as guests, Bozeman, MT
- Cooper/Holden at Cooper Hereford Ranch, Willow Creek, MT

Sandhills Sights and Mountain Views Tour

- Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE
- Snowshoe Cattle Company, Arthur, NE
- Van Newkirk Herefords, Oshkosh, NE
- National Reference Sire Program, Harrisburg, NE
- Coyote Ridge Ranch, LaSalle, CO
- National Western Stock Show Complex hosted by Colorado State University

Southbound to Cowtown Tour

- Express Ranches, Yukon, OK
- Bar A and Genesource, Nocona, TX
- GKB Cattle, Desdemona, TX
- Buck Cattle Co., and Moore Cattle Co, Madill, OK
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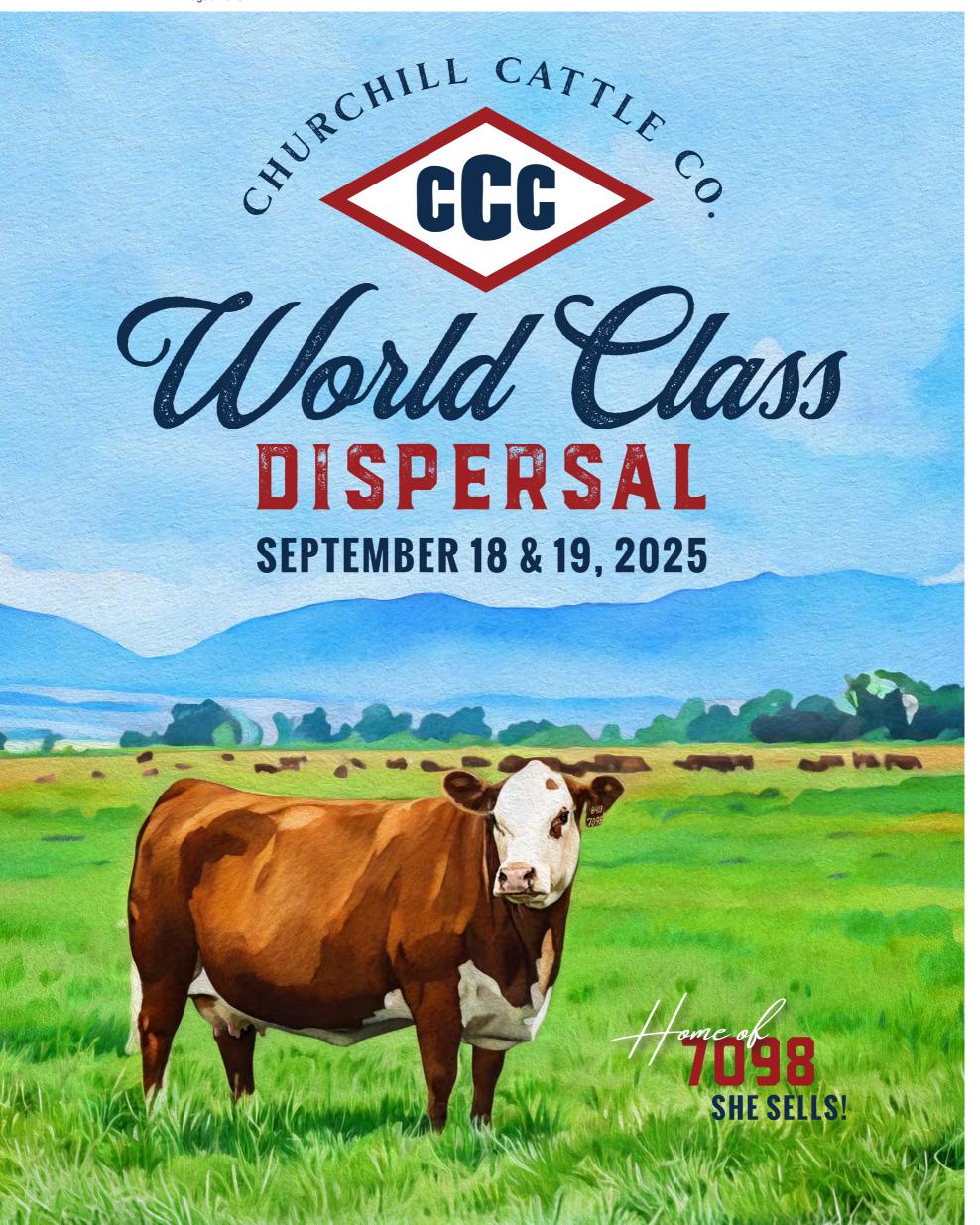
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2025 Junior National Hereford Expo Louisville, Kentucky

Bull Show • July 16, 2025

Judge: Chan Phillips, Maysville, KY • 81 head • Sponsor: Cattlemen's Congress, Oklahoma City, OK



Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull — Hudson and Grady Carter, Stratford, OK, and Buck Cattle Co., Madill, OK, with GHC BK Maverick 400M a March 20, 2024, son of SR Dominate 308F ET.



Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull — Haxton Hoffman, Thedford, NE, and Vanderwork Herefords, Taloga, OK, with Hoffman Hacksaw ET, a Jan. 29, 2024, son of SR Dominate 308F ET.

Cow/Calf Pairs • July 16, 2025

Judges: Charlie and Blake Boyd, Mays Lick, KY • 27 cow-calf pairs • Sponsor: Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, ID



Grand Champion and Champion Bred and Owned Cow/Calf Pair — Libby and Peyton Pérez, Nara Visa, NM, with PCC New Mexico Lady 1107 ET, a March 20, 2021, daughter of JDH AH Standout 16G ET. Her calf is a Nov. 25, 2024, son of KSU Land Grant 153 ET.



Reserve Grand Champion Bred and Owned Cow/Calf Pair and Grand Champion Owned Cow/Calf Pair — Hayden Hoffman, Thedford, NE, with H BL Lady Bird 3102 ET, a May 12, 2023, daughter of H WMS Thomas County 1443 ET. Her calf is a March 25, 2025, daughter of Stellpflug Great Plan ET.



Reserve Champion Owned Cow/Calf Pair — Kendall and Kade Boatman, Rockford, IL, with MKS 73G 3J Yankee Girl 9L, a Jan. 27, 2023, daughter of 77 Pinstripe 76D 73G. Her calf is a Feb. 10, 2025, daughter of NJW EH 130H 254G Ridge 195K



Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Cow/Calf Pair — Ella Weldon, Piedmont, OK, with Ella Jungle Queen 3010, a March 8, 2023, daughter of UPS Sensation 2296 ET. Her calf is a March 10, 2025, son of RST Final Print 0016.



Top 10 senior showmen (I to r): Aidyn Barber, Channing, TX; Paige Lemenager, Hudson, IL; Lauren Jones, Darlington, WI; Kade Boatman, Rockford, IL.; Beau Ann Graves, Chillicothe, MO; Harrison Roberts, Williamsburg, MA; Cally Miller, El Dorado, KS; Rylee Stockdale, Dayton, PA; Morgan Fuhriman, Parma, ID; and Carly Wheeler, Templeton, CA.

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2025 Junior National Hereford Expo Louisville, Kentucky

Bred & Owned Female Show • July 16, 2025

Judge: Charlie and Blake Boyd, Mays Lick, KY • 300 head • Sponsors: GKB Cattle, Desdemona, TX The bred-and-owned female show, a cornerstone of the JNHE, along with the top five overall, are presented by the GKB Cattle Youth Endowment. The grand and reserve champion bred-and-owned female exhibitors take home custom trailers, while third through fifth overall win semen tanks.



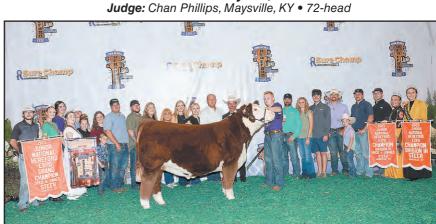
Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female — Landry Allan, Nocona, TX, with BACC 241 Haley 472, a Nov. 17, 2024, daughter of UPS Sensation 2296 ET.



Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Female — Saylor Norvell, Tuttle, OK, with NCC Saylor 3019 ET, a Dec. 4, 2023, daughter of CH High Roller 756 ET.

Third Overall - Maddie Jenkins, Athens, TX, with a Feb. 8, 2024, daughter of T/R BPF AmericanClassic 561C ET. HAW BACC Tiana 407M ET was also named champion division VIII bred-and-owned female.

Steers • July 16, 2025



Grand Champion Steer and Grand Champion Bred and Owned Steer - Troy Heath, Cooksville, MD, with Heaths Ace 2424, a 1,395-pound son of KLD RW Marksman D87 ET.



Fourth Overall — Hoffman Debbie 4730 ET a March 17, 2024, daughter of Bar JZ On Demand, shown by Haxton Hoffman, Thedford, NE.



Reserve Grand Steer — Lane Cady, New Windsor, MD, with SILO H18 Bubba 2405 ET, a 1,375-pound son of BK Red River H18 ET.



Fifth Overall — Nora Werk, Manhattan, KS, with Werk Rachael 4100 ET. Werk's female, a Sept. 8. 2024, daughter of KSU Land Grant 153 ET, also won division III.



Reserve Bred and Owned Steer — Ethan Harfst, Battle Creek, MI, with HC Electric 403, a 1,398-pound son of SCG Showtime No Limit 111ET.

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2025 Junior National Hereford Expo Louisville, Kentucky

Owned Females • July 18, 2025

Judges: Cody Sankey, Economy, IN, and John McCurry, Burrton, KS 180 horned females and 555 polled females Polled Show Sponsor: Stellpflug Cattle Co., Glenrock, WY

Horned Show Sponsors: Hoffman Ranch, Thedford, NE and T/R Cattle Co., Glencoe, OK



Grand Champion Owned Horned Female — Hayden Hoffman, Thedford, NE, with BK Lavish Points 3045L ET, an Oct. 6, 2023, daughter of H The Profit 8426 ET.



Reserve Champion Owned Horned Female — Maddie Jenkins, Athens, TX, with ECR SQCF D87 Luna 424 ET, an April 8, 2024, daughter of KLD RW Marksman D87 FT



Grand Champion Owned Polled Female — Marlyn Pecha, Meno, OK, with BK Ella Mamacita 464M ET, an April 3, 2024, daughter of SR Dominate 308F ET.



Reserve Champion Owned Polled Female — Haxton Hoffman, Thedford, NE, with Hoffman Debbie 4370 ET, a March 17, 2024, daughter of Bar JZ On Demand.



Kade and Kendall Boatman, Rockford, IL, were named the 2025 Junior Hereford Herdsmen of the Year at the VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), "Live From Louisville," July 18 in Louisville, KY. Kade was also honored as the Walter and Joe Lewis High Point Senior.



Congratulations Everyone!

The 2025-2026 NJHA officer team consists of chairman Salem Sifford, Goldvein, Va.; vice chairman Sam Birdsall, Torrington, WY.; communications chair, Emma Ballinger, McKee, KY; membership chair Rylie Meinhardt, Onaga, KS; fundraising chair Matt Bruns, North Platte, NE; and leadership chair Lauren Gatz, Fairview, KS. Serving as directors are Harlee Watson, Flemingsburg, KY; Sarah Beth Callicot, Only, TN; Maddie Weaber, Wamego, KS; Gavin Rhode, Stewartsville, MO; Jordan Mitchen, Vale, NC, ; and Kendall Boatman, Rockford, IL.

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Obituaries

Roger Olson

Roger D. Olson, of Rutland, SD was born November 15, 1940, to Joseph & Edith (Loiseau) Olson. At the age of 84, he peacefully went home to Jesus on March 19, 2025.

Roger took joy in the simple things in life. He enjoyed a good laugh, a visit with a friend, a sunrise and set. He loved walking through the trees and watching the crick flow through his pas-



Roger Olson

ture. He whistled while he worked, and loved when his family would walk by his side during the work day. Loving a simple life did not detract from who he was. He was a husband, marrying Bonnie (Hyland) Olson on May 21, 1966. Together, they built a beautiful life. They seemed almost inseparable. Their work and play intermingled. Working side by side on the farm, and escaping work on occasion to play cards, go dancing, attend community events, volunteer at Prairie Village and church, and spend time with their family on vacations and around home.

He was a father, grandfather and great grandfather. Roger adored his girls and their families. Not believing in idle hands or taking time to relax, he taught them that working together could be enjoyable. They taught him that it's okay to step away from the farm for a moment to have fun, without a project in mind. He loved to hunt and fish with them, take them on tractor rides and teach them practical skills to make jobs easier. Wherever they were, he was never short on telling them how special they were and how much he loved them.

Roger was a farmer and true cattleman. It ran through his blood. He loved to be outside and always said, "I don't have to work, I get to work". His days were long and exhausting, but he loved all of it. He took great pride in his cattle and in a job well done. Many called him a friend. He never met a stranger and it seemed that no matter where he was, he ran into someone he knew. He loved people and making them feel good about themselves. He was an encourager and a good listener. Those who knew him best, know that he was also a prankster. He took a good prank just as well as he gave them out.

He was an active member of the community. From 1963-1969, he served his country as a member of the 153rd Engineering Battalion of the S. Dak. Army National Guard. He built many lasting relationships and a love for Prairie Village after his division cleared the land for where it stands today. He spent many hours working at the village over the years. In 2023, he was inducted into the Prairie Village Hall of Fame. Roger also served on the church council, the Rutland Township Board, and elevator board. He attended Bible studies and was always willing to help a neighbor in need.

Lastly, he was a Godly man. He was

diligent in prayer and thanked God everyday for the opportunity to keep farming, even on the tough days. He was thankful for the land, nature and its beauty and time spent with friends and family.

Thankful to have shared his life are his bride of 58 years, Bonnie, and his daughters, Shawn (Kent) VanderWal, Bruce, SD, Kristin (Ron) Hargreaves, Crooks, SD., and Sara (Michael) Bicknase, Crooks, SD.; grandchildren, Ethan (Callie), Baillie, Elijah (Karley), Emily (Jesse), Nathan, Sawyer, Erica, and Denton; great grandson, Cohen; siblings, Marlys Sides, Kenny (Dorothy) Olson, Linda Torgrude, Rick Olson; brother/sister in-laws, Jim Foster, Barb Hyland, Mike & Connie Kearin.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph & Edith Olson; his in-laws, Stanley & Eunice Hyland; sister, Nona Foster; brother-in-laws, Charlie Sides, Fuzzy Torgrude, Dewey Hyland; sister-in-law, Vicki (Boer) Hyland, and many dear friends.

Memorials be made to Prairie Village, PO Box 256, Madison SD, 57042.

Almeda Wolfgram

Almeda Lois (Varney) Wolfgram was born on August 25, 1934, the eldest daughter of John and Eunice Varney. Four sisters would follow: Iris, Jean, Vera and Kassie. The Varney's lived on

Martha Varney's homestead (John's mother) south of Rhame, ND. Almeda spent her childhood herding sheep and working with cattle alongside her dad and family. She grew to know well the joy and sor-



Almeda Wolfgram

row of lambing, calving and ranch life in general. Being the oldest, she was often tasked with taking care of her younger sisters. Almeda attended Sunset Butte School until 8th grade, then along with Iris and Jean, she moved into Rhame for high school. Senior year, she met Alden Wolfgram at the highway dedication dance in Marmarth. It was love at first sight and they were married on June 27, 1953, at the Varney Ranch. They began their 69 years together at the Wolfgram Homestead north of Rhame and raised two children: Shem born in 1958 and John in 1960. Almeda was a very hardworking ranch wife and mother. Cattle chores, fencing, farming, milking, gardening, canning, cooking, mending and care taking of the young and old.....She did it all. Almeda always loved Hereford Cattle and helped develop the herd that she and Alden carefully bred. She learned to crochet from her mother-inlaw and loved hosting big family picnics and holiday gatherings. She enjoyed neighbors, friends and family just stopping by to visit. Almeda spent 20 years as a member of the Bowman/Slope Social Services Board. Alden and Almeda went to many auction sales and loved just going for a drive. They were always together and true soul mates. Almeda will always be loved and remembered by her children, Shem (Dwight) Iverson and John Wolfgram (Cindy Blake), grandchildren; Jay (Karen) Iverson, Randy Iverson (Stormy Lermeny) and great grandchildren, Ava, Emma and Livy Iverson, sisters and brother-in-law, Jean Buchholz, Vera Kruger, Kassie and Kermit Kruger and many nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends. Almeda was preceded in death by the love of her life Alden, her parents, John and Eunice, infant sister along with sisters Iris Biggs, brother-in-law, Jim Biggs, Delbert Kruger, Larry Buchholz, Norman Wolfgram and Buster Moore. In-law parents, John and Emma Wolfgram, sisters-in-law Norma Wolfgram and Ethel Moore, a niece and a nephew.

Anton "Tony" Gregory

Anton "Tony" Gregory, age 94, passed away on Thursday morning, March 27, 2025 at the Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon, SD.

Tony was born March 4, 1931 to Gregor and Catherine (Krivoruchka) Gregory at their family home in rural

Billings County, ND. Tony was three months old when his mother passed away. He was then cared for by his sisters until about the age of twelve.



Tony Gregory

When he left the care of his sisters, Tony went to work for the AC Ranch near Killdeer, ND. While working for the Ranch, he also helped move houses in the Dickinson/Killdeer area. He continued to work there until he met the love of his life, Helen Hinderer, who he met through a friend. The couple were married on June 8th, 1952 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elgin, ND.

The couple made their first home in Halliday, ND with his sister, Ann, and brother-in-law, Erling. Tony then attended an auctioneering school in Renville, MN. Once he completed his schooling, Tony worked for Clarence & James Nelson for about a year before he and Helen relocated to the Henry Hoffman ranch north of Morristown, SD where he worked. Helen taught school at the rural Parks School. Tony became a 4-H leader for the Green Meadow 4-H Club. He continued to lead the club for about 8 years. He also continued to auctioneer farm sales on occasion.

While living at the Hoffman ranch, Tony raised coon dogs and he and the neighbors would go racoon hunting. In the wintertime, Tony and Helen would ride horse to the neighbors to play cards. After a few years, they bought a little trailer and moved north of Watauga, SD where Helen taught at the Cedar School and Tony helped work for Helen's father for a few years.

They then moved south of White Butte, SD to the George & Agnes Smebakken ranch where Tony recalled he made a "long-term contract with George on just a handshake." During this time, he continued to raise coon dogs and worked at the Bob Schnell Livestock Sales in Lemmon, SD and auctioned at the Marshall Keen Livestock Sales in Hettinger, ND.

Tony continued to do house and building moving. He relocated many buildings from the old town of Seim before the Shadehill Dam was flooded. They made many life-long friends during this stage of their lives.

They then moved south of Morristown, SD to the Todd Hoffman ranch where he raised registered Hereford cattle. During this time, he also showed registered Hereford heifers and bulls at the ND State Fair in Minot, ND. He farmed during this time period as well. He continued to run cattle through 1984.

From the Todd Hoffman ranch, Tony and Helen moved north of Watauga, SD to the Henry Munderloh ranch. They began raising Saler cattle in addition to registered Herefords. In 1972, Tony and Tom Lyman bought Lemmon Livestock Sale Barn and changed the name to West River Livestock. Tony was the general manager and Helen was the office manager. During their time on the Smebakken farmstead, Tony began raising registered quarter horses. To be closer to the sale barn, they bought a mobile home to relocate on the George Smebakken farm south of Lemmon, SD where they continued to reside until Helen entered the Nursing Home in June of 2024 and Tony entered the Nursing Home in March of 2025 prior to his death. Tony continued to raise quarter horses until he gifted his last quarter horse mare to Rory Seim in

Tony helped Woody Penor coordinate three Coal Springs Wagon Train treks starting in 2010 to 2012 and attended additional rides himself through 2014. These train treks became a passion of both Tony and Helen. Throughout their entire marriage, cattle, horses, coon dogs, and blue heeler dogs were also a part of their lives. Towards the end of his life, Tony grew to have a new-found love for an orange Tabby cat Helen raised named "Fluffy".

Tony and Noble Peterson also had the honor of carrying the Boss Cowman flag for 22 years. Tony and Helen were Boss Cowman Honorees in 2017 celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary over the celebration. Tony held many positions throughout his years in the community including Director of the Lincoln Township Board.

Tony had many passions in his life, but in his later years playing Rummy and Pinochle at the Legion were high on his to-do list. He also looked forward to his breakfast at the Alaska Café with his friends. Once Helen moved into the nursing home in 2024, Tony was very dedicated to visiting her everyday when it was possible.

Tony is survived by his wife, Helen; Helen's sister's, Arlene Tousley and Brenda (John) Merriman; Helen's brothers, Larry Hinderer and Ernie (Hilda) Hinderer; many nephews and nieces, and great nephews and nieces.

Tony is preceded in death by his parents, Gregor and Catherine Gregory; his sisters and spouses, Mary, Jenny, Ann, Lena, Betty, and Olga; his brothers and spouses, John, and Nick; parent-in-law, Paul and Mary Hinderer; brothers-in-law, Clark Tousley and Morris Baye; sisters-in-law, Viola Baye and Florence Hinderer.

Memorials can be made in Tony's (continued on page 24)

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memory to the Rosebud Church, the Coal Springs Threshing Bee, and Five Counties Nursing Home.

August "Augie" Arthur Williams

Augie Willliams passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, at his farm

south of Rushford, MN, on June 15, 2025. Born in Rochester, MN, on August 31, 1938, to William "Bill" Williams and Arlie (Anderson) Williams, Augie graduated from Rochester High School,



Augie William

Rochester Junior College and Mankato State University in 1960 with a business degree

After college Augie participated in an International Farm Youth Exchange in the Philippines and immediately following that he traveled the globe for several months

After his travels Augie went to work at 1st National Bank in Rochester and was eventually named the youngest vice president in their history.

In 1984 Augie moved to Blue Earth, MN, as president of the 1st National Bank branch there (now First Bank Blue Earth) and served in that role until his retirement in 2006. He was instrumental in working with other Blue Earth business people to purchase the bank from First Bank System and make it entirely locally owned. He remained on their Board of Directors until his death. He was also on the Board of Directors of Olmsted National Bank (now called Eagle Rock).

Along with his work in banking, Augie was active in the farming and livestock world. In 1969 he and his brother purchased Williams Hilltop Farms in Rochester from their parents. After his retirement from the bank, he returned to his love of raising Polled Herefords at his farm in Rushford, MN. He received various breeding awards and was a partial owner of a Grand Champion Polled Hereford at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. In 2023, Williams Hillton Farms was awarded the Golden Breeder Award from American Hereford Association in recognition of 50 years raising registered Herefords.

Augie was also a member of Blue Earth Lions and the Minnesota Hereford Breeders.

Preceded in death by his parents, Augie is survived by his brother, Robert Williams (Mary Lou) of Vancouver, WA; sisters JoAnn Carmack of Duluth, MN; and Carol Ellison (Malcolm) of Vancouver, WA. He is also survived by six nephews and nieces, and 13 greatnephews and nieces. Friends Steve and Nancy Warner, their children Mark and Erin (Ryan Milbrandt), and Sandra Clow were also like family to Augie.

Family requests memorials to Faribault County 4-H Program Fund through the University of Minnesota Extension, or to a charity of your choice.



Donald Baumgarten

Donald Baumgarten, 93, of Casselton, ND passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at his home.

Donald Virgil Baumgarten was born Nov. 19, 1931 at Fargo, ND to Rich-

ard and Gertrude (Hans) Baumgarten. He grew up on the family farm near Durbin, ND and attended school in Durbin graduating from Lincoln High School in Casselton in 1949.



Donnie Baumgarten

Donald married Barbara Ann

"Bobbie" Jabs on June 1, 1952. They made their home on a farm later moving to the home farm in the 1960s. Donnie was a life-long farmer and raised Hereford cattle. In April of 2014, Donnie and Bobbie moved into Casselton. He continued to help on the farm until his passing and cherished the five generation longevity of working the soil.

Donald served on the Durbin Township Board, Farmers Union Board, Martin's Lutheran Church Council. He loved playing cards and dancing. He also drove truck for Rustad's and Cossette Trucking for several years.

He is survived by four children, Dan (Colleen) Baumgarten of Casselton, Cathy (Doug) Freitag of Angle Inlet, MN, Terry (Sandie) Baumgarten of St. Michael, MN and Colleen (Ryan) McLean of Rosemount, MN; 7 grandchildren - grandson, Joel (Erin) Baumgarten and their kids John, Jerrin (Olivia), Gracie (Jeremy Hoemberg) and Jaylen, granddaughter, Jen Baumgarten and her kids, Chevon, Mackinley, Princeton and Mira andgranddaughter, Amy Baumgarten (Wayne Niemann); grandson, Zach (Casie) Crocker and their kids Harrison and Warren; granddaughter, Morgan (Colin) Roberts and their son, Jackson; granddaughter, Brittany (Chandler) Farrell and granddaughter, Katie McLean; sister, Arlene Cullen; and several nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bobbie; grandson, Michael; siblings, Hilbert (Jordis) Baumgarten and Elaine Baumgarten; brother-in-law, George Cullen.

Hildreth "Hil" Brammer Monahan

Hildreth "Hil" Brammer Monahan was born on March 18, 1930, in Bingham, NE, to Elmer and Edithe (McCarty) Brammer, and passed away on April

30, 2025, in Alliance, NE, at the age of 95.

Hil was the eighth of nine children. Edithe passed away when Hil was seven years old, and her older sisters helped raise her and the younger



Hil Monahan

brothers. Hil attended school in Bingham and graduated with one other classmate. After graduation, she received her teacher's certificate from Chadron State

College, and taught in a country school south of Ashby for two years. She saved enough money to attend the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, for one year.

During the two summers before graduating from high school, Hil helped out the cook at the Monahan Cattle Company ranch near Hyannis. It was there she met James A. Monahan, her future husband. After finishing college in Lincoln, they were married on August 20, 1950, in Bingham.

Hil was immediately introduced to the ranch wife life as the garden and canning of produce were in full swing. One week following the wedding, the ranch cook passed away, and Hil became the temporary cook. She continued to fill in, when needed, at the cookhouse for over 40 years.

Hil and James had four children: Bryan, Bob, Gerri, and Joan. Hil enjoyed sewing clothes for the family; knitting, embroidery; and needlework. Tending to her flower gardens brought her much joy. Hil was involved with the King's Daughters at church. Flying the American flag was special to Hil. She did all this while keeping an immaculate house. Hil was a wonderful cook and hostess. Christmas was her favorite holiday, especially when preparing the prime rib roast for the family gathering.

Her grandchildren and the greatgrandchildren brought her much joy.

Hil also enjoyed attending the kids' activities. She liked to play bridge, other card games, and worked many crossword puzzles. Other interests were playing the organ, bowling and weekends at the lake.

Visiting with friends and family over a cup of coffee, the Nebraska Huskers, and most of all, Herefords were highlights.

Through the years, she embraced ranch life while raising her family. If she wasn't out working in the yards and garden, doing the ranch bookwork and purebred records, she was helping on the ranch wherever needed, from hauling cattle to the sale barn, raising chickens, gathering cattle on horseback, branding, and everything in between.

Hil was active in the Nebraska and American Hereford Auxiliary and the Nebraska CowBelles. She dedicated her life to the Hereford world and in 1987 was named "Outstanding Hereford Woman" by the American Hereford Auxiliary.

Through the years, Hil and James traveled extensively. Their home away from home family vacations involved a tent, pickup-topped camper, trailer, or one of their motorhomes. A lot of fall weekends were spent traveling to Lincoln for Husker football games with friends and family. Hil and James traveled abroad, attending three World Hereford Conferences.

Hil was preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Edithe; sisters Arlene Boots, Francis Reed, Mildred Lineback, Edna Grose, and brothers Hank Brammer, Don Brammer, Elmer Brammer Jr., and Richard "Dick" Brammer.

Survivors include her husband, James of 75 years, sons Bryan (LaRene) Monahan, Bob Monahan, and Joan (Dan) Phipps all on the ranch, and Gerri Monahan of Lincoln. Grandchildren include Beth (Bob) Bush, Rocky (Melissa) Holm, Chedric Monahan, Marde (Zac)

Thomas, Molly Monahan, Mark Monahan, Shantel (Travis) Lurz, John (fiancé Nikki) Monahan, Sarah (Jackson) Davis, 10 great grandchildren, three sister in-laws, one brother in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

The family prefers memorials in Hil's memory to Grant County Rescue, P.O. Box 164, Hyannis, NE., 69350; Sandhills Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 322, Hyannis, NE., 69350; Bingham Lutheran Church, 1084 McAdoo Ave., Bingham, NE., 69335 or Highland Park Care Center, 1633 Sweetwater Ave., Alliance, NE., 69301.

Miles Hovland

Miles George Hovland was born in Rapid City, SD on October 30, 1981 to Allen Hovland and Deanna Hart. Miles joined an older sister, Anna, and brother,

James. Miles was confirmed at the First Lutheran Church in Milesville. He grew up and began his education in Philip, before moving to Milesville where he attended the King School



Miles Hovland

from the 2nd through 8th grade. Miles always enjoyed attending the State Fair in Huron every September. He then attended Philip High School, graduating in 2000. Miles was involved in 4-H, FFA and rodeo during his school years. After graduation, he furthered his education at SDSU in Brookings and then transferred to Dickinson, ND and graduated with a degree in Ag Business. Upon graduating, Miles returned to the ranch to work with his Dad.

Miles married the love of his life. Erin Riggins, on June 17, 2006. From their marriage came four children, Connor, Mackenzie, Elijah, and Miley. He enjoyed all aspects of ranch life and was proud to continue the Hereford bloodline that his grandfather started. Miles never met a stranger, as it seemed he knew everyone and everyone knew him. He looked forward to the Black Hills Stock Show every year, and even made a point to have all his family attend this year's stock show. He was a member and elder of the Hardingrove Evangelical Free Church in Milesville, and a Milesville Cemetery Board Member.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Erin; two sons, Connor and Elijah; two daughters, Mackenzie and Miley; father, Allen Hovland; step-father, Kelly Fees; brother, James (Melony) Gyles; sister, Anna (John) Schreurs; mother-in-law, Debbie Prouty; brothers-in-law, Quentin (Kylie) Riggins and Cody (Jasmine) Riggins; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Miles was preceded in death by his mother, Deanna Fees; grandparents, Harry and Veronica Hart and Reuben and Rue Adene Hovland; and uncles, Jim Hart, Davey Hart, Hugh Hart, and Glen Hovland.

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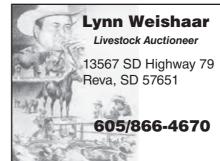
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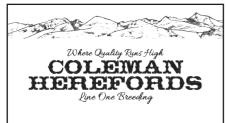
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Robert A. Funk

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Born in Duvall, WA, he was a trailblazentrepreneur who loved American the West and lived true to its values of honesty, respect, loyalty, self-reliance, and hard work. These principles guided



his every decision and action, shaped his remarkable life and inspired those around him.

Affectionately known as 'Bob,' he was instrumental in the success of Express Employment Professionals, which he co-founded in 1983 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, alongside Bill Stoller. He served as the company's first CEO for 35 years and remained deeply involved as Executive Chairman of the Board until his passing, guiding its growth with vision for more than four decades. His unwavering commitment to creating job opportunities and providing hope through employment helped build Express into one of America's top staffing franchisors. His innovative leadership championed localized staffing solutions tailored to the unique needs of each community, helping businesses grow and connecting millions of people with meaningful work.

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His contributions to the staffing industry were widely recognized, including his induction into the American Staffing Association Hall of Fame in 2023, the Staffing 100 Hall of Fame by Staffing Industry Review in 2017, and the International Franchise Association Hall of Fame in 2010

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Beyond his entrepreneurial ventures, Bob was a successful cattleman globally renowned for his Angus operations. His love for land and cattle started at an early age, growing up milking cows with his cousin on a small family farm in Washington. His cattle operations were not merely a business but a testament to his deep connection to the American West and his desire to advance the beef industry. His innovative breeding techniques and commitment to quality set new industry standards and made American beef more competitive on the global

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Bob founded the Express Ranches Progressive Junior Scholarship Program 30 years ago, through which he donated \$5 million in scholarships, helping more than 500 students graduate from college.

One of Bob's greatest joys was the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE), because he believed wholeheartedly in growing future leaders. He generously donated to create scholarships, purchase animals, and fund the organization's permanent headquarters at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. As Chair of the OYE board, his leadership earned him deep respect and admiration across the state.

In recognition of his lasting contributions to Oklahoma through his businesses and community engagement, Bob was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2017, the state's highest honor.

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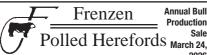
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Robert Funk

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believed sincerely in its mission to preserve, educate, and celebrate the rich history of the great American West. His lifestyle aligned perfectly with the Museum's mission, and his contributions in terms of time and money were transformative, advancing the institution's mission and values he held dear.

In 2023, Bob was inducted into the prestigious Hall of Great Westerners in honor of his service to the Museum, which included serving as Board Chair. This recognition was a testament to his deep understanding and appreciation of Western heritage and his significant contributions to its preservation and celebration. His induction into the Hall of Great Westerners was a crowning achievement in his lifelong dedication to this cause.

Bob's legacy, a testament to his enterprising spirit and commitment to his values, will continue to thrive through the businesses he founded, the organizations he supported, and the countless lives he impacted. He loved people. One of the most cherished memories for many was his infectious laugh and pure joy as he hosted the annual Christmas dinner for Express employees, where he would personally hand out gifts, recognize their contributions, and express his heartfelt gratitude.

Bob's kindness knew no bounds. He had a genuine gift for making others feel seen, heard, and valued. He was the kind of man who paused to shake your hand, share a story, listen with intention, or offer help without hesitation. Bob lived with an open heart, and in doing so, he left a lasting mark on everyone he met. He was a source of love, and he was deeply, truly loved. All who knew Bob will feel his absence deeply, but his spirit will continue to inspire.

Bob always said: "I believe you're only as successful as the last person you help in life." There is no doubt that his legacy has impacted countless people across the world and will be felt for generations to come.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

— Matthew 25:23

Bob is lovingly survived by his family: son Bob Funk, Jr. and his wife Kim Garrett-Funk, his daughter Julie Bridges and her husband Chris Bridges, his beloved grandchildren, Bailey Morgan and her husband Tyler, Bowen Bridges, Deacon and Olive Funk, and their grandmother Nedra Funk. He is also survived by his sister Joanne Benton, his niece Terri Weldon, husband Darrel, their children Zack and Kelly, their daughter Ella; and son Jeremy Weldon. Niece Jodi Strum, husband Kevin; their children Trent Strum, wife Ivonne, daughter Hadley, and son Travis Strum. Nephew Cory Benton and wife Bethany; their children Luke Benton, Preston Fansher, Julius Wilson, Davis Benton, Jayden Fansher and Journey Benton. Cousins: Ed, Beth and Bob Pease and Dick Trim.

He is also survived by his companion, Janine Regier and her family: Mary Loughridge, Caleb, Katherine and Henry Bills, Jared, Sara and son Ezekiel Bills.

Bob is survived by countless beloved friends, colleagues and employees that he loved dearly.

Memorial contributions can be made to Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE).

Sale Results

Hennebold Herefords March 21, 2025 Winner, SD Auctioneer: Matt Lowery

32 Bulls — \$7,180

Top Lots:

Lot 22, HH 1235 Jetmore 3008, 4/5/23, by SHF Jetmore D287 J063 to John Tunnissen, Winner, SD, \$16,000.

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Lot 5, HH 802 Final Test 3205, 3/11/23, by Frenzen Final Test J67 ET to John Tunnissen, \$15,500.

Lot 14, HH 2010 Final Test 3201, 3/26/23 by UPS Final Test 9003 to Hand Ranch, Midland, SD, \$13,000.

Sandhill Farms Spring Production Sale March 22, 2025 Haviland, KS

Auctioneer: Joel Birdwell

127 Bulls — \$10,862
30 Reg. Hereford Pairs — \$8,361
35 Commercial Hereford Open
Heifers — \$3,275
97 Black Baldy Open Heifers —
\$2,662
6 Red Baldy Open Heifers —

\$2,450

Top Bulls:

Lot 24, SHF Mace J338 M002, 1/15/24 by KCF Bennett Monument J338 to Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch, Ree Heights, SD and Perez Cattle Co., Nara Visa, NM, \$37,000.

Lot 1, SHF Measure 2912 M124 ET, 2/3/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to Dvorak Herefords, Lake Andes, SD, \$30,000.

Lot 7, SHF Marlo J354 M027, 1/23/24 by SHF Insight F158 J354 ET to Monahan Cattle Co., Hyannis, NE, \$28,000. Lot 4, SHF Mercury 2912 M103 ET, 1/31/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to O'Reilly Polled Herefords, Cushing, OK, \$25,000.

Lot 6, SHF Mint 2912 M021, 1/21/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to Buena Vista 1, Benton, AR, \$25,000.

Top Pair:

Lot 141, SHF Oksana D287 H322 ET, 2/15/20 by SHF Daybreak Y02 D287 ET to Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish, SD, \$20,000, with a heifer calf sired by Birdwell Long Run 1665.

Frenzen Angus and Polled Herefords March 25, 2025 Fullerton, NE

Auctioneer: Tracy Harl

33 Hereford Bulls — \$5,932 4 Hereford Females — \$3,525 8 Comm'l Females — \$2,750

Top Bulls:

Lot 74, EF Major M01, 2/10/24 by SR Rio Bravo 8029 ET to Bar M Herefords, Hordville, NE, \$9,500.

Lot 74, EF Major M01, 2/10/24 by SR Rio Bravo 8029 ET to Bar M Herefords, \$9,500.

Lot 77, EF High Time L161, 8/22/23 by Gerber High Time H65 to Luke Hennebold, Winner, SD, \$9,000.

NJW Polled Herefords Annual Bull and Female Sale March 26, 2025 Sheridan, WY

Auctioneer: Joe Goggins

97 Bulls — \$11,041 48 Females — \$9,349 Pick of 2025 Heifer Calves — \$40,000

Top Bulls:

Lot 147M, NJW 202C2912 Ranchware 147M ET, 2/16/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to Big Gully Farms, Maidstone, SK; McCoy Cattle Co., Milestone, SK; O'Shea Farms, Denfield, ON; Oulton Farms, Windsor, NS, Lilybrook Herefords, Claresholm, AB; Airries Acres, Wadena, SK; \$90,000 for 3/4 interest.

Lot 15M, NJW PMYH 109K Complete 15M ET, 1/22/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to Upstream Ranch and Diamond Ring Herefords, Taylor, NE, \$40,000, for 3/4 interest.

Lot 117M, NJW 283H 2912 Buster 117M ET, 2/13/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to McGuffee Polled Herefords, Mendenhall, MS, \$34,000 for 3/4 interest.

Lot 127M, NJW 217J 2912 Suede 127M, 2/14/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to Pablo Herrerra, Argentina, \$32,500 for 1/2 interest.

Lot 109M, NJW 283H 2912 Standard 109M ET, 2/12/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to Twelve Oaks Land and Cattle, Windsor, NS, \$32,000, for 3/4 interest.

Lot 64M, NJW 29E 148J Zane 64M ET, 2/4/24 by NJW 300G 20G Zane 148J to Forrest Polled Hereford and Riley Farms, Saluda, SC, \$30,000 for 3/4 interest.

Top Females:

Lot 94M, NJW 202C 2912 Homemak-

er 94M ET, 2/10/24 by Birdwell New Standard 2912 ET to Terry Powlesland, Laurel, MT; Chapman Cattle Co., Nunnelley, TN; Upstream Ranch, Taylor, NE; Azure Valley Black Herefords, Windsor, CO, \$42,500 for full interest. Lot 142, NJW 79Z 4013 Rita 142M ET, 2/16/24 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET to Whitehawk Ranch, Marietta, GA, and Dale Stith, Harvest, AL, \$25,000.

Pick of the 2025 Heifer Calves:

Boyd Beef Cattle, Mayslick, KY, \$40,000.

Sidwell Ranch & Frank Herefords Production Sale March 31, 2025 Columbus, MT

Auctioneer: Seth Weishaar

32 Bulls — \$5,281 15 Comm'l Females — \$3,310

Top Lots:

Lot 31, AFH 126H 44G Bourbon 2449, 2/15/24 by NJW 79Z 199B Bourbon 126H ET to Cameron Cattle Co., Cheyenne, WY, \$11,000 for half interest.

Lot 17, SR Harvest 2421, 3/10/24 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Brownell Polled Herefords, Penderoy, MT, \$9,500.

Lot 7, AFH H033 1814 Teton 2415 ET, 3/1/24 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Ryland Sundsbac, Bismark, ND, \$7,000, for half interest.

Lot 12, AFH H033 1814 Remington 2422ET, 2/8/24 by SHF Harvest D287 H033 ET to Rafter T Cattle Company, Columbus, MT, \$7,000.

Lot 2B, AFH 183F Boudreaux 2442 ET, 3/14/24 by TH Masterplan 183F to Ryland Sundsbac, \$7,000 for 3/4 interest.

McClun's Lazy JM Ranch Spring Sale April 10, 2025 Torrington, WY

Auctioneer: Lander Nicodemus

36 Hereford Bulls — \$5,611 10 Females — \$3,440

Top Bulls:

Lot 36, MC Resolve 222L, 9/6/23 by KCF Bennett Resolve G595 to Shawn Hunter, Hemmingford, NE, \$9,000. Lot 25, MC Trademark 48M, 1/27/24 by Innisfail Trademark 1939 ET, to Joe Skavdahl, Mitchell, NE, \$8,500. Lot 67, MC Generator 61M, 1/30/24 by EXR Generator 0333 ET to Rich Anstey, Cumberland, IA, \$8,500.

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TH Masterplan 183F to John Sutherline, Grant Canyon, WY, \$8,000.

Top Female:

Lot 113, MC Marie 106M, 3/14/24 by Innisfail Trademark 1939 ET to Fred and Katie Olson, Havre, MT, \$5,500.

Thorstenson Hereford and Angus Bull Sale Selby, SD **April 11, 2025**

Auctioneer: Doug Dietterle

31 Hereford Bulls — \$5,258 31 Angus Bulls — \$5,129

Top Hereford Lots:

Lot 4230, THR Thor 4230M, 4/5/24 by KCF Bennett Eagle H550 to Tom Semmler, Parkston, SD, \$10,000.

Lot 4095, THR Thor 4095M, 3/23/24 by Bar Star Embellish 020 ET to Brandon Rohrbach, Roscoe, SD, \$8,500. Lot 4162, THR Thor 4162M, 3/28/24 by KCF Bennett Eagle H550, to Greg Hall, Scotland, SD \$8,000.

Top Angus Lots:

Lot 4015, THR Thor 4015M, 3/10/24 by 4M ACE 136 to Reuer Farm Hoven, SD. \$11.500.

Lot 4098, THR Thor 4098M, 3/23/24 by FAR Perfection 1003 Schneider Ranch Java, SD, \$9,000.

> **Knoll Crest Farm April 12, 2025** Red House, VA

Auctioneer: Dalton Bennett

26 Hereford Bulls — \$9,212 11 Hereford Females — \$7,091

Top Hereford Bulls:

Lot 45, KCF Bennett J338 M201, 3/3/24 KCF Bennett Monument J338 to MGM Herefords, Hartford, WI, \$27,500 for 2/3 interest.

Lot 60, KCF Bennett H315 M229, 3/16/24 by SHF Headstrong D287 H315 ET to Griffin Land & Cattle, Billings, MT, \$23,000 for 2/3 interest.

Lot 49, KCF Bennett J338 M86, 2/6/24 by KCF Bennett Monument J338 to Klages Herefords, Ortonville, MN, \$16,000 for 2/3 interest.

Lot 61, KCF Bennett F597 M189, 2/28/24 by KCF Bennett B716 F597 to Boundary Stone Ranch, Raymondville, TX, \$15,000 for 2/3 interest.

Top Hereford Bred Heifers:

Lot 148, KCF Miss Bedrock L601, 10/16/23 by KCF Bennett Bedrock H642 to Forest Hill Herefords, Amherst, VA, \$9,500.

Lot 48, MC Masterplan 161L, 3/26/23, Lot 147, KCF Miss Bedrock L340, 9/13/23 by KCF Bennett Bedrock H642 to Crittenden Bros., Imperial, SK, \$9,000

> Lot 161, KCF Miss Dynamic L413, 9/17/23 by Birdwell Dynamic 5022 1673 ET to Henson Farm, Weir, MS, \$9.000.

Stuber Ranch 57th Annual Production Sale April 19, 2025 Bowman, ND

Auctioneer: Joe Goggins

86 Bulls — \$6,250 46 Reg. Heifers — \$5,421 80 Comm. Hfd. Heifers — \$2,775

Top Yearling Bulls:

Lot 75, SR Domination 754M, 2/24/24 by SR Domination 1172K ET to Van Newkirk Herefords, Oshkosh, NE, \$26,000 for 3/4 interest.

Lot 44, SR M&M Dominate 444M ET, 3/23/24 by SR Dominate 308F ET to Doyle Hereford Ranch, Wolfe City, TX. \$25,000.

Lot 104, SR Cosmo 1044M, 4/14/24 by SR Steller 201J to Stangle Herefords, Marsland NE and Hoffman Herefords, Leola, SD, \$25,000 for 3/4 interest.

Lot 77, SR Aura 774M, 2/25/24 by Churchill Mark Dom 697D to Brad Stuart, Roby TX and Rafter J Cattle Co., Abilene, TX, \$20,000 for 3/4 interest.

Lot 82, SR Translator 824M, 3/3/24 by Churchill Translator 273K ET, Jeff Klages, Ortonville, MN, \$16,000 for 3/4 interest.

Lot 2, SR Translator 24M, 2/26/24 by Churchill Translator 273K ET to Ryan Wolff, Fredonia, ND, \$10,000.

Lot 73, SR Translator 734M, 2/24/24 by Churchill Translator 273K ET to Luke Hennebold, Winner, SD, \$10,000.

Top 18-Month-Old Bulls:

Lot 165, SR Venture 1653L, 8/26/23 by WHR 290E B901 Beefmaker 250G ET to Dan Rorvig, McVille, ND, \$9,500. Lot 174, SR Cosmo 1743L, 9/22/23 by SR Steller 201J to Friedt Herefords, Mott, ND, \$9,000.

Top Yearling Heifers:

Lot 4077, SR Stella 4077M, 2/23/24 by Stardance M8086 ET to Eichler Livestock, Aberdeen, SD; Bill Weller, Kadoka, SD; and Brent Wolfswinkle, \$25,000.

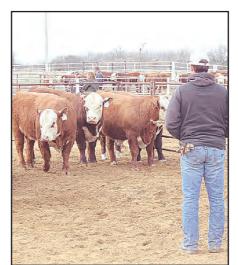
Lot 4066, SR Venita 4066M, 4/5/24 by WHR 290E B901 Beefmaker 250G ET to Loehr Hereford Farms Peoria, IL, \$7,500.

Top Fall Heifer:

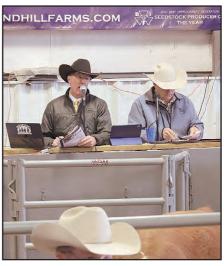
Lot 3151, SR Stella 3151L, 8/21/23 by Stardance M8086 ET to Ryan and Matthew Wolff, Fredonia, ND, \$4,750.



Sale day panorama at Sandhill Farms, Haviland, KS. Photo Credit: Sandhill Farms



Sandhill sale bulls.



Auctioneer Joel Birdwell with Kevin Schultz, welcomed a large crowd to the Sandhill sale.



Hennebold Sale Topper — HH 1235 Jetmore 3008, 4/5/23, by SHF Jetmore D287 J063. He sold to John Tunnissen, Winner, SD for \$16,000.



Congratulations to Luke and Megan Hennebold who were married in June!



Sale day for Luke Hennebold at Winner Livestock Auction, Winner, SD.



Second high seller in the Frenzen sale. Fullerton. NE was Lot 77, EF High Time L161 by Gerber High Time H65. He sold to Luke Hennebold for \$9.000.

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Cheryl, Keith and Eric Elkington, Twin Falls, ID bought a bull in the Ned and Jan Ward Sale, Sheridan, WY



Linda and Jim Reed, Green Ridge, MO visiting with Ryan McGuffee, McGuffee Polled Herefords, Newhebron, MS. McGuffee purchased one of the top sellers in the NJW sale.



Lance Leachman (right), Big Gully Farms, Maidstone, SK, visiting with WLJ's Devin Murnin before the Ward sale. Devin now works for LMA. Leachman, purchased Lot 147, NJW 202C2912 Ranchware 147M ET, a New Standard son, for \$90,000. The following breeders are the new owners: Big Gully Farms, Maidstone, SK; McCoy Cattle Co., Milestone, SK; O'Shea Farms, Denfield, ON; Oulton Farms, Windsor, NS, Lilybrook Herefords, Claresholm, AB; Airries Acres, Wadena, SK.



Dale Stith, Harvest, AL with Bryce Forster looking on.



Bell Ward



Jan and Ned Ward



Auctioneer Joe Goggins





Kody (left) and Jim McClun on the auction block welcoming the crowd to McClun's Lazy JM Ranch sale in Torrington, WY. They sold Hereford and Angus bulls and Hereford heifers. Their ranch is at Veteran, WY.



Auctioneer Lander Nicodemus at the McClun sale. He is now part owner of Torrington Livestock Auction.



Jeff McClun was in the ring at their sale.



Buyers at the McClun sale.



Thorstenson Hereford Bulls on sale day.



Darin Thorstenson (left) visiting with Eric Tesch before the sale.

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Darin Thorstenson and auctioneer Doug Dietterle.



Bill and Paula Thorstenson



Thorstenson Sale crowd, Selby, SD. They sold both Hereford and Angus



Stuber Sale Block - Roger Stuber, Mac Stuber and auctioneer Joe Goggins.



Brothers Kevin Murnin and Devin Murnin working the Stuber ring.





Michaela and Tate Thorstenson



Dan Parker at the Thorstenson Sale, Selby, SD.



Longtime Stuber customers Brett and Rod Gierau, Springview, NE.



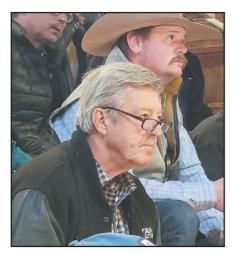
Cole and Andy Elshere, Faith, SD, are also repeat Stuber customers.



Cyndi Van Newkirk, Oshkosh, NE, also a longtime supporter of the Stuber program.



Aaron Friedt and son Cannon from Mott, ND.



Mike Doyle from Texas



Wendy and Laureen Stuber with Jim and Mary Brown. Thanks for the photos Wendy!

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