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CTA President's Message

Harris is the new Secretary and Office Assistant. She especially has close and daily interaction with one of our board members, Carmen Harris. We have once again put a classified ad in the Western Producer and the Board has considered other advertising options including the Cattleman's magazine. Due to limited numbers of show animals, we had to withdraw from Agribition in 2005. This ended our National Show; however, with an open border and some improvement in cattle prices, we hope that we can once again have a showing at Agribition, if not in 2007, then in 2008. Even though all of these activities and programs help to promote the breed, the most important factor for success is maintaining our membership as well as the registration of pedigreed Tarentaise cattle. Please help by doing your part.

The CTA Board of Directors, including Wayne Colette and Paul Mansfield from the USA, are at the early stages of exploring a breed partnership with our American cousins, the ATA. We believe that there may be options to consider that would benefit both organizations including minimizing costs and initiating cross border promotion for Tarentaise breeders; this would especially be the case if the border opens again for export of older cattle. We will keep you informed on the progress of this possible development.

The CTA annual meeting will once again be in spring, immediately following the Burnett Production Sale on April 7th. We need to hear from our membership; we're looking for your comments and suggestions. I hope to see you there.

Brent Kennedy

Well it's been 15 months since our last Tarentaise Today magazine and the industry and especially our breed and association continue to face challenges. Export of live cattle is still limited to 30 months of age or younger however USDA has given indication that the border will be open soon to animals born in 1999 or later. We are presently waiting for the public comment period to end and, as in the past, I'm sure there will be opponents including R-Calf. Further to the limited export market, larger inventories of breeding and feedlot animals together with higher feed prices have caused lower market prices for all classes of beef animals; this is creating a real cost price squeeze for producers. However if the border does open to older animals including breeding stock sold from farm to farm, it will be a real boost for the purebred industry.

The CTA is still alive and the Board of Directors and the limited membership is doing its best to promote the breed. I mentioned in the last magazine that we had applied for the Ag Canada program that offered financial assistance to beef breeds that were faced with the fallout of BSE. We were successful in receiving close to \$10,000 to assist breeders and the association. This program is explained in more detail later in the magazine under the heading "Ag Canada Program Offers CTA Financial Assistance". The CTA office moved locations in Dec 2005 and Rosalyn

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Hi from the office of the CTA

I have been looking after the CTA office for over a year now. I hope that this year brings good things for all, especially those that are directly involved in the cattle industry. Hopefully this year our show circuit can get revived and we can continue promoting our breed.

I should introduce myself to those who do not know me. I am Rosalyn Harris and along with my husband, Carmen, and 3 children, Tyler, Twyla and Taylor, we live on a farm near Prince Albert, SK.

Congratulations to Kendra Brewin, from Strathmore AB, who won Reserve Supreme Champion at the Strathmore West District 4-H with her steer, Demon, who was sired by a 1/2 blood Tarentaise bull crossed with Red Angus. The CTA presented her with a jacket for her win.

We mainly raise cattle, using Tarentaise bulls and have some purebred Tarentaise cows, as well as crossbreds. We really like the crossbreeding we get using Tarentaise bulls.

Congratulations to all who have shown Tarentaise animals, at any event, over the years and continue to promote this great breed. I look forward to hearing from you.

I also have a business with my sister, we do income tax preparation and bookkeeping and I also work as bookkeeper. My husband also works off the farm, so we are busy as most families, trying to juggle all our jobs.

Rosalyn Harris

Tarentaise – The Best MOM a Calf Could Have!



Once called the most efficient cow to roam the French mountainous region, the little red cow has certainly lived up to that. The Tarentaise cow has moderated and North Americanized herself over the years to become quite possibly the best base for a commercial mother cow there is.

calf that is upwards to 65% of her own body weight and to breed back every year and do this with an optimum amount of feed.

The little red cow has gotten heavier, a little bigger and put on a lot of muscle over the last few years, but the underlying base is that she will still raise more pounds of calf per pound of cow than her counterparts. It is not uncommon for a Tarentaise cross cow to wean a

Efficiency has long been a major emphasis within the Tarentaise breed and combined with the huge advancement in type and quality of the Tarentaise cattle this is an unbeatable cross on almost any breed.

The little red cow that does, has now become the red cow that all others have to compare themselves against. Ask your girls can they stand the pressure.

Cowboy Logic

- Bryce Burnett

On those days when come what may
Things go astray
And stress dominates everyday life.

When the load seem too full
You can blame the bull
But have patience with your darling wife.

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Ag Canada Program Offers Financial Assistance to CTA



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced in the fall of 2005 that purebred cattle associations could potentially qualify for financial assistance under the federal government's "Sustaining the Genetic Quality of Ruminants Program". The objectives of the Program are to maintain the sustainability of Canada's reputation for high-quality genetics and to ensure the continued viability of breeding associations. This will be achieved by encouraging purebred cattle producers to continue the maintenance of herd registration, records of performance, and other genetic improvement tools, thereby ensuring the con-

tinued integrity of the purebred sector. The Program offers financial assistance to breed associations that can then be reimbursed to members to offset a portion of the costs for registering full blood, purebred and percentage animals. Further funding is also available to the Association to help with advertising and marketing as well as office administration.

Total available funding was determined basis the average number of members and animal registrations during the previous 10 years. From 1995 to 2004, the CTA averaged approximately 330 cattle registrations and 45 memberships per year. This provided the

CTA with approved funding of \$9,900 of which \$5,500 was to support the registration of Tarentaise cattle, \$2,000 for office and administration, and \$2,400 for marketing and promotion of the Tarentaise breed.

The Program was implemented on Nov 1st, 2005 and runs through until March 31st, 2007. The financial assistance was broken down into fiscal year one, Nov 1/05 to March 31/06, and fiscal year two, April 1/06 to March 31/07. To date the CTA has received \$6,900 of financial support of which \$2,500 was paid back to Tarentaise breeders who registered cattle during fiscal year one. During that time there were a total of 156 registrations with each receiving a reimbursement of about \$16.00 or 80% of the registration fee. The remaining \$4,400 of funding went to offset some of the office costs and to cover a portion of the costs of the fall 2005 and spring 2007 Tarentaise Today magazine.

Financial support is still available for registration of Tarentaise cattle. There is still

time to receive some financial assistance towards the cost of registering Tarentaise Cattle. The CTA has an additional \$3,000 in fiscal year two to be used to reimburse some or all of the fees for registering animals between April 1st, 2006 and March 31st, 2007. Once the total number of registered animals is known, members will be paid their share, likely in May or June of this year. **If you haven't registered your 2006 or your early 2007 calves, please do so by the end of March; registrations must be processed by the CLRC by this date.**

Although \$9,900 doesn't seem like a lot, it was a real shot in the arm for the CTA. With this support, the CTA is in a relatively good financial position and able to maintain its programming and office support into the future. However the long-term sustainability of the Tarentaise breed and of the Association is dependent upon a strong membership and continued registration of cattle. We count on your support.

Brent Kennedy

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Safe-guarding Your Genetics for Future Generations. The Canadian Animal Genetic Resources (CAGR) Program.



The old saying “Choose the Best – Breed to the Best – Hope for the Best” has been around since the dawn of animal domestication and livestock production. Regardless of the production type or sector (meat, dairy, poultry, fiber, draft or pleasure) being commercialized; the saying still holds true. Today our production schemes and breeding decisions are market driven and we are better equipped to choose genetics that will best meet our breeding goals to secure our market shares, both nationally and internationally. Accurate genetic evaluations and pedigrees, extensive DNA-based marker-assisted breeding programs and modern reproductive technologies allow us to rely on a few selected lines of elite genetics. In the short-term, using a restricted gene pool may assure immediate

genetic progress or economic gains, but we are rapidly losing genetic variation within our own breeds. In the long-term, a lack of genetic variation simply means a reduced ability to make genetic changes, reducing our ability to select for new traits to meet shifting markets, and losing our competitive edge to foreign breeders and foreign genetics.

Maintaining profitability in a competitive agri-food industry and increasing consumer demands for a uniform product are forcing livestock stakeholders to rely on a few high producing breeds. This global trend is affecting all sectors of animal husbandry. Once favored, locally adapted breeds can no longer compete with today’s most popular stocks. As a result, some Canadian livestock and poultry breeds are now facing possible extinction.

Not only are we losing genetic variation within large popular breeds, we are also losing diversity across our Canadian farm animal breeds.

The conservation of diversity in all Canadian farm animal species and the preservation of genetic variation within breeds are critical to our food safety and security; and to support sustainable rural development while promoting export markets. Facilitated by the Canadian Farm Animal Genetic Resources Foundation (CFA-GRF), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the University of Saskatchewan launched the Canadian Animal Genetic Resources (CAGR) program in May 2006. The mission of CAGR is to conserve the genetic diversity of all Canadian livestock and poultry breeds by acquiring, evaluating and cryopreserving tissues, DNA, gametes (semen and oocytes) and embryos while focusing research on animal genetic diversity, developing improved methods of cryopreservation and reproductive technologies for the benefit of all Canadians. The long-term health of our livestock industry depends on accessible and diverse genetic resources.

One key activity of CAGR is the development and maintenance of a national gene / DNA bank representing a collection of germplasm (semen, oocytes and embryos) and DNA samples from all Canadian livestock and poultry breeds. For all species it is essential to collect a sufficient quantity of germplasm for breed regeneration, following a national crisis such as a large pandemic or accidental loss of valuable lines or a breed, and to have additional quantities for research and future industry use (following an emergency). Individual breeders and AI companies can make an important contribution to the conservation of valuable

genetic resources through voluntary germplasm donations to the national animal gene bank. Those interested in the long-term conservation of their specific genetics should contact CAGR for donation modalities, obtaining donation forms and to arrange for the transfer of the material to the Saskatoon facility. In general, donations are voluntary and once received they become the property of CAGR. However, CAGR agrees not to redistribute the germplasm or DNA for commercial interests, but may use or share a portion of the material for research purposes. To acquire certain germplasm or DNA, CAGR can develop specific collaborative agreements to protect the donor’s rights for a specific period of time. In most cases, CAGR will cover the cost of transportation of the donation. All donations will be acknowledged and base animal information will be entered into our Genetic Resource Information Network (GRIN-CA); some of these data may be shared with the public.

For livestock and poultry breeds, the animal gene bank is seeking donations of semen (fresh, extended or frozen). The number of semen doses per bull, for donation to the animal gene bank, will vary depending on availability, but the maximum needed is 100 doses per bull. We are especially interested in acquiring semen samples that were processed several years ago as this valuable genetic resource may be rare and difficult to acquire. In some cases, fresh ejaculates may be the most convenient to collect and this material will also be accepted by the animal gene bank. There are no limits on the number of embryos that will be accepted, and in certain cases it may be necessary to have embryos collected and cryopreserved. Upon arrival, semen will be evaluated for morphology and viability (progressive

CAGR Program (continued)

motility) and maintained in a manner to retain the sample's viability (either from fresh or frozen material). A portion of the material may be used for research in reproduction, cryobiology and genetic diversity. The material will be prepared for long-term conservation and maintained at our facilities. As such, the animal gene bank offers breeders a free and secure off-site facility for the long-term preservation of genetic resources developed by Canadians. In addition, donations of livestock and poultry germplasms from non-Canadian origin will be considered, especially if they have played an important role in Canadian agriculture.

CAGR is also working towards new and improved protocols to cryopreserve germplasm. There is a need to better understand why semen from some males freezes better than others or

why in vitro fertilization (IVF) works well in some species and not in others. These research areas are mandatory for efficient long-term conservation strategies of our genetic resources. It is important to remember that the purpose of the animal gene bank is to capture and conserve as much germplasm and genetic diversity as is currently available before these genetic resources are lost by accident, or because of no immediate or perceived demand in breeding programs. Your donations will greatly support these research initiatives.

Individual breeders who may not have germplasm ready for donation may still contribute to the study of genetic diversity by providing samples of DNA from their animals to the animal gene bank. Tissue samples (frozen), blood (fresh, frozen or spotted onto blood cards), dead semen, hair (with the roots attached) and blood feathers are all material suitable to esti-

mate genetic variation within and across all breeds of farm animals or poultry. Donations of material for DNA studies require the same donation forms and must follow the same modalities as for germplasm donations. Again, interested participants should contact CAGR to obtain general guidelines on how to collect and ship the material. The goals for DNA collections are to gather enough material to thoroughly evaluate genetic diversity within and across livestock and poultry breeds and to develop indicators of change in diversity through time. Baseline knowledge is required to develop conservation strategies and future utilization policies for Canadian genetic resources. They also help Canada meet its international commitments to the conservation of livestock and poultry genetic resources.

The acquisition, characterization and preservation of Canadian farm animal genetic

resources are our collective duty and responsibility for future generations. CAGR is there to facilitate this process and it invites all those interested in preserving their livestock and poultry genetics to participate. Any questions or interests in making donations to the CAGR program can be directed to:

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Adapting to the Higher Price of Feed Grains



The higher price of feed grains will have a definite effect on the livestock industry in the future. Producers throughout this country sell their calves every fall to feed lots, backrounders, packers and speculators. Last fall many livestock producers received less money for their calf crop - the reason sited being higher barley prices.

The feeding of grains to cattle has become common place because of a supply of feed grains at an economical price.

Cattle have been adapted to grain in their diet because of a surplus of grain at a price that could be economically incorporated into the ration.

Feeding large volumes of grain to cattle began when more grain was produced than could be marketed for human and other monogastric consumption. We have an over supply of grain for human consumption in this part of the world and transportation makes it uneconomical to export it to starving countries in need of it.

However recently the price of grain is on an upswing - not because of an increase in human consumption but an increase in anticipation of energy conversion. Thus the grain supplies are going to become higher in price for livestock consumption. With this scenario, the window may be opened for forage finished beef.

So what happened to beef that was produced on grass? Grass fed beef as we commonly know it, is usually those cull cows

that eat grass and are slaughtered off the range. Grass finished beef is another term in that of animals that are finished directly on grass, fattened with an adequate amount of marbling and muscling, some may even be referred to as grass raised veal beef.

Certain types of cattle can fit into the grass finished type cattle. Grass finished beef producers select for early maturing, smaller framed cattle with natural fleshing ability, thickness and depth. There are producers producing this type of animal, but there is a limited availability. To produce grass finished animals will require a genetic change for many producers.

Now maybe we don't need to stop feeding grain to cattle, especially when it is cheap. But we can produce beef that has a very great taste and value from a limited amount if not any grain if we want to, or if we have to.

We may find the most economical meat considering higher priced grain may come from smaller framed, easier keeping maternal momma cows which we have become more familiar with in the Tarentaise breed.

- Bryce Burnett

If You Can...

- If you can start the day without caffeine,
- If you can get going without pep pills,
- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
- If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
- If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, colour, religion or politics,

Then, my friend, you are almost as good as a dog.



Lloydminster Stockade Round-up November 2006

Show Results

Lloydminster, Saskatchewan

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE



CMT PERSNICKETY 4P

Sire: Burnett Ghost 108

Dam: Elizabeth of CO 37H ET

With Male Calf

CMT SULTAN 3S

Sire: Burnett Liberty 301

Exhibited by:
Coyote Mountain Tarentaise
Bill LaClare, Edam, SK

RESERVED CHAMPION FEMALE

ELIZABETH OF CO 37H ET

Sire: Burnett Ajax 403

Dam: Kalo Miss 119C

With Male Calf

CMT SUGAR PLUM 2S

Sire: Burnett Ghost 108

Exhibited by:
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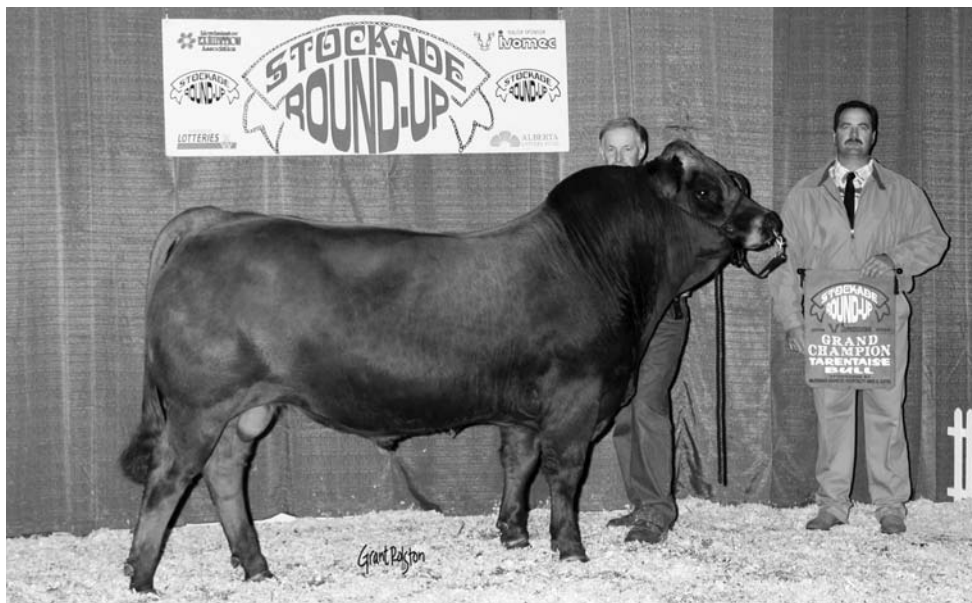
GRAND CHAMPION MALE

CMT RAZZMATAZZ 6R

Sire: CMT Midas 4M

Dam: Burnett Kitty 438P

Exhibited by:
Coyote Mountain Tarentaise
Bill LaClare, Edam, SK



On the Show Road

By Bryce Burnett



In the Purebred cattle business showing breeding stock takes you up and down the road a lot.

And when you're away from home you come to realize what a wonderful family you've got.

Now showing cows takes some selection, preparation, traveling and promotion.

And leaving home to tackle the job many times causes some a bit of commotion.

On occasion you have to leave the little lady behind to feed cows and keep the home fire burning,

And cruising down the road a fellas mind wanders back to the ranch, cause that's where his heart is a yearning.

Then you remember you forgot to remember to bring something you were going to remember to bring.

Then you remember your wife often reminds you – Dear remember, your memory is your second shortest thing.

When you arrive at your destination and get the cattle settled in, it's sure great to renew old acquaintances over a beer.

The new breeders seem proud of the heifers they're grooming and you glimpse at the bull calf that everyone's talking about this year.

This forking and clipping, prepping and blowing can be tiresome for even this old pup,

So a fellas got to stop and have a beer or two, just trying to keep your fluids up.

When you're on the road you don't get those great home cooked meals like macaroni smothered with cheese

So you have to settle for steak with all the fixin's served by a waitress that parades around as pretty as you please.

And staying in a hotel room at night watching TV ain't no way to spend your stay.

So you slip down to the bar for a beer with the boys and explain how your bull's going to kick butt the next day.

Then you think of your family at home and wonder how their day's been and if all the chores got done.

And remembering it's your wife's special day, you pick up the phone and explain that you're really not having that much fun.

So what can I bring you home Dear, after all it's your birthday, you must want a present of course.

A voice returns – If you don't hurry home, the present you bring just might be a divorce.

But golly Dear – all I want to do is make you happy with a little gift that's practical honey,

But a divorce – my gosh – I really hadn't planned on spending all that much money.

Tarentaise Tom



A big city lawyer was out hunting near Tarentaise Tom's place. A flock of prairie chickens flew up and he shot one. It dropped on the other side of the fence in Tom's pasture. Just as the lawyer was crawling over the fence to get the prairie chicken, Tom drove up in his old pickup truck. Tom asked the lawyer what he was doing.

The lawyer responded, "I shot a prairie chicken and it fell in this pasture, I'm just going to pick it up."

Tom replied, "This is my pasture and I really don't want hunters here."

The lawyer said, "Now you listen here – you old cowboy, I'm one of the best trial attorneys in this country and if you won't let me get that bird, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

Tom just smiled and replied, "Sounds like you don't know how we settle these things out here in the country. You see, small disagreements like this are settled by the Three Hit Rule."

The lawyer said, "What the heck is the Three Hit Rule?"

Tom just replied, "Well, you see it works this way. Since this disagreement occurred on my ranch, first I hit you three times, then you hit me three times and so on back and forth until one of us gives up."

The lawyer thought about the Rule for a few seconds, then eyed up Tom – he didn't look that tough. So the lawyer said, "Okay, let's get started."

Tom slowly made his way out of the truck and walked up to the lawyer. His first hit caught the lawyer under the diaphragm and knocked the wind out of him. Then Tom hit him on the side of the neck and the lawyer fell to his knees. Tom walked around behind the barrister and gave him a push to the ground sending him head first into fresh cow manure.

In a couple of minutes the lawyer got to his knees and wiping his face with his shirt he looked at Tom and gleamed, "Okay cowboy – Now it's my turn."

Tom climbed in his old pickup truck and smiled as he replied, "Nope, I give up, you win. You can have that old chicken."

Investing in a New Bull

Your new purchased bull is an investment. A little extra care will ensure that he is ready to perform when breeding season starts. Semen production takes approximately 60 days, so good nutrition well before the breeding season starts is very important. Many newly acquired bulls have been on a grain-based ration, so introducing them suddenly to strict forage, grass rations will require an adjustment to the microflora in their rumen. Therefore, a change in diet should be gradual so your new bull can adjust properly.

You expect a lot out of your new investment, so choose the bull wisely and consider a few facts. This young bull is still growing, you expect him to breed and maintain himself

while changing his environment. Young bulls are active and prone to travel a lot, thus requiring adequate feed to work, grow and maintain condition.

Careful observation of yearling bull will help assure a good first cycle conception rate on the females he is exposed to. Consider the size and shape of posture, location and number of water and salt sources and bush or rugged terrain.

Check your new investment regularly and monitor that he is getting the job done properly or changes will have to be made.

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Believing in Tarentaise Cattle



Arnold & Pat Haakensen of Cadillac, Saskatchewan are very happy with their decision to go with the Tarentaise cattle.

We started grain farming and raising cattle in the Cadillac area in 1972. We have a family of one daughter and two sons all living away from home. Our daughter Candice is a Flight Attendant in Calgary, our oldest son, Kevin, is a Financial Analyst in Saskatoon, and our youngest son, Kurt, works in Alberta.

We started out raising and breeding Charolais cattle until a disastrous calving season, with calves just too big, we were having to get caesarians and pulling calves continually, also losing heifers in the process. We practically lived out in the barn during this season.

After talking to Bryce Burnett about his Tarentaise cattle, we decided to get two bulls from him in 1983. It didn't take us long to be convinced that we were having much better calving with the Tarentaise sires. The calves were smaller and much more lively at birth. No more getting up at all hours and spending all of our time in the barn.

Every year since then, we have

been purchasing bulls and heifers from the Burnett sale. We breed our heifers and three year olds, Tarentaise, then after that back to the Charolais. This way we are able to have both purebreds and 1/2 crossed calves. Our cross calves usually turn out the nice tan colour the buyers like and a little more size to them come weaning time. We were finding a bit of a problem with the buyers not liking the black noses that many of the tan calves had.

Since then we have been buying the white-nosed bulls and eliminating much of the black noses.

Each fall we keep about 15 – 20 purebred and cross heifers and put them on oats, which of course with their quiet nature makes them our pets. So they are very quiet and easy to handle come calving time. We have found that with our Tarentaise, they are very maternal mothers with lots of milk and nice small udders, so there is very little

problem with bad bags. With their good mothering instincts, we don't have to fight with them to take their calves.

We still have the first open heifer that we bought from Bryce, she is going on 23 years old and still has never missed getting with calf. Right now she gets a lot of babying as she is in pretty good shape for an old sway backed gal!! We are curious just to see how long she will live.

We have been very happy with our decision to go to Tarentaise cattle and are now running about 90 cow – calf pairs. In 2006 we decided to rent out our land and just raise our cattle.

We have started a side-business of making and selling remote gates. The business is called Arnie's Remote Automatic Gates. It consists of a steel gate that opens automatically with a remote controller, so you don't have to get out of the tractor or vehicle. The gate lifts vertically so obstacles do not hinder it. The gate runs off a battery that is solar powered. We have found this really handy for doing chores alone, plus great for checking cows during calving season.

You can contact Arnold about his remote automatic gate at (306) 785-4407



Shirley Catherine Millions 1927-2007



Shirley passed away at the Sunset Haven on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at the age of 79 years.

She was born on July 17, 1927 in Frobisher, Saskatchewan and grew up on a farm 7 miles northwest of Frobisher. Shirley began and continued her education in Frobisher until 1937 when the family moved to Glen Ewen. After she finished her education, Shirley enjoyed helping out on the family farm.

On October 6, 1949, Shirley married Munroe Millions in Oxbow. They farmed and lived on the Babbings farm near Glen Ewen until they bought the general store in Roche Percee in 1953. After many moves due to Munroe's job with Esso, they ended up in Carnduff.

In the fall of 1966, they moved to the Millions family farm north of Carnduff. Shirley was a great farmers wife, she did the baling in the summer and hauled grain in the fall. However, she wasn't much of a cow chaser.

In 1978, Shirley and Munroe moved into Carnduff for a short time until they bought a farm north of town. She enjoyed the wildlife and cattle that surrounded her. They stayed on the farm until they retired to town.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband, Munroe; sisters: Mildred and Lois; two infant siblings: Norman and Pearl as

well as her parents George and Ida May.

She is survived by her son Gary (Darlene) of Carnduff; 3 grandchildren: Christa of Estevan, Garitt (Jennifer) & children Wyatt, Charlie and Frankie all of Redvers and Kelly (Jolene) & children Raivyn and Kash all of Carnduff; 2 brothers: Leonard (Marion) Babbings of Glen Ewen and Harold (Jeanine) Babbings of Calgary; sister-in-law Shirley Smith of Nakomis; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirley's greatest passion was family, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and siblings.

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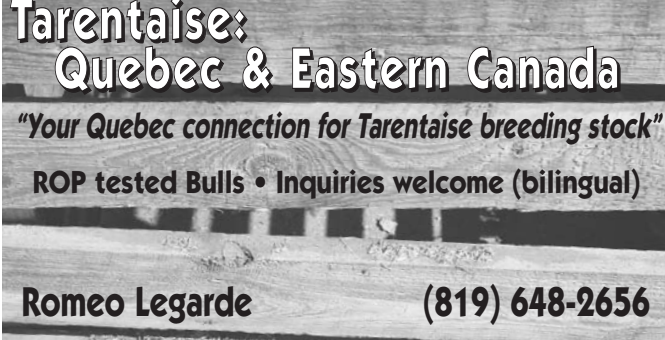
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