

Minnesota News ...

Annual Meeting, Banquet and Benefit Auction

The Minnesota Limousin Association held their annual meeting, banquet and benefit auction at the Glencoe Country Club in Glencoe Saturday, February 12.

Roger Wagner, president, welcomed everyone and introduced the special guests, speaker for the afternoon, and the new members. A variety of reports were given on Limousin activities at the state, regional and national levels.

The MN Limousin Association extends a warm welcome to new members Lonnie and Sue Schatz of LeCenter, Joe Stokes and Cathy Luethmers of Foley, and Jacob and Rachel Marthaler of Hastings.

An election was held and the two board members whose terms have expired, Ed Bergler and Roger Wagner, were re-elected to serve another term. Thank you for your continued service to the MN Limousin Association.

Dean Summerbell presented an overview of upcoming activities in the Heartland including the HLA Junior Regional Show June 3-4 in Menomonie, WI and the 2012 NALJA show in Des Moines. He encouraged everyone to support these two events.

Jerry Wulf, past NALF board member, gave a review of the activities at the NALF annual meeting in Denver. He also explained



The 2011 MN Limousin Association board of directors are: Roger Wagner, president; Mark Willette, Don Biscoe, Allen and Anna Lyon, secretary/treasurer; and Jerry Wulf, ex-officio. Not pictured are Wayne Bollum and Ed Bergler, vice-president.

the budget for the cooperating funds with NALF for state ads.

Don Biscoe reported on the new buildings and upgrades that are being made at the Minnesota State Fair. A new, enclosed judging arena with seating for 600 will be completed in time for the 2012 fair.

Wayne Bollum discussed the 2010 MN Beef Expo and all the activities that took place October 21-24. The weekend included a show, sale, and a wide variety of junior activities. He urged everyone to reserve the weekend of October 20-23, 2011 and take part in this major event.

Wayne and Andy Peterson trav-

eled from Osceola, Wisconsin to attend the banquet. Wayne, president of the Limousin Association of Wisconsin Association, invited everyone to attend the HLA regional show June 3-4 in Menomonie. Andy explained some of the functions of his website: www.limousinlive.com.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Joe Martin, executive director of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association. He talked about lobbying activities at the MN legislature protecting agriculture interests from unneeded regulation and stewardship of the land. He encouraged people to attend the MN Cattlemen's Associa-



A skunk pelt, donated by Roger Wagner, was auctioned off at the Minnesota benefit auction. Junior advisor Paul Bartsch ended up with the "prize". He must wear it for one-half hour at a Limousin event and then return it to the MLA for next year's "skunked award".



Eagle Pass Ranch named Minnesota Commercial Producer for 2011

Norman and Heather Herbst of Eagle Pass Ranch, Hillman, MN were named the 2011 Minnesota Limousin Association's Commercial Producers for 2011. The Herbst's along Heather's parents Roger and Nancy Wagner operate a 500 cow herd operation in central Minnesota. The ranch was renamed Eagle Pass in 1994 when Norman and Heather joined the firm. The Herbst have 2 children, Lillie age 13 and Brenna age 8.

Devoting their full time efforts to raising quality beef, Eagle Pass row crop 400 acres for feed and utilize some 1,200 acres for hay. Since its inception, Eagle Pass Ranch has used Limousin bulls. Their bull supplier for the last several years has been Lyon River Front Farms and Wulf & Sons Limousin.



Executive Secretary of the Heartland Limousin Association Dean Summerbell presented the 2011 Minnesota Commercial Producer Award for 2011 to Heather and Norman Herbst of Hillman, MN. Congratulations!

The cow herd consists of 350 ½ -¾ Limousin cows with 150

composite cows of various genetics. They calve both spring and

fall. The spring herd will calve in a 60 day window from April 1-June 1. The fall calving is also a 60 day window beginning August 1.

The annual calf crop is creep fed and will wean at 595-600 lbs. average. A large percentage of their calf crop goes to Strauss Veal. Wulf & Sons has purchased their remaining calf crop. They will background a percentage of their calf crop up to 800 pounds before marketing them.

Calving ease and performance are the Herbst's reasons for Limousin continuing to be the mainstay of their program.

Congratulations to Norman and Heather Herbst upon receiving the Minnesota award.

tion tour to be held July 12, 2011 at the Nobles County Fairgrounds in Worthington.



Congratulations to Roger and Nancy Wagner of Hillman, MN upon celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. Roger is the president of the Minnesota Limousin Association.

Website Link

The Heartland Limousin Association is now posting links from the membership names to your website. If you would like to have your website linked, please contact Brian Hait at brianhait@boschlimousin.com.

Some names have already been linked. You can check the HLA website at www.heartlandlimousin.org and look under the section titled: Members.

Mission Statement of the Heartland Limousin Association

The purpose for which the HLA is organized is to serve as a service organization designed to promote & further enhance the Limousin breed of cattle in the eight state area comprised of IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD & WI.

The goals for the Association shall include promotion, strengthening state and junior associations within the region; development of a regional publication; improvement of communication and a unified attitude of breeders; to provide market information & expertise; to serve as a coordinator of events between the Association and the industry; to increase breeder involvement; and to strengthen ties between the NALF and the Heartland Limousin Association.

Benefit Auction

A lively benefit auction took place immediately following the annual meeting. John Goelz of Franklin, MN once again served as auctioneer and he entertained the crowd with his many "Ole and Lena" jokes. Thanks, John, for your many years of service! There was active bidding throughout the auction on the pages for the new herd book and on the variety of items donated for the sale. The money raised goes to support the association and its activities throughout the upcoming year. We appreciate the support of everyone who donated and/or bought items on the sale.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Henry Bollum and his family on the recent death of his wife, Marilyn. She passed away February 1, 2011 and her services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Blue Earth.

Henry has been a long-time Limousin breeder and Marilyn was a 4-H leader for many years. Their family including her sons Wayne of Northfield and Randy of Alberta, Canada and daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Neal Grotsun of Cold Spring, MN raise Limousin cattle and are active in the breed. She is also survived by one other son, Terry of Spokane, WA, a niece, nephews and ten grandchildren.



President of Wisconsin Limousin Association, Wayne Peterson invited the Minnesota juniors to Menomonie, WI to participate in the Heartland Regional Junior Show hosted by Wisconsin and co-hosted by the MN Limousin Association.

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