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## Editorial Comments...

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Jill Hotchkiss

The fall female sale run has been fantastic! It's been fun to go to some of these sales and watch others on-line. There is certainly no lack of interest in good

Hereford females which is encouraging. Show heifers, cows, calves, embryos and a few bulls at these sales...they all sold well. The Montana run included Holden, Cooper, Churchill and Ehlke one week with Mohican and McMurry the following week. Enthusiasm from the crowds was apparent although the crowds were generally lighter but they were also broadcast online. I think many people were glad to get out to a Hereford sale, operate normally, visit with people and look at really good Hereford cattle. On top of that, the weather was still good.

By now you've all probably heard that two major American livestock shows, the National Western Stock Show in Denver and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo are canceled for 2021. This was devastating news to Stock Show enthusiasts and those preparing to take cattle to these shows, especially Denver. Preparation and planning take months and for many it is the ultimate place to showcase their livestock and participate in an elite national sale or sell cattle in The Yards. Taking this into account, the National Western was the first to pull the plug back in September.

Their press releases said the following:

"The Western Stock Show Asso-

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# WRK Herefords: A Lifetime in the Hereford Industry

By Ruth Wiechmann



The Kuehns buy, feed and finish close to 2,000 Hereford calves every year. This year the Kuehns weaned their own calves early because of dry weather.

Bill Kuehn has had Hereford cattle for most of his lifetime. A native of Heartwell, NE, his parents John and Lona had dairy cows when he was a child and purchased pasture and a few Herefords in 1945. Bill and his brothers John, Ed and Jim and sister Erna grew up milking cows, walking a mile to town for school in Heartwell, and helping with the family farm chores. When Bill was a freshman in high school, his dad helped him purchase his first registered Hereford heifer from Madsen and Sons Herefords at nearby Minden, NE.

"Two years later when I was a junior I sold my first bull," Bill recalled. "It has taken time, as all things, do, but it has grown since then."

Bill's dad turned the family Hereford operation over to Bill when he and Kay got married 54 years ago. Besides running John's cattle on shares, Bill and Kay milked about ten cows and sold cream to pay the bills, and Kay worked as a pediatric nurse for over 30 years until she retired. They raised three boys, Chris, Larry and Bill on the farm. Both Bill and Kay are active members of their church teaching Sunday School and helping with youth retreats, and Bill also enjoys time spent helping local 4-H kids work with cattle and horses.

Chris and his wife Tessa and their family continue to work with Bill on the farm and in the feedyard. Larry is a geneticist at the U. S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay

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## SDHA Promotes Hereford Beef at Sanford PGA Tour of Champions

Promoting Hereford Beef at the Sanford International Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Golf Tournament! The South Dakota Hereford Association (SDHA) served over 1,600 Hereford Ribeye Steak sandwiches to players and veterans and had great conversations about Hereford Beef.

The SDHA received many questions like, "What do you guys put on these

that makes them so good?" The SDHA proudly responded that it's the Hereford Beef.

The SDHA Board of Directors is focusing their attention on



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Semen Available

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+15.1	-0.7	+69	+118	+42	+1.7	+19.0	+88	+0.75	+0.42	+\$148	+\$446	+\$551



L III TFL C609 IMPACT 1714 <sup>OT</sup> Reg # 43767040

CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK	SC	SCF	CW	REA	MARB	\$CHB	\$BMI	\$BII
+5.6	+0.5	+63	+103	+20	+1.7	+18.8	+89	+0.77	+0.68	+\$136	+\$447	+\$565



R Landmark 4386 Reg # P43711605

CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK	SC	SCF	CW	REA	MARB	\$CHB	\$BMI	\$BII
+12.6	+0.6	+76	+122	+41	+1.8	+22.7	+94	+0.84	+0.13	+\$126	+\$466	+\$563



Semen Available

KCF Bennett Bedford E177 Reg # P43822847

CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK	SC	SCF	CW	REA	MARB	\$CHB	\$BMI	\$BII
+10.0	+0.9	+63	+104	+37	+1.5	+14.9	+72	+0.57	+0.38	+\$124	+\$362	+\$457

HEREFORD SALE BULLS AVERAGE:

CED	BW	WW	YW	MILK	SCF	SC	CW	REA	MARB	\$CHB	\$BMI	\$BII
+7.4	+1.1	+68	+112	+31	+20.2	+1.5	+85	+67	+30	+\$124	+\$429	+\$527
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ciation (WSSA) Board of Directors together with the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) management, has made the difficult decision to postpone the 115th National Western Stock Show by one year and to resume the event in January 2022.

"The decision to postpone the 2021 Stock Show is incredibly difficult for our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, business partners and the City and County of Denver," stated Doug Jones, Chairman of the WSSA, "but the iconic western events and traditions we all know and love will be back in 2022, stronger than ever," added Jones.

Stock Show management made the early decision due to the intense planning and expenses that go into the NWSS. "We needed to make sure we announced early enough so all the livestock producers, contestants, competitors, and exhibitors do not incur time and cost they can't recover," stated Andrews, "and as an indoor event in the heart of winter, we had to consider the virus could be spread more easily indoors, potentially compromising the safety and health of thousands of people. The responsible decision was to postpone the show."

Here is the statement from Fort Worth: "Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 the 2021 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) has been canceled. Consultations with infectious disease and public health professionals indicate the Stock Show would rank as a "very high risk" for the spread of COVID-19. This was a painful decision that was not made lightly.

Each show and competition represents what is unique and important for every participant and guest. Consequently, the decision was made to cancel all FWSSR events and features as opposed to allowing some to be held at the expense of others."

The cancelation of these two big national shows has prompted better participation in other shows such as the American Royal which is being held this week followed by the announcement of two brand new shows, The Nebraskan in Grand Island, NE and the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City, OK.

While The Nebraskan has the blessing of the National Western Stock Show, the Cattlemen's Congress has the approval of the AHA and that is where the national Hereford Show will be.

The Nebraskan made the following statement in regard to their new show: To provide an opportunity for cattle producers who typically exhibit at the National Western, the Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority (GILCA), Mayor Roger Steele, and The Nebraskan Livestock Show group have announced plans to develop a one year only alternative livestock show to be held in January 2021 on the Fonner Park Campus in Grand Island. The Nebraskan Livestock Show will be presented beginning on January 9, 2021 with the genuine intent to match the schedule of the anticipated NWSS dates to accommodate the plans already in place within the beef cattle industry.

"Our National Western Stock Show leadership is supportive of Grand Island stepping in and creating a new event to provide an outlet for cattle producers

across the country who may have been planning to come to our show in January," said Paul Andrews, President and CEO of the National Western Stock Show. "When asked if they could assist in some way, we saw this as a chance to support those cattle producers in need of exhibiting. We will provide livestock panels and consulting services to help Grand Island show staff streamline their show schedule to best replicate what ranchers and cattle exhibitors would have experienced this January in Denver. We are grateful Grand Island is providing this one year only opportunity for the cattle industry during National Western Stock Show absence in 2021," added

Andrews.

The Oklahoma show: We would like to announce the inaugural Cattlemen's Congress that will be held on January 2-17, 2021 at the OKC Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. The Cattlemen's Congress will provide an opportunity to showcase genetics, provide marketing opportunities and access to the latest industry products and services and educational opportunities for cattle breeders and industry enthusiasts.

The Cattlemen's Congress will showcase a variety of cattle shows plus a tradeshow.

I'm sure details for both of these shows will be online in the near future.

Many events are being canceled or postponed while others are going ahead with their events, just doing them differently.

The American Hereford Association has gone virtual with their seminars and sessions with only a partial day of in-person events including the Hall of Fame and Hall of Merit presentations and AHA membership meeting plus Hereford Women's meeting. The shows and sales will go on.

It continues to be a very different year. The sales have more of a normal routine, at least in our area and surrounding states. Online bidding certainly helps.

—JBH

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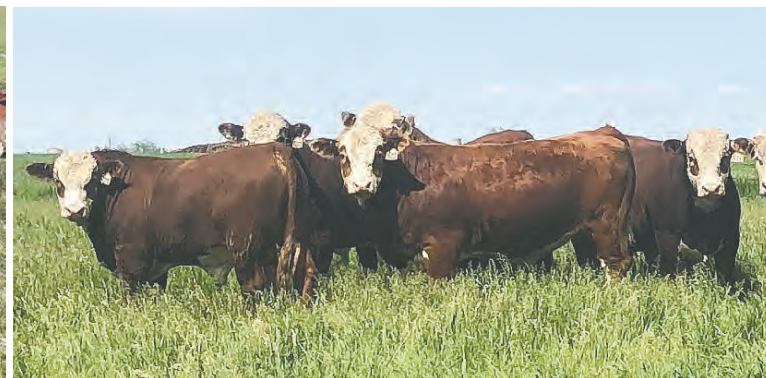


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- 2 P & R Herefords  
Production Sale  
Trail, OK
- 9 Mohican West Bull Sale  
Laurel, MT
- 13 South Dakota Hereford Assn.  
Annual Meeting & Banquet  
Brookings, SD
- 14 South Dakota Excellence Sale  
Brookings, SD
- 17 B&D Herefords and Angus Fall  
Classic Production Sale  
Claflin, KS
- 19 Largent & Sons Sale  
Kaycee, WY
- 19 Fenton Hereford Ranch Sale  
Irma, AB
- 20-21 Nebraska Hereford  
Association Annual Meeting,  
Banquet & Cornhusker  
Classic Sale  
Broken Bow, NE

- 21 Amdahl Angus and Hereford  
Production Sale  
Rapid City, SD
- 22 Cornhusker Classic Sale  
Broken Bow, NE
- 25 Fenton Hereford Ranch Sale  
Irma, AB
- 26 Nelson Hirsche Purebreds  
Production Sale  
Del Bonita, AB

December

- 1 Ingalls Centennial Angus  
Cowherd Dispersion  
Belle Fourche, SD
- 1 Stephens & Loehr Online  
Bred Heifer Sale  
LowdermanAuctionOptions.com
- 3 LCI Doenz Ranches  
Production Sale  
Warner, AB
- 4 Knoll Crest Farms Total  
Performance Bull Sale  
Red House, VA

- 4 Nelson-Hirsche Purebreds  
Bull Sale  
Del Bonita, AB
- 5 Pyramid Beef Sale  
Spearfish, SD
- 5 North Star Classic Sale  
Valley City, ND
- 9 Iron Lake Frozen Genetics Sale  
Minnesota Hereford Assn.  
Annual Meeting  
Hutchinson, MN
- 12 GoPher the Purple Sale  
Hutchinson, MN
- 19 Cane Creek Cattle Co. and  
Dakota Border Cattle Co. Sale  
Mobridge, SD

- 25 Delaney/Atkins Bull Sale  
Lake Benton, MN
- 26 Churchill Cattle Co. Bull Sale  
Manhattan, MT
- 27 Sioux Empire Farm Show  
Hereford Sale  
Sioux Falls, SD

February

- 1 Pelton Polled Herefords  
Production Sale  
Halliday, ND
- 3 Black Hills Stock Show Hereford  
Sale  
Rapid City, SD
- 4 Stroh Herefords Production Sale  
Killdeer, ND
- 4 Ridder Herefords Production  
Sale  
Callaway, NE
- 5 Dvorak Herefords Bull Sale  
Lake Andes, SD
- 5 Baumgarten Cattle Co.  
Production Sale  
Belfield, ND
- 5 Elkington Polled Herefords  
Bull Sale  
Idaho Falls, ID
- 6 Upstream Ranch Bull Sale  
Taylor, NE

January

- 2-17 2021 Cattleman's Congress  
Hereford Events: Jan. 7-10  
Oklahoma City, OK
- 9-? The Nebraskan Show  
Grand Island, NE
- 11 The Berry's Bull Sale  
Cheyenne, WY
- 18 Van Newkirk Herefords Bull Sale  
Oshkosh, NE
- 23 Melcher Herefords Bull Sale  
Page, NE
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70 bulls and 20 bred females for sale



BW 3.1  
WW 60  
YW 106  
M 36  
M+G 66  
REA .24  
Marb .02

F 3006A Advance 907 Same dam as 057.  
3006A x 105Y. Used in our herd. Possession for sale.



BW 2.4  
WW 57  
YW 100  
M 37  
M+G 66  
REA .51  
Marb .06

F 3297A Advance 057 Same dam as 907.  
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REA .56  
Marb .00

F Frontier 055 (polled)  
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# WRK Herefords: A Lifetime in the Hereford Industry

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Center, NE, and their son Bill works for NRC Health in Lincoln, NE.

In partnership with his dad, brother and son, Bill has owned thousands of Herefords, and that's not an exaggeration. WRK Cattle Co. runs just over 200 registered and commercial cows, and Bill buys, feeds and finishes close to 2,000 Hereford calves every year.



John and Bill with their mother Lona when they celebrated her 102nd birthday. She has since passed away.

Calves are backgrounded in Kuehn Feedlot at Heartwell and finished at Sweetwater Cattle Company near Kearney, NE, which Kuehn co-owns with Mike Twitchell.

"Together we've fed a lot of Herefords," Bill said. "We've fed thousands of cattle, predominately Herefords. We buy a few baldies and sometimes a pen of blacks, but we focus on the Herefords."

Bill has purchased Hereford calves all over the United States: from Washington to Virginia and everywhere in between. As Herefords have taken a backseat to black cattle, he says that other Hereford breeders have helped him find the calves he needs every year.

"I've had a lot of help," he said. "I

think the world of Hereford people."

And he thinks a lot of his Hereford cattle, too.

With many breeds trending toward the popular black hides, Bill says that Herefords still have their place in the beef industry and they can hold their own in the feedlot and the retail market.

"As small as our breed numbers are

compared to some other breeds of cattle in the United States, we compete well," Bill said. "Their cost of gain, the way they gain, their handleability, temperament, all those things make a difference. I think we compete really well."

When the Certified Hereford Beef program came out, Bill was asked if he would be interested in sending finished cattle to them. He supplied cattle to the program for a number of years and continues to help promote Hereford beef whenever he can. He also works with the Greater Omaha Hereford Beef program and says, "it is definitely a factor for the Hereford industry."

In 2011, Bill was honored by the American Hereford Association with a Hereford Innovator Award for his commitment to the Hereford industry and the Certified Hereford Beef program.

"Different breeds have different strengths; Herefords shine in their efficiency, docility and flavor," Bill said. "People love the taste. Larry tells me that there is something unique in the Hereford gene pool that makes Hereford beef taste great."

Bill has bought bulls and heifers from many Hereford breeders over the years. He says that most of the registered cows in their herd go back to bulls they bought from Ron and Allen Schutte in the 1980s. Other herd bulls have been purchased from breeders in Montana, South



In 2011 Bill was presented with the AHA's Innovator of the Year Award.

## — Heifers for Sale —

### 50 Bred Hereford Heifers & 25 Black Baldy Heifers

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Ultrasounded to calve in March and April. Bred to low birthweight Black Angus bulls.

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Twin Brooks, SD



Kuehn Family — Front row: Chris (oldest son, Anisha (Chris' oldest) and Jozef (Chris' son).

Next row: Larry (next son) holding Ben, his youngest; Brenda, Larry's wife. Kay, Billy, our youngest holding Anthony, Larry's oldest. Last row: Tessa, Chris' wife and Bill.

Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska.

Kuehn starts out with good genetics in his herd and in the calves he purchases, but it doesn't stop there. Calves are fed balanced rations and handled with low stress methods.

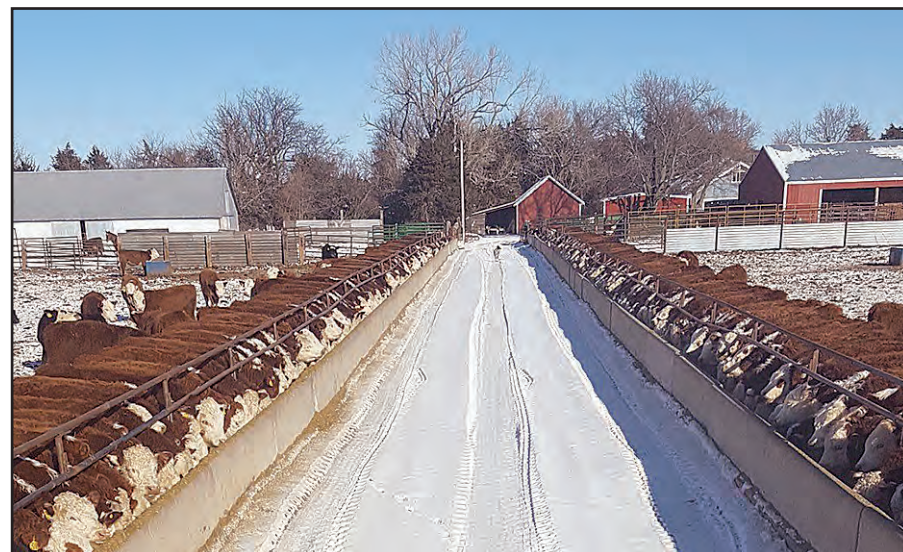
"We know that docility improves efficiency," Bill said. "Handling them right makes a big difference as well. Something as simple as keeping them calm when loading makes a marked difference in the yield. We have things

set up so that we can be real quiet and take our time when we work them."

Bill and Chris start calving in late March and the WRK Hereford cows calve through April.

"We have grass and trees for protection near the place," Bill said. "We also plant rye on cornfields in the fall so the cows can go out and graze the rye in the spring. Those fields have trees all around them for protection too, so it works well."

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Last year's steers ready to go on feed at 850 lbs.

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## WRK Herefords...

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A percentage of the cows are AI bred every year, some to straight Hereford bulls and some to black Angus bulls. Many of the resulting heifer calves are sold as bred replacement heifers in the fall of their yearling year. Bill and Chris still sell a few bulls as well.

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## PGA Tour...

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of this awesome event, and to Greater Omaha for supplying some excellent product to grill.

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# Sale Roundup



Holden top seller, HH Miss Advance 5334C, HH Advance 3297A ET went to Sierra Ranches for \$22,000.

**Holden Herefords 2020 Elite  
Online Female Sale  
September 16, 2020  
Valier, NE**

**Internet: Smart Auctions**

**39.5 Lots — \$7,275**

**Top Selling Lots:**

Lot 2, HH Miss Advance 5334C, 08/13/2015 by HH Advance 3297A ET to Sierra Ranches, \$22,000.

Lot 1, HH Miss Advance 7231E, 02/03/2017 by HH Advance 3297A ET to Bill Wilhelm, \$21,000.

Lot 18, HH Miss Advance 9148G ET, 01/14/2019 by HH Advance 6186D ET to Rogan Herefords, \$17,000.

Lot 8, HH Miss Advance 90862F ET, 01/08/2018 by HH Advance 6248D ET to Flying S Herefords, \$16,500.

Lot 3, HH Miss Advance 6179D ET, 01/08/2016 by HH Advance 3297A ET to Sadler Herefords, \$15,500.

**Cooper Hereford Ranch  
2020 Female Sale  
September 17, 2020  
Willow Creek, MT**

**Auctioneer: Joe Giggins**

**7 Donor Cows — \$12,143  
38 5-8 Year Old Cows — \$5,770  
11 Bred Heifers to 4 Year Old  
Cows — \$7,364  
56 Total Lots — \$6,879**

**Top Selling Lots:**

Lot 687D, CL 1 Dominette 687D 1ET, 01/10/16 by HH Advance 1013Y to Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, MT & Buford Ranches, Welch, OK, \$22,000.

Lot 571C, CL 1 Dominette 571C 1ET, 1/12/15 by HH Advance 2005Z to Bauer Herefords, LaValle, WI, \$20,000.

Lot 570C, CL 1 Dominette 570C, 1/12/15 by CL 1 Domino 386A to Rick Miller, 5 Bar M Ranch, Spokane, MO, \$16,000.

Lot 5198C, CL 1 Dominette 5198C



Cooper sale topper was CL 1 Dominette 687D 1ET selling to Churchill Cattle Co. and Buford Cattle Co. for \$22,000.



The cattle were displayed beautifully at the Cooper Ranch, Willow Creek, MT, even though it was smokey from wildfires in the Northwest.

1ET, 2/11/15 by GB L1 Domino 177R to CHR Ranch, Three Forks, MT, \$16,000.

Lot 583C, CL 1 Dominette 583C 1ET, 1/13/15 by CL 1 Domino 386A to Bauer Herefords, LaValle, WI, \$15,500.

Lot 9176G, CL 1 Dominette 9176G, 2/1/19 by CL 1 Domino 739E to Buford Ranches, Welch, OK, \$15,000.



Bruce and Loretta Barrett, Eustis, NE purchased several lots at the Churchill sale.

**Churchill Cattle Company  
World Class Female Sale  
September 17, 2020  
Manhattan, MT**

**Auctioneer: Joe Giggins**

**16 Heifer Calves — \$8,406  
42 Bred Heifers — \$4,244  
9 May Calving Bred Heifers — \$3,361  
11 Open Fall Yearling Heifers — \$4,306  
11 Fall Calving Cows — \$3,909  
6 Spring Calving Cows — \$4,417  
2 Flushes, 1 Pregnancy & 1 Bull — \$12,500  
99 Total Live Lots — \$5,159  
34 Embryos — \$560  
150 Straws of Semen — \$80**

**Top Selling Lots:**

Lot 4, Hoffman Churchill Lady 016H ET, 01/07/2020 by EXR Bankroll 8130 ET to Knox Bros. Angus & Hereford, Tennyson, TX, \$37,500.

Lot 30, Churchill Red Baron 8300F ET, 03/14/2018 by R Leader 6964 to TKC Cattle, Merced, CA, \$30,000 for 1/4 Semen Interest and 1/2 Possession. Lot 18, Churchill Lady 9411G ET, 08/14/2019 by Churchill Nightcap 7256E to W4 Ranch, Morgan, TX, \$23,000.

Lot 1, Churchill Lady 023H ET, 01/09/2020 by NJW 76S 27A Long Range 203D ET to Ade Polled Herefords, Drexel, MO, \$19,000.

Lot 6, Churchill Lady 079H ET, 01/30/2020 by EXR Bankroll 8130 ET to W4 Ranch, Morgan, TX, \$14,000.

Lot 2, Churchill Lady 022H ET, 01/09/2020 by NJW 27A Long Range 2030 ET to CV Ledbetter & Son Inc., Okmulgee, OK & 74 Livestock, New Plymouth, ID, \$12,000.



Denise and Carl Loyning of L Bar W, Absarokee, MT.

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Ron Struempfer, NE and Bob Hermann, SD, two of the best cattlemen around, visit at the Cooper sale.

**Ehlke Herefords Montana Made  
Online Production Sale  
September 18, 2020  
Townsend, MT  
Internet: Smart Auctions**

**2 Heifer Calves — \$6,375  
10 Open Fall Heifers — \$3,100  
8 Bred Heifers — \$3,438  
4 Bulls — \$4,063**



Ehlke top selling was E 252 F Demi 0003 ET. She sold to Ned and Jan Ward, Sheridan, WY and Iron Lake Ranch, Athens, TX, for \$10,000.

**Top Lots:**

Lot 1, E 252 F Demi 0003 ET, 03/13/2020 by NJW 79Z 33B Forward 252F to Iron Lake Ranch, TX & NJW Polled Herefords, WY, \$10,000.  
Lot 6, Pick of the Fall Yearling Bulls to Commercial Buyer, \$5,500.  
Lot 18, Canada; LJE 332A Edna 21F, 08/22/2018 by ILR Hometown 332A to Harvie Ranching; Canada, \$4,250.  
Lot 19, LJE C009 Paula 818, 08/30/2018 by E T719 Braxton C009 to Jill Reese, \$4,250.  
Lot 24, E 4140B Ms Riley G8, 02/13/2019 by ILR H Miles 4140B to Hagen Land & Cattle.



Paul Hinderager, Anchor Polled Herefords at Vaughn, MT at the Ehlke sale



Lorren and Matt Hagen from Chewelah, Washington.

**Stephens & Loehr Elite Heifer  
Online Sale  
September 22, 2020  
Taylorville IL**

**Internet: Lowderman Auctions**

**11 Females — \$2,936**

**Top Selling Lot:**

Lot 3, Bar S LHF 4003 Miss 7454 011 ET, 01/05/2020 by H Deberard 7454 ET to Young Cattle Company, Lexington, IL, \$6,200.

**Mohican West  
and Guests Female Sale  
September 24, 2020  
Laurel, MT**

**Auctioneer: Dale Stith**

**39 Spring Pairs/Cows — \$4,655  
Bred Heifers — \$4,867**

**Top Sellers:**

Lot 1, Mohican Mattie 122D, 3/12/16 by Mohican Ten Gauge 233A to Ehlke Herefords, Townsend, MT, \$8,500; calf, \$9,000 to River Valley, Canada.  
Lot 15, Mohican Sparkle 82G, 2/19/19 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET to Boyd Beef Cattle, Mays Lick, KY, \$10,500.  
Lot 4, Mohican Fancy Maiden 51D, 2/12/16 by NJW 72N P606 Good Day 150K ET to Wooden Shoe, ID, \$5,500 calf 4A, Mohican Will 116H, 3/8/20 by DM 714 8Y William 514C ET to McMurry \$3,300.  
Lot 8, to Eichler Livestock and Cane Creek Cattle Co., SD, \$5,500; calf 8A, to Quarter Circle 9 or West, \$2,800.  
Lot 6, to Walker Polled Herefords, TN, \$5,000; calf 6A to Cohen Ranch, \$1900.  
Lot 19, Mohican Prairie 28G, 2/6/19 by Mohican Blueprint 69B to USA Ranch, New Mexico, \$4,600.  
Lot 18, Mohican Fancy Maiden 56G, 2/14/19 by Boyd 31Z Blueprint 6153 to USA Ranch, \$4,400.  
Lot 27, 6MC Trust Lady 614, 3/11/16 by NJW 73S M326 Trust 100W ET to Bar G Bar, \$4,000.  
Lot 25, to Rockin' R, \$4,500; calf 25A to Daniels, \$1500.  
Lot 16, Mohican Tracy 38G, 2/9/19 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET to USA, \$4,500.



Mohican top seller was Lot 1, Mohican Mattie 122D. She sold to Ehlke Herefords, Townsend, MT for \$8,500 and her calf sold to River Valley in Canada for \$9,000.



Dwayne and Janet Dietz from Billings, MT, at the Mohican West sale.



Mark and Della Ehlke, Townsend, MT purchased the top seller in the Mohican sale.

**Hoffman 1/5 Ranch Annual  
Female Sale  
September 28, 2020  
Thedford, NE**

**Auctioneers: Rick Machado,  
Jared Shipman**

**28 Hereford Bred Heifers — \$5,009**

**63 Hereford Heifer Calves — \$10,789**

**3 Hereford Flushes — \$16,500**

**50 Angus Bred Heifers — \$3,199**

**17 Angus Heifer Calves — \$6,585**

**15 Simmental Bred Heifers — \$2,237**

**11 Simmental Heifer Calves — \$7,755**

**47 Ten Unit Packages of Semen — \$1,185**

**72 Five Unit Packages of Semen — \$475**

**8 Units Sexed Heifer Semen — \$703**

**24 RSF Sexed Heifer Embryos — \$2,275**

**55 Embryos — \$1,387**

**Top Selling Hereford Lots:**

Lot 4B, H BL Fancy 008 ET, 3/8/20 by H Montgomery 7437 ET to Emma Vickland, Longmont, CO, \$80,000.  
Lot 2A, H DS Kelly 008 ET, 2/4/2020 by H Deberard 7454 ET to Emma Vickland, Longmont, CO, \$65,000.  
Lot 8A, H BL Miss Spice 055 ET, 3/18/2020 by H Deberard 7454 ET to Emma Vickland, Longmont, CO,



Hoffman sale topper at \$80,000 was Lot 4B, H BL Fancy 008 ET by H Montgomery 7437 ET. She sold to Emma Vickland, Longmont, CO.

\$50,000.

Lot 25, H Miss Wildcat 055, 3/28/2020 by UPS Sensation 2296 ET to Rafter L, LLC, Valentine, NE, \$34,000.

Lot 2B, H DS Kelly 024 ET, 2/7/2020 by H Deberard 7457 ET to Hopkins, Roy Allen, Winchester, TN, \$32,000.

Lot 300, Pick of the Hereford Flush, to Donnie Begalka, Castlewood, SD, \$25,000.

Lot 3B, H Lady 032 ET, 2/26/2020 by NJW 78P 88X Cowboss 1998 ET to Harrison Livestock, Montague, CA, \$25,000.

Lot 14A, H BL Mary 052 ET, 5/17/2020 by H Montgomery 7437 ET to Will Freking, Alpha, MN, \$22,000.

Lot 8B, H BL Miss Spice 055 ET 7935 ET, 5/24/2020 by UPS Sensation 2296 ET to Square G Ranch, Thomas, OK, \$21,000.

**Top Selling Angus Lots:**

Lot 30B, Hoffman 3210 Rito Lady 9962, 07/31/2019 by Deer Valley Growth Fund to Pleasant Hills Farms, Rockfield, KY, \$20,000.

Lot 35B, Hoffman HCC Keymura Katy 215, 05/19/2020 by Conley Express 7211 to Claire Murnin, Huntley, MT, \$16,500.

Lot 36B, Hoffman H/G BCII Sandy 2018, 05/21/2020 by Musgrave Sky High 1535 to Trent Graves, Abita Springs, LA, \$15,000.

Lot 75A, Hoffman Hazel 90038, 01/30/2019 by Tex Playbook 5437 to Harrell Angus Ranch, Baker, OR, \$15,000.

**Top Selling Simmentals:**

Lot 41B, HOF Saras Dream 062H, 2/10/2020 by MR HOC Broker to Rafter L, LLC, Valentine, NE, \$36,000.

Lot 41A, HOF Saras Dream 017H, 2/2/2020 by W/C Bankroll 811D to Circle M Farms, Grand Saline, TX, \$12,000.

**Colyer Hereford and Angus 2020  
Female Sale  
October 3, 2020  
Bruneau, ID**

**Auctioneers:  
Butch Booker, Dustin Layton, and  
Kyle Colyer**

**28 Open Heifer Calves — \$10,114  
10 Bred Cows — \$10,725  
25 Bred Heifers — \$9,950  
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Colyer sale top was C Classy Diana 0033 ET selling to Potter Herefords, CA for \$65,000.

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# Paradise or Hell on Earth? Daley Family's Story of Surviving California Wildfire, Rescuing Their Herd

By Ruth Wiechmann

Fires in California are burning rampantly this year. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) reports that 3,754,729 acres have burned as of September 30th with 26 confirmed fatalities and nearly 8,000 structures lost to date.

The devastation to the forest ecosystems in the Sierra Nevada Mountains is immeasurable. Wildlife and livestock losses are staggering.

On September 8, when news broke of fire in their cattle range, Dave Daley and his son Kyle, who ranches with him, were sure it could not be as bad as it sounded.

"We had close to 400 cows in our mountain range, most of them calving or close to calving and ready to gather and bring home in early October," Daley said. "They were the heart of the herd. Old cows, problems, bought cows and first calf heifers stayed in the valley. Only the good cows who knew the land were there."

Daley's family has been running cattle in those mountains since they arrived with the gold rush in 1852.

"We have taken cattle to the Plumas National Forest since before it was designated such," Daley said. "My Great, Great Grandfather started moving cattle to the high country sometime after he arrived in 1852 in the Oroville area looking for gold. The earliest family diary of driving cattle to our range in the mountains dates back to 1882. They were poor Irish immigrants trying to scratch

a living from the land. My folks were self employed ranchers; I grew up in the cattle and timber businesses."

Daley left home to go to college, getting his Ph.D. in Animal Science 35 years ago at Colorado State, and has spent his life raising cattle and teaching, but the cattle and the mountains are his first love. A cattleman at heart, he is involved in the industry on many levels; past President of the California Cattlemen's Association, current Chair of the California Cattle Council, Chair of the Forest Service committee for the Public Lands Council and Chair of Federal Lands for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He has walked the halls of Congress as well as the mountain passes, met with legislators in both Sacramento and Washington, D.C. and is a willing advocate for the cattle community to anyone who will listen.

But when the Bear Fire, now referenced as the North Complex Fire, headed for his cattle, there was nothing he could do.

In an update posted to the US Forest Service/Plumas National Forest page, Jake Cagle reported that wind speeds of 45 to 50 miles per hour drove the fire at a rate of a 1,000 acres every half hour on September 8.

After the inferno had gone through his cattle range, Daley was frantic to get to his cows, knowing that some were likely dead, and others injured or dying and in need of attention. Bureaucratic red tape was getting him nowhere, but Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea

found a way, providing two sergeants to navigate the road-blocks until Dave and Kyle were in their range.

On our first day, Kyle and I make a

fast trip up to reconnoiter. We are unprepared for the total destruction of everything we have always known. Nothing

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Moving cattle to safety (left) and the joy of finding live ones coming around the curve were part of the Daley's experiences to save their cattle during the horrendous North Complex fire. The Daley family have run cattle in the Plumas National Forest in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range since 1852.

## Sales....

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**92 Embryos — \$1021**  
**9 Semen Lots of 5 Straws — \$3430**  
**4 Open Angus Heifers — \$3587**  
**8 Angus Spring Pairs — \$7981**

### Top Selling Lots:

C Classy Diana 0033 ET, 01/03/2020 by T/R BPG American Classic 561C ET to Potter Herefords, CA, \$65,000.  
 Pick of the 2020 Fall Calves to Knox Brothers, TX, \$42,500.  
 C 6018 X61 Lass 0067 ET, 01/06/2020 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET to White Hawk Ranch, GA, Dry Creek Farms, AL, and Aden Family Farms, IL, \$36,000.  
 W Interest In C Black Hawk Lass 8019, 01/04/2018 by C Black Hawk Down ET to Bar One Ranch, Eugene, OR, \$32,500.  
 EXR Miss Miles 8245 ET, 09/15/2018 by C Special Edition 6105 ET to GKB, TX, \$30,000.  
 EXR Lady Domino 8247 ET, 09/19/2018 by C Special Edition 6105 ET to Bowling Ranch, OK, \$25,000.  
 C 4208 Special Lady 8318 ET, 08/22/2018 by C Special Edition 6105

ET to L Bar W, MT \$24,000.  
 C 4038 Canada Lass 8241 ET, 02/15/2018 by WLB Mister Canada 10Z 15B to GKB, TX, \$22,500.  
 C Bar One 1326 Bailee 0226 ET, 02/19/2020 by T/R BPF American Classic 561 ET to Potter Herefords, CA, \$16,000.  
 C Blueprint Lady 0097 ET, 01/07/2020 by Boyd 31Z Blueprint 6153 to GKB, TX, \$15,000.  
 C 6133 Lady Hawk 9216, 02/04/2019 by C 4212 Black Hawk 7057 ET to GKB, TX, \$15,000.

### Top Selling Embryos:

Loewen Genesis and C Bar One Bailees Double Miles ET to GKB, TX, \$2,000 per embryo.  
 Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET and C 1311 5280 Lady 6018 ET to GKB, TX, \$2,000 per embryo.

### Top Semen Lots:

Loewen Genesis G16 ET to Jennings, IL, \$850 per straw.  
 CCJC Belle Heir ET to Bowling, OK \$625 per straw.

**Iron Lake Ranch**  
**Iron Clad Genetics VII Online Sale**  
**October 10, 2020**  
**Athens, TX**

### Internet: Smart Auctions

**22 Females — \$5,450**  
**3/4 Bull — \$5,333**  
**3 Straws of Semen — \$292**

### High Selling Open Heifer:

ILR 6011 Lady Gabrielle 6H, 03/04/2020 by BR Belle Air 6011 ET to Codee Guffey, KY, \$11,400.

### High Selling Bred Heifer:

ILR 456B Lady Red 937, 03/13/2019 by ILR Red Power 456B to Bobby Campbell, TX, \$7,250.

### High Selling Bred Cow:

ILR 156T Iron Lady 489B ET, 10/12/2014 by CMR GVP MR Maternal 156T to Bobby Campbell, TX, \$10,500.

### Bull:

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Iron Lake top seller was ILR 6011 Lady Gabrielle 6H by BR Belle Air 6011 ET. She sold to Codee Guffey, KY for \$11,400.



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left and active flames on both sides burning trees and stumps. Shocking. Surreal. We make it to our Fall River corral somewhat hopeful that there would be green and water to mitigate the disaster. Everything is completely gone and we see dead cows as we start down the hill. Everywhere. This is our first step in what will be an impossible week. We go home hoping against hope that we have seen the worst. Little did we realize that it was just the beginning and it could get worse.

Daley's daughter Kate, a veterinarian, and younger son Rob, a soldier stationed in Louisiana, both arrived to help with the recovery effort. A few close friends familiar with the mountains showed up to help. With chain saws and alfalfa strapped to four wheelers they set out, day after day, hoping against hope to find something alive.

"So many people offered to help," Daley said. "I am grateful but it is difficult to explain how challenging it is to gather in almost 90,000 acres of incredibly difficult terrain. Each canyon and ridge is dotted with logging spur roads that could be choked with down and burning trees. Much of it is unrecognizable in the aftermath of the fire, even to me. Only those with deep, local knowledge of these mountains could help."

We split up and my crew takes the Lava Top and Ross Creek drainage, while the other half goes towards Twin Bridges and Fall River. It is eerie, and as Rob said, "There is no sound in the Forest, just death." We are learning. When we traditionally gathered cows, they were always towards the ridge top in the morning and down by water in the afternoon. Now, we find nothing high up, except the occasional dead cow that wasn't fast enough. We just hunt for the deep holes where there was a chance for water and life.

You learn as you ride through the apocalyptic murk. Rob's head goes up and I catch the scent at the same time. The scent of death and charred flesh mingled with the acrid smoke that burns your eyes. You begin looking in the draws hoping it is not cattle. It always is. Eight cows and three baby calves in a pile at the bottom of a ravine, rushing in terror to escape. A sight you won't soon forget.

In the aftermath of this fire, searching out his dead cattle, trying desperately to save the survivors, and euthanizing those that are burned too badly to recover, Dave Daley is wondering if his granddaughter, Juni, the seventh generation in the family, will ever know the mountain as he has. Will she get to go on chilly, early morning gathers to bring the cows home in the fall? Will she ever see the forest the same as it was before?

"I do not expect the ecosystem to recover completely in my lifetime," he said. "And I am not sure anyone knows for sure how long it will take. Some of those trees were 200 years old or more. I think we will have germination right away, but conifers grow slowly. Some of the brushes grow quickly, which could pose another issue."

As a child in the early 60s, days "going to the mountains" were the greatest ever for my family. It was our playground and our quiet spot. Sure, we worked, but we learned so much about the world, the trees, birds and flowers. And in my family sometimes that may have included learning the scientific name or at least the family of the plant. There were lessons on botany, forestry, geology, archaeology. We didn't even know we were learning but we imbibed it until it became a part of our souls.

And then my kids. For them, the mountains were the best! Rolling into a little seat behind Grandma and Grandpa



Dave Daley, his children and several neighbors spent long, hard days searching for cattle after the fire. Their faces tell the story. Few surviving cattle were found.

to "go hunt for cows" as we gathered in the Fall. Hot chocolate from Grandma as soon as we got there. On cold, dusty or wet days, it was sometimes discouraging, but they loved it and still do. It was their sanctuary where "no matter what happens, this will always be here." And now it is gone. It is a death and we are still in shock and not sure how to move forward. What will my granddaughter know of the truth and grounding that comes from nature? Will we gather cows in the mountains while I sing cowboy tunes off key and she sips hot chocolate? I am overcome.

There are six generations who have loved that land, and my new granddaughter, Juni, is the seventh. And I find myself overcome with emotion as I think of the things she will never see, but only hear in stories told to her by Grandad. We all love the mountains. They are part of us and we are part of them. All destroyed. In one day. I am angry.

The fire, fueled by overgrown brush and a tangle of bureaucracy, regulations, red tape, policy, litigation, and political debate, has destroyed the beauty of the forest and taken a high toll on Daleys'

herd. Out of the four hundred head of cows they took to the mountain in the spring, only about one hundred head are found alive. Besides reeling from the emotional toll of scouring the charred hills for dead animals, and the financial toll their loss will affect, Daley is frustrated with the endless debate and side taking both in Washington, D.C. and in Sacramento that in the end benefit no one and does not help the land. He's angry that fifty years of regulations made by people who are far removed from the land have turned his beloved mountains into a tinderbox.

But 'quit' is not in his vocabulary. He has cattle to care for and he will continue to make his voice heard.

"Mega-fires are a recent product of lack of use of fire, less grazing and over-regulation," Daley said. "The guidelines followed by the feds on National Forest and the State on State Parks lands are 'one size fits all,' but such regulations are not a solution in diverse ecosystems. We have already had six of the twenty largest fires in California history in 2020. The North Complex Fire has eclipsed 316,000 acres and is still burning. To me

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## 73rd South Dakota Hereford Directory Ad Materials Due by Nov. 20

The 2021 South Dakota Hereford Directory will be printed in December, ahead of most of the production sales. Adherence to the **ad deadline of November 20** is important in order to get the book published on time. Memberships have to be paid by on time to SDHA manager Allie Jensen in order to be in the membership listing. Advertising is open to anyone. SDHA members get a reduced advertising rate in the directory.

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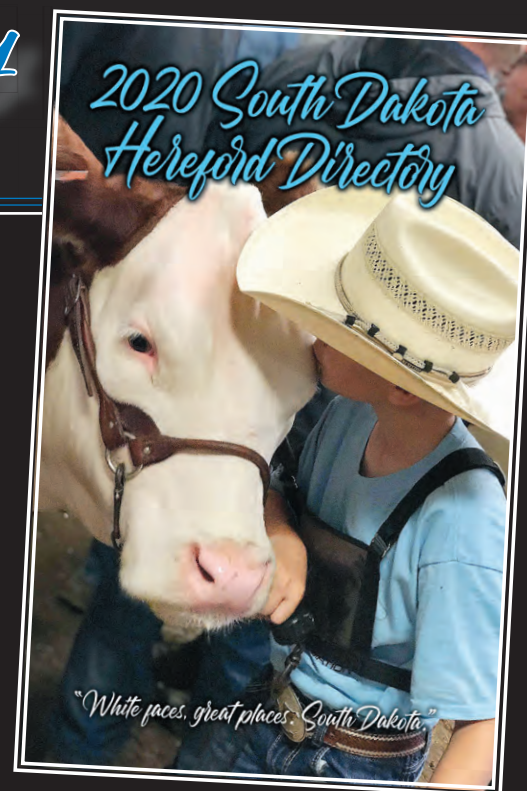
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this is very personal, but this is a much bigger problem than my family having our cattle killed. We must change our land management practices if we expect the West to survive. It is best done locally, not from DC or Sacramento."

Right now, Daley says, the only buffer to these disasters are private, well managed, grazed landscapes. They may still burn, but the fires are not as catastrophic and can be controlled.

Today, when we meet up, Kyle and Kate had great news. They found sixteen head at our Twin Bridges corral! The largest group to date. I had baited it with alfalfa last night and there were cattle standing in the little corral of temporary panels. Remarkable. Two of them are heifers that I gave Kyle and Jordan (my daughter in-law and Juni's mom) for their wedding. Kyle branded them with my Dad's original brand just to keep them straight. Someone in our crew said Dad gathered them for us so we wouldn't miss them. Maybe he did. My Dad was a cow whisperer who has been gone over four years after roaming the mountains for almost 90. Maybe he is still helping lead us and the cattle home. I turn away as I feel emotion begin to rise. Again. For some reason, I am more emotional when I find the live cattle than those that died. I don't know why? Maybe thinking what they went through and I wasn't there to help? And, more frightening, death has become more expected than life.

I completely dread taking my Mom to see this tragedy. She will be 90 in less than a month and still loves the mountains and gathering cows. She is tough but this could break anyone. She worked these mountains with my Dad from 1948 when she was 18, he was 21, and they had just married. She told me in later years that she had always loved the outdoors but really was "sort of afraid of cows" since she had not ever been around them. She never told Dad though and learned to be one of the best trackers and gatherers the mountains have ever seen, knowing every plant, tree and road.

Daley says that historic management prac-

tices need to be re-implemented to reduce fuel loads in western forests.

"That means more control burns in the wintertime when we have the right conditions," he said. "This is not just California but everywhere west of the Rockies. Ranchers are trying to do more burns but are saddled with regulatory hurdles, including liability. The feds, state and county need to assist with these burns and assume liability. The money spent on fire fighting could be better served on prevention. Grazing plays a key as well. State and federal lands need to be grazed more vigorously. State and Federal agencies need to collaborate and work together toward increased grazing and removing roadblocks to control burns."

Day four of the recovery effort. I hold out little hope for live cattle. We have to get to Hartman Bar Ridge between the middle fork and south branch of the Feather River. It is the furthest north, most breathtaking and the hardest to access. One road in and one road out, choked with downed and sometimes burning trees. We see a burnt bear cub trying to climb a tree, two miles farther a mature bear, burnt but staying in the water trying to ease the pain. We give them both a chance because they made it this far. We don't euthanize even though our brains say we should. Our hearts say let them try.

We have about six miles of road to make passable to get stock trailers through, but we make short work of it. Sometimes you can travel a quarter mile and sometimes a hundred feet. But chainsaws and strong hands get us there.

I have passed several streams today and tried to wade across one looking for cattle. It strikes me as strange. All the creeks have close to double the flow of last week. I see some springs running that haven't been active for years. And it hits me. We have released the water that the brush was sucking from the land. The Native Americans were right again. Observe. Let nature talk.

We pulled up the grade to Hartman and Whiskey Hill, and there were cattle tracks in the burn! Lots of them. I couldn't believe it.

The fire roared up out of the middle fork so quickly I expected nothing to be alive. I had myself prepared. But we found cattle and some in pretty good shape. It was slow going. Incredibly steep and rugged with lost, hungry cattle. In one pocket we picked up 14 head with nary a scratch. Two old cows (12 plus years which is old for a cow) and a bunch of young stock. Those old ladies knew where to hide! Wisdom from days gone by.

After a long day, we had 32 alive and loaded. Some may not make it but we had to bring them home to give them a chance. They made it this far. More jarring, though, was to walk down the drainage by the old Mountain House Ridge corral and find 26 dead, spread from top to bottom. That fetid smell of death permeated the walk I used to love.

Even with the dead cattle on Hartman Ridge that we found, why did we find over half alive here and nowhere else? If anything, I assumed this steep ridge gave them no chance at all. And I realized that there had been a much smaller fire here about five years ago. The country was more open and the fire moved quickly. Less fuel and more things lived. Trees, wildlife, and cows.

Dave Daley grew up hearing the stories from his Dad and Grandad of the "last man out" lighting the forest floor to burn the low undergrowth. Their generations knew to reduce the ladder fuels that spread the fire to the canopy and open the forest up for wildlife.

"It was a pact between our friends the Native Americans who had managed it this way for 13,000 years, the loggers, miners and ranchers," he said. "They knew ecology and botany and wildlife. They worked together because they loved and knew the land."

"It was the early 1960's and snow was already on the ground in December on our foothill ranch. I would have been about four and holding my Grandfather's hand as he lit some piles of brush on fire to open the landscape. It was the practice he had learned from generations before. And the CDF (now Cal Fire) crew showed up, put out the fire, and lectured him for burning. My Grandad was the kindest, gentlest and funniest man I have ever known. And he was mad. It was the beginning of the end for our forest home. And it has proceeded at an unprecedented rate."

"Try a control burn in the winter now and watch someone cite you because it is not an approved 'burn day,' you had the wrong permit and approval and you might impact air quality. It is beyond moronic. How is the choking air quality that has blanketed the west this past

month, when people can't go outside without a mask, a better alternative?"

The California Cattle Council, of which Daley is a member, is working on educating the public on the benefits of grazing and control burns, practices that may be ancient but are nonetheless effective solutions for fire and fuels reduction today. And tomorrow.

By the end of a grueling day five, we have seven head loaded. Five of them are cattle we had seen before and were just able to get portable panels to and load, three of which are badly burned and will get a chance for feed and water before they will most likely die or need to be euthanized. We know of three more live cattle that we have seen and not loaded. That may be it. Over one hundred brought home, so far, but I will be surprised if eighty live. Many of those who live will have lost their baby calves to fire. There are no words. 20% of the herd we drove to the mountains on June 1. Maybe.

Kyle and I will continue the search, compulsively walking creeks and canyons that we have already searched, hoping something straggles in behind. You never know and you can't quit. That is not who we are.

And now we go on. What will happen? This is devastating emotionally and financially. And I am not sure of the next steps. I do know this: We must change our land management practices if we expect the West to survive. It is best done locally, not from DC or Sacramento, but I have tilted at windmills before.

We won't quit. We need to get tougher and stronger. We never have quit for 140 years and I won't be the first. Suffer the bureaucratic maze and try to make incremental change. And, as always, work with nature. I have to. Juni Daley, and the next generation, needs to see the mountains the same way we have seen them forever, to have hot chocolate on a cold fall morning and gather cows. It can't be just stories from her Grandad.

We found an orphan heifer calf today, about two weeks old. Her mother didn't make it. Kyle stumbled on her hiding in one of the few living willow patches along a stream. He followed her for over an hour straight up from the bottom of a canyon. We caught her and she is now on a bottle getting milk replacer. That rescue was good for my heart. My Granddaughter Juni's first heifer I decide! They can grow up together.

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## South Dakota Hereford Association Dr. Michael and Cynthia Schlosser Scholarship

December 2016 Cynthia Schlosser, wife of the deceased Dr. Michael Schlosser, formed a fund to provide current and past members of the South Dakota Junior Hereford Association scholarship support for post-secondary education. This is called the Dr. Michael & Cynthia Schlosser Scholarship Fund and it is awarded annually.

Dr. Michael Schlosser age 59, was an Emergency physician with Avera Health in Aberdeen, SD and an Army Reserve medical doctor whom served four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was killed in a head-on motor vehicle collision by an impaired driver near Mina, SD November 21, 2015. Cynthia Schlosser is a nurse. They were living in Aberdeen and Onaka, SD at the time.

In 1991 Michael & Cynthia started Schlosser Herefords by purchasing 20 registered Hereford cows from Cynthia's parents, Duane and Janice Rausch of Rausch Herefords in Onaka, SD. Cynthia is the granddaughter of the late William (Bill) Rausch of Rausch Herefords in Hoven SD. After Duane's death the herd continued to expand under the care of Gary & Twila Rausch of Rausch Herefords. Cynthia & Michael were active in the operation and management. They spent many days each month in Onaka helping with the routine management of the herd which had grown to 300 head. Their cattle operation began as a fun family venture and turned into a secondary business for them.

Cynthia Rausch Schlosser was crowned the 1974 South Dakota Hereford Queen in her senior year of high school. Cynthia went on to nursing school and recently retired from 42 years of civilian nursing and 29 years as a nurse officer with the ND National Guard and US Army Reserves. She served two deployments during her career. Michael received his Master's in Chemistry and Doctorate in Medicine. He served 16 years in the ND Army National Guard and US Army Reserves as a physician. Michael served 28 years as an emergency and family practice physician providing services in North Dakota and South Dakota to rural residents.

Cynthia states, "Providing the scholarship in honor of my husband's and my contribution to the Hereford cattle industry provides opportunities for others, not just full time ranchers, but also anyone who wants the enjoyment of raising cattle. For me it is a remembrance of our quiet and happy times on the prairie, away from the hustle and bustle of the life of emergency medicine. The scholarship is a reminder of my childhood growing up on a registered Hereford ranch in rural South Dakota. It is something I hope my grandchildren may appreciate."

Michael and Cynthia have 5 children. Cynthia now lives in Bismarck, ND near her granddaughters and volunteers for Hospice. Michael is buried in the ND Veteran's Cemetery in Mandan, ND.





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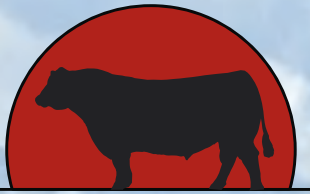
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# Byron Classics

**Editor's Note:** Since the death of my dad and former editor, Byron Bayers, in 2018, I've had a number of comments about his wonderful editorials. As space permits, we will re-run them for you. They are truly Classics, just like him. This one is from the Nov./Dec. 2016 issue. — Jill



The last two months have been a very interesting time of the fall for me. Even though health wise it was stretching the limit for me, I did attend the Churchill Sale in Manhattan, MT, the Mohican-Ehlke-McMurry Sale in Laurel, MT and the Montana Hereford Tour that started in Bozeman and continued on to Gold Creek, MT the second day. We saw some excellent cattle at all three events and I was very proud of the quality of cattle for sale and the quality of cattle being shown on the tour. The Churchill Cattle Company sale owned by Dale and Nancy Venhuizen was really a spectacular event averaging just under \$10,000.00 per animal. The effects of the commercial cattle market certainly were not any factor that day as the bidders rapidly went up to their high limit to purchase the cattle they had marked. A full report of the sale can be noted on page 14 in this edition.

One week later, I was able to get my nephew, Howard Lemm, who was head of the BLM in Montana a few years ago, to drive me to Laurel and back to Bozeman. Howie is a big stout fella

and sometimes I felt like rather than just my driver he was also my body guard. I really appreciated this assistance Howie! The Mohican-Ehlke-McMurry sale was not quite as high in dollar volume, but it was probably the most outstanding set of cattle that this group has sold to this point. The sale consisted mostly of heifers that will be ready to calve next spring and some proven cows that were very attractive to the buyers. Some outstanding heifer calves were marketed also and there were a few bulls that were also of excellent quality. It is always very interesting to me to renew friendships with people that I have known for years in the Hereford business and to meet new people that I find extremely interesting. One of the most interesting people that I met at the last sale was Manuel Salazar of Espanola, New Mexico. Salazar's ranch name is the USA Ranch. He was accompanied by his sister and ranch associate Dennis Gallegos. We had a nice visit about the cattle industry and Manuel told me how much he appreciated the stories that are written in

Hereford America by my daughter, Jill, and me. We then went on to talk about what a nice selection of cattle that were available at this sale. It was of interest to note that the Salazar group drove into the sale with a nice newer diesel truck and a very attractive aluminum trailer and driving all the way from New Mexico they obviously meant business. Through a few hours of the day previous to the sale and the earlier morning hours the day of the sale, Salazar and his group combed through the cattle and clearly they had homed in on the top end of the coming two year old heifers that would be ready to calve in the spring. I was very interested before going to the sale, to evaluate two heifers that we had bred, later sold to Ehlke Herefords in our herd dispersion to them, I wanted to check them out because they were daughters of two of the better cows that we sold. As I usually do, I marked some of the cattle that appealed to me more, in my catalog because often times someone will call us before the sale starts and ask about our picks of the cattle in the auction.

As the Auctioneer, Dale Stith, started the auction we quickly noted that almost every one of the bred two year olds that I had marked, USA Ranch was buying. When we got to the two heifers of our breeding, they came into the ring to sell together and I thought I am going to give these two heifers a good run because they are a couple of individuals I would like to have again. The bidding started furiously and quickly ranged to the top of the market that day, and even though I certainly wanted the heifers I thought that this was probably my limit. Who finally bought the heifers? Manuel Salazar. He filled his trailer with probably the top eight bred heifers that sold that day and as soon as the sale was over the Salazar group were preparing to head back to New Mexico that afternoon.

I talked to Manuel just before he left and I told him how much I appreciated meeting him and that we obviously had the same idea of what good cattle are, and those that we want. He chuckled a little and said, "We got what we wanted and we are going home now, but we know about your involvement with those two heifers." I mentioned to him that they had a long way to go with the cattle and he said they would prob-

ably keep going until they got home. So we bid each other farewell and the USA Ranch started their trek to New Mexico.

That afternoon many of us drove back to Bozeman for the big Montana Hereford Tour that was starting the next morning at the Storey Hereford Ranch. We drove through heavy rain for about an hour getting from Laurel to Bozeman where we overnights at my daughter, Kathy's new home. Both Howie and I were tired and hungry after a busy time at the sale and driving and I told him that I knew of a good place that we should go to eat, it is probably not one of Bozeman's nicest or fanciest, but the food will be good. This was the café where Jim Storey the owner of Storey Hereford Ranch, who passed away last year, went for his morning coffee and quite often ate his breakfast or lunch there. Because Jim was a long time typical rancher, he got up at about four o'clock in the morning and he would go down to the café, open the door, turn on the lights and get the coffee going. Jim had gone into the café for so many years that he and the owner became such good friends that they welcomed Jim turning up the heat early in the morning. Jim was so well thought of by the owners of the café that they honored him by putting a picture of him on the wall, which is still present today. Howie and I enjoyed a steak dinner and I told him many stories about Jim Storey and his involvement in the Hereford business.

Early the next morning we went out to the Storey Ranch where the Montana Hereford tour was starting and the group was to have breakfast. It was dark, rainy and chilly when we got to Storey Hereford Ranch where the ranch is now run by Jim's daughter, Kathy and her husband Chuck Kohlbeck and their daughter and new son in law. Approximately 120 people showed up at the Storey stop, including people from many states and Canada. Even though people were chilly, they enjoyed a very nice exhibit of Storey's cattle. The tour had two buses at that time, but a big group of people followed in their cars down the famous Gallatin Valley to the Feddes Ranch. As dawn broke and the rain subsided a bit, it was very beau-

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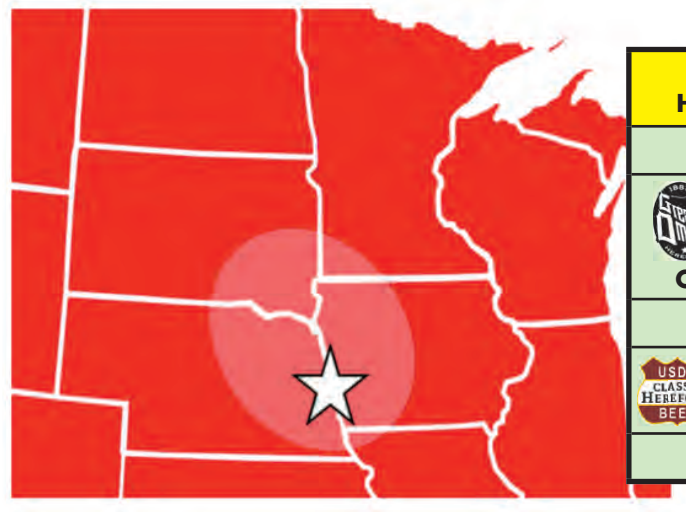
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tiful to go on into the Churchill area where everything seems so well kept and prosperous looking. The Feddes stop was a great stop where the Feddes cattle have been one of Montana's more prominent herds for over 60 years. The tour then continued on to the Churchill Cattle Company and on to the Copper Hereford Ranch, two of Montana's most prestigious herds and then on back to Manhattan for the evening. The next morning the tour arrived at the Ehlke Hereford Ranch in Townsend for an early morning breakfast and a ranch tour. Ehlkes continued with a wonderful display of cattle, there was a good breakfast and a horse team and wagon that took the Hereford enthusiasts out into the pasture to show them the cattle close up, the great view of the fine herd and the big herd bull Schatzee. Paul Hinderager, Anchor Polled Herefords from Vaughn, MT, brought two impressive cow/calf pairs which he displayed at the Ehlke tour stop.

After the Ehlke stop was finished the tour reloaded the buses and headed to the Deer Lodge stop and then on to Thomas Herefords at Gold Creek, my physical condition deteriorated to a point that I was not able to go on to those stops, but Jill will fill you in on those stops in her editorial. As Jim Reed of the Midwest Cattle Services from Missouri said, "This is one of the

good tours that I have been on," and Jim has been in this business for many, many years.

As great as many of the reputation herds in the U.S. are doing in their sales, there is a real feeling of almost desperation in the commercial industry, because of the falling prices, and as I read in an article in the *Wall Street Journal* and we quote, "Agricultural company Cargill profits rose 66% as lower costs for raising animals sparks sales." I would like to talk to one person in the cattle industry that can tell me they have had lower costs in raising their cattle. Every single item that we as ranchers and farmers purchase is higher than it was a few months ago and with the commercial calves bringing less than half of what they brought two years ago the commercial cattle industry is in a world of hurt.

Many people think that it is great news that we will be able to export beef to Japan, and that will be a real positive, but the next scattering news indicates that Brazil has now received authority to export beef to the U.S.! One of the solutions to the current glut in the meat industry is probably for the American people to help us eat our way out of the meat glut, but until companies like Cargill, will sell the meat at a price the average American can afford, it appears to me that the future of the meat industry is questionable, as the beef consumption is down

in the U.S., mostly because of retail price. The total greed we are seeing in parts of the meat industry must change or it appears to me that we are in for a long term adjustment. In my 86 years of living on a livestock producing ranch I don't remember many times when our financial future looks more uncertain, for our young people that are trying to make a living, in the agricultural industry. But with that said, I am still going to put the best productive cattle in our commercial herd that I can find, hoping there will be a positive price future for them in the upcoming times.

My wish for you is to have a nice Thanksgiving and a joyful Christmas, and please consider eating Hereford beef this year, for these events.

— BB

*Editor's Note: It is always interesting to re-read Dad's old editorials. It doesn't seem like all this was four years ago. Also a quick comment to*

*add here, my sister and I recently went to the Kountry Korner Cafe near Four Corners by Bozeman, MT, that he talks about here. In an area that is quickly changing due primarily to people from other states moving in, this little country restaurant is just the ticket if you are looking for down-to-earth people, a few cowboy hats, great food and on occasion, some great music, too. For me it was a respite from the hustle and bustle of trendy Bozeman which used to be a cow town and a cow college town.*

*I went on the same sale run this year as he talks about here. Some of the details have changed but many things remain the same and the sales were very good. While USA Ranch wasn't in attendance at the Mohican sale they still bought some cattle but over the internet. I couldn't help but think of them during that sale, they were such interesting people and the two guys bidding against each other got interesting that year. Always nice to find someone with the same eye for cattle as you have, right Bob Hermann?*

## Midwest Regional Showmanship Results

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Champion PeeWee Showman —  
Madlyn Thompson, Amity, MO.



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# Obituaries

## Opal Pauline Haumont

Opal Pauline (Stephens) Haumont, passed away March 25, 2020, at Brookestone View Nursing Home in Broken Bow, NE. Pauline and Elmer Stephens operated KEG Herefords at Broken Bow, NE until Elmer's death in 1986. She later married Steve Haumont of Broken Bow. Pauline is survived by daughter Carol Mathis of Elida, NM and son Ken Stephens of Valentine, NE.

## Roger Melvin Tegtmeier



Roger Melvin Tegtmeier, 73, of rural Burchard, NE, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2020 at his home. Roger was born on February 7, 1947 in Beatrice, NE, to Clarence and Doris (Searcey) Tegtmeier. He was the second of four, following Clarice Jean and older brother to Ronald and Russell.

He spent his childhood on the Tegtmeier family farm learning how to farm from his father. In junior high, Roger was introduced to his great passion of coon hunting by some local hunters and continued this sport for the rest of his life.

Roger graduated in 1965 from Lewiston Consolidated School in Lewiston, NE. He played on the Lewiston Boys Basketball team that won the MUDE-CAS Basketball Tournament in 1965. Roger loved all sports and was an outstanding athlete during his high school years. He enjoyed supporting his grandchildren in their sports activities with pats on the back and sometimes an idea for future use. He always wanted to know how everyone did, even if he wasn't able to attend the activity.

Roger married his high school sweetheart, Julie Bredemeier on November 24, 1968 at Salem United Church of Christ, rural Steinauer, NE. The couple made their home south of Lewiston where Roger farmed row crops and developed the Tegtmeier Polled Hereford herd with his father and brothers. The marriage was blessed with two sons, Tim and Sherman. His sons each picked up one of his passions, Tim became a farmer and Sherman became a horse trainer.

Roger was involved for many years

with the Flying Tigers 4-H club as member and leader. He was actively involved with the beef and horse projects.

As an avid coon hunter, Roger met some of his lifelong friends and enjoyed innumerable hours with his dogs chasing raccoons. He was also a great horse enthusiast. Roger loved talking, riding and just simply being around horses and horse people. Roger could always be found at the reining horse show, riding his latest show horse, cheering on friends or lending a helping hand.

In all his years, Roger never met a stranger. No matter where he went, he would make a new friend, whether at a horse show in Oklahoma or introducing himself to the neighbors, while his son was moving to a new home. Roger also never left the house without a snack in his pocket, most likely his favorite oatmeal raisin cookies or a bag of M&Ms.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Doris, and an infant daughter.

Roger is survived by his wife Julie, sons Tim (Kim) Tegtmeier of Burchard, NE and Sherman (Sarah Jo) Tegtmeier of Blair, NE, sister Clarice Jean of Lewiston, NE; brothers Ronald (Lois) Tegtmeier and Russell Tegtmeier of Burchard, NE; grandchildren, Reyanna, Larissa and Tyler Tegtmeier and Emmett and Frazier Tegtmeier; aunt Verna (Tegtmeier) Light of Beatrice, NE; mother-in-law Jeannine Bredemeier Kamen of Burchard, NE; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members.

## Todd Allen Tegtmeier

Todd Allen Tegtmeier was born on June 8, 1971 in Pawnee City, NE to Ronald D. and Lois A. (Svanda) Tegtmeier. He grew up on the family farm west of Burchard and his love for farming was apparent from an early age. He attended Lewiston Consolidated High School, graduating with the class of 1989.

Following high school, Todd attended Southeast Community College – Milford. He started out in the auto mechanics program, but quickly learned that was not for him, and switched to the John Deere program instead.

Todd spent the majority of his professional life as a salesman at Oregon Trail Equipment (now LandMark Implement) in Marysville, KS. He also worked for Dummermuth's Implement and Marshall County Equipment in Marysville, and for a brief time at John Deere in Tecumseh, NE.

However, in 2016, Todd made the decision to do what he loved full time. He loved nothing more than to spend full days in the field, planting and harvesting. Todd spent numerous hours

tending to cattle and row crop with his mom and dad. He had a passion for conservation work and was committed to being a good steward of the land. If there was anything Todd liked, it was to keep busy. In addition to the farm work, Todd enjoyed hauling various kinds of equipment across Nebraska and the Midwest. He also did a number of odd jobs for others for "grocery money."

Never one at a loss for words, Todd had a story for everything and always knew how to turn a phrase. He had a great sense of humor and never failed at making people laugh. He was, at all times, a man of his word. Todd will be missed by all who knew him.

On February 7, 2014, he married Sandy (Burton) Botkin in Marysville, KS.

Todd passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at his farmstead that he loved and purchased when he was 19 years old.

Preceding him in death are his grandparents, Clarence and Doris Tegtmeier and Joe and Blanche Svanda; and uncle, Roger Tegtmeier.

Todd is survived by his wife Sandy, parents, Ron and Lois Tegtmeier of Burchard, brother, Trent Tegtmeier of Lincoln, sister, Shawn Tegtmeier, of Norwalk, CT; step-children, Quincie (Zach) Olberding, Prairie Village, KS, Gentry (Mark) Howell, Blue Rapids, KS, and Haden Botkin, Manhattan, KS; uncles, Russell Tegtmeier, of Burchard and Kermit (Sue) Svanda, of Nehawka, aunts, Clarice Tegtmeier of Lewiston, Julie Tegtmeier of Burchard, Donna (Bob Stepanek) Svanda, of DuBois, and Janet (John) Vetrovsky, of Pawnee City, nephew, Kobe Hicks; niece, Kylie Tegtmeier; as well as many other cousins, relatives, and good friends.

## Marti Jo (Valek) Wilber



Marti Jo (Valek) Wilber met her Heavenly Father on September 2, 2020, at the age of 47 years, 11 months, 18 days. She was born September 15, 1972, to Eddie and Marcella (Bouley) Valek. She grew up near Wayne, KS, the youngest of 7 kids (one, Jerry, died at birth). She enjoyed everything about her childhood, working hard alongside her siblings & parents, fishing, hunting, caring for all the critters, cattle shows,

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harvest, putting bales in the barn by hand (except when Bill chased me with a snake in the hayloft – Bad, Bad Bill!), watching the sunrise and the sunset. She loved the family God put her in with all her heart.

She graduated from Hillcrest in 1991, Cloud County in 1993 (where she participated in Basketball and Track), and also attended K-State for a year (where she worked at Nelson's Hatchery where she vaccinated thousands of baby chicks daily). In May 1995, she started working at Hillcrest and continued to work for the school system even after consolidation occurred. She continued to work for USD 109 until fighting cancer became her full time job.

Marti married Dan Wilber in September 1995. His playful spirit, ability to fix whatever she broke, and God's blessing was the glue that bonded them in marriage. They had two children, Cameron and Tobi. It was at this point that Marti relinquished her place on the tractor seat and began grooming her mothering abilities. I have to admit, I never saw myself being a mother, but oh how God blessed me with two bundles of joy!

She still loved the outdoors, and the kids would always be found alongside her in whatever outside activity was happening. When the kids were in trouble, they didn't have a naughty chair – they would have to do laps around the house. So, yes, you can thank me for being such good runners in H.S. and college.

As the kids grew older, the activities multiplied. If they participated in it, she made a point to attend every activity she could! Of course she missed some due to cancer & West Nile meningitis, but neighbors and friends would always send pictures and videos so she could feel a part of the event.

God, kids, family, cattle, dogs and goats were her passion. She was an active member of the Central Christian Church, Merry Meadowlarks 4-H Club, and the Kansas Hereford family.

She held such jobs as vaccinating chickens at Nelson Hatchery, scale operator at Cloud County Co-Op, tax prep for FMSI, Hillcrest USD 455 secretary/para/bus driver, and Republic County USD 109 secretary/para/bus driver. Her love for children never ceased.

Marti was preceded in death by her parents, Eddie and Marcella, brothers Jerry and Randy Valek, nephew Jacob Valek, and brother-in-law, James Wilber.

She will be forever remembered by her husband Dan, son Cameron, and daughter Tobi of Belleville. Marti is also survived by her sisters Janis Krob (John) of Cuba, and Nancy Erickson (Glenn) of Maysville, MO; brothers Mick Valek (Donna) of Wayne, and Bill Valek (Resi) of Wayne; sister-in-laws, Becky Lewis (Craig) of Wichita, Charlotte Sullivan (Blake) of Wichita, Susan Thomas (Zach) of Lawrence, KS; her father and mother in law,

Charles and Ruth Wilber of Belleville, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

### Elizabeth Rae (Bet) Kettle



Daughter of Esther and Norman Howard, Bet was born June 20, 1933 and passed in her sleep September 12, 2020. She was wife and partner at San Isabel Ranch to Benjamin W. (Doc) Kettle, mother and grandmother to five children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Bet was an avid reader of contemporary novels from authors such as Michener, McMurtry, Ben K. Green, Patrick Taylor, and Edward Rutherford. She appreciated fine antiques and preferred Victorian style antiques and fine china. Bet loved to sing, especially duets with Ben. Hers a strong alto to soprano range, Ben's tenor/bass voice made beautiful music. She loved Harry Belafonte, The Kingston Trio, Andy Williams, Glen Campbell, and Luciano Pavarotti.

Bet was an avid gardener and loved flowers. A labor of love, she kept a beautifully manicured yard and brimming full, gorgeous flower beds. The main house was always embellished with extraordinary cut flower arrangements and flowering potted plants. For Bet, Tuesdays were always "no-cow-work" days at the ranch. She would dress in her "Sunday best" and spend the afternoons in a mean game of bridge with life-long friends like Paulie Canda, Marie Holmburg, the Tanglewood ladies, and more. They shared many a good conversation after the cards were played, of course.

She served for years as the Convention Committee Chairman of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Secretary of the Colorado Hereford Association, member American Hereford Association, Secretary of the Colorado Republican Party, and President of the Custer County School Board. Bet's tough, straight talk, no excuses philosophy was filled with love for many Custer County Bobcats over the years. Bet enjoyed basketball and football – especially Bobcat Basketball, March Madness, and Joe Montana.

Although having no previous experience in ranching, she quickly adapted to the life caring for hundreds of wet baby calves in her back porch during Spring calving. One of her favorite times spent with Ben was evening calving checks. She loved how the calves played and chased and the love they

shared for the life they lived together. She kept all the pedigree and performance data on 40 years of cowherd genetics. She also processed genetic breeding records for the American Hereford Association. Hereford cattle were the mainstay of San Isabel Ranch at the time and together Ben and Bet were recognized nationally for their outstanding genetics and high quality cattle. She enjoyed the seasonal life of the ranch, including calving, weaning and hours in the saddle on good horses moving cattle from one pasture to the next. She was an excellent horsewoman and had an accomplished eye to spot outstanding cattle.

Bet was an accomplished writer and was often asked to pen the history of the Wet Mountain Valley, area churches, and wonderful stories of the ranching and community history. Her joy was writing advertising copy for San Isabel Ranch. Over the years, hundreds of bulls were marketed well with the help of her gifted advertising. The Kettles were portrayed in the National Geographic book *The Mountain People* and the Sunday *Denver Times*, and many beef industry publications. San Isabel Ranch and Ma and Pa Kettle were described and written about often.

Bet loved people in a big way. She had such a good heart and fierce convictions - her legacy of that good heart and feisty spirit shall remain through her children for generations to come.

If donations are wished, they are

encouraged to be made to the Custer County Medical Foundation (CCMF)/ Ben Kettle Memorial Scholarship or the Colorado Cattlemen's Association — Floyd Cross Foundation.

### Lilla Hunter Bell



Lilla Hunter Bell passed away peacefully Sept. 17, 2020 surrounded by family at the Bell Ranch in Paradise Valley, NV. Lilla and her twin brother, Bob, were born on June 12, 1938 in San Francisco, CA, to Phelps and Lilla Hunter. Her sisters, Beth and Pat, followed a few years later. Lilla spent much of her early years on the family ranch near Hollister, CA where she found immense joy caring for and raising animals. Lilla was active in 4-H at an early age, raising and showing Hereford cattle. She also had a deep love for corgis, breeding and showing them throughout the years.

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Lilla was a pioneer in the agricultural industry. She received a Bachelor of Science in animal husbandry from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. Lilla was the first woman to graduate from Cal Poly's animal science program. She also achieved incredible success on the college's livestock judging team and was the first woman on a champion collegiate judging team. She also won the Women's Stockhorse class at the Salinas Rodeo with Bill Dorrance's horse, Patrick. In later years, she served on the American Polled Hereford Association's (APHA) board of directors, representing five Western states. Lilla was the first and only woman to serve as chairman for APHA's board. She was an integral part in bringing together the APHA and the American Horned Hereford Association into a single association. As a result of her contributions and lifelong support of the breed, she was inducted into the Hereford Hall of Fame in 2012.

In 1957, she attained worldwide fame when a photograph of her and her triplet Hereford calves hit the newspapers. She received fan mail from across the world, and her famous photograph made its way to Humboldt County, NV, into the home of the Bells. A few years later, Forrest "Woodie" Bell would meet the beautiful young woman in the photograph at the San Bento Fair in Cali-

fornia. Woodie bought Lilla an Orange Crush soda pop. Lilla often remarked to her family and friends, even years later, that she could still taste that soda.

Lilla and Woodie were married in 1960 and had three sons together: Dean (Nikki), John (Jhona), and Dan (Theresa). Lilla loved and cared for her boys deeply. They rejuvenated her interest in the Hereford breed as the boys joined 4-H and started breeding heifers to show. She loved watching her boys compete in high school, college, and professional rodeo.

Lilla's grandchildren, Dawson, Lilla "Lilly", Trase, Quint, Cade, Shane, and Carly, also raised and showed Hereford cattle in 4-H. Lilla gifted each of her grandchildren a Hereford heifer to foster the joy she had felt raising Herefords over the years. During the time her grandchildren were showing cattle, Lilla served as an adviser for the Paradise Valley 4-H Beef Club and sat on the Humboldt County Show and Sale Committee.

Lilla enjoyed taking drives through the fields at the Bell Ranch. She was an accomplished photographer and a world-class cook. She was the kindest soul this world has ever known.

The family will be holding a celebration of life in December. More details on that event will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Winnemucca FFA Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

## Evan Slack

Heaven has gained another farm broadcaster.

The legendary Evan Slack passed away on Saturday, September 19, at the age of 86. His radio career spanned 68 years including most recently as owner of the Evan Slack Network based in Denver, Colo. During that time, he broadcasted from 45 states, 4 Canadian Provinces and Australia.

Russell Nemetz purchased Evan's network earlier this year after helping him do the broadcasts for the past four years. "The agriculture and broadcast industries have lost one of their biggest advocates. Not only did he have a positive impact on me, but Evan touched the lives of millions of people during his amazing career and we can all be thankful for that." Read Russell's tribute to Evan.

Evan was a leader in the National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB) and served as president in 1987. He was inducted into the NAFB Hall of Fame in 2009 and won tons of other awards from various industry organizations. Evan was born in Missouri and received a degree in Agriculture with a minor in Journalism from the University of Missouri. After that, he moved westward, into the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, establishing Farm and Ranch departments at two different radio stations and eventually becoming a farm radio network pioneer in the west, working to establish network programming specifically targeted for the farmers and ranchers of that region in the early 1970s. After getting his pilot's license in 1967, Evan was able to cover the entire western farm and ranch territory and quickly became a well-loved radio personality with the slogan On the Air and In the Air.

He was early to adopt new technology, taking his network on-line in 2006 to distribute his programming to radio stations. He was a Mac man and bought the first iPhone that came out and was quick to see its uses for broadcasting in the field.

## Dusty Lodoen

Dustin, better known as Dusty, Wayne Lodoen (41) left this earth tragically on 09/30/2020 while doing what he loved: farming the land. He leaves behind an immeasurable legacy with his wife, two precious little boys, his family, and a community of friends that spread as far as the North Dakota plains lie.

Dusty was born January 19, 1979 at St. Andrews hospital in Bottineau, ND, to Myron and Patty (Henry) Lodoen. He was welcomed home by his loving older sister, Emmy Lou, and later blessed by the birth of a little brother, best friend, and farming partner, Danen "Wood." Dusty grew up on the family farm for all of his life, where his parents still reside.

Dusty was always a talented, successful, intelligent, kind, and influential "go-getter" from an early age. He was active in sports, 4-H, farming, showing cattle, wheeling and dealing, and trying

new things for as long as anyone can remember. In his earlier years, Dusty took extreme pride in bull riding. With that said, his daring and "no-fear" attitude landed him scars and stories to tell for years to come (even if he used those same scars to tell some stories that weren't true.) You had to be a good sport if you were around Dusty because he always knew how to get a good debate going- but they always ended up in laughs, a hug, handshake, or a "cheers."

Dusty attended Westhope high school for all of his schooling years, graduating in 1997 alongside many of his best friends. He has maintained those true friendships to this day, and we've never met anyone who didn't call Dusty a friend, role model, mentor, or "one of the good ones."

Following graduation, Dusty attended NDSU majoring in agricultural economics. He thoroughly enjoyed college life (as he loved his whole life), and he excelled, as farming and business has always been in his blood.

The next step in Dusty's life brought him back to Bottineau County where he worked as a loan officer for State Bank of Bottineau. He later moved to Minot and continued working as a loan officer for Farm Credit Services. While living in Minot, he also took on part ownership of the Pita Pit. Many great memories were made during his years in Bottineau and Minot.

Dusty's final life destination took him back to his hometown roots, Westhope ND, where he lived until his final day. Dusty moved back and started working as a crop insurance agent for Artz Insurance, while also taking on farming with his brother Danen. After a year of farming together, the brothers became "Richburg Farms," and continued to successfully expand and provide for their families and community. Dusty was also a member of several boards and committees, including Soybean Council, Westhope country club board, and the local Border Ag elevator board. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Westhope as well.

In 2011, Dusty met Kylie Thom unexpectedly and fell in love instantly. Their dating life was never boring. He constantly reminded her that she was the "love of his life," and they completed the missing pieces in each other's lives. Her family fell in love with him just as quickly. Together, they enjoyed traveling the world, hitting up sporting games, amusement parks, and the best steak restaurants. Life with Dusty was spontaneous and adventurous. There was also a relaxing side to Dusty, and they loved lounging at home enjoying each other's company. This was just as important. They were united in marriage on Dec. 3, 2015, a beautiful and memorable wedding at St. Pete Beach, FL.

In 2016, Dusty and Kylie welcomed their first beautiful son, Emerson Robert Lodoen. At that very moment, Dusty found himself in a new role in life, which would become his most pride-

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ful and loving part of him: A Dad. In 2019, a second beautiful son would join the family, Asher Kevin Lodoen. Dusty loved his boys and wife more than anything in the entire world. Even on his busiest days, he remained actively involved and often invited the boys out to join him on the farm or wherever he was headed that day.

Dusty always made sure that his family was taken care of, and if he couldn't be there for something, he always had a plan B arranged. His two special sons want to be just like daddy and their lives revolved around everything farm, everything Daddy-related, and being with Daddy's "workers." He truly was their idol and he went over and beyond to be the best dad and husband that we could ever ask for. Dusty spent many hours sleeping/napping wherever and whenever if it made the boys feel comfortable and happy. He enjoyed the naps just as much. They will forever cherish every pickup, combine, tractor, and semi ride with Dad, or just hanging out at the shop with "the guys." There was no object or situation that Dusty couldn't fix. He truly was invincible and constantly told his wife, his love, "Don't worry about it hun!"

Although Dusty's life was too short, it was never boring. He loved staying busy and truly lived each day from sun up to sun down loving his family, taking care of the farm, his crew, insurance clients, and filling voids in the lives of everyone around him.

Some of Dusty's favorite hobbies included golf tournaments, men's nights, social gatherings, snowboarding, cooking, rolling dice and playing blackjack, investing in stocks, watching football (especially NDSU and 49ers), attending the events of his nieces/nephews, donating his time to the community, napping, and spending time with all of his beloved family and friends, even if it went well into the night. His phone was always ringing, and he made sure to take care of everyone else's needs, even before his own.

An encyclopedia could easily and effortlessly be composed on the life of Dusty, and he would probably enjoy reading and reliving it, as he loved reading and was a history buff. Dusty was not a materialistic person, but would rather spend his time and finances on living adventurously and generously.

Dusty will be missed so greatly and deeply. Keep his memory alive, as he would tell us all that this is the "final final." The truth is, it isn't the "final final" for any of us. So much love and tears will be shed for him eternally, until we meet again.

Dusty is survived by: his wife Kylie and two toddler sons, Emerson and Asher Lodoen (Westhope); Parents Myron and Patty Lodoen (Westhope); Sister Emmy (Bryan) Huber and children of Jud; Brother Danen (Natalie) Lodoen and children of Westhope; Mother and father in laws, Lori (Kevin) Deschamp of Westhope, and Dobie (Lorie) Thom

of Maddock; special aunt Wanda Henry of Newburg; Uncles Leonard Lodoen of Westhope, Mylon Lodoen of Indiana, Clyde Kersten of Newburg; Brother and sister in laws, Kendra Thom (Seth Hammes) of Bottineau, RaeAnn (Ryan) Ellsworth and children of Newburg, Levi Deschamp, Beth, and children of Westhope; cousins, and friends. He is also survived by his farm hands: Taylor Whitlock, Jon (Boy) Sivertson, Wade Genre, and Keith "Doc" Martin.

Dusty is preceded in death by his grandparents: Lyman and Rosalie Henry and Clarence and Hazel Lodoen; brother in law Kevin Thom, aunts Bette Lodoen and Robyn Kersten, and special Uncle Bob Henry; and Godson Burke Henry.

Arrangements were with Nero Funeral Home in Westhope. Friends may sign the online register book at [www.nerofuneralhome.net](http://www.nerofuneralhome.net).

### Gene C. Meitler

Gene Curtis Meitler, 71, of rural Lucas, KS was taken by angels to heaven for his final journey Oct. 2, 2020. He was born in Lucas, KS to Armin and Nonna Meitler, Gene was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Sylvan Grove. Gene ministered for the Lord in a variety of ways: by teaching Sunday School, leading youth groups and supply preaching. He was a member of Gideon's International. Gene's faith was unwavering.

Gene graduated from Sylvan Unified High School in 1967. He then attended Kansas State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Animal Science degree. Gene was a respected rancher and stockman. Gene spent his lifetime studying the Hereford breed and raised seedstock for commercial breeders across the midwest. He could recite Hereford cattle pedigree as well as he knew the Lord's Prayer.

Gene was an active member of the Kansas Hereford Association, serving as President and also was on a variety of committees. He was a family man who loved athletics. Gene helped raise three children, all who had successful high school careers and went on to play athletics at Fort Hays State University. Gene was owner and operator of Heartland Hay in Lucas, KS. for over 30 years. Gene was elected to the Smoky Hill Electric Cooperative Association in 1976, currently Rolling Hills Electric. He served as member, Vice President and President until 2009. Gene also served as a committee member and trustee for KS. Electric Cooperative and KS. Electric Power Cooperative, both of Topeka, for over 33 yrs. of service.

He is preceded in death by his infant brother, Donald Meitler and parents Armin and Norma Meitler.

Surviving family members include brother Neal Meitler of Wales, Wisconsin; sister Lubell Adams of Ellsworth; and children Crecia Reeves (Greg Carey) of Russell, Darris Meitler (Stacey) of Lucas and Clint Meitler (Erika) of Sylvan Grove; grandchildren Rylan

and Kelvie Reeves, Jayden and Jaxson Meitler and Trey, Reid and Ty Meitler. Memorial Services will be held at a later date and there will be no visitation. Interment will be in the Lucas Cemetery - Lucas, KS.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Gene Meitler 4-H Youth Memorial Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to Rodrick & Minear Funeral Home, Lucas, KS.

### Hazel B. Mead

Hazel B. Mead, 87, entered into rest Friday, October 9, 2020. She was born in Millen, GA to the late Jesse W. and Nora R. Burke. She was a resident of Burke County. She was a member of the Midville Baptist Church, the Charlie Wall Sunday School Class, and the Georgia Hereford Women's Association. In addition to her parents, Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas H. Mead Sr., her step mother, Bernice Burke Cox; a brother, Joseph L. Burke; a stepdaughter, Barbara Smoak; and a son-in-law, Jerry R. Clark.

She is survived by three daughters, Karen Clark of Waynesboro, Becky Rogers-Peck (Roger) of Grovetown, and Janice Beard (Joe) of Statesboro; a son, Tommy Mead (Valarie) of Midville; six grandchildren, Kimberly Clark-Brake (Jim), Ashley Rogers, Leslie Beard (Robert), Tommie Lynne Jones (Skyler), Emily Beard, and Blake Rogers (Kirsten); three step grandchildren, CW Walker, Jackson Walker, and Katelyn Walker; and four great grandchildren, Aubree Rogers, Charlee Riner, Leythe Riner, and Jaxson Rogers.

Remembrances may be made to Midville Baptist Church or Georgia Junior Hereford Association, 310 Magnolia Ave, Thomaston, GA 30286.

### Roelena (Lee) Venhuizen



It was Tuesday evening, October 6, 2020, when Roelena (Lee) Venhuizen went home to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Roelena was born on February 9, 1926 to Jacob and Lena Feddes near Belgrade, MT. She was the fifth of their six children. She attended Belgrade School for 12 years, after which she attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan for one year.

After completing this education, Roelena taught at Manhattan Christian School for a number of years. On June 5, 1947, she married John Venhuizen.

They were blessed with four children: Judy, John, Donna and Dale. They farmed in the Three Forks area for a few years and in 1958 they purchased the farm south of Manhattan where Roelena resided for the rest of her life, except for the last two years when she moved to Parkhaven Retirement Home.

Roelena took an active part in the farm life and was an excellent partner for her husband in this regard. She enjoyed participating with John in the Montana Hereford Association and the American Hereford Association. She and John developed good relationships with others in the Hereford business and travelled to many different countries because of this.

In the '60s, Roelena took courses at Montana State University to upgrade her education so that she could go back to teaching part time. She did this for a few years, but then chose to return to 100% farm life.

Roelena and her husband were always very involved in church and Manhattan Christian School activities. They were charter members of Bethel Christian Reformed Church.

Roelena is survived by son and daughter-in-law, John and Barb Venhuizen, daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Jake Stelpstra, and son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Nancy Venhuizen. She was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren, plus one more on the way. She is also survived by one sister-in-law, Nell Feddes. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, John Venhuizen, her daughter, Judy Venhuizen and son-in-law, Robert Allen, as well as two sisters and three brothers.

Roelena's life was best portrayed by her love for her Lord, her husband and her family, as well as the church and school. She loved visits from grandchildren and later great grandchildren. She was always very engaged with school and church activities that her grandchildren were involved with. She was a huge support for them, always attending sports and musical activities, as well as big events like graduations and weddings. The last number of years of her life she became more strongly dependent on her Lord. She spent much time in prayer and reading her Bible, running with endurance the race that was set before her, looking to Jesus, who was the founder and perfecter of her faith. (adapted from Hebrews 12:1-2) Mother, Grandma, Great Grandma, we love you and we will miss you dearly. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Manhattan Christian School. Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service.





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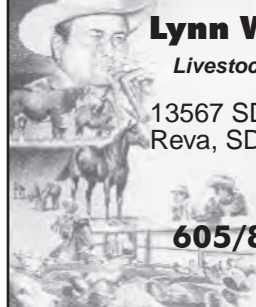
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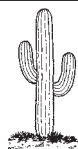
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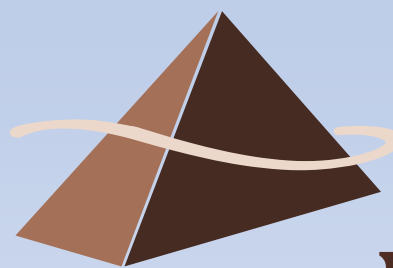
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