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STOCKMEN'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

SUMMER 2022



Montgomery

CORRAL NOTES

Galoshes, gumboots, waders, wellies, Ukrainian Hush Puppies (I'm sure this is not politically correct today) or rubber boots; whatever you call them, they have been getting a bit of use the past couple of months, with no complaints from anyone I know that relies on forages for the groceries to feed their four legged charges. With all this rain my hope is that it has given you a little more time to enjoy the summer; not hauling water, fixing fence on that marginal back forty, or trying to source feed. Now all we can hope for is a couple of nice weeks to get the hay up.

At the Stockmen's, just like the weather, we have transitioned quickly to welcoming guests from near and far to our Bert Sheppard Library. Besides welcoming back school groups, our coffee crowd on Thursday's, and local and international tourists, we have had a few things going on in the background.

First we had our AGM back in March and had a changing of the guard on our board. Reiny Kristel who has been our president for the past few years has stepped back and Erik Butters has taken over the reins. I would like to thank Reiny for his leadership over the past 4 years, and giving me enough rope to try a few different things here at the Stockmen's. Erik steps into the role with a wealth of board experience, having served as the Chairman of Alberta Beef Producers during the dark days of BSE and serving on the newly renamed Canadian Cattle Association. He also has the distinction of being able to trace his family roots back to a close association with Harry Alonzo Longabaugh, better known as the Sundance Kid.

Although the mandate of the Stockmen's is to "Honour and Remember the Builders of the Livestock Industry" you can't spend all your time looking in the rearview mirror. In that regard, a few years ago the Stockmen's established the Friends of the Stockmen's Award using funds donated by the late Dr. Bob Church as the initial capital. I am happy to announce that this year awards were bestowed upon two post-secondary Agriculture students: Lyndsey Peltzer and Carmen White. You will find the full write ups they submitted in their application later in this newsletter and I am sure you will agree that these ladies have a good grounding of where they have come from, and even brighter futures. Congratulations to them both!

Sticking on the theme of strong women I would like to highlight a new collection of over 160 books we recently received in the library. These books cover the wide range of roles that women played as Europeans ventured West. It is interesting to note that of the four lifetime members that the Stockmen's has, three of them are women. One of these women is Jo Hutchinson, who recently was awarded with the La Due Legends Legacy Award. This award recognizes women like the award namesake, Florence La Due, that have a certain tenacity that has made them successful no matter what century it is. Congratulations Jo, it is well deserved.

Lastly as you plan ahead please consider joining us in one of our upcoming events. If you would like to volunteer for our upcoming Casino on August 17th or 18th, please call the office to register. We have a few spots left to fill for this important fundraiser. On Saturday September 10th, the Stockmen's is hosting the Stockmen's Cochrane Round Up. We received a grant from Canadian Heritage through the Celebration and Commemoration Program to host a one-day event. Stay tuned for details of the event as our plan is to have a community event fashioned after a traditional Round Up where people can get together with local groups and enjoy our western community together. If you would like to volunteer for the event let us know, as lots of help will be needed. Last but not least our annual fall dinner is planned for October 29th. After a couple of years of being creative with the format we are looking forward to getting together with old friends and acquaintances at the RancheHouse for a great prime rib meal. Call or email the office to reserve your tickets.

Enjoy the summer and all the shades of green the rain has brought.

Saddle up,
Scott

SCHOOL GROUP VISITS: The Stockmen's is proud to give educational presentations to grade two classes in house, as well as be part of the Classroom Agriculture Program and visit grade 4 classes to discuss the livestock industry. This year we had 6 classes of second graders visit the library for a presentation, and staff and board members visited 4 grade four classes. Some of our grade four classes enjoyed it so much, they came to visit the library at the end of the school year, as shown in the photo.



A quote from a teacher:

“the presentation was fantastic! The shared stories and artifacts were able to help the children understand Cochrane’s past and how the land and our town used to be.”

SAVE THE DATE:

Stockmen’s Cochrane Roundup

When: September 10, 2022

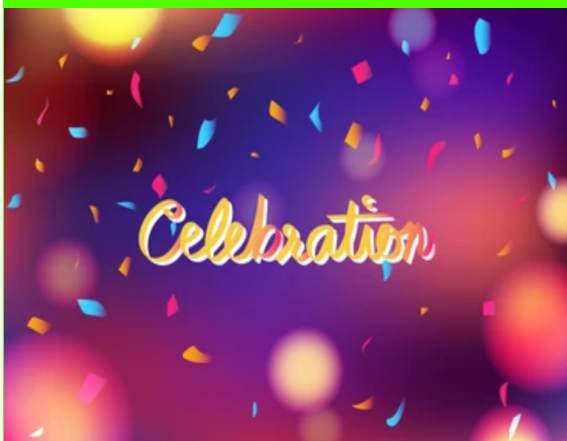
Where: Mitford Park, Cochrane, Alberta

What: Stockmen’s recieved grant funding from the Commerate Canada-Reopening Fund to Celebrate Canadian Heritage. The Stockmen’s is rounding up community partners and groups to plan this one day, free event!

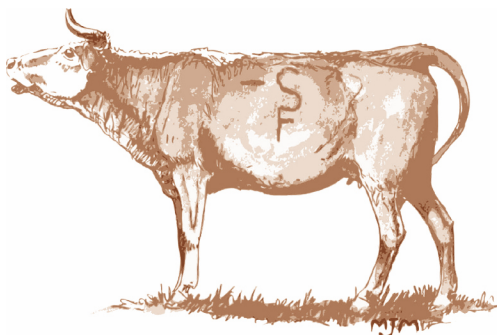
Volunteers Needed: If you are interested in volunteering, we welcome you!

“Celebrating community with a western flair.”

Watch for announcements: free concert, food, displays and fun!



The Friends of the Stockmen’s Memorial Foundation Award continues to support young adults in their post secondary agricultural endeavours. We are grateful to the late Dr. Bob Church for his donation that made this award possible. Congratulations to Lyndsey Peltzer and Carmen White, who were the recipients of the 2022 award. Each of these winners have written an excellent essay, so please read ahead and learn about them.



FRIENDS OF THE STOCKMEN'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS 2022

Lyndsey Peltzer

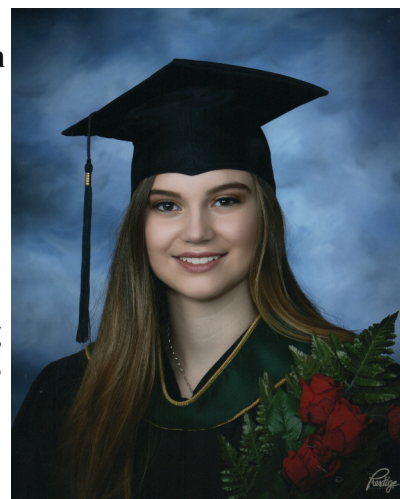
I grew up on a mixed cattle and irrigated crop farm near Rosemary, AB. My great-grandfather, on my father's side, established our farm in 1936 after moving from Springwater, SK. Prior to moving, my great-grandfather and his family had a small operation near the town of Springwater where they raised a few cows and crops. After being droughted out during the dirty thirties, they packed their belongings and moved to the Eastern Irrigation District. During their first few years here, they started "Kokay Farms" on 640 acres that slowly grew to become the 2500 acres we now own and rent today. My mother's side of the family operates a farm outside of Drumheller, AB that was established in 1910. The farm has been passed down through generations and has grown substantially since it was established. Their farm is now around 4000 acres of dryland fields and pastures. I have lots of history throughout my family surrounding the agriculture industry. I am a fourth-generation farmer/rancher and have grown up with agriculture. My mom and dad have been the most influential part of my passion for agriculture through their endurance and perseverance working in the industry. They have taught me about production and the importance of planning. Today our farm runs 300 head of commercial Red Angus/Simmental cross cows and produces numerous crops including wheat, barley, high-moisture corn, hybrid-seed canola, and alfalfa hay.

My passion for agriculture has grown through my involvement in our local 4-H program, where I was a member of the John Ware 4-H Club for ten years. I have held the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Reporter, and Historian in my club as well as on the district 4-H council. Through my club I have taken on a variety of projects including Market Steer, Carcass, Heifer, Two and Three-Year Old Cow/Calf, Horse, Multi Species Judging, and Shooting Sports. I have enjoyed competing in regional and provincial competitions with my projects. I have also represented and promoted the 4-H program as Key Member for the Newell 4-H District. In this position I helped members and took on a leadership role within my district. I have taken on volunteer roles in organizing and presenting workshops to members within the Newell District. The topics of these workshops included public speaking, multi species judging, record book, grooming, and showmanship. I take pride in being a leader for members in our area and enjoy helping wherever I can.

Outside of 4-H I have enjoyed volunteering to teach youth about the importance of the agriculture industry. I have presented at the FCC Outstanding in the Field Grade 4 Agriculture Learning Day which has been held in our district for numerous years. During this event grade 4 students from our county learn about the many facets in the agriculture industry. I introduced the grade 4 students to horses and taught the kids about safety while being around large animals and the history of horses in agriculture. During my presentation I connected with many of the students and found ways to engage their interest for the agriculture industry. This event is extremely important to our area and enables us to reconnect children to the agriculture industry.

Through my participation in agriculture learning days, 4-H and working on my family farm I have become very passionate about the agriculture industry. Following this passion, I have decided to pursue a degree in Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. I have enjoyed learning about agriculture in a variety of agriculture classes at the U of S. My degree will focus on animal sciences where I will learn about animal husbandry, production, nutrition, and genetics. While completing my degree I also hope to pursue classes in the plant science portion of agriculture to give me a well-rounded education in many agriculture fields. Once I have completed my degree, I plan to come back to my family farm and ranch where I will be able to continue our traditions while introducing new innovative ways to farm.

Agriculture has been and will continue to be a huge part of my life. I have always loved this industry and I aspire to continue its traditions and expand its innovations. I will always be an advocate for this industry through learning days and by participating in many agricultural events. Agriculture will always be needed, and I hope to continue to be a part of it throughout my future.



FRIENDS OF THE STOCKMEN'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS 2022

Carmen White

Eleven years ago I was an 8 year old girl about to go through the biggest and greatest transformation in my life. My parents had decided it was time to move us to 'the ranch' our favorite place to visit and spend long summer days was about to become our full time home! My siblings and I would be the first kids to grow up on the historic ranch along Trout Creek since my grandmother and her sisters did in the 1940s.

The ranch was established in 1892 by my great-great-grandfather Charles Sharples. The house we still live in today was assembled by him, and was the first Eaton's catalog home to arrive in this area, back in 1894. Originally, the ranch was called the Winder Ranch and housed North West Mounted Police horses, pre-1890. The old black and white photos are so cool — seeing tons of horses, wagons, and men on barren land with a log cabin in the back. Things have definitely changed in 130 years! I remember looking back on newspaper articles when I was younger that my grandma saved — documenting the rich history of the land. Specifically, the front page of the Claresholm Local Press newspaper in 1972 with the headline stating: "First White Child Born in Claresholm Passes Away"; what an article! The old barn made out of logs is still functional, and has shown no signs of being unstable. We use it to store square straw and hay bales for our horses and 4-H calves! Ag runs in our veins — my maternal grandfather started an auction market in the early 1960s that is still going strong in its 3rd generation. My grandmother grew up on this ranch and a highlight of her younger years was being crowned the third ever Miss Rodeo Canada in 1957. They were both passionate about the industry up until their passing.

Now, as the fifth generation in our family, we are looking to the future to continue ranching west of Claresholm. We now run a commercial cow herd, consisting of red and black angus cattle. My connection to the agricultural industry is sourced from many places. The 4-H program was life changing for me, as I have met so many wonderful people I get to call my best friends and mentors, as well as tons of opportunities to learn about cattle, the industry, and eventually what university I chose! I'm out east at University of Guelph, involving myself in activities such as the Canadian Agri-Marketing team, Beef Science club, and holding an executive role in the Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College. My parents have always emphasized how important it is to get an education, take a few years away from home, see a different side of agriculture, as well as meet new people. That is what our industry is about! I'm also involved in the Canadian Junior Angus Association, as well as junior cattle shows that allow me to learn about multi species judging, exhibit our animals at a provincial level, and build friendships with people that do and will have major roles in the industry. At a community level, branding season is in full swing and I'm ecstatic to be home helping my neighbors get the job done and catch up while I've been away at school. I've been asked to judge and ringman at a few 4-H shows around the region, and I am really looking forward to that! Being home again has been so lovely — hauling culls to town, sorting cows to where they need to be, and setting up for our own branding in a few days. We're continuously worried about the drought this year, and having a look in on the sacrifices and decisions that will have to be made will be a learning experience that will help to prepare me for unexpected challenges in the future.

Resiliency is key.

Hopefully these varied factors prepare me to eventually have a role at the ranch when my parents are ready to loosen the reins. Carrying on the tradition of the family ranch is a must to me, as I feel a great sense of pride in beef production and an attachment to this beautiful land in the Porcupine Hills where my ancestors chose to settle.



STOCKMEN'S HAPPENINGS

Find us on Google, and give us a review! The Stockmen's is always striving to reach more people, gain more members and share our rich Alberta livestock history!

Please visit this link to review our foundation on Google:

<https://g.page/r/Cfko-ZoxYtylEAg/review>



As a non-profit organization, one of the ways we keep the wolf from the door is running a **Charity Casino**. Our next opportunity is at Pure Casino, Calgary Alberta on **August 17 & 18, 2022**. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift, please get in touch with us asap! We would love to see you! A meal and beverages are complimentary when you volunteer for a shift.

Fall Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Member tickets on sale now!

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Cochrane Ranchehouse, Cochrane, Alberta

Come and see our new display featuring **Western Women's History Books**. Stockmen's was fortunate to receive a donation of 162 books from Kim Kerpan, with stories ranging from outlaw ladies, brothels, gold rush workers, farmers, business women, and every career in between — all featuring amazing women in the Canadian and American west!

These books are available to be borrowed and enjoyed at home, or come in and read in our comfortable chairs and western environment!



Oxtail Soup - 1882

2 oxtails
1 lb. lean ground beef
1 tsp.
1 bay leaf
½ cup pearl barley
½ cup diced celery
½ cup diced carrots
½ cup diced onion
1 tbsp. butter
1 tbsp. flour



Cut the tails in pieces two to three inches long. Brown lean ground beef in saucepan, remove beef and brown oxtails in beef fat. Place two and one half quarts water in a stock pot, add one teaspoon salt and a bay leaf. Add browned beef and oxtails and simmer three to four hours. Remove bay leaf, then add ½ cup pearl barley and continue to simmer. Prepare celery, carrots and onions and add to stock pot, add stewed tomatoes and cook on low heat. When vegetables are cooked, strain off stock. Blend one tablespoon butter and one tablespoon flour and add to stock to thicken it. Remove meat from pieces of oxtail bone, then add meat, vegetables and barley to thickened stock. Bake in 350°F oven for 30-45 minutes. Delicious! This soup can be made ahead and frozen. Loaf pans can be used to bake, freeze and reheat the soup. It's a lovely gift for a hungry bachelor. Serves 6.

Meet the new President!

The Stockmen's is pleased to welcome Mr. Erik Butters as president of the board, following several years as a director. Currently ranching west of Cochrane in the Big Horn MD, Erik brings with him extensive board experience, his love of the land, livestock and history.



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Current registered brands in Alberta recorded by Livestock Identification Services Ltd. as of March 31, 2022 are as follows:

- 46 664 cattle brands
- 9836 horse brands
- 2 sheep brands





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