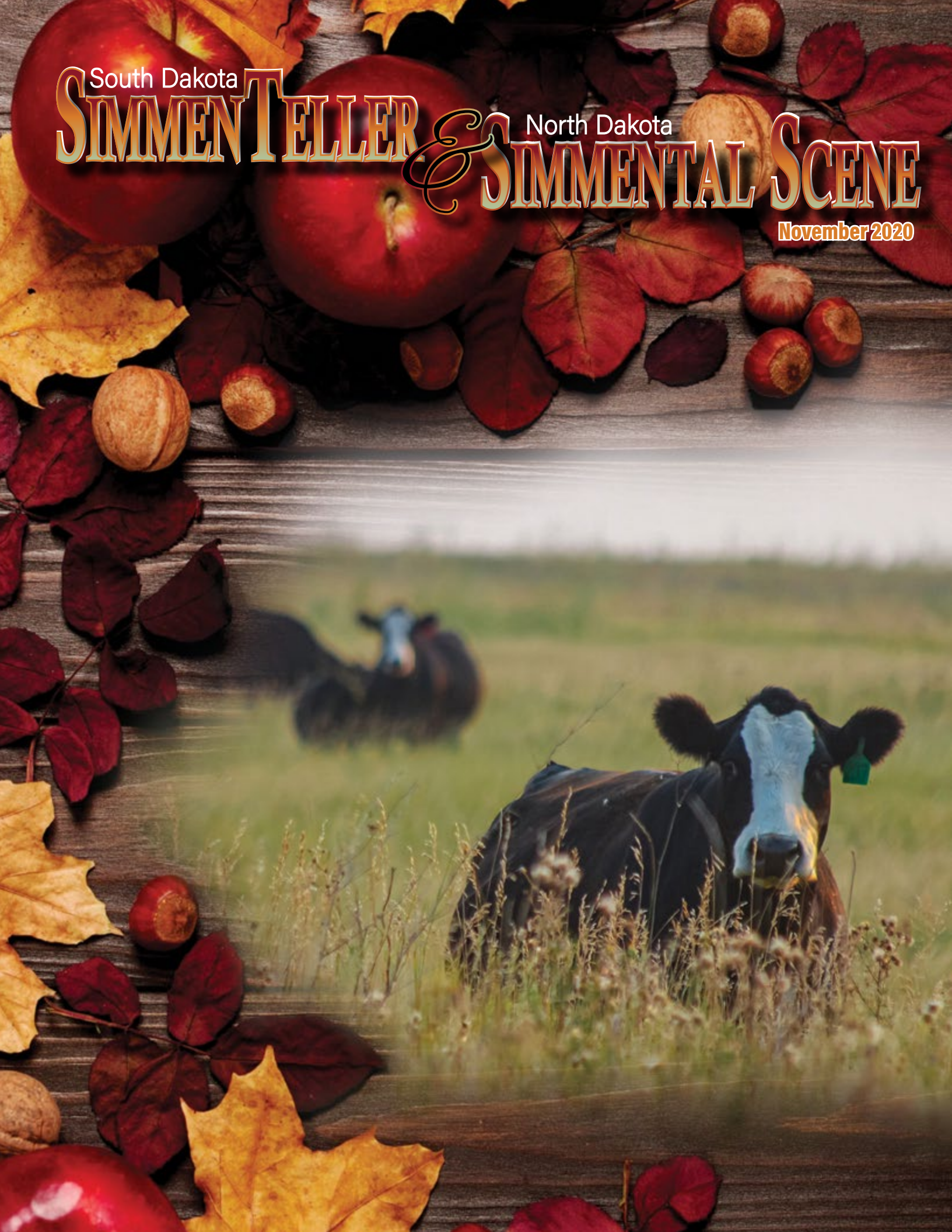


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## A word from the Editor. . . .

Welcome to the November issue of the *SD Simmenteller* and the *ND Simmental Scene*. While I might be the new editor, I am not new to the cattle industry. I have been involved in the cattle business my entire life. I am not exaggerating. My mom told my dad she was in labor with me on a beautiful April day and that they should head to the hospital. My dad kindly told her, "I'll take a swing through the calving pasture and we can go." I've asked him a few times, "What would you have

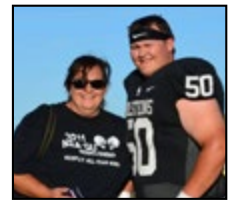
done, if a cow was having trouble?" He has never answered me, but we both know. The cows come first.

And while the cattle come first, it is great to see how we have so many people in our breed that are willing to give up their time to serve the association and its members. This magazine represents the work of two associations that have one goal...to promote the Simmental breed. We all might have different ideas about how to do that but we work together to get it done. One way to contribute, is to make sure and vote in the upcoming

ASA Trustee Board election. These members will be deciding the policies that direct our breed in the future.

Thank you to those who make the time to serve, we appreciate you.

I look forward to meeting all of you. I'll be the one with a camera on my shoulder, my cell phone in hand and hopefully my sunglasses on!! Similar to this picture here with my favorite lineman. Until next time, enjoy the day!



Tamra Heins and son, AJ

## Coming Events

NOVEMBER 2020	
Nov. 7	HILLTOP SIMMENTALS Dakota Ladies Bred Heifer Sale, Worthing, SD
Nov. 14	SK CATTLE Complete Dispersion Sale, Aberdeen, SD
Nov. 16	BICHLER SIMMENTAL & RED ANGUS Annual Production Sale, Linton, ND
Nov. 17	SWAN LAKE FARMS Spring Calving Dispersal, Moose Jaw, SK
Nov. 30	WLB LIVESTOCK Complete Dispersion Sale, Douglas, MB
DECEMBER 2020	
Dec. 4-6	NORTH STAR CLASSIC Livestock Show and Sales, Valley City, ND
Dec. 9	DOUBLE BAR D Sharing the Herd Genetics Sale, Grenfell, SK
Dec. 11	ND SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, Bismarck, ND
Dec. 12	ND SIMMENTAL CLASSIC SALE, Mandan, ND
Dec. 12	HARTMAN CATTLE COMPANY 24th Annual Customer Appreciation, Tecumseh, NE
Dec. 12	MCMILLEN RANCH Herd Builder 2020 Female Sale, Carrievale, SK
Dec. 13	BONCHUK FARMS Female Sale, Virden, MB
Dec. 13	RYDEEN FARMS 23rd Annual Vision Sale, Clearbrook, MN
Dec. 18	SD SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, Mitchell, SD
Dec. 19	SD SIMMENTAL SOURCE SALE, Mitchell, SD
JANUARY 2021	
Jan. 2-17	CATTLEMAN'S CONGRESS LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND SALES, Oklahoma City, OK
Jan. 8-24	THE NEBRASKAN LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND SALES, Grand Island, NE
Jan. 20	SIOUX EMPIRE LIVESTOCK SHOW SIMMENTAL SHOW AND SALE, Sioux Falls, SD
Jan. 22	ELLINGSON SIMMENTALS ANNUAL PRODUCTION SALE, Dahlen, ND
Jan. 29	DOUBLE J FARMS 47TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION SALE, Garretson, SD
FEBRUARY 2021	
Feb. 1	WICKS CATTLE SimAngus, Simmental & Angus Annual Bull and Female Sale, Richardton, ND
Feb. 2	KOEPLINS BLACK SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, Mandan, ND
Feb. 3	BEGGERS Big Sky Genetic Source Sale, Wibaux, MT

Feb. 3	LAZY C DIAMOND RANCH Annual Production Sale, Kintyre, ND
Feb. 4	HART SIMMENTALS Power Bull Sale, Frederick, SD
Feb. 4	STAVICK SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, Aberdeen, SD
Feb. 5	KUNKEL SIMMENTAL Annual Bull and Female Sale, New Salem, ND
Feb. 6	KLAIN SIMMENTAL Annual Production Sale, Russo, ND
Feb. 6	MRL RANCH Annual Production Sale, Carrievale, SK
Feb. 6	BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW SIMMENTAL SHOW AND SALE, Rapid City, SD
Feb. 7	HARTMAN CATTLE COMPANY 7th Annual Simmental Bull Sale, Tecumseh, NE
Feb. 7	KLINE SIMMENTAL RANCH 9th Annual Production Sale, Hurdsville, ND
Feb. 8	DAKOTA POWER Annual Bull Sale, Valley City, ND
Feb. 8	BENDA SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, Kimball, SD
Feb. 9	EDGE OF THE WEST Annual Production Sale, Mandan, ND
Feb. 9	WERNING CATTLE COMPANY Annual Production Sale, Emery, SD
Feb. 10	TRAXINGER SIMMENTAL Annual Production Sale, Houghton, SD
Feb. 10	JACKPOT CATTLE COMPANY Annual Bull Sale, Wessington, SD
Feb. 11	RUST MOUNTAIN VIEW RANCH 10th Annual Bull Sale, Mercer, ND
Feb. 11	LASSLE RANCH SIMMENTALS Annual Bull Sale, Glendive, MT
Feb. 12	TNT SIMMENTALS 36th Annual Bull Sale, ONLINE
Feb. 12	BATA BROTHERS/BELL FAMILY 23rd Annual Bull Sale, Rugby, ND
Feb. 12	WATERTOWN FARM SHOW SIMMENTAL SHOW AND SALE, Watertown, SD
Feb. 13	CK EFFLING AND WAGER CATTLE Annual Bull Sale, Highmore, SD
Feb. 13	KENNER SIMMENTAL Annual Production Sale, Leeds, ND
Feb. 13	ECKSTRUM SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, Kimball, SD
Feb. 15	RENDEVOUS FARMS 17th Annual Holiday Monday Sale, Ste. Rose du Lac, MB
Feb. 16	POWER BY DESIGN - QUANDT BROS Annual Production Sale, Dakes, ND
Feb. 17	M&J/ GLASMAN FARMS SIMMENTAL & ANGUS 2 Year Old Bull & Femal Sale, Russell, MB

Feb. 19	R&R CATTLE COMPANY Annual Bull and Female Sale, Chamberlain, SD
Feb. 19	DAKOTA XPRESS Annual Production Sale, Mandan, ND
Feb. 20	HOBY SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, McGregor, ND
Feb. 20	DOUBLE T SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, Turtle Lake, ND
Feb. 22	LEHRMAN FAMILY FARMS Annual Production Sale, Mitchell, SD
Feb. 24	C DIAMOND SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, Dawson, ND
Feb. 27	LEWIS FARMS Annual Production Sale, Spruce Grove, AB
Feb. 28	RAML CATTLE Annual Production Sale, Goodwin, SD
MARCH 2021	
Mar. 2	DOLL CHAROLAIS & SIMMENTAL Ranch Annual Production Sale, Mandan, ND
Mar. 3	NORTHWEST ND SELECT SALE, Stanley, ND
Mar. 4	KELLER BROKEN HEART RANCH Annual Production Sale, Mandan, ND
Mar. 5	EICHACKER SIMMENTALS Annual Production Sale, Salem, SD
Mar. 6	ROCKY KNOLL Annual Production Sale, Aberdeen, SD
Mar. 7	R PLUS 21st Annual Production Sale, Estevan, SK
Mar. 7	WINDY CREEK CATTLE COMPANY Profit through Performance Sale, Spencer, SD
Mar. 8	ASHWORTH FARM & RANCH Annual Production Sale, Ounre
Mar. 8	CANADIAN CENTRAL BULL & FEMALE SALE, Winnipeg, MB
Mar. 9	BONCHUK FARMS Annual Bull Sale, Virden, MB
Mar. 13	I-29 BULL RUN Annual Production Sale, Sioux Falls, SD
Mar. 15	OAKVIEW/PERKIN/TRIPLE R Simmental Bull Sale, Brandon, MB
Mar. 15	WILLKINSON FARMS SIMMENTAL Breeding for the Future Sale, Montpelier, ND
Mar. 16	PRAIRIE PARTNERS Bull & Female Sale, Killarney, MB
Mar. 17	TRANSCON'S PREMIUM BEEF Simmental Bull Sale, Neepawa, MB
Mar. 19	NLC SIMMENTAL RANCH/3C CHRISTENSEN RANCH 50th Annual Production Sale, Wessington, SD
Mar. 19	HIGH BLUFF STOCK FARMS Charolais & Simmental Bull Sale, Inglis, MB
Mar. 20	PROUDLY WESTERN SIMMENTAL BULL SALE, Whitewood, SK
Mar. 22	TRANSCON'S CATTLE COUNTRY Simmental Bull Sale, Neepawa, MB
Mar. 23	HALL STOCK FARM Annual Production Sale, Berthold, ND



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# Q&A WITH CLAY

By Tamra Heins, Editor

Clay Duxbury, St Lawrence, SD is the current president of the South Dakota Simmental Association. He was wondering if he needed to write a column. I told him he could buy a half-page ad and he wouldn't have to write one. We compromised and did a question and answer session via text message. After I did some preliminary research on his website and Facebook, these were some questions I had:

*What is the name of your ranch?* Jackpot Cattle Company

*Do you ranch with your Mom and Dad, Brenda & Neil?* Yes

*Where is it located?* Wessington, SD but my address is St. Lawrence and our fall sale pasture is near Miller.

*What is your wife's name?*

Laura

*Your girls' names?* Harper, age 9, Hadlee age 6

*Do they love cows?* Yes, but maybe goats more. Their Uncle Jim and Aunt Audra (Scheel) make sure they fall in love with one every year so Dad has to buy some.

*The Duxburys,  
L to R, Clay,  
Laura, Harper  
and Hadlee  
Duxbury*

*Where did you go to college?* SDSU, and I managed the research station at Miller for three years.

*Have you always had Simmentals?* My Dad bought the first one in 1976. So yes.

*On your website you referred to the saying your Mom uses... As mom says, "Lord willing and the creek don't rise" we'll bring you another set of outstanding bulls ready to work. My mom says that, too. What is one of the things you have learned about ranching from your mom?* Grace and forgiveness.

*What do you think pasture sales buyers attitudes were with the pandemic?* I would say interest was as good as ever. People didn't seem in as big of a hurry and were truly grateful to be able to come to SD and look at the cattle.

*What is the one thing the pandemic has made you realize?* How important it is to slow down and actually live. We need to shut off the TV and Facebook and just go outside.

*How did you pull off hosting the National Junior show in Brookings?* We had a very great group of people willing to step up. The Effling's, Blagg's and Eickhackers really stepped up. The Swiftel Center was so easy to work with as well as Darla and Chance. From there, just the fact that we are one of the best breeds in the country and have numerous people who volunteered to help with everything from judging a contest to directly trailers.

*What is one thing you would like to see happen at the SD Simmental Association as you go into your last year as President?* That's a tough question. I would like to increase the involvement of the younger members. Whether that is a board position or helping with shows or consigning cattle to one of the four state sales.

*What's on the menu for Thanksgiving this year?* Brisket, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole and pumpkin pie to put me to sleep. ■



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“Wanna see my bull?” towheaded Laramie Staigle said as he swung a baseball bat. His younger brother Conley, too young to be a “big kid” but just old enough to know what end a cow stands up on first, chunked a foam ball in the general direction of his big brother.

The ball hit the top of the roof and rolled back down the side of the house.

“He’s a big, nice bull. He’s a good bull,” Laramie continued. “Very, very big, you want to see him?”

Wade and Merri Staigle beamed at their oldest grandson.

“Actually, I think when we get done checking cows we should go inside and look at the sale catalog, then you can show off some of the other bulls,” Wade said.

Laramie shook his head yes and ran in his grandparents’ house.

“They really, really like looking at the bulls,” Wade said with a chuckle.

### **Then and Now**

In 1969, Wade Staigle’s uncle purchased a herd of Simmental cattle when they were implemented out of Canada and Wade’s father started AI-ing in the early 70’s. The two brothers enjoyed running Simmentals, and in 1970, Wade’s uncle sold the first Simmental-Hereford cross at the first Simmental North Dakota State Sale.

“I guess that’s where we got our start,” Wade said. “But then we kept breeding through AI and selecting powerful herd bulls and developed a high-maternal-end cow. The Hereford based cattle were very efficient cows, but had their problems as far as production, udder qualities, and eye cancer goes — but those half-blood cows were some of the best commercial cows you could make, but they needed to develop onto the next step.”

To do this, the cattle were bred Simmental again to produce three-quarter blood cows. He said these cattle were the most powerful cows they had on the operation.

“From there, we just kept grading up until they become Purebred cows,” Wade said. “Now, we’re running about 400 black and red Simmental and SimAngus cows.”

Backtracking a bit, Wade said in the 80’s when the agriculture industry struggled financially, he sought another source of income and purchased an AI business from a local elderly man. He later sold his business in 1992 and took a sale manager job for American Breeder Service.

“At the time, we were still running a cowherd and had the opportunity to purchase a Pioneer cowherd from a long time AI customer,” Wade continued.

“We purchased the cattle and I came back full

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*- Wade Staigle*

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time in 1997 and I'm so thankful I did because there's no better place to raise kids than right here."

1997 was a big year for the Staigle family, not only was Wade back on the ranch full time but this was also the year they held their first production sale.

Years later, in 2004, the Staigles merged their sale with three other breeders to create the widely known Dakota Xpress Bull Sale. Today, the Dakota Xpress sale hosts the Staigle's cattle and another producer, Hansen Simmental of Ryder, North Dakota.

"What compliments Simmental is that it makes the right feeder calf," Wade emphasized. "You pick up feed efficiency, fertility, and longevity to name a few. That's one thing we can toot our own horns about, our Simmental genetics have some built in longevity. You know, like many ranchers, I'm my own biggest critic: I want ever single cow out here to be the best one on the whole place, I want them all to be perfect. It's a priority that we have problem free cows."

Wade said two of his sons lease a place just north of the Mandan Lake headquarters and run about 450 commercial cattle on it.

"I want to just take care of the land and pass what I know and what I've raised on down to my family and then their families," Wade said.

## ***It All Comes Back to Family***

It's stated on the Dakota Xpress website that the goal of the Staigle and Hansen families is to "pass that legacy on to our children and the families to follow. The life of ranching in North Dakota takes many hours of planning and a constant attention to detail and organization. The ranch work is never quite complete as there is always something that needs attention. But it is a lifestyle and work ethic that we truly feel we are blessed to be involved in on a daily basis and take great pride in providing a quality seedstock product."

Wade is proud of all three of his sons; he talks about them so respectfully and lovingly.

His youngest son, Logan, is an insurance agent for Farmers Union Insurance at Turtle Lake, North Dakota, and his two older sons, Daniel and Ethan, are partners on the ranch.

Daniel and his wife Amber have two sons, Laramie and Conley; Ethan is getting married in October; and Logan was married in August.

Wade's parents still live on the ranch and are active in farming and gardening, Wade said.



"It's just great to have our family so close and working together," Wade said as he opened the back door of his house. The boys were downstairs and came rushing up the stairs when they heard the door creak open.

"Can we look at the bulls now?" Laramie asked.

Wade grabbed a 2020 sale catalog and sat down at the dinner table. The two boys climbed on his lap and flipped through the catalog, offering commentary page after page.

"Look at that one right there, look at him. That is a good bull," Laramie said.

Conley just grinned and echoed every comment, "good bull," he concurred.

Wade looked on at his grandkids, smiling with joyful eyes, "we really, really love looking at the bulls." ■





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 12:00 **ANNUAL MEETING**, *Kist Livestock*  
 5:00 **SOCIAL**, *Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck*  
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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

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 5:30 p.m. **ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET**, *Ramada Inn, Mitchell, SD* [RSVP for meal reservation by Dec. 1 to Clay Duxbury (605) 461-1494]

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

12 p.m. **SD SIMMENTAL SOURCE SALE**, *All Video Sale, Ramada Inn, Mitchell, SD*

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## AMERICAN SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS UPCOMING

Membership Nominations for the American Simmental Association (write-in) closed Monday, October 12. These candidates are running for the ASA Board of Trustee open seats:

**North Central** • One open seat  
 Tim Clark and Paul Walker

**South Central** • Two open seats  
 Brandon Callis, Matt Fischer, Victor Guerra, and Diane Jolly

**Eastern** • Two open seats  
 Jessie Driggers, Chris Ivey, Cliff Orley, and Doug Parke

**Western** • One open seat  
 Chris Beins and Chad Cook

Don't hesitate to get to know your region candidates and vote for the candidate that you feel will best represent you and work in the best interest of the American Simmental Association. Trustee Election Ballots scheduled to mail around November 9 - 12.

Adult memberships must be in an active status in order to vote. ■

## QUANDT, MYERS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2020 ND Simmental Association Scholarship winner is Gabe Quandt, son of Jason and Jessica Quandt of Oakes, N.D. Gabe will graduate this spring from Oakes High School and this fall will be attending NDSU to major in Agribusiness. Gabe purchased his first Simmental cow a few years ago at a ND State Simmental Sale with the help from an FFA grant. From that point on he really fell in love with Simmental genetics and has been helping his Dad grow their purebred herd, and now host an annual bull sale each year in February. Gabe also hopes to improve his own genetics while producing cattle for more growth and size, so when the calves hit the sale barn, they will weigh up well.



Above: Gabe Quandt  
 Right: Kendra Myers

The 2020 ND Simmental Scene Scholarship winner is Kendra Myers, daughter of Greg and Kim Myers of Kathryn ND. Kendra will graduate from Lisbon High School this spring and this fall will attend Black Hawk East College to major in Ag Business. Kendra is involved in the ND Junior Simmental Association, 4H, FFA and the ND Junior Points Show Association. Kendra has been heavily involved in showing Simmental heifers at the county fair, state fair, regionals and the national classic. She believes this has helped her learn more about Simmental genetics, meet amazing people and learn about the programs available through ASA, which allows for the Simmental breed to continue to improve. ■

## ND Simmental Assoc. Announces 2020 Photo Contest

The North Dakota Simmental Association is sponsoring a photo contest. Winners will be announced at the Annual Banquet on December 11, 2020 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both a youth and adult division. The pictures need to be in color, 8x10 and of Simmental cattle. Mail photos to Kim Myers, 12066 57th St SE, Kathryn, ND 58049 so that they arrive before December 9, 2020. Label the photos with your name, address, phone number and age division; youth (age 18 and younger) or adult. The photos will not be returned and will become the property of NDSA for future use in advertising.



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# CALF CROP GENOMICS FROM THE AMERICAN SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION

Calf Crop Genomics, a research project launched by the American Simmental Association in collaboration with Neogen Genomics, offers a 50% off GGP-LD genomic test including parentage (\$25 compared to \$50 equivalent test) to participating breeders who test their entire calf crop. Genotyping entire calf crops is important to use genomically-enhanced EPDs (GE-EPDs) for selection decisions, reduce selection bias in genomic predictions, and increase the volume of genotyped animals for future improvements to genetic predictions. The latter two points make any singular genomic test in the future better for all members using genomics.

## *Benefits to participating members:*

1.) Half-off testing and much more complete information to make selection decisions. Genomic testing is most valuable in cattle with low-accuracy EPDs and when used to make selection decisions. By testing the entire candidate pool of males, females, or both, breeders can make more informed selection decisions earlier in an animal's life, saving valuable resources spent developing bulls and heifers.

2.) Additional money back with complete weight trait and carcass records. Complete calf-crop phenotypic records also improve EPD predictions. The Calf Crop Genomics project offers a \$5 rebate if 90% of the birth group in a breeder's possession have birth, weaning, and yearling weights. Furthermore, if carcass records are submitted on the terminal calves, breeders can qualify for a \$15 rebate.

3.) Parentage included. The current error in parentage is estimated at 7%. Large scale testing will reveal and help correct pedigree errors, resulting in more accurate EPD predictions.

4.) Easier future parentage testing. For calves that are developed into seedstock, their parentage markers will already be on file making future parentage calls on their calves easier.

5.) Additional trait testing optional. Trait testing is considerably less expensive when coupled with genomic tests. These add-ons are available at the current GGP-LD prices.

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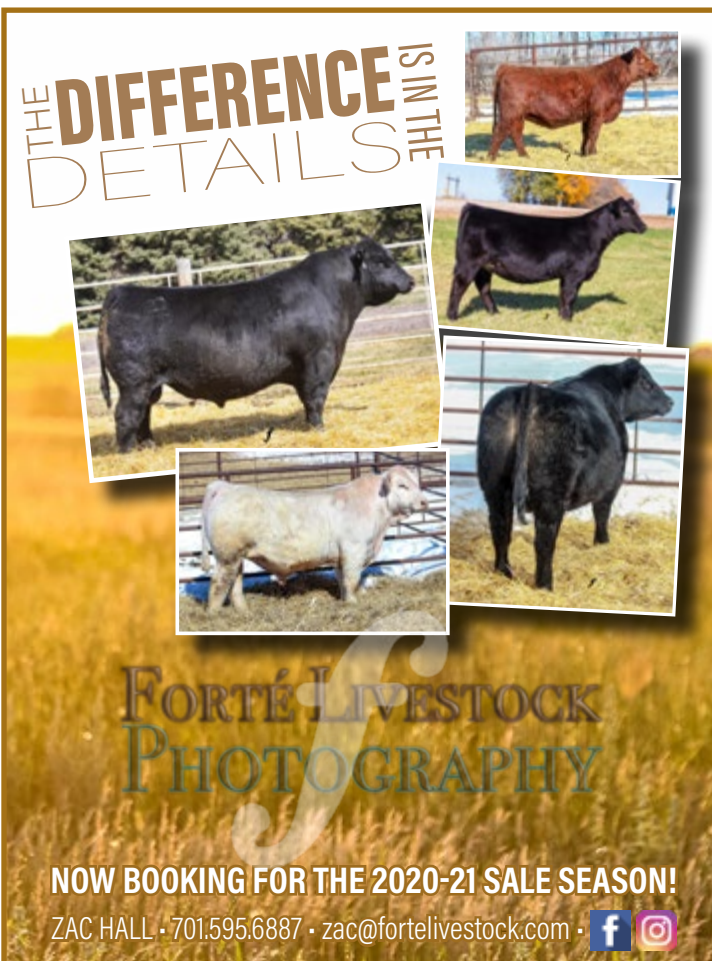
Members can choose to send all the male calves, all the female calves, or the entire calf crop born in the same season. Members must submit 90% of the calves born in a season (males, females, or both) to qualify for the research price point. For the purposes of this project, spring calves will be considered born from January 1 through June 30. Fall calves will be considered to be born from July 1-Dec. 31. ■

## **Cattlemen's Congress named 2020 National Simmental Show**

The ASA Board of Trustees met October 5th to discuss alternative plans due to the postponement of the 2021 National Western Stock Show. The Board voted to recognize the Cattlemen's Congress, held January 2-17 as the National Simmental Show for the 2020-2021 Show Season. The Congress will serve as a Major PTP Ring of Champions points show as well. This event will showcase some of the greatest show cattle in the Simmental breed vying for the annual championships.

Also, in January the ASA is recognizing The Nebraskan Livestock Show, which is to be held in Grand Island, NE, January 13-18, as a Major PTP Ring of Champions points show. Similar to the National Cattlemen's Congress, The Nebraskan will highlight some of the breed's most elite in competition for Major PTP Ring of Champions show points.



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## **Cagney:**

I hold the Charolais breed very near and dear to my heart. It may sound ridiculous, but white cows would surely make the short list of things I could not dream of living without. My family's experience with the breed dates back to before I was even born. My dad worked at the

notorious Thomas Ranch in the early years of his relationship with mom, and well, the rest is history.

It was after Cally finished her 4-H career that I got to be on the end of a halter of a Charolais, but I can assure you it was worth the wait. The year was 2010 and Charolais Junior Nationals were in South Dakota. I will always remember the string of heifers that year, females that have went on to be cornerstones for operations across the country. Most importantly, I'll never forget the people: Kendra Elder and myself duking it out in one of the most intense showmanship contests of my

life, Cally Thomas and the rest of the Junior Board running a show, competing in the fitting contest against what would someday become some of my best friends

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**Editors Note:** In the May/June issue of The Showtimes Magazine, the Effling family was inducted into The Showtimes Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame members are industry leaders that represent excellence in our industry. The following article was published in the Junior National Edition which is very fitting for this family, because they have participated in many Junior Nationals across the country in three different breeds.

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in the breed, and Troy Thomas never leaving my side even though he had countless other juniors with cattle there. No words will EVER be able to accurately describe how blessed I am to have the Thomas family in my life. Not only was I given complete access to genetics of the breeds lead matriarch's, but more importantly a family that will go to the earth's end for myself and my family. Though my time in the junior scene is closing, I've only scratched the surface on what I hope to do, not only for myself within the breed, but what I hope to help my sister's accomplish in theirs as well.

### **Chesney:**

My love for the Hereford breed began when I was just three years old. At the time, my dad was working as a field man for the American Hereford Association and my favorite thing to do was read the Hereford World. I would stare out the window every time we drove past our neighbor's, who had a herd of over a thousand commercial Herefords. When I was old enough, it was no question what breed I would show. The beginning of my show career included Hereford steers and begging

my dad to let me go to junior nationals. Every time I asked, I was told it was too far away and too hot where it was being held. It wasn't until 2015, when I was 14 and had been to two other breed junior nationals (Simmental and Charolais) a couple times each, that I finally found my favorite of them all. Now, five years later, I can still remember that week in Grand Island like it was yesterday. The atmosphere of the whole week was like nothing I'd ever experienced. I was a new kid on the block but I didn't feel like it even for a second. The people were so welcoming, not to mention all the fun that was had. Nationals is still my favorite week of the year because it's my first chance to see all of my closest friends in one place since the year before.

### **Kenidey:**

The Simmental breed always interested me, but it was in 2014 when I decided that this was the breed for me. That year was the first junior national I attended. Even though I did not get to show that year, it was the people that made me want to go back. That year I participated in the novice program. We did many fun activities that included visiting Church Hill Downs and the

Louisville Sluggers museum. The week of activities brought me many new friends that I am still friends with today. 2015 was when I finally started showing.

I was the youngest, so Cagney and Chesney got first pick of the heifers that year. I got the leftovers and that was my first Simmental. After a few years of attending other breed junior nationals and Simmental regional shows, I finally got to show at my first Simmental junior national in 2018. A fun filled week with close friends was topped off by being named Champion Percentage Female. I spent my whole summer in the barn and achieving this accomplishment made me realize that hard work pays off. I have learned many lessons from showing cattle. I have learned leadership, teamwork, and to work hard for your dreams. I have big dreams that I want to achieve, and I must work hard to accomplish them.

It takes a Village. With each of the girls having their breed and passion for Jr. Nationals, it has created some challenges throughout the summers. 2014 was the first year that we tackled going to two Junior Nationals at once. This is where our village comes in. We sent Cagney with a great crew to Charolais Jr. Nationals while the rest of us headed to Louisville for Simmental Junior Nationals. Cagney flew into Louisville from Wichita, and once everyone was together again, we began setting up, and we watched a heifer we raised win Hereford Junior Nationals via livestream. Since that summer, we have attended at least 2 Junior Nationals every summer, and some years all 3! We have been blessed with some amazing people who are always willing to help us out. We are certainly a fan of technology, being able to watch the girls achieve some of their greatest accomplishments from another Junior National is awesome.

There is an unending list of family members, operations, and pieces of livestock that we salute our success to. One thing that we are confident in, is that our dedication and passion for what we do has brought us to where we are today. Village, Army, Crew, Friends, Family; whatever you want to call them we've got the best one! ■





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## Notes from the SDJSA Advisors

2020 has proven to be a very different year in general yet the livestock industry did not let our Juniors down. The AJSA National Classic was able to go on with South Dakota generously stepping up to host the event. Over 45 South Dakota Juniors participated in the Classic held in Brookings, SD July 11-16 at the Swiftel Center. Junior and Adult volunteers assisted in set-up, decoration and welcoming other states. Our Junior Board Officers including Sawyer Naasz, Abby Blagg, Lindsay VanderWal and Kylie Harriman welcomed participants from all over the US during opening ceremonies. Junior Tessa Pederson, who is also a rodeo queen, rode her horse while flying the American flag. Sawyer Naasz, Lindsay Vanderwal and Drew Pederson sang the National Anthem before the cattle shows each day. Thank you to all the sponsors who made this event possible.




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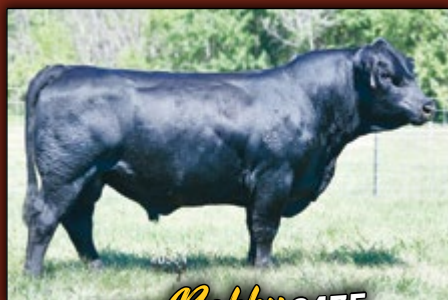
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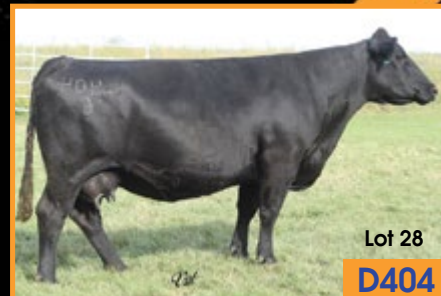
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**at Quandt Brothers Farm**

**02.16.21**

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