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Editorial Comments...

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Seems like it's a good thing to do something a little different every once in awhile. So with an offer of a ticket to see the Montana State University Bobcats play in the FCS National College Football Championship game in Nashville against University of Illinois, I jumped at the chance!

My apologies in advance to any Illinois State Redbird readers who might not share my enthusiasm or for any University of Montana (U of M) Grizzly fans (including a few relatives — sorry Gail and Ron) who are still depressed by the double loss to the Bobcats in the Brawl of the Wild rivalry games. Both my parents were U of M alumni and my dad played for the Grizzlies during his time there. Needless to say, they were staunch Grizzly fans their entire lives.

By now, most of you have heard it was a record-setting game with the MSU Bobcats winning 35 to 34. It's the first national title for the Bobcats since 1984. Illinois gave them a tremendous fight as you can tell by the score.

What an incredible team the Bobcats have and the star players, quarterback Justin Lamson and wide receiver, Taco Dowler among others, who rose to the occasion in the end, pulling out the win in overtime. Events in the fourth quarter and overtime earned them the name the Cardiac Cats with University of Illinois scoring first in the overtime. Just

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Largent & Sons Herefords – For Faith, Family, Tradition and Hereford Cattle

By Terra Ochsner

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Western Ag Reporter

Herd Reference Edition

By Terra Ochsner, Editor

Since 1902, generations of the Largent family have been committed to raising registered Hereford cattle, beginning with C.M. Largent Sr. in Merkel, TX. C.M., who originally started in the commercial business, saw great success with progeny of his early registered bloodlines, including Great Publican Domino's offspring who won 246 championships between 1917-1934.

C.M.'s grandsons, David and Rust, carried that early success forward. David's major contribution growing the notoriety of Largent & Sons was his willingness to take cattle to shows across the United States, hitting 32 major shows throughout the year. One of many highlights from David's ef-



Kelley Largent Spencer enjoying the cow scenery has a "passion for going out and looking at good cattle" whether it's at home or in the show ring. The Largent herd runs on arid land by Kaycee, WY.

Photo by Terra Ochsner

forts came during the 1953 National Western Stock Show sale when they sold a bull for \$25,000 and a heifer for \$8,500.

In 1970, David and his wife, Freda,

along with their sons Steve and Mark, and Mark's new wife, Cathy, moved to Wilsall, MT, for a fresh start. 19 years later, Largent & Sons moved once more

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Pelton Polled Herefords: Quality and Uniformity

By Julia Dean

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Pelton Polled Herefords calls the rolling hills of western North Dakota home, 14 miles northwest of Halliday. As one makes their way towards the ranch headquarters, one can't help but admire a dark-green pasture with Hereford pairs grazing in the belly deep grass near a winding creek. It is beautiful cattle country.

Craig Pelton is a third-generation rancher who resides just northwest of his grandfather's home place. Growing up, his folks ran around 150 head of commercial cows, and when his dad purchased his first Hereford heifer for a 4-H project at 12-years-old, that



Superior producing cows have laid the foundation of the Pelton Hereford herd.

Photo by Julia Dean

sparked his love for the Hereford breed. Craig and his brother, Kyle, grew up showing in 4-H, and rodeoed in high school, team roping together. Pelton Polled Herefords was the product of the two brothers. Craig and his family had the opportunity to move from their home in Dunn Center, ND, in 2008 to

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4 | J83 x A1 CENTENNIAL 1334 | 44572784

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 3.5 | 2.7 | 63 | 95 | 33 | .64 | .04 | 376 | 122 |



36 | EXCEL 8768 x BONANZA 471 | 44572961

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0 | 2.6 | 58 | 104 | 37 | .74 | .31 | 440 | 163 |



39 | J83 x KILO 591 | 44572968

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0.1 | 4.7 | 67 | 120 | 37 | .83 | .41 | 436 | 177 |



40 | TRUST 8132 x WARRIOR 1441 | 44572973

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 4.2 | 3.9 | 81 | 144 | 30 | .94 | .13 | 400 | 170 |



43 | EXCEL 8768 x GE2111 | 44572978

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 7.7 | 2.1 | 62 | 93 | 29 | .54 | .18 | 517 | 145 |



116 | VICTOR 2E x NEW YORK 581 | 44612141

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2.5 | 2.3 | 75 | 114 | 32 | .8 | .56 | 549 | 200 |



143 | TIMELESS x TRAVELER 1097 | 44613546

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1.8 | 3.1 | 77 | 118 | 37 | .65 | .33 | 447 | 155 |



HOMO POLLED

157 | TIMELESS x REVOLUTION 22 | 44657567

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2.7 | 3.4 | 71 | 113 | 27 | .34 | .23 | 332 | 141 |



166 | SHERMAN x CENTENNIAL 904 | 44657583

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 10.3 | -1.8 | 56 | 86 | 29 | .68 | .6 | 556 | 179 |

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175 | TIMELESS x ON TARGET 2296 | 44657610

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2.4 | 3.7 | 70 | 120 | 30 | .35 | .34 | 301 | 134 |



HOMO POLLED

183 | SHERMAN x WARRIOR 2112 | 44657627

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 5.8 | 1.2 | 61 | 101 | 33 | .98 | .47 | 372 | 178 |



HOMO POLLED

194 | WARRIOR 6283 x VICTOR 309 | 44657647

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 3 | 3.1 | 66 | 108 | 47 | .47 | .38 | 523 | 156 |



CK

202 | VISTA x WARRIOR 1441 | 44657674

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| -1 | 4.3 | 73 | 131 | 40 | .76 | .2 | 438 | 180 |



HOMO POLLED

206 | VISTA x ENTRUST 3592 | 44657679

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 7.5 | 2.6 | 74 | 126 | 29 | .75 | .24 | 468 | 176 |



HOMO POLLED

212 | TIMELESS x VICTOR 722 | 44657712

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MM | REA | IMF | BMI | CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 4.8 | 2.6 | 76 | 112 | 30 | .61 | .56 | 448 | 176 |

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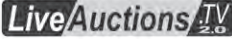
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Sale: Immediately following 12:30 PM Angus Sale. Approx. 1 PM

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Sale Calendar

Events and Advertisers' Sale Dates



January

24 Melcher Herefords Bull Sale
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and Page, NE

25 Knippling Hereford
Online Bull Sale
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27 The Final World Class Bull Sale
Churchill Cattle Co.
Manhattan, MT

28 Nelson Herefords Bull Sale
Pleasanton, NE

29 Brost Herefords Bull Sale
Irvine, AB

29 Ridder Herefords Sale
Callaway, NE

30-Feb. 2 Ft. Worth Stock Show
Hereford Events.
Ft. Worth, TX

6 Baumgarten Cattle Co.
Production Sale
Belfield, ND

6 Dvorak Herefords Sale
Lake Andes, SD

6 Elkington Polled Herefords
Bull Sale
Idaho Falls, ID

7 Upstream Ranch Bull Sale
Taylor, NE

7 Walker Polled Herefords
Foundation for the Future
Bull Sale
Morrison, TN

7 Hill 70 Quantock Ranch
"Barn Burnin' Bull Sale"
Lloydminster, Alberta

9 Logterman Bull Sale
Valentine, NE

9 Fawcett's Elm Creek Ranch
Bull and Female Sale
Ree Heights, SD

11 Friedt Herefords Sale
Dickinson, ND

11 Watertown Winter Farm
Show/Hereford Show & Sale
Watertown, SD

13 Topp Herefords
Production Sale
Grace City, ND

13 CX Ranch Bull Sale
Lewiston, ID

14 White Hawk Ranch
Bull Sale
Buchanan, GA

February

2 Pelton Polled Herefords
Cattlemen's Classic Sale
Halliday, ND

4 Durbin Creek Ranch Sale
Worland, WY

4 BlackHills Stock Show
Hereford Show and Sale
Rapid City, SD

5 Stroh Hereford Ranch
Bull Sale
Killdeer, ND

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Arthur, NE
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Dwight, KS
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Real Value Bull Sale
Fullerton, NE
- 25 NJW Polled Herefords
Bull & Female Sale
Sheridan, WY
- 27 Hennebold Herefords
Bull Sale
Winner, SD
- 28 Sandhill Farms
Production Sale
Haviland, KS
- 30 Sidwell Ranch and Frank
Herefords Production Sale
Columbus, MT

April

- 6 Stuber Ranch
Production Sale
Bowman, ND
- 11 Knoll Crest Farm
Bull and Heifer Sale
Red House, VA
- 12 Sandrock Ranch
Production Sale
Benton, WI
- 19 Lindskov's LT Ranch Bull Sale
Isabel, SD

May

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Bowman, ND

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March Issue

Ads Need to
be in by

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HH ADVANCE 1128J ET

- CE 1.7 BW 3.6 WW 67 YW 105 MM 21 REA 1.14 MARB 0.41 BMI\$ 428 CHB\$ 190
- Moderate framed, easy fleshing, well marked, and big time carcass with eye appeal and great dispositions.
- Trait leader for TEAT, CW, REA, MARB, BMI\$, and CHB\$ plus top 15% on WW and YW EPDs.
- 15 Exceptional sons sell!



HH ADVANCE 5161N ET

- CE 4.9 BW 2.4 WW 65 YW 108 MM 24 REA 0.70 MARB 0.31 BMI\$ 407 CHB\$ 170
- One of 6 full brothers to sell out of the 0003H donor.
- Look at the EPD profile on this well marked, fancy made bull. Top 15% on WW, YW, REA, and MARB and top 3% on CW and CHB\$.
- 85 lb. BW; 802 lb. Adj 205 day weight; 1547 lb. adj 365 weight.



HH ADVANCE 5198N ET

- CE -1.4 BW 3.4 WW 71 YW 116 MM 22 REA 1.05 MARB 0.40 BMI\$ 391 CHB\$ 190
- Big time stud with all the bells and whistles. Another son out of the 0003H donor.
- Top 1% on REA, CW, and CHB\$, top 5% on WW and YW, top 10% on MARB EPD.
- Out of one of the best flushes we have ever produced and out of an elite donor cow.



HH ADVANCE 5143N ET

- CE 3.2 BW 3.2 WW 66 YW 113 MM 22 REA 0.82 MARB 0.43 BMI\$ 394 CHB\$ 185
- Look at the body and hip in this easy fleshing, well marked 1128J son.
- Top 10% on YW, REA, and MARB and top 2% on CHB\$.
- Full brother to Lots 5161N, 5198N, and 5172N.



HH MISS ADVANCE 0003H

- Elite Line One donor that checks all the boxes. Exceptional udder and phenotype, and top 10% on WW, YW, SC, UDDR, TEAT, CW, BMI\$, and CHB\$.
- Dam of herd sires 2106K and 4265M. 6 SONS AND 5 GRANDSONS SELL!



HH ADVANCE 5172N ET

- CE 3.4 BW 2.8 WW 71 YW 112 MM 31 REA 0.80 MARB 0.39 BMI\$ 457 CHB\$ 196
- Dark red, goggle eyed, with extra volume, muscle expression, and eye appeal.
- Top 10% on WW, YW, REA, and MARB and look at his CHB\$.

Holden Herefords



Videos of the sale offering will be available in mid-February at www.thelivestocklink.com. Check out www.holdenherefords.com for more info and to request your sale catalog.

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HH ADVANCE 2116K

- CE 9.3 BW -2.1 WW 68 YW 98 MM 34 REA 0.41 MARB 0.52 BMI\$ 353 CHB\$ 166
- Proven curve bender sire that is a trait leader for CED, BW, SC, Milk, MCW, CW, MARB, and CHB\$.
- 16 Curve Bending Sons Sell!



HH ADVANCE 5061N

- CE 11.1 BW -1.1 WW 55 YW 81 MM 35 REA 0.38 MARB 0.44 BMI\$ 414 CHB\$ 143
- Big time calving ease and maternal prospect. He is fancy!
- Dam is a daughter of the 0003H donor cow and has a perfect udder.



HH ADVANCE 5080N ET

- CE 0.0 BW 2.3 WW 70 YW 103 MM 38 REA 0.44 MARB 0.28 BMI\$ 348 CHB\$ 145
- Very complete made 2116K son with excellent EPDs.
- Dam is a top donor by CL 1 Domino 883F.



CL 1 DOMINO 241K

- CE 5.3 BW 0.1 WW 56 YW 80 MM 38 REA 0.51 MARB 0.16 BMI\$ 445 CHB\$ 121
- Proven calving ease sire with extra pigment, muscle, eye appeal, and out of one of Cooper's top donor cows.
- Top 10% on BW, Milk, SC, UDDR, and TEAT EPDs and top 15% on BMI\$.
- 12 Exciting Sons Sell!!



HH ADVANCE 5073N

- CE 1.7 BW 3.3 WW 75 YW 116 MM 33 REA 0.43 MARB 0.16 BMI\$ 405 CHB\$ 129
- #1 bull in the sale on WW and YW EPDs and top 2% of breed.
- Boasts a 118 NR and an 864 lb. 205 day adj. wt.
- Maternal granddam is the great 8046F donor.



HH ADVANCE 5007N ET

- CE 5.9 BW 2.1 WW 64 YW 95 MM 37 REA 0.82 MARB 0.14 BMI\$ 403 CHB\$ 145
- One of 5 maternal brothers to the \$150,000 0022H sire to sell.
- Exceptional depth of rib, volume, muscle, and he is fancy.
- Dam is an elite donor and dam of multiple herd sires.



HH ADVANCE 5147N

- CE 5.5 BW 2.4 WW 60 YW 94 MM 32 REA 0.68 MARB 0.12 BMI\$ 424 CHB\$ 133
- 84 lb BW; 108 NR; 110 YR; Dam is an elite 0159H daughter.
- Maternal brother to the 4070M bull we are using AI.



HH ADVANCE 5054N ET

- CE 1.0 BW 3.0 WW 63 YW 98 MM 24 REA 0.58 MARB -0.01 BMI\$ 376 CHB\$ 123
- Sire: HH Advance 2025K ET
- Rib shape, muscle expression, pigment, and extra eye appeal. He is a stud!
- Dam is an elite donor that is 11 years old.



HH ADVANCE 5265N ET

- CE 3.7 BW 5.1 WW 66 YW 105 MM 37 REA 0.61 MARB 0.33 BMI\$ 538 CHB\$ 162
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when we thought the game was lost, MSU's Jhase McMillan blocked Illinois' extra point kick attempt, then converted a 4th and 10 for a 14 yard touchdown by Taco Dowler and extra point by Myles Stanstad for the win.

If you have not watched the game I highly recommend it. You just couldn't make it up, especially the events in the overtime.

It was my first time in Nashville which is an interesting, big city known for country western music. I met my sister, brother and sister-in-law there and we had a great time.

The game was held at FirstBank Stadium at Vanderbilt University. What a beautiful campus and very nice stadium. Yes, quite a notch up from what we are used to in South Dakota or Montana but we still like our local campuses and stadiums.

There were about 20,000 MSU fans in the city for this game and maybe 4,100 University of Illinois fans. It was exciting being in the city seeing all

the Bobcat fans, especially downtown, running into a few people we knew. It was incredible to enter the stadium which was about three fourths full of crazy fans cheering on our team. I'm sure many of the MSU fans were ranchers or people with ranch backgrounds but several with big Hereford connections such as Holdens and Wichmans and Swans who live by Venhuizens. I also ran into John Goggins of *Western Ag Reporter* and his family and heard that his brother Joe Goggins and family were there as well. I'm sure there were others we just didn't see.

I'm sure many of you opted to go to the big Hereford shows in Oklahoma City and Denver. It wasn't in the cards for me this year but we'll run the results as they come in.

Special congratulations to Dvorak Herefords, Lake Andes, SD, on winning the Champion Carload of Bulls title in Denver. As you may know Boyd lost his dad the week before the show. What a bittersweet time with extra meaning for the carload win.

Now onto bull sales! — JBH



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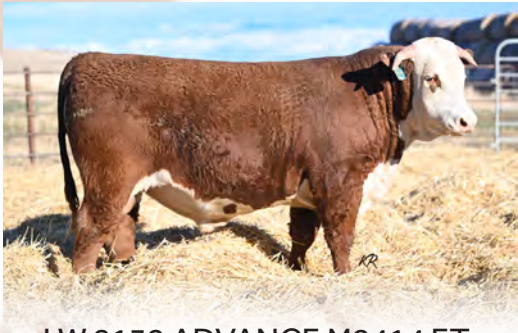
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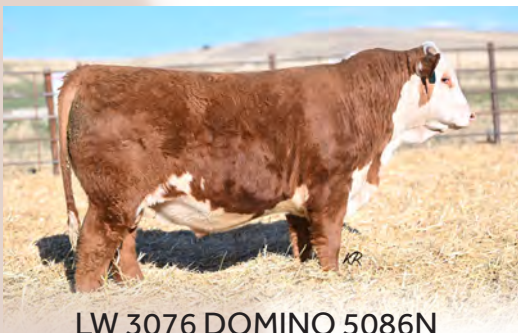
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Largent...

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Cathy and Mark Largent have been married for 55 years.

Courtesy photo

to Kaycee, WY, in hopes of expanding. With time, Mark and Cathy took over the ranch operations, planting their roots, building their family, and continuing their family's rich Hereford legacy.

Full Table, Full Cups...

Today, the home of Mark and Cathy Largent – who have been married for 55 years now – is often filled with the laughter and conversation that flows so naturally between them and the three generations of their family that live and work on the ranch. While relics of the family's Hereford successes through the years can be found throughout the house, it is blatantly obvious that the true treasures for Mark and Cathy are their family.

While Mark and Cathy will surely never fully retire from the ranch, they have ceded more responsibilities and physically demanding duties to their

son, David, and his wife, Heather, in addition to their grandchildren, Kelley (Spencer), and Jordan's wife, Tori.

Cathy will be the first to tell you that she did not grow up in the ranching business, however, like many ranch wives, she stepped into the role and learned by stepping into every job that she needed to. Today, she has gracefully transitioned to less labor-intensive, but highly important, tasks for the ranch – such as the registrations and bookkeep-



The Largents believe the Hereford is capable of anything and their cattle, developed in the dry climate of Kaycee, WY, show their hardiness and durability.

Photo by Terra Ochsner

ing – along with helping watch four (soon to be five) of her great-grandkids on a regular basis.

"He (Mark) might be the CEO, but she is his boss," Heather said with a smile. "She keeps the wheels on this whole thing."

For Kelley and Jordan, who spent a great deal of time with their grandmother growing up, it is special that she is willing to help watch their children on a regular basis.

"It's nice to have somebody to watch our kids who loves them and encourages them to get outside and play," Kelley said. "It allows Tori and I to be more hands-on on the ranch and learn to do so much more."

Alongside his work on the ranch, Mark has also served as the pastor at Faith Community Church in Gillette, WY, for the last 27 years. Between regular church services on Sundays, counseling sessions, Wednesday services, and other special events throughout the year, Mark and Cathy are both fully invested in their duties at the church, which makes the willingness of their family to fill many roles on the ranch even more paramount.

"We've gotten to where we can interchange with each other," Mark said, adding that everyone does a good job of stepping in and helping out wherever they are needed.

He noted that at times, life on the ranch and in the church are very similar because in both, "you have to discern when to step in, when to step back, and when to let God handle it."

"They're both a continual walk of faith," Mark added.

Commending both their church and their family on the ranch, Cathy said "God's brought us the right people, and they do the work."

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LOT 9 KC L1 DOMINO 25038

Reg # 44679519

DAM MPPA: 108 on 2 head

BW 3.2 WW 67 YW 108 SC 1.7 MM 36 MG 70 MCE 2.8
UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.20 CW 86 REA 0.27 MRB 0.30
BMI 491 BII 596 CHB 136



LOT 13 KC L1 DOMINO 25060

Reg # 44679541

DAM MPPA: 102.4 on 2 head

BW 4.1 WW 74 YW 118 SC 1.0 MM 37 MG 74 MCE 2.2
UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.30 CW 92 REA 0.54 MRB 0.46
BMI 418 BII 533 CHB 165



LOT 66 KC L1 DOMINO 24097

Reg # 44577695

DAM MPPA: 102.6 on 3 head

BW 4.9 WW 59 YW 94 SC 1.3 MM 33 MG 62 MCE -4.6
UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.30 CW 74 REA 0.43 MRB 0.12
BMI 410 BII 490 CHB 103



LOT 72 KC L1 DOMINO 24113

Reg # 44577712

DAM MPPA: 94.6 on 3 head

BW 5.6 WW 69 YW 123 SC 1.2 MM 22 MG 56 MCE 0.9
UDDR 1.10 TEAT 1.10 CW 89 REA 0.47 MRB 0.21
BMI 423 BII 518 CHB 142



LOT 76 KC L1 DOMINO 24123

Reg # 44577722

DAM MPPA: 101.6 on 3 head

BW 6.0 WW 59 YW 97 SC 1.0 MM 26 MG 56 MCE 0.1
UDDR 1.00 TEAT 1.10 CW 84 REA 0.43 MRB 0.10
BMI 438 BII 517 CHB 123

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LOT 3 CH ADVANCE 2518

Reg # 44670690

DAM MPPA: 102.8 on 2 head

BW 3.0 WW 59 YW 92 SC 1.3 MM 30 MG 60 MCE 1.3

UDDR 1.30 TEAT 1.50 CW 87 REA 1.02 MRB 0.11

BMI 391 BII 464 CHB 136



LOT 4 KC L1 DOMINO 25003

Reg # 44679484

DAM MPPA: 112.8 on 2 head

BW 3.4 WW 66 YW 105 SC 1.0 MM 33 MG 66 MCE 0.4

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.10 CW 87 REA 0.58 MRB 0.23

BMI 395 BII 486 CHB 140



LOT 8 KC L1 DOMINO 25035

Reg # 44679516

DAM MPPA: 104.2 on 4 head

BW 1.6 WW 61 YW 99 SC 0.9 MM 25 MG 56 MCE 1.6

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.20 CW 79 REA 0.34 MRB 0.43

BMI 362 BII 462 CHB 147



LOT 25 KC L1 DOMINO 2411

Reg # 44578539

DAM MPPA 106.2 on 5 head, WW Ratio 111, YW Ratio 105

BW 6.5 WW 70 YW 117 SC 1.1 MM 33 MG 68 MCE 1.8

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.30 CW 98 REA 0.67 MRB -0.11

BMI 430 BII 504 CHB 126



LOT 34 KC L1 DOMINO 24018

Reg # 44577594

DAM MPPA 105.6 on 2 head, WW Ratio 114, YW Ratio 112

BW 4.1 WW 71 YW 116 SC 1.5 MM 20 MG 55 MCE 3.7

UDDR 1.30 TEAT 1.30 CW 92 REA 0.68 MRB 0.06

BMI 350 BII 432 CHB 135



LOT 35 JC L1 DOMINO 4018M

Reg # 44621067

DAM MPPA: 106.7 on 4 head, WW Ratio 106, YW Ratio 102

BW 4.7 WW 63 YW 100 SC 1.5 MM 35 MG 66 MCE -0.3

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.20 CW 78 REA 0.45 MRB 0.32

BMI 369 BII 463 CHB 133



LOT 50 JC L1 DOMINO 4044M

Reg # 44621073

DAM MPPA: 106 on 4 head, WW Ratio 115, YW Ratio 116

BW 6.8 WW 69 YW 111 SC 1.5 MM 35 MG 70 MCE 0.6

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.30 CW 83 REA 0.48 MRB 0.12

BMI 350 BII 436 CHB 119



LOT 60 KC L1 DOMINO 24070

Reg # 44577662

DAM MPPA: 105.7 on 6 head, WW Ratio 104, YW Ratio 112

BW 4.3 WW 59 YW 105 SC 1.4 MM 34 MG 64 MCE 0.1

UDDR 1.10 TEAT 1.20 CW 74 REA 0.58 MRB 0.30

BMI 423 BII 513 CHB 136



LOT 65 KC L1 DOMINO 24094

Reg # 44577692

DAM MPPA: 99.8 on 4 head, WW Ratio 101, YW Ratio 110

BW 5.1 WW 60 YW 97 SC 0.9 MM 22 MG 52 MCE 2.5

UDDR 1.30 TEAT 1.30 CW 82 REA 0.46 MRB -0.03

BMI 305 BII 370 CHB 115



LOT 80 KC L1 DOMINO 24137

Reg # 44577734

DAM MPPA: 110.7 on 5 head, WW Ratio 114, YW Ratio 109

BW 5.6 WW 68 YW 114 SC 1.4 MM 34 MG 68 MCE 0.1

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.30 CW 96 REA 0.83 MRB 0.44

BMI 403 BII 509 CHB 173



LOT 89 KC L1 DOMINO 24152

Reg # 44577749

DAM MPPA: 103.8 on 4 head, WW Ratio 123, YW Ratio 126

BW 6.2 WW 73 YW 116 SC 1.4 MM 26 MG 63 MCE -2.0

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.30 CW 69 REA 0.24 MRB -0.08

BMI 348 BII 428 CHB 76



LOT 98 KC L1 DOMINO 24189

Reg # 44578512

DAM MPPA: 98.6 on 3 head, WW Ratio 105, YW Ratio 100

BW 4.1 WW 60 YW 97 SC 1.3 MM 36 MG 65 MCE 1.5

UDDR 1.20 TEAT 1.30 CW 80 REA 0.52 MRB 0.26

BMI 439 BII 529 CHB 134

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Largent...

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"So really, Cathy and I are the over-paid, overrated staff," Mark said, sparking laughs from his family around the table.

Desert Mart...

In a time when there is an endless selection of quality genetics across a multitude of breeds, the Largents have stayed true to the Hereford. Why? Because through the years, and shifting priorities, the Hereford has "done everything" the Largents – and the industry – has asked them, Mark said.

"My dad always said, 'Herefords will do everything,'" Mark relayed. "We've done everything to them and they're still faithful. Their mothers are still in a class by themselves and their disposition is huge, of course."

Mark added that the longevity of the Hereford is nearly unmatched, and that is something their commercial bull buyers are appreciative of.

"We had a customer who bought 15 bulls about three years ago, and have after three years, they still have all 15," he noted.

Mark, who is a deep study of the numbers and EPDs under the hide of his cattle, has committed a great deal of effort the last five decades to improving the carcass merit of the bulls offered at Largent & Sons.

"We've done extensive carcass work for 50 years," Mark said, adding that he is always working to dispel the reputation that a Hereford won't marble.

"My dad would say that, 'if you work at it hard enough and long enough, you can get them there,'" he recalled.

Today, Mark continued, there are loads of straight Largent Herefords, that are grading 80 percent Prime. However, he is very aware that "some traits are antagonistic," so Mark is constantly working to make genetic improvements that do not sacrifice the overall quality of the animal.

"It is all about balancing the traits, because we want functionality and we want carcass," he said. "We make sure that we don't get out of line anywhere."

Each year, the Largents offer roughly

90 coming two-year-old bulls and 30 fall yearling bulls at their annual "Desert Mart Prime Fuel Sale" in November. The sale received its name because their cattle are expected to perform in any environment and have proven they can be developed in the arid landscape around Kaycee, WY.

All In, Together...

While the Largents are committed to their commercial customers, Kelley has tapped back into

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The annual Largent bull sale is definitely a family event. Mark and Cathy's daughter Laura and her husband Toby Pierson also sell bulls in the sale.
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BW 74 205 WT 708 HOMO POLLED
BW 2.1 WW 63 YW 98
SC 1.3 M 38 REA 0.58 MRB 0.05



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44665206 • 2/07/2025
SIRE: NJW 247C 41E SOUL 173K
BW 91 205 WT 722 HOMO POLLED
BW 4.6 WW 76 YW 130
SC 1.5 M 26 REA 0.36 MRB 0.05



KPH B30 BREWSTER 2524

44665249 • 2/16/2025
SIRE: FRENZEN BAR JZ BRUISER B30
BW 85 205 WT 723 HOMO POLLED
BW 3.5 WW 74 YW 107
SC 1.4 M 35 REA 0.47 MRB -0.02



KPH 1359TH THOR 2529

44665182 • 2/20/2025
SIRE: KPH THOR 1359
BW 79 205 WT 718 HOMO POLLED
BW 2.3 WW 56 YW 97
SC 1.9 M 29 REA 0.53 MRB 0.31



KPH 1901F MARS 2534

44665135 • 2/21/2025
SIRE: KPH 174E SNICKERS 1901
BW 87 205 WT 723 HOMO POLLED
BW 1.7 WW 65 YW 101
SC 0.9 M 30 REA 0.36 MRB 0.06



KPH 112D TAYLOR 2535

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SIRE: NJW 73S 3304 TAYLOR 112D
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LOT 52

AHA 44650423
DOB 1/12/25

CED 8.9
BW -0.2
WW 68
YW 105
MM 39
REA 0.60
MARB 0.26
CHB 127

C REIGN MAKER 5166

This young herd sire provides excellent maternal qualities and calving ease, matching any others available. He will join our Denver pen in 2026.



LOT 13

AHA 44650297
DOB 1/5/25

CED 2.6
BW 3.1
WW 66
YW 100
MM 46
REA 0.69
MARB 0.44
CHB 178

C 1262 ARLO 5018 ET

A big massive strong topped bull that is eye appealing at every angle. With his phenotype and EPD profile, he has serious herd bull potential.



LOT 48

AHA 44650410
DOB 1/7/25

CED 9.7
BW 1.1
WW 70
YW 109
MM 32
REA 0.35
MARB 0.42
CHB 151

C CUDABELLE 5152

This bull presents an excellent choice as a calving ease herd sire, originating from a first-calf heifer sired by Guardian.



LOT 15

AHA 44650303
DOB 1/30/25

CED 4.3
BW 1.7
WW 71
YW 115
MM 26
REA 1.09
MARB 0.32
CHB 186

C 79H DOMINO 5024 ET

A top maternal bull with impressive stats, and a 1/2 brother to last year's highest seller.



LOT 18

AHA 44650308
DOB 1/27/25

CED 3.4
BW 4.1
WW 73
YW 124
MM 43
REA 0.96
MARB 0.27
CHB 178

C LEGION 5030

One of the first sons of Legion to sell. He's one of the real attractive bulls in the sale with loads of pigment.



LOT 43

AHA 44650400
DOB 1/22/25

CED 4.3
BW 4.0
WW 88
YW 139
MM 30
REA 0.91
MARB 0.33
CHB 170

C REIGN MAKER 5141

We believe he is among the best herd sire prospects we've ever presented. He embodies all aspects of our program, being backed by generations of top-performing cow families.



LOT 14

AHA 44650299
DOB 1/15/25

CED 4.7
BW 2.8
WW 76
YW 126
MM 37
REA 0.80
MARB 0.39
CHB 185

C 8140 LEGION 5020 ET

This is a bull that is undoubtedly right for the times and a genuine herd bull prospect in every way. When you consider his numbers, it's impressive to see a bull with his stats that still maintains the phenotype suited for the future.



LOT 83

AHA 44611222
DOB 8/15/24

CED -3.2
BW 3.5
WW 73
YW 115
MM 42
REA 0.95
MARB 0.50
CHB 190

C 1030 DENALI 4367 ET

His outstanding CHB values combined with his BMI make him an exceptional breeding prospect. He brings together several of the leading cow families in our program.



LOT 87

AHA 44611185
DOB 9/15/24

CED 6.4
BW 1.7
WW 69
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MM 36
REA 0.67
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CHB 177

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Largent...

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her family's rich heritage in the show ring in order to connect with other registered breeders as well.

"I want us to keep doing what we are doing, but just branch out a bit to get into the registered deal," Kelley expressed.

She explained that she has taken on



A Largent cow lounging on a hillside.

Photo by Terra Ochsner

the show side of Largent & Sons because she has a "passion for going out and looking at good cattle."

"I know that, to break into that registered group, we've got to be around registered people," she said.

A challenge, however, has been with the "disconnect" between some of the cattle in the show ring and the "real world cattle" that the Largents pride themselves on marketing, David noted.

But Kelley is planning to keep taking cattle down the road to more shows, which is becoming even more exciting as her children have started to show. Kelley's oldest son, Evander, won his first buckle at a Wyoming Junior Hereford Association Show in July 2025, which was special for the entire family.

"That was the seventh generation of our family to show Hereford cattle," Mark said with a smile.

Like everything else on the ranch, the Largents work to support Kelley however they can with her efforts in the show ring. David and Tori have been on the washing and clipping crew at times, and others, they have filled in the gaps at home while Kelley is down the road.

And for Mark and Cathy, everyone's efforts – together – are what their own dedication and sacrifice was about through the years.

"It's just the dream as a ranching family to see each generation roll through," Mark concluded.



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| CED | BW | WW | YW | SC | Milk | M&G | MCE | Fat | REA | Marb | BMI\$ | CHB\$ |
|------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| 11.0 | 0.4 | 67 | 108 | 1.3 | 40 | 74 | 5.0 | .044 | .70 | .41 | 478 | 156 |



K RIDGE 556N . P44677500
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MGS: STARDANCE M8086 ET

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| 3.6 | 2.6 | 68 | 102 | 1.1 | 34 | 68 | 2.0 | .024 | .70 | .31 | 467 | 139 |



K STEADFAST 580N · P44677505
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| CED | BW | WW | YW | SC | Milk | M&G | MCE | Fat | REA | Marb | BMI\$ | CHB\$ |
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| 6.6 | 1.4 | 66 | 104 | 1.5 | 39 | 72 | 6.4 | .034 | .85 | .13 | 414 | 150 |



K STEADFAST 585N · P44677508
SIRE: NJW 202C173DSTEADFAST 156J ET
MGS: CL 1 DOMINO 215Z

| CED | BW | WW | YW | SC | Milk | M&G | MCE | Fat | REA | Marb | BMI\$ | CHB\$ |
|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| 9.7 | 0.8 | 63 | 101 | 1.4 | 32 | 64 | 6.2 | .044 | .65 | .31 | 494 | 152 |



K PROLIFIC 507N · 21448841
SIRE: ELLINGSON PROLIFIC
MGS: CASINO BOMBER N33

| CED | BW | VW | YW | CEM | Milk | \$EN | \$W | \$F | \$B | \$C |
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| 3 | 4.9 | 100 | 169 | 12 | 19 | -44 | 78 | 110 | 173 | 298 |



K RIVERSIDE 510N . 21448818
SIRE: VERMILION RIVERSIDE
MGS: CONNEALY THEROCK 524E

| CED | BW | WW | YW | CEM | Milk | \$EN | \$W | \$F | \$B | \$C |
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|------|------|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 11.9 | -1.6 | 71 | 100 | 36 | 0.72 | 1.11 | 605 | 737 | 209 |

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|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 6.2 | 2.8 | 79 | 123 | 29 | 0.27 | 0.37 | 376 | 484 | 134 |

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|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 4.2 | 1.7 | 69 | 106 | 29 | 0.25 | 0.99 | 475 | 571 | 165 |

SIRE: CHURCHILL RED THUNDER 133J ET • MGS: CRR 5280

F DELUXE 533 #P-44643309

| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 7.0 | 0.9 | 75 | 119 | 28 | 0.18 | 0.88 | 447 | 544 | 151 |

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|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1.2 | 4.6 | 71 | 113 | 43 | 0.03 | 0.82 | 375 | 455 | 118 |

SIRE: CHURCHILL STANFIELD 3122L • MGS: PCC 634 HUTTON 7016 ET

HOFFMAN STANFIELD 5191 #44684710



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|------|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| -0.4 | 5.7 | 79 | 128 | 36 | 0.17 | 0.85 | 387 | 485 | 114 |

SIRE: CHURCHILL STANFIELD 3122L • MGS: NJW 160B 028X HISTORIC 81E ET

HOFFMAN PROUD 526 ET #44683667



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1.3 | 3.5 | 74 | 122 | 28 | 0.02 | 0.55 | 297 | 378 | 119 |

SIRE: NJW 119E 142 PROUD 35L • MGS: RST FINAL PRINT 0016

HOFFMAN PROUD 518 ET #44683635



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 3.6 | 1.8 | 62 | 104 | 33 | 0.22 | 0.49 | 350 | 435 | 129 |

SIRE: NJW 119E 142 PROUD 35L • MGS: KCF BENNETT RESOLVE G595

HOFFMAN ON DEMAND 4611 #P-44631672



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2.3 | 4.9 | 78 | 118 | 28 | 0.25 | 0.68 | 350 | 451 | 152 |

SIRE: BAR JZ ON DEMAND • MGS: JDH AH PROMINENT 21G ET

HOFFMAN ON DEMAND 4612 #P-44631673



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|------|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| -0.1 | 4.9 | 78 | 123 | 21 | 0.17 | 0.83 | 446 | 543 | 153 |

SIRE: BAR JZ ON DEMAND • MGS: K&B TYCOON 960G ET

HOFFMAN RIO BRAVO 4680 #44631729



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|-----|-----|----|----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 4.1 | 0.6 | 56 | 90 | 28 | 0.35 | 0.27 | 447 | 541 | 144 |

SIRE: SR RIO BRAVO 8029 ET • MGS: H BK CCC SR GAME CHANGER ET

HOFFMAN 267K DOMINO 4627 #44631683



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
|------|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| -0.4 | 2.6 | 71 | 110 | 27 | 0.23 | 0.62 | 459 | 557 | 138 |

SIRE: CL 1 DOMINO 267K 1ET • MGS: K&B CHANCELLOR 832F ET

HOFFMAN LAKOTA 5301 #21329499



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$M | \$B | \$C |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 12 | 0.7 | 90 | 161 | 28 | 0.90 | 1.11 | 102 | 187 | 345 |

SIRE: ELLINGSON LAKOTA • MGS: TEHAMA TAHOE 8767

HOFFMAN KEYSTONE 515 #21301662



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$M | \$B | \$C |
|-----|------|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 14 | -0.9 | 90 | 159 | 36 | 1.15 | 1.26 | 120 | 204 | 385 |

SIRE: BASIN KEYSTONE 2021 • MGS: CONNEALY CRAFTSMAN

STELLPLUG RISE ABOVE 5620 #21243929



| CED | BW | WW | YW | MILK | MRB | REA | \$M | \$B | \$C |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 7 | 2.3 | 88 | 155 | 28 | 1.20 | 1.19 | 79 | 239 | 389 |

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Pelton...

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his parent's ranch after their retirement. The love for the Hereford breed naturally rubbed off on Craig's two children, Kayla and Kain.

Pelton Polled Herefords is the true definition of a family operation with the fourth and fifth generations actively involved today. Kayla and her husband, Tyrun Dorrell, are raising their children Kaisley (six) and Conner (three) on the ranch alongside Kain and his wife, Abbey, and their children, Rowan (four) and their daughter Thea (one). His family all plays a vital role around the ranch from day-to-day tasks to continuing the legacy Craig and Kyle started.

Generational Interest...

Kayla and Kain both showed cattle in 4-H growing up and were active members in the North Dakota Junior Hereford Association.

"We did a lot of showing during the summer, just kind of around the state," Kayla recalled.

Growing up, both Kayla and Kain attended Hereford Junior Nationals in Denver, CO; Billings, MT; Sioux Falls, SD; and Milwaukee, WI.

Kayla received her associate's degree in physical therapy from Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, SD, and Kain received his associates in farm and ranch management from Bismarck State College in Bismarck, ND. Kayla worked in Dickinson in her field of study for 12 years before finding a new position with a local oil company, which gave her greater flexibility to be involved on the ranch. Kain works as a weed specialist with the county, which keeps him very busy in the summer but allows him time on the ranch as well.

Kayla's husband, Tyrun, is full-time on the Pelton ranch. A Hardin, MT, native, Tyrun's family worked for various ranches in the area, which gave him ample experience to join the Pelton operation later, Kayla explained.

Outside of the cattle, Craig is a very ambitious person in other endeavors and activities. He was a partner in a corn chopping business, which they started in 2009; Craig officially retired from this aspect of the business in 2024.

"There was a lot going on, it got a little hectic in the fall," Kayla said, reflecting on those years.

Kain explained that his dad and partners chopped corn locally but also would travel as far as Minnesota.

Craig is currently the Dunn County Commissioner and has served now for eight years. It is obvious that Craig, his kids, and their families value and enjoy hard work.

The Pelton Polled Hereford operation has grown significantly from that first 4-H project of Craig's. The Pelton family runs around 150 registered Hereford cows and sells nearly 50 Hereford bulls annually. They had the opportunity to purchase a small Angus herd out of Ne-



The Pelton Family — Adults, left to right are Abbey and Kain Pelton, Craig Pelton and Kayla and Tyrun Dorrell. Children, left to right are Thea Pelton, Connor Dorrell, Rowan Pelton and Kaisley Dorrell.

Courtesy photo

braska 12 years ago, and this has added 15 Angus bulls to their annual sale. The expansion into the Angus breed created an avenue for the Peltons to offer about 50 F1 Black Baldy open heifers alongside Red Baldy open heifers and their registered bred heifers.

Tony Heins, who serves as the regional field rep for the *Western Ag Reporter* in the Dakotas and Minnesota, has gotten to know the Pelton family very well over the last 45 years, and he also auctions their sale.

"I met Craig when I was eight years old, at the Go-Pher the Purple Sale in Minnesota," Heins said. "He's the salt of the earth type of guy. His parents brought him up that way. And he's instilled that in those kids. He's as honest as the day is long."

Heins commended the entire family for how hard they work.

"They've always made their money on that ranch." Highlighting Craig

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FH 908 ADVANCE 515 MD ET (44686013)
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| Birth Weight | 92 |
| adj. 205 | 665 |
| adj. 365 | 1145 |
| BW EPD | 5.0 |
| WW EPD | 62 |
| YW EPD | 100 |
| MM EPD | 33 |
| M&G EPD | 64 |
| FAT EPD | 0.004 |
| REA EPD | 0.85 |
| MARB EPD | 0.11 |

S&S WHIT 29M P44551215 • 3/21/2024



This bull can be described in one word; attractive. He's goggle eyed, freckled faced, and dark red. 29M has a long spine and is deep and soggy built for added muscle mass. He is in the top 20% for Milk, M&G, CW, Rib Fat, and top 10% for Scrotal, REA.

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|--------------|-------|
| Birth Weight | 84 |
| adj. 205 | 587 |
| adj. 365 | 1109 |
| BW EPD | 4.6 |
| WW EPD | 68 |
| YW EPD | 121 |
| MM EPD | 21 |
| M&G EPD | 56 |
| FAT EPD | 0.074 |
| REA EPD | 0.42 |
| MARB EPD | 0.42 |

S&S BROADWAY 45M ET P44551279 • 3/29/2024



We used this bull over the summer to clean up cows and he did an excellent job. He excels in his genomic profile, but without giving up a lot of phenotype. He is goggle eyed, deep bodied, and wide hiped. He is in the top 10% for WW, YW, CW, MARB, CHB.

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|--------------|-------|
| Birth Weight | 68 |
| adj. 205 | 521 |
| adj. 365 | 780 |
| BW EPD | -0.4 |
| WW EPD | 54 |
| YW EPD | 77 |
| MM EPD | 23 |
| M&G EPD | 50 |
| FAT EPD | 0.064 |
| REA EPD | 0.57 |
| MARB EPD | 0.17 |

S&S ROSELLE 110M P44551333 • 3/10/2024



This heifer is very attractive and will make a very good cow. The daughters of her sire are making very good cows with lots of high quality milk. Bred AI to NJW 133A 6589 Manifest 87G ET on 6-6-25. Sired by: JDH MRD 2Z 33Z VICTOR 6G ET

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Birth Weight | 72 |
| adj. 205 | 514 |
| adj. 365 | 798 |
| BW EPD | 2.0 |
| WW EPD | 59 |
| YW EPD | 91 |
| MM EPD | 27 |
| M&G EPD | 57 |
| FAT EPD | 0.044 |
| REA EPD | 0.64 |
| MARB EPD | 0.24 |

S&S PATTY 159M P44551411 • 4/4/2023



Beautiful heifer that we should be keeping. Perfectly marked, deep bodied, and attractive. Her mother was shown successfully in the junior program and has earned the spot as top donor cow on the farm. Bred AI to NJW 133A 6589 Manifest 87G ET on 6-4-25. Sired by: KJ 58Z WHIT J29 ET

Pelton...

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and his family's approach to breeding and raising the type of cattle that are very functional, easy calving, and have good performance. It's apparent in talking with Tony, the Pelton's hold their customers' needs to high regard and perform on that promise of quality cattle – that keeps people coming back to buy bulls every year.

When asked about the cow herd and if there was a "curve bender" that has

propelled things for them, Pelton reflected on a cow that has laid a strong maternal foundation in their herd: SB 62J Mirada 61N ET.

"She's in half the pedigrees here," he explained.

Kayla showed her at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Pelton said she was very prolific.

"She really produced embryos, and they were sticky. 70-80 percent conception on them I think," he noted.

Craig purchased Mirada from Split Butte Livestock – Neil Ward family

out of Idaho. She was sired by Thunder, who was a bull Star Lake raised.

"That's probably the most influential cow we've had," Pelton said.

Heins also mentioned this female's quality, when he recalled getting her ready for Denver.

When it comes down to their priorities, Pelton kept it simple saying he just wants "good cattle," which he said comes down to "good udders, easy calving, good performance, and good feet."

The simple and solid breeding goal



Kayla Pelton Dorrell enjoying the view.

Photo by Julia Dean

of uniform, all around good cattle is what has created success for the Peltons. In speaking to their goals for maintaining their cowherd uniformity for the future Pelton said, "we are trying to get to where you've got 20-40 daughters out of one bull. With Hootenanny and Bolder being related, it won't take long."

The Peltons purchased interest in CSC 004 Hootenanny 206 and CSC 701 Bolder 901 and are walking both bulls presently; they are also heavily using TH Innovation 2567. Craig spoke on a new herd sire that they just purchased, MH Highnoon 4315 that is out of a sister to Forward 1056J. All Craig spoke highly on each bull for their do-ability and calving ease, herd sires that he is confident will continue to propel their program forward.

Functional, again, is the buzzword that best describes the Pelton cowherd. They are the type of cows that can do well in a variety of scenarios; they emanate what you're looking for when discussing maternal merit – a uniform group of big-hipped calves, at the side of deep-bodied cows with nice udders and good feet. It is obvious that the Peltons unwaveringly strive for quality above all else, which has clearly driven their business all these years.



The type of calf Peltons strive to make.

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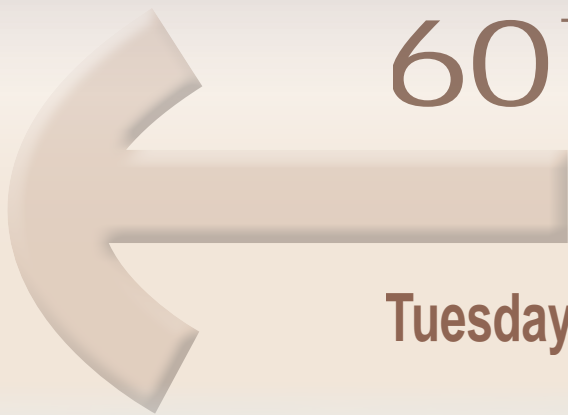
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Lezlie Courtney Moore, Vivian, SD was honored recently at the 2025 South Dakota Quarter Horse Association awards banquet as Promoter of the Year.

Lezlie is known in the area and nationwide for her incredible graphic design and catalog work for Quarter Horse and cattle breeders. She is also an accomplished and talented photographer.

Many people in the Hereford industry will recognize her name and work from the many years she worked with Jay George producing ads and catalogs for some of the top Hereford breeders in the nation including Harrells and Jamisons as well as top Quarter Horse breeders including Hunt's Open Box Rafter Ranch.

The daughter of Jim and Hazel Courtney, she grew up on the family Hereford ranch which ran about 400 head of registered Herefords.

Lezlie worked for *Tri-State Live-*

stock News for a number of years as a photographer, then an ad coordinator and graphic artist. This eventually led her to work with United Livestock Broker's Jay George. The two formed a design and promotion team that was unmatched for a very long time designing ads, catalogs and other promotional materials.

She was quoted in *Tri-State Livestock News* saying, "I've always been extremely busy with catalogs, sometimes doing nearly 30 a year. However, I'm nearing 70 years old, so I have cut it back to four."

"I always wanted a catalog to tell the story for a client and what makes their program unique in their breed. Pictures help tell the story best while keeping the layout clean and easy to read. With all of today's innovations and marketing avenues, the catalog is still the best form of communication and strongest marketing tool when selling your product," she said.

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|-----|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
| 9.4 | 0.8 | 69 | 111 | 29 | 0.97 | 0.34 | \$502 | \$159 |

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37

JDH 9103 16G STANDOUT 129N ET | 44662675

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|-----|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
| 3.4 | 3.7 | 74 | 118 | 30 | 0.97 | 0.29 | \$520 | \$163 |

Goggle-eyed son of UPS Miss Final Test 9103 Donor. Pen Bull.

HOMOZYGOUS POLLED




17

AH JDH MMC LAREDO 5795 ET | 44665384

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|-----|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
| 3.4 | 0.9 | 70 | 115 | 37 | 0.46 | 0.47 | \$557 | \$165 |

Laredo son out of an outstanding Benton daughter.

HOMOZYGOUS POLLED




6

JDH AH 125L SHERMAN 237N ET | 44671159

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|-----|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
| 2.1 | 1.4 | 78 | 129 | 33 | 1.19 | 0.40 | \$546 | \$214 |

Outstanding numbers with big time performance!

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40

AH STANDOUT 5344 ET | 44665057

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|-----|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
| 1.3 | 4.7 | 79 | 121 | 25 | 0.58 | 0.36 | \$426 | \$160 |

19Z x Standout with huge performance!

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21

JDH AH ND FINAL PRINT 249N ET | 44673804

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|-----|------|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
| 8.6 | -1.4 | 72 | 108 | 43 | 0.36 | 0.08 | \$427 | \$104 |

Exceptional phenotype. Dam is phenomenal.

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11

JDH AH 19Z 222 GUNSMOKE 33N ET | 44668494

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|-----|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|
| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
| 5.1 | 0.6 | 63 | 101 | 29 | 0.73 | 0.47 | \$437 | \$168 |

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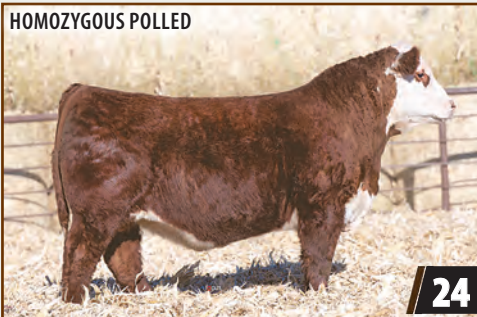
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JDH ND 39K 106H LINCOLN 49N ET | 44662116

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| 3.5 | 2.9 | 74 | 120 | 34 | 0.98 | 0.20 | \$408 | \$156 |

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24

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| CED | BW | WW | YW | M | REA | MARB | BMI | CHB |
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A Moment of Peace in the Midst of War: Vietnam, Christmas, 1969

By Ruth Weichmann

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

— Luke 2:10-12

Delve into the experiences of those who served in Vietnam, listen to their stories, and you're far more likely to hear about the sounds of gunshots, exploding mortars and grenades, and the sound of incoming helicopters.

You will hear about fear, conflict and confusion, ghastly wounds, death and destruction, and how ordinary people faced these circumstances with courage and commitment. "On earth, peace, good will toward men" are not generally the first words used to describe the Vietnam War.

But for a few men, for a few moments, Christmas Eve of 1969 did hold these quiet words of hope.

Henry Mogagen, pastor of the Free Lutheran Church at Reva, SD, and a native of Grafton, ND, arrived in Vietnam in July of 1969. He received his draft letter in February, 1969 and reported to Ft. Lewis, WA, where he did his basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT).

"A lot of people think AIT means infantry," Mohagen said. "In my case it was infantry, but it is not necessarily always referring to infantry. They

were gearing everyone for war, as infantry you knew: you were going to Vietnam."

Not much war news had reached the Grafton area.

"I really didn't know much about the war," Mohagen said. "I remember when I was a senior in high school, and one day

we had a substitute teacher. Our family knew her, she taught Sunday School at



Leroy Mershman (left) and Henry Mohagen, Vietnam 1970.

church. She had our history class, and that day she walked around the room and looked at all of us and said, 'You boys realize that you could very likely go to Vietnam. This war is escalating.' That was in 1967, and that was the first realization I had that it was a possibility."

Mohagen recalled that in 1968, a young man from Grafton was killed in action in Vietnam. Spc. David La-Traille was a paratrooper.

"In Vietnam, there was no front, so to speak," he said. "It worked in World War II when they dropped guys behind the lines, but in Vietnam there were no lines. The enemy was everywhere. He got killed in one of the few jumps they made."

No one in Mohagen's immediate family had served in active duty during World War II. His father, Roy, had gone to California and gotten a job at Lockheed, building P-38s.

"They didn't guarantee a deferment for building airplanes, but he did get a war exemption. He did eventually get drafted but it was later and then the war was over," he said.

Although there was not a strong military background in Mohagen's family, there were deep roots of faith. After World War II ended, Roy Mohagen returned to his hometown of Grafton, ND, with his wife and two young children. There they farmed and raised cattle, and Roy served as a lay pastor at the Lutheran church.

Henry was the third and youngest child in the family, and grew up helping on the farm. He graduated from Grafton High School in 1967, and did a variety of jobs, including driving a gravel truck and working at the Grafton Post Office.

When he left for Vietnam, Mohagen carried with him a pocket sized New Testament, a confirmation gift from his aunt and uncle. He landed at Bien Hoa, at the 90th Replacement Division, one of 10,000 soldiers per week arriving for active duty assignments. Most,

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like Henry, were “just kids.” Getting off the plane, he was struck by the temperature and the odor.

“Talk to just about any Vietnam vet and they will talk about the awful smell when you first got there, the sweltering heat and the smell,” he said. “You would come to Bien Hoa, then they would say you’ve got to catch a plane or whatever to some other part of the country to get to your headquarters. I had orders for the first infantry division.”

The new arrivals were assigned menial tasks, such as filling sandbags, for a period of getting acclimated.

“It was on a hot, sandy beach and might have been kind of a nice place for a vacation if it wasn’t so hot,” he said.

Mohagen was assigned to the second battalion of the 16th infantry rangers. He worked with a squad of 10-12 men, sometimes with two squads or with the whole platoon, which was made up of three squads.

“Search and destroy was what they called us,” he said. “To start with, we pulled security along roads where mine sweepers had to come every morning. There was one main road, Highway 13, and mine sweepers would start at both



Henry Mohagen (left) with Kenny Cress.

ends. After they would meet in the center then the convoys would run.”

The mine sweepers would go on the road with metal detectors, and Mohagen’s squad would be out away from the road pulling security for them.

The next nine and a half months Mohagen, or “Mo” as he was often called, spent in the jungle.

“The training was all geared toward guerilla type jungle warfare,” he said. “You couldn’t tell who your enemies

were. We had both VC (Viet Cong) and NVA (North Vietnamese Army); the NVA all had uniforms but the VC didn’t. They just looked like any other farmer, you couldn’t tell them apart.”

Mohagen and his squad would be helicoptered out into the jungle, dropped off, and given

instructions. The men carried food for five to seven days along with any other supplies they required in 100 pound packs. Two men per squad were ammo bearers, one carried an M-60 machine gun, others were responsible for radios and other equipment such as a “thump gun” – an M-79 grenade launcher.

After a period of time, helicopters would come pick them up and take them back to a firebase to get resupplied.

“They would continually have an infantry unit in the firebase as security,” Mohagen said. “We’d be in there maybe a couple of days, get a shower, resupply, then we would be helicoptered out.”

They didn’t get in to a firebase every five days.

“The longest we were out in the jungle

without a clothes change or anything was 30 days. That was probably the longest; our clothes were just rags. Generally every five to seven days we would get in and get resupplied.”

Thanks to the dense jungle, Mohagen never knew for sure where they were. Most of these patrols were within the Iron Triangle, an area in South Vietnam which lay roughly between Saigon and Cambodia.

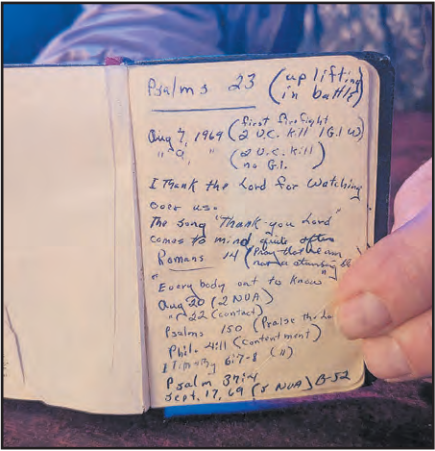
“We were up toward Cambodia and there were not many villages around,” Mohagen said. “We weren’t supposed to go into Cambodia but we may have; I had no idea where I was at.”

August. September. October. November. Mohagen made occasional notes in the back of his Bible, which he kept in a tobacco pouch to keep it dry.

“Psalm 23.”

“Aug. 7 – First firefight.”

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"I thank the Lord for watching over us."

The men never knew when they might make contact with the enemy, and if it would be minimal or serious when they did. Their orders told them which direction to go, but didn't specify what they might find when they reached their destination or what they might run into along the way.

In the night, the men might see rockets being launched and then try to go find the spot where the enemy had fired them off.

"It was usually unsuccessful. If we would find anything it might be a couple of sticks they set together to shoot a rocket off. It was amazing what damage they could do with so little."

"Often it was a matter of waiting to hear gunfire before you knew where the enemy was," Mohagen recalled.

Often the squad found themselves crossing swamps, where they picked up ringworm and leeches. They were constantly on the lookout for poisonous snakes as well as enemy soldiers.

"They say there are 31 species of snakes in Vietnam and 30 are poisonous," Mohagen recalled.

One night they were trying to set up camp in "an awful place." As they were clearing an area to sleep, their South Vietnamese guide, Rien (pronounced "Wren") told Henry to stop where he was.

"Here he came with a machete, and I'm thinking 'what are you going to do?' He threw it, 'Whop!' Right by my foot. Here there was a snake there, it was highly poisonous and I would have died if it had bitten me. They were not like a rattlesnake that will tell you they're there."

The South Vietnamese army sometimes provided guides for the Americans.

"We called them 'Kit Carson scouts.' Rien was a good guide and a good guy. The Viet Cong had killed his family."

Although opinions on the Vietnam War, then and now, vary widely, Mohagen and his platoon felt they were a positive presence for the people of that area.

"The sentiments were that we were doing some good for the locals," he said. "Whether it amounted to anything or not I don't know."

Mohagen's first assignment was carrying ammunition. He quickly moved up to carrying the machine gun.

"I carried the gun for nine and a half months in the field," he said. "An M-60 weighs 25 pounds. Between myself and the two ammo bearers we carried about 1000 rounds. The M-60 would fire 500 rounds per minute. If you do the math,

that's two minutes of sustained fire. But they were pretty good about keeping us resupplied."

Often it was a matter of waiting to hear gunfire before you knew where the enemy was, Mohagen recalled.

"Someone said, 'They would shoot one round at us and we'd shoot a thousand back' and that's about the way it was."

The squad camped in the jungle at night, finding what cover they could, setting an ambush every night, and digging in for a little bit of protection.

"Normally we didn't set up till after dark in case we were being watched," Mohagen said. "When I say we dug in, it wasn't foxholes like they had in World War II. We carried some empty sandbags and would fill them."

Often they would set up a Claymore mine with a trip wire a little distance from where they slept.

"It had the explosive on the back side and BBs the size of a fingertip on the other side. One night we set up on a dike in the rice patties. In the morning we went out and it was turned around. When you see that, the hair stands up



Leroy Mershman showing the bullet hole in his helmet.

on the back of your neck. They knew where you were at and didn't have to do much to get you to set it off and blow yourselves up."

When the helicopters came to fly Mohagen's squad out to resupply, they would radio them to "pop smoke."

"You would set off a smoke grenade of red smoke or yellow smoke, and then the helicopter would call the color. If we told them what color we were using, the enemy would probably hear on the radio and set off their own smoke to lure the helicopter. One time, they couldn't find us; they said we were in the wrong spot."

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|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5.8 | 2.0 | 75 | 118 | 1.1 | 36 | 74 | -0.1 | 72 | 1.10 |
| TEAT | SC | SCF | CW | FAT | REA | MARB | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
| 1.10 | 1.5 | 22.3 | 80 | .054 | 0.81 | 0.35 | 451 | 561 | 138 |

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|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 15.7 | 0.1 | 58 | 105 | 0.6 | 30 | 59 | 4.9 | 73 | 1.40 |
| TEAT | SC | SCF | CW | FAT | REA | MARB | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
| 1.6 | 1.4 | 26.9 | 65 | .005 | 1.16 | 0.03 | 509 | 581 | 114 |

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KJ 7603 ELEMENT 019L ET | AHA#P44474146

| CE | BW | WW | YW | DMI | Milk | M&G | MCE | MCW | UDDR |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| -0.5 | 3.4 | 76 | 122 | 0.7 | 29 | 67 | 2.5 | 101 | 1.30 |
| TEAT | SC | SCF | CW | FAT | REA | MARB | \$BMI | \$BII | \$CHB |
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Sire: Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET
Reg. # 44581537
CED: 2.3 BW: 1.5 WW: 69 YW: 107 MM: 26 REA: 0.81 MARB: 0.31



TH 3242A 2157K SHERMAN M552 ET
Sire: Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET
Reg. # 44582061
CED: 2.0 BW: 1.0 WW: 53 YW: 82 MM: 28 REA: 0.83 MARB: 0.21

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TH 5227C INNOVATION 511N ET
Sire: TH 533B Innovation 2567 ET
Reg. # 44643222
CED: 2.6 BW: 2.7 WW: 59 YW: 93 MM: 19
REA: 0.76 MARB: 0.19



TH 0108H 2157K SHERMAN 504N ET
Sire: Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET
Reg. # 44643088
CED: -3.9 BW: 3.4 WW: 72 YW: 113 MM: 23
REA: 0.82 MARB: 0.21



TH 149H K510 DOMINION 190N
Sire: KCF Bennett Dominion K510
Reg. # 44646734
CED: 2.5 BW: 2.3 WW: 81 YW: 127 MM: 37
REA: 0.65 MARB: 0.40



TH 65H 539L EXPANSION 263N
Sire: TH Expansion 539L ET
Reg. # 44643043
CED: -0.2 BW: 2.5 WW: 54 YW: 86 MM: 23
REA: 0.87 MARB: 0.09



TH 8123F INNOVATION 533N ET
Sire: TH 533B Innovation 2567 ET
Reg. # 44643233
CED: 5.0 BW: 1.7 WW: 63 YW: 90 MM: 32
REA: 0.52 MARB: 0.26



TH 250J 2157K SHERMAN 126N
Sire: Churchill W4 Sherman 2157K ET
Reg. # 44643122
CED: -2.1 BW: 2.1 WW: 65 YW: 102 MM: 28
REA: 0.89 MARB: 0.09

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"We got into some thick jungle and hid," Mohagen said. "I was sick with a high fever, but we kept going. They finally found us, and next morning early we had to get to a good spot for them to pick us up. We found this big trail, which was spooky anyhow, it was probably one of their resupply trails. We could have been in Cambodia."

"They came in and picked us up and took us out. It was a hot landing zone. [A hot landing zone = under enemy fire.] It was strange, we had been hiding right there in that area and hadn't made contact in the whole time they were looking for us. If we would have had contact we would have really been in trouble because they didn't know where we were."

Although Mohagen didn't learn this until later, the confusion was caused because his squad had initially been dropped off at the wrong location.

"The days ran along, full of boredom

and terror both. In the fall of '69, we'd had some kind of tough going. On Thanksgiving Day they flew us out a hot meal, the only one we had for the whole time. They brought metal containers, cooks, mashed potatoes, gravy, turkey, cranberries, everything."

As soon as Mohagen had a little bit of seniority, he always tried to get the last watch in the morning.

"If somebody's in trouble you've got to go in to help," he said. "One of the scariest jobs we did was going in to try to get to another group of soldiers who were in a bad spot. They dropped us off the helicopter, and you know there's enemy between you and them and you have to get there without your guys shooting you."

"We got dropped off and made a bee-line for where they were at. We could hear shooting, but it got dark on us and we had to stop. We had no idea if there was a trail anywhere or where anybody was. We just set up for the night in a

triangle so we could give effective fire in any direction."

Mohagen had the dawn watch, and as soon as it started to get light, he saw movement.

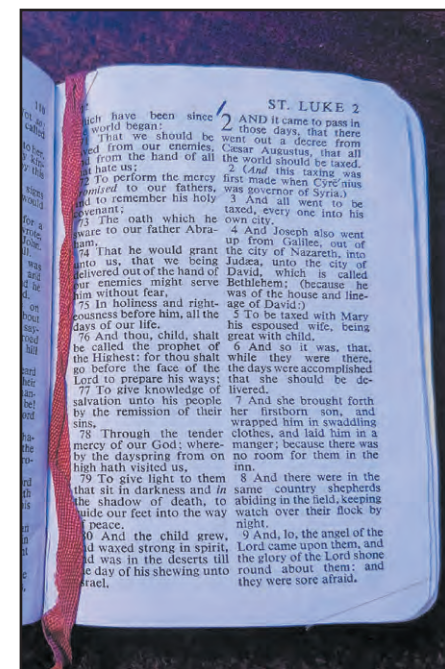
"The NVA was leaving," he recalled. "I woke up my ammo bearers, and they each would pass word on down line and wake up whoever was next."

Orders came to blow the ambush.

"So we did," Mohagen said. "But one of the guys didn't wake up the guy next to him. He woke up to realize guys were shooting past him. It was a rude awakening for him needless to say."

Later that day, one of the ammo bearers got shot in the head. The metal of his helmet deflected the bullet just enough that it didn't go straight through. There was not enough room for the Med Evac helicopter to land, so they lowered a jungle penetrator to lift him out.

"An RPG hit a tree right next to me and knocked the air out of me, but when I checked myself, there were no holes,



...that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear.

so you just keep going," Mohagen said. "I don't even remember if we ever made contact with ones we went in to get. What had happened, was that these guys were getting low on ammo too. But it was to our advantage to leave. I counted at least 60 NVA go by, and we were maybe 20 of us."

During the dry season, they didn't have to put up with rain, but then, just like someone turned the switch, it went to the rainy season and rained every day.

"We dusted off [flew them out for medical care after they were wounded] a number of guys," Mohagen said. "Most of the time we never heard how they did. With the machine gun you didn't get involved in a lot of that. When they were picking them up with the helicopter, I was out pulling security with the machine gun."

Mohagen's squad had gone to a firebase to resupply right before Christmas.

"They normally flew us out, but that time they had us hike out of the firebase on Christmas Eve," he recalled. "We tried to set up that night, and we can see helicopters, we can see tracers shooting each way, up and down."

As they sat in the jungle, someone started talking about how they had spent Christmas Eve back home.

"We were just kids, I was 20 yrs old, not even 21 yet. They were telling stuff they would do, and not always the good stuff."

"Hey, Mo," someone said. "What did you do for Christmas Eve?"

"I said, 'Well, generally Christmas eve was when we opened our gifts as a family, but prior to that, a lot of times if we'd been in our Christmas program, as kids we would recite our pieces."

"My dad would read the Christmas story, but reading is really not the right word, he would open the Bible and then he would recite it."

"Then somebody said, 'Why don't you do that for us?'"

"Well," I said, "I can't recite it, but I can read it."

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FAT 0.004 REA 0.86 MRB 0.13 BMI 442 BII 512 CHB 137

N13 is well balanced Oshoto son, with a nice hip and rib shape, along with a big top. N13 is very well pigmented.



E 2135 HIGH COUNTRY 4017 ET 44638770 Polled

CE -1.6 BW 5.8 WW 66 YW 106 SC 1.4 M 29 MG 62 MCE -4.4

FAT 0.034 REA 0.44 MRB 0.18 BMI 334 BII 420 CHB 127

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55067 AHA 44669585 1/11/2025
Sire: STELLPFLUG GUNSMOKE 222 ET
CED 4.3 | BW 3.5 | WW 78 | YW 122 | M 20
REA 1.13 | MRB 0.34 | \$CHB 189 | \$BMI 422



44691 AHA 44640218 9/25/2024
Sire: BAR JZ ON DEMAND
CED 11.9 | BW 1.5 | WW 76 | YW 112 | M 31
REA 0.76 | MRB 0.32 | \$CHB 165 | \$BMI 499



44444 AHA 44640202 9/3/2024
Sire: BAR JZ ON DEMAND
CED 10.4 | BW 2 | WW 71 | YW 105 | M 16
REA 1.01 | MRB 0.35 | \$CHB 169 | \$BMI 472



55085 AHA 44669326 1/13/2025
Sire: R IDENTITY 6112
CED 10.1 | BW 0.8 | WW 62 | YW 98 | M 28
REA 0.94 | MRB 0.17 | \$CHB 168 | \$BMI 469



44588 AHA 44624969 9/15/2024
Sire: /S ARSENAL 00161 ET
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"But you have got to be kind of quiet out there in the jungle at night, and you don't want to have light around when someone is likely to see it and shoot at you. I needed a light to read, so I got underneath a poncho with a flashlight and read the Christmas story to those guys."

The men could hear the firing while Henry read the old, familiar words.

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Everyone was pretty quiet when he finished.

It is impossible to know what went through the minds and hearts of each man who listened to the Christmas story read that night. There was not peace on earth, nor goodwill between men in the jungles of Vietnam. The irony of the words was likely not lost on any of them as they heard the sounds of war, louder than the quiet voice of the reader. But I do not doubt that the story of the Light of the World, hidden under a poncho and only illuminated by the beam of a flashlight, touched the heart of each one who leaned in close to listen.

Author's note: Henry Mohagen continued serving his country in Vietnam until September, 1970. He returned to Grafton, ND, where he met and married Linda Moberg. They ranched in Montana and Minnesota before purchasing a ranch near Towner, ND, where they raised their family. After serving as a lay pastor, Henry was ordained as a pastor with the Free Lutheran Church. The couple served churches in North Dakota before Henry took a call to work as a missionary pilot in Alaska. In 2004, they received and accepted a call to the Free Lutheran Church at Reva, SD, where they currently serve. Their family, which now includes five great-grandchildren, continues the tradition of reading the Christmas story on Christmas Eve every year.

Editor's note: Henry Mohagen is the pastor of our church and a good friend. We thank him sincerely for his service to our country. This article originally appeared in *Tri-State Livestock News*.

— Jill and Marc

Obituaries

Billie Don Parsons

January 3, 2026

Billie Don Parsons was born December 5th, 1935, the 6th of 7 children born to William and Helen (Elshere) Parsons. He attended grade school at Hardinggrove country school in Milesville and graduated from Philip High School in 1954.



Billie Don Parsons

August 18, 1956, Billie was united in marriage to Connie Mae Morgan. Story has it that he was parked in front of the theater in Philip one afternoon when Connie and her mother Laura Morgan walked out, he stopped them and asked Connie if she would like to attend the dance in Midland that evening. Her mother approved and that set in motion a relationship that resulted in a marriage lasting merely 8 months and 18 days short of 70 years. To this union were born four children, Brad, Grant, Glenn and Marla.

He loved farming and ranching. Though he had a broad range of interests, he never considered doing any other occupation. He became a man at the young age of 14, when he and his brothers assumed operation of the farm due to his father's passing from a farm accident. He owned and operated several ranches before purchasing his current ranch on Plumb Creek in 1968. Feeding cattle was something he truly enjoyed and was good at. You could set your watch by the time he started feeding in the mornings.

He was active in FFA (Future Farmers of America) until he aged out of the program at 21. At the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Kansas in 1957, he was selected as the Regional Star Farmer for the central region of the US and congratulated by then President Harry Truman.

Family was very important to him. He was always thrilled to be with family and had an impeccable memory of little things the kids or grandkids did or said. He marveled at their accomplishments and would recount them many times over.

Billie was creative, with five patents ranging from a hydraulic resistance ex-

ercise bike, a hydraulic resistance stair stepper, an exhaust heat shield for open air tractor mufflers, a portable protein block feeder for cattle and a grain drill mounted rod weeder that dramatically improved production and weed control in wheat. He and Brad even created and registered a board game called the Pro Rodeo Game, patterned after the rodeo circuit and national finals. Marketing was always elusive, but his heart was really on the ranch anyway.

It was well known that he had a rather significant dislike of computers, especially when they were part of a tractor, that he always had a "dinner napkin" in his pocket for a grease rag, that almost every conversation longer than 5 minutes incorporated a few political observations and being late was as close as you could get to a cardinal sin.

He loved the Lord Jesus Christ and wasn't afraid to share the reason with others.

Billie is survived by his wife Connie and their four children, Brad (Wendy) Parsons of Visalia, CA, Grant (Sandra) Parsons of Milesville, Glenn (Dianne) Parsons of Philip, and Marla (Kyle) Petersen of Dazey, ND, nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, sister Doris Berry of Philip and sister Leah (James) Waddell of Sioux Falls; sisters-in-law Joanne Parsons of Rapid City, and Janice Parsons of Milesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, grandson Kirk Parsons, his brothers Dean, Boyd, and Bart, and one sister Mary Slovek.

Richard D. Dvorak

Richard Dean Dvorak, 83, passed away on January 7, 2026, surrounded by his loving family at the Avera Heart

Hospital in Sioux Falls.

A lifelong Christian and devoted family man, Richard's life was marked by service, storytelling, and a deep connection to the land he called home.

Born on December 6, 1942, in Wag-



Richard Dvorak

ner, SD, Richard grew up with strong country roots. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Ravinia High School in 1960. He was proud to be a Ravinia Bear, where he played quarterback for the football team and ran track. But the best part of high school was meeting his sweetheart, Darlene Johnson. Richard said that he chased her until she finally gave in. They have many memories of going dancing and roller skating with friends at Rest Haven.

Shortly after graduation, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army. But before being stationed in Germany as a tank mechanic, he married the love of his life, Darlene on May 5, 1962. Both he and Darlene cherished the time that they had together as newlyweds in Germany, and the grandkids loved to hear Grandpa tell the story of how Grandma travelled across the world on her own to be with him and somehow it all worked out.

After returning home from the Army, Richard embraced the life of a farmer and rancher—a role he cherished throughout his life. Even today, he was proud to be the only member of the Dvorak family in his generation to stay and work the land. His sons eventually joined him, and together they expanded the farm and ranch. In 2022 Dvorak Herefords were honored as the SD Hereford Breeder of the Year.

When Jeff and Boyd completely took over the farm and ranch operations, Richard retired but continued to play an active role working with his boys and "supervising" the farm and ranch. Richard was a man of the land. Whether overseeing harvests or tending livestock, Richard found purpose and fulfillment in working the land and even in his final days reminded us all that God is in the hills.

But Richard's family was his greatest joy. As the kids and grandkids were growing up, he rarely missed a ball game, concert, or other event. So proud of each of them, he would tease us that one day he would shout from the stands, "That's my boy!" or "That's my girl!" All of the kids and most of the grandkids took driving lessons from Richard in his 1940s Jeep Willy. While he was hesitant to say "I love you," his actions showed us that he loved us deeply.

Richard was a devoted member of East Lake Andes Lutheran Church. His faith was central to his life; he served on the church council, taught Sunday

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School, and helped care for “God’s Acres,” contributing both time and heart to his congregation. A man of deep faith, was often called on to lead prayers and devotions for family and community gatherings.

He had an extraordinary gift for friendship and humor. Known for telling stories and jokes that could light up any room, Richard was a friend to everyone he met. Mornings often began with what he fondly called “therapy”—sharing coffee with friends while exchanging laughs and wisdom. He also enjoyed attending auctions with his friend Dick Crabtree where he delighted in finding unique oddities to add to his collection—each item with its own story waiting to be told. Later in life, he took up writing poetry and would often share it at special events, like class reunions and birthdays. To have had Richard write you a poem was a special treat.

Finally, Richard was also very active as a leader in his community, from 4-H to the American Legion and more. He was most proud of having served more than 20 years on the Charles Mix Electric Co-op Board of Directors (nine years as president) and many years on the Wagner Farmer’s Co-op Association Board.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Darlene; children Jeff (Tiphany) of Lake Andes, Boyd (Jenni) of Pickstown, Laura (Dave) Livermore of Forest Lake, MN, and Tara (Eric) Weeman of Chamberlain; twelve grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two more great-grandchildren on the way. His legacy lives on through them—in their memories of shared laughter, lessons learned on the farm, and stories passed down around the card table.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Grace (Harris) Dvorak; many aunts and uncles, his brother Robert J. Dvorak; and sister Evelyn Hawley.

Richard lived a full life rooted in faith, family, friendship, and farming. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire all who carry forward his legacy.

Edna Harrell

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Edna E. Harrell, who peacefully passed away on January 14, 2026, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and her soon-to-be great-grandchild.

At 88 years old, Edna was a familiar and cherished presence at every Production Sale, warmly welcoming everyone at the Annual event with coffee, donuts, and a genuine smile. She was generous, sharp-minded, deeply loving and had a tremendous sense of humor. She treasured time spent with her friends, working in her garden, and attending every family gathering. Edna never missed a family sporting event or her “next grand adventure.” She was always there, front and center, smiling with pride and excitement.

She will be missed every day for the profound difference she made to everyone she met. Her absence will be felt throughout the year, but the legacy she built will live on for generations.

~The Harrell-Mackenzie-Anderson Families

*Funeral Services planned for January 31 at the First Presbyterian Church in Baker City, OR



Edna Harrell



JUNIOR SHOW January 7, 2026

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Grand Champion Horned Female —

HAWK Priya 11M ET, 2/24/24 by H The Profit 8426 ET. Bred By: Hawk Livestock, Earlville, IL. Owned By: Ty Pezanoski, Peru, IL.



Reserve Champion Horned Female —

HAW BACC Tiana 407M ET, 2/8/24 by T/R BPF American Classic 561CET. Bred and Owned By: Maddie Jenkins, Athens, TX.



Grand Champion Polled Female — BACC 241 Haley 472, 11/17/24 by UPS Sensation 2296 ET. Bred and Owned By: Landry Allan, Nocona, TX.



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Reserve Champion Polled Female — ER Kelli 501 ET, 1/8/25 by KLD RW Marksman D87 ET. Bred By: Blaze Edwards, May, TX. Owned By: Suter Clark, Gretna, VA.

NATIONAL FEMALE SHOW January 10, 2026



Grand Champion Horned Female — HAWK Priya 11M ET, 2/24/24 by H The Profit 8426 ET. Bred By: Hawk Livestock, Earlville, IL. Owned By: Ty Pezanoski, Peru, IL.



Reserve Champion Horned Female — BK Many Sweets 457M, 3/2/24 by BK Red River H18 ET. Bred By: Buck Cattle Co., Madill, OK. Owned By: Ella Weldon, Piedmont, OK.



Grand Champion Polled Female — BACC 241 Haley 472, 11/17/24 by UPS Sensation 2296 ET. Bred By: Landry Allan, Nocona, TX. Owned By: Landry Allan, Nocona, TX.



Reserve Champion Polled Female — HAWK Audrey 7M ET, 2/11/24 by T/R BPF American Classic 561CET. Bred By: Hawk Livestock, Earlville, IL. Owned By: Nolan F Lee, Wellington, IL.



NATIONAL PEN SHOW January 8, 2026

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**Reserve Champion
Pen of Five Bulls —**
Dry Creek Farms, Pell City, AL.

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Nate Frederickson (left), Spearfish, SD and Shane Werk, Herman, MN judged the Bull Show at Cattlemen's Congress.



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Byron Bayers (right) pictured with Norm Worcinski of Western Livestock Report in the early 1950s. Norm was also the Bayers bull sale auctioneer for several years.

A famous Hereford breeder from the North Pole, I guess I should say Reindeer Breeder, called the other day to check on the weather here in Montana. Santa said that it was going to be a hard trip this year with all the terrible weather in the U.S., Canada and other parts of the world. I hope you don't mind my jesting with you a little bit about Santa Claus, but I do hope that you all had a very nice Christmas and that you will have a good 2014.

The two weeks after Thanksgiving until recently, were among the coldest period of time, in my lifetime, in Montana. Several nights, with the wind chill, temperatures were down to 40 degrees below zero. The high winds with the cold made it a very violent storm.

Some good Hereford cows of Howard Moss's were pasturing in our hay field and the only available water was from two ditches, both of them being fed from springs on various parts of our ranch. Each day as this weather hit it made it a little more difficult for my helpers and me to chop through the ice to water the cattle. On the 10th day of this storm, we had to call Howard and tell him that we could no longer get water for the cattle and he needed to come and move them home to his place. On the next day with the wind chill factor of about 30 degrees below zero, Howard who usually comes with his trusty horse, was mounted on his 4-wheeler, with his face covered up until he was unrecognizable.

Neighbor, Lony Shaw, and I helped corral the cattle and after a considerable wait for the trucker, the cattle were moved back to Howard's ranch, north of Whitehall, MT. We also had a pen of bulls that had been sold and were awaiting delivery, they were in a pen that is usually watered by a spring.

Each day when my faithful helper, Lynn and I, went out to chop the ice, we found it became more difficult by the day. Finally, after about the 10th day of the frigid arctic weather, when I was alone, I found the water was no longer choppable and it was frozen the bottom of the stream bed. We had no

other choice, but to water the bulls with a multitude of 5 gallon buckets from water drawn inside of our house.

I finally decided that the bulls needed to go to their new home and I called the purchaser on his cell phone and I told him my problem and he said, "I cannot help you right now because I am in Las Vegas at the National Finals Rodeo, but

I will try to get some of my crew to your place to haul the bulls."

The next day the bulls were gone and I'm not sure where they went, but I sure hope it was the crew from the man who bought the bulls taking them to their new home.

Finally, the weather broke and last night it warmed up to zero degrees,

which felt like a heat wave after two weeks of brutal cold. To make matters worse, our small town of Twin Bridges and the area to the south of here, had an electric power failure one of the nights that it was so bitterly cold. The electric company was unable to get the problem fixed for 5 hours. In that time, numerous houses were frozen up and

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the feedlot where our cattle are fed, was subject to freezing in all of the cattle waterers. As I write this story today, it has started to warm up and things are starting to return to normal winter activities.

In my lifetime, I can only remember three different times when these kind of cold spells hit us. Once when I was a little boy, the weather had changed from shirt sleeve weather at noon to 35 below zero at suppertime with a howling wind. In those days we did not have a highway by our ranch, but had a dirt road that went right in front of our house and barns. There were about four springs that ran under this road and as it got colder these springs froze over and started to form ice over the road. As the night went on more and more people became stranded on the road and could see the lights of our house and headed for shelter of our home.

In those days we had no electricity and no running water, just coal oil lights and a hand pump in the kitchen for water. The outhouse was located about 30 yards from the house and so was not too convenient and trips to it were very quick! As night arrived more and more people were stranded on the road and sought refuge in our house.

By morning we had 18 people in our house and it was a real effort for my dad to find enough coal and wood to keep the house warm that night. My mother did the best she could to furnish food for that many unexpected guests. At that time the telephone lines were above ground and even the Telephone Man had to come into our house for refuge. We had an older shed attached to the house that my mother kept extra food in and we got so low on firewood that night that the men started to tear the shed apart for firewood to keep everybody somewhat warm.

We ended up burning the grates out of the stove that night. That same night a Western Airlines airliner was headed from Salt Lake to Spokane and the weather was so violent that he drifted way off of his course and happened to be over Twin Bridges when they started icing up, somehow as their fuel was diminishing, they saw the lights of Twin Bridges showing through a hole in the cloud and made a very rough landing in a hay field near town. They were very fortunate that nobody was killed, but the crew of the airplane was very, very cold when they were rescued by some of the local townspeople. It was fortunate that after this huge blizzard, even though the roads were all drifted shut with 15-20 foot drifts, the next day, even at 30 below zero, was a bright sunny day, and the people were able to be evacuated to their homes and other shelters. That was a night that will live in my memory for the rest of my life.

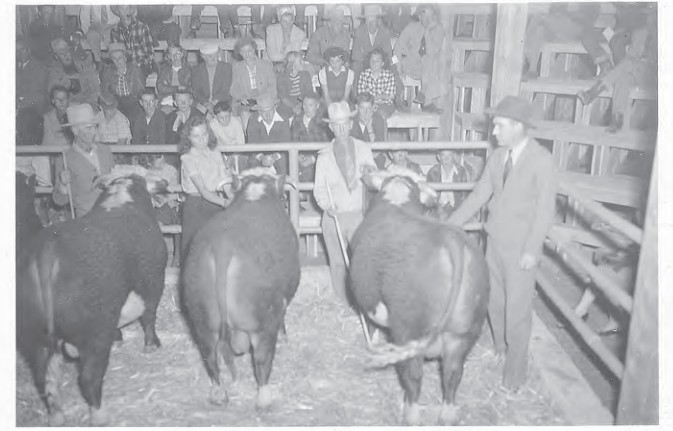
As best I can remember there were no fatalities with our Hereford cattle during that storm.

The next particular era I really remember was in the 1970s in which we had a 6 week period in which we encountered 35 to 40 degree below zero weather, in this case it was not the blizzard problem, but extremely cold weather with bright sunny days.

In those days we had no cabs on the tractors and feeding the cows was a real ordeal in that it was so cold you could only be out feeding for just a short while and then we had a small pickup truck that we took along so the we could warm up and then go back to feeding the cows. It became increasingly harder to start the vehicles as

that type of weather progressed. This was before the days of heated buildings for tractors, and engine heaters that we enjoy today. We were fortunate to have had a hot spring where the cows were located and the water

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PCC 457Y 8G BENTON 4355 ET DOB: 9/25/24

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| 2.1 | 70 | 109 | 27 | 1.3 | 0.91 | 0.03 | 150 |



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| BW | WW | YW | MM | TEAT | REA | MARB | CHB |
|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|------|-----|
| 4.2 | 68 | 108 | 19 | 1.1 | 1.30 | 0.05 | 159 |



PCC 1383 0183 MAVERICK 4353 DOB: 9/23/24

| BW | WW | YW | MM | TEAT | REA | MARB | CHB |
|-----|----|----|----|------|------|------|-----|
| 2.4 | 61 | 98 | 32 | 1.3 | 1.09 | 0.03 | 147 |



PCC 7028 0183 MAVERICK 4342 DOB: 9/24/24

| BW | WW | YW | MM | TEAT | REA | MARB | CHB |
|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|------|-----|
| 3.8 | 75 | 124 | 32 | 1.1 | 1.12 | 0.13 | 205 |



PCC 9311 8G BENTON 4329 ET DOB: 9/22/24

| BW | WW | YW | MM | TEAT | REA | MARB | CHB |
|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|------|-----|
| 1.5 | 62 | 105 | 34 | 1.3 | 1.01 | 0.40 | 189 |



PCC 8836 HIGH ROAD 4829 ET DOB: 09/20/24

| BW | WW | YW | HP | Milk | MARB | REA | \$M | \$C |
|-----|----|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1.5 | 76 | 128 | 12.9 | 16 | 0.29 | 0.98 | 88 | 275 |



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| BW | WW | YW | HP | Milk | MARB | REA | \$M | \$C |
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| 0.6 | 68 | 114 | 12.5 | 24 | 0.26 | 0.6 | 99 | 247 |



PCC 9506 739L ETERNITY 5541 DOB: 02/17/25

| BW | WW | YW | HP | Milk | MARB | REA | \$M | \$C |
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Ten Hereford Juniors Honored with Vanier Family Scholarships Worth \$100,000

KANSAS CITY, MO — Ten National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members each received a \$10,000 Vanier Family Scholarship, totalling \$100,000 of financial support, from the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA). The scholarships were presented as part of the 2025 World Hereford Conference coinciding with the American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. During the Shaping the Breed's Future: Young Breeders Competition and HYFA Scholarship Awards Luncheon presented by Vita-Ferm®, HYFA and its donors awarded \$165,500 in scholarships to 27 NJHA members to help support their higher education goals.

"This year marks a truly special milestone for the Hereford Youth Foundation of America's scholarship program," says Amy Cowan, AHA director of youth activities and foundation. "Throughout the past decade, thanks to the generosity of the Vanier family, we've awarded \$1 million in scholarships to 100 young people who represent the bright future of the Hereford community. It's truly an honor to continue Jack and Donna Vanier's legacy. Their deep belief in education, youth and the Hereford family continues to inspire us all."

The Vanier family believes the work ethic young people learn growing up in the Hereford breed sets them apart in today's workforce.

The 2025 Vanier Scholarship recipients are —

Sam Birdsall, Torrington, WY
Matthew Bruns, North Platte, NE
Jalyn Davis, Maple Hill, KS
Mason Glascock, Fraziers Bottom, WV

Clayton Hayes, Ada, OK.
Kaylee Lunsford, Fort Scott, KS
Hannah Oleson, Arkdale, WI
T.R. Putz, Otley, IA
Salem Sifford, Goldvein, VA
Harlee Watson, Flemingsburg, KY

Sam Birdsall, Torrington, WY, is a junior at Kansas State University (K-State) pursuing a dual degree in agricultural economics and accounting. Following his undergraduate degree, he plans to pursue a master's degree in economics, specializing in finance and land management. "I want younger people to be able to come to me for guidance, whether that means offering advice, sharing lessons I've learned or connecting them with someone else who can help," says Birdsall, the vice chairman of the NJHA board of directors. "I also spend time studying the economic and business challenges facing agriculture, so that I can be a resource for the next generation as they navigate similar issues."

Matthew Bruns, North Platte, NE, is a senior at K-State where he is majoring in animal science, with the goal to become a livestock auctioneer. He



HYFA directors Jill Bielema, Ray Ramsey and Bruce Everhart stand next to Blake Bruns, North Platte, NE; Salem Sifford, Goldvein, VA; Clayton Hayes, Ada, OK; Jalyn Davis, Maple Hill, KS; Mason Glascock, Fraziers Bottom, WV; Hannah Oleson, Arkdale, WI; T.R. Putz, Otley, IA; Harlee Watson, Flemingsburg, KY; Sam Birdsall, Torrington, WY; and Kaylee Lunsford, Fort Scott, KS, also accompanied by HYFA directors Kathy Buchholz, George Sprague and Bill King.

spent time interning for Boviteq where he gained first-hand knowledge and an understanding of the struggles producers go through to produce elite genetics. "Combining my passion in marketing and interest in beef cattle reproductive technologies, I am confident I can become a trusted resource to increase profitability for ranchers," Bruns says.

Jalyn Davis, Maple Hill, KS, is a junior at K-State pursuing a degree in animal science with a focus on communications and marketing. Looking to the future, Davis says, "I have always admired the professionals who serve the NJHA: their passion for the breed, dedication to junior members and commitment to providing leadership opportunities inspire me. In five to 10 years, I see myself following their example by building a career that not only promotes the cattle industry but also fosters the next generation of leaders in agriculture."

Mason Glascock, Fraziers Bottom, WV, is a senior at the University of Kentucky majoring in agricultural ecosystem sciences. His career goals focus on assisting farmers and ranchers with things such as crop analysis, soil management, soil mapping and livestock monitoring. He also hopes to receive his remote pilot certification and pesticide license. "Over time, I also want to teach farmers how to use these tools themselves, providing training and one-on-one support to help strengthen their operations and ensure they can thrive in a changing agricultural industry," Glascock says.

Clayton Hayes of Ada, OK, is a junior agriculture business major at Oklahoma State University. Future career goals include entrepreneurship, owning his own company that offers land surveying, real estate and appraisal services focused on serving farmers and ranchers. Hayes says, "My goal is to support farmers, ranchers and rural landowners by providing accurate surveys, fair property valuations and trusted real estate guidance. I want to be a reliable resource for agricultural communities, helping them make informed decisions about their land."

Kaylee Lunsford, Fort Scott, KS, is an animal science major in her last year at Oklahoma State University. She has broad future goals that include agricultural law and business. "My ambition is to use this foundation to address the critical challenges of global food security by bridging the gap between producers and the consumers who depend on them," she says. "I want to be part of the conversations that will later shape agricultural policy and trade, ensuring that the producer's voice is represented in decisions that impact the future of our industry."

Hannah Oleson, Arkdale, WI, is a sophomore at South Dakota State University studying animal science and construction technology. She has future dreams of pursuing a master's degree while also continuing to develop and build her purebred Hereford herd. Oleson's hard working mindset doesn't waver toward her future. "I've learned that success isn't bought. It's earned

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would never freeze in the middle of the spring, so we could chop the ice away at the edge of the water and the cattle could drink. Our herdsman at the time was a man by the name of John Mathieson, who said to me after the weather broke that he "would never go through this again as we had in the last six weeks," and I said to him, "I don't blame you." John did however work for us for 24 years!

I have talked to people around the state of Montana, Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi during this cold spell and everyone has had their problems and those of us who have lived in winter country all of our lives have come to expect that in each of our winters we will probably run into some unenjoyable climatic situations.

Our Herefords can take a lot of

abuse from the weather and handle it extremely well. I remember many years ago when Bob Schnell, one of the great auctioneers in America at that time, speaking to the crowd at the Missoula Top Cut Sale, said in a recent storm in the Dakotas, that Herefords were less than 20% of the cattle fatalities, with Angus having nearly 80%. Herefords are more resilient! If you don't think the Montana winters can get vicious I refer you to the painting done by Charlie Russell in the 1800s named "The Last of the 5000"!

Many of you who read this article are now planning and heading to Denver for the big National Western which has probably become the outstanding Hereford event in the world.

With the cattle prices at the level they are now I would expect all of the beef industry to have a banner year.

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in the quiet hours before dawn, in the commitment to your livestock and in the willingness to keep learning,” she says.

T.R. Putz, Otley, IA., is a junior at IA State University, studying agricultural studies with a focus on animal science, agricultural business and supply chain management, while simultaneously pursuing a sales certificate. “I am currently building my network to earn a sales role. Sales is about knowing the value of your product, the unique differentials and listening to the buyer,” Putz says.

Salem Sifford, Goldvein, VA, is a senior at Virginia Polytechnic State University, studying dairy science and serving as the Virginia State assistant livestock judging coach. The NJHA chairman has aspirations of working in higher education; she plans to pursue her master’s degree after completing her undergraduate education. “I see myself serving as a livestock judging coach and associate professor at a four-year university,” Sifford says. “I hope to continue judging myself, while growing my Hereford operation.”

Harlee Watson, Flemingsburg, KY, is a sophomore at Butler Community College, studying agribusiness. Entering her final year serving on the NJHA board of directors, she hopes to give back to the agricultural community and

youth leadership programs, while pursuing her own unique career of owning her own funeral home. “My ultimate career goal would be to obtain my own funeral home while operating my family’s cow-calf operation,” Watson says.

The scholarship fund serves as the bedrock of HYFA, and countless youth benefit from its mission. Since its inception, HYFA has awarded scholarships fueling educational opportunities. For years, these scholarships have been lighting the way for youth in the Hereford breed. Recently, the foundation celebrated awarding more than \$2 million in scholarships to assist Hereford youth further their education, since its founding in 2000.

The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) was established in 2000 and is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to its four core pillars of scholarship, leadership, education and research. The mission of HYFA is to encourage, recognize and reward the development of life skills and values in the next generation of leaders by providing education, scholarship and leadership opportunities for Hereford youth. For more information about HYFA, visit Hereforyouthfoundation.org.

Newly Elected American Hereford Association Directors

Outgoing president Chad Breeding, Miami, Texas, and Directors, Lou Ellen Harr, Jeromeville, Ohio, and Travis McConaughy, Wasola, MO, completed their terms on the AHA Board.

During the AHA membership meeting, delegates elected three new directors to serve four-year terms: Bryan Blinson, Buies Creek, NC; Joe Ellis, Chrisman, IL; and Joe Dan Ledbetter, Wheeler, Texas.

“Today’s growing demand for Hereford genetics is the result of breeders’ dedicated commitment to genetic improvement with the needs of commercial producers in mind,” says Jack Ward, AHA executive vice president. “However, current breed opportunities are also the result of the selflessness and foresight of the men and women who have guided the AHA over time for the benefit of Association members. The new Board members, like those they join, have proven their dedication to the Hereford breed across decades.”

Bryan Blinson

Bryan Blinson and his wife, Beth, operate Blinson Hereford Farm, a small seedstock operation split between Buies Creek, NC, and Lenoir, NC Calving about 20 cows annually, the farm’s focus is selling a few select bulls each year as well as offering females private treaty and through the North Carolina Hereford Association (NCHA) sale.

They work hard to manage their pastures, improve soil health and breed cattle that can efficiently perform in their environment — through those practices the Blinsons provide more adapted and efficient seedstock to their customers.

Bryan and Beth live on the farm near Buies Creek, and his parents help manage the cattle on the farm in Lenoir. Breeding, marketing, pasture management and other decisions are a family effort. The couple’s daughters, Rossie and Mason, both served on the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board, and Beth served on the National Hereford Women board. The Blinsons have always tried to be involved in the Associations that supported their family.

Bryan was named distinguished alumni by North Carolina State University (NCSU) and has a bachelor’s degree in animal science from the university, in addition to graduating from the Forrest School of Auctioneering and Mendenhall Auction School. He finds his greatest educational opportunities working alongside and advocating for farmers and ranchers, having served as the executive director of the North Carolina Cattlemen’s Association and Beef Council for 24 years.

He helped organize and served as president of the Feed the Dialogue Foundation (a multi-organization advocacy

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group). Bryan also served as secretary of the NCSU Agricultural Foundation for two decades, along with serving on numerous NCSU advisory boards. He was named president of the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina and the Harnett Area Board of Realtors.

From serving as chairman of the National Junior Polled Hereford Council to holding various leadership positions on the NCHA board and auctioneering the NCHA sale, Bryan has been involved in all levels of the Hereford industry.

Bryan hopes to serve producers large and small and use his experiences to unify all segments of the Hereford breed and make each breeder stronger.

Joe Ellis

Joe Ellis, Chrisman, IL, operates Ellis Farms Beef Genetics, a three-generation family business, which raises row crops and cattle to support four family households. Hereford cattle have always been the operation's primary focus. Today, the family runs 200 momma cows.

The Ellis family has raised registered Herefords for 143 years. The first registered stock were brought into the family operation as a wedding gift in 1883: two cows and the imported sire, Beekjay Hero.

The EFBeeF program provides seedstock genetics to the commercial cow-calf producer and purebred sector. EFBeeF genetics have been utilized on four continents and nearly all 50 states. They strive to produce a low-cost female with high fertility, which will thrive on fescue grass pastures, while also making a steer of the highest value that garners carcass weight and yield and quality grade incentives. The operation emphasizes producing a pound of beef more efficiently than prior generations through feed intake testing. EFBeeF invests significant time and resources gathering genetic information each year. They're committed to providing commercial cow-calf producers with

additional data to help make decisions when marketing offspring sired by EF-Beef bulls.

EFBeef is a two-time winner of the Beef Improvement Federation Seedstock Producer Honor Roll of Excellence. Joe's parents, Phil and Joyce, previous directors of the AHA, were recently inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame. EFBeef has been named the Illinois Hereford Breeder of the Year multiple times, along with being the winner of the Illinois Beef Seedstock Breeder of the Year and winning multiple grand championships at the national show in the '70s and '90s. EFBeef has received multiple honors and designations from the AHA and American Polled Hereford Association (APHA) for Sires of Distinction (SOD), CHB SOD, Gold Seal Sire and Gold Trophy Sire.

Joe has served on the nominating committee for AHA Board candidates and the committee for genetic evaluation updates. He was a member of the 2005 Young Cattlemen's Conference and was active in the APHA youth program during the 1980s.

Joe is retired from a career in the material handling industry. He currently

serves as treasurer and is a past president of The Vermillion RISE, a 7,000-acre redevelopment of a former World War II Army base. He's served on the County Area Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and is serving his 18th year as treasurer of the Hopewell Friends Meeting.

Joe and his wife, Lauri, have three daughters: Audrey, Hannah and Lauren.

Joe Dan Ledbetter

Joe Dan Ledbetter owns and operates Ledbetter Cattle Co., Wheeler, TX, a progressive herd consisting of around 50 cows — 35 Hereford females and 15 commercial recip cows. As a smaller breeder, Joe Dan threads the needle each year by producing bulls that perform with limited input while maintaining functionality, eye appeal, fleshing ability and style that will impress any cattleman and be problem-free. Ledbetter Cattle Co. markets these bulls through the Indian Mound Ranch Annual Production Sale every October.

When it comes to females, udders and disposition are at the top of the operation's selection criteria, along with a mother cow that's earned her keep.



2025-26 AHA Board of Directors — Back row (l to r): Jim Coley, Lafayette, TN; Joe Ellis, Chrisman, IL; Austin Snedden, Maricopa, CA; Joe Dan Ledbetter, Wheeler, TX; Danny Fawcett, Ree Heights, SD; and Scott Sullivan, Grannis, AR. Front row (l to r): Grant McKay, Marysville, KS; Bryan Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C.; Cindy Pribil, Hennessey, OK; Jim Williams, Kearney, NE; Jerry Delaney, Lake Benton, MN.; and Jack Ward, AHA executive vice president. Not pictured: Hampton Cornelius, LaSalle, CO.

Some females are marketed as show heifers to local and regional customers; everything else is sent to wheat pasture. Once they come home, anything that won't be a Ledbetter replacement is bred to an Angus bull and marketed as a commercial bred heifer.

Ledbetter Cattle Co. is a family operation. Joe Dan and his wife, Hope, their sons and their wives, Ceaton and Erin, Grant and Lauren, and Grady and Lindley; two grandchildren, Knox and Tandi Jo; and daughter, Caton, all chip in on the ranch from time to time.

Joe Dan was born and raised in Wheeler. He attended West Texas A&M University and graduated with a degree in animal science in 1997. He's been a member of the Texas Hereford Association for 30 years, serving as director for more than 15 of them. He's currently serving his second

term on the executive committee. Joe Dan is a past member of the Texas Association of Sports Officials and was a high school football official for almost 20 years before retiring due to injury in 2021.

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The 19th annual World Hereford Conference, Oct. 22-26, 2025, in Kansas City, MO, features an educational forum, a celebration of high-achieving and influential Hereford breeders of all ages, an international sale and National Hereford Show.

The World Hereford Conference takes place every four years when delegates of the World Hereford Council meet to conduct official business aimed at breed improvement and opportunity development. It is a time for Hereford breeders from around the world to network and learn from one another — the U.S. hosted for the first time since 1996.

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BLM: APR Bison Weren't "Domestic Livestock" Under Taylor Grazing Act

Jan. 16, 2026 — The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has issued a Notice of Proposed Decision that would rescind its 2022 approval allowing bison grazing on federal allotments in Phillips County, Montana, canceling grazing permits previously issued to American Prairie and restoring the allotments to cattle-only use.

The proposed decision follows a December directive from the Secretary of the Interior, who assumed jurisdiction over long-running administrative appeals and ordered BLM to reconsider its earlier decision. After reviewing the record and coordinating with the Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor, BLM concluded it lacks statutory authority under the Taylor Grazing Act to authorize bison grazing under the circumstances presented.

BLM: Bison Managed as Wildlife, Not Production Livestock

In the notice, BLM states that American Prairie's bison herd is managed as wildlife rather than production-oriented "domestic livestock." Federal grazing laws, including the Taylor Grazing Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act, limit BLM's authority to grazing permits for domestic livestock used for production purposes, such as meat, milk, or fiber.

Because American Prairie has repeatedly described its bison program as focused on conservation, genetic restoration, and public enjoyment — rather than agricultural production — BLM determined the animals do not meet the legal definition of livestock eligible for federal grazing permits.



Under the proposed decision, BLM would:

- Cancel all permits authorizing bison grazing
- Cancel permits allowing cattle and/or bison
- Reissue cattle-only grazing permits on the affected allotments
- Leave existing cattle-only permits unchanged where applicable

The decision affects seven BLM allotments in Phillips County, covering more than 63,000 acres of federal public lands.

Montana Governor Greg Gianforte praised the proposed decision, calling it a victory for agricultural producers, rural communities, and adherence to federal law.

"Today's decision by BLM is a win for Montana's ranchers, our agricultural producers, and the rule of law," Gianforte said. "By proposing to cancel these permits, BLM is finally acknowledging that federal overreach cannot come at the expense of our local communities and the production agriculture that feeds our nation."

Gianforte said his administration has opposed the bison grazing permits since their initial approval, citing violations of the Taylor Grazing Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and failures to account for economic impacts, fencing and containment concerns, and effects on state trust lands fenced in common with BLM allotments.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and the North and South Phillips County Grazing Districts welcomed the proposed decision, saying it restores public lands to their intended use.

"MSGA is thrilled to see this decision by the BLM to restore grazing allotments back to their intended usage for production livestock grazing," said Lesley Robinson, president of MSGA. "This decision is an incredible win for public lands grazers, ranching families, and rural communities across the West."

Montana Association of State Grazing Districts were encouraged by the news.

"Agricultural producers have known all along that the Taylor Grazing Act was designed to reserve federal grazing for the stabilization of our industry and food production," said Deanna Robbins, president of the Montana Association of State Grazing Districts. "It's encouraging to see this administration recognize that intent and take steps to reverse what we believe was a bad decision."

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen also applauded the proposal, noting his office has pushed for years to overturn the permits.

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serve's bison grazing permit will help to protect the livestock industry and ranching communities in Northeastern Montana," Knudsen said. "For over four years I have been urging the BLM to cancel the permit, and our work finally paid off."

Knudsen said the Biden administration's original approval shut out local input and violated federal grazing statutes designed to support working rangelands and ranching families. His office submitted formal comments, hosted a public listening session in Malta attended by more than 250 Montanans, and has challenged the decision in court since 2022.

A Long Appeals Process

The dispute dates back to 2021, when state agencies objected to BLM's environmental analysis and proposed permit issuance. Despite those objections, BLM authorized the grazing change in July 2022. The decision was appealed to the Department of the Interior's Office of Hearings and Appeals, where the matter remained unresolved for years.

In December 2024, the Gianforte administration filed suit in federal district court over the lack of a stay. In February 2025, the governor asked Interior Secretary Doug Burgum to assume jurisdiction and vacate the permits. In September 2025, Montana's governor and entire congressional delegation again urged Interior to act.

Following the Secretary's assumption of jurisdiction in December, BLM issued the proposed decision this week.

American Prairie CEO Alison Fox called the Bureau of Land Management's decision to eliminate the organization's bison grazing privileges on public lands unfair, deeply disappointing, disruptive, and inconsistent with long-standing grazing practices in Montana.

"Our organization and conservation model remain resilient, but this cre-

ates uncertainty for all livestock owners who depend on public lands for grazing," Fox said. "We've had permission to graze bison on some of these allotments for 20 years, have followed the law, complied with every requirement, and prioritized transparency at every step."

American Prairie said it is seeking equal treatment under the law, noting this appears to be the first time the Taylor Grazing Act has been used to require a bison herd to be designated as a "production herd," despite the organization managing its herd in the same manner as a production operation. Fox said the decision "is not grounded in new impacts or new information" and appears "completely arbitrary and unfair."

The organization emphasized that its bison program has provided benefits to Montana communities, including food through public harvests and more than \$150,000 raised for local organizations through donated bison harvest raffles over the past decade.

"This is a slippery slope," Fox said, warning that changing how grazing rules are applied after years of compliance undermines confidence for all public-lands users. American Prairie said it is reviewing the decision and will continue advocating for a grazing system that is lawful, predictable, and applied equally.

What Happens Next

The BLM decision is not final. A 15-day protest period is now open. If the decision is finalized, BLM says it would provide time for the orderly removal of bison from federal allotments.

If upheld, the move would represent a major reversal in federal grazing policy in northeastern Montana and a significant development in the long-running debate over the use of public lands for livestock production versus conservation-focused grazing.

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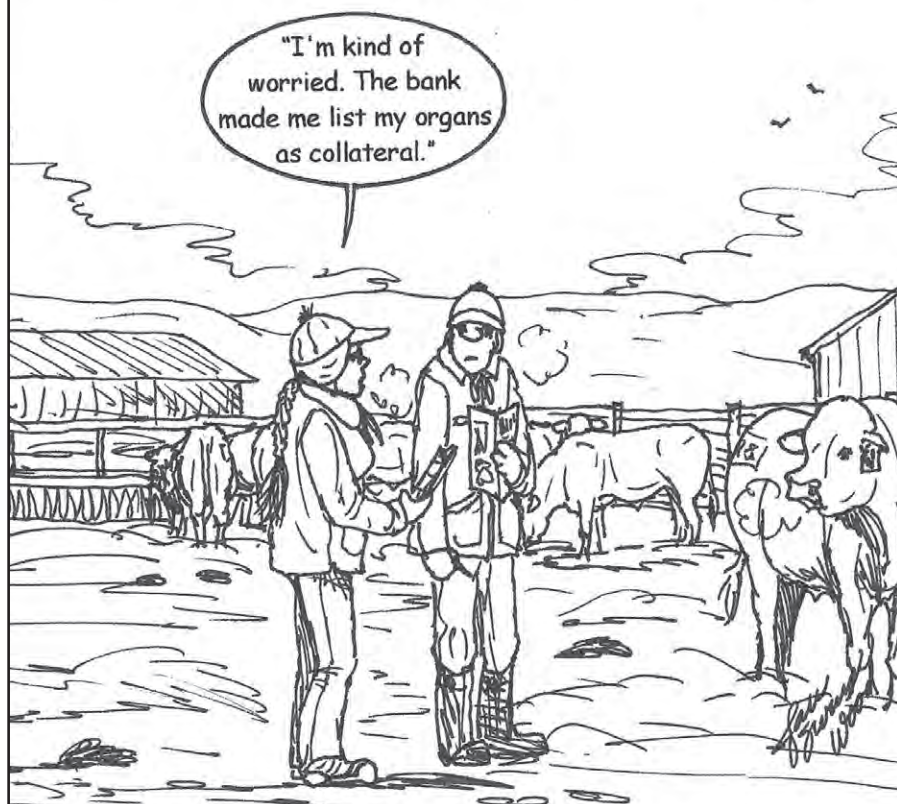


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The U.S. faces a national health emergency. Nearly 90% of health care spending goes toward treating chronic disease, much of it linked to diet and lifestyle. More than 70% of American adults are overweight or obese, and nearly 1 in 3 adolescents has prediabetes. Diet-driven chronic disease now disqualifies many young Americans from military service, threatening national readiness and limiting opportunity.

“These Guidelines return us to the basics,” Secretary Kennedy said. “American households must prioritize whole, nutrient-dense foods—protein, dairy, vegetables, fruits, healthy fats, and whole grains—and dramatically reduce highly processed foods. This is how we Make America Healthy Again.”

“Thanks to the bold leadership of President Trump, this edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans

will reset federal nutrition policy, putting our families and children first as we move towards a healthier nation,” Secretary Rollins said. “At long last, we are realigning our food system to support American farmers, ranchers, and companies that grow and produce real food. Farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of the solution, and that means more protein, dairy, vegetables, fruits, healthy fats, and whole grains on American dinner tables.”

Under President Trump’s leadership, the Administration is restoring scientific integrity, accountability, and common sense to federal health guidance. The 2025–2030 Guidelines reestablish food—not pharmaceuticals—as the foundation of health and reclaim the food pyramid as a tool for nourishment and education.

The Guidelines emphasize simple, flexible guidance rooted in modern nutrition science:

- Prioritize protein at every meal
- Consume full-fat dairy with no added sugars
- Eat vegetables and fruits throughout the day, focusing on whole forms
- Incorporate healthy fats from whole foods such as meats, seafood, eggs, nuts, seeds, olives, and avocados
- Focus on whole grains, while sharply reducing refined carbohydrates



- Limit highly processed foods, added sugars, and artificial additives
- Eat the right amount for you, based on age, sex, size, and activity level
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KANSAS CITY, MO — Austin Snedden, Maricopa, CA, officially took the helm of the American Hereford Association (AHA) Board of Directors Oct. 25 in Kansas City, MO, during the 2025 World Hereford Conference and AHA Annual Meeting. Austin will serve a one-year term leading the 12-person Board, which governs and provides strategic direction for the AHA. The Association boasts more than 7,500 adult and junior members from across the U.S.

Austin is a full-time fifth-generation rancher in central California, where his family has been raising cattle in the same county for more than 150 years. Snedden Ranch was founded in 1867 by Anna and Samuel Snedden and has been passed down through the generations. It continues a family business with family members of all ages working in every aspect of the operation.

Austin grew up on the ranch in southwest Kern County, California. He graduated from Azusa Pacific University in 2005 with a degree in business administration. Austin and his wife, Sarah, met in college and married in 2004. They have four children: Ryah, Rainey, Sonora and Ezra. Austin and Sarah partner with his parents, Richard and Susie, to operate Snedden Ranch.

Snedden Ranch consists of 350-400 commercial cows, 120 Hereford cows and 40 Red Angus cows. The Snedden family raises bulls for their commercial herd and their annual production sale, held on the second Saturday of October each year. In addition to the cow herd and hosting a production

sale, Snedden Ranch markets a select group of commercial replacement females annually. Their steer calves are merchandised at weaning or yearling age and sold off the ranch through auctions and video markets.

Snedden Ranch has raised primarily Hereford cattle for more than 100 years and registered its first cattle with the AHA more than 50 years ago in 1972. The ranch received Gold Total Performance Records (TPR™) Breeder status from the AHA in 2022 and was also honored as 50-year Golden Breeder that year. Austin and Sarah served as advisors for the California/Nevada Junior Hereford Association in 2017 and 2018.

Austin has been involved with the Kern County Cattlemen's Association for many years and served as president from 2014 to 2015. He was appointed to serve on the Trump Administration's Rural and Agriculture Advisory Committee. Austin served as a delegate for the California Republican Party from 2021 to 2022 and is a contributing columnist to the Valley Ag Voice, a regional agricultural publication.

Additionally, Austin was recognized as the Kern County Cattleman of the Year in 2020, and Snedden Ranch was recognized in 2013 as California's 18th Senatorial District's Small Business of the Year.

Sullivan to serve as vice president

Scott Sullivan, Grannis, AR, was elected vice president by the AHA Board. Scott is a

fourth-generation rancher from Grannis, AR. He and his wife, Sherry, are the owners of Triple S Ranch, where they run 150 Hereford cows and 300 head of commercial cattle, along with a backgrounding operation.

Scott graduated from Southern Arkansas University in 1983 with his bachelor's degree in agricultural business. A large part of his education occurred on the ranch, learning from his father and grandfather. Scott and his wife do not have children of their own but are active with their local 4-H and FFA chapters. Scott and Sherry work to get local youth involved in the cattle industry. They offer cattle at an affordable price and help with the breeding process if the kids purchase a heifer. Scott has a buyback program in the fall where he purchases and backgrounds approximately 500 calves from his bull customers.

Scott's goal is to offer his customers worry-free calving, while providing genetics that create profit opportunities from pasture to plate. Scott and Sherry work to find replacement heifers and AI bulls to continually improve their herd's genetics.

Scott is a fourth-generation farmer who has been involved with the Hereford breed his entire life. He served on the board of directors for the Magnolia Hereford Association from 2008-2022 and served as the president from 2011-2022. He was the president of the Sevier County Cattlemen's Association twice and was a member of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association (ACA) board of directors twice. Scott also served

on his local church board and was a council chairman.

Before returning to the family ranch, Scott worked for the Arkansas Farm Bureau for 14 years. Since 2009, he has been serving as the legislative officer for the Farm Credit Associations of Arkansas and Southern Arkansas University. Scott is currently a member of the Magnolia Hereford Association and the Northeast Texas Hereford Association. He is serving on the ACA executive committee and on the Sevier County developmental board. He is also a member of the Arkansas State Fair board. Scott received the ACA Lifetime Service Award in 2018.

Triple S Ranch earned recognition in 2022 from the American Hereford Association (AHA) as a Platinum Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) Breeder. From 2003-2009, Scott served as an Arkansas State Representative. During his term, he served as speaker pro-tempore. He also was the chair of the legislative council.

Newly elected directors

Outgoing president Chad Breeding, Miami, Texas, and Directors, Lou Ellen Harr, Jeromeville, Ohio, and Travis McConaughy, Wasola, MO, completed their terms on the AHA Board.

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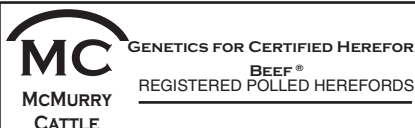
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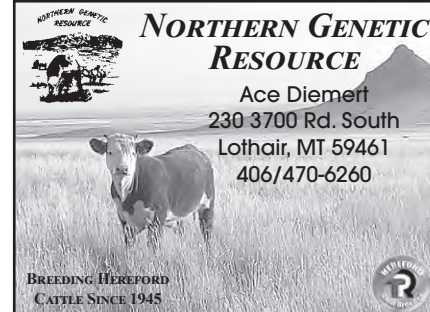


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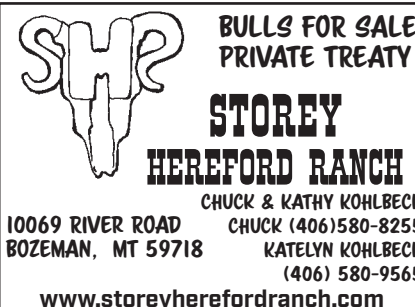


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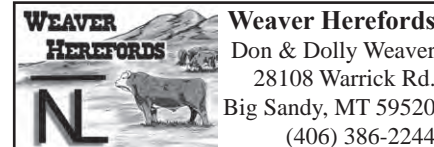
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