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THSR Rachael R519 • ASA# 2307689 • BD: 1/20/2005

SRS Fortune 500 x ER Black Cisco

EPDs: 8 2.5 36 66 2 4 23

AI Bred to Dream On, due January 11, 2007

•Rachael is a dark cherry red female. This heifer really has that classy look just like her mother. Rachael's dam was purchased at the State Sale as an open heifer in 2001. She has consistently produced the best red calves in our herd since she has come in to production. This heifer is owned by Bryan's sons, Zachary and Brayden.

•No pasture exposure.



THSR Roseanna R522 • ASA# 2307692 • BD: 1/22/2005

SRS Preferred Beef x NPS Ms Good Fortune H60

EPDs: 6 3.5 36 67 3 10 28

AI Bred to Dream On, due January 14, 2007

•Roseanne is the natural calf out of our donor H60 and Preferred Beef. This female was truly hard to part with. She is the front pasture type that will make a great donor cow. Roseanne is one of the deepest females we have ever offered for sale and to top it off, she is bred to Dream On. A great opportunity awaits you.

•No pasture exposure.



THSR Roxy R533 • ASA# 2307703 • BD: 2/2/2005

WHF Desperado x NPS Ms Good Fortune H60

EPDs: 7 2.7 40 68 0 -1 19

AI Bred to Preferred Beef, due January 11, 2007

•Roxy is a full sister to the three bred heifers that we sold in last year's sale. One was the second high selling female, selling to Tim Meinders, Pella, IA. Roxy's dam, H60, is our top donor in our program. She consistently flushes good and breeds back on time for the next calving season. This blazed face female will make a great donor prospect for her new owners.

•No pasture exposure.

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NPS Ms Good Fortune H60

SRS Fortune 500 x ER Red Stats 541C

EPDs: 8 3.4 34 64 2 8 25

(Reference Donor Dam)

Also Selling:

THSR Sassy S614 • ASA# 2229327 & 2160170 • BD: 1/14/2006

Traveler 004 x WHF Desperado

Fancy open heifer owned by Justin Hanson

•Sassy is owned by Justin Hanson. He told me this summer he wanted to consign a heifer to the State Sale and I told him he had to sell a good one and Sassy is that. We have seen several 004 calves this year and they are all good. This Angus bull really clicks with the Simmental cows he is mated to. She will make a great cow for her new owner.

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President's Message...

By the time you are all reading this it will be around Thanksgiving and the ND Simmental weekend will be fast approaching. I hope you are all enjoying the new Simmental Scene. There has been some changes with the resignation of our editor, the change of the look of the scene with the addition of color and a few new articles from the ASA. We hope we can build on this first issue and start to increase our circulation. By the looks of this first issue the support has been good, so please continue to support it and help it grow.

I would like to thank our past editor Sue Erickson for her years of service putting together the Scene and getting the publication up and going again. Sue has done many things for the ND Simmental Association. Besides being the editor she was very involved with the junior association, Sue also did many other little things that most people were unaware of. All your hard work and effort that you put forth to help the ND Simmental Association was greatly appreciated. Thanks Sue for everything you did.

*NDSA President
Kelly Hanson*

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Classic Sale

December 16th, 2006
Bismarck, North Dakota



STR Shayla S624

ER K33B x Power Drive
EPDs 6 2 32 65 2 8 25



STR 3108 Ms PBeef R502

Preferred Beef x S&J Black Bodacious
EPDs 6 1 29 51 3 11 26
Bred to ER K33B, due 1-25-07.



LBR Candy Cane R55

Powerline x Black Shamrock
EPDs 3 1 31 62 8 9 24
Full sib to LBR Crocket
Selling a flush to this female.



STR Sadie S626

ER K33B x BS Mr Arapahoe 811A
EPDs 6 2 34 57 -1 8 25



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"Where the cow family comes first!"

Calendar of Events

December

- 1 Neva Simmentals Private Treaty Sales Start
Kensal, ND
- 14 Meyer Ranch Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 16 North Dakota Simmental Classic Sale
Bismarck, ND

January

- 13-17 National Western Stock Show Simmental Events
Denver, CO
- 15 National Western Simmental Sale "The One-Vol. XIV"
Denver, CO
- 29 Spring Harvest Sale
Bismarck, ND

February

- 2 4E Simmentals' Uppin' the Ante Bull & Female Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 3 Larson's TL Ranch Production Sale
Almont, ND
- 3 Klain Simmental Ranch Annual Production Sale
Turtle Lake, ND
- 8 Hoiby-Hystad Bullnanza Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 9 TNT Simmentals Annual Bull Sale
Almont, ND
- 10 Grass-Lunning Bulls-Eye Bonanza Sale
Lanesboro, MN

February continued

- 10 Kenner Simmental Ranch 11th Annual Production Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 11 Rydeen Farms Vision IX Sale
Clearbrook, MN
- 12 Dakota Power Bull Sale
Valley City, ND
- 14 Wilkinson Annual Production Sale
Napoleon, ND
- 15 Bichler/Johnson 2nd Annual Bull Sale
Linton, ND
- 16 Dakota Xpress Simmental Sale
Bismarck, ND
- 17 Ellingson Simmentals Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 18 Northern Plains Simmental Private Treaty Sale
Bowbells, ND
- 20 Keller Broken Heart Ranch Annual Prod. Sale
Mandan, ND

March

- 6 Doll Ranch Annual Production Sale
Mandan, ND
- 7 Bata/Olafson Annual Production Sale
Rugby, ND
- 26 Nelson Livestock Production Sale
Baker, MT

April

- 2 Kjelgaard Simmental Production Sale
Jamestown, ND

Farm Family of the Month

Written by Erika Kenner

5th Generation Family Farm

Not everyone can claim they live on the same farm that was homesteaded five generations ago. Many families do not have someone who wants to come back to the farm, and so the family farm ends. The children go on to be doctors, lawyers, or business executives somewhere and like the stability of those jobs compared to farming. The Aufforth Family, of Bowbells, North Dakota, has the perseverance and dedication to have kept their family farm going for all these generations. JR and his wife, Miranda, are the fifth generation and live just down the road from JR's parents.

The Aufforth family has always had cattle for as long as JR can remember, but they were all commercial cows. In 1985, they started crossbreeding by breeding their commercial Angus cows to Simmental bulls. They noticed around 100 pounds of gain and were very impressed with the cross. That hooked JR on Simmental, and he purchased his first purebred Simmental heifer at the Stanley Sale in 1989, when he was 8-years-old.

After attending college in Williston, JR took over the day-to-day management of the cattle, while also working at the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Bowbells. At that time, he was running 50 – 60 cows of his own and then took on some lease cows. JR and his dad run their cattle together in the winter, but have them separate in the summer. Currently, JR is running 250 head – 175 purebred Simmental and 75 commercial cows and no longer works off the farm. JR's dad, John, currently has 100 head of commercial cows. They also grain farm.

JR AI's at least one cycle and then utilizes cleanup bulls that he has purchased from other Simmental breeders in North Dakota. On February 18, 2007, they will conduct their first Annual Private Treaty Bull Sale at the farm. There will be 20 Purebred Simmental bulls for sale – 14 black and 6 red. They will consign females to the North Dakota Classic Sale and the Stanley Sale once again. JR also sells a few females private treaty off the farm.

When asked about any concerns or issues he had with the breed at this time, he responded, "I am concerned with the number of low birth weight and smaller framed bulls that are available. Are we going to lose the power that we once had? We were known as the performance breed, so I wonder if we have gone too far on calving ease and low birth weights? We don't necessarily need frame 8 cattle, but not frame 5."

JR and Miranda were married on July 5, 2003, after meeting through a friend at the Stanley Sale while they were in college. Miranda is originally from Great Falls, Montana, and attended the University of Mary in Bismarck where she studied Occupational Therapy. Currently, Miranda is working in Sacramento, California, as an Occupational Therapist and lives with family there. She works in three-month contracts, and travels to Bowbells between work periods.

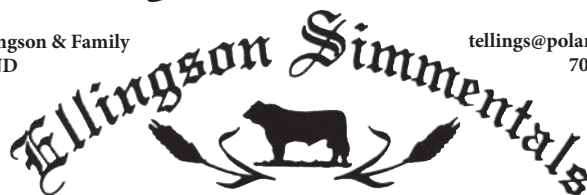
There is a very evident strong work ethic in both JR and Miranda, which is what it takes to assure continuance of a 5th Generation Family Farm.



Bringing two of our Best to Bismarck!

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EXPECT EXCELLENCE



Ellingson MS PBeef R557

SRS Preferred Beef x Black Irish Kansas

EPDs: 7 • 1 • 42 • 77 • 6 • 9 • 30

An own daughter of Preferred Beef! She will possess the calving ease, volume and maternal traits Preferred Beef is known for. Ratio of 112 for WW and 110 for YW in our program. We bred her to Mytty In Focus with the intent of continuing the development of our SimAngus program with her offspring; however she was select for this sale. Whether you want to mate her this way or use a purebred Simmental Bull on her; R557 is one you can build a program around.



Ellingson MS Hummer R530

HC Hummer x LRS Preferred Stock

EPDs: 6 • 1 • 37 • 73 • 3 • 6 • 25

It's hard to part with this own daughter of Hummer! A top performer with great ratios in our program; BW: 107, WW: 112, YW 108. Great carcass info as well with a 13.29 REA that ratioed 112. Her mating to Mytty In Focus; one of the hottest Angus bulls in the industry is truly an opportunity for someone to have something to build a SimAngus program around.

Ellingson Simmentals Annual Production Sale

February 17, 2007 • Rugby, ND • Powerful Herd Bulls & Fancy Open Heifers

Photo Contest

The North Dakota Simmental Association is sponsoring a photo contest this year. Pictures need to be colored, 8" x 10" and of Simmental cattle.

Awards will be given for three places in youth and adult divisions. Pictures need to be delivered to Farmers Livestock before 12:00 pm on Friday, December 15, 2006. Please include on a piece of paper your name, address, and which division, youth or adult, your picture should be entered into. All entered pictures will not be returned and will become the property of NDSA for future use in advertisements.



The winners will be announced at the annual banquet held on Friday, December 15, 2006. Those unable to attend can mail their photos to Greg & Kim Myers, 12066 57th Street SE, Kathryn, ND 58049. The photos mailed to Greg & Kim must be received prior to December 13, 2006.

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Junior Show Results



Kylee Myers, Fort Ransom, ND, exhibited the
Grand Champion Simmental Female
at the Ransom County Fair on August 26, 2006.
The Ransom County Fair is a sanctioned show
by the ND Junior Point Association.

"Simmental Beef on the Cutting Edge!"



Outstanding Heifers Headed to Bismarck



KBHR S037

Lazy S Red Shocker x Hooks Red Quorum
Proj. EPDs: 2 2 39 67 3 -2 17



KBHR S207

WHF Desperado x Fortune 500
Proj. EPDs: 9 1 40 68 1 -1 19



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KBHR R025

Desperado x KBHR M084
Grand Champion Simmental Female
at the ND State Fair in Minot.
Shown by Shelby Hennessy
from Des Lacs, ND

Plan to attend our sale!

February 20th

at Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND

*Selling 75 bulls and
80 yearling heifers*

Looking forward to seeing you
at the North Dakota State
Simmental Sale
December 16th at
Farmers Livestock in Bismarck.

Bata Brothers Olafson Brothers



BBS Miss Trax R11

KS Blizzard x MV Red Light

EPDs: 6 • 4.9 • 41 • 65 • 0 • 3 • 24

From the high-selling Traxinger heifer we purchased in the 2004 State Sale. R11 was our #1 heifer for ribeye at 13.55 and a 3.74 IMF to index 114. Mated to TNT Top Gun, the high-seller at Kevin Thompson's 2005 sale, enhances the offspring's carcass data.

AI bred to TNT Top Gun R244 on 5/8/06. No pasture exposure.



BBS S66

TNT Top Cut x MV Red Light

Proj. EPDs: 6 • 2 • 38 • 69 • 3 • 8 • 27

A super long, thick, deep-bodied, Top Cut heifer that is very typical of his progeny. Top Cut is one of the most exciting bulls to walk our pastures in years. The dam of S66 topped the 2005 Rydeen sale and is an excellent milker.

Annual Production Sale

Join us on March 7, 2007 for the 10th Annual
Bata/Olafson Production Sale in Rugby, ND

Bata Simmentals

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Directions: 20 miles North of Michigan, ND on ND 35



OLF Dream Girl S499

CNS Dream On x Black Irish Kansas

EPDs: 11 • -0.4 • 36 • 66 • 4 • 6 • 24

If you like them extra fancy with muscle, depth of rib and lots of volume and substance in a moderate frame package, look here. She has a sweetheart disposition and will make her new owner very happy in the showing. She moves out free and square, and always has "the look" about her. Check out the video of her and our bred heifer consignment at www.bataolafson.com.



OLF Miss Legacy R238

Nichols Legacy x Ellingson Black Perfector

EPDs: 7 • 2.2 • 36 • 64 • 4 • 6 • 23

This heifer has it all – her pedigree, EPDs, phenotype and individual performance are all rock solid. She was our #1 ranking heifer for 205-day weight in 2005, with a 120 ratio, and very near the top in yearling weight with a 114 ratio. She is ultrasound confirmed to our pick from the 2005 Optimal Beef Genetics sale, "Coach". Check him out and view videos of our sale consignments at www.bataolafson.com.



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Traxinger Simmentals



Trax R507

Powerline x Preferred Beef

EPDs: 3 • 3.5 • 40 • 73 • 6 • 10 • 29

Look the pedigree over. A granddaughter of the Ruby Red cow. Trax's R507 has a deep hind quarter, plus tremendous width. She has brood cow written all over her, and to top it off a great pedigree. She could be carrying your next donor.

AI bred to CNS Dream On, 5/22/06. Ultrasound safe with a heifer calf. PE to LRS Headliner 32R from 5/24/06 to 6/15/06.



Trax R518

SS Starlight K79 x SV Stew E715

EPDs: 2 • 4.6 • 54 • 87 • 2 • 3 • 29

Trax R518's dam (H852) is also the dam to one of the previous high sellers of the NBSC, going to Barry LaBatte of Gladmar, SK. R518 will walk in her mother's footsteps for production. She is long-bodied with a deep quarter and muscle that goes down to her hoof. The added bonus is the fact she is extremely attractive.

AI bred to KS Bravado on 5/18/06. Ultrasound safe with a heifer calf. PE to KS Bravado from 5/24/06 to 6/15/06.



KS Bravado

FR Rezult x ER Black Cisco

EPDs: 9 • -1 • 30 • 53 • 6 • 9 • 24

Bravado has met and exceeded our expectations! He is a homozygous polled, non-diluter red calving ease herd bull. Bravado calves come easy, grow good, display a good amount of rib and eye appeal. When shopping for a red, calving ease sire with a little different pedigree next spring contact any of the following owners for your Bravado Semen!

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HSR Miss Design #2338196



Black Sim-Angus
Bon View
New Design 878 X
SRS Franchise F601
Ultrasound safe to
Mr Beef E141

EPDs: 0 -6 37 73 0 11 29

DSR Dream of Fortune #2330394



Black Purebred
CNS Dream On
X
SRS Fortune 500
Ultrasound safe to
Nichols Legacy G151

EPDs: 10 2 39 70 2 7 26

MLC Miss Prebeef R5 #2299208



Black 3/4 Blood
Preferred Beef
X
Bushwacker
Ultrasound safe to
Nichols Legacy G151

EPDs: 0 1 32 60 0 12 28

MLC Miss Red Dawg R2 #2331278



Red Purebred
Red Dawg
X
Nova
Ultrasound safe to
WS Beefmaker

EPDs: -2 4 44 69 2 6 28

DSR Designed Stress R729 #2330389



Black Sim-Angus
Bon View New Design 878
X
Drake Stress Free
Bred to Hooks Shear Force

EPDs: 0 2 34 73 0 11 28

DSR True Dream R740 #2330393



Black Purebred
CNS Dream On L186
X
3C Full Figures

Ultrasound safe to
Nichols Legacy G151

EPDs: 11 0 33 51 2 6 23

HSR Miss Stone R388 #2338223



Red Purebred
TNT Sandstone M402
X
SRS Fortune 500

Ultrasound safe to
WS BeefMaker

EPDs: 8 4 39 67 -.4 6 25



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February 16, 2007 • Bismarck, ND



PSR Black Pearl 176R

Mr. Beef x Black Joker

EPDs: 5 2.7 41 72 -1 11 32

- AI bred to Remington
- 176R is an own daughter of Mr. Beef that was selected from the heart of our replacements! She carries tremendous muscle and thickness as well as a lot of rib and volume. Bred to Remington; should be an exciting mating!



PSR Crackin Good 184R

SRS Preferred Beef x ER Black Cisco

EPDs: 7 3.9 46 86 4 9 33

- AI bred to Remington
- An own daughter of Preferred Beef that is extremely easy keeping and possesses tons of volume. She has the numbers to match it! She has the potential to be a great brood cow and would be a welcome addition to any serious program. Her Remington calf should be a great coupon.

Dakota

Power Bull Sale

February 12, 2007

Valley City, ND

Pherson Farm

Dennis, Denny, Mac & Lenny Pherson

Rutland, ND 58067

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North Dakota Simmental Association Classic Sale

December 16th, 2006
Bismarck, North Dakota

Also Selling...

PSR Cis S159

Black Cisco x Branded Beef

Proj. EPDs: 9 1 41 69 7 5 25

S159 is a red daughter of Cisco; she has a lot of shape and volume yet still carries a lot of eye appeal.

PSR Shock Me S78

Red Shocker x Black Joker

Proj. EPDs: 1 3 49 85 3 3 28

S78 is a black Red Shocker daughter that offers something that is a bit of an outcross for a lot of programs. Analyze her for her length and style; she has a lot to offer!

Selling our Best at the North Dakota Simmental Classic!

SRF Miss 300R

Sire... Peltons Powercat 344G

Dam... SRF Miss 300M (LCHMN Dakota Light 7009H x LJ Miss Papka M3Z)

6 • 1.1 • 41 • 74 • 2 • -3 • 18

300R is without question the easiest keeping female we have raised! This female carries a tremendous amount of capacity and depth of rib, while portraying a very clean feminine appearance. She traces back to a halfblood cow from Papka's that was a productive member of our herd until the age of 14! The mating between 300R and Hook's Shear Force should be tremendous.

Calf's Projected EPDs: 13 • -2 • 29 • 56 • 3 • 9 • 23

SRF Simmentals



North Dakota
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December 16th, 2006
Bismarck, North Dakota

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Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND

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Bismarck, North Dakota

Selling in Bismarck . . .



BCLR Miss Ruby R507

Hart Extra Effort x TNT Miss Tessa G180
(Americana x Tizzy)

Solid red donor prospect, bred to
Remington Red Label.



JSF R366

Preferred Beef x KS Shelia N80
(3C Full Figures)

Power and volume, with brood cow
written all over her, bred to Dream On.



Doug Bichler

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BCLR Miss Shaylee S615

Choice lot of these 2 full siblings, Hart Extra Effort x TNT Miss Tessa G180 (Americana x Tizzy)

Also full sibs to Miss Ruby 507. Both heifers are solid cherry red donor/show prospects.



BCLR Miss Shawna S616



BCLR Miss Rebecca R505

TNT Tonner x Shoestring KMicks K320
Solid red brood cow prospect, bred to
Shear Force.



JSF Rosa J191R

Hummer x JSF Red Rose (WHF Red Doc)
Length, volume and beauty – out of our
proven donor JSF Red Rose 191J. Bred
to Preferred Beef.



BCLR Miss Shayna S613

SAV 8180 Traveler 004 x TNT Miss Brandi H99
(Tizzy)

Solid black 1/2 blood with the best cow
families of the Angus and Simmental
breeds combined!



BCLR Miss Skyler S606

HC Hummer 12M x Gonsior Pamela P4
(Preferred Beef)

Solid black brood cow prospect with an
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Annual Bull Sale • Linton, ND

Feb. 15, 2007

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JSF Sasha 80S

Remington x KS Shelia N80
(3C Full Figures)

Show heifer prospect. Maternal sister to
R366. Sells open.

North Dakota Simmental Association Board Minutes

Minutes from the April 5, 2006 meeting

The North Dakota Simmental Association Board of Directors met April 5, 2006 at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota. Meeting started at 11:00 am. Directors present: Kelly Hanson, Dwight Keller, Doug Bichler, Gary Sys, Perry Thomas, R.B. Gannaway, Greg Myers, and Pat Thorson. Claye Kaelberer joined after dinner. Sue Erickson, Simmental Scene, and Bob Grant, Sec/Treasurer were also present.

Bob Grant read the minutes of the January 11, 2006 NDSA meeting. Bob Gannaway moved and Doug Bichler second to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Bob Grant presented the treasurer's report. Account balances as of April 4th: CD's — \$8,371.71 and checking — \$135.68. This is the lowest checkbook balance in many years. We have been waiting for 4th quarter 2005 ASA check off dollars along with ASA cost sharing of \$3,478.75. Everything has been approved. Following discussion of the finances by the board, Perry Thomas moved and Gary Sys second to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Kelly Hanson gave the Junior Simmental report. Ag Expo participation was good. June starts the main season for the point shows. Bob Gannaway had contacted the Western Star about having our own show that weekend. Judges and prizes would be furnished by us. The consensus of the board was to leave it up to the committee.

Field day discussion was put on hold for now. (It was too hard to find a date for participation.)

ASA update: Bob has been sending an invitation letter to all new American Simmental Association members from North Dakota. The Board agreed to the placement of an NDSA advertisement in the ASA membership directory.

Simmental Scene: Sue presented the board with a letter of resignation effective June 1, 2006. Once Sue has received all the money from the bills, she will get together with Bob to close out her account. Bank statements, pictures, outstanding bills, mailing list, and any other items will be given to Bob.

2006 NDSA Directory: Board looked over, discussed and placed some phone calls for clarification on the proposals to do a directory for the NDSA. Proposals were submitted by — Sue Erickson, Simmental Scene; Erika Kenner, ASA Publications; and Todd Finke, EDJE Technologies. Dwight Keller moved, Bob Gannaway second, to accept the bid from EDJE for the set up and printing of the directory. An additional \$1,000 will be used for the sale and set up of advertising. The motion carried.

Discussion was held about communication vehicle with the NDSA Membership with the resignation of Sue. Tentative production options of Newsletter vs. Magazine with set up and printing being done by those that produce the SimTeller or EDJE Technologies was explored for effectiveness and cost. The discussion was tabled.

Perry Thomas moved and Doug Bichler second to present Sue with some flowers on June 1 to show our appreciation for all that she has done for the North Dakota Simmental Association and to wish her well in her new endeavor. The motion carried.

North Dakota Simmental Showcase/Classic Sale: Some of the items that were discussed — 5% flat fee for Todd and Jeff plus screening at cost. Consignor will be responsible for own pictures. They will be screened. A \$200 screening fee will be collected the day of the visit. If no cattle are selected, the NDSA will keep \$75 and send \$125 back to the ranch. We need more entries in the sale.

Annual Meeting: Claye is to ask Marty Ropp to talk.

For the October Meeting — Each Director!

- Commercial Breeder Award: Each director is to bring a name and state your case for the rancher.
- Pioneer Award
- Promoter of the Year Award

Photo Contest: We will place notices in the ND Stockmen's, Farm & Ranch Guide, and Ag Week. Pictures of Simmental cattle are preferred. There will be junior and senior categories with 1 to 3 places. Pictures become property of NDSA and may be used in advertising. Greg and Kim Myers are to chair this contest.

Advertising: Bob went through radio and print ads placed this past year and thoughts of where to place ads and money to be spent this next year. Comments — possibly tramping ads but use discretion. Look at Bottineau, Rugby and/or Fargo area for radio advertising.

Membership: Special postcards printed and mailed to past members to be included in the 2006 directory, they must pay 2006 dues by May 15, 2006.

State Fair: Gary Sys, Bob Gannaway and Perry Thomas to take care of. Bob and Perry will not be able to be there so other board members will need to help with the cooking and feeding.

By-Law review: Pat & Greg — Page 2, item 8 — Junior Membership. Pat moved and Greg second to change the following: North Dakota Junior Simmental Association membership shall be defined by rules established by American Simmental Association guidelines. Motion carried. This motion must be ratified at the next annual meeting.

There was discussion on the showing of Half-blood animals. Claye moved and Dwight second to follow ASA Junior Show guidelines. The motion carried.

Website design for the NDSA was discussed. Dwight, Kelly, Doug and Claye will look into this and bring their results back to the board.

Doug was appointed to print and send a newsletter to the membership. Some of the items to be included: State Fair Info, Field Day and Photo Contest.

Submitted by Bob Grant

Minutes from the August 1, 2006 meeting

The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors met August 1, 2006 at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota. Directors present: Kelly Hanson, Gary Sys, Doug Bichler, Claye Kaelberer, Greg Myers and Pat Thorson. Bob Grant, Sec/Treasurer was also present. Directors absent: Perry Thomas, Bob Gannaway and Dwight Keller.

The board met with Jeff and Bobbi Erhardt about the publication of the North Dakota Simmental Scene.

Bob read the minutes of the April 5, 2006 NDSA board meeting. Sys moved and Myers second to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Bob presented the treasurer's report. The checkbook balance as of 7/29/2006 was \$6,831.63. CD's total was \$8,371.71. Kaelberer moved and Bichler second to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Kelly gave the Junior NDSA report. Good numbers at the State Fair and Williston. 23 signed up and attended the Junior meeting. Kaelberer moved and Thorson second to pay \$500 to the Junior Association for the Field Day at Williston. The motion carried.

North Dakota Simmental Association Showcase/Classic was discussed. Letters have been mailed, health requirements by October and committee to meet with Jeff and Todd.

State Fair picnic report was given by Gary Sys. We fed about 80 people. We will need to advertise the place and time better next year. The cost to the NDSA was \$293.96.

Bob gave an update on the NDSA membership directory.

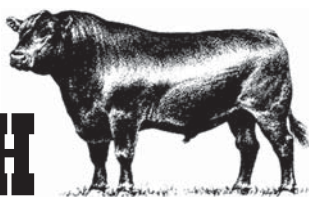
Next board meeting scheduled for October 23, 2006 in Bismarck.

Board looked at and discussed the bids for design and printing of the North Dakota Simmental Scene magazine. Some of the items talked about: Quality of paper, content of the magazine, advertising rates, cover design and printing cost, stability, knowledge of breed, breeder contact and direction of the magazine. Bids were received by: Cavenee Design, Stephanie Cavenee and Amy Blum; EDJE Technologies, Todd Finke; Purple Haven Enterprises, Jeff and Bobbi Erhardt. President Hanson called for a paper vote. EDJE Technologies was selected to take over design and printing of the magazine. A Committee of Kelly, Claye and Pat will meet with Todd Finke to work out details and draw up a contract with EDJE Technologies. Board would like to see a November issue to introduce the new publication team and talk about the possibility of mailing a letter to the membership. Bob will get together with Sue to close out her books and take over financial responsibility of the Scene.

A reminder to the board that the October meeting will include selection of the Pioneer, Promoter and Commercial breeder of the year awards.

Submitted by Bob Grant

M & J RANCH



**Focusing on
Top Quality
SimGenetics!**



MJ Miss True Dreams S619
CNS Dream On x GW Lucky Break
EPDs: 10 • 0.6 • 33 • 59 • 3 • 7 • 24

•Miss True Dream has been one of my favorites since birth. She has massive body depth, length of spine and a sweet disposition. She will no doubt pay for herself quickly. She is a "can't miss dream".



MJ Dreamboat Anne S618
CNS Dream On x MV Red Light
EPDs: 9 • -0.3 • 32 • 56 • 2 • 6 • 22

•Dreamboat Anne is a solid red female sired by the breed-leading Dream On. She is smooth, level hiped and deep. You want to get her on your list!

**Selling great
genetics in the...**

North Dakota
Simmental Association
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December 16th, 2006
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Also Selling

MJ Miss Sweet Pea S621
THSF Freedom x NLC Good A Nuff
EPDs: 6 • 1.3 • 39 • 74 • 0 • 2 • 21

If you like your cattle deep, thick and sound, S621 is for you. Her mother has produced three consecutive heifers that have been nominated for this sale – with last year's heifer going to the great Traxinger Simmental of SD, as one of the high-selling opens. She is definitely "donor quality."

MJ Miss Extra S611
Nichols Extra H6 x Nichols Legacy
EPDs: -0.6 • 27 • 67 • 13 • 27

This SimAngus percentage heifer has exactly what you would expect from this mating – mass of ribs and eye appeal. She would make a tremendous "outcross" donor for you. The sire, Extra H6, ranks in the top 1% of feedlot value and the top 4% for IMF value.

M & J Ranch

Mike, Jennifer & Reece Johnson
2262 44th Street • McCanna, ND 58251
701-397-5724 home • 701-739-2271 cell
Email: jjohnson@polarcomm.com

Directions to the Ranch
3 miles west of McCanna on B11 Road, then turn south on County Road 16 for 1/4 mile.

NPS Fortune R550



NLC LCHMN Fortune 7347K x SRF Jackson 559J
EPDs: 6 2 29 48 3 6 20

- Solid red, moderate framed, broody heifer. She will make an excellent cow.
- AI bred to ER Big Sky on 5-14-06. Ultrasound safe.

Private Treaty Bull Sale
February 18, 2007
at the Ranch, Bowbells, ND

North Dakota
Simmental Association
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December 16th, 2006
Bismarck, North Dakota

NPS S636



Winchester HR P8315 x KS Black Perfection
EPDs: 10 0.5 25 45 1 8 21

- Fancy, solid black, Winchester heifer. There aren't many of these calves out there yet. Here is a chance to get a good one.



**NORTHERN PLAINS
SIMMENTALS**

JR & Miranda Aufforth
6647 98th Street NW
Bowbells, ND 58721
701-377-2870

Contact us about our consignments to the NW ND Select sale in March.

News from the ASA...

Simmental Publication Staff Reorganized

BOZEMAN, MT. The Advertising staff for ASA Publications, Inc. has been organized, effective immediately. Two current staff members, Lacey Robinson and Annie Allen, have shifted positions to form the new sales team.

Lacey Robinson, formerly South Central Field Representative for the American Simmental Association (ASA), has been assigned to lead the team as National Sales Manager, while Annie Allen has moved from Media Specialist to become the National Ad Sales Coordinator. Responsibilities of the newly established team will begin immediately with the November issue of the Register, the official publication of the (ASA).

Robinson and Allen are looking forward to the challenge of assisting the ASA membership with their marketing plans. "We hope to build on the longstanding reputation of commitment by ASA Publications to the membership, to the Simmental and Simbrah breeds, and to the beef industry as a whole," they said in a joint statement.

For more information about advertising in ASA publications, contact Robinson at 406-599-2394, or Allen at 406-556-9634.

ASA Publication, Inc. is a subsidiary of the American Simmental Association and has responsibility for three magazines, the Register, SimTalk, and American Simbrah.

Box Joins ASA Staff

BOZEMAN, MT. Leoma Box has joined the staff of the American Simmental Association (ASA) as the Media Specialist. The Media Specialist is responsible for state associations with regard to cost-share advertising, press releases, check-off dollars and other public relations duties.

She is a recent graduate of Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in Animal Science and a minor in Agribusiness.

"ASA is looking forward to Leoma strengthening communication between the national and state associations," said Dr. Jerry Lipsey, ASA's Executive Vice President. "We are excited to have her on board."

Box can be reached through her direct line at 406-556-9611, or by e-mail at lbox@simmgene.com.

The American Simmental Association is headquartered in Bozeman, Montana, and maintains the breed registries for the Simmental and Simbrah breeds of cattle. ASA has an active adult and junior membership of nearly 8,000.



American Simmental Association Partners With eMerge Interactive to Introduce SimChoice Program

BOZEMAN, MT. October 12, 2006 The end-product value of Simmental and SimAngus genetics will be enhanced and promoted through an agreement reached between the American Simmental Association (ASA) and eMerge Interactive.

Called SimChoice, the cooperative program includes radio frequency identification (RFID) and visual tagging options available through ASA, followed up by data management and on-site verification of age and source by eMerge Interactive. Producers may choose either Simmental or SimAngus ear tags.

Simmental crossbreds, especially Simmental x Angus, have become the most highly sought-after Continental x British feeder and fed cattle in the nation. SimAngus crossbreds offer maximum genetic value for Choice carcasses, and protect feedyards and packers from discounted yield grade 4s, said ASA Executive Vice President Dr. Jerry Lipsey.

This exciting relationship brings together two industry-leading organizations eMerge Interactive and their CattleLog Animal Information System are well established as leaders in cattle identification and information management, Lipsey said. U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (MARC) reports confirm that Simmental genetics offer outstanding growth rates and rank first among Continental breeds for marbling. The ASA has an established

reputation for scientific and innovative genetic evaluation and performance-testing. This new program will help preserve and promote the identity of SimGenetics.

In addition to data management, CattleLog offers USDA-approved age and source verification through its USDA-approved Process Verified Program, as well as options for natural verification. If owners prefer, these verified cattle can be displayed on the CattleLog Listing Service, along with seller information and selling dates at www.cattlelog.com, Lipsey reported.

Additional information on SimChoice and others ASA services may be obtained by contacting Director of Field Services Marty Ropp at 406-581-7835, by visiting www.simmental.org, or by calling your Simmental seed stock supplier.

About the American Simmental Association

The ASA is located in Bozeman, Montana, and maintains the herd registries for Simmental and Simbrah cattle.

About eMerge Interactive

eMerge Interactive, headquartered in Sebastian, Florida, is a technology company focusing on the agricultural and meat processing industries.



Meet The Kenner Family Jewels



KS Miss Opal S246 1/2 SimAngus
VRD x 3C Full Figures
EPDs: - 4 54 100 - 4 31



KS Miss Pearl S150
Dream On x KS Shania (Red Light)
EPDs: 9 0 38 67 2 11 30



KS Miss Topaz S106
Remington Red Label x ER Mackfired
EPDs: 7 3 38 62 3 5 24

Also consigning a choice of embryos - GW Lucky Man x Kayla or SAV Traveler 004 x Kayla

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KS Kayla
Preferred Stock x DX Arapahoe Princess



GW Lucky Man 644



SAV Traveler 004

Also plan to attend the:

Kenner Simmentals 11th Annual Production Sale • February 10, 2007 • Bismarck, ND
Selling 100 Bulls • 50 Females



Pictured at 6-months of age, these bulls along with others like them will be selling in Bismarck on February 10.

Selling several outstanding SimAngus bulls from
KS Kayla x Sitz Tradition
and a full brother to Brooks Above Par



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Selling sons of:

Simmental

Brooks Above Par
Ellingson Black Perfector
THSF Freedom
FR Rezult
KS Bravado
KS Red Rock
CNS Dream On
Remington Red Label
Winchester
Dillon's Red Dream
Bar CK Bull Dozer
SRS Preferred Beef

Angus

Sitz Tradition
VRD
SAV Traveler 004
BCC Bushwacker 41-93

Red Angus

Combination

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Bismarck, North Dakota

BLACK TIE SIMMENTALS



"Producing Quality Simmental Stock"

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16644 51st Street SE
Kindred, ND 58051
701-371-8230

Tim & Tam Clark
1999B 18th St NW
Turtle Lake, ND 58575
701-799-7752



S627

BTS Ms Elegant Dream S627

CNS Dream On x BTS Red Elegance K035

Proj. EPDs: 10.0 • 1.8 • 49 • 82 • 4.4 • 3 • 27

BTS Elegant Dream is the real deal! She has impressed everyone who has laid eyes on her. She will do it all, from walk the show ring to becoming your next donor female. Her mother, BTS Red Elegance, had an excellent show career and now has proven herself as an elite brood cow with Black Tie. This heifer will impress you with her tremendous amount of mass and volume.



BTS Red Elegance K035

Dam of S627

This Night Rider daughter continues to produce year after year. Elegant Dream S627 had an adjusted 205 of 737, this was in the dry, short grass conditions in central ND. Night Rider, is a son of the famed 91X cow. His daughters are becoming a cornerstone in the BTS program. Now in her prime, watch for her and her progeny in the years to come.



S602

BTS Ms Dream S602

CNS Dream On x Leachman Hairpin

Proj. EPDs: 9.7 • 1.0 • 44 • 69 • 3.7 • 2 • 24

S602 comes out of a first calf heifer we purchased in the 2005 ND Select Sale. She is a super show heifer prospect. She is extremely long necked, clean fronted with a tremendous amount of eye appeal!



S616

BTS Ms Alliance S616

KMK Alliance 6595 I87 x BS Mr Arapahoe

Proj. EPDs: -- • -1.3 • 26 • 53 • -- • 8 • 21

Ms Alliance S616 is a 1/2 blood donor prospect in the making. Sired by Alliance I87 who is becoming one of the Angus breed's maternal powerhouses. S616 will be as massive and powerful as anything in the offering, you cannot go wrong.



373S

KSR Ms Dex 373S

KS Dexter L691 x KS Northern Exposure

Proj. EPDs: 7.5 • 2.8 • 33 • 55 • 2.0 • 12 • 29

KSR Ms Dex 373S is a moderate framed, deep bodied, brood cow prospect. Sired by KS Dexter, a full brother to Baxter and Figure This. Dexter ranks in the top 3% API, Top 2% milk, Top 1% maternal calving ease and Top 10% for marbling. The Dexter daughters we have retained have proven to be tremendous brood cows. Buy with confidence!

Dakota
Power Bull Sale

February 12, 2007
Valley City, ND

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