



Bill King

King to Lead AHA in 2009

Membership elects three new directors.

Bill King, Stanley, N.M., was introduced as the new president of the American Hereford Association (AHA) during the Annual Membership Meeting in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 3.

Bill owns Bill King Ranch in Stanley, N.M., which includes a 300-head registered Hereford cow-calf operation along with other cattle, farming and feedlot enterprises. He was elected to the AHA Board in 2005. This past year, Bill served as AHA vice president and chaired the finance committee and also served on the executive and building committees.

The new president says he plans to continue to work on and expand the initiatives the Board has focused on in recent years. "We will continue to focus on growing the Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) program, continue working to prove Hereford efficiency in the feedlot and in the

commercial industry and support and enhance the youth program and activities," he says.

Bob Harrell Jr., Baker City, Ore., was selected to serve as the 2009 AHA vice president. Harrell and his family operate Harrell Hereford Ranch in eastern Oregon. The ranch consists of 300 registered cows, 400 commercial cows, an 800-head feedlot and 20 Quarter Horse broodmares.

This past year Bob chaired the AHA marketing committee and served on the breed improvement committee and the Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) LLC board.

Completing their terms on the AHA Board were outgoing president, Hank DeShazer, Hearne, Texas; Bill Cox, Pomeroy, Wash.; and Lee Haygood, Canadian, Texas.

The AHA membership elected three new Directors during the membership meeting. David Breiner, Alma, Kan.; Paul Funk, Copperas Cove, Texas; and Jimmie Johnson, Clinton, Okla.,

will serve four-year terms on the 12-member Board.



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Kansas David Breiner began his Hereford career in 1972 after graduating from Kansas State University when he helped start Mill Creek Ranch, Alma, with the purchase of 100 Hereford cows from Mark Donald, Line 1 and Tiberius bloodlines.

Today, David, along with Bob Moore of Pied Piper Farms, operates the ranch, which consists of 200 registered Hereford (horned and polled) and Angus females along with 300 commercial females utilized in an embryo transfer (ET) program. Mill Creek merchandizes its cattle through an annual production sale and through various consignment sales and private treaty.

David is a founding Kansas Beef Expo committee member



2008-09 American Hereford Association Board of Directors

Pictured seated (l to r) are: **Bill King**, Stanley, N.M., president; **Bob Harrell Jr.**, Baker City, Ore., vice president; **Marshall Ernst**, Windsor, Colo.; **Paul Slayton**, Bedford, Pa.; and **Craig Huffhines**, Kansas City, Mo., executive vice president. Directors standing (l to r) are: **James Milligan**, Kings, Ill.; **Jimmie Johnson**, Clinton, Okla.; **Jerry Huth**, Oakfield, Wis.; **David Breiner**, Alma, Kan.; **Denny Hoffman**, McArthur, Calif.; **Paul Funk**, Copperas Cove, Texas; and **John Woolfolk**, Jackson, Tenn. Not pictured is Director **Wes Hudson**, Harrison, Ark.

and serves as chairman. He has also been president of the Kansas Hereford Association, chairman of the AHA State Presidents Council and is active in the Kansas Livestock Association. The Breiners have been advisors to the Kansas and American junior Hereford associations.

In the showing, Mill Creek has won numerous awards at the Kansas State Fair, American Royal and the National Western Stock Show. David has judged livestock shows in 12 states and two foreign countries.

Mill Creek Ranch has participated in the National Reference Sire Program and Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) program since the early 70s as well as the National Hereford Feedout.

David has served as Wabaunsee County Cattleman's Association president, Wabaunsee County Planning Commission chairman and on the USD 329 Board of Education.

David and his wife, Diane, have four children and one grandson.



Paul Funk

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Paul "Butch" Funk and his wife, Danny, own Spearhead Ranch, a TPR operation near Copperas Cove, Texas. The

couple has about 75 brood cows, both horned and polled, in their predominately Felton-based herd. They artificially inseminate (AI) about 75% of their cow herd as well as utilize ET.

Butch's primary goal is to produce females that are marketed as yearling heifers and a few young pairs plus carefully selected bulls for commercial producers. The couple strives to produce performance-oriented cattle, focusing on "balanced" numbers.

Born and raised in Montana, Butch owned a small herd of registered Hereford cattle while working for the ES Bar Ranch near Roundup. As an undergraduate, he earned a degree in animal science from Montana State University (MSU).

He later earned a doctorate of education at MSU.

In addition, Butch is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General. He has served in a variety of leadership positions from platoon leader of 20 warfighters to Corps Commander of 162,000. He served in combat in Vietnam as an air cavalry troop commander and as 3rd Armored Division Commander in Desert Storm.

Today, along with managing his Hereford herd, Butch works at the Institute for Advanced Technology at the University of Texas, Austin. Butch is a member of the Texas Hereford and Polled Hereford associations. He volunteers his time to several industry organizations and is a member and officer of various boards including the Army Science Board, Defense Science Board and Senior Advisory Group to the Chief of Staff of the Army.

Butch and Danny have three children and eight grandchildren.

Jimmie Johnson

Oklahoma Hereford breeder Jimmie Johnson started in the Hereford business in 1976 and has grown his Red Hills Herefords herd from 10 Hereford cows to now include more than 175 registered Herefords.



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Located near Clinton, Okla., Jimmy markets cattle annually in a production sale the third Sunday in May. He also sells an additional 25-35 bulls private treaty as well as four or five show heifers.

Jimmie has a diversified background in marketing and business. After college he began a successful career in the tire service industry. In 1978 he opened his own store, Great Plains Tire Service. He built the business to annual sales of more than \$3.6 million before selling the store in 2006. Since selling the store, he has been a real estate agent and is a minority interest owner and serves on the board of directors for Interbank, which has four locations in western Oklahoma.

Jimmie served two terms as president of the Oklahoma Hereford Association and has served as president of the Oklahoma Polled Hereford Association. He's also been active in the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and Clinton Lions Club, serving both organizations as president. He is currently chairman of the Western Oklahoma Integris Health Care Foundation.

Jimmie and his wife, Darla, have four children and 10 grandchildren. **HW**

2008-09 AHA Board committee appointments

Executive

Bill King, president; Marshall Ernst; Bob Harrell; Wes Hudson and Paul Slayton

Finance/audit

Harrell, chairman, Jerry Huth and John Woolfolk

Performance/breed improvement

Huth, chairman; David Breiner; Paul Funk and Hudson

Marketing

Denny Hoffman, chairman; Harrell; Jimmie Johnson; Jim Milligan and Woolfolk

Show and sale

Hudson, chairman; Breiner, Ernst, Hoffman and Milligan

CHB LLC board

Ernst, Harrell and Woolfolk

Hereford Publications Inc. board

Slayton, president; Hoffman, vice president

Building

Ernst, chairman; King and Woolfolk

Hall of Fame/Merit

Milligan, chairman; Breiner, Johnson and Slayton

Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) board

Ray Ramsey, president; Marcia Mickelson, vice president

NCBA representative

Dale Spencer