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From Your President, Cory Dutton

I would like to invite everyone to join us in Bozeman for our Annual Meeting and Convention on Saturday, November 3rd. 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 and AWESOME food and entertainment we have in store for you. It should be a very enjoyable day.

Also, it is MSU Ag Days at the college. So if you want to partake in some of the activities go to www.ag.montana.edu then go to more information.

Thank you!

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MHA Calendar

October 12 - Last Day block of Rooms available for Convention

October 16 - NILE Hereford Pen Show, Billings

October 18 - NILE, Billings, 8:00 a.m. Junior Hereford Show followed by the Open Show

October 18 - Board of Directors Meeting immediately following the NILE Hereford Show

October 26 - Please RSVP for MHA Convention

November 3 - MHA Annual Meeting & Convention, Best Western City Center, Bozeman, MT

November 7 - Westwind Ranch Sale, Valier, MT

Hope to see you there!!

Thank you for your memberships

Thank you for getting your memberships in. Those of you that have your memberships in will be included in the Montana Hereford Association's advertising for the year which includes the MHA Map Poster we are distributing around the state, a copy has been enclosed in this newsletter. If you have a blue membership form included with your newsletter, you are not currently a paid 2007 member.

With your paid membership, our webmaster, Ace Diemert, has agreed to put all the information you provide regarding your operation, directions to your ranch, the marketing of your cattle or any other information you would like visitors to the MHA website see on our website.

Please return the form filled out as detailed as you would like with your dues right away, we don't want you to miss out on the advertising opportunities we are working on for this year. The MHA map poster has already gone to the printers, but you will be included in the rest of our advertising. If you have any questions or suggestions, just let me or one of your directors know.

Thank You, Lorrie

Montana Delegates to the 2007 Annual Convention in Kansas City

I just had confirmation that the following delegates will be representing Montana at the 2007 Annual Convention in Kansas City: Jack Holden, Fred McMurry, Mike MacNeill, and Dale Venhuizen. If you have any thoughts our concerns you would like to share with the delegates before they go to the convention, please let them know.

Notes of Interest from Jerry Geregthy

We are neighbors to the herd that tested positive for brucellosis. We bled our heifers in June and they all tested clean. We were agreed to test again this fall, which we did when we preg tested and again we were found clean of the disease.

Although not confirmed, it is felt by authorities that the disease came from elk near Yellowstone Park. Submitted by **Jerry Geregthy**

Congratulations to Montana County Fair Winners!!

The Montana Hereford Association would like to congratulate the following County Fair winners for their Grand Champion Hereford Steers and Supreme Champion Hereford Females they exhibited at their local County Fair.

Samantha Roehl, Glendive, MT exhibited the Grand Champion Hereford Steer at the Dawson County Fair in Glendive and Justin Wacker, Plentywood, MT exhibited the Grand Champion Hereford Steer at the Sheridan County Fair in Plentywood, MT.

Kayla Lowery, Deer Lodge, MT exhibited the Supreme Champion Hereford Female, RST MS 1030 Top Secret 6061, sired by AH Heavy Duty 11G.

These three Juniors will each receive a Hereford windbreaker jacket from the Montana Hereford Association at the Montana Hereford Convention in Bozeman, November 3.

Way to go Juniors!!!

**Montana Hereford Association
Annual Meeting & Convention
Saturday, November 3, 2007
Best Western City Center, Bozeman, MT**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast at MSU Ag Days (will be talking about the Animal Bioscience Complex)
10:30 a.m.	Registration Annual Meeting Dr. Jane Ann Boles, MSU Animal & Range Science, will give a Carcass Presentation to the Juniors
Noon	Luncheon - Sponsored by: Genex Hawkeye West
1:30 p.m.	Meeting will resume with Election of Board Members Amber Thomas Jenkins - Slide Show about her trip to Australia Clint Peck - P.I. Testing
6:00 p.m.	Social Hour
6:30 p.m.	Prime Rib Awards Dinner Austin Buzanowski, MJHA President - Slide Show Presentation of Awards

**Tickets:
\$30.00 per person
\$50.00 per couple
\$15.00 per Junior**

Entertainment to follow provided by:

Gallatin Valley Jr. Fiddlers

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western City Center. Rooms are \$73 and there is an indoor swimming pool. To reserve your room, contact Best Western City Center at 406-587-3158 and ask for the Montana Hereford Association room block before October 12, 2007. **As we also ask that you RSVP the dinner by October 26, 2007. Please RSVP by calling Cory Dutton at 406-288-3563 or Lorrie Wacker 406-895-2670 or you can e-mail dwackers@hotmail.com or return the registration form.**

MHA Annual Meeting & Convention Registration Form

Name: _____ Ranch Name: _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please check one of the following:

_____ Single \$30.00
_____ Couple \$50.00
_____ Junior \$15.00

Make checks payable to Montana Hereford Association and return this form to: 143 Muddy Loop Road, Plentywood, MT 59254 or fax to 406-895-2296 or e-mail dwackers@hotmail.com or call Lorrie at 406-895-2670 or Cory Dutton at 406-288-3563 by October 26. Thank you!!

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A bus load of seedstock and commercial producers, and farmer feeders spent four days traveling through South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas visiting Hereford seedstock and commercial ranches, feedlots, and packing plants, plus spent hours discussing beef industry topics and sharing knowledge. The group included producers from 16 states with a total of 14,000 cows ranging from a handful to 1,000 head individually.

“An eye-opening experience” summarized most tour participants’ comments about the High Plains Hereford tour, which covered 1,600 miles. The tour started in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 10 and traveled through Nebraska and Kansas returning to Rapid City Sept. 13.

“The purpose of the tour was to give producers the opportunity to see different segments of the beef industry,” said Jay Elfeldt, American Hereford Association (AHA) fieldman and tour co-chairman. “It was truly a great learning opportunity and exceeded all of our expectations.”

Darrell Ailshie, Tennessee Livestock Producers general manager, Columbia, Tenn., described the tour as “leadership in action.” He said participants were excited about the Hereford breed and were being proactive attending the tour.

The event was more than a cattle tour; participant John Woolfolk, Columbia, Tenn., calls it a rolling seminar. Between tour stops, producers had the chance to discuss different topics ranging from \$Profit Indexes to Hereford Verified to DNA testing. Participants also introduced themselves, shared why they attended the tour and, while returning to Rapid City, discussed what they had learned on the tour.

Greg Shaw, Caldwell, Idaho, said what he enjoyed most about the tour was how all facets of the industry were represented. “It was a captive audience and there was great dialog,” he said.

Greg’s wife, Cleo, added, “It was neat how participants shared their ideas and then just agreed to disagree.”

A highlight was the opportunity to tour a packing plant. One group toured National Beef Packing Co. LLC while the other toured Cargill Meat Solutions “Excel.” More than two thirds of the group had not been in a large packing plant in the last 20 years.

Kansas Hereford breeder Glenn Oleen said, “Seeing a packing plant firsthand you realize how elaborate the process really is. It was amazing to see them standing shoulder to shoulder breaking down the carcass.”

Oleen said the tour demonstrated the differences and similarities of various feeding operations, packing facilities and producers. The three feedlots had different management and marketing objectives. Decatur County Feedyard Inc. specializes in individual cattle management and retained ownership. “There’s no more average management and no more average marketing,” said Warren Weibert, Decatur County Feedyard owner and general manager.

Weibert also explained the importance of consistency and quality of beef, and gave the following analogy: “We’re not shooting with a shotgun; it’s now narrowed to a rifle with a scope.” Weibert and his staff demonstrated the Micro Beef Technologies’ AccuTrac system. The system sorts cattle based on a wide range of physical and economic measures.

Later, on Tuesday, the group visited Ford County Feedyard Inc., Ford, Kan. Danny Herrmann, owner and manager, toured participants around the yard that has a one-time capacity of 50,000. Ford County has been a licensed Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) feeder since 2004 and has supplied more than 15,500 eligible cattle to the CHB and Hereford Verified programs. The yard had 32 pens of cattle enrolled in the Hereford Verified program. Ford County markets to specific brand niches and commodity cash.

Wednesday the group visited Royal Beef Feedyard, which is one of Irsik & Doll’s feedlots. The six feedlots have a combined one-time capacity of 200,000. Royal Beef is a 95% investor or customer-based feeding operation that markets cattle on grids and commodity cash.

At Royal Beef participants toured the feedmill and processing facilities. Royal Beef has been home to the National Hereford Feedout for four years.

South Dakota commercial producer Dick Kolousek, Washington Springs, S.D., said the tour was a great opportunity to learn about the variety of marketing opportunities available.

The tour included visits to four Hereford seedstock ranches: Monahan Cattle Co., Hyannis, Neb.; Jamison Hereford and Quarter Horses, Quinter, Kan.; Sandhill Farms, Haviland, Kan.; and Van Newkirk Herefords, Oshkosh, Neb. At each stop participants had a chance to see some of the top Hereford genetics in the country.

During the Tuesday evening stop at Sandhill Farms, Lorna Marshall, manager of sire acquisition for ABS Global Inc., said ABS is experiencing more demand for Hereford bulls from its commercial customers. The company has had several large breeding heifer projects — more than 1,000 heifers inseminated — that have utilized Hereford bulls. She commended Hereford breeders who are stepping up and producing bulls that commercial producers are demanding.

The tour finale was a stop at Olsen Ranches, Harrisburg, Neb., which has been testing Hereford bulls through the National Reference Sire Program (NRSP) since 1999 and was the 2005 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Commercial Producer of the Year.

“Visiting Olsen’s was like being in the heart of Hereford genetics,” said Glenn Kopp, Peterborough, N.H. “It was amazing to see all those genetics side-by-side.”

On Sunday evening some tour participants visited Baker Herefords, Rapid City, S.D. Bakers along with JBN Livestock, Box Elder, S.D., sponsored lunch on Monday before the bus left Rapid City.

Alan Dufur, Caddo, Okla., said, “The opportunity to network with producers outside our geographic region and outside our expertise was the best part of the tour. If the American Hereford Association would sponsor a tour like this in another month, I’d go again.”

Jim Williams, Certified Hereford Beef LLC vice president of supply and tour co-chairman, said, “It was the most intriguing tour I’ve ever been on. It was not the places we went or the people we met. It was the group we were with. They were hungry for knowledge. They made the tour a success.”

Photos of the tour are available. To request photos e-mail adenton@hereford.org or call (785) 363-7263. Angie Denton

It's Time for Another Montana Hereford Directory

Another Montana Hereford Directory will be published early in 2008, encompassing 2008 -2009. We are hoping to get the directory out prior to spring bull sales, but some of that will depend on your cooperation. Please be thinking about your ad content. The prime color pages will offered for auctioned at the annual convention in Bozeman on November 3rd. We really hope everyone will make it to the convention, but if you cannot, any of the Directors will take a proxy bid for these directory spots.

The rest of the pages will be black and white, and ad spots will be randomly assigned based on availability.

\$325 – Full page black and white

\$100 – ¼ page black and white

\$175 – ½ page black and white

\$80 – Business card size

All breeders must be a current dues paying member (2008) in order to be included in the member listing or to place an ad. We are setting a deadline of December 15th for all ad materials to be in. If everything goes well, we should be able to get the directories printed and mailed by the first of February. Make sure your address, phone number and email information are on file with Lorrie correctly. If it is available, bring your ad copy to the convention. Contact Ace, Tom, or Della with questions.

Annual Meeting & Convention Notes

Mark your calendars for November 3, 2007 to be in Bozeman, MT for the Montana Hereford Association Annual Convention. The committee is working very hard to bring to you an informative and entertaining annual convention. The schedule and registration form is enclosed in this newsletter.

The afternoon session will include the election of two new directors, one from the Eastern region and one from the Western region. These are three year terms. Three directors at large will also be elected from the membership. These are one year terms. If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors or know of someone who is, please let me or one of your directors know.

We are also planning on having a Silent Auction during the convention, so if you have any items or “treasures” you would like to bring for the Silent Auction, they would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any other ideas for suggestions for the convention, let one of the directors know. See you in Bozeman on November 3rd.

Letter from the MJHA President

Greetings! My name is Austin Buzanowski and I have been elected President of the Montana Junior Hereford Association. I have been involved with Herefords since the day I was born. I have seen numerous Hereford shows sitting in a stroller and running around with all the older kids when I could barely walk. I am grateful to have this opportunity. During my year in office I hope to increase membership, get more kids involved and above all have fun. The next thing that we juniors have coming up is Junior National in Denver, Colorado. There are 8 juniors going with 24 head entered and more juniors going without cattle. I am planning on us all having a good time hanging out, meeting new people, and of course having fun because Jr. National's is the place to be. I have gone many times and I have met a lot of new people who share the same goals and interests as myself. There are plenty of contests and activities to take part in besides the show ring. There's 3-on-3 basketball, speech contests, Hereford Idol, fitting contests, round-table discussions with National Junior Hereford Association Board Candidates, many scholarships, and there are always some sort of sightseeing or fun activities for people of any age to take part in. I am looking forward to having a productive year and working with the members and meeting new ones.

Best regards,

Austin

James Armin Fiedler

James Armin Fiedler, 45, of Stanford, MT died May 8th of injuries he received in a vehicle accident east of Stanford. Survivors include his wife Pam, sons Frank and Garth and daughter Addie, all of Stanford; parents James and Judith of Stanford; sisters Jan (Ned) Ward and daughter Bell of Sheridan, WY, and Jean (Todd) Klick and daughters Katy and Nora, all of Simms, MT; a brother-in-law, Rich (Michelle) Lynn and daughter Rachel of Stanford, and son K.C. of Missoula.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Catherine Fiedler and Armin and Marion Neubert.

Jim was born January 18, 1962 in Great Falls. He was raised on the family ranch south of Stanford and graduated from Stanford High School.

On December 3, 1983, he married Pam Lynn, and they made their home south of Stanford with their three children. He was a fourth-generation family member to live on the original homestead.

Jim will best be remembered for the dedication and pride in his work on the ranch. He was at the height of happiness when his children were with him sharing his knowledge and love The Life. He had a driving passion for our beautiful area, the soil under his feet and the animals he cared for. He was a true cattleman in every sense of the word.

He enjoyed sharing a laugh with a good friend and would always make time to help them out. Children found his fun loving spirit and mischievous ways irresistible—he truly loved kids.

Marie Fraser

Mrs. Sidney (Marie) Fraser, Jr. passed away on July 16, 2007. Marie was born on Feb. 13, 1914, in Osakis, MN, to Walter and Lena Bayers. After spending her early childhood along the Musselshell in Lavina, in 1927, Marie moved with her family to Reed Point, which she called home for the rest of her life. After graduating from Reed Point High School as valedictorian, Marie attended the Dillon Normal School. She then came home to Sweet Grass County and rode horseback to her teaching position at the one-room Stockade schoolhouse. Marie married her high school sweetheart, Sidney Fraser, in Reed Point on April 3, 1933. Sid and Marie were married on a Monday night, and had four flat tires, but Marie still arrived on time to teach the next morning.

Sid and Marie moved on to the Fraser ranch with Sid's parents and cared for them in their final years. Together, Sid and Marie kept the ranch going through the difficult Depression year, eventually building up the 1889 family homestead to a large and successful ranch. In 1937, Sid and Marie began raising Herefords with 14 head of Penn Randolph cows and a Dug-out Domino bull. Sid and Marie built a champion herd of registered Herefords with "Evan Mischief" breeding known for their good legs and back, thickness, and yellow color. Marie played a vital role in ranch operation, keeping the books and even bringing calves with frozen ears and tails into her kitchen to thaw them during calving season. The Fraser Hereford Ranch held its first production sale in 1954, which was the second established production sale of Hereford cattle in Montana. At the annual sale, Marie and her women's club would serve lunch from a kitchen in the sale barn, and the sale would always be capped off with a great party in the ranch house.

After a long and productive life of ranching, Sid and Marie held a dispersion sale in 1975. Fraser Herefords went to 22 states and Canada and were shown in Denver, Ogden, and nearly every show in Montana. However, Marie was not quite ready to give up the ranching life and continued on with her "girls", becoming known as a recognized breeder in her own right. One of Marie's bulls even earned a top performer rating at the Billings test station.

Although the ranch consumed much of her time, energy and love, Marie still found room for her friends and community. Marie was one of the last surviving charter members of the Bridger Creek Junior Women's Club, was a charter member and on the steering committee of the T-Bone CowBelles, and was active in the American Hereford Auxiliary. Marie served as a 4-H leader for years and held numerous offices in her church, the First Congregational United Church of Christ. A personal friend of Sen. Mike Mansfield, Marie had a lifelong passion for politics and proudly served as a National Committeewoman to the Democratic National Convention in 1964. In their retirement, Sid and Marie also developed a love of travel. Some of Marie's fondest memories were of her round-the-world trip to over 20 countries, which she took with her daughter, Jan, while Jan was a stewardess with Pan Am.

Even as they spread across the county, Marie stayed close to her five brothers and sisters, starting a family newsletter in 1960 that continues to the present day. Marie and Sid's ranch was the site of many happy family reunions, when Marie and her siblings reminisced and played cards long into the night. In her later years, Marie enjoyed her pinochle games and the companionship at the Big Timber Senior Center, and throughout her life, Marie felt that it was important to support community causes, be it a new pool, improving the library or even organizing transportation for her children and other students in Reed Point before school buses ran.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney; her parents, Walter and Lena Bayers; and her siblings, Lyle Bayers, Marval Kaping, and Max Bayers. She is survived by her children, William (Catherine "Katie") Fraser of Reed Point, Marilyn (Erik) Iverson of Great Falls and Jan (Joe) Kocsis of Santa Cruz, CA; her sisters Janice (Erle) Gross of Hardin and Lorraine (Albert) Wilson of Knoxville, TN; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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From Your Secretary, Lorrie Wacker

I recently took part in the High Plains Hereford tour along with 5 other Hereford breeders from Montana, Matt Beery, Don Broesder, Ace Diemert, Dean Dutton, and Arvid Eggen. It was a VERY informative and interesting tour. I have included the news release Angie Denton, AHA Editor wrote up in this newsletter about the tour. Marc Hotchkiss also has a write up, along with some photos on the tour, in Hereford America.

If you ever have the opportunity to go on a tour like this, it is very worthwhile. You will learn lots and come home really rejuvenated.

Our next item on our agenda is the MHA Annual Meeting & Convention. We look forward to seeing you there, and if you have any ideas or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact one of the directors or myself or if you have any news items ore announcements you would like to be included in upcoming newsletters, please let me know. Thank you!

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