

Montana Hereford News

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The Board of Directors would like to welcome Matt Beery and Ace Diemert

The board of Directors of the Montana Hereford Association would like to welcome Matt Beery from Vida, MT, who has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors. Matt has been appointed to fill the unexpired position left vacant from Fred McMurry. Fred and Doreen McMurry recently moved to Pennsylvania. There is one year left of the 3 year term.

At the Annual Meeting on the 18th, we will also have an election for 3 one-year at large terms and 2 three-year terms, one from the East and one from the West. You will want to make sure you are at the Annual Meeting to have a voice in who is representing us and our breed.

The MHA Board would also like to announce the new webmaster for the MHA website. Ace Diemert, Lothair, MT will be handling the website for us and he has some great plans in store for the future of the website. So keep watching the website for the exciting changes.

We would also like to THANK Delle Ehlke for all the hours she has put into the website. She has done a great job keeping it running and updated for us.

THANK YOU DELLA!!

Congratulations to more Montana County Fair Winners

The Montana Hereford Association would like to congratulate two more County Fair winners for their Supreme Champion Hereford Females they exhibited at their local county Fair.

Kayla Lowery, Deer Lodge, MT exhibited the Supreme Champion Hereford Female, AH Heavy Duty 11G, purchased from Thomas Herefords, Gold Creek, MT at the Tri-County Fair and Jessica Kirschten, Baker, MT exhibited the Supreme Champion Hereford Female she raised, MH Advance 09, at the Fallon County Fair.

Both these Juniors, along with Jarett Wacker and Cody Harper will receive a Hereford Windbreaker jacket from the Montana Hereford Association at the Montana Hereford Convention in Miles City, November 18.

Way to go Juniors!

Montana Big Sky Hereford Tour - A Success!!

Hereford enthusiasts from eighteen states and Canada motored in two elegant busses, for two days, to view ten herds in the Montana Big Sky country. The weather was beautiful and the fall scenery was spectacular for the tour. Herefordites departed from Great Falls the first day and viewed the Hinderager Angchor Polled Hereford her first. Next came the Bayers-Sand herd at Power, which has both polled and horned Herefords. The Tour then drove west to Fairfield to view the commercial herd of Fred Ginther. During lunch on the bus, as the group viewed the Rocky Mountain front mountains, the busses sped toward the Holden's at Valier; first at John and Linda Holden's Westwind Ranch (polled) and then on to Holden Herefords where Ace Diemert Herefords were a guest exhibitor. After viewing the cattle the group was treated to a tasty meal by the Holden's. We then drove down the interstate to our Great Falls home at the Crystal Inn. The tour had covered approximately 300 miles that day in ten hours.

On the second day the tour left Great Falls and motored to Willow Creek to the Cooper Hereford Ranch, where we had lunch under a beautiful setting of trees, green grass, and fine Herefords. We then moved on to the old firm of Marvin Feddes and Sons, at Manhattan, where we saw an excellent display. The next stop was the Churchill Cattle Co., owned by Dale and Nancy Venhuizen, where again we were shown a nice group of cattle. Our last stop was in the mountains east of Townsend, where we visited the good Herefords of the Ehlke's, Della and Mark and daughters Lacey and Janea.

"The cattle were among the tops in the nation, the scenery was beautiful and the Hereford people were outstanding!"

McMurry Cattle of Billings also showed a nice display at this stop. We were greeted by two teams of horses pulling wagons with bales of hay in the wagons for seating. Tour people were taken throughout the cows and calves and even up to the house by this means. A very unusual form of transportation in this day in time, but fun! This was a beautiful setting, with several mountain ranges in view. The Ehlke's had gone all out in this final stop of a great tour. A tent was set up with table cloths and all the fine stuff, wine was served, and we were treated to a wonderful Hereford steak. The tour group relaxed and visited and enjoyed the comradery and the scenery. The group split here with many going east to the Ward's sale and other driving on home. The two buses headed back to Great Falls about 7:30 pm, arriving at Great Falls about 9:00. A wonderful tour covering about 600 miles. We spent eleven hours

tour that day but no one had a complaint. Many people spoke that this was the finest tour that they had been on. The cattle were among the

tops in the nation, the scenery was beautiful and the Hereford people were outstanding!

Hereford American and the MT Hereford Association is proud to have sponsored this tour. It will be the flagship for tours for years to come.

A special thanks due to Lorrie Wacker, Dale and Heather Sand, Della Ehlke, and Don Broesder for their help and assistance in making this tour such a success. Our thanks also goes to Julie, Mike and Jerry, at Big Sky Bus Lines, and Adrianna at the Crystal Inn, and to Wanda Sand for the food preparation on our busses. We appreciate working with you!

Byron Bayers

Montana Hereford Association - Thanks YOU!!!

The Montana Hereford Association would like to thank the participants, Hereford America and Byron for supporting the Big Sky Hereford Tour!

Thank YOU for helping make the Tour a SUCCESS!!!

THANK YOU!!!

Personal News & Notes of Interest

Welcome Brodie and Trenten!

We would like to welcome our two newest additions to the Montana Hereford Association.

Ken and Shannon Jackson were blessed the end of October with a baby boy, Brodie Kayne Jackson. President Ken reported "he weighed in at about 8 lbs. and was about 20.25 inches long."



Congratulations Jackson's and Broesder's!!

Seth and Sarah Broesder also had a baby boy on July 30th. His name is Trenten James and he weighed 7 lbs. Grandma Sandy reported everyone is doing fine, Trenten has turned into a little blue-eyed pork chop, and he was born with and has kept a full head of thick, long, dark strawberry-blonde hair. She also reported Seth continues to work with Congressmen Rehberg.

Congratulations - Dale Sand

Dale Sand received the first Beef Improvement Federation Sponsorship awarded. This award is sponsored by the American Hereford Women's Association and helps to pay for one individual's trip to the Beef Federation Improvement Annual meeting in Fort Collins, Colorado in 2007.

Way to go Dale!!

Our Thoughts are with you

Our thoughts are with the following families who lost loved ones this past year:

Jerry Engle of Whitehall
 Jack Gehring of Helena
 Andreas C. Grande of Bozeman
 Virgil Isbell of Wilsall
 Ralph Heinemann of Billings

Congratulations also goes to Kristi Bishop

National Junior Hereford Association member Kristi Bishop was among eight individuals that were awarded scholarships totaling \$18,250 at Herefords events in Kansas City, MO., October 21-22.

Kristi, Basehor, Kansas won big, receiving a \$5,000 Bill and Jo Ellard, EE Ranches Inc. Scholarship from the Hereford

Youth Federation of America.

Bishop served on the NJHA board of directors from 2002-2004. She is a senior at Oklahoma State University, majoring in animal science with a minor in agricultural leadership. After completing her undergraduate studies, Bishop intends to apply for the agricultural education and leadership

graduate program at OSU. She eventually wishes to work in youth development within the cattle industry.

Kristi is the daughter of Vicki Bishop and the late Gary Bishop and the granddaughter of Loren and Janet Brooks of Hardin, MT.

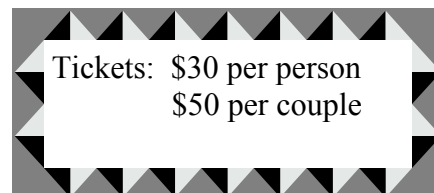
We are proud of you Kristi!

Montana Hereford Association Annual Meeting & Convention

Saturday, November 18, 2006

Eagles, Miles City, MT

- 9:00 a.m. Registration for:
Annual Meeting, Convention, and Judging Clinic
- 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting
Judging Clinic, Fort Keogh - Russell & Stacie Dietz
(for any youth attending)
- Noon Luncheon - Sponsored by: Genex Hawkeye West
CHB Contest - Carcass Awards - County Fair Awards
- 1:30 p.m. Meeting will resume with Election of Board Members
Tools of Technology Seminars:
DNA Testing for Carcass Traits & Genetic Progeny Difference - Bovigen
Animal ID / Source Verified - Tom Hogan, Verilogik
- 4:00 p.m. Wrap Up
- 6:00 p.m. Social Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Prime Rib Awards Dinner including:
Commercial Breeder of the Year
Young Breeder of the Year
Hereford Person of the Year



Entertainment to follow provided by:
Jason DeShaw, The Country Way

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Guest House Inn. Rooms are \$60 and includes a hot breakfast and indoor swimming pool. To reserve your room, contact the Guest House Inn at 406-232-3661 and ask for the Montana Hereford Association room block.

Jason DeShaw is an up-and-coming country singer, born and raised in Plentywood, Montana. In 2003, he graduated from Carroll College with a B.S. in B.S. and embarked on his musical career. He now lives 7 miles West of Plentywood when he is not on tour, and is surrounded by the inspiration for his music: the hardworking folks and rugged landscape that belong to Eastern Montana. Blessed with a superb voice, Jason began his singing career while attending Carroll, and soon began to play sold-out engagements in the Helena area, including an acclaimed concert at the Myrna Loy Center. Having received favorable coverage by the Montana media, he performed across the State of Montana the following summer. In 2004, Jason embarked on musical adventures spanning from Canada to North Carolina. He has entertained at colleges and county fairs throughout the West and MidWest and will be playing down South this spring. Jason has produced a 14-song CD of original music, entitled "The Country Way," which sold out by the hundreds upon its release. Asked about his music, he puts it simply: "It's people and places that inspire me. There are things I cannot leave unsaid or unsung." In 2004, he recorded and released a new album of originals entitled "Ten Miles 2 Go." When asked about the success of this CD, Jason smilingly said, "Well it hasn't gone platinum yet, but it's gone aluminum." It's all about "Livin,' Lovin,' and Leavin'" as Jason blends traditional country with his own new sound. With a back home feeling and a natural stage presence, Jason's music and personality draw in the crowd for a rollicking good time. Whether country fan or not, you will be amazed by the song and show of Jason DeShaw.

Jason has opened for the likes of Pam Tillis, Lorrie Morgan, Little Big Town, Bryan White and Wade Hayes and will appear for the Montana Hereford Association Saturday, November 18, 2006 in Miles City. For details contact MHA Secretary Lorrie Wacker 406-895-2670. To check out his website go to www.thecountrway.com

News from the American Hereford Association

Evans Elected AHA President

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jack Evans, Winona, Miss., was announced as the new president of the American Hereford Association (AHA) at the AHA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 23. His goals for the AHA include taking Certified Hereford Beef® (CHB) to the next level, gaining more Hereford market share and making the Association as efficient as possible.

In 1970 Evans graduated from Kansas State University, where he was herdsman of the college's cattle division. After graduating he managed Flint Hill Hereford Ranch in Eureka, Kan.; Higgens Hereford Ranch in Nowata, Okla.; and finally EE Ranches Inc.'s Mississippi division in Winona, where he remains after 23 years.

State delegates elected Evans to the AHA Board of Directors in 2003. This past year, he was chair of the show and sale committee, and also served on the building and marketing committees. In addition, he serves on the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) board of directors.

Evans says the Hereford-cross is the "natural answer" for commercial cattlemen looking to take advantage of the powerful and profitable effects of heterosis. He asks that Hereford breeders heavily promote this advantage in order to grow market share and to help commercial cattlemen reap the benefits of careful crossbreeding.

Hank DeShazer, Hearne, Texas, will team with Evans as the AHA vice president. DeShazer owns DeShazer Cattle Co. in Hearne, where about 400 Hereford calves are born each year and 150-200 commercial bulls are sold private treaty.

DeShazer was elected to the AHA Board in 2004. He also serves on the Hereford Youth Foundation of

America (HYFA) board, and is a member of the Texas Hereford and Texas Polled Hereford associations, as well as the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

The AHA Board also gained three new directors on Oct. 23: Marshall Ernst, Windsor, Colo.; Bob Harrell Jr., Baker City, Ore.; and Denny Hoffman, McArthur, Calif.

Ernst and his family own and operate Ernst Horned & Polled Herefords. His career also exceeds 30 years in the meat industry. He has managed both hog and cattle harvesting facilities as well as further processed and cooked meat operations. Ernst has been responsible for 35 meat-processing plants in 20 states.

He served as Wisconsin Polled Hereford Association president twice and as a director for six years. His career moved him from Wisconsin to Ohio, where his family was active in the Buckeye Hereford Association, and then to Colorado. Currently he is working with other Colorado breeders to reorganize the Colorado Hereford Association. Ernst is also co-chairman of the 2007 Junior National Hereford Expo.

Harrell Hereford Ranch, located in eastern Oregon, is a second-generation operation that was established in 1970. It is a family-run operation and consists of 300 registered cows, 400 commercial cows, an 800-head feedlot and 20 Quarter Horse broodmares.

Harrell has served as a director and as an officer in the Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho Hereford Association (OWNI) and is past president of the Baker County Livestock Association. He served on the 2005 AHA Strategic Planning Committee and on a past AHA nominat-

ing committee. He has been asked to judge shows on the national and international level, and has had exposure as an exhibitor in the showing, coming up through the ranks of the American Junior Hereford Association. Harrells exhibited the 1984 reserve grand champion bull at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) and have shown several carloads in the NWSS Yards.

Hoffman has been actively involved with Hereford cattle for nearly 50 years. He started his career with a 4-H project. His involvement progressed to being a herdsman, a manager and now an owner of 100 registered Hereford cows, plus a small registered Angus herd and 150 commercial cows that are used in an embryo transfer (ET) program. Hoffman Herefords is a family-run operation.

Hoffman's background with Hereford organizations includes serving on the California-Nevada Hereford Association board of directors and the OWNI board. He has been president of the OWNI and also has served on the president's council. He has extensive showing experience and, like Harrell, has been asked to judge at major cattle shows.

Retiring at the Annual Meeting were Jack Holden, Valier, Mont., 2005-06 president; Wayne Mrnak, Bowman, N.D., director and 2005-06 CHB LLC president; and Dale Spencer, Brewster, Neb., director.

The AHA Year-End report

recently released, lists

Montana in the top 10 states.

AHA Releases Year-End Report

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Prices paid for both Hereford bulls and females increased dramatically during the 2005-06 American Hereford Association (AHA) fiscal year (Sept. 1-Aug. 31), pointing to the growing demand for Hereford efficiency in conversion, hardiness, fertility, longevity and disposition.

In sales reported in the *Hereford World*, the AHA's official publication, the average bull price increased 8.4% from \$2,894 last year to \$3,137 this year, while the female average grew by a remarkable 25.4% from \$2,362 to \$2,962. Combined, the bulls and females brought \$412 more per head on 2,895 more animals.

"The AHA finds itself in a strong, viable position within the seedstock industry," says Craig Huffhines, AHA executive vice president. "The economics have been excellent for Hereford breeders, as prices for bulls and females steadily rise and as the market share for Hereford genetics takes on new heights this decade."

Even though prices are rising, commercial customers can be confident that Hereford still means value. The fertility and rugged structure of the Hereford bull provides for extra years of breeding power, reducing annual bull purchases. On an Angus cow, his F1 son commands top dollar in the sale barn and feedlot, and his daughter excels in temperament and mothering ability. She produces year after year, and with hybrid vigor delivers more pounds of marketable product.

This "Hereford-influenced" value continues to grow, as producers increasingly submit data for the betterment of the breed. The AHA year-end numbers demonstrated breeder commitment to progress in carcass traits, with an 86.9% jump in reported ultrasound measurements (backfat, ribeye area and intramuscular fat) over the past five years.

Registrations, transfers, cow inventory and memberships were also noted at the year's end. Despite drought conditions, Huffhines says the stats show a "steady, stable trend" for the Hereford breed.

As the second largest breed association in the U.S., the AHA reported 69,344 registrations, 34,352 transfers and a cow inventory of 106,120 head. Contributing to these numbers were 3,462 adult members and 2,283 junior members.

The top 10 states for registrations in descending order were Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Missouri, Montana, Illinois, Idaho and Georgia.

On the retail side of the Hereford business, Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) LLC reported sales of 37.9 million lb. of CHB[®] from 258,626 certified carcasses.

"CHB is now a veteran in the branded beef arena," says Rob

Ames, CHB LLC executive vice president. "Last year was about refreshing those elements of our marketing program that speak to the consumer and diversifying into food service."

Hereford Verified, the AHA and CHB LLC traceable program for Hereford-influenced calves, harvested its first cattle during the 2005-06 fiscal year (5,614 head). CHB LLC has awarded bonuses of \$11,228 to producers who didn't have to retain ownership to get data and money back on their calves.

Looking to the future, Huffhines says, "The AHA is positioning itself to continue to add value to the commercial industry through significant investment in feed efficiency and hybrid vigor research."

Over the next few years, the AHA will document the economics of using Hereford genetics on Angus-based cow herds. "We know the advantages hybrid vigor delivers," Huffhines says. "And we're going to document them in 'real-world' commercial operations, to quickly prove to those who are not using Hereford bulls that they are leaving a lot on the table."

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Results from the NILE Jr. & Open Hereford Show

NILE JUNIOR HEREFORD SHOW - October 19, 2006 - Judge: Greg McCurry

Champion Female: NJW 57G 139J Skyline 87S , a February 27, 2006 calf exhibited by Bell Ward, Sheridan, WY

Reserve Champion Female Ash Heidi 39R, a February 24, 2005 bred heifer exhibited by Ashley Berkram, Park City, MT

Champion Bull: L3 Felt Ben 649, an April 3, 2006 calf exhibited by Jordan Largent, Kaycee, WY.

Reserve Champion Bull: HB Got Game 0605, a February 27, 2006 calf exhibited by Haylee Becker, Billings, MT.

NILE HEREFORD SHOW - October 19, 2006 - Judge: Bill Conley, Clarksdale, MO

Champion Junior Heifer Calf and Reserve Champion Female:

NJW 57G 139J Skyline 87S, a February 27, 2006 calf by RU Boulder 57G exhibited by Bell Ward, Sheridan, WY.

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer Calf

NJW 81N 33L Truly 110S, a March 14, 2006 calf by NJW 57G Cimmaron 81N exhibited by Bell Ward, Sheridan, WY.

Champion Fall Heifer Calf

L3 Lady Premier 618, a September 4, 2005 calf by Golden Achiever 2072 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY

Reserve Champion Fall Heifer Calf

Mohican Plus 225R, an October 10, 2005 calf by Mohican Eureka 67J exhibited by Mohican West, Laurel, MT.

Champion Intermediate Heifer and Grand Champion Female:

L3 Lady Premier 570, an April 19, 2005 heifer by Golden Achiever 2072 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY.

Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer: L3 Lady Felt Ben 594, an April 25, 2005 heifer by KCF Bennett 3008 M326 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY

Champion Junior Yearling

Ash Heidi 39R, a February 24, 2005 heifer by PW Victor Boomer P606 exhibited by Ashley Berkram, Park City, MT.

Reserve Champion Junior Yearling: Snowshoe 60D Lady Sage 23R ET, a February 9, 2005 heifer by RU Duster 60D exhibited by Rachael Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, MT

Champion Senior Yearling Heifer

Ash Lil Peanut 203P, a September 2, 2004 heifer by Mohican Mint 19M exhibited by Ashley Berkram, Park City, MT.

Champion Cow Calf: L3 Lady Premier 4010 by Golden Achiever 2072 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY

Reserve Champion Cow Calf

L3 Lady Donna 461 by BB 4209 Mark Don 0017 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY

Champion Junior Bull Calf and Grand Champion Bull: NJW 8E 120J Embassy 81S ET, a February 27, 2006 calf by Remitall Embracer 8E exhibited by Ned & Jan Ward, Sheridan, WY and Snowshoe Cattle Co, Pompeys Pillar, MT.

Reserve Champion Junior Bull Calf

5B Pure Gold Sam I AM S16, an April 20, 2006 calf by C-S Pure Gold 98170 exhibited by 5B Herefords, Ferndale, WA.

Champion Fall Bull Calf

L3 Excel Lad 636, a November 3, 2005 calf by GO 205 Excel 0210 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY.

Champion Intermediate Bull

L3 Andy 583, an April 22, 2006 son of L3 Pure Gold 2005 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY.

Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull: HPH Desert Dust 139, a March 17, 2005 son of Desert Dust exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY and Helms Polled Herefords, SD

Champion Junior Yearling Bull

5B Pure Gold Rah Raft, a January 2, 2005 son of C-S Pure Gold 98170 exhibited by 5B Herefords, Ferndale, WA.

Champion Senior Yearling and Reserve Champion Bull: Mohican Plentywood 428P, a March 29, 2004 son of Haroldsons Drummond 56G exhibited by Mohican West, Laurel, MT

Reserve Champion Senior Yearling Bull

L3 Arch Premier 477, a March 12, 2004 son of Golden Achiever 2072 exhibited by Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY.

Get of Sire: Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY with a Get by Golden Achiever 2072

Reserve Get of Sire: Frisbie Herefords, Melba, ID with a Get by C Fantastic 2165

Best Six Head: Largent & Sons, Kaycee, WY

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From Your Secretary, Lorrie Wacker

I would like to invite everyone to join us in Miles City for our Annual Meeting and Convention on Saturday, November 18th. It will be an excellent opportunity to get involved and be a part of your Association. We are excited about the great lineup of speakers we have on Trends in Technology, the judging clinic for the Juniors and the AWESOME food and entertainment we have in store for you. It should be a very enjoyable day.

Also, if you have any news items or announcements you would like to be included in upcoming newsletters, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

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I look forward to seeing
you at the Annual Meeting
& Convention in Miles City
on the 18th!