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#### **Editorial Comments...**

Jill Bayers Hotchkiss



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September was an incredible month for Herefords. Several top-end female sales were held with strong demand for the females offered.

The cattle markets are remaining strong and at least through September, the national cowherd was still rebuilding.

We spent a full week in western Montana, close to where I grew up, and attended the Montana Hereford Tour and four Hereford sales. To top it off our friend Denis O'Brien from Ireland traveled with us and took in all the events. We had a great time together and Denis has a good eye for cattle. He is from Ballywire, County Tipperary, farms and raises cattle and horses and also works for the department of agriculture. We had a lot in common and he enjoyed seeing Montana, meeting some great people and seeing great cattle.

Hats off to the Montana Hereford Association and breeders on putting together an incredible tour. The event kicked off with the MHA annual meeting and banquet at the historic Sacajawea Hotel in Three Forks, MT. I think it's safe to say this was the most well attended meeeting and banquet in a number of years. It was really a nice event.

For the most part the weather cooperated for the two-day tour event. The scenery and cattle could not have been better and it was a wonderful group of people on the tour. The tour hosts also knocked it out of the park displaying their very best livestock and sale animals along (continued on page 3)

# **Dobesh Herefords: Faith, Family and Good Cattle**

by Ruth Wiechmann

"I started my herd of Herefords in 1950 with a heifer in 4-H," Frank Dobesh said.

and 4-H are still an important part of his life. The lifelong Hereford breeder is still actively involved on the family

Seventy-three years later Herefords ranch, even though he sold the last of his cows to his son Dane and daughterin-law Kristi in 2022.

The Dobesh Hereford cattle go back

to an historic Wyoming herd and a second breeding program in South Dakota.

"Bob Pugh was born in Wales April 23, 1889," Frank said. "He homesteaded near Colony, WY, in 1911. His main business was raising registered Herefords of the Prince Domino line. He sold most of his bull calves on the cow. Eventually, he sold his ranch and cattle to Walt and Della Crago, and it later became Crago Hereford Ranch."

Frank married Walt and Della's daughter Marilyn in

The four Blair boys walked along beside their folks' wagon from Missouri to South (continued on page 4)



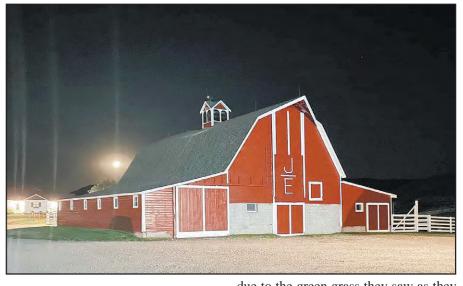
Dobeshes bringing cattle out of the Forest Service permit in the fall. They run in one of the roughest forest permits in the hills according to forest rangers.

# Montana's J Bar E Ranch Celebrates 125 Years

by Abby Reidle

2023 marked the 125th anniversary of the J Bar E Ranch located in Plentywood, MT. Around 400 people attended the event in August to celebrate with a steak dinner, wagon rides, and live music by the band "Fast Forward."

What is currently the J Bar E Ranch, owned by Lorrie Eggen, began in 1897 when Andrew and Mollie (Eggen) Fadness traveled from Fertile, MN, by covered wagon to present-day Plentywood. Originally, Andrew and Mollie stopped about a mile north of the current ranch in what is called the Chalk Buttes but decided to build on the Big Muddy River in the spring of 1898



due to the green grass they saw as they looked to the south and access to water. At this time, there were no fences and no other people in the area. This gave the Fadness family access to run their hundreds of head of cattle and horses from the North Dakota border to Scobey, MT and the Canadian border to Culbertson, MT. (the Missouri River).

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- **Ernst Herefords Complete** Dispersal Greeley, CO
- 29 Atkins/ Delaney Herefords Embryo and Semen Sale smartauctions.co
- Atkins/ Delaney Herefords 30 Genetic Opportunity Sale Tea, SD

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- Hereford Crossroads #9 Chadron, NE
- Colyer Herefords Fall Female Sale Bruneau, ID
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- Ravine Creek Ranch Fall Heifer & Embryo Sale smartauctions.co
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- 16 Carmichael Herefords Baldy Calf Sale Faith Livestock Auction Faith, SD
- 19 Mitchell Livestock Auction Hereford Influence Sale Mitchell, SD
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#### Jill's Editorial...

(continued from page 1) with offering wonderful hospitality.

About 110-125 people attended from 15 states and 3 countries — Canada, England and Ireland! There were two full buses and a number of cars that followed. It was a great two-day tour.

Our friend Denis O'Brien didn't know what he was in for traveling with us all week in Montana but we all had a great time! My sister, Marc and I had met him a couple times after initially getting acquainted with him through a remote ancestry connection. My dad always told me human ancestry was about the same as cattle pedigrees. Yes, he had a sense of humor and while he wasn't very interested in following the family tree all that much he did like Hereford pedigrees. I like both. Well, we still don't know how we are related to Denis but we've all become good friends and don't really care about the ancestry part any more. Denis has a few Herefords, Angus and Speckled Park cattle and also has pedigreed Connemara horses. During the week we had some fascinating conversations about cattle and horse genetics but generally really enjoyed looking at cattle on the tour, meeting people and visiting. As I write this he is headed home to Ireland after spending the last portion of his "vacation" at a working ranch in Wyoming.

I've included coverage of the tour this month but more than likely it will spill into next month's issue.

On another note, we learned that Alison Marx, formerly with the Hereford World magazine has left her position as advertising coordinator. I've worked back and forth with Alison for over 10 years and have to say she was great to work with in exchanging ad materials and pictures back and forth for our publications. This is a fast-paced business with very tight deadlines and schedules and she always got materials to me as

Fred McMurry, Billings, MT visiting with Denis O'Brien at the Ehlke tour stop near Townsend, MT. Denis toured the McMurry Cattle ranch earlier in the week looking at Herefords and Speckled Park cattle.

quickly as she could. She was always professional, courteous and accommodating and I appreciated her honesty when the chips were down. We had a very good working relationship and I will miss working with her. I wish her well in her future endeavors.

I'm sure you've all hear the very sad story of Terrel Vineyard from Nebraska who was struck by lightning and killed while on horseback moving cattle.

Joe and Cyndi Van Newkirk, Oshkosh, NE, were close to Terrel and his family. The Vineyards ranched nearby and Terrel's dad, Shawn, worked for Van Newkirks when Terrel was young. The Vineyards went on to own their own ranch but Terrel would help Van Newkirks from time to time, especially

on sale day, branding and trailing cattle to new pasture.

Terrel and his wife Stacey had been growing their herd on the Vineyard home place when the tragic accident happened. Terrel and his wife Stacey had only been married four months. He left her, along with three stepdaughters, sister Tori, parents Shawn and Nancy, and many friends.

The Van Newkirks lovingly donated the pick of their 2023 heifer crop to be auctioned during the video auction which included the Vineyard calf crop. The heifer brought \$28,000 and sold to Glenn Ranches, Hindsville, AR. The proceeds were given to Terrel's wife and daughters. In addition, 32 other bidders donated an additional \$27,500, according to Tri-State Livestock News. Also, Haythorn Land and Cattle, who Terrel worked for occasionally, donated a top filly which was also auctioned online. She brought \$7,500 from family friends, Dan and Annette Frerichs along with many other private donations.

Obviously the course of events have been devastating and overwhelming for the Vineyard families. Best wishes to the Vineyard families as they go forward during such a difficult time.

On a brighter note, the AHA held its first ever Seedstock Academy for a handful of young and upcoming Hereford breeders last month. We'll have more on this in next month's issue.

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# Dobesh Herefords: Faith, Family and Good Cattle

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Dakota around 1920. They bought a ranch near Sturgis and stocked it with registered Hereford cattle from O. J. Hansen. In 1946, three of the men split up their land and livestock to form separate operations. In 1948, Harry Blair and George Dobesh — Frank's father — formed a partnership calling it the South Dakota Hereford Ranch.

"That's where the other half of our cows came from," Frank said. "We got parts of each herd."

Frank graduated from Southern State Teacher's College and after graduation, he was drafted into the army.

"Marilyn was able to join me for a year while I served in Germany, and our daughter Misti was born in Nuremburg. Upon discharge, the first place I



The Dobesh herd has its roots in some historical herds in Wyoming and western South Dakota. (Photo by Jeromy Gumm)



Frank Dobesh watching the crew on branding day.

Photo by Larry Reinhold

could find to run my cattle that had been out on shares while I was overseas was at Ehlers Herefords in North Dakota. After managing a couple ranches and building up my herd, my father in law said he wanted to sell his river ranch to us. We bought this place from

them in 1978 along with 100 commercial Crago cows. Later we formed an LLC which included us and our four

kids, Misti, Boe, Clint and Dane. Dane and Kristi started leasing the LLC in 2007."

Frank and Marilyn met through 4-H and the South Dakota Stockgrowers' Association. All four of Frank and Marilyn's children and several of their 80 plus foster children belonged to 4-H clubs. Now it's their grandchil-

dren's turn; goats, lambs and bottle calves are a big part of the summer for Dane and Kristi's four children, Kasey, Avery, Kortney and Emery, who each own a cow as the start of their own herd.

Frank still stays involved with county and state level 4-H programs.

"Our kids had many projects in 4-H, they all showed breeding live-stock and all did showmanship. Misti had pigs until she went to college," Frank paused with a twinkle in his eye. "Somehow those pigs disappeared after that! Dane loved goats, maybe because he sold their kids to the girls who were goat tiers!"

All teasing aside, Frank is proud of his children and grandchildren's hard work and involvement with livestock for 4-H and on the ranch.

"My kids and my wife all had horses and put in lots of work riding," he said. "Kristi also joins us horseback. Although she spends more time being mom these days there's not much she can't do when it comes to ranch work."

Kristi's parents, Debb and Morry Hoffman are a great help on the ranch. Though retired from their bee business at Highmore, Dane says they are busier now than before they retired. His father in law does most of their hay and cattle hauling, and is always working



Kristi and Dane Dobesh with their children at the Butte-Lawrence County Fair in Nisland, SD.

on projects on the ranch. Also helping along the way were several foreign ag trainees and foreign exchange students.

Faith in God has been a vital part of Frank's life. Marilyn was active in church with her family until she passed away in 2010.

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Not often this crew has a chance to get together. Clint (left), Frank, Misti, Boe and Dane Dobesh.

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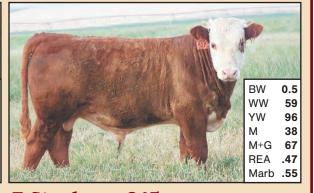
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# Dobesh...

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"We have to give credit where credit is due," Frank said. "Church has always been a big part of our lives. My wife was a Sunday School teacher for a hundred years, and we led Methodist Youth Fellowship and Baptist Youth Fellowship groups for years."

Larry Reinhold, another area Hereford breeder, says that his family's relationship with the Dobesh family has encompassed both fun and work. Reinhold and his family run a summer Christian youth camp that they call Rainbow Bible Ranch.

"We've been friends with the Dobesh family for 35 years for sure, and Frank and Marilyn have always been good supporters of Rainbow Bible Ranch," he said. "Their hearts have always been with us in this ministry. Dane used to come to camp here, and now it's fun to see the next generation getting involved."

The two families live about 50 miles apart and share a love for Jesus, ministering to others, and Hereford Cattle.

"Frank is a dear friend, and of course we have ties with the Hereford cattle. We're an all Hereford outfit except for a few baldies when the neighbors' bull jumps the fence," Reinhold said. "We've helped Dobeshes brand over the years, and our kids hit it off with them as well. It has just been a fun relationship, but a working relationship too."

Reinhold says their cattle are very similar type to the Dobesh herd.

"We keep all the horns on and they don't, but aside from that, I think if you'd put all our cows together, it would be a pretty good bunch of cows,"



Heifers in the frosty pines. All of their heifer calves go on feed and weigh around 800 pounds when they go to pasture in April. They will weigh just over 1000 pounds when they're sold as bred heifers in December or January.

he said.

Frank shared that for the last few years, both families have sold steers to Dave Tilstra and family, who feed cattle on their farm in southwestern Minnesota.

"We all appreciate a good relationship with cattle and Christ," Frank said.

Reinhold says that his whole family enjoys their friendship with the Dobesh family.

"Frank is just a good guy with a good heart, I can't say enough positive things about him," Reinhold said.

"Our ranch is 100 miles from north to south," Frank said, chuckling, "We

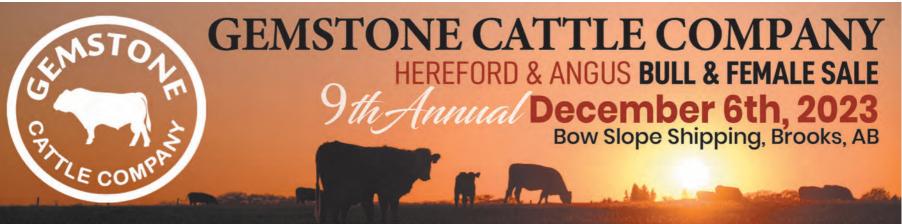
just don't own all the land in between."

One of their leases to the south is part of the oldest ranch in the Black Hills. Some of the original buildings are still there, but none of them are usable. The River Ranch just west of Belle Fourche is the home place, about half of the cows summer on the forest service permits, and the rest of the cows go to the Indian Creek Ranch — just into Montana to the northwest. Dobeshes breed early for turning out on their two Forest Service permits because the cattle cover so much area that it's hard for the

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The cows are used to fording the river.



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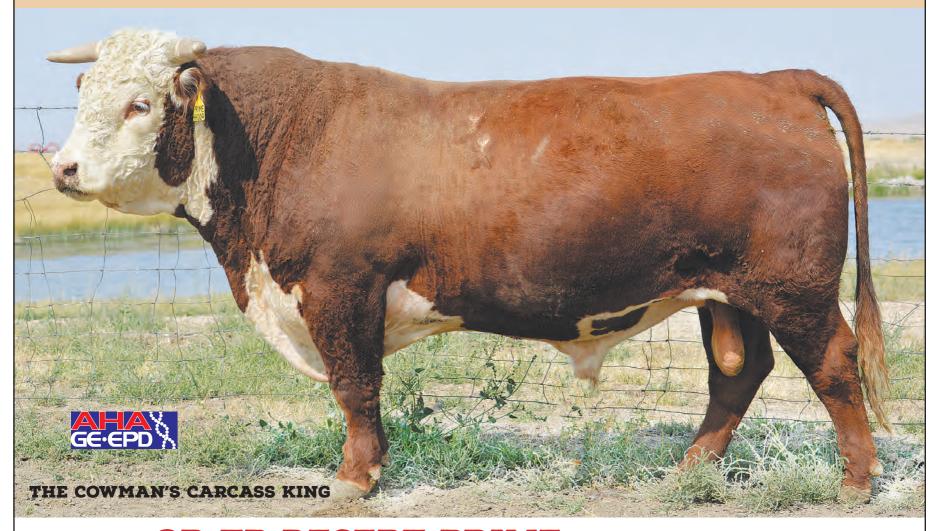
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# J Bar E Ranch Celebrates...

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John M. Eggen, brother of Mollie Fadness, embarked on his travels to Montana from Minnesota, in 1898 and homesteaded just southwest of John and Mollie. Shortly after, John's parents, John A. and Marit Eggen, decided to move to Montana and homestead up the coulee from their son. John M., his brother Ole, and John Helgaas worked for Andrew Fadness breaking horses. These horses would get sold to fellow homesteaders to use in breaking up the land and other farming duties for \$500 to \$800 a team. John Helgaas also dug the spring that has never quit flowing and is still used for the ranch today in 1904 by hand with a shovel and spade.

John M. bought a threshing machine, the first piece of machinery to be

shipped by rail to Plentywood, in 1911 and as a result, was in high demand by neighbors for many miles to thresh grain in the fall. In June of 1913, he married Tillie Lee. A few years after the two married, they purchased the Fadness Ranch after Andrew had passed, and turned it into the J Bar E Ranch, raising Hereford cattle and horses. John and Tillie had three children: Joe, Gene, and Lillian, who were all born and raised on the original homestead. John M. continued to make history, as he purchased the first combine that came to Sheridan County: A Holt combine with a 16-foot table. Joe Eggen purchased the ranch from his parents after John M had passed away in 1941, and Tillie moved to Plentywood.

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**The Eggen Family** — Linda, Justin, Katie holding Jett, Lorrie, Aubrey, Kacie Lynn, Livy holding Hadley, Jarett holding Logan and Arvid.

# Dobesh...

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bulls to find the cows.

Frank says that the Forest Service rangers tell him that their permits are the roughest ones in the Hills, but he says that in spite of the unfriendly terrain, it works well for them. Along with rough terrain, neither the Hills permit or the Montana Ranch have any usable buildings, just a good set of corrals.

"We turn bulls out the first of May for one cycle, and then keep the cows at our private lease in the hills for a few days before turning them onto the Forest Service permit so that they know where home is," Dane said. "That makes gathering them in the fall easier."

The irrigated fields along the Belle Fourche River mean plenty of work throughout the summer, but Dane says that extra labor means they have feed and it gives them options. Good genet-

ics and good feed—both the alfalfa hay and the short grass prairies –add up to healthy cattle.

"We run our cattle as drug free as we can," Frank said. "A bottle of antibiotics lasts us a long time. Most of our cattle never get more than a seven way shot and their Bangs vaccination."

"We don't use many needles," Dane

Frank's father started a performance testing program for bulls in the early 1950s. This later became known as South Dakota Performance Testing. Eight ranches each put six bulls in the test. Calves were weighed at birth, weaning and every 28 days through the winter. The bulls were all hand fed in troughs.

"I carried a lot of buckets!" Frank said. "In those days most calves weaned around 350 pounds, it took a really good one to weigh 500 pounds at weaning. I learned early that good cattle gain more, and how important it is to have good genetics."

Now Dobesh steers weigh around 600 pounds the first of November or so when they ship them directly to their buyer. They put all of their heifer calves on feed, and Frank said they weigh around 800 pounds when they go to pasture in April and tip the scales just

over 1000 pounds when they sell bred heifers in December or January. Dobeshes have sold their steers privately off the ranch for many years, and sell their bred heifers privately if possible. If private treaty sales don't work out, they trail the heifers horseback to Belle Fourche Livestock to be sold there.

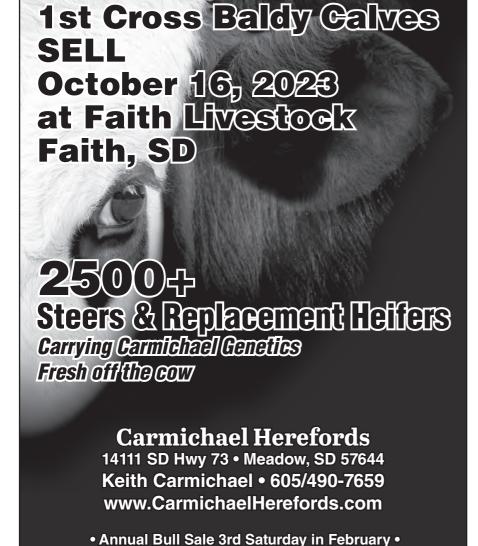
"We try to sell our steer calves straight off the cow in the weaning corral," Frank said. "We keep all the heifers and then sell the F1 baldies as bred heifers and keep the Herefords as replacements."

"Nine out of ten years we've been able to market our calves private treaty," Dane said. "When we do trail the heifers in it's quite a sight. With 200 head, they get strung out for 3/4 mile or so."

Frank may have sold his cows but he hasn't slowed down much.

"To retire is to expire," he joked, as he climbed into the swather to finish the last of the first cutting alfalfa, just as the second cutting was starting to bloom. Kasey spent the morning raking and Dane was headed for the baler.

"In this industry you have to believe in it or it will throw you out," Dane said. "You have to be all in, blood and heart; if you believe in what you're doing it's a good place to be."





Kristi, Dane and Frank Dobesh at the 2023 Black Hills Stock Show Hereford show in Rapid City, SD.

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# J Bar E Ranch...

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Joe married Katherine (Kay) Kohler in 1942 and had a family of three kids: Arvid, Joanne, and Linda Ann. Linda Ann married Ed Shackleford, and Joanne married Edwin Beery, of the Beery Herefords in Vida, MT. Arvid grew up working alongside his father on the ranch and soon discovered his passion for agriculture, especially cattle. Arvid farmed and ranched alongside his father for many years and credits his knowledge and dedication to the land to him. Arvid married Linda Lee in 1967 and started their own family, having a daughter and a son; Lorrie and Jay-De. Linda grew up in Sheridan County as well, just a few miles south of Arvid. She was always



Arvid and sister Joanne Beery.



J Bar E heifers on the ranch hills near Plentywood, MT.

surrounded by agriculture as her dad worked for various ranchers in the area and their family had horses. Arvid and Linda brought cattle to the Winter Fair in Bozeman, MT each year, while Joe and Kay would bring a trailer load to the Top Cut in Missoula, MT. The two couples continued showcasing cattle at various shows and participated in the Consignment Sales and the Big Muddy Hereford Show and Sale where they saw great success. When Joe retired, Arvid took over J Bar E Ranch to carry on the legacy.

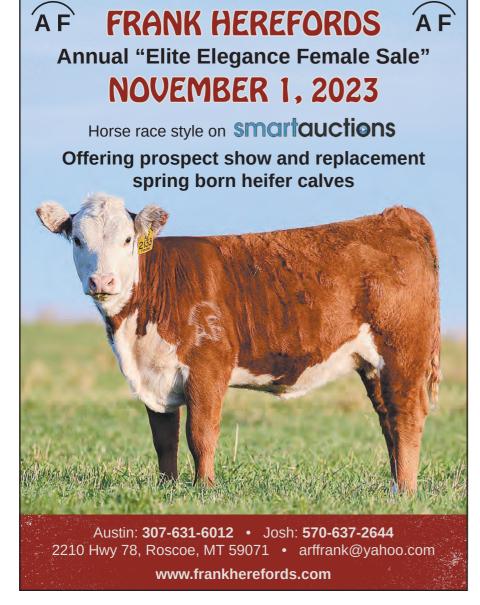
During the drought years of the

1980s, Arvid installed six miles of pipeline and dug water wells to utilize more pastures because all the stock dams had run dry. This led to the purchase of J Bar E's first semi, used for hauling hay. Seeing the need for hay hauled and farming done for various neighbors and ranchers around the Sheridan County area, Arvid began a hay hauling business, which Jay-De took over in 1997. This was not the only business venture this father/son duo embarked on, as they also had a custom combining business together.

In 1991, Arvid and Linda began a hunting business. Cabelas used to have the ranch leased out, so the company would provide guides and bring them with to guide the hunters. Now, the business is under land-owner sponsorship. There are roughly three to four groups of hunters that come each year, with five hunters in each group. Many of the hunters who came with Cabelas now come on their own in these groups to hunt on the land. These people come from all over; some have been from New York, Pennsylvania, Alabama, California and more, all with various

backgrounds. Linda cooks them breakfast each morning, packs their lunches for the day, and provides a large supper in the evening; each meal to be homemade. A full table can be seen as the whole family, kids and grandkids included, eat together with the hunters. "They just are part of the family. We really enjoy it, because we get to tell our story. They're amazed by how we take care of the land and our animals. They've learned when they go out, if an animal isn't in the right place or if a water tank isn't working properly, they tell us," said Linda. The experience influenced one hunter in particular, a politician, who called Linda after visiting J Bar E and asked her how a certain bill would affect them in a rural, agricultural area. "It made us feel acknowledged and appreciated," Linda commented. This business has helped the Eggen family educate the public on ranching and the western way of life.

Beginning in the 1980s, Arvid decided to switch over to strictly ranching and farming for hay crops only, as his passion is mainly cattle. While Joe began adding purebred Herefords to





Justin and Jared Eggen serving steaks at the anniversary celebration.

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Lorrie and daughter Kacie Lynn at the recent Montana Hereford Association banquet.

the operation, Arvid and Linda grew the ranch to a herd composition of mostly purebred Herefords with some commercial Hereford/Red Angus cross cattle. When asked what keeps the J Bar E Ranch coming back to the Hereford breed, Arvid said, "The disposition of Hereford cattle is unmatched... Herefords are what I grew up with and what we know. They're a great breed to run." Bulls are turned out in time to begin their calving season for the middle of April. "We used to calve in February, but life is just too short," Arvid laughed. The northeastern Montana winters and early spring seasons can be harsh with frigid temperatures, high winds, and blizzard conditions.

J Bar E sells yearling and two-year old bulls, to both registered and commercial breeders, and stands behind each bull they sell. All the advertising is done by word of mouth. Lorrie noted that some customers have been coming back for three generations. The bulls have been sold from Canada down to Mexico and many places in between. With the sale of the bulls, the ranch strives to present the best product, and to be proud of each animal that walks off their ranch. "What we're doing has to work for our customers, or why would they do business with us if it's not going to improve their herd?" Linda commented. Registered and commercial calves are weaned in November/December and backgrounded on the ranch until early spring. They keep back their own replacement heifers and sell the rest of the heifers and the steers around the middle of February.

When choosing replacement females, Arvid stressed the importance of good feet and legs, especially in the vast country of Sheridan County. The udder quality is also a trait at the top of the list. "It is so important to recognize what needs to be culled. In my opinion, that is what hurt the Hereford breed in the past; everybody kept every cow. Luckily, improvements have been made so that only the quality cows and bulls are retained in the herd and the breed is coming back to be very strong," Arvid stated. As for EPDs,

overall carcass quality was highlighted along with high ribeye numbers.

Arvid has been known to be the "cow whisperer" around the area. For several years past and still today, ranchers ask Arvid to help them pick out their replacement heifers. "They ask me what the secret is, but there is no secret. You get the top and the bottom off, then you have your middle, uniform group... I really enjoy helping others and I'm always honored when I'm asked." he said. The Eggen family also helps the Sheridan County 4-H and FFA members each year by bringing a livestock scale and assisting in weighing in the

market animals at the Fair.

When asked what the secret to a successful 125 years is, "Taking care of the land," is what Arvid, Linda, and Lorrie agreed on. "Don't overgraze, save some grass for next year so that there can be a next year," Arvid and Lorrie added. An additional goal is to have cattle that present with few

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Arvid and Linda Eggen in 2019 when they were honored by the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame.



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# J Bar E Ranch...

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problems and can calve on their own. "We want our cattle to have that calm Hereford disposition. We can help that by staying quiet and even mannered while working them...it really makes a huge difference," Arvid commented.

Arvid is not only a well-known cattleman, but he was also inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2019. He and Linda owned the American Quarter Horse stallion "Winning Little Leo," the last known grandson of the famous stallion "Leo," along with many other significant bloodlines in his pedigree. This stallion sired many foals and worked quietly and confidently with the cattle on the ranch. "It was and still is a huge honor," said Arvid, "It really goes to show what people think of you, and we're all very humbled and proud of that."

Lorrie bought J Bar E Ranch from Arvid and Linda in 2017. "I grew up on the ranch working outside with my dad since I was a little girl. I always preferred to be outside working rather than inside playing with dolls," Lorrie

laughed. "I took over the ranch in order to keep it in the family and to be able to pass it on to my kids." Her future goals for the ranch are to continue raising quality, reputable Hereford cattle, just as her parents had done. She is also trying to focus more on the overall carcass quality of the herd. When asked if she had any advice for young women entering the agriculture world, she said, "My advice for young women is to go for it. It's hard work, physically and mentally, but at the end of the day the rewards are priceless." Lorrie has three children; Justin (Katie), Jarett (Livy), and Kacie Lynn. Grandchildren Aubrey, Jett, Logan, and Hadley.

Arvid and Linda's son, Jay-De, has also worked on the ranch since he was a young boy. Not only did he and Arvid start a custom combining and a hay hauling business, but Jay-De now has his own cattle hauling business that he takes all over the country along with delivering to Canada and Mexico. Jay-De lives on the ranch, has his own herd of cattle that runs with the rest of the J Bar E Ranch cattle, and stays busy having in the summer. He has three children; Kaylee (Dusty) Day, Aleecia,



Emilee (Jensen), and grandchild Rylee. J Bar E Ranch has many generations coming up to continue the traditions for the next 125 years. "I'm very lucky to on this ranch, and I'm so proud of the next generations that will progress it. I know the future will be bright," Arvid and Linda added.

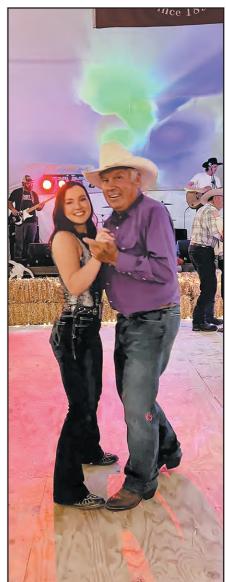






Wagon rides at the ranch anniversary party were popular, recalling days goneby.





Kacie Lynn and Grandpa Arvid taking a spin around the dance floor.

# Sale Reports



Madison Maupin, Tennessee Hereford Queen at the Walker Polled Hereford Sale.

#### Walker Polled Herefords Foundations for the Future '23 Sale

Guest Consignors: Friendly Acres Farm, Dirt Road Farms, Jernigan Farm, Crouch Polled Hereford Farm

> Morrison, TN Sept. 4, 2023

#### **Auctioneers:**

Eddie Burks and Dustin Layton St. John Marketing & Consulting, Locke St. John

99 Lots — \$6,017

#### **Top Lots:**

Lot 1, WLKR JH Washita 4030 0227 ET, 2/12/20 by BR Hutton 4030ET to Langley Farms, TN, \$15,000.

Lot 14A, WLKR LF JH Rose H0862446 ET, 9/25/22 by SHF Houston D287 H086 to Dry Creek Farm, AL, \$14,000.

Lot 99, Right to Flush WLKR JM Beth B413 333 G92 ET, 9/18/19 by EFBEEF BR Validated B413 to GKB Cattle, TX, \$13,000.

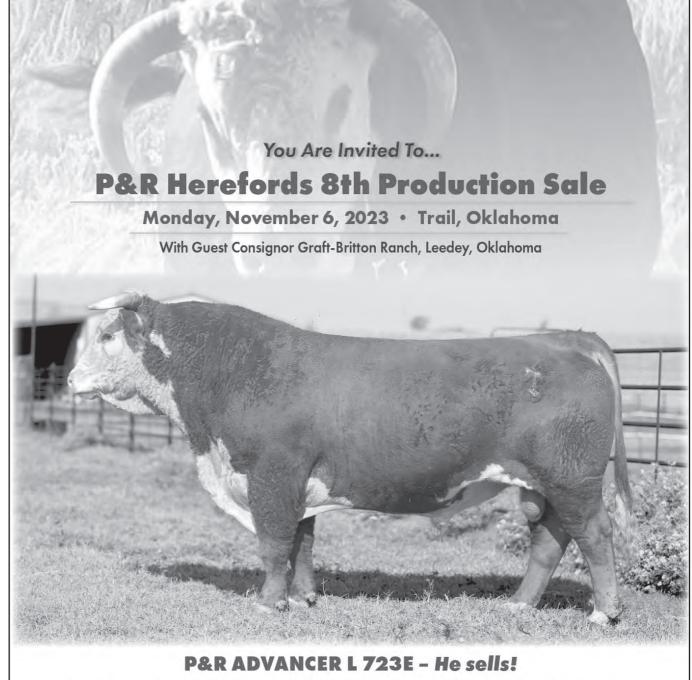
Lot 7A, WLKR RTF Beth 0016 8101 K64ET, 9/21/22 by RST Final Print 0016 to Mohican West, MT, \$12,000. Lot 8A, WLKR /S JH Rose 00161 2444ET, 9/22/22 by /S Arsenal 00161 ET to Tennessee River Music, AL, \$10,000.

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Gary Hedrick, White Hawk Ranch, Buchanan, GA, at the Walker sale.





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Walker Family opened the sale with a lovely display of new progeny. Pictured are Cody Walker and his wife Trisha and children Hayden, Weston and Kimber. On the block are Locke St. John (left), Eric Walker, Eddie Burks, auctioneer and Katie Colyer, Live Auctions. tv.



Denis O'Brien, Tipperary, studying the Churchill Cattle Co. offering.



Eric Walker (left), Morrison, TN visiting with Roger Stuber, Bowman, ND at the Churchill Sale.



Vicki and Nyle Stromsmoe (front), Stromsmoe Hereford and Angus, Etzicom, Alberta and Bill and Marie Farr, XA Cattle Co., Moorefield, NE at the Holden sale.



Bruce Daniel with grandson John Avery at the Walker sale.



Brad Holden with his son, Hudson, before the Holden sale.



Nels and Terri Nixdorff, YV Ranch, Airdrie. Alberta at the Holden sale.



Brent Sadler, Perkins, OK, made a successful purchase at Holdens, obtaining Lot 3 for \$26,000.

Holden Herefords Miss Advance Female Pageant Sept. 14, 2023 Valier, MT

**Auctioneer: Joe Goggins** 

7 Donors — \$12,107 5 Bred Heifers — \$7,850 18 Bred Cows — \$7,486 18 Open Fall Heifer Calves \$5,542 100 Straws — \$206 13 Embryos — \$1,269

#### **Top Lots:**

Lot 31, HH Miss Advance 1161J, 1/15/21 by HH Advance 8010F ET, bred to CL 1 Domino 0176H to Don Bixler, \$27,000.

Lot 3, HH Miss Advance 8339F, 8/11/18 by HH Advance 3297A ET to Sadler Ranch, \$26,000.

Lot 4, HH Miss Advance 9016G ET, 12/28/18 by HH Advance 5019C ET bred to HH Advance 0022H to Friedt Herefords, Mott, ND, \$11,000.

Lot 37, HH Miss Advance 0002H ET, 12/28/19 by HH Advance 6092D to Engelhardt Ranch, Carpone, ND, \$11,500.

Churchill Cattle Co. World Class Female Sale Manhattan, MT Sept. 15, 2023

**Auctioneer: Joe Goggins** 

14 Spring Heifer Calves — \$14,018 4 Fall Open Heifers — \$12,500 39 Bred Heifers — \$8,788 54 Bred Cows — \$5,935 3 Flushes — \$8,833 48 Embryos — \$1,275 111 Total Lots — \$8,194

#### **Top Lots:**

Lot 1, Churchill Lady 3173L ET, 2/2/23 by RST Final Print 0016 to W4 Ranch, Fort Worth, TX, \$47,500.

Lot 41, Churchill Lady 280K, 1/17/22 by Churchill Red Baron 8300F ET to El Centro Ranch, Guadalajara, JA, MX, \$28,000.

Lot 6, Churchill Lady 3152L ET, 1/30/23 by RST Final Print 0016 to Stellpflug Cattle Co., Glenrock, WY, \$27,000.

Lot 17, Churchill Lady 2302K ET, 8/15/22 by Churchill Desperado 029H to El Centro Ranch, \$23,000.

Lot 13, Churchill Lady 3116L ET, 1/7/23 by HH Advance 0159H to Cooper Hereford Ranch, Willow Creek, MT, \$22,500.

Lot 24, Churchill Lady 2294K ET, 2/6/22 by TH Masterplan 183F to Sommers Herefords, Pinedale, WY, \$21,000.

Lot 5, Churchill Lady 2324K ET, 12/27/22, by RST Final Print 0016 to Stellpflug Cattle Co. \$20,000.



Richard Estergaard, Callaway, NE at the Churchill sale.

Lot 40, Churchill JR Lady 231K, 1/11/22 by Birdwell Vanguard 5022 9337 to Netherhall Herefords, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, UK, \$20,000. Lot 50, Churchill W4 Lady 2152K, 2/5/22, by CL 1 Domino 0186H to Jennings Land & Cattle, Palmyra, IL, \$20,000.

Ehlke Herefords
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Ranch Open House

29 Bred Heifers — \$4,395 5 Fall Open Heifers — \$4,200 2 Bull Calves — \$4,625 36 Total Lots — \$4,381

#### **Top Selling Bred Heifers:**

E 174E Paradise J118 (owned with Iron Lake Ranch), 9/14/21 by TH Frontier 174E out of ILR 16W Lady Beth 835 ET, a daughter of Beth 1L, to Aaron and Sara Friesz, ND, \$12,000.

E 6153 Rita J71, 8/20/21 by Boyd 31Z Blueprint 6153 to Terri Frederickson, ID, \$7,250.

#### **Top Open Heifer:**

E 173D Rita 2021 ET, 8/29/22 by NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 173D ET to Terry Pitts, MT, \$5,500.



Mark Ehlke welcomed the tour and sale crowds to their ranch.

Mohican West Fall Female Sale Laurel, MT Sept. 17, 2023

**Auctioneer: Dale Stith** 

53.25 Live Lots — \$5,400 24 Embryos — \$626 60.25 Total Lots — \$5,085

#### Top Lots:

Lot 2, Mohican Prairie Rose 21L ET, 2/4/23 by SHF Houston D287 H086 x Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET.

to Sand Rock Ranch, Benton, WI, Lot 24, MHF Endure 20A G64 ET, \$26,000. 2/26/19 by NJW 79Z Z311 En-

Lot 8, Mohican Vaca 4L ET, 12/25/22 by SHF Houston D287 H086 to River Valley Polled Hereford, Newburgh, Ontario, \$10,750.

Lot 1, Mohican Lift Off 29L ET, 2/8/23 by SHF Houston D287 H086 to Topp Herefords, Grace City, ND, \$10,000

Lot 24A, Mohican 4013 38L, 2/9/23 by Innisfail WHR X651/723 4013 ET to Midway Polled Herefords, Sheyenne, ND, \$9,000.

Lot 24, MHF Endure 20A G64 ET, 2/26/19 by NJW 79Z Z311 Endure 173D ET to Joey Skirivanek, Cadwell, TX, \$5,250.

Lot 56, DCR A2 8327 Onetime 1150, 3/22/21 by DCR DVB 518 Precedence 8327 to J&L Cattle, Jeromesville, OH, \$8,000.

Lot 56A, DCR A2 0018 Onetime 3006, 1/3/23 by DCR 428B Manhattan 0018 to Walker Polled Herefords, Morrison, TN & Jernigan Farms, Columbia, TN, \$4,000.

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Ehlke bred heifers on display. Taking a look were Kevin Bennett (left), Mike Stroh, Killdeer, ND and Janice Bennett, Benton, WI.



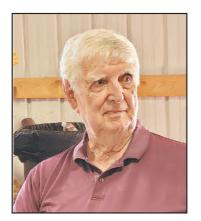
Dean Heins from Minnesota at Ehlke Herefords.



Bill Farr, XA Cattle Co., Moorefield, NE at the Churchill sale.



Mike Jernigan, Jernigan Farm, Columbia, TN at the Churchill sale.



Conard Stitzlein, owner of Mohican West and Mohican Polled Herefords.



Wyatt Agar, Durbin Creek Cattle Co., WY was also a guest consignor at Mohican West.



Fred McMurry, McMurry Cattle, Billings, MT was a guest consignor at the Mohican West sale.



Emilee Holt who works for Ned and Jan Ward. See next month's issue to learn more about Emilee.



Shari and Lance Leachman of Big Gully Farms, Maidstone, Sask., at the Mohican sale. They took in the Hereford week in Montana.



Dale Venhuizen, Churchill Cattle Co.



Sale block at the Mohican West & Guests Female Sale. Pictured are Katie Colyer (left) with LiveAuctions, Mohican West Manager Terry Powlesland, Auctioneer Dale Stith and sale clerk Meg Stanley Foran.



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# Obituaries

#### Norma Tenold

Norma Tenold, 83 of Reva, SD passed away on September 7, 2023.

Norma Ann Viken was born on September 20, 1939 in Hettinger, ND to Oscar and Nora (Ellingson) Viken. She attended the Swanson grade school in

Ellingson Community Perkins County. She graduated from Hettinger High School in 1957. Norma began working at the First National



Bank in Hettinger and the Super Value store.

She married Robert Tenold on March 19, 1961 at Lodgepole, SD. They began their life together on the Tenold Ranch near Reva, SD where they raised their four children — Ricky, Sheri, Todd and Daron while farming and ranching together for 62 years.

Norma grew a large garden, did canning, raised chickens and sheep which she was particularly fond of. Her home cooked meals, pies, buns, and other baked goods made sure that all the family attended every family gathering. She helped in all aspects of their farming and ranching operation.

In her younger years she enjoyed bowling and teaching Sunday School. She was a member of the Slim Buttes Lutheran Church where she served as treasurer of the WMF and took pride in keeping up the church and church grounds. Most of all she enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren in all of their activities.

Surviving family members include her husband, Bob; daughter and sonin-law, Sheri and Ross Glass, Hebron, ND; son and daughter-in-law, Daron and Amy Tenold, Reva, SD; grandchildren, Brian (Chelsey) Glass, Trish (Wayde) Bauman, ShaLee (Tanner) Tescher, Chance (Alyssa) Glass; Deon, Dace, Dualy, Dawson, Tenold; great grandchildren, Chet, Westyn and Gracielyn Glass, Britt and Bear Bauman; Sawyer and Tipp Tescher, and Leo Glass; sister-in-law, Bonnie Viken, Fosston MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar & Nora, sons, Todd and Ricky; brothers, Norman and Oscar; and sister Naomi Coleman.

#### Susan D. Loehr

Susan D. Loehr, age 62, of Peoria, IL passed peacefully away with her

family and close friends at her side on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at her residence after a 5 year courageous and battle valiant fighting several



kinds of cancer.

She was born May 6, 1961 in Columbia, MO to Ronald E. and Doris I. (Simpson) Hill. She married P.T. "Pete" Loehr on June 5, 1999 in Bloomington.

He survives along with Susan's mother of Bloomington, three siblings: Jenny (Roger) Scott of Bloomington, Douglas (Kayla) Hill of Skaneateles, NY, David (Lindsay) Hill, Sr. of Shorewood, IL, and one sister-in-law, Ann (Mark) Jackson of Decatur. She is also survived by 13 nieces and nephews: Meghan (Derick) Moser, Lauren (Charles) Gauthier, Alexandra (David) Haldeman, Caleigh Hill, David (Ash-

ley) Hill, Jr., Lacey Hill, Drake (Kari) Hill, Katherine Hill, Connor Hill, Taylor Hill, Julia (John) Douglass, Laura (Erik) Van Kampen, Paul Jackson, and her two precious Maltese, Bailey and

She was preceded in death by her father.

Susan was a 1979 graduate of Bloomington High School and went to Peoria, graduating with her nursing diploma from Methodist School of Nursing in 1982. Susan started her nursing career at OSF Hospital Open Heart Cardio-Thoracic Surgery between

1982-2004. She then was working at Soderstrom Skin Institute between 2004-2023.

Nursing was her life, as she loved the people she worked with as well as the people she served. Susan took two mission trips serving in Haiti with Dr. John Carroll. Susan was always caring, always kind, always had a smile, and was a wonderful friend to those around her. She will be dearly missed. A celebration of Susan's life will be Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Second Presbyterian Church at 404 N Prairie St., Bloomington, IL 61701 at 11:00 am.

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MHA board member Carl Loyning (left) presented Justin Wichman with the Hereford Man of the Year award. Justin and his family ranch near Moore, MT.



Tom Sparks (right), Plevna, MT accepted the award presented to Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Station for 90 years of dedication to the Hereford Line One program.



Commercial Breeder of the Year was Turnbull's A7 Ranch, Brockton, MT. Carl Loyning (left) presented the award to Neil Turnbull. A7 Ranch is operated by Neil and Judy Turnbull of Brockton, MT, along with their daughter and son in law Tara and Chad Kelly.



Junior Breeder of the Year was Megan Otis.



Austin Frank, MHA V.P. presented a \$750 MHA Heifer Grant to Lexie Wichman of Moore, MT. Allie Knutson from Bridger, MT was also a recipient.



Whitey Hunt (left), Innisfail Farm, Madison, GA visiting with MHA president Dave Hanson.



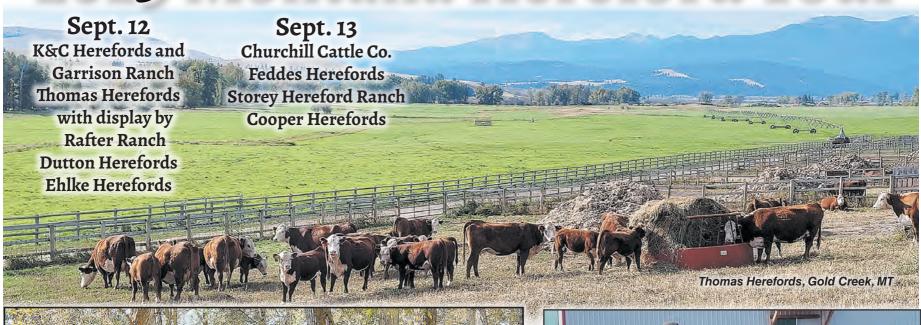
Montana Junior Hereford Association — Advisor Stephanie Murnin introduced several Junior officers including Megan Otis, president; Jacinta Baumgartner, vice president and queen and Sidney Wilson, secretary.



Amanda Romine, Montana Hereford Association secretary/treasurer spoke to the crowd.

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The Thomas Family — Heather and Ben, Aspen and Gracin; Terri Jo and her husband, Donna and Rick; Amber and Travis and their sons Connor and Cooper; Tammy and Bruce; Shirley and Richard. (Shirley fell and broke her knee cap but is healing.) (Kurt and Jessica and their family are in Texas). The ranch was started in 1957 by Richard and Shirley.



Liz Jones, Rafter Ranch, at Wise River, MT, had a display at Thomases ranch. She is pictured with daughters Jodi Pauly, grandson and daughter Yvonne. Their ranch was started in 1930.



Cory and Keesha Dutton, K&C Herefords, in front of their cattle display at the Deer Lodge Fairgrounds. They have about 25 head of registered and commercial Polled Herefords. They've had cattle for 40 years and have been near Deer Lodge for the last 13 years.



Bill and Floydeana Garrison from Glen, MT, had a display of registered yearling horned bulls at the Deer Lodge Fairgrounds. Their start was as a large commercial ranch. In recent years the ranch was split with their sons and Bill and Floydeana started raising registered Herefords. Floydeana is also a noted horse woman and former Miss Rodeo Montana.



Dean Dutton, Gold Creek, MT, introduced his family to the crowd.





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Mark and Della Ehlke with the Montana Junior Hereford Queen Jacinta Baumgartner.









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Jane'a Ehlke Merkel and her husband Jake with one of their twin boys.





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Dan Feddes (right) introduced his family on the tour. Pictured are (left to right) Tim and Tami and their grandson Layton; Taylor, Robyn and Dan Feddes.





Katelyn, Chuck and Kathy (Storey) Kohlbeck welcomed the crowd to Storey Herefords.



SHR 2044 Paramount 0068 at Storey Hereford Ranch.

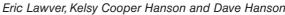


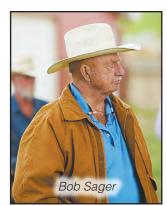


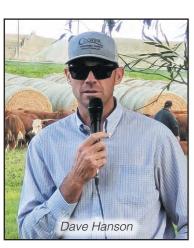


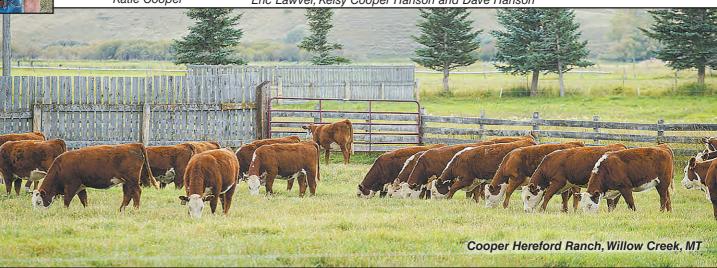












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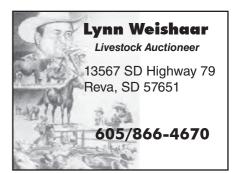
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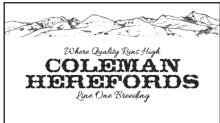


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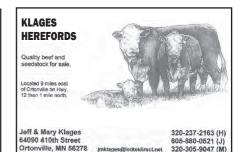
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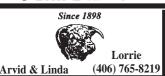
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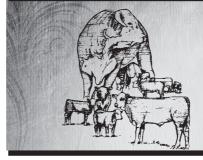
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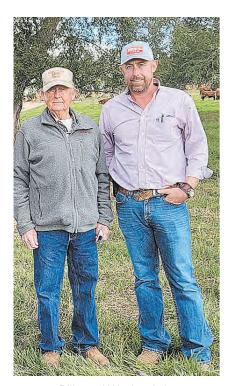
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Landon Doyle (left) from Texas visiting with Scott Polk from Ag West Bank, Bozeman, MT and Bob Sager (right) of White Sulphur Springs,



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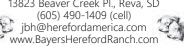
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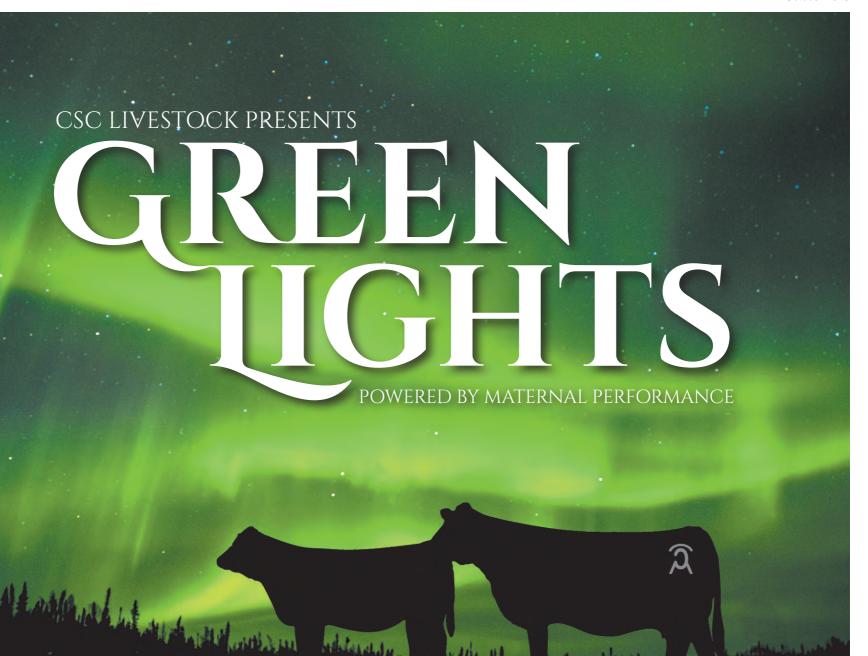
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