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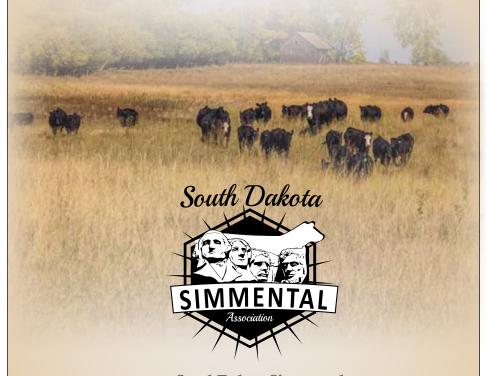


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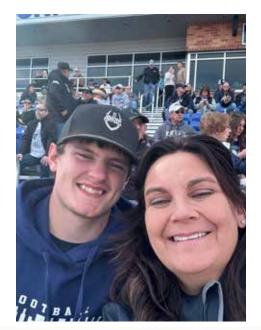
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### Heins Gight...

By Tamra Heins, Editor

Happy Fall. Football dominates my Fall schedule. And to say this year's high school season was a disappointment...that would be an understatement, as we did not qualify for the playoffs. I came up with a plan to extend our football season, but as a fan, not as a player, mom or coach. We are calling ourselves "Bandwagon Fans" as we head out each weekend to attend the games of our son Clayton's friends or our friends' kids who are in the playoffs. If we get to the point where we run out of connections, we are just going to cheer for the team who has the best chance to win. Hence the name, "Bandwagon Fans" We plan on ending our tour at the championship games at the Dakota Bowl hosted at the Fargodome.

Our family has been blessed with so many friendships and connections we have made in the livestock business over the years. There is just something about a friend or mentor that understands our unique industry. Unfortunately, I lost two people who were friends and mentors from the Simmental breed since our last publication.

Orville Deckert, was someone who opened his ranch to me as a young 4-Her,

who valued investment in youth and had a strong faith, which I sincerely admired. I would say, He had a life, well lived.

Kerry Hart was one of those people that I don't remember specifically when I met him but his "work hard, play hard" philosophy is one I fully embrace. Although, his life was cut short by illness, I don't think anyone could say the Kerry didn't live a full life, it was just too fast. His family is honoring his passion for the youth in the AJSA by offering a scholarship in his name.

Other connections brought me to the story on Maddock Ranch Supply. The Maddock family has been a part of my life since college and their unique approach to diversifying their ranch is an interesting story.

We have included other stories from around the region. The Rydeen family has long been a customer of the magazine and I hope you enjoy a closer look at their operation.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the magazine. I hope to see you all at the annual meetings and state sponsored sales scheduled in December.

Enjoy the Day.



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An auction for the Prime Pages of the ND Simmental Scene/SD SimmenTeller will be held at the South Dakota Annual Meeting on December 14, in Huron, SD.

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Those pages will be for January 2025, February 2025, November 2025 and for January 2026, February 2026 and November 2026 Issues.

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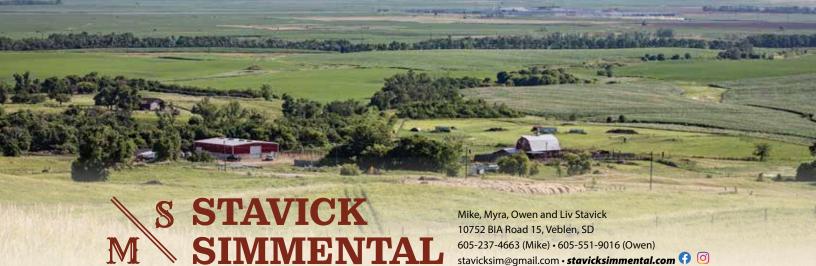




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### **SUCCESS WITH SIMMENTAL**

by Lilly Platts

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The Rydeen family has been in the Simmental business since the 1970s, adapting as the breed and industry have changed. With the fourth generation now involved, the Rydeen family continues breeding high-quality SimGenetics seedstock in northwest Minnesota.

Paul Rydeen grew up on the family dairy. Other livestock, like beef cattle, were always present at the farm, and were brought to the forefront in the late 1960s when the family decided to transition out of the dairy business. As Continental breeds like Simmental were brought into the US, Paul's father, Reuben, tried breeding his commercial cows to several new breeds. In the mid 1970s, Paul attended a Curtis Breeders Service Artificial Insemination (AI) training, and with the Simmental gaining popularity, decided to try AI'ing a group of their cows to the new breed. "We thought Simmental would handle our tough winters well, with the added growth," Paul recalls. Paul married Lois in 1985, purchasing the family farm. The couple set out to grow and improve the business, focusing on a seedstock herd. As they developed a breeding plan and refined their cow herd, they adapted to changes within the breed and industry, transitioning to polled genetics and solid black and red cattle.

They have continued building and growing their cow herd, supplying SimGenetics bulls to commercial and

seedstock programs throughout the country. Paul and Lois raised their son, Justis, and daughter, Claire (Chad Patel), on the farm, and both continue to play important roles, from helping make breeding decisions to making sure sale

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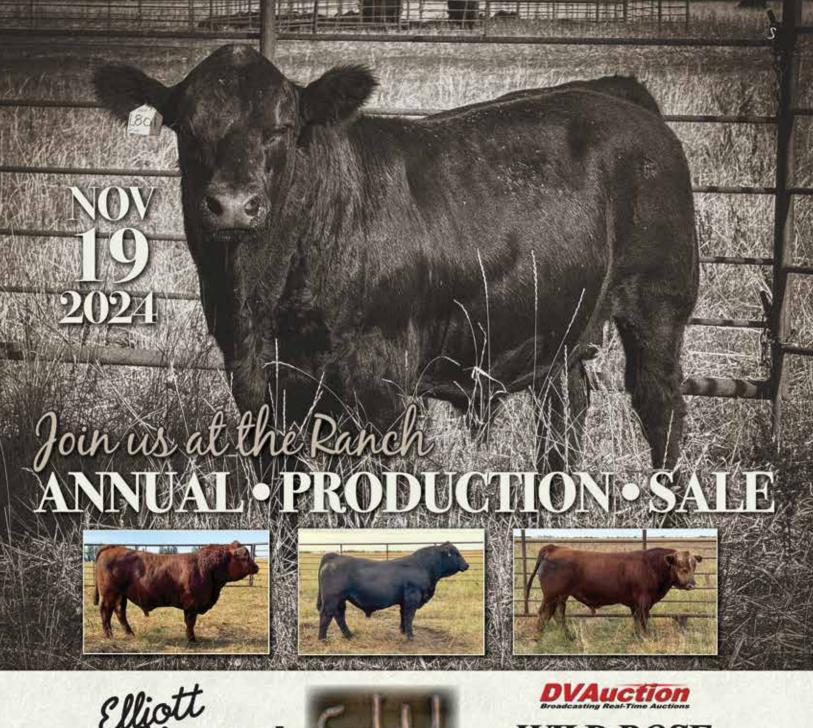
day runs smoothly. The Rydeen family has called northwest Minnesota home since 1897. Edward started with 160 acres, which expanded as Reuben became a partner in the farm. Clearbrook, located 85 miles east of Grand Forks, North Dakota, has a varied climate. The yearly rainfall averages at 26 inches, and winter can be extremely long and cold. Despite the harsh winters, the area is extremely productive, both for grazing and farming. The Rydeen family farms between 1,200 and 1,500 acres of cropland each year, growing corn, cereal rye grain, and soybeans, much of which is used as feed for the cow herd.

### PERFORMANCE IN THE PASTURE AND ON THE RAIL

The Rydeen family has maintained the same goal over the last five decades — to produce cattle that balance convenience

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traits with performance. As seedstock breeders, they have always focused on the end product. "We have really invested in and are committed to as high of carcass quality as we can possibly produce in our cattle," Paul shares.

Genomic technology has greatly improved their ability to predict carcass quality. Paul remembers when the only way to measure carcass traits was through actual carcass data, which was difficult to obtain. He is excited that the next generation of producers will have a leg up. "In every decision we make, we are looking at how genomics will affect the outcome," Paul says. "That's the most exciting thing I see is how genomics can move our herd. You really can go in any direction you want."

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Obtaining actual carcass data is still important, even with cutting-edge genomic data. This year, Rydeen Farms sent 65 steers to be fed out, and will be receiving scores and measurements on each. This data will be tied back to their breeding decisions, and each female. "We're preaching carcass quality, but if we can't prove it with our own steers it's harder to tell our customers exactly what they will get," Paul explains. "We want to see what our genetics are doing." The Rydeen family has also adapted as EPD technology has improved, recalling the

days when the genetic evaluation was only run a few times per year. Today, they take advantage of the International Genetic Solutions database, which updates weekly and also incorporates genomic data. Justis adds that all of this science and data is balanced with phenotype. "We want to keep an eye out for foot and udder quality, docility, and other attributes that may be tougher to measure, but you can see if you're looking at them every day," he says.

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To meet the demand for performance and accelerate genetic progress, Rydeen Farms will flush standout heifers, often taking advantage of improved genetics years before they would traditionally be able to. ET work has been an important part of moving the cow herd forward; last year, they transferred a record of 130 embryos. In a normal year, they will do around 75.

#### Considering the Customer

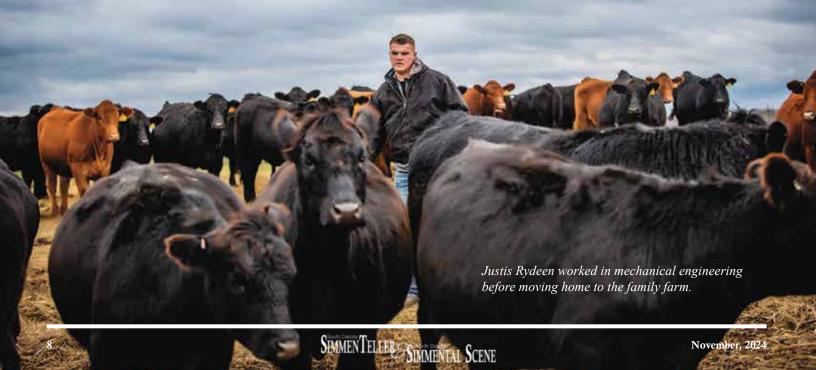
The Rydeen family has been hosting their own sale for 27 years, and during this time, has forged important relationships with many longtime customers. "They're such interesting people," Lois shares. "Even our auctioneer has said that we have

the best crowd at our sale." (Continued from page 13) Success Simmental Their customers live throughout the country, with the largest concentration residing in Minnesota, North Dakota, and the surrounding states. Many are commercial producers, with herds ranging in size from under 20 to over 2,000. Recently, more fellow seedstock producers have been seeking out Rydeen genetics, which the family is very proud of.

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Throughout their time in the seedstock business, customer service has remained a priority. "If there is ever a problem, we fix it, no matter what," Paul says. "We don't mess around." With such a wide range of customers, Rydeen Farms aims to make sure each bull offers convenience traits and performance. "We want as much spread as we can have," Paul explains. "If we can have a negative birth weight and a top percentile for weaning and yearling weight, we try to." Rydeen Farms' customers are savvy, informed breeders. "They know our cattle really well," Paul shares. "They are watching EPD, and have shared that they are working." The Rydeen family has noted that customers spend a lot of time studying the sale catalog each year, preparing for the sale and weighing their potential breeding decisions. "They'll even point out if there's a mistake," Lois

Rydeen, Cont'd on Page 10





Paul, Lois (holding Inga), Claire and Chad Patel, and Justis.

### Rydeen Farms



Simmental genetics have been the focus at Rydeen Farm for decades. Paul has always enjoyed collecting and analyzing data on the cow herd.



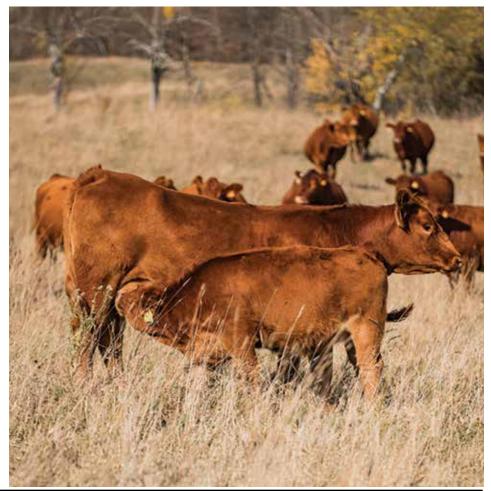
Paul and Lois Rydeen talk data chute-side.

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laughs. Rydeen Farms is a member of Allied Genetic Resources, which offers third-party verification of economically relevant measures. Rydeen bulls are often marked with the Accredited Calving Ease (ACE), Accredited Terminal Mate (ATM), and Accredited Genomic Plus (G+) logos. In addition to EPD and genomic data, these measures tell the customer that a bull will help meet their desired goals.

Moving Forward

"We're excited to be at this point, and where the future is going," Paul shares. "We're excited to be with a breed of cattle that we enjoy, that also has so much demand." Lois, who worked in healthcare for many years, sees many parallels between her work in medicine and on the ranch. "I think genomics are just so interesting," she shares. "When I left my position almost ten years ago, we were working really hard with genomics, and using them for more precise medical care and prescriptions. So that's hand-in-glove with what we're doing with the cattle." Justis graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in mechanical engineering, and worked in the field before returning to the ranch in 2020. He has since taken on more roles at the ranch, and enjoys looking into the future. "What's fun is looking at animals in the pasture, and thinking about what you can do for the next generation. It's fun to see the whole process," he says. Paul is grounded by his family's history in agriculture. "A lot of businesses don't last 100 years, and ours has been here since 1897, almost 130 years," he reflects. "That's really something. We've had natural disasters, and generations before us have certainly had hard times, but we've weathered a lot of storms, and also tough times in the cattle business." The Rydeen family has endured the ups and downs of the cattle business and the Simmental breed. Paul credits the ASA leadership with getting the breed to its current, competitive place in the industry. "I think that's why we are where we are today, is because of people like Dr. Wade Shafer, and Jerry Lipsey making sure we were on track and focusing on where the industry wants us to be," Paul concludes.



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Kerry Lynn Hart was born on May 3, 1962, to Charles and Ruth (Derry) Hart. He grew up in Frederick, SD and graduated from Frederick High School in 1980.

Kerry's passion for farming and cattle was evident from an early age. As a child, he was a member of the Frederick Sod Busters 4-H Club and The National Junior Simmental Association, which is where his special love for Simmental Cattle began. He was a member of the Frederick Methodist Church, American Simmental Association, American Angus Association, American Charolais Association, National Farmers Union, Jim River Rider Association, Aberdeen Horse Association and National Quarter Horse Association.

On September 24, 1983, Kerry married Mara Albrecht at the Columbia Congregational Church. They made their home just a mile South of where he was born, raised, farmed, and ranched. Kerry and Mara were extremely involved in their children's activities which involved basketball and high school and college rodeo. Kerry, alongside his siblings, raised horses so naturally he encouraged them to participate in team penning, cow-horse competitions, along with showing cattle. The rescue race was his absolute favorite. For 37 years straight Kerry took the annual trip to the National Western Stock Show and received many national championships. He was a true master of his craft and instilled that same drive and determination into his children and his wife, who loved tagging along with Kerry to many years of bull sales and cattle shows.

Kerry was a trickster and loved watching the expression on the unsuspecting recipient. The apple did not fall far from the tree as his father Charlie, loved a great joke. My favorite prank was the life sized cut out of Pamela Anderson he displayed in his pen one year in Denver, she was the talk of the yards. He has a special love of geology (not the subject) just the rocks he found for his mother to cut up and fashion into furniture. Whenever he and Mara would travel, they always made the extra time to do a little rock hounding. This was an extra special family affair they all appreciated, and it was a big competition to find the very best rocks. Kerry had a true zest for life and lived it fully. He was definitely a rebel at heart and very tough and showed his children to fear nothing. He would always tell them, "What do we eat nails, what do we spit out – barb wire!"

His intense work ethic was rewarded with Farm Family of the year in 2017 and the Golden Book Award, which is the highest honor the National American Simmental Association bestows on individuals that make a tremendous impact on its community and reinforces a positive future in the industry.

Kerry went peacefully to his maker on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Grateful for having shared Kerry's life are his wife Mara Hart; beloved dog, Max; children: Justin (Jessica) Hart, Travis (Shelby) Hart, and Jamie Hart (Brandon Lewis); grandchildren: Braelyn, Zoie, Jaxon, Paislee, and Greyson Hart; siblings: Barbara (Laverne) Kopetsky, Bruce (Irene) Hart, Linda (Chuck) Phelps, Charlene (Mike) Bonano, and Brad (Shawn) Hart; father and mother-in-law, Wilbur and Judy Albrecht; sister-in-law, Cherie (Mickey) Johnson; and brother-in-law: Shad Albrecht; and very special partners in crime, Troy and Karla Engelhart. Preceding Kerry in death are his parents Charles and Ruth Hart; sister: Wanda Franz Vik; niece, Lori Franz; and nephew, Scott Franz.



The Hart family is proud to announce the establishment of the Kerry Hart Memorial Scholarship. In memory of Kerry Hart, they are offering a \$1,500 scholarship to one outstanding American Junior Simmental Association member who is competing in a national level contest.

Kerry Hart was a dedicated member of the AJSA community, known for his passion, commitment, and contributions to the youth. This scholarship aims to continue Kerry's legacy by supporting the next generation of AJSA members in their educational and professional endeavors.

Kerry was a born cattleman, with Final Bloom in his veins! His passion for Simmental cattle was an obsession (a very good obsession). He had 4 favorite times of the year - not birthdays or anniversaries here! They were the day the first baby calf hit the ground; Denver Stock Shows back in the 80's and 90's; our annual bull sale and the first day the cows went to pasture! It didn't matter rain or shine, sleet or snow, sick or healthy, he ate and breathed Simmental cattle. When he won National Junior Grand Champion Showmanship at Wichita, SK, he received a belt buckle and a hat pin. Those two things were his most favorite possessions besides his kids, grandkids and Harts Hollywood E707. May the recipient of this memorial scholarship find as much pure join for the Simmental breed as Kerry did.

The winner of the first scholarship is Jordyn Falkenstine, Franklin, NE. The award was presented to Falkenstine at the Western Regional Junior Simmental Association show. The show was held in Billings, MT in June.



Jordyn Falkenstine, Franklin, NE



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# remembering ORVILLE DECKERT DEVILS LAKE, ND. OCTOBER 3, 1928 - MAY, 22, 2024

Orville Deckert, a dedicated rancher and beloved family man, passed away at his home in Devils Lake, ND on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on October 3, 1928, at home on the farm 6 miles south of Arena in Burleigh County, Harriet Township, ND, the son of William and Lena (Ensz) Deckert. Orville's passion for ranching blossomed at a young age when he purchased his first heifer calf and took over the family farm at 16 years of age. This marked the beginning of a lifelong journey filled with love for his cattle and dedication to his craft.

In addition to his successful career in ranching, Orville found love and companionship with Maria Hiebert, whom he married on June 1, 1955, at the Mennonite Zion Church near the ranch. Their love story was blessed with nearly 69 years of unwavering devotion and support for each other.

Throughout his life, Orville's faith in the Lord was steady, and he was baptized in the Mennonite Zion Church—a moment that brought great pride to him. He also excelled in various leadership roles within his church, the community, and agricultural associations and boards; the Minnesota Valley Breeders Association, American Simmental Association , United Bank , Harriet Township supervisor, and the Burleigh County Township Officers Association. He also led the Harriet Hustlers 4-H

Club for 30 years. He was an active member of the Mennonite Zion Church. He participated on the church board and often sang in various groups with his siblings. He supported missions at home and abroad, was a member of the Gideon Society, and served on the FaHoCha Bible Conference Board.

Orville's love for horses, deer hunting, fishing, playing board games, and solving puzzles added richness and joy to his life outside of ranching. His warm smile and kind heart touched all who knew him. He was a man of few words but immense actions, always there for his family and friends when they needed him the most.

Orville is survived by his loving wife Maria of nearly 69 years; children: Jeffrey (Theresa) Deckert, Desiree (Fred) Schmidt, Justin (Carrie) Deckert, Jason (Paula) Deckert, DoRae (Jeremy) Wulbecker; grandchildren: Jonathan (Andrea) Deckert, Larisa (Eric) Netterlund, Jared (Emily) Deckert, Joseph (Neva) Deckert/ Tyler (Renae) Schmidt, Trevor (Kristen) Schmidt, Danica (Adrian) Suarez, Kyle (Janna) Schmidt/ Jaden (Kelsey), Paige (fiancé Alex), Jaxon Deckert/ Darica, Jacen, Ellie Deckert/ Marcus, Josiah, Maria, Eben Wulbecker; twenty-four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; many other cherished family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Lena Deckert, seven siblings with their spouses: Art (Ethel) Deckert, George (Ann) Deckert, Lillian (Dave)



Buller, Elma (Ray) Hinkel, Henry (Doris Jean) Deckert, Bernard (Ruth) Deckert, and Burnette (John) Teske, several nieces and nephews, in-laws Heinrich and Maria Hiebert, and life-long friend, Dale Nitzche.

The memories Orville leaves behind will forever be treasured by those whose lives he touched. His legacy of hard work, love for family, and commitment to faith will continue to inspire generations to come.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 2024			
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
All Day	Cattle on display		
11:00	Lunch	Kist Livestock, Mandan	
Noon	Annual Meeting	Mariaari	
5:00 p.m.	Social at	Baymont Inn,	
6:00 p.m.	Banquet at	Mandan	

SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 2024			
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
8:00 a.m.	Viewing of sale cattle		
11:00 a.m.	Lunch	Kist Livestock, Mandan	
11:00 a.m.	ND Red Angus Sale		
1:00 p.m.	ND Simmental Classic Sale		
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### 2024 ND SIMMENTAL ASSOC SCHEDULES CLASSIC SALE

The North Dakota Simmental Association has scheduled the 2024 Classic Sale for Dec. 14, 2024. The sale will be held at Kist Livestock in Mandan, North Dakota. As in the past, the sale will follow the North Dakota Red Angus Red Select Sale which is scheduled to start at 11:00 AM Central Standard Time. The offering will include hand selected bred and open heifers as well as semen and embryo lots that will be selected from top programs in the region. The past Classic Sales have been very successful with cattle selling to several states and Canada!

A block of rooms is reserved at the Baymont Inn & Suites, which will be the sale headquarters as well as the site for the North Dakota Simmental Association Annual Banquet which will be held on Dec. 13, 2024. For reservations contact the Baymont Inn & Suites and ask for the North Dakota Simmental Association Block Rate. The Reservation number is 701-663-7401 For more information go to the North Dakota Simmental Association website which is www.northdakotasimmental.com

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SATU	RDAY, DEC. 14, 2024		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	
All Day	Cattle on display	Geppert's Rock Creek Livestock, Mitchell SD	
	Online Sale	SC Online	
5:30 p.m.	Social		
6:30 p.m.	Banquet	Highland Conference Center, Mitchell, SD	
7:30 p.m	Annual Meeting		

### SD SIMMENTAL ASSOC TO HOST ANNUAL MEETING, BANQUET AND SALE

The 14th Annual SD Simmental Source Sale will be held online at Show Circuit Online Sales on Saturday, Dec. 14th. During that day, many of the cattle will be on display at Geppert's Rock Creek Livestock, near Mitchell. The new format will allow consigners to access buyers throughout the country to increase sales opportunities. The website address to view and bid on the sale is https://www.sconlinesales.com.

For more information about the sale, contact SD Simmental Board of Director, Brett Tostenson at (320) 226-3915 or email tostensonfamilycattle@gmail.com.

The SD Simmental Association will also host their annual meeting and banquet on Saturday, Dec. 14th at the Highland Conference Center. The social begins at 5:30 pm with supper to begin at 6:30 and the meeting to start at 7:30 pm.

There is a room block available at the Comfort Inn. Please call 605-990-2400 for reservations. Here is a great opportunity to meet with fellow breeders and celebrate the 2024 award winners. We hope to see you there.

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### SD SIMMENTAL ASSOC. FUTURITY PROGRAM

South Dakota Simmental Association has a Futurity program for eligible youth. To qualify heifers must be purchased from a state sponsored sale. For steers to qualify they must be bought from a South Dakota breeder. Futurity forms can be found online www.sdsimmental.com. Completed forms and entry fees can be mailed to Amber Blagg, PO Box 294, Salem SD 57058. Futurity animals have a separate show at the SD Summer Spotlight in July. For questions or further information contact Amber at amberblagg@gmail.com



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Ranching is an all-hands-on-deck way of life for the Maddock family of Maddock, N.D. The fourth-generation ranch started with Brian and Vicki Maddock in 1988, and now includes sons Travis and Shane, along with their respective wives, Mistte and Lindsay.

The operation is home to the family's commercial breeding herd, a grass-based yearling operation and a custom-grazing enterprise. Maddock Ranch also carries on a tradition of summer calving when the cattle are out on grass.

Family comes first for the Maddocks, and their sustainable agriculture commitment is rooted in family values, they say. The ranch's latest venture — Maddock Ranch Supply — showcases their commitment to their family and community.

#### **DIVERSIFYING RANCH**

The Maddock family assumed ownership of the former Lautt's Feed in Harvey, N.D., in December 2024, as a way to diversify their ranch income. The opportunity came about when Dave Lautt was looking to retire and listed his supply store for sale.

"It was mentioned to us that Lautt was looking to sell his farm supply, and would

we ever think of buying it?" says Lindsay Maddock, the store's primary operator. "After we discussed it with the family and gave Dave a call, he answered the phone and said, 'You're the call I've been waiting for,' and that kind of settled it."

Aside from the financial opportunity with the business, Maddock says another part of their decision was to keep essentials available to local producers. "We needed this place here," she says. "A lot of people have come to rely on the doors being open for pharmaceuticals, animal health, fencing supplies — all of those things."

Lautt still gives advice when needed to the new owners, and Maddock says being able to call on his expertise brings peace of mind.

"He's been a great mentor through the transitions," Maddock says. "It's put my nerves at ease, and we can refer back to him on bigger orders, like for calving season, to know we're covered."

Go-to supply store

Nearly everything a rancher could need can be found on the shelves of Maddock Ranch Supply. With brands like Ritchie, Gallagher, Hubbard Feeds, Merck, Show-Rite and Zoetis, each operation can find the parts and services they need right in the community.

Part of the family's decision to buy the supply store, Maddock says, was that they were already dealers for several of its products, including RioMax feed tubs. "When we really like the products that are a good fit for us, this is a good place to offer them to other ranchers," she explains.

Maddock says every product offered in the shop has been used on their operation. "We proudly vouch for each fencing supply, animal health product and pair of boots we offer," she says.

In addition to the ranch and feed supplies, the store offers something special to their customers. A variety of beef cuts from their own cattle. "We've been offering our meat to the area already, so it's nice to get it out into the area, and this gives us a new audience to provide to," she says. Their children also offer farm-fresh eggs from their chickens to customers.

With multiple generations and families involved in the ranch, Maddock says increasing and diversifying revenue is always a priority. "You have to figure out new streams of cash flow," she explains.

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"Our ranch is three families, and we want to build something for the next generation. We have four kids; Travis and Mistte have two kids. We want to leave a legacy for them if they want to pursue it."

With many businesses going corporate, she says it's refreshing to keep up the family-business atmosphere first created by Lautt. Maddock is the primary operator of the supply store, with assistance from Shane.

"You can't always find that family-run business setting, and that's what we are, and that's what Dave was too," she says. "That allows me to be the day-to-day person here at the store."

#### **RANCHER-TO-RANCHER ADVICE**

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With many operations looking to diversify their revenue, Maddock gives some firsthand insight. "I definitely don't have it all figured out," she says. "We're still learning every day. But as long as you have your goal, you're able to figure out a way to make it work."

Filling a need in the local community, like the Maddock family did, is another way to ensure success with a new venture. "A lot of people want to buy local and support family businesses, and we want to be there for the ranchers to do that," she says. "There aren't a lot of businesses out there that cater to the regenerative-agriculture crowd, and that's really our bread and butter on the ranch," she says of how their work on the ranch can assist their customers. "Not only do we offer products for everyone, but we can also offer that experience and knowledge to those producers."

One of their latest additions is opening a supply outlet for fencing supplies in Towner, N.D., easing access for customers in the surrounding area. Wood posts, T-posts, wire and fiberglass tanks are among the offerings at the second outlet, Kramer Ranch Fencing.

Looking forward, Maddock hopes to continue to grow the quality and variety of products they offer to Harvey and surrounding communities. This includes adding pet food for town residents and now online ordering through their website at maddockranchsupply.com.

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### ERBELE AND ANDERSON AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS



Andrew "Drew" Anderson

The 2024 ND Simmental Scene Scholarship winner is Teagen Erbele. Erbele, daughter of Gabriel & Shanon Erbele of Lehr, ND. Erbele is currently a senior at Napoleon High School. She is active in FFA, 4H and her local worship youth group, as well as working on the family farm. She enjoys the animal science side of her family's cattle operation where she helps with artificial insemination and ultrasounding. She also worked for an artificial insemination technician last summer and got to learn so much about the process. Erbele plans to attend NDSU to major in agriculture education and minor in animal science. Congratulations Teagan!

The 2024 ND Simmental Association Scholarship winner is Andrew "Drew" Anderson, son of Todd and Liz Anderson of Milnor, ND. Anderson is a senior at Lisbon Public School. He is active in football, wrestling, FFA, ND Junior Simmental Association and the ND Junior Points Show Association, as well as working for Dahl Farms. He believes that being a farmer/rancher is something that he was born to do, as he plans to expand the registered side of the cattle operation so that his family can have an annual production sale. Anderson plans to attend Lake Region State College to earn an associate degree in Precision Agriculture and then join the family partnership to work with his dad and sister. Congratulations Drew!



Teagen Erbele

### HEIFER GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR ND AND SD JUNIORS

The ND and SD Simmental Association are each sponsoring Heifer Grants for junior members of their respective associations. Applicants must be a member of their state junior Simmental associations. Cost of membership is \$10.

The grant programs were started in an effort to interest youth in starting or adding to their Simmental herd and to encourage youth to promote Simmental cattle.

While the programs are similar, they do have some differences. The criteria for each program for each state are outlined below. The full applications can be found on their respective state websites.

### 2024 SOUTH DAKOTA HEIFER GRANT APPLICATION

YOUTH ELIGIBLE FOR THESE GRANTS SHOULD MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 1. Be a current member of the SD Junior Simmental Association and a resident of South Dakota. (Annual membership fee of \$10 may be sent with Grant Application)
- 2. Age: Must be at least 8 years old on January 1, 2024 and not older than 21 years on January 1, 2024
- 3. Must agree to attempt to show the heifer in the upcoming Futurity Heifer show at the SD Summer Spotlight; your local SD county fair; and the 2025 SD State Fair Junior Heifer Show with the co-signature of parent or guardian to aid in the exhibit of heifer in these shows.
- 4. Must be able to provide an amount at least equal to or greater than the amount of the grant to purchase a heifer.
- 5. Must purchase a heifer from the 2025 SD Simmental Source Sale, 2025 Sioux Empire Farm Show Simmental Sale, 2025 Watertown Winter Farm Show Simmental Sale, 2025 Black Hills Stock Show Simmental Sale.
- 6. Recipient agrees to abide by rules of the Futurity Show and the 4-H Code of Ethics.

- 7. Recipient of grant must have the bidder number registered in their name at the sale. We will not transfer grants.
- 8. Non-compliance with the Grant Rules (by recipients) may affect future chances to receive a grant. All grants will be \$500.

GRANT RECIPIENTS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE SALE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE & USE THE GRANT. Application must be completed by applicant only in their own handwriting. Grants are not limited to one time.

Application deadline is Dec. 1, 2024. Grant recipients will be announced prior to Dec. 10, 2024.

The application is available online at https://www.sdsimmental.com/ sdjuniorsimmental or contact Amber Blagg at amberblagg@gmail.com

#### 2024 NORTH DAKOTA SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION HEIFER GRANT APPLICATION

YOUTH ELIGIBLE FOR THIS GRANT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Current member of the ND Junior Simmental Association (membership dues are \$10 and can be sent with the grant application)

- 2. As of January 1, 2024 applicant must be at least 8 years old and not older than 21
- 3. Junior member must use the awarded grant money to purchase an open heifer or a bred heifer at the ND State Simmental Sale held at Kist Livestock, Mandan ND on December 14, 2024
- 4. Embryo lots do not qualify for grant money
- 5. Recipient of the grant money must be present at the sale in order to use the grant money
- 6. Open heifers purchased through the grant program are eligible for the current junior incentive program if the junior owner chooses to show the heifer that was purchased with the grant money
- 7. Junior member must be able to provide the remaining funds to pay for the heifer that they wish to purchase
- 8. Award grants are worth \$250 and will be paid directly to Kist Livestock
- 9. Award recipients will be notified prior to the sale

The grant application can be found at www.northdakotasimmental.com, click on junior tab. Deadline to submit applications is December 1, 2024.

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# ND STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE WILDFIRE AID, LAUNCH DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) and North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation (NDSF) have teamed up to support cattle ranchers who suffered significant losses in wildfires in the northwest and other places across the state this month. Drought conditions and nearly 80-mile-an-hour winds created a lethal combination and exacerbated a multitude of fires that ignited across North Dakota on October 5, 2024.

An estimated 100,000 acres burned in the October fires that, in some cases, lasted almost two weeks. Livestock industry losses included pasture, hay, stored feed, fences, buildings, farmsteads and livestock. Sadly, the fires also claimed two human lives. More livestock losses are expected to mount over time as pneumonia and other disease set in from smoke inhalation and burns.

"It's hard to imagine what these producers are going through right now," said NDSA President Randy Schmitt, a Rugby, N.D., cow-calf producer. "The fires have impacted their homes, their livestock, their communities, their whole world – everything they hold dear. Plus, until there's substantial moisture to dissipate the chance for flare-ups, they live with the fear of fire starting up again."

To help North Dakota cattlemen and women offset losses from these destructive fires and the challenges that are sure to linger long after the last flame is put out, the non-profit organizations launched the Out of the Ashes Wildfire Disaster Relief Program.

ExxonMobil presented the North

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Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) and North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation (NDSF) with a \$100,000 contribution toward the Out of the Ashes Wildfire Disaster Relief Program.

"Our thoughts are with everyone affected by these devastating wildfires," said Kevin Gant, ExxonMobil Bakken operations manager. "We hope this contribution will provide support to our neighbors during this challenging time. We are proud to be part of the local community, and we're committed to continuing to be a responsible operator and partner in the communities where we operate."

"The outpouring of support for those who have been impacted by the wildfires has been amazing," said NDSA President Randy Schmitt, a Rugby, N.D., cow-calf producer. "We appreciate ExxonMobil's generosity and that of all those who have reached out to help in a time of great need."

"Many suffered devastating losses in the wildfires," added NDSF President Jason Leiseth, an Arnegard, N.D., cow-calf producer whose own ranch was in the line of fire, but narrowly missed. "With the help of partners like ExxonMobil, we hope to help rekindle hope for those who were impacted."

The NDSA and NDSF kickstarted the Out of the Ashes Wildfire Disaster Relief Program with \$50,000 of their own funds. Since then, the disaster fund has already grown by nearly \$250,000 and has approximately 80 unique donors.

For those wishing to help, monetary

contributions to the Out of the Ashes Wildfire Disaster Relief Program can be made in two ways: 1) Checks can be made to the NDSF with "Out of the Ashes" written in the memo and sent to 4520 Ottawa St., Bismarck, ND 58503; or 2) Credit card gifts can be made online by clicking here. The gifts will be pooled and distributed in their entirety to North Dakota cattle ranchers this winter through an application and nomination process. A committee comprised of fellow ranchers will review the applications and distribute the funds to those most in need.

Application and nomination forms for the disaster relief program will be available at the end of the month at www. ndstockmen.org.

The NDSF is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, so gifts can be deducted as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. For more information about the Out of the Ashes Wildfire

Application and nomination forms for the disaster relief program will be available at www.ndstockmen.org.

The NDSA is a 95-year-old beef cattle producers' trade organization that works to unite, protect, promote, educate and serve the state's beef industry. The NDSF is a charitable organization that supports the beef industry with scholarship, leadership, promotion, research and building projects and disaster relief. Together, the organizations have distributed more than three-quarters of a million dollars in direct aid to cattle producers recovering from catastrophic floods, blizzards and wildfires since 2009.



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### WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association and North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation have teamed up to support cattle-ranching families in North Dakota who have suffered catastrophic losses in the horrific wildfires that swept across the state in October.

In addition to their own \$50,000 gift, the NDSA and NDSF are inviting others to join with them to provide financial support to help these ranchers rise from the ashes and rebuild their herds, their homes and their hope.

Checks can be sent to the North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation with "Out of the Ashes" written in the memo. The NDSA and NDSF will distribute 100% of the money raised to the victims of the wildfires through an application and nomination process. Applications will be available later this month. The NDSF is a 501(c)3.

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### DANIELSON NAMED NORTH DAKOTA STOCKMEN'S ASSOCIATION TOP HAND

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) awarded 36-year member Russ Danielson with the organization's most prestigious award, the Top Hand Award, at the banquet during its annual convention in Bismarck, N.D., this evening. The Top Hand Award recognizes Danielson's dedication to the betterment of the beef cattle industry. Danielson joined the exclusive class of cattle producers who have received this elite award over the NDSA's 95-year history when he accepted his bronze statue tonight.

Danielson grew up on a diversified farm in Barnes County near Cuba, N.D. His grandfather homesteaded the farm in 1884 when he came to the United States from Sweden, and Danielson still owns that land today. He went to kindergarten through eighth grade 2 miles south of their home in Cuba, before attending and graduating from Valley City High School. Danielson went on to North Dakota State University (NDSU), majoring in animal husbandry.

While he was a student at NDSU, Danielson worked at the NDSU Beef Unit and learned more about the beef cattle industry in North Dakota. It was during that time Danielson developed a passion for the industry.

After graduation in December 1964, Danielson completed his National Guard training and subsequently joined NDSU's Animal Science Department faculty in 1965 and became the university's beef herdsman. He served in that capacity until 1973, when he assumed a teaching position. Throughout his career as an associate professor, he taught Introduction to Animal Science, Meat Animal Production and Beef Industry and Production Systems courses; he was the faculty adviser for the NDSU Judging Club and Saddle & Sirloin Club; and was a student adviser for undergraduate animal science and equine majors, advising more than 1,000 students in his career. He also established the university's purebred Simmental herd in 1978.

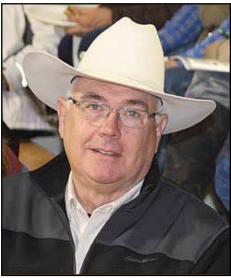
Overseeing the popular Little International was one of Danielson's favorite duties. Counting his own years as an NDSU student and Little "I" participant, Danielson was part of more than 50 Little Internationals.

Danielson noted the changes in the university system from the time he attended school until the end of his teaching tenure. "Early in the 1960s, there was one female in NDSU's College of Agriculture," said Danielson. "That is a very large contrast to where the NDSU Animal Science Department is today, with more than half of the enrollees being female. It is extraordinary." His broad industry knowledge, genuine interest in students and unassuming nature made him a favorite instructor of many NDSU students — in some cases, for two generations. Danielson retired from NDSU in 2010 after 44 years.

He and his wife Helen are still avid supporters of the NDSU Animal Sciences Department, awarding a scholarship in their name to animal science majors who are actively involved in the Saddle & Sirloin Club, have demonstrated leadership qualities, maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) and have participated or plan to participate in livestock or meats judging programs.

Now, Danielson works as a SimSpecialist for the American Simmental Association (ASA). He attends production sales in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota as a contract worker. He discusses ASA programs and the latest science and technology programs in the beef industry with ranchers in that role.

Danielson stays actively involved in several beef industry organizations, including the NDSA. "Thirty-six years ago, I became an NDSA member after working with former NDSA Executive Vice Presidents Clair Michels and Wade Moser during the International Performance Steer Classic in Valley City, N.D.," he said. Since then, he has served on the NDSA's Mentoring Program Advisory Committee and North Dakota Junior Beef Expo Planning Committee. Danielson initiated the Junior Beef Expo, along with Jerry Effertz of Velva, N.D., by pulling together planners to create the multi-breed junior beef field day for North



Russ Danielson

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He has also served on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Research Committee, the North Star Classic and the North Dakota Winter Show Livestock Committee. He was the secretary-treasurer of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame and the North Dakota Livestock Endowment Foundation and chaired the Winter Show's steer shows and Performance Steer Classic. Danielson was inducted into the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2013.

Danielson is a keen livestock judge, having evaluated beef cattle shows in 26 states and four Canadian provinces, including the National Western Stock Show, Fort Worth Stock Show, Houston Stock Show, American Royal, Cow Palace and Canadian Western Agribition.

He and Helen, his wife of 58 years, live in Fargo, N.D, and have two married daughters, Karla McHugh (Dan) and Beth Hessburg (Tony), and four grandchildren, Vaughn, Luke, Brock and Riley. The couple continues to own the family farm in Cuba Township.

"I am just so grateful to be a part of North Dakota's cattle industry," he said. "It's been great to work with youth, young adults and producers. I have had the opportunity to meet so many great people and friends."

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