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Begger's Diamond V Ranch



Darlene and Bill Begger. (Submitted photo)



Pictured are Alicia and John, Harrison, Gabe, Charlotte and Maggie Begger. (Submitted photo)

Begger's Diamond V Ranch is located 9 miles south of Wibaux, MT, or 9 miles southwest of Beach, ND. They are a family-owned outfit that was started by Harry and Elaine over 75 years ago. In 1973, they're sons Bob and Bill decided that they needed to add value to the ranch if all 3 families could survive. They began Aling their Angus baldy and shorthorn cross cows to Simmental, when the first calves came they were very impressive. They were born unassisted even though many ranches used sires that didn't have that calving ease. The Beggers feel they choose the right genetics and had a strong cow base that calved easily. In 1975 they hosted their first sale only 13 head, it set a precedence right from the start. The black bulls had more value and were in demand. To survive they knew that they needed their Simmental cattle to be solid colored either black or red, although they did raise some traditional red and whites, they dispersed them after a few years. At that time mostly solid black and polled cattle were the focus in 2010 the ranch dispersed all the red cattle, and has focused on homozygous black and polled cattle. Today the ranch runs 600 mother cows all are black and polled. It consists of 525 black Simmental and SIm-Angus cows and 75 Angus cows. Everyone is registered and used to produce their 180 bulls they sell annually.

Today the ranch is operated by Bill and Darlene along with their son and daughter-in-law John and Alicia along with their children, twin daughters Maggie and Charlotte, and sons Harrison and Gabe, the 4th generation.

Their cowherd calves twice a year; 450 in the spring and 150 in the fall. By calving both spring and fall they offer 50 age advantaged 18 month old bulls, along with 130 spring born yearlings. They will sell 150 in their production sale the first Wednesday in February and 30 will be sold privately. Their cattle are run rough and tough, meaning they winter-graze them as long as possible with little or no inputs until the snow gets deep. The breeding goal is to produce cattle that work for the commercial cowman and woman. They have to be gentle in nature, easy keeping, big volumed, and sensible sized. They need to calve unassisted and have an udder that their calf can nurse without assistance. They need to raise a stout calf that weans 50% of their body weight, breed back early, and survive on what mother nature throws at them. The ranch headquarters is open and lacks the deep wooded draws that would provide protection. Beggers breed cattle that can survive when the winter gets tough and the wind chills are harsh, only man-made windbreaks offer protection. The Diamond V Ranch offers cattle that work for the cow calf-man and then go onto be profitable for the feeder and packer and then offers a great eating experience to the consumer that has no idea what it takes for that tender flavorful steak to hit their dinner plate. The goal at Begger's Diamond V Ranch is to provide a breeding opportunity that is profit driven, they offer genetics that will produce the perfect cross bred calf. Bill states, "Cross breeding is the most value-added tool every cowman has access to. Don't over look it. It makes sense, dollars and cents, don't leave it on the table."

The Simmental cross are without a doubt some of the most sought after feeder cattle, they just work, they offer excellent feed efficiency and gainability, they offer the opportunity to sell more uniformity with less small light weight cut backs and the packers pay premiums for their excellent carcass values more of them hit the specs for carcass premiums. They hardly ever produce those 4 and 5 yield grade discounts. The best part is the daughters make super cows, they are easy keeping, breed back better, raise more pounds efficiently, black Sim-Angus cattle add value. The Begger's would like to invite you to their production sale Feb. 5, 2025, at the ranch. Come hungry, they will feed you a steak dinner and offer a set of bulls that will enhance the value of your cowherd and calf crop.

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Thiessen's Regency Acres Angus breeds top line, tough genetics

By Tamara Choat, Tri-State Livestock News

The hardy, performing Angus cattle raised on Regency Acres Angus look good wearing their work clothes – and get their jobs done. “Our environment here is quite brutal,” says owner Russ Thiessen. “We believe that our cattle are unique in that if they can survive our extremes in weather and on our short grass, they can survive anywhere.”

The Thiessen family: Russ and Jill and their children, daughter Téa, who teaches math in Grenora, ND and Tyler, who is now the fifth generation on the ranch, raise their registered herd in rugged central eastern Montana near Lambert, just 30 miles from the North Dakota border, on land near where Thiessen's great-grandfather homesteaded in the early 1900s.

“As (the second generation) grew up they branched off and bought their own places, which is where we are based out of now, on land my grandfather bought,” says Thiessen, although they still operate on some of the original homestead land. “In the mid '90s I returned home after college, married my bride of now 28 years and we had our two kids.”

Today, the Thiessens run a diversified farming and purebred Angus ranch, holding an annual production sale either the first or second Friday in April where they sell approximately 90 yearling bulls and 30-40 purebred yearling heifers. Crops include dry land wheat, corn, peas, lentils, barley, oats, safflower and canola. “We got our start in registered Angus in 1957,” says Thiessen. When his dad, Jim, took over the operation in the late '60s the commercial cows were sold and the ranch began running 100% registered cattle. “We've always incorporated the best tools to identify and progress the best animals.” In the '70s they enrolled in the Montana Beef Performance Association, a state Extension records-keeping center that pioneered herd selection methods and contributed to the formation of the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program. “We also incorporated artificial insemination, genomic testing, embryo transfer, and herd testing for diseases like BVD and Johnes to make sure they are disease free and healthy for our customers,” says Thiessen. Today, the Thiessen herd is one of only a few that is state-certified Johnes-free.

Today, their annual work cycle is similar to many purebred operations in the region. Calving starts the first of February with the Aled heifers. Thiessen says they try to stick to a 60-day calving cycle. Heifers calve from Feb. 1 to April 1; cows from the end of February to the end of April. Breeding begins in early May with synchronized heifers, and the cows are Aled on a natural cycle then hauled or trailed out to summer pastures with the herd bulls. Summer is spent haying, spraying, and fencing with harvest occurring mostly in August. Fall is spent hauling



From left, Jill, Tyler, Tea, and Russ Thiessen. (Submitted photo)

hay, fencing, moving cattle, preg-checking and fixing corrals. Calves are weaned around Oct. 1 and put into the feedlot. Bulls are fed a ration designed for growth without getting them fat. Heifers are kept in the feedlot for around a month then turned out to pasture for the winter. Winter is usually time to haul crops to the elevator, maintain equipment and travel around to look at cattle.

“We are very diligent in the genetics we incorporate into our herd,” says Thiessen. “The cattle must have length, depth of body, be angular and have good feet. The females must be good-uddered with mild dispositions. Our customers say our cattle are pleasant to be around, last longer, and leave them with great females and steers that are highly marketable.”

The mission statement of Regency Acres Angus is: “To propagate the genetics that return the most dollars per acre for our customers.”

“That is still and always will be our primary goal,” says Thiessen. “Personally, I am striving to leave a profitable business and livelihood for my son and future grandkids, and to teach them that success isn't just measured in dollars, but in fulfillment in what you are doing.”

Thiessen says he likes the genetic side of the purebred business, and the process of searching out the right bulls to mate the cows to. “I enjoy studying the pedigrees and mating the cattle to try to improve both the dam and the sire in the offspring,” he says. “Tyler has that unique ability to sit and have a conversation for hours with someone he just met so he likes the public relations part of the business.”

Thiessen says that while they put in long hours working, they still must make time to play. A few years ago, he and a couple of his friends got into barbecue. They built their own smoker (nicknamed “The Mistress” by their wives) and cook for weddings, parties and even funerals. Thiessen and his son also enjoy hunting, and Tyler has his own “herd” of hound dogs he uses to eliminate raccoons for the neighbors.

“The work load is immense and there isn't enough profit in agriculture to afford to hire on more employees – even if you can find one. So the hours are long and stressful but we get to work alongside our kids, our wives, our fathers and grandfathers and we get to work in God's garden every day. When you realize the value in that, there isn't a more 'profitable' occupation in the world.”

The Regency Acres annual production sale will be held on April 11. They will be selling 90 bulls and 30 replacement heifers. Sires represented this year include RA Union 2123, S Revolution, Vermilion Riverside and Sitz Virtue.

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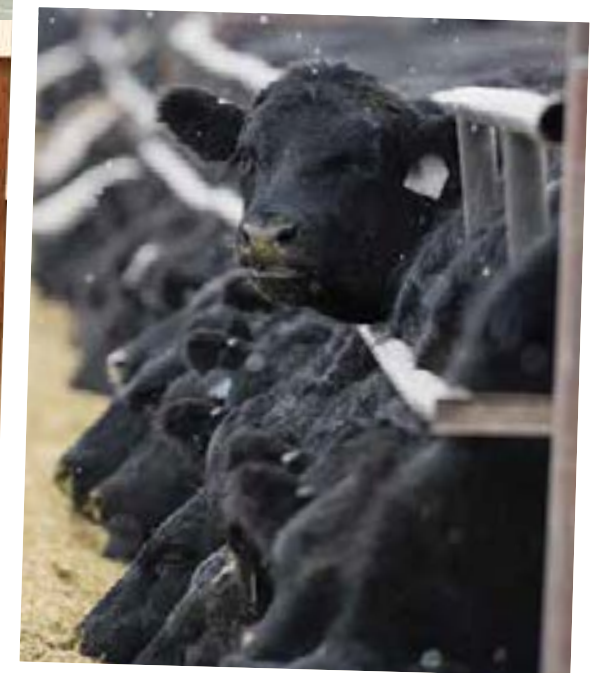
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Wed, Jan 29th	Feeder Special Featuring Replacement Heifers - 9:00
Wed, Feb 5th	All Class Cattle Sale - 9:00
Wed, Feb 12th	All Class Cattle Sale & Feeder Special - 9:00
Wed, Feb 19th	All Class Cattle Sale & Bred Cow Special - 9:00
Wed, Feb 26th	All Class Cattle Sale - 9:00
Wed, Mar 5th	All Class Cattle Sale - 9:00
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Pleasant Valley Angus

Pleasant Valley Angus is owned and operated by Cory and Sarah Foss, along with their kids, Addison and Hazen, and Cory's parents, Jerry and Judy. Cory is the third generation to run cattle on the ranch, which headquarters six miles west of Sidney, MT.

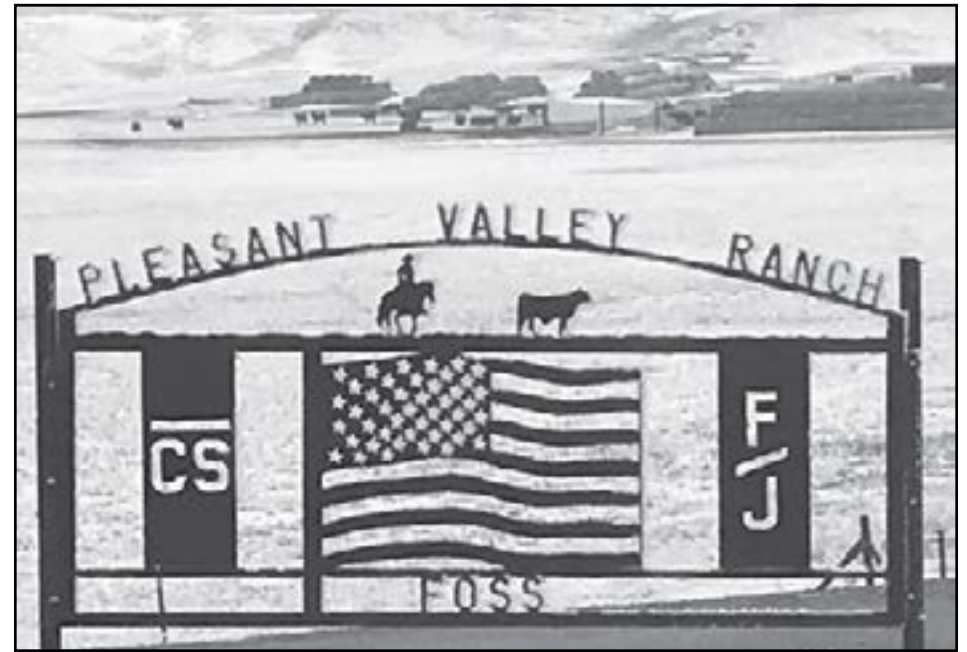
Foss' started AI-ing extensively in the 90's on their commercial cattle, as well as doing custom AI-ing for friends and neighbors. Cory and Sarah added registered females in 2008 and that portion of the herd has steadily grown since then.

Currently we market a select group of yearling bulls and heifers in the spring. Our goal is to raise an elite set of females that produce powerful, functional, maternally-based cattle. The cow herd is run on native grass and salt/mineral as long as the weather allows. The cows are brought back home for the winter and spring months, where the calving and AI-ing take place.

We require our cows to be structurally sound, fertile, easy-fleshing with good feet, udder and disposition. We try to breed cattle that hold up to the extremes this country throws at us. If they can't breed back, hold their condition, and have good feet, all while raising a quality calf, then they leave; no second chances. We feel that these kinds of genetics are what will keep not only us, but most importantly our customers, in the cattle business; it's not something we take lightly. After all, this isn't just a cattle business, it's a people business.

Our annual spring production sale will be held at Sidney Livestock Market Center on April 2, 2025. Sixty yearling bulls and 35 open replacement heifers will be offered.

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From left to right, Addison, Cory, Sarah and Hazen Foss. (Submitted photo)



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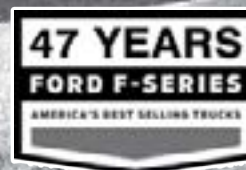
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National Hard Spring Wheat Show Coming Jan. 28

By Katelyn Sponheim

The 72nd Annual National Hard Spring Wheat Show will be held Jan. 28, 2025, at the Grand Hotel, Williston, ND. It will start at 7 a.m. with the free Ag Appreciation Breakfast, sponsored by American State Bank, and be followed by a welcome and roll right into their speaker lineup.

First up will be the “Weather Outlook” with Mark Ewens of Home on the Prairie Weather. Climate crops and change will be discussed. Brian Jenks will follow with his “Weed Control Update”. Rob Sharkey, known from his podcast “The Shark Farmer” will give two presentations, one before and one after lunch, with the latter on how to be resilient through farming struggles, titled “Sharks Don’t Swim Backwards”. The final speaker before lunch is Dr. Carlos Pires, the NDSU extension’s soil health specialist, who will be sharing “How is Soil Organic Matter like Money in the Bank?”

Lunch is sponsored by the North Dakota Wheat Commission and Williams County Farmer’s Union.

After lunch, Clair Keene of NDSU will give a Wheat and Durum variety update, followed by Dr. David Weaver of MSU sharing his Wheat Stem Sawfly count. Frayne Olson, NDSU’s Crop Economist will give the 2025 Market Outlook to close the day. Pesticide applicator and crop advisor credits will be available to those attendees interested.

12th Annual Cattlemen’s Ball Feb. 8

By Dianne Swanson

It’s a whole lot of fun, with a mission. The annual Cattlemen’s Ball promotes beef and all of agriculture in Richland County, while providing scrumptious food, great music and more. The premiere event of the winter, the Ball takes place on Feb. 8 at the Richland County Event Center with the social at 5 p.m. and a delicious beef dinner at 6 p.m. Kick up your heels until midnight with Kyle Shobe & the Walk ‘em Boys.

Proceeds go towards scholarships and providing local beef to area schools. Tickets will be available for just \$50 beginning Monday, Jan. 6 at the Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Prewitt & Company.

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In the 50 years since, our operation has grown exponentially, now consisting of 400 registered cows and 200 commercial cows.

Our vision remains the same as it was in 1975: to provide cattle that add value to your operation. "Northeastern Montana has such an amazing legacy of agriculture and we at Bar JV Angus feel blessed to have been a part of it for the past 50 years."

Normally our cows graze until the weather forces us to feed. We start calving around March 10th, as this allows most of the herd to calve in the pasture unassisted. It is our ideal that the cows are self-sufficient so the cattle are bred to work in any environment. We are also dedicated to finding the right bulls or heifers to match the needs of their customers. Bar JV Angus is also committed to breeding Angus females who produce high performance bulls, with the profitability of the commercial producer at the forefront.

Bar JV Angus emphasizes breeding bone, capacity, and length into our cattle, which enables us to handle the amount of growth that is found in today's genetics. This ensures optimal pounds at weaning and will transmit to feedlot performance. Along with length of body, Bar JV Angus also looks for a long neck and smooth shoulders, which ensures calving ease. Calving ease goes far beyond birth weight; it has intentionally been bred into the cowherd.

We market our bulls in March, selling 100 bulls and 120 yearling heifers. This year the Bar JV Angus annual production sale will be held on Tuesday, March

25 on location in our sale barn. Many of these bulls are out of our senior sire, Sitz Resilient, a complete herd sire that ranks in the top of the breed in multiple traits.

We are proud to be co-owners of Sitz Resilient 10208, at this point he has proven incredibly influential in terms of his ability to produce a uniform set of calves.

Three generations of Vitts currently run the operation. Jim and Loretta's son Dale and his wife Jill have been working with us full time on the ranch since 2006. Dale and Jill's son Cody and his wife Sierra joined us in 2017. Cody and Sierra's kids are the 6th generation to live and work on the ranch.

Bar JV Angus is located at Sioux Pass, 20 miles NW of Sidney on HWY 16.

We are always eager to welcome you to come to the ranch to view the bulls, heifers, or cows. We look forward to showing you our genetics.

Find Bar JV Angus on Facebook or

visit <http://www.barjvangus.com> to learn more about our ranch, our herd, and our spring sale. The 2025 sale date is March 25.



Sitz Resilient. (Photos submitted)



Loretta and Jim Vitt



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Sandhill Red Angus

Andrew and McKenzie Johnson have been raising registered Red Angus in Northeastern Montana since 2006. Andrew's father, Floyd, had a registered Angus herd and when Andrew was able to attain some red cows from his father, they were able to begin raising Registered Red Angus near Froid, MT.

The Johnsons focus on producing strong maternal females and believe that's what makes them successful. Every year, they look to buy customers' heifer calves back to breed them. They breed around 1000 heifers every year. Some go back into the commercial herd, and some are sold as bred heifers and pairs.

Females at Sandhill Red Angus are bred and raised to be hard working cows. The cows are in an open pasture, calve on their own with no assistance and run like a commercial ranch. They believe the registered females should be able to calve on their own, get their calf up and get them going. The Montana conditions are brutal at times, but their cows strive to birth hardy



(Back L-R) Andrew, Jayna and McKenzie Johnson. (Front L-R) Joslynn and Jett Johnson. (Photos submitted)

calves with vigor, that natural instinct to get up and go.

Sandhill Red Angus's Annual Production Sale will be held Tuesday, March 4 at Sidney Livestock Market Center, featuring 90 Red Angus yearling bulls, 75 bred heifers and 75 pairs Commercial Red Angus. Buy with confidence with a 1-year breeding guarantee on bulls. Bulls are delivered free in USA and Canada and fed free until April 1.

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Rambur Charolais: Unique Opportunities Keep Sidney Ranch Thriving

By Rebecca Colnar

Howard Rambur started his herd as a youngster with two crossbred Charolais heifers and a purebred Charolais bull. "I got a small loan from the local bank and was on my way to having my purebred business. Of course, I've been borrowing money ever since," said Rambur, who raises purebred Charolais cattle near Sidney, MT.

Even though his father was primarily a sugar beet farmer, young Rambur's interest in livestock was piqued when he began working with cattle as 4-H projects. He wanted to own something

different than Angus, and the powerful, white Charolais cattle caught his eye. In the late 1960s, the breed, which originated in eastern France, arrived on the scene in Montana. Rambur decided to make the Charolais breed his life's work as he admired their outstanding performance and especially found that crossbreeding created a superior bovine.

The rancher raised four daughters, with some involved in 4-H, successfully showing cattle at the Richland County Fair as well as helping on the ranch. His grandkids are now being successful showing steers at the same fair, which continues to thrive. While his daughters were growing up, Rambur continued breed improvement.

Rambur cows and bulls are raised on the western side of Sidney in some rough country. "You need a good horse and dogs to move cattle out there," said Rambur. "I find that Charolais have better bone and feet, which causes them to have longevity. I have a lot of customers who are using our bulls up to six years of age, which is double the longevity of other breeds."

Although he credits the Angus breed for their "tremendous job marketing their meat," Rambur pointed out that crossbred cattle provide hybrid vigor and have been bringing an extra 10% in sale weight. Because of that, not only does he have Charolais bulls, but also an Angus herd.

Their bull sale the second Saturday of April is generally well-attended with 80-100 head of Charolais and Angus bulls seeing their way across the auction block.

He is curious where the beef prices are going to go. "I don't know where this is all going to transition. It will be interesting. Everyone in the cattle business needs to start making money. It shocks me that we are still selling fat cattle the way we are when we need to be moving our meat and product better. With COVID, many of the restaurants are half empty and those were the restaurants that were buying high-end steaks. Even before COVID, but even more so now, people want to know where their meat comes from. More people are looking closer to home, so we are seeing a real shortage of small packing houses to handle the increasing number of ranchers wanting to have cattle locally processed. There are only a few large packers now and you have to play their game as many are foreign-owned."

Rambur livestock has expanded their sale opportunities, selling cattle and meat to foreign countries; breeding stock has been shipped to Turkey while fat



Photos submitted



cattle have been shipped to JBS in Greeley, CO, to be processed for the Chinese market.

Rambur talks about how the international connections happened. The Turkish connection started when an exporter driving through Virginia spotted some "buckskin" (Charolais/Red Angus cross) in a field and asked what they were and their origin. Howard Rambur was contacted, and the Turkish exporters visited three times to develop a plan.

"The Turkish visitors told me that Montana looked like Turkey. We talked about agricultural production, and it turns out they are very modern," said Rambur. "They farm with center pivots and John Deere tractors. At the time we were working out the details, war with Syria was going on and Turkey had an influx of refugees. They realized the need for producing food for an expanding population."

Rambur coordinated the shipment of 700 buckskin calves and 900 silvers (Charolais x Angus) with the balance of the load Red Angus and Angus for a total of 2,400. Numerous tests, blood work, papers, and various quarantine sites later, the cattle shipped in early February 2017. The boat ride took 30-plus days. The cattle were dispersed into different areas of Turkey and are being used for breeding stock to help boost the country's meat industry in future years.

As for beef to China, Rambur had been dealing with JBS and they asked him to sign up to send some of his cattle/beef to China.

Although exporting provides another option for cattle marketing, Rambur explained, "I get exporters calling me all the time, but the money exchange rate is horrid. Keep in mind when you deal with foreign countries, it's good to deal with the same exporter."

In addition to raising purebred bulls and sending their livestock across the ocean, a unique service provided by the ranch is feeding bulls in the feedlot. Many custom yards won't accept bulls because they're, well, bulls.

"You need to understand the bull mentality," Rambur said. "Our RC Feedlot has always fed purebred bulls, performance breeds as well as cull bulls. Rambur Charolais offers a bull buy back. When a customer is ready to change bulls out, we will purchase the culls at a premium, feed them at the RC Feedlot, then send

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Rambur Charolais...

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them on to the processors.”


Rambur explained that feeding bulls as a business happened because of the contacts he had at American Foods where he had previously been a buyer. The RC Feedlot already had experience feeding purebred bulls for production sales, so when he was talking to the people at American Foods, the idea developed for Rambur to feed cull bulls. The ranch is able to put quick weight on bulls, and there is a constant market for them.

“Bulls are better than feeder cattle because there is a quick turnaround. You feed them for 30 days and they’re gone. I know bulls and I can put quick weight on them. Plus, it’s a constant market even in the winter and it works well because I have my own trucks. When the processor needs a full load of bulls to kill, I can fill those spots quickly instead of their buyers going to many sale barns.”


The hard-working rancher hopes his grandkids will continue to appreciate ranch life; they help with various aspects of the ranch, and all have horses to ride when help is needed. “We try to get them involved as much as we can. One of my grandsons is 14 and this year he hasn’t been in school much due to COVID closings, so he has assisted with calving and wants to learn more from me. He received a beginning rancher loan from Community Bank in Dickinson, ND to purchase five purebred bred heifers. I applaud that bank for doing that,” said Rambur.

Despite the challenges of juggling the purebred business, running a feedlot, and keeping up with the markets, Rambur said he wouldn’t trade ranching for anything.


“Whether I’m working with the cattle, watching my dogs working or having my grandkids join me on the ranch, you can’t beat it. We have a fantastic lifestyle.”



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Gartner but kept the corporate name. At this time, they were calving about 150 cows and selling around 60 bulls per year. Russell's other son, Paul, joined the operation in 1984.

Micky, Paul, Casey and Chad Denowh all run the ranch together along with their families. GDAR is proud to be a family run operation. Chad and Jennifer's children make the 6th generation to live and work at the ranch headquarters. Lots of technological advances have been incorporated into the operation over the years including performance testing, carcass testing, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, and DNA testing, but the core principle of raising functional and profitable Angus cows remains the same.

GDAR operates mainly on grazing land, but they also have some farmland on which they raise feed. GDAR's cows are fed a low cost and low energy diet to weed out any inefficient cows, which means cows that can't function on a low input system in their environment are culled from the herd. A majority of GDAR's bulls go to commercial operations in a similar environment to their own, and their goal is to make sure their bulls surpass their expectations.

Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch has been family run for over 60 years, and they are proud of the business and cattle they have established in the community. Learn more about GDAR on their website at <http://www.gdar-angus.com> or stop by and visit anytime.



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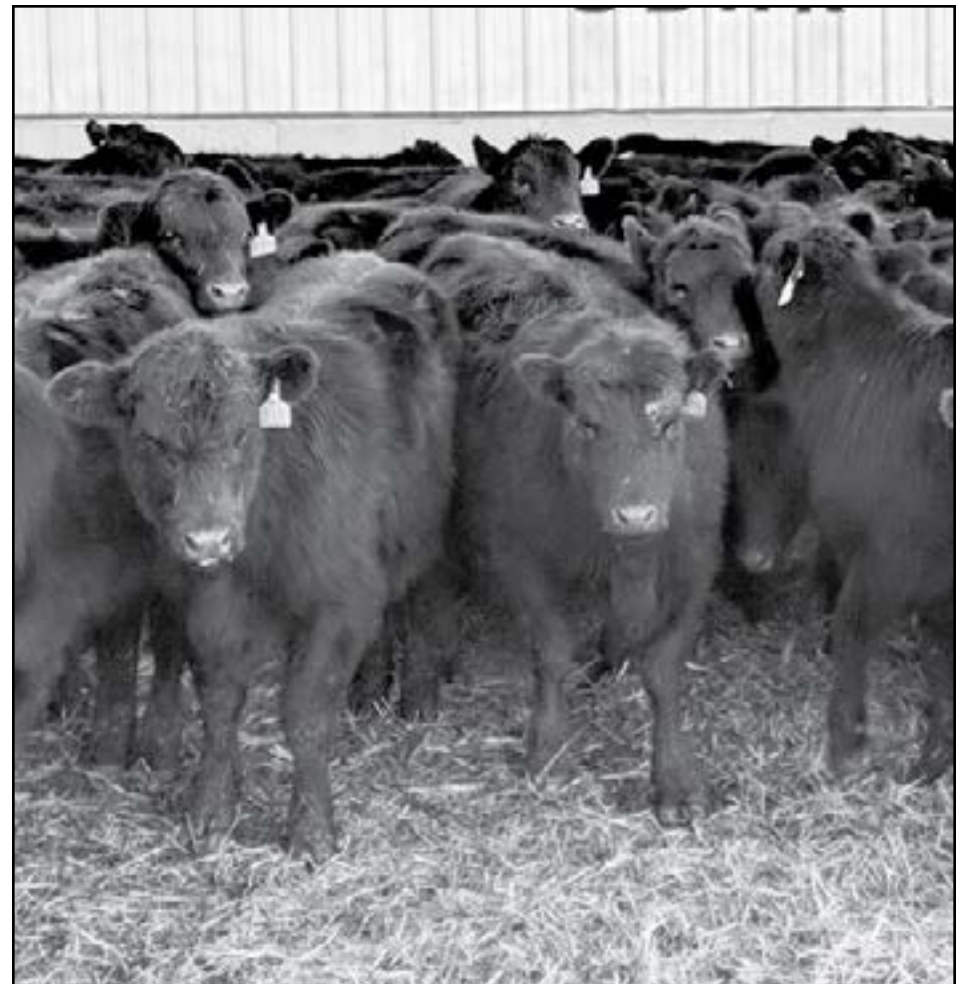
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Best Angus & Quarter Horses



Vawnita, Kyle and Pete Best. (Photo submitted)

Best Angus will be hosting their 11th Annual Best Angus and Quarter Horses Production Sale at 2 p.m., Monday, March 3, at the ranch southeast of Watford City. The sale will offer 90 registered yearling Angus bulls, 20 coming two-year-old registered Angus bulls and excellent home raised heifer calves. For more information, visit the ranch website, <http://www.bestangusandquarterhorses.com>.

What started in 1987 as a 4-H and FFA project of Pete's has grown into a registered Angus cowherd known for efficient, problem free, maternal cattle that serve the cattlemen of today's beef industry well.

In 2006, Bests had the opportunity to move themselves and their 30 registered Angus cows home to the ranch that Vawnita grew up on in the Badlands of south central McKenzie County. Through intense AI and ET, the entire brood cowherd at Elkhorn Creek Ranch is registered, AHIR tested, Maternal Plus enrolled, and carcass ultra-sounded since 1995. Of the 300 cows, approximately half are AI'ed and about 100 are used as recipient cows in the ET program.

Best Angus believes it is their responsibility to breed cattle that will provide profitability for their customers' cowherds. Focusing on cattle that are in balance with nature they allow for reduction in labor. To be able to do so, selection pressure is applied in their harsh Badland's environment. Bests have extended their grazing

season over the last decade and have focused on the type and kind of mother cow who thrives in a harsh environment, while producing calves that efficiently gain in the feedlot, and grade on the rail.

In addition to their Best Angus & Quarter Horses Production Sale the first Monday of March at the ranch, Best Angus has also partnered with Strommen Ranch and Talkington Angus Ranch to form the Badlands Angus Alliance registered coming two-year-old bull and bred females in a December sale.

The goal of the alliance is to add value to our customers' females. The most recent Badlands Angus Alliance averaged \$3225 on 635 commercial bred heifers. Badlands Angus Alliance will be supporting Best customers with a Badland's Angus Alliance Replacement Heifer Calf Special, on Jan. 23, 2025. "We see this new sale as an ideal way for our customers to add value for their maternal genetics and a great way for new customers and heifer development projects to buy into the Badlands Angus Alliance Bred female sale," stated Pete Best.

For more information on Best Angus and Quarter Horses or Badlands Angus Alliance, contact Pete at 701-570-6959 or visit <http://www.bestangusandquarterhorses.com>.

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Beery's Land And Livestock, Vida, MT



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Hereford cattle have made an impact in the Beery name since 1912 when Lawrence Beery landed in Vida originating from Iowa. He purchased his first Hereford cow shortly thereafter to start the legacy. In the summer of 1929 Newell Beery arrived to help Lawrence and was the first to purchase Hereford cattle to start the Beery's Hereford business.

Newell Beery ran cattle and horses throughout the Vida and Richey area for many years along with buying, selling, feeding and finishing cattle. Later partner/son Eddy Beery purchased his first load of registered cows in the late 50s. This was the beginning of Eddy's Hereford business.

Beery's held their own production sales on the ranch beginning in the 1970s and continuing until 2004. The family then decided to offer their genetics via private treaty and still do to this day. Newell and Eddy were always passionate about raising good, honest horned Hereford cattle that offered hardiness, feed efficiency, mothering ability and quiet dispositions.

Eddy and Joanne raised a family of 5 and ran the ranch together for many years. In 2014, after the passing of Eddy, son Matt, wife Krista, and their two children Ethan and Leah took over the management. Today the ranch is still managed by Matt, Krista, Leah and Ethan with his fiancé Ashton Handy. Ethan and Ashton will be getting married Nov. 1, 2025. Even though Matt and his family manage the operation, Joanne is still very much involved and still referred to as the boss. Beery's have also had Madri Blom as herdsman of the cattle since 2008. She also does a lot to help market the genetics as well as build relationships with their valued customers.

Throughout the years the Beery's have expanded their cow herd and now offer polled and horned Herefords as well as Red Angus cattle. Two hundred bulls

and a select group of females are sold private treaty throughout the surrounding areas. Although the discussion of holding a live bull sale comes about each year, the Beery's appreciate the relationships they've been able to build with their customers and work to meet their bull customer's needs. Such as Newell and Eddy did, the next generation still strives to maintain a uniform set from top to bottom. From the first one in the book to the very last one. Along with uniformity, the Beery's value their customers and offer affordably priced cattle for everyone's budget and offer volume discounts. With their customers bottom line in mind, they breed cattle to add more value and genetic potential to any customers calves.

Matt believes each customer who comes to the ranch takes home the genetics they need to work for their operation. Beery's Land and Livestock raises a large selection of bulls that are half and three-quarter brothers to make feeder cattle with consistent performance. As well as siring consistent feeding cattle, Beery's strive to provide cattle with strong maternal genetics, leaving customers with a more desirable female when mated with a diversly bred black hided mamma cow. Hereford genetics have gained a lot of popularity in recent years due to their added longevity, docility, and fertility.

The Beery family invites anyone to come to the ranch for a visit, evaluate their genetics, and select their 2025 bull purchases starting in January. They also extend an invitation to the 2025 Montana Hereford Association's Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota ranch tour Sept. 14th-17th. Follow us on Facebook at Beery's Land and Livestock Co. – BEERY Herefords or contact us; Matt Beery: 406-979-5720, Ethan Beery: 406-979-5723, Madri Blom (Herdsman): 406-979-5711, blom.anebell@gmail.com.

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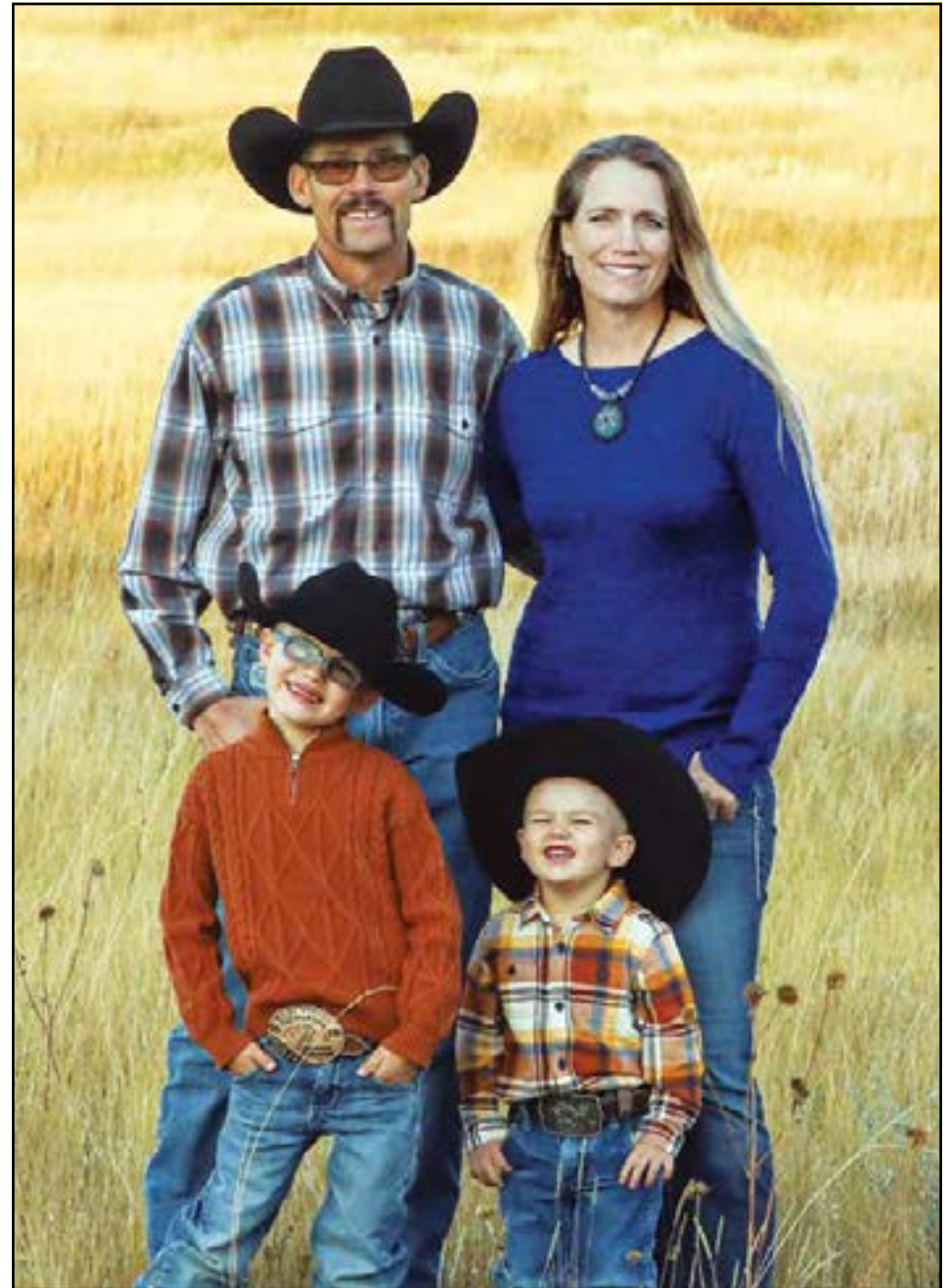
Leland Red Angus



Luella & Melvin Leland with grandsons, Tripp & Trey. (Photo submitted)

Leland Red Angus will be hosting their 42nd annual production sale on Friday, March 14 at the ranch located in SW McKenzie County, 35 miles SE of Sidney in the Homesteaders Gap Community. The ranch, which has raised registered Red Angus for over 50 years, is operated by Melvin and Luella Leland and their son and daughter-in-law Todd and Carla Leland. Homesteaded in 1911 by Melvin's father, Leland Red Angus breeds over 450 registered Red Angus females per year and will market 180 bulls and 60 yearling heifers, including about 60 fall-born, 18-month-old bulls from daughter Tracey Koester and her family in Steele, ND. They also offer Bred Females by private treaty every fall.

The ranch operates on a combination of deeded, leased, and permitted National Grasslands land and is regularly involved in national, state-wide, and local breed and beef



Todd & Carla, Trey & Tripp Leland. (Photo submitted)

industry organizations. Though the cowherd is managed on the range year-round, the sale bulls are developed in the ranch feed-lot, with most of the feed being produced on 1200 acres of hay and cropland.

The Leland's utilize the breed's top genetics. "Much of the herd is bred by artificial insemination and features genomic verification by DNA and ultrasound testing for economically relevant traits and carcass values, a service provided by our son-in-law Dr. J.J. Hovde," commented Melvin Leland, noting that they use as much technology as is applicable. "We are dedicated to the values of rural and family lifestyle, and the 100+ year legacy of the ranch is expected to continue with Todd, Carla, and their sons, Trey and Tripp, continuing as the fourth generation of Leland ownership." For more information, call 701-565-2361.

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