

B.C. ANGUS NEWS

BC Angus News

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President's Report

By Bob Miller, BCAA President

Hello BCAA members and Angus cattle enthusiasts, this is my first report as you're newly elected President.

BC Angus Association held their Annual General Meeting in Kamloops at BC Livestock Co-op on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

As we continue to deal with Covid restrictions and Provincial Health Authority protocols, attendance for the AGM was approximately 30 attendees including those in attendance and those calling in via Zoom.

BCAA President Jim Moon chaired the meetings and provided a Presidents year ending report.

Canadian Angus BC Director Tom de Waal provided a verbal report updating attendees on CAA activities, programs and DNA testing. Tom spoke of the recent Bovine Expert Tracking Surveillance demo known as BETSY by One Cup AI Livestock ID presented during the recent CAA Angus Extravaganza held in Balzac, Alberta. BETSY is a 360 ID platform for tracking and recording data such as; health, growth, activity, nutrition, ID tracking and many more herd health benefits. Watch for more on this exciting initiation and its potential breed improvement benefits.

BC Jr Angus President Sarah MacDonald provided a virtual update referencing the Junior Association activities,

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including their future planning. Sarah thanked outgoing Junior Association members and welcomed new members. Three BC Junior members joined the AGM in person and multiple others were logged in on line. BCAA recognized the 2021 Angus influence Commercial Breeder of the Year, Allison Creek Ranch, Princeton, BC, owned and operated by Linda Allison and son Shelby.

Re: Election of Directors – BCAA members accepted outgoing President Jim Moon's retirement after 23 years as a BCAA Director and two years serving as President. BCAA presented Jim with a gift in appreciation for his time, guidance and leadership provided throughout the many years.

BCAA welcomes two newly elected directors Robyn Mumford of Alexis Creek, BC and Sue Gereau, Princeton, BC. Previous directors, Todd Marchant and Robyn Burt were both re-elected for another term.

BCAA Secretary / Treasurer; Carley Henniger is leaving her role with the association after serving admirably for 5 years. BCAA Directors presented Carley with a gift in appreciation for everything she has meant and done for the organization during that time. We all wish Carley well and thank her again for her loyalty and dedication. Carley will continue to serve the Association as the Junior Coordinator for the BC Junior Angus Association. BCAA welcomes Kristina Moller as the newly selected Secretary Treasurer. Kristina graciously accepted the position after a series of interviews was conducted by a selection committee of board members. Kristina was in attendance at the AGM.

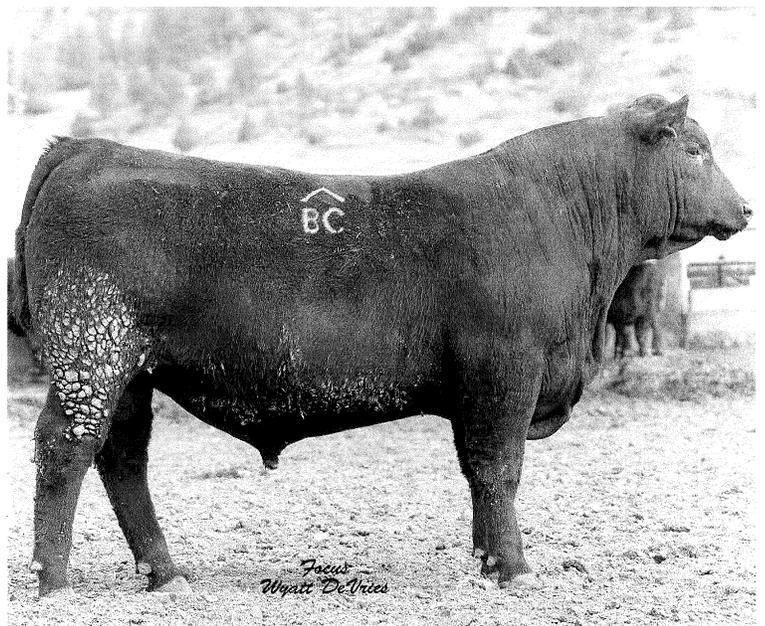
Welcome again Kristina. Please reach out to Kristina with any Angus related beefs or bouquets or simply to introduce yourselves. You will find her contact information elsewhere in this newsletter.

The BCAA Board of Directors met immediately following the AGM to conduct their annual planning meeting and to elect an executive.

Robyn Burt, Quesnel, BC was elected Vice-President and I was elected President. Robyn and myself, as well as the entire BCAA Board of Directors, vow to the membership that we will provide to the best of our knowledge and ability; positive leadership, direction and vision, all in a sound financial manner while we represent you the membership in these most important roles as BCAA Directors.

Until the next time.

Respectfully,
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Kamloops, BC



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B.C. Angus New Secretary

Kristina Moller, secretary for the B.C. Angus Association

My name is Kristina Moller and I am looking very forward to delving into my new role as Secretary/Treasurer for the BC Angus Association. I am very passionate about the cattle industry; the fact that I have been awarded a role that contributes to the growth and perseverance of this sector is very exciting.

I grew up in the Williams Lake area; I was that typical horse crazy kid. After years of bugging my parents, I finally received a horse of my own around the age of 12. After graduating high school, I then moved to Kamloops to pursue my Bachelor of Arts degree. The horses were sold by then, as I no longer had the time to dedicate to it. I honestly did not see myself having much to do with horses or the livestock industry in general, as I was pursuing other interests by that time. I most definitely did not see myself moving back to the Cariboo area!

I then met my husband, and that all changed. I moved back up north and had the opportunity to move out to the Gang Ranch, which was phenomenal country. I have yet to see a place as stunning as the Gang. My husband and I moved around to a few different ranches since then, and were fortunate enough to purchase our own place in the last couple of years, where we now run our own cow herd.

I now work as the Education Coordinator for a First Nations community in Quesnel and am also pursuing my Master of Education which I will (finally!) have completed in December, 2021. My number one passion, however, is working on my ranch and always striving to make it better... that is what makes me want to jump out of bed every morning!

Again, I am looking so forward to working with the BC Angus Association. It is always nice to work with like minded people and to make new connections in the cattle industry. Looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Cheers!
Kristina Moller



B.C. Angus Association Scholarship Recipient

It is with great pleasure we announce this year's BC Angus Scholarship Winner, Riley Bapty.

Riley has lived a life of ranching while living on the Coldstream Ranch since the age of five. She received great marks at school, was a part of the Armstrong Beef 4-H Club and elected director and then secretary of the BC Junior Angus Association.

She wishes to pursue a bachelor of science in nursing, followed by a Masters Degree.





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○ How can I submit my work?

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○ What are the registration and transfer fees?

- See www.cdnangus.ca/fee-schedule for the full fee schedule
- There are fee incentives for completing registrations and transfers early and for participating on the Canadian Angus Performance Program
- We also offer the Angus Cow Enrollment program (ACE), a cow-based fee schedule

○ Not sure what to record for a service date on your application for registration?

This field records the first day of natural service exposure, the AI date, or the implant date for ET calves

● What is the difference between disposal codes 12 and 15?

- **Code 12** – Open, missed calving opportunity will move the animal to the next year, e.g. from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022
- **Code 15** – Moved to next calving season will move the animal to the next season, e.g. from Spring 2021 to Fall 2021

● What are CM and ? numbers?

- A seven-digit number means the animal is registered
- A CM number means the animal has been recorded but not registered and can be registered later upon request
- A ?pending number means that additional information is needed to complete the animal's registration. You will receive a request for information (RFI) with details.

● What does E-store Certificate mean?

- This means your certificates are not automatically printed or emailed to you. You can request printed or emailed certificates anytime you want them.

● Did you share a bull or sell semen from a bull?

- A sire authorization form must be submitted to allow members without ownership access to the bull. As of January 1, 2021, there is a \$50 fee per sire authorization (linked herds are included in same fee). If a member prefers, they can set the bull up for public access for a one-time \$100 fee. The AI approval fee for imported bulls is \$400.

Member Service FAQs & Tips for Fast Service



Importing animals, semen or embryos? Here are some tips.

Imported genetics need to meet Canadian Angus Association registration requirements. To avoid processing delays:

- Submit the import request on the CAA application for import form with the \$75 animal import fee
- Provide proof of ownership and proof of legal import from CFIA
- CAA will contact the association of origin for parentage verification information (a \$15 fee may apply). You may need to arrange for a DNA sample for the animal or its parents to be submitted if information is incomplete or unavailable.

How do I submit DNA samples?

- Hair, blood, tissue, and semen are all accepted
- All samples must be clearly labelled with complete tattoo information to avoid processing delays and extra charges
- Hair cards are provided to members at no cost, courtesy of CAA. Samples must be fixed to these bar-coded cards or each loose hair sample will be assessed a lab processing fee of \$4.
- DNA samples that are not labelled or that are submitted to the lab without a DNA test request are subject to a fee of \$54. These samples impact the lab turnaround times for all samples.
- Blood cards and tissue sampling units (TSUs) can be ordered from CAA

Canadian Angus Association Parentage Verification Policy Update

All sires born on or after January 1, 2019 must have a DNA parentage profile on record with CAA showing parentage verification (to both sire and dam) before their offspring can be registered.

How long does it take to get my DNA results?

- Our lab, Neogen Canada, aims to report all DNA test results, including genetic condition testing, parentage verification testing, Angus GS testing, and coat colour tests, within 21 calendar days of the sample arriving at the lab
- GEPDs and Genomic Percentile Ranks from Angus GS tests require an additional 2–6 weeks to be incorporated into our monthly genetic evaluations after the tests are complete
- To verify that your DNA sample arrived at the lab and find your estimated date for results, check the DNA Portal on our website at www.cdnangus.ca/dna-portal

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How can I get Angus tags?

- To order Canadian Angus RFID tags, call CCIA at 1-877-909-2333 or order online at www.tags.canadaid.ca. As of May 31, 2019, Angus RFID tags are sold through CCIA and are no longer available direct from CAA.
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BC Junior Angus Report

Sarah MacDonald, BCJAA President and CJA British Columbia Director

Hello there! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer! The Junior Angus Associations, both British Columbia and Canadian, have had a busy summer and have lots of exciting news to share!

The Canadian Junior Angus Association was excited to be back hosting Showdown in Olds, AB on August 26 & 27 and were able to embrace a new opportunity, “Hybrid Style” Showdown! Several competitions including literature, photography and graphic design were completed in an online format prior to the event and then confirmation classes, showmanship, team grooming and the Angus cook-off took place in Olds. We saw over 100 Juniors participate and about 135 head of cattle make the trek to Olds! The turnout was incredible and it was exciting to reconnect with our Junior ‘family’. 4 participants represented British Columbia in Olds this year!

GOAL Conference is scheduled for February 19-21, 2022 in Toronto, ON. Stay tuned for further details, registration and travel bursaries to become available in the near future!

The BC Junior Angus Association hosted their “Marketing Matters” Zoom Webinar in the spring where they welcomed 3 incredible guest speakers. Firstly, Kevin Boon, BC Cattlemen’s Association General Manager, spoke about personal branding and how to build a positive rapport both in the cattle industry and as you move through life. Next, Cody Stewart spoke about how he direct markets grass-fed beef at Square One Ranch and offered some advice for anyone interested in direct marketing. Finally, Wayne Jordan from BC Livestock Co-Op shared some of the different options available for marketing live cattle across western Canada. For those that missed out, the webinar recording can be viewed on the BC Angus Association website.

Just recently, BCJAA welcomed 3 new directors. I would personally like to welcome Lexi Augustine, Hanna Fitchett and Jordan Bapty to the Board of Directors. As well, I would like to thank our outgoing directors, Alana Higgins and Cache Clemitson, for their hard work and dedication to our organization. I am excited to welcome the new executive to their positions and have great faith in them! The executive is as follows:

Wade MacDonald, President
Shawna Williams, Vice-President
Riley Bapty, Secretary
Jordan Bapty, Junior Representative

Finally, I will be stepping down from the position of President and the Board of Directors. I became President in December 2018 and have seen this organization evolve in so many positive ways since. Our membership has grown exponentially and our Angus enthusiastic youth have had the opportunity to network at Angus events across the country. A definite highlight of my term was attending GOAL Conference 2020 in Calgary where we had 17 delegates from BC, making close to 1/3 of the delegates hailing from British Columbia! I am excited to pass on the presidency to Wade and continue to watch as the Board of Directors represent the Angus industry! I will stay on as the CJA British Columbia Director, with my term ending in 2023.

As always, if you have any questions/concerns please reach out to any of the directors! Regular updates for both the BCJAA and CJA can be found on Instagram, Facebook or the organization’s websites. Wishing everyone a successful fall and I look forward to seeing you all down the road!

Best regards,
Sarah MacDonald, BCJAA President & CJA British Columbia Director



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Opportunities for Young People to Get Involved

Young Cattlemen's Council

Undeniably, day to day life requires a lot of our attention and energy. There are some days that you're thriving, and other days heading to the grocery store can feel like the breaking point. In a world where we are constantly being spread thin over different directions, you may feel it would be hard to dedicate time to volunteer and get involved in one more thing. But, we need to make time for things that are important and matter to us.

Young people in particular are in over-drive trying to live up to expectations and are having to choose their time wisely. One of the most important things to prioritize is yourself... but, often focusing on yourself can have significant benefits to others as well. When you take time to pursue something that interests you, it can lead to a lot of opportunities.

How do I get involved?

Any industry, organization, club etc. started off with a group of people thinking to themselves, "I have something that I am interested in that I would like to develop further in my life", and they took a step forward. You may feel underqualified or too far removed from something to get involved, but so long as you are intentional in pursuing your interest, everything else can be learned. The Canadian Cattlemen's Association's (CCA) Young Cattlemen's Council (YCC) is made up of young people who considered these thoughts before getting involved. We know that initially it can be extremely uncomfortable getting involved in something without knowing the outcome, but we guarantee it can be one of the most rewarding experiences you will have.

Before getting involved, reflect on what matters most to you, and what it is that you would like to do, develop and achieve. Our group for example, is made up of young people who wanted to serve the cattle industry and gain skills to serve on a board of directors and advocate for the cattle industry. So, how can you start to serve the industry you are passionate about? YCC Delegates have some input on how to take the first step. Susan Hamilton (YCC Atlantic Delegate) did not grow up on a beef ranch, but it was something that she wanted to learn more about. She began looking for industry events like workshops, field days and conferences to start meeting people. Martin Clausen (YCC Alberta Delegate) suggests young people ask a farmer for a tour of their operation or attend a cattle sale in your area to network with like-minded people. You even can call upon your provincial cattlemen's or breed association and ask questions or for potential opportunities to get involved in the industry. Jessica Sperber (YCC Member at Large Delegate from Alberta) offers advice in stating that, "You may find that your passion for the industry will lead you in the conversations and interactions that you have with others. Write down on a piece of paper the reasons why you feel uncomfortable with getting involved, and then brainstorm ways in which to overcome those reasons. Some people are uncomfortable in a crowd setting because they feel their knowledge of the industry is not sufficient compared to others. If that pertains to you, realize that the majority of the people that you interact with in the industry are wanting you to succeed! Don't be afraid to ask questions, they would be happy to answer... you will meet a lot of like-minded individuals, and they will help you to grow and succeed."

Why should I get involved?

What is in it for me? Acts of service should be rewarding, not done begrudgingly. One of the great things about volunteering and getting involved, is that there is always an opportunity and all kinds of ways to serve if you are struggling to find the time or find gratification in what you are doing. But once you decide you would be interested in getting involved, an entire suite of benefits become available to you. The agriculture industry is incredibly special in that it not only helps you gain experience for your career, but it is an opportunity to join a community and create relationships that will create value to your life as a whole.

One of the greatest outcomes of reaching out and getting involved is the value of mentorship. If you are ever looking for guidance or encouragement, the networking opportunities that you gain can have an immense impact. It is important when you are a young person to have someone in your life you can look up to that can give you perspective on the challenges you are facing and encourage you towards your potential. “I didn’t grow up in agriculture, but decided to expand my interest and jump in with both feet. Something that has made a huge impact on my time in the industry has been mentorship,” says Carley Henniger (YCC Member at Large Rep from BC). “I am incredibly fortunate to have Bob Lowe of the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association as a mentor. He has shown me how diverse the cattle industry is and how I can find my place in it. He made it clear that my interests matter to him and has pointed me in the right directions to excel in both my career and my personal life.”

Another benefit of getting involved is having a voice for other young people around you. The beef industry is constantly improving, growing and adapting. Participating is a great opportunity to direct things in the way you believe would make a stronger industry. Chances are, you already have so many valuable qualities and amazing things to contribute due to your own personal knowledge and unique experiences. Young people who participate in industry organizations can also expect to gain valuable life skills such as critical thinking, professionalism, how to interact and collaborate with different people, establish relationships and network, and have the opportunity to constantly be learning something new. “I am proud to be a part of this community as I feel very welcomed to be a part of the industry. This industry is as much of a people-industry as it is a beef industry!”, says Holly Sparrow, YCC Saskatchewan Delegate. “Going to conferences, meetings, and events in the industry has always been valuable time spent as I know I will be coming home with another idea for the ranch. People are so willing to help one another out, bring ideas to the table. What’s better than talking about cows with someone who also shares the same passion?!”

How do we expand?

Agriculture as a whole is not just an industry, it is a way of life- everyone has to have a spot at the table. Those of us who are already involved in the industry need to move forward with “the door is open, come as you are” type approach in welcoming people to join us. Some people, particularly young people, often feel unwelcome and intimidated getting involved. But it is also imperative to note that the older generation of ranchers and those already involved are eager to include youth opinion and are looking for ways to engage new people. So, how can we connect the two?

Those of us involved can help bridge gaps by inviting young people to sit in on meetings and observe or invite them to join us for a ranch tour, or simply ask for their opinion on something and engage in conversation. Being open about our needs as an industry and our successes and challenges may help us to create meaningful relationships and attract people with new ideas and a keen attitude to contribute.

To our fellow young people, please take heart that you are important and valuable and have so much to offer. You are welcome here, and we hope that you will consider serving with us. To our industry leaders, thank you for setting an example for us to follow and offering your advice and guidance. This industry is made up of all kinds of people from all different walks of life, but so long as we continue to care about our community we will move forward together.

If you are considering getting involved, or simply want to talk to other young people in our industry, all of our delegates are more than happy to speak with you. You can get to know each of us on the YCC Meet the Executive page on our website at www.youngcattlemencouncil.com and can reach out to the CCA Youth Leadership Coordinator, Jessica Giles at gilesj@cattle.ca.





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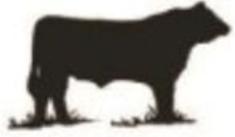
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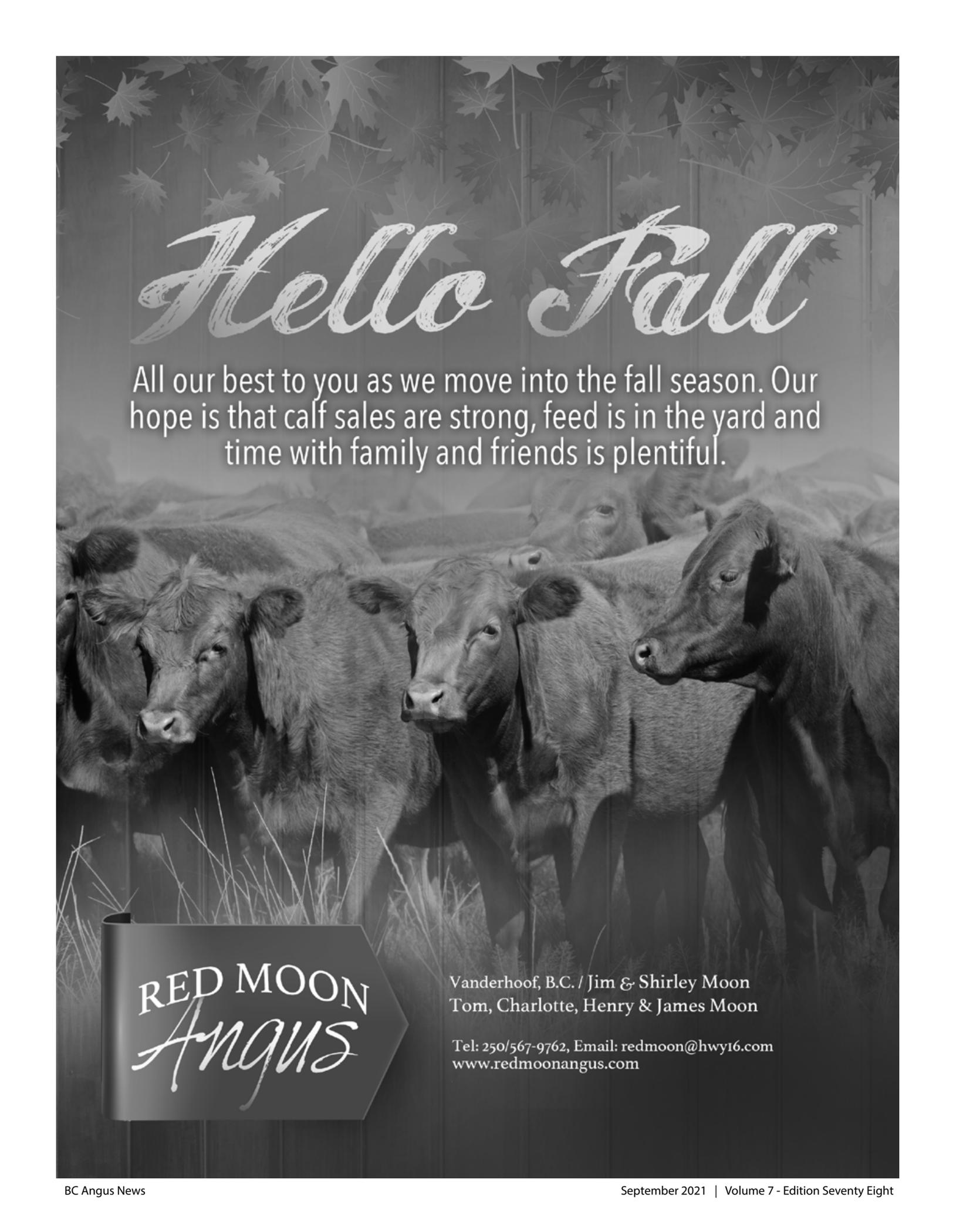
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