

Reno Celebrates 50 Years

Gary Kendall Honored with Hereford Heritage Award.

Hereford breeders celebrated the golden anniversary of the Western Nugget National Hereford Show in Reno, Nev., Dec. 3-5.

Gary Kendall, Palouse, Wash., was honored with the Hereford Heritage Award during the event. He managed the Nugget Sale from 1987 to 2007. Also recognized was Sue Hoffman, who has served as the Nugget show secretary since 1988.

Jirl Buck, Madill, Okla., judged the 244-head show and said prior to the selection of the grand champion bull, "This show has been incredible. I have never judged a show with the depth of quality that we've had in each class. The number of high-quality individuals in the



Jirl Buck

heifer and bull shows has been exceptional."

Buck selected C Candy Cane 4030 ET and GKB 88X Tailor Made B163 323B to top the female shows while BF Barl 10Y Down Home 4111 ET and C CJC ILR Regal 3174 ET won the bull shows.

Female show

In the polled show, C Candy Cane 4030 ET came out on top after winning the junior yearling division. She is owned by Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, and is a Jan. 4, 2014, daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET. Reserve in the polled female show and champion in the spring yearling division was GKB 9279 Lady Advance 86B, owned by Conner Alexander, Carthage, Texas.



BW	2.7
WW	62
YW	92
MM	33
M&G	64
Fat	-0.02
REA	0.57
MARB	0.11

C Candy Cane 4030 ET
Grand and junior yearling champion polled female, by Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with a Jan. 4, 2014, daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.



BW	4.7
WW	60
YW	89
MM	29
M&G	58
Fat	-0.02
REA	0.39
MARB	0.09

GKB 88X Tailor Made B163 323B
Grand and senior calf champion horned female, by Hunter Alexander, Carthage, Texas, with a Sept. 29, 2014, daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.



BW	2.9
WW	53
YW	79
MM	26
M&G	53
Fat	-0.02
REA	0.84
MARB	-0.10

GKB 9279 Lady Advance 86B
Reserve grand and spring yearling champion polled female, by Conner Alexander, Carthage, Texas, with an April 1, 2014, daughter of ECR L18 Extra Deep 9279.



BW	5.3
WW	58
YW	90
MM	24
M&G	53
Fat	-0.02
REA	0.42
MARB	0.01

BF B293 Girls Night Out 519C
Reserve grand and spring calf champion horned female, by Montana, Chance, Nick and Austin Deppe, Maquoketa, Iowa, with a March 12, 2015, daughter of GKB 88X Laramie B293.



BF 144U Serenity 303A
Champion polled cow-calf pair, by Brumley Farms, Orovada, Nev., Jeremy Reno, Orovada, Nev., and Darrel and Elizabeth Reisch, Nampa, Idaho, with a Feb. 11, 2013, daughter of TH 75J 243R Bailout 144U ET and her March 2015 heifer calf sired by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.



BSB 165 Glamour 11083
Reserve champion polled cow-calf pair, by Sallie and Bailey Anderson, Rupert, Idaho, with a May 7, 2011, daughter of WSF MC Destination 120J 545 ET and her May 2015 heifer calf sired by H5 986 Domino 2132.



GKB TMH New Era Breeze B275 ET
Champion horned cow-calf pair, by Reece Ingvaldsen, Live Oak, Calif., with her Oct. 20, 2012, daughter of C New Era ET.

She is an April 1, 2014, daughter of ECR L18 Extra Deep 9279.

GKB 88X Tailor Made B163 323B, by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET, was chosen champion horned female after winning the senior calf division. She is owned by Hunter Alexander, Carthage, Texas, and was born Sept. 29, 2014. Reserve champion horned female was exhibited by Montana, Chance, Nick and Austin Deppe, Maquoketa, Iowa. BF B293 Girls Night Out 519C first won the spring calf division and is a March 12, 2015, daughter of GKB 88X Laramie B293.

In the cow-calf division, Brumley Farms, Orovada, Nev., Jeremy Reno, Orovada, Nev., and Darrel and Elizabeth Reisch, Nampa, Idaho, showed the champion polled cow-calf pair with BF 144U Serenity 303A, a daughter of by BR Moler ET with a March heifer calf by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET at her side.

Leading the reserve champion polled cow-calf pair was Sallie and Bailey Anderson, Rupert, Idaho, with BSB 165 Glamour 11083, a daughter of WSF MC Destination 120J 545 ET and her May heifer calf sired by H5 986 Domino 2132 at side.

In the horned cow-calf pair show, taking home champion honors was Reece Ingvaldsen, Live Oak, Calif., with GKB TMH New Era Breeze



B275 ET, an Oct. 20, 2012, daughter of C New Era ET.

Bull show

In the polled bull show, intermediate division winner BF Bar1 10Y Down Home 4111 ET was slapped champion. He is owned by Brumley Farms, Orovada, Nev., and Bar One Ranch, Eugene, Ore., and is a July 16, 2014, son of NJW 73S W18 Hometown 10Y

ET. Reserve grand champion polled bull, CRR 5280, is owned by Coyote Ridge Ranch, LaSalle, Colo.; Bill King, Moriarty, N.M.; Hirschfeld Group, Galesburg, Ill.; and Colyer Herefords. He first won the yearling division and is a March 2, 2014, son of CRR 719 Catapult 109.

Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho; Iron Lake Ranch, Athens, Texas; and Curtis and Jackie Castle, Crawford,

Okla., exhibited grand champion horned bull and champion senior bull, C CJC ILR Regal 3174 ET. He is a Feb. 7, 2013, son of NJW 73S W18 Hometown 10Y ET. The reserve grand champion horned bull first won the yearling bull division. C Bailees Miles 4312 ET is a March 18, 2014, son of C Miles McKee 2103 ET and owned by Potter Ranch Herefords, Winton, Calif.

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BW	4.1
WW	63
YW	103
MM	30
M&G	61
Fat	0.01
REA	0.72
MARB	0.30

BF Bar1 10Y Down Home 4111 ET

Grand and intermediate champion polled bull, by Brumley Farms, Orovada, Nev., and Bar One Ranch, Eugene, Ore., with a July 16, 2014, son of NJW 73S W18 Hometown 10Y ET.



BW	3.0
WW	54
YW	88
MM	24
M&G	51
Fat	0.00
REA	0.53
MARB	0.34

C CJC ILR Regal 3174 ET

Grand and senior champion horned bull, by Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho; Iron Lake Ranch, Athens, Texas; and Curtis and Jackie Castle, Crawford, Okla., with a Feb. 7, 2013, son of NJW 73S W18 Hometown 10Y ET.



BW	4.0
WW	71
YW	110
MM	24
M&G	59
Fat	0.02
REA	0.41
MARB	0.09

CRR 5280

Reserve grand and spring yearling champion polled bull, by Coyote Ridge Ranch, LaSalle, Colo.; Bill King, Moriarty, N.M.; Hirschfeld Group, Galesburg, Ill.; and Colyer Herefords, with a March 2, 2014, son of CRR 719 Catapult 109.



BW	3.0
WW	58
YW	84
MM	35
M&G	64
Fat	-0.03
REA	0.53
MARB	0.08

C Bailees Miles 4312 ET

Reserve grand and spring yearling champion horned bull, by Potter Ranch Herefords, Winton, Calif., with a March 18, 2014, son of C Miles McKee 2103 ET.

Other show awards

Gary and Kathy Buchholz of GKB Cattle, Waxahachie, Texas, won the polled premier breeder and polled premier exhibitor awards. Junior Hereford member Fallon Gohr won the horned premier exhibitor title and tied with GKB for polled premier exhibitor. Winning horned premier breeder honors was Brumley Farms, Orovada, Nev.

Snedden Herefords, Maricopa, Calif., won first-place polled get-of-sire with a group sired by BW 5W 38W Beef 172Z. Best six head polled went to Wooden Shoe Farms, Blackfoot, Idaho.

CX Ranch, Pomeroy, Wash., won the pen show with three bulls sired by H5 9131 Domino 2185. Reserve champion pen was Sticks & Stones, Cheyenne, Wyo., with a group sired by GKB 88X Laramie B293, Churchill Sensation 028X and TS Rock Solid 109.

Junior show

The 187-entry junior show judged by Dave Allan, Schulenburg, Texas, was Dec. 3. Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, topped the show winning grand champion owned heifer and grand champion bred-and-owned heifer titles with C Candy Cane 4030 ET. She is a Jan. 14, 2014, daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET. Reserve champion in the owned heifer show went to Fallon Gohr, Madras, Ore., with C Snickers 4045 ET, a Jan. 2014, daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET. Candy Cane and Snickers are full sister embryos.

Reserve champion in the bred-and-owned show was also exhibited by Piper Colyer. C Bar1 Serendipity 5054 ET, a Jan. 7, 2015, daughter of WLB Winchester Powerball 27A, took the reserve banner.

The top four bred-and-owned females were recognized. Third

overall bred-and-owned female honors went to Fallon Gohr with Gohr Platinum 5046. Leading the fourth overall bred-and-owned female was Lane Downing, Terrebonne, Ore., with DCC Lucie Lu 406.

In the bred-and-owned bull show, Caitlyn Hartzell, Oakdale, Calif., won the champion banner with FPF 302 109 Spectre 504. He's a Jan. 28, 2015, son of CRR 719 Catapult 109. Reserve was Fallon Gohr with C Gohr Thrill Ride 4105, a Jan. 20, 2014, son of C Thriller ET.

The champion cow-calf pair was exhibited by Bailie Jo Stubblefield, Bend, Ore. Her cow, BK MS Penny 3101, by TH 71U 719T Mr Hereford 11X showed with an April 2015 daughter of TH 64U 719T Victor 26X at side.

Reserve champion cow-calf pair was shown by Sallie and Bailey Anderson, Rupert, Idaho. BSB 165 Glamour 11083, by WSF MC Destination 120J 545 ET, showed with her May 2015 daughter of H5 986 Domino 2132 at side.

Champion steer was exhibited by Tucker Pacatte, Santa Rosa, Calif. His steer, KPH Inside Trader 7Z 16C, by KF Blue Chip 7Z weighed 794 lb. Reserve champion steer honors went to Roslynn McGhehey, Redmond, Ore., with BHR Perfect 507. The son of H H Perfect Timing 0150 ET weighed 920 lb.

To view complete results of the Western Nugget National Hereford Show, visit Hereford.org.



John Ascuaga during the Western Nugget sale.

Celebrating 50 years

As the Western Nugget National Hereford Show and Sale celebrated 50 years, a few special guests were invited to join a large crowd of loyal Hereford breeders and enthusiasts to commemorate the event's unique nature and long-time success.

"I'm really proud of this place we built in 60 years, and thank God I had the ranch business to fall back to because that's where my first love is," says John Ascuaga, addressing the crowd at the sale.

John owned John Ascuaga's Nugget hotel and casino in Reno for more than 50 years, which has hosted the Western Nugget National Hereford Show for more than 45 years. John is a self-made man who built an entertainment empire in Reno as well as a large ranching enterprise. In January 2014, the Ascuaga family sold the Nugget to Global Gaming & Hospitality.



ADDITIONAL POLLED DIVISION RESULTS

Polled spring calf champion heifer: Fallon Gohr, Madras, Ore., with Gohr Platinum 5046 by DKF RO Cash Flow 0245 ET.

Reserve polled spring calf champion heifer: Carly Wheeler, Paso Robles, Calif., with ECR Carla 5492C 1ET by DKF RO Cash Flow 0245 ET.

Polled junior calf champion heifer: Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with C Bar1 Serendipity 5054 ET by WLB Winchester Powerball 27.

Reserve polled junior calf champion heifer: Gage and Grady Creamer, Waxahachie, Texas; and Gary and Kathy Buchholz, Waxahachie, Texas, with GKB 2214 Notice Me Too 20C ET by CHAC Mason 2214.

Polled winter calf champion heifer: Santos Hereford Ranch, Hilmar, Calif., with SHR Jackie O 12B by AH JDH Cracker Jack 26U ET.

Reserve polled winter calf champion heifer: Kelsie Ward, Blackfoot, Idaho, with WSF Twice The Lady B205 ET by WSF Security Z16 ET.

Polled senior calf champion heifer: Gary and Kathy Buchholz, and Scott Chachere, Dayton, Texas, with CHAC 743 Grace 4224 ET by CRR About Time 743.

Reserve polled senior calf champion heifer: Hannah and Hadley Harrison, Montague, Calif., with H WR 9T Lady Val 4616 ET by Golden Oak Outcross 18U.

Polled intermediate champion heifer: Emilee Holt, Casper, Wyo., and Bennett Holt, Caldwell, Idaho, with BF Bar1 88X Lacey 4108 ET by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.

Reserve polled intermediate champion heifer: Sara McCann, Jacksonville, Ore., with BF Bar1 88X Lucy 4109 ET by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.

Reserve polled spring yearling champion heifer: Brandt and Lane Downing, Terrebonne, Ore., with DCC Ms Paisley 414 by GKB EJE B627 Full Tank B927 ET.

Reserve polled junior yearling champion heifer: Dylan Morish, Port Lavaca, Texas, with GKB 1068 Miss Nitro 53B by C Channels Nitro 1068.

Polled champion senior yearling heifer: Kelsie Ward, Blackfoot, Idaho, with WSF Hereford Lady A114 ET by TH 71U 719T Mr Hereford 11X.

Reserve polled senior yearling champion heifer: Windy R Ranch, Washoes, Valley, Nev., with Genoa Miss 719T Victor 13168 by TH 122 71U Victor 719T.

Polled spring calf champion bull: Blanket Creek Polled Herefords, Vallecito, Calif., with BC Duramax 4037 2C by THM Durango 4037.

Reserve polled spring calf champion bull: Sarah Clymore, Madras, Ore., with JRC Bingo 125 SEC by H H Perfect Timing 0150 ET.

Polled junior calf champion bull: Piper and Cruz Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with C Black Hawk Down ET by WLB Winchester Powerball 27.

Reserve polled junior calf champion bull: Caitlyn Hartzell, Oakdale, Calif., with FPF 302 109 Spectre 504 by CRR 719 Catapult 109.

Polled winter calf champion bull: Gary and Kathy Buchholz with GKB 1094 Domino 387B by IMR 955W Domino 1094Y.

Reserve polled winter calf champion bull: Snedden Herefords, Maricopa, Calif., with SR Beef Optiman 1466 by BW 5W 38W Beef 172Z.

Polled senior bull calf champion: Lindsay, Andrew and Tyler Eldred, Bellingham, Wash., with EFH 114 Crackerjack 44B by EB Lightning 114 ET.

Reserve senior bull calf champion: Gary and Kathy Buchholz with GLB 108 Velocity 312B ET by LED GKB Legend 108 ET.

Reserve polled yearling champion bull: Fallon Gohr, Madras, Ore., with C Gohr Thrill Ride 4105 by C Thriller ET.

ADDITIONAL HORNED DIVISION RESULTS

Reserve spring calf champion heifer: Sara McCann, Jacksonville, Ore., with BF B293 Addie 516C by GKB 88X Laramie B293.

Junior calf champion heifer: Sam Taylor, Perkins, Okla., with RJ GKB Abigail 5008 ET by CRR About Time 743.

Reserve junior calf champion heifer: Dylan Morish, Port Lavaca, Texas, with GKB 1206 Miss Maxium 46C by C Notice Me Maxium 1206 ET.

Winter calf champion heifer: Sydney Downey, Lebanon, Ore., with KPH Phoebe 14U 46B by Purple MB Womanizer 14U ET.

Reserve winter calf champion heifer: Suzanna Warner, Marysville, Calif., with SS Untapped Charlotte 4017 ET by TH 89T 743 Untapped 425X ET.

Reserve senior calf champion heifer: Brumley Farms, Orovada, Nev., with BF 88X Lets Dance 4113 ET by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.

Spring yearling champion heifer: Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo., with BF 2395 Tessa 429B by JCS Open Range 2395 ET.

Reserve spring yearling champion heifer: Klynn Scott, Crawford, Okla., with C Bailees McKee 4285 ET by C Miles McKee 2103 ET.

Junior yearling champion heifer: Fallon Gohr with C Snickers 4045 ET by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.

Reserve junior yearling champion heifer: Joel Butler, Republic, Mo., with GKB Nancy 29B ET by C Thriller ET.

Senior yearling champion heifer: Shelby Burlile, Emmett, Idaho, with Bird 813 Poinsetta 417 by F 400 Domino 813.

Spring calf champion bull: Black Hills Herefords, Olympia, Wash., with Black Hills Trending 508 by RST Times A Wastin 0124.

Reserve spring calf champion bull: Wooden Shoe Farms, Blackfoot, Idaho, with WSF First Impression C51 ET by NJW 73S W18 Hometown 10Y ET.

Junior calf champion bull: Fallon Gohr and Cruz and Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with C Miles 5034 ET by C Miles McKee 2103 ET.

Reserve junior calf champion bull: Colyer Herefords with C X142 Stockman 5261 ET by C Stockman 2059 ET.

Winter calf champion bull: William Cox, Pomeroy, Wash., with CX 2185 Advance 1449 by H5 9131 Domino 2185.

Reserve winter calf champion bull: William Cox with CX 2185 Advance 1461 by H5 9131 Domino 2185.

Senior calf champion bull: Brumley Farms with BF Bar1 Ruger 469B by BF 144U Beaudrey 2104 ET.

Reserve yearling champion bull: Gary and Kathy Buchholz with GKB 88X Bryson 37B ET by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.

"I just want to say I cannot thank all you enough and how much I appreciate it," Ascuaga says. "The fact is to just come to this event has made a real effect on me. You are the people of the earth and try to run this place without dirt. It takes all of you and I love what we stand for. A good handshake and our integrity and being fair and that's one thing that built this place."



Leroy Van Dyke (r) was a surprise guest during the sale. Also pictured is John Ascuaga.

Auctioneer Butch Booker then introduced country music legend Leroy Van Dyke, the singer and songwriter of "The Auctioneer Song" — the song that kicks off the sale each year.

I am so glad to be here," Van Dyke says. "John was born north of

(Reno) and I was born about 1,600 miles from here and the chances of our ever meeting were slim to none. But fortunately I got acquainted with John and we worked here many times at various occasions and livestock occasions and through the whole thing,

this man has always maintained a level, down-to-earth friendly attitude. I'm proud to know him."

Van Dyke then gave the cue, "Raise the curtain and let's get it going."



Polled best six head — Wooden Shoe Farms, Blackfoot, Idaho



Champion pen of three bulls — CX Ranch, Pomeroy, Wash.



Reserve champion pen of three bulls — Sticks & Stones, Cheyenne, Wyo.



Polled get-of-sire — Snedden Herefords, Maricopa, Calif., with a group sired by BW 5W 38W Beef 172Z.



Horned premier breeder — Brumley Farms, Orovada, Nev.



Polled premier breeder and polled premier exhibitor (tie) — Gary and Kathy Buchholz of GKB Cattle, Waxahachie, Texas



Dave Allan

Western Nugget Junior Show

Judge: Dave Allan, Schulenburg, Texas – 187-head shown



Champion owned and champion bred-and-owned female, by Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, with C Candy Cane 4030 ET, 1/14/14, daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.



Reserve champion owned female, by Fallon Gohr, Madras, Ore., with C Snickers 4045 ET, 1/6/14, daughter of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.



Reserve champion bred-and-owned female, by Piper Colyer, with C Bar1 Serendipity 5054 ET, 1/7/15, daughter of WLB Winchester Powerball 27A.



Third overall bred-and-owned female, by Fallon Gohr, Madras, Ore., with Gohr Platinum 5046, 3/6/15, daughter of DKF RO Cash Flow 0245 ET.



Fourth overall bred-and-owned female, by Lane Downing, Terrebonne, Ore., 3/28/14, with DCC Lucie Lu 406, daughter of HH Advance 8229U.



Champion bred-and-owned bull, by Caitlyn Hartzell, Oakdale, Calif., with FPF 302 109 Spectre 504, 1/28/15, son of CRR 719 Catapult 109.



Reserve champion bred-and-owned bull, by Fallon Gohr, with C Gohr Thrill Ride 4105, 1/20/14, son of C Thriller ET.



Champion steer, by Tucker Pacatte, Santa Rosa, Calif., with KPH Inside Trader 7Z 16C, son of KF Blue Chip 7Z and weighed 794 lb.



Reserve champion steer, by Roslynn McGhehey, Redmond, Ore., with BHR Perfect 507, son of H H Perfect Timing 0150 ET and weighed 920 lb.



Champion cow-calf pair, by Bailie Jo Stubblefield, Bend, Ore., with BK MS Penny 3101, 1/5/13, daughter of TH 71U 719T Mr Hereford 11X and her April 2015 heifer calf sired by TH 64U 719T Victor 26X.

Showmanship winners:
Peewee showmen: Fallon Gohr, Madras, Ore., champion; Kaitlin Does, Gustine, Calif., reserve
Junior showmen: Kathryn Coleman, Modesto, Calif., champion; Sarah McCann, Jacksonville, Ore., reserve
Intermediate showmen: Brandt Downing, Terrebonne, Ore., champion; Emilee Holt, Casper, Wyo., reserve
Senior showmen: Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo., champion; Joel Butler, Republic, Mo., reserve



Nugget sale averages \$7,852

This year the 50th annual sale on center stage at the J.A. Nugget Celebrity Showroom on Dec. 5, 2015, featured 25 lots with two herd bull prospects averaging \$13,250 and 23 females averaging \$7,382.

Topping the sale at \$42,500 was Lot 1, a pick of 2016 heifer calves from Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho. Micheli Ranch, Ft. Bridger, Wyo., and GKB Cattle, Waxahachie, Texas, took home this outstanding opportunity.

CX Ranch, Pomeroy, Wash., brought CX 2185 Advance 1449, a Oct. 8, 2014, son of H5 9131 Domino 2185. Doyle Hereford Ranch, Wolfe City, Texas, and Collins Cattle Co., Hughes Spring, Texas, purchased the bull for \$14,500.

Rounding out the bulls at \$12,000 was CX 2185 Advance 1461, consigned by CX Ranch. Wes Woolery, Hat Creek, Calif., and Richard Lawson, New Pine Creek, Ore., took home this Oct. 25, 2014, son of H5 9131 Domino 2185.

The high-selling heifer at \$8,500 was consigned by Sierra Ranches, Modesto, Calif. SR T90 Camryn 5007 ET, a Jan. 14, 2015, daughter of H H Fast Forward 2268Z ET, was purchased by Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, Mont.

Taking home CX Miss 2185 Advance 1501 for \$8,000 was Wesley Jr. and Taylor Woolery, Hat Creek, Calif. This Jan. 1, 2015, daughter of H5 9131 Domino 2185 was consigned by CX Ranch. **HW**



'The Auctioneer Song'

For the past 50 years, a musical number of an auctioneer calling bids leading to the line, "There was a boy in Arkansas," has kicked off the Western Nugget National Hereford Sale on stage at the J.A. Nugget Celebrity Showroom.

This year country music legend Leroy Van Dyke, singer and songwriter of "The Auctioneer Song," was among Hereford breeders at the sale. Giving a little background on

his second cousin and subject of his hit song, Van Dyke says anybody in the purebred cattle business knows the name Ray Sims.

"He was generally considered to be the best livestock auctioneer that ever walked," he says. Both Sims and Van Dyke grew up in rural Pettis County, Missouri, Sims eight years older than Van Dyke. "I wrote the song about him while I was in Korea serving in the Army. Now, he came from Missouri, but the first line of the song says, 'There was a boy from Arkansas,' and reason for that is because there's nothing that rhymes with Missouri," he laughs.

This is not the first Western Nugget sale Van Dyke has attended, but he said it wasn't until this year that he learned his song had been used each year for the past 50 years. "I'm two months into my 60th year of the song and I didn't know they had used it every year," he says. Joking, he adds, "They probably wore that out. But if they completely wear it out I'll send them another one."

Van Dyke grew up in the industry. "My dad had a herd of commercial Hereford cows and was a good livestock man," he says. "He also fed cattle — it was a different ball game then. We also fed all of our own steers and cull heifers. And he bought all of the neighbor steers too, feeding our own grain. We also ran a small truck line. So, I grew up in the cattle business and driving trucks."

Van Dyke became an auctioneer in 1951 after his junior year of college at University of Missouri. Following his service in the Korean War, he was employed as a fieldman for the Corn Belt Farm Dailies.

"I'm right at home with all these fieldmen and auctioneers because I'm one of them," he says. "And I'm proud of it." **HW**



Leroy Van Dyke and his wife, Gladys, pictured at the Western Nugget National Hereford Sale.

Gary Kendall recognized as 2015 Hereford Heritage Honoree

The 2015 Western Nugget National Hereford Show Hereford Heritage Honoree was Gary Kendall, Potlatch, Idaho.

Gary Kendall was five years old when his family moved to the present location between Palouse, Wash., and Potlatch. Gary graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in agriculture economics. Due to his father's health, immediately following graduation from college, Gary began the operation of the family farm that produced wheat, barley, peas and lentils.

In the early 60's, at the urging of his uncle who operated a livestock auction yard, Gary purchased some cattle. Starting with Angus, he grew a herd to more than 75 head of registered brood cows, utilizing marginal farm ground and leased pastures. The herd achieved success through area consignment sales and shows.

In 1981 the Spokane Ag Bureau, a division of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, created the Spokane National Stock Show. Gary was selected to manage the event and was allowed to incorporate new ideas to motivate attendance. One such event was the "Ladies in the Lobby" sale featuring halter broke heifers to be sold in the lobby of the historic Davenport Hotel. In 1985, an all-breed bull sale named the "Cowman's Classic" was added as part of the Spokane National Stock Show.

These sale events gave Gary a foundation and experience in sale management. In 1987 when the Spokane Chamber of Commerce discontinued the stock show, Gary launched into sale management under the banner Kendall Cattle Sales (KCS). The first sale that Gary managed as KCS was the 1987 Nugget Hereford Sale in Reno. He continued the management of this sale, plus the addition of the show the following year, until he retired from managing the sale in 2007.



Pictured at the award presentation are: Mark Holt, AHA field representative; Butch Booker, auctioneer; Gary Kendall; and Willard Wolf.

This 20-year span also included the accumulation of sale management duties for several other consignment and individual production sales. In 1993, Gary was approached by Pat Goggins of the *Western Livestock Reporter* (WLR), to fill the position as field representative for Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Gary served in this position until 2010.

As the workload from sale management and WLR field representative increased, Gary's herd was reduced periodically until the last of the herd was sold in 2005 to JR Ranch of Othello, Wash.

Gary was named the 2010 National Marketeer of the Year in Denver. He worked his last Washington Cattlemen's Association Bull Test Sale in March of 2015 and still resides at the Potlatch ranch, close to his companion and friend, Linda Hartford. Gary has two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren. **HW**



Sue Hoffman, Reno, Nev., was recognized at the 2015 Western Nugget National Hereford Show for her 27 years of service as show secretary. Pictured are Sue Hoffman and Willard Wolf.