

# Minnesota News ..

## New Date for Annual Meeting, Banquet and Benefit Auction

The Minnesota Limousin Association held their annual meeting, banquet and benefit auction Saturday, February 25, 2012 in Glencoe. A large crowd of Limousin breeders, their families, friends and commercial producers attended this annual event.

The day began with a social hour followed by a delicious roast beef dinner prepared and served by the staff at the Glencoe Country Club. President Roger Wagner welcomed everyone and introduced guests in attendance.

was a lot of interest in Limousin cattle and the breed.

The afternoon concluded with a lively benefit auction. Joe Grotsun and Deb Dummer won the \$25 gift certificates to be used on the auction. John Goelz served as auctioneer and entertained the crowd with his "Ole and Lena" jokes.

There was a wide variety of items auctioned off in addition to semen and cattle supplies including state fair tickets, wine, jackets, boxes of meat, boxes of office supplies, and a variety of food items. The highlight of the sale was the handmade quilt, made by Nancy Wagner and Anna



Mark and Deb Dummer of Franklin were recognized at the Minnesota Limousin Association annual meeting for being a 25 year member. Representing the MLA were Jerry Wulf and MLA President Roger Wagner.



Minnesota Limousin Association 25 year membership plaque is on display at all Minnesota Limousin events.



A quilt handmade by Anna and Ashley Lyon of Foley and Nancy Wagner of Hillman, MN and donated to the Minnesota Limousin benefit auction fetched \$520.

Mark and Deb Dummer, Breezy Point Limousin of Franklin, MN were presented a plaque and cake in honor of their 25 year membership in the state association. Congratulations!

Jerry Wulf, former member of the NALF board of directors, gave a report on NALF activities and the NCBA convention in Nashville, TN. There was record attendance this year at the convention. Wulf Limousin Farms of Morris, MN had live cattle on display. Jerry helped run the NALF booth and said that there

and Ashley Lyon. After lengthy bidding including two bidders on the phone, Sarah Walcott of Allendale, MI had the final bid of \$520. Thanks to Nancy, Anna and Ashley for making the quilt and to Sarah for your generous bid!

### Board of Directors

Allen Lyon and Mark Willette were reelected to the board of directors. Kevin Bachmeier of

Apple Valley was elected for his first term on the board. We thank retiring board member Wayne Bollum for his service on the board and to the Minnesota Limousin Association.

### Junior News

Members of the Minnesota Junior Limousin Association held their annual meeting Saturday

It was decided that show shirts would be ordered for the NALJA show, and a sponsorship of the shirts would be auctioned off during the benefit auction. We want to thank Allen and Anna Lyon, Lyon River Front Farm for purchasing the sponsorship of the shirts. We appreciate your support of the junior association!

Newly elected officers for the MN junior association are: Joe Grotsun, president; Laura Bachmeier, vice-president; John Weber, secretary; Matt Duff, treasurer; and Emmaline Luethmers, historian.

Junior dues are \$15. If you have not paid your 2012 dues, send them to Lauren Mohrhauser, junior advisor.

### Mark Your Calendar

June 8-10 Minnesota Junior Livestock Show – Preston, MN

June 15-16 Heartland Regional Show – Springfield, MO

July 10 Minnesota Beef Tour – Little Falls, MN July 8-13 NALJA Show – Des Moines, IA September 1 MN State Fair Open Limousin Show – St. Paul, MN



Paul Bartsch of Rushford, MN and Luke Bergler of Dakota, MN attended the Wulf Sale.

morning, February 25 in Glencoe. The juniors discussed options for their field day, the Heartland Junior Regional Show and the NALJA show in Des Moines. Juniors were encouraged to attend these events.



The 2012 Minnesota Board of directors (L to R): Kevin Bachmeier of Apple Valley, Jerry Wulf of Morris, Mark Willette of Delavan, Roger Wagner (President) of Hillman, ED Bergler (Vice-President) of Dakota, Lauren Mohrhauser (Junior Advisor) of Brookings, SD; Anna and Allen Lyon (Secretary/Treasurer) of Foley.



Meyer Ranch (L to R: Chris, Dave, Brenda, Jessy, Stephanie, Courtney and Brandon Meyer) of Flasher, ND purchased 31 bulls at the Wulf Sale.

## “What’s Under the Hide” Educational Forum

Wulf Limousin Farms of Morris, Minnesota held an educational forum Thursday evening, March 29, 2012. The forum titled “What’s Under the Hide” took place the night before the Wulf Limousin Farms “Opportunity Sale of 2012” and has become an annual event.

A large crowd of seedstock and commercial producers was on hand to hear this informative program. It was also broadcast on [www.limousinlive.com](http://www.limousinlive.com).

The moderator was Mark Anderson, NALF Executive Vice



The panel of speakers discussing beef quality at the Wulf seminar included NALF Executive Vice President Mark Anderson, Dr. Ryan Cox, meat scientist at the University of Minnesota, Brad Brandenburg of Tyson Foods, and Dr. Duane Wulf.

President. Jerry Wulf, general manager of Wulf Limousin Farms, welcomed the crowd and introduced the guest speakers.

The first speaker was Dr. Ryan Cox, Meat Scientist at the University of Minnesota. He discussed pre-harvest effects on meat quality. Some of the main points in his speech included: 1.) Beef Quality Assurance, 2.) Marketing Choices, 3.) Evaluating the Carcass, 4.) Beef Harvest, and 5.) Carcass Grading.

The next speaker was Brad Brandenburg, Vice President of Special Programs at Tyson Foods.

He talked about the carcass specifications for various programs that Tyson uses on a daily basis. He also discussed the size of today’s cowherd as compared to the mid 70’s and the implications it has on the cattle industry. He stressed the need for more efficient cattle.

The final speaker for the evening was Dr. Duane Wulf, developer of the Wulf Bull Indexes. He is a former professor of meat science at Ohio University and South Dakota State University. He is currently living and working in Mexico, developing a meat processing plant. For more information on this project, go to [www.thefattedcalf.com](http://www.thefattedcalf.com). He talked about using genetic information to hit end point targets, the effect of muscling and marbling, and the bull selection indexes.

The evening concluded with a question and answer session.



A good crowd of breeders attended the Wulf seminar titled “What’s Under the Hide” at the Wulf Limousin pre-sale activity March 29.

## Wounded Hero Project Coming to the Heartland

The Lodge at Leathem Smith, Wisconsin will be hosting the 1st annual Wounded Hero Fishing Excursion August 6-8, 2012. Paul Meleen, owner and executive chef of The Lodge, is excited to be organizing this event. Meleen, a professional fisherman, and many others are donating their time and talents to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

Approximately 80 wounded veterans who served in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq are planning to attend. “These soldiers have given of themselves for our freedom. This event is a small way of showing our appreciation for their sacrifices,” said Meleen. “This is our way of saying thank-you, offering them a fun-filled three days of camaraderie, fishing, golfing, and superb food that will be free of charge to the veterans and their families. This can only happen because of the generosity and support from a variety of donors.”

Tentative plans are for regis-

tration and fishing followed by a barbeque on Sunday; fishing, golf at Horseshoe Bay Golf Club and an evening banquet on Monday; and the event will conclude on Tuesday with fishing and an Award’s Luncheon.

The Minnesota Limousin Association along with Limousin seedstock and commercial producers in the Heartland have generously donated money to be used to purchase Limousin steaks and hamburgers for the veterans and their families. If you would like information about this project or you would like to donate money toward the purchase of the beef, contact Roger Wagner, MN Limousin president at 320/355-2622 or Dean Summerbell, Heartland Limousin Association Executive Secretary at 612/963-3799 or [bsummerb@ties2.net](mailto:bsummerb@ties2.net). For further information about the event, contact Paul Meleen or Leanne Schinkten, event organizers, at 920/743-4555.

## Robert & Todd Lecy Named MN Commercial Producer of the Year



Congratulations to Todd and Jennifer Lecy and father Robert Lecy of Granite Falls upon receiving the 2012 Minnesota Limousin Association Commercial Producer of the Year Award. MLA President Roger Wagner and Dean Summerbell of the Heartland Limousin Association presented the plaque.

The father and son operation, Robert and Todd Lecy, from Granite Falls, MN, were named as the 2012 Minnesota “Commercial Producer of the Year”. They were awarded their plaque at the Minnesota annual meeting and banquet February 25, 2012 in Glencoe.

Robert, Todd and Jennifer Lecy operate a full row-crop program consisting of 2,300 acres of corn, hay, soy beans, and wheat along with their cattle production.

The 75 head cow herd is Angus based and calve in the spring. They purchased their first Limousin bulls from Leonard Wulf

and Sons in 1976. The bull was red with a white face  $\frac{3}{4}$ -blood Limousin. Since that time they have purchased Limousin bulls from Potterosa, Wulf and Lund Limousin.

The Lecys market their calves in Watertown, SD after backgrounding them to 900 pounds. Their priority for using Limousin bulls is calving-ease and improved docility. They are firm believers in a cross-breeding system using Limousin as a terminal cross.

Congratulations to the Lecy family for being selected as the Minnesota 2012 Commercial Producer of the Year.