

LIMOUSIN NEWS

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Welcome Claire Marie!

The Limousin family is proud to welcome Claire Marie Andersen, daughter of NALF executive vice president Kent Andersen and wife Wendy, into the fold. Claire was born on January 17, weighed nearly eight pounds and was almost 20 inches long. She and mom both are doing fine. Claire is a beautiful, healthy girl who already has a doting daddy. Congratulations to Kent and Wendy on the new addition to their family.

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For those many folks who couldn't make the National Western events, this week's *Partners* contains a wrap-up of some of the action for you. Complete results may be viewed at www.nalf.org, under What's New.

2004 directors, officers elected

At the NALF annual meeting, held January 12, the NALF membership elected a new slate of board members for 2004. Subsequently, the new board met and elected officers for the year.

Board members re-elected to continue service with additional terms include Jim Dyer, Fort Davis, TX, Bob Funk, Yukon, OK and Roger Vorthmann, McClelland, IA. Elected to their first terms of service were Bob Millerberg, Draper, UT and Bob Mitchell, Monfort, WI.

New officers for 2004 include Dean Settje, Creston, NE, president, Dave Berry, Port Orchard, WA, vice president, Wendell Geeslin, Platteville, CO, secretary, Jim Dyer, Fort Davis, TX, treasurer, Bob Funk, Yukon, OK, member-at-large and Gordon Schuppe, Iloff, CO, ex-officio.

Contact information for all members of the 2004 board of directors appear at http://www.nalf.org/contact_nalf/contact_nalf.html. Please contact your board representative if you have questions or opinions to share.

Limousin Pen and Carload Show showcases usefulness of the breed

Events during the 2004 Limousin Week at National Western Stock Show wrapped up with the crown jewel event—the National Limousin Pen and Carload Show. Because the show operates with a three-judge system, includes a thorough range of industry-leading EPDs (including Limousin's carcass and docility EPDs) and features a unique People's Choice Award segment, this event emphasizes the Limousin breed's usefulness to a case-ready beef industry and also recognizes the functionality of the breed.

This year was no exception, and was an extra-special event dedicated to the memory of Limousin breeder and cattle industry leader Leonard Wulf. Mr. Wulf passed away in July of 2003, leaving behind a legacy of excellence in the Limousin breed and service to the cattle industry.

Grand champion Pen of Three Limousin Bulls and division II champion in this banner event went home with Carrousel Farms, Mineral Point, WI. The pen consisted of sons of MAGS Jumanji, LVLS Secret Weapon 440 and D&M Endzone 3J, and had an average WDA of 3.87 lbs. and an average weight of 1,362 lbs. The bull's birthdates ranged from 1/5/2003 to 2/13/2003, and the pen also garnered People's Choice honors.

Grand champion Carload of Limousin Bulls, exhibited by Magness Land & Cattle, Platteville, CO, had an average WDA of 3.79 lbs., an average weight of 1179 lbs., and were born between 2/23/2003 and 3/29/2003. Sires represented included: AUTO Black Dakota 129J, LVLS Polled Black Jack, RADS Black Prodigy, DJ Gentleman in Black and EXLR Dakota 353G.

Reserve grand champion Pen of Three Limousin Bulls and division II reserve champion, also exhibited by Carrousel Farms, consisted of sons of D&M Endzone, Carrousel Cadillac and COLE First Down 46D. Average WDA for this pen was 3.64 lbs. and average weight was 1,185 lbs., with birthdates ranging from 2/11/2003 to 2/20/2003.

Reserve grand champion Carload of Limousin Bulls consisted of sons of RADS Black Prodigy, COLE Wulf Hunt, Wulf's Guardian 5074G, AUTO Black Dakota 129J and EXLR Judo 459J, exhibited by Express Limousin Ranch, Yukon, OK. The bulls had an average WDA of 3.44 lbs., an average weight of 1,026 lbs., and were born between 2/15/2003 and 4/4/2003.

The People's Choice Award in the carload competition went home to Morris, MN with Wulf & Sons Limousin. Sires represented included Wulf's Guardian 5074G, LVLS Polled Black Jack, Wulf's Keystone 7522K, Wulf's John Hancock 7048J and Wulf's Forty-Niner 3492F. The carload had a WDA of 3.08 lbs., and an average weight of 1,489 lbs.

Ultrasounding? Remember your barnsheet

As you schedule your ultrasound scanning session, don't forget to order a barnsheet from the NALF office. A barnsheet is a pre-printed form, provided free of charge, that lists all the animals you intend to scan. The barnsheet gives identification information for each animal and has blank spaces to record weight and management data at chute side. The ultrasound labs require barnsheets to correctly process scan data, so failure to

obtain a barnsheet prior to your scanning session may result in processing delays. If you have questions regarding ultrasounding, refer to NALF's Guide to Ultrasound, downloadable at <http://www.nalf.org/programs/programs.html> or call the NALF office for your free copy. Also available at http://www.nalf.org/programs/ultra_techs.html a complete list of certified ultrasound technicians. Make your appointment early!

If you have call blocking, help us get back to you

Today, many people opt to enhance their privacy at home with call blocking or call monitoring. These services will not let calls through to unidentified numbers or business numbers.

We here at NALF want to serve you in an efficient manner, but often, when we try to return calls from members who have call blocking, our calls are refuted by the system. We simply cannot get through. We worry that it may seem to members as if we are not returning calls, when, in reality, we try again and again, only to be turned away.

So, if you choose to have call blocking on your phone and need a NALF staffer to call you back, please either leave a time of day that you will be at home to answer the call or leave an alternate number. Please help us serve you, by allowing us to return your phone calls in a timely manner.

No NALF Partners next week

The NALF Partners editor will be out of town all week, attending the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Convention, working the Limousin trade show booth and marketing Limousin genetics. There will be no NALF Partners for Feb. 2. Thanks for your understanding.

Limousin wins People's Choice—Best Tasting Beef at Camrose, Alberta Bull Congress

Over 670 guests at the Camrose, Alberta Bull Congress banquet chose Limousin beef over product from seven other breeds in a blind taste test. During the banquet held Jan. 16, banquet guests sampled beef from each of the seven breeds. Breed representatives were allowed to use marinades, sauces or spices to enhance their presentations, and competing breeds were encouraged to develop a theme for their beef marketing approach.

Guests judged beef from each breed by depositing cash into a donation box at each breed table, with the collection donated to charity. Although Limousin breed representatives chose to prepare the beef completely naturally, adding no enhancements to the natural juicy, tender flavorful striploin they served, the Limousin was voted best beef of the event.

NALF member site open for business

NALF's secured member site provides members with a suite of interactive features that will enhance and streamline your NALF membership. Although our offerings are currently modest, we are relentless in our pursuit of new features to offer you. We are offering access to this site currently at no charge, but please know that at some point and time in the future, we may need to implement some kind of fee structure to support ongoing development and enhancements to what will undoubtedly be a very powerful tool for members.

The member site currently offers the following features:

Account management tools that let you keep us up to date on all your current information.

Member directory listing tools that let you create and update your member directory listing in real-time

Whole herd EPD reports with a printable option

Dam summary reports, also with a printable option

And the following new features are on the way:

Online sale listings, allowing you to list animals for sale

Online registration, so you can easily submit your registration data and track registration status.

Please take a moment and register for your member account by going to http://www.nalf.org/members/account_create.html

On the Run

Limousin sales and events

Courtesy of Limousin World

January 24 Liberty Ranch Annual Production Sale, Plainville, KS

January 30 The Collection Sale, Fort Worth, TX

January 31 Fort Worth Stock Show Open Limousin Show, Fort Worth, TX

February 6 Black Hills Stock Show Limousin Sale, Rapid City, SD

February 7 Washington-Oregon Joint Limousin Breeders State Sale, Eltopia, WA

February 11 Iowa Beef Expo Limousin Sale, Des Moines, IA

February 14 Dixie National Limousin Sale, Jackson, MS

February 15 Dixie National Livestock Show Open Limousin Show, Jackson, MS

February 15 Missouri Limousin Breeders Assn. Showcase Sale, Columbia, MO

February 15 O'Neill Cattle Co. 13th Annual Bull Sale, Valentine, NE

February 19 Illinois Beef Expo Performance Bull Sale, Springfield, IL

February 20 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Limousin Show & Sale, Kearney, NE

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February 21 GV Limousin Bull & Female Sale, Garnett, KS

February 23 Lonely Valley's 13th Annual Keepin' Kind Sale. Creston, NE

February 26 Symens Brothers 24th Annual Production Sale, Am herst, SD

February 27 Dakota Connection Sale, Bismarck, ND

February 27 Wieczorek Limousin 24th Annual Bull Sale, Corscia, SD

February 28 Reid Cattle Co. Annual Bull Sale, La Junta, CO

February 28 Ratliff's Cherry Creek Farms Limousn Bull Sale, Westphalia, KS

March 5 Express Ranches Annual Spring Limousin Bull Sale, Yukon, OK

March 6 TLA's Houston 2004 Limousin Sale, Houston, TX

March 6 Elmwood Limousin Annual Bull Sale, Sterling, CO

March 6 Kentucky Beef Expo, Louisville, KY

March 7 Houston Stock Show Open Limousin Show, Houston, TX

March 12 O'Brien Farms Limousin Bull Sale, Jane, MO

March 12 Tennessee Beef Agribition Limousin Sale, Murfreesboro, TN

March 13 Coyote Hills Ranch/Kervin/Hall Limousin Bull Sale, Chattanooga, OK

March 13 Fourth Annual Cyclone/Cornhusker Limousin Sale, Tekamah, NE

March 13 Heart Of Oklahoma Limousin Sale, Shawnee, OK

March 14 Wisconsin State Limousin Assn. Sale, Sparta, WI
March 15 Express Ranches Honor Roll Female Sale, Yukon, OK
March 16 Oklahoma Limousin Futurity Heifer Sale, Oklahoma City, OK
March 16 Schott Limousin Ranch 21st Annual Bull Sale, McLaughlin, SD
March 18 Deer Valley Farm Annual Spring Bull Sale, Cullman, AL
March 18 Colorado State Limousin Assn. Bull Sale, Brush, CO
March 19 Oklahoma Limousin Futurity Steer Sale, Oklahoma City, OK
March 20 Pinegar Limousin Herdbuilder X Sale, Springfield, MO
March 20 Reynolds Ranch Annual Bull Sale, Sanford, CO
March 20 Ohio Beef Expo, Columbus, OH
March 20 Virginia BCIA Wytheville Senior & Junior Bull Sale, Wytheville, VA
March 21 Kansas Cattleman's Choice Sale, Paola, KS
March 21 Midwest Seedstock Select Sale, La Monte, MO
March 21 Illinois State Limousin Assn. Sale, McComb, IL
March 24 UGA Focus on EPDs Bull Sale, Athens, GA
March 25 Great Northern Bull Sale, Glasgow, MT
March 26 Wulf Limousin Farms Opportunity Sale of 2004, Morris, MN
March 26-28 Hoosier Heartland Spring Classic Sale, Indianapolis, IN
March 27 Potterosa Annual Sale & Oakleigh Farms Dispersion, Redwood Falls, MN
March 27 Limousin Breeders of the Carolinas Sale, Anderson, SC
March 29 Coleman's HC Limousin 26th Annual Production Sale, Missoula, MT

Last Taste

No-Fuss Beef Lasagna

Ingredients:

1 pound ground beef
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 jar (26 to 30 ounces) spaghetti sauce
1 can (14-1/2 ounces) Italian-style diced tomatoes, undrained
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
1 carton (15 ounces) ricotta cheese
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 egg, slightly beaten
10 uncooked lasagna noodles
1-1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Brown ground beef in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking up into small crumbles. Pour off drippings; season with salt. Stir in spaghetti sauce, tomatoes and red pepper.
2. Combine ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese and egg in medium bowl.
3. Spread 2 cups beef sauce in bottom of 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Top with 4 noodles, arranged lengthwise in single layer; place fifth noodle crosswise at end of dish, breaking noodle to fit. Press noodles lightly into sauce. Spread all the ricotta mixture over noodles. Sprinkle with 1 cup mozzarella cheese; top with 1-1/2 cups beef sauce. Top with remaining noodles in single layer; press into sauce. Top with remaining beef sauce.
4. Bake in 375°F oven 45 minutes or until noodles are tender. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Let stand 15 minutes.

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