

The Bullis Creek Ranch had been in operation for over 100 years. It consists of Rob and Brenda Brawner and family which entails son Neil, grandson Junior and daughter Audrey. We raise Limousin, LimFlex and Red Angus seedstock and host an annual spring production sale the 4th Monday in January each year. 2024 will be our 24th production sale. We raise our cattle in the Sandhills of North Central Nebraska. We are harvesters of grass and we don't farm or raise any crops. Our cow herd is not pampered and runs on grass with limited supplemental feed (hay fed less than 90 days per year) and range cake. In December we trail cows 20 miles to corn stalks to graze till March 1 when they come home to calve. Our bulls are fed a limited amount of supplement and rely on grazing. We offer our bulls as long aged coming 2-year olds and we offer bred and open heifers on our production sale as well.

We raise Limousin (for the last 50 years), Red Angus (for 30 years) and LimFlex both Red and Black. We have always been data driven and have bred for performance cattle that work for a living. We market more cattle as finished cattle than we do as seedstock. If you are in the market for honest, no-frills hard-working cattle that aren't pampered, that are docile and easy handling then I encourage you to come check us out!

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!



Monday, January 22 GENERATIONS OF PREDICTABILITY

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WHATA WINTER!

Instead of a lot of water going under the bridge around here it should be a lot of snow piled up. Man did we have a SOB of a winter. 2022 saw a drought of large magnitude hit us. In 2021 it was dry, but we made it through it with timely rains. Not so for 2022 as it got really dry along with a late frost that had a major impact on our grass and hay. On a normal year we would put up between 1000-1500 round bales of hay but in 2022 we put up less than 300. It was guite an expensive year with prices for hay running from \$170 - \$250 per ton and feed grain was also high. We were anticipating drought, so we aggressively sold cows and liquidated about 20% of the herd last spring which helped us get through the summer and be able to make it through to fall without having to ship cows in the summer at lower prices. We also sold down cattle that we usually had run on grass to put on weight before sending them to the feed yard. We made it to December by the skin of our teeth when we were able to trail cows to corn stalks. We'd been there about 2 weeks when the first blizzard hit and dumped 16 inches of snow and high winds and bitter temperatures. We had to move the cows out of the fields with limited protection to fields that were close to the canyons where the cows had protection from the wind and had access to grass that they could graze since the corn stalks were all snowed under. The storms kept coming about every 2 weeks. We would get 14-16 inches of snow and strong winds. When the grazing was gone in the canyons, we couldn't trail the cows home due to too much snow. We had to haul hay to the cows but had a hard time even getting out of home due to the snow had blown our roads shut and then we could only get to the cows with one load of hay a day and a load of range cake. Not nearly enough but there wasn't anything else we could do. Finally in Mid-February we were able to get dug out enough and got neighbors to help with stock trailers and hauled cows' home where they had to trail the last 1 ½ miles to home because we still couldn't get down our lane with a stock trailer loaded.







HIGHLIGHTS IN THE 2023 SALE

The Brawner family hosted their 23rd annual production sale at the ranch south of Wood Lake, NE. A modest crowd was on hand to bid on a great set of coming 2-year-old Red Angus and Limousin/LimFlex bulls. The month prior to the sale several large blizzards had passed through the area with the most recent just days before sale time. This kept a large number of buyers at home shoveling snow and trying to get cows fed and chores done. This year's sale highlighted the sons of Fritz Monument 618G, a senior herdsire at Bullis Creek. The buyers approved and bid on these new genetics with 10 Monument son's averaging \$5,925.

Averages:

31 - Red Angus coming 2-year-old bulls - \$4,660

29 - Limousin/LimFlex coming 2-year-old bulls - \$4,000

60 - head of coming 2-year-old bulls - \$4,341



Red Angus highlights

BCRR Monumental 130J was purchased by Todd and Kim Larabee and Troy and Michelle Sage of Sparks, NE for \$7500.

BCRR Wood Lake 110J- a son of Fritz Monument sold on a bid of \$7000 going to past buyer and longtime friends Eric and Shannon Ravenscroft – Ravenscroft Red Angus of Nenzel, NE.

BCRR Monument 108J- sold to past buyers Richard and Laura Cockroft of Salina, KS for \$6000.

BCRR Monument 161J- Went to Gordon Cattle Co of Chinook, MT for \$6000. They have purchased females from Bullis Creek in the past through the Prestigious NILE sale in Billings, MT.

Gordon Cattle Company Chinook, MT was the volume Red Angus buyer taking home 5 head and longtime buyer Troy and Michelle Sage of Spark, NE took home 4 head.

Limousin/LimFlex highlights

BRAW Flat Top 1208J sold to Cottonwood and Pine Ranch of Wood Lake, NE on a bid of \$6500. They purchased last year's high selling lot also and we wish them good luck and extend a huge thank you!

BRAW Genuis 1252J sold to long time neighbor and buyer Lazy Trails Angus ranch John and Sheila Wheeler of Wood Lake, NE for \$5000.

BRAW Monument 1205J sold on a bid of \$5000 to Kyle and Austin Schmale of Carroll, NE. Schmale's have purchased bulls in prior years.

BRAW Eagle 1282J went to repeat buyer Richard and Laura Cockroft of Salina, KS for \$4000.

Taylor Farms of Phillipsburg, KS was the sale's volume Limousin buyer with 11 head. Schmale's of Carroll, NE took home 3 head. In March our daughter Audrey
was in a terrible auto accident. We got
a call about 4 p.m. that she had been involved in an
accident but that was the only information available. It was about 2

hours later before we found out any further news about what had happened. You talk about an eternity before the phone rang. It was the most terrifying feeling not knowing if you had lost a child or how badly injured, they were. The Lord was watching over them as all survived. There was extensive injuries suffered by all involved. Audrey had her right femur severely fractured and fractured ribs. She underwent surgery and had a steel rod put in her leg. I wish to thank all of you who called, texted and messaged your thoughts and prayers for Audrey. BLESS YOU ALL!



UPDATES

An opportunity to lease some hay ground presented itself to us and we took it on. There was both dry hay land and irrigation under center pivots. One pivot was seeded to alfalfa and the other 2 we seeded to



summer annuals. One pivot went into millet and the other into Teff hay. This extra ground helped us put up enough hay so that we shouldn't have to purchase additional hay to get through the coming winter and spring. I wish to express a huge thank you to Harry and Phyllis Jackson for leasing the ground to us and for helping as much as they did. Without their help we wouldn't have had nearly as successful a summer. Unfortunately, the summer did have one major snag in it as we had a tractor and baler catch fire and burn losing both. We were baling millet hay and had a large amount of hay wrapped around the front drive shalf that

caught fire. We had the fire put out before there was any significant damage. A fuel line started leaking and then some embers fell from the burned hay that reignited the fire and from there it was all downhill. After the fire it went from bad to worse as the insurance company only paid 26% of the appraised value of the equipment lost. Imagine that!







FRITZ MONUMENT



Fritz Monument 618G

Reg. ID - 4169568

From conception to consumption Monument is a sire that every serious cattle breeder should consider using in their program. He is massive and smooth in his make up with outstanding EPD's that rank him at the top of the breed for Pro S, Herdbuilder and Gridmaster. His pedigree indicates that he should sire outstanding replacement females and his son's will be heavy muscled, stout made and fast growing. Monument was the high selling bull on the 2020 Fritz Red Angus sale. Semen is available from Bullis Creek and Cattle Visions.

BORDER COLLIES

This fall we did have 2 litters of Border pups born. We got a litter of Val that had 8 pups and a litter out of Liza that consisted of 7 puppies. Both litters are sired by Rip a red and white male that we sold as a pup to Stetson Allen. He is an incredible dog with lots of drive and stock sense as well as a really pleasant dog to be around. The

pups should be ready to go sometime around the end of November or mid December. We have been raising and breeding Border Collie's since 1986 and 100% guarantee our dogs.

If your in the market for a good dog give us a holler.



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TOP 10 REASONS YOU SHOULD INVEST IN THE BULLIS CREEK ADVANTAGE

- 10. Sandhills Ranch Raised Long age Bulls Never pampered.
- 9. Low inputs with minimal supplement feeding cows fed hay less than 90 days per year.
- 8. Customers are treated the way we would like to be treated.
- 7. Sound structured cattle with emphasis on feet, legs and udders.
- 6. Optimal performance that is data driven. Genomically tested.



- 5. Limousin for 50 years Red Angus for 30 years.
- 4. Strict culling for disposition and ease of handling.
- 3. Relying heavily on Al and cows are run in large groups in large pastures.
- 2. We retain ownership and sell more finished cattle than we do breeding stock.
- 1. No smoke and mirrors guarantee just honest dealings and standing behind the cattle we produce.





CABIN

KILLDEER NOOK GUEST

Take advantage of the quiet, to rest, relax and regenerate in this secluded cabin located next to its own trout pond. Whether you seek a quiet weekend or a base to headquarter from while exploring the sand hills- this is the place to hang your hat while in north central Nebraska. Located on a 5000 acre working ranch -there is plenty to do from dawn till dusk. No matter if you spend your day hiking, wildlife viewing or enjoying the many area attractions; you'll want to be back in time to take in the fabulous sunsets that spread across the western sky. So come be our guest, we'd love to have you.

New in 2020 we have added another small guest cabin to accommodate guests even better. A large family or maybe 2 couples or just need more space. The additional cabin contains a full/twin size bunk bed that makes it easy to accommodate most parties. Guests can chose option A which is just the large cabin as it has always been or they can chose option B which includes the new extra cabin for an additional fee.

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NEW ADDITIONS

This was the year that we busted the budget on herd sires! It was partly planned and partly due to the loss of Monument. It was our year to buy several new Limousin sires but not to purchase a Red Angus sire. Of course, that changed when we discovered Monument dead in the bull pasture at the end of April. You talk about poor timing. There were only a few Red Angus sales left in the country and to be lucky enough to find a bull with enough quality and qualifications to be a top notch herdsire was a tall order. I think we succeeded though but time will tell. Read on about FLRA Long Haul RK07. I'm excited to get his first calves. Stay tuned for further updates. I think that we put together a really high-quality set of herdsires that are balanced and strong across the board with important traits for production, carcass and maternal.



Wulf's Konveyor T213K Reg. ID - NPM2509055

Homozygous Polled - Heterozygous Black - Purebred Limousin

We purchased Konveyor on the Wulf Cattle "Opportunity of 2023" sale as one of the top lots of the sale. Wulf's retained ½ semen interest and fall possession and we are tickled to partner with them on this outstanding individual. Konveyor will add growth and power to the Limousin population. His sire VL Hunker Down exceeded all expectations for adding muscle shape and performance with a super disposition. Konveyor's 2-year-old dam is a product of ET and combines several top sire lines for growth, performance and carcass. Konveyor ranks in the top 10% of the breed for 11 economically important traits including being in the top 2% for Mainstream Terminal Index. His IMF scan data ratioed 129 and EPD for Marbling is in the top 3% of the breed. Semen is available from the owners.



WZRK Klondike 4038

Reg. ID - NPM2520748

Homozygous polled - Homozygous Black - Purebred Limousin

Klondike was a crowd favorite on the 2023 Wieczorek sale. If you sell cattle by the pound, then look no further than Klondike. He recorded a 711 lb. 205-day weight and weaning and yearling weight EPD's rank in the top 10% of the breed. He also ranks in the top 15% for total maternal, top 2% for docility, top 1% for carcass weight, top 10% marbling and top 15% for rib eye. His dam is an 8-year-old RUNL Stetson daughter who has been a consistent producer. Semen is available from the owners.



FLRA Long Haul RK07

Reg. ID - 4614391

100% 1A Red Angus

Check out this outstanding herd sire and I think you'll agree he's a top prospect for genetic advancement and worthy of your consideration. Long Haul was the high selling lot of the inaugural New York Red Angus "Right on Red "sale. Study this bull and you'll have to agree he's the real deal! In the top 33% for birthweight and in the top 5% for weaning and top 21% for yearling. On the female side his milk is in the top 21% of the breed. In the carcass department he is outstanding with an IMF scan of an impressive score of 5.05 and a marbling EPD that is in the top 2% of the breed. His gridmaster score is 61 to place him in the top 11% of the breed. Sired by Feddes Treadstone, a top son of 5L Bourne and his dam is an 5L Independence x Deep End combination. When he stepped off the trailer coming from New York the trucker said he had traveled 1998 miles! I think you can see that he is named appropriately!

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