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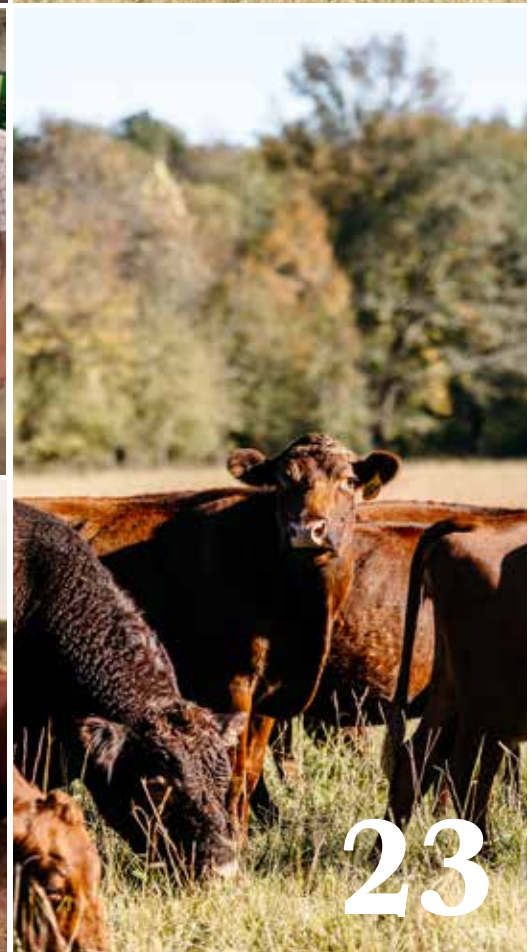
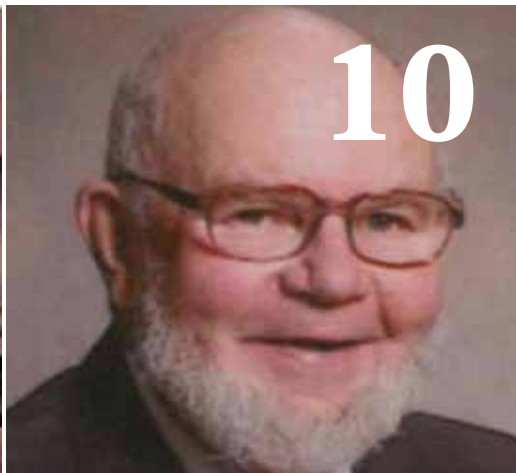


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President's Message

Greetings,

I pray that summer has been kind to all and hay season has been productive. Here in Tennessee, we experienced the driest spring and one of the wettest Julys in my memory. Both created challenges to which farmers and ranchers had to adapt.

In the last Journal, I encouraged everyone to support the youth in our Junior Preview Show in Kankakee, Illinois. The show was a big success, in my opinion. Attendance was good, the cattle looked great, and the kids had a really good time competing and growing in their journey to become good competent cattlemen. My wife and I recruited four local kids that had shown sheep, but never calves, to show our six entries. These kids worked hard and were given the opportunity to experience the many reasons we love our red cows. I would particularly like to thank Barbara Soucy, Teresa Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fritz for hosting and organizing the show. Job very well done!

Please put these important dates on your calendars. October 22-24 is our National meeting and sale in Lexington, Tennessee. Red polls are scheduled to show at NAILE on November 18 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Kentucky Beef Expo Show and Sale is March 6, 2027.

I would encourage everyone to select some good offerings for the National sale in Lexington, Tennessee. Last year we broke some records with prices. Let's keep the momentum going! Remember, it takes all of us promoting our breed for it to reach its potential.

See you in October!

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Gordon E. Jackson of rural Parker City, Indiana, 87 years of age, passed away at home surrounded by the love of his family June 8, 2026.

Born to Carl and Dorothy Jackson on December 29, 1938, Gordon spent his early years helping on the farm and tending to the herd of Red Poll cattle and other jobs around the farm. Gordon participated in 4-H from 1949 to 1958 and later served as an adult 4H leader from 1961 until 2020 and he learned by doing and tried to make the best better his entire life.

Gordon graduated from Green Township High School in 1956 and the Indiana Business College in 1957. He worked at the A&P Grocery from 1956 until 1966. Later, he worked at the Davis-Purdue Ag Center from 1966-2003 where he recorded the daily weather for 37 years.

Gordon also belonged to the Indiana Red Poll Breeders Association, serving as the Secretary Treasurer for over 30 years. He served as the Red Poll Breed manager at the Indiana State Fair for over 30 years as well. His memberships also included the Eastern Indiana Livestock Breeders Association and the Green Township Alumni Association. He served in the Indiana National Guard from 1957 to 1963. He belonged to the Delaware East Camp of Gideons International for several years.

In 1986 Gordon became a Certified Lay Pastor in the United Methodist Church and for 36 years served and led the congregations at many area churches.

Gordon married the love of his life, Lillie "Marie" Rockhill on August 21, 1960 and enjoyed nearly 66 years of marriage. Together Gordon and Marie had 3 sons and 1 daughter. Andy of Houston, Texas, Joe of Warren, Indiana, Jim of Farmland, Indiana, and Dawn and her husband Chuck Nunan of Madison, Indiana. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Megan Jackson, Skyler and Kiersten Jackson, Kendra and Jefferson Pike, Alex and McKensy Nunan, Lindsay and Conner Ray and 8 great-grandchildren, Malcolm, Stevie, Myla, Sabrina, Whyatt, Adalynne, Evelyn and Thomas.

Also surviving are sister Bonnie Egdell of Ligonier, Indiana, brother Rollin Jackson of Ridgeville, Indiana and sister-in-law Teresa Jackson of Greensfork, Indiana as well as several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Gordon in death were parents Carl and Dorothy Jackson, brothers Floyd and Bill Jackson and great-grandson Jackson Pike.

Gordon wanted everyone to know that his life had been a success. He loved his fellow man, helped all to grow spiritually and made us laugh.



Albert James Hancock

Loving husband of Dorothy, cherished father & father-in-law of Andrew & Michelle and Rachael & Adam, adored Grandad of Brian, Beth, Heidi and a much loved brother & brother-in-law of Gilbert, Ellen, Mary & Graham (both deceased), Priscilla (deceased) and Margaret & Stephen.



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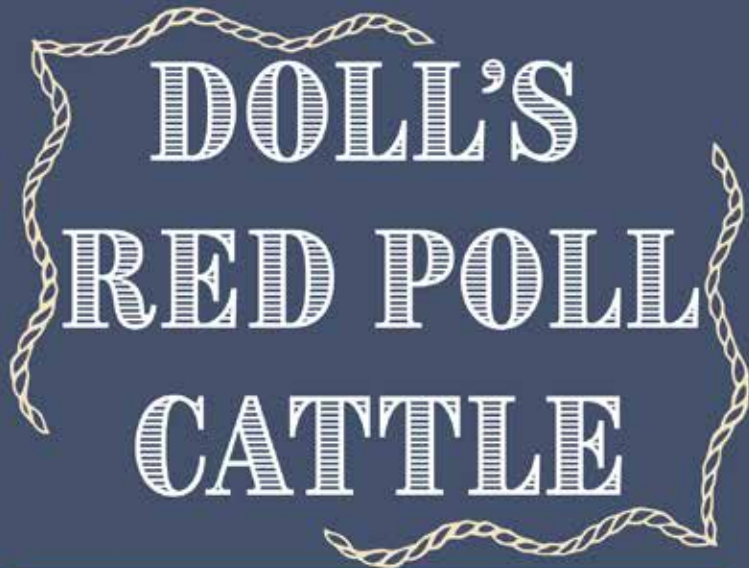


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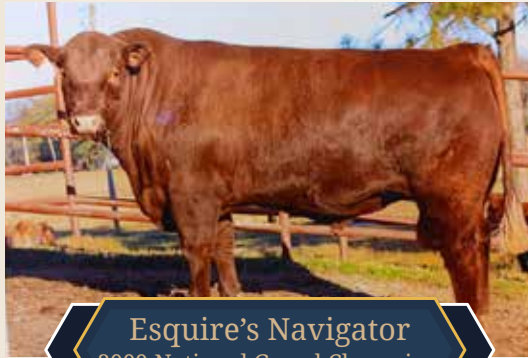
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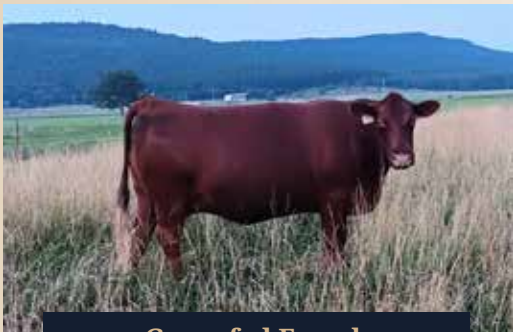
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A Lifetime of Livestock and a Legacy of Love: Miles, Memories and Red Poll Cattle

Submitted By: Keri Hamilton



When Max Crain purchased his first Red Poll cattle alongside his grandfather, Stephen Laur, in 1950, he wasn't simply building a herd. He was building a family tradition that, more than seven decades later, continues to shape the lives of his family. Egyptian Farms of Sesser, Illinois, was formed.

When Max's grandfather first bought some Red Poll cattle in 1950, Max had previously only raised cattle for his 4-H projects. The first year of showing didn't go well, as they had taken the cattle straight from the field to the fair. The first show earned them \$1.50 in prize money. Max was ready to quit and told his grandpa he was ready to go home. His grandpa persisted, and the next show brought \$12.00 total in prize money. Max was still ready to quit. However, they went to more shows and finally left a show with \$100.00. They were both happy about this, and his grandpa told Max he had learned something, too. Upon asking what he meant, his grandpa replied, "We've gotta

get better cattle." Max said that since 1950, that is exactly what Egyptian Farms has strived to do.

In addition to learning the importance of not giving up that summer, Max also learned that the further into summer they were, the better the cattle did at shows. At this time, Max's mother, Alreva Crain, stepped in to help with the operation. Following that, his daughter Meindy's husband, Glenn Hamilton, began to help run the farm. Their boys, Doug and Dusty, were eager to join as they grew.

The boys have many fond memories of traveling the country with Max, affectionately known as Pap to them. They put many miles on the old "Red Ox" Ford one-ton truck, going to state fairs in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Minnesota, as well as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Texas. Max came a long way after that initial \$1.50 in prize money. Just to name a few accomplishments,



their bull Pay-Way was the 1982 Reserve Grand Champion at the International Livestock Show. In 1992, they had the National Champion bull and female at the Louisville North American Show. Out of ten head there, eight brought first place and two placed second. From 1987–1992, they had National Champion or Reserve National Champion bulls or females.

Once Max retired from the Department of Conservation, he spent his winters down South in Florida and Georgia, where he continued to show cattle. Max knew people in just about every state. A local article written about him in 1985 described him as patient and easygoing, very experienced in his craft, and mentioned his sparkling blue eyes. He was outgoing, friendly, and easy to talk to. He made sure to attend most local fairs in southern Illinois. Max also consigned his cattle to state and national sales. He was still very involved with his herd up to his passing in 2020.

His grandsons, Doug, with children Brantley and Kenzie, and Dusty, with children Harper and Archer, later took over his operation with the expectation that they always have at least 18 head of Red Poll cattle. Today, they have 25, with more on the way.

His great-grandson, Brantley Hamilton, began showing Red Polls in 2022 when he was just 11 years old. His heifer, Red, placed third in her class in the AOB show. He is honored to continue his Pap's legacy, as they had a special relationship. Brantley was able to walk their cattle through the show ring when they consigned to the National Red Poll Sale in Tennessee in 2025. He was then able to attend the Red Poll Junior Show in Kankakee this summer with three head of cattle. His younger sister, Kenzie, was thrilled to show for the first time at 7 years old. She was awarded Grand Champion in Peewee Showmanship. Pap's great-grandchildren are very much looking forward to future shows and traveling with Paw Paw Glenn, just like their dad did with his Pap.

In closing, Max often measured success by more than banners or championship titles. It was found in the quiet early mornings in the barn, long miles down the highway, conversations at county fairs, and the pride of watching another generation lead Red Poll cattle into the show ring. Today, his grandsons and great-grandchildren continue that tradition at Egyptian Farms, proving that while a great cattleman may be gone, the legacy he built is very much alive.



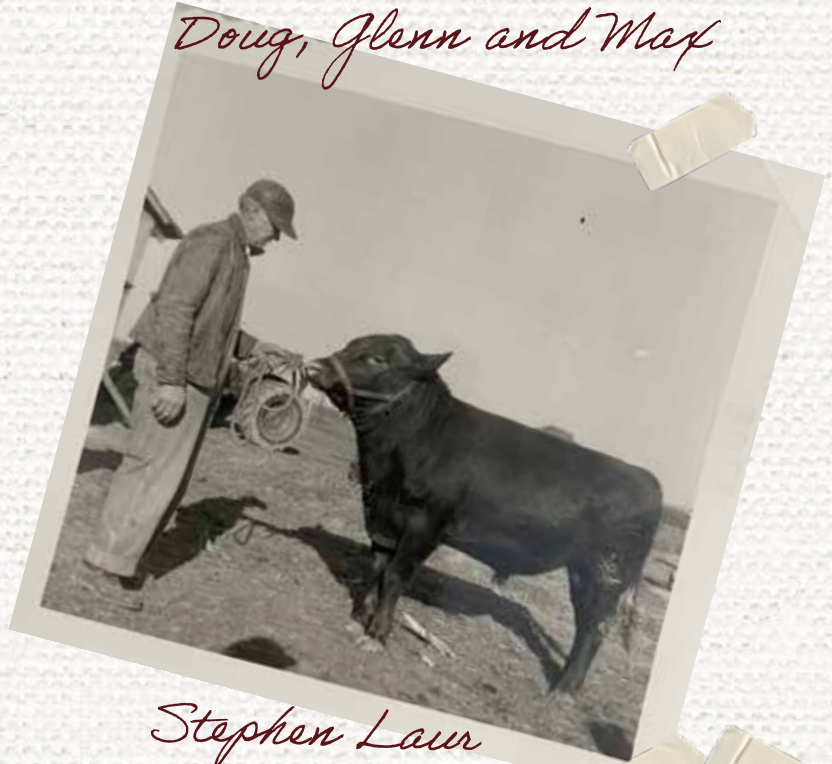
Through the
years...



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Max



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82nd National Red Poll Meeting & Sale

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Thursday

Noon-6 p.m. | Cattle arrive
6 p.m. | Consignor meeting
7 p.m. | ARPA Board meeting

Friday

10 a.m. | Annual Meeting followed by lunch
7 p.m. | Banquet

Saturday

11 a.m. | Lunch provided
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Malcolm Ray — 5 Generations of Red Poll Cattle

My name is Malcolm Ray. Some people call me Mac! This summer was my fourth year showing as a Red Poll Junior Member. I am the 5th generation in my family to show Red Poll Cattle. My grandpa, Jim Jackson, owns Jackson Farms in Farmland, Indiana. I think it's awesome that I get to continue this family tradition, and I hope to keep it going into the next generation!

This coming school year, I will be in 6th grade in Portland, Indiana. I have been in 4H for three years now. I also like to play basketball and football. For fun I go camping and race go-karts with my family.

I wasn't able to show at my county fair this year, because

the Junior show was on the same day. My parents let me choose which show I wanted to go to. I picked the Red Poll Junior Show, because it's something I look forward to every year. I always have so much fun showing my heifer, and I also like seeing friends and people I don't get to see much. I had never been to Illinois before, so it was fun to visit a new state too.

I want to be an Engineer when I grow up. I would like to go to Purdue University for college. I plan to keep showing Red Poll Cattle for as long as I can. Thank you for taking time to read about me!





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Legends in the Making

Junior National Preview Show

By Barbara (Jackson) Soucy

On June 26, 27 and 28 the American Junior Red Poll Association hosted the annual Junior Preview Show in Kankakee, IL. This year's theme was "Legends in the Making." Thirteen Junior Members attended and showed 16 cattle from 5 states; Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana.

This summer, we recognize the past Legends of Red Poll Breeders and celebrate the future of the Red Poll Breed by bringing together this amazing group of Junior Members. We would like to thank our judge, Jon Freed of Fairbury, IL, for examining our collection of cattle and donating his time and expertise to the AJRPA.

The weekend would not have been possible without the wonderful support of the Red Poll Breeders, friends of the Red Poll Association and local business in Kankakee County. We would like to thank the Kankakee County Fairgrounds for allowing us to use their facility over the three days. Thank you to Becky Ebersole and Justin Platt for leading the Junior Members to ensure they have opportunities to continue representing the Red Poll Breed at various shows throughout the year.

As we move into the future, my hope is that the Junior Members and their families will strive to become part of the legendary history of the Red Poll Breed. Each member is valued to carry on the high-quality beef production long into the future fostering the genetic balance we admire in the Red Poll cattle and creating the future Legends.

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 Thank you to the families who attended and donated to the Silent Auction
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 Main meals were made by Jimmy Jo's BBQ and Monical's Pizza.

Thank you to Brent Raines for another spectacular job announcing the show. Brent dedicated the show in Remembrance of Gordon Jackson who passed away in early June. Gordon Jackson was a Legendary Indiana Red Poll breeder and leader for American Red Poll Association, raising Red Polls outside of Parker City, IN.

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New Officers

President – Luke Jones, OH
 Vice President – Andrea Weaver, IN
 Secretary/Treasurer – Audrey McNamara, IN

Bull Show:

Grand Champion: Tailyn Turner with LC Luke Skywalker
 Reserve Grand Champion: Colt Turner with LC Jesse James

Heifer Show:

Senior Calf Champion: Silas Raines with SBF Rhonda
 Reserve Calf Champion: Andrea Weaver with JF TG Crystal
 Intermediate Champion: Audrey McNamara with Shuter's Nellie
 Reserve Intermediate Champion: Luke Jones with Red Oak LJ
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Junior Champion: Bristol Turner with LC Liza
 Reserve Junior Champion: Andrea Weaver with JF TG Jenny
 Senior Champion: Malcolm Ray with Egyptian Pauline
 Reserve Senior Champion: Tailyn Turner with LC Louise
 Grand Champion Female: Silas Raines with SBF Rhonda
 Reserve Grand Champion Female: Audrey McNamara with Shuter's Nellie

Best 2 Head and Pair of Females: Silas Raines

Senior Showman: Andrea Weaver
 Intermediate Showman: Audrey McNamara
 Junior Showman: Ainsley McNamara
 Adult Showman: Justin Platt
 PeeWee Showman: Kenzie Hamilton
 Showman of Showmen: Audrey McNamara

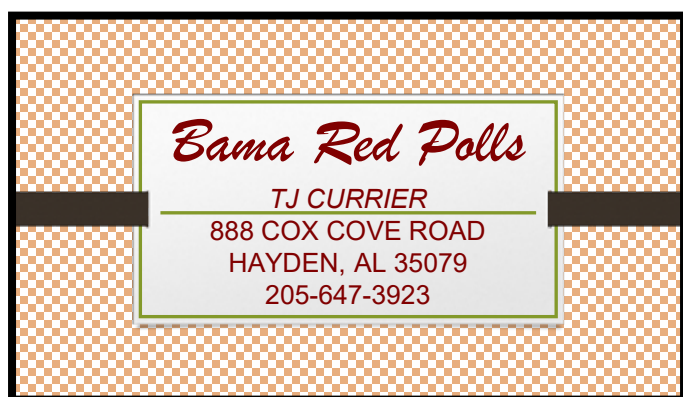
Trivia: Andrea Weaver, Audrey McNamara, Tailyn Turner, Malcolm Ray and Kenzie Hamilton

Photo Contest:

Senior: Luke Jones
 Intermediate: Silas Raines
 Junior: Mackenzie Young and Madison Young

Congratulations Exhibitors!





**First time purchasers of Red Polls / new Members of ARPA:
Mar 21, 26 – Jul 16, 26**

G and A Farm
Newark, AR

Wayne Karges
Convoy, OH

William Witcher
Dahlonga, GA

Nolan Parks (JR)
York, SC

Josh Hendricks
Fairfield, IA

TBCH Ranch
Millington, TN

Nathan McClure
Elizabethtown, KY

Sadie Byrd
Linden, TN

Blaine Martin
Lawrenceburg, KY

Colt Turner (JR)
Covington, TN

Smith Family Farm
Webster, KY

Bristol Turner (JR)
Covington, TN

Jeremy Land
Pierce City, MO

Tailyn Turner (JR)
Covington, TN

Rook Turner (JR)
Covington, TN

Welcome to ARPA!



Upcoming Events

October 22-24

National Meeting and Sale
Lexington, TN, See Page 17 for Schedule

November

National Red Poll Show
Louisville, KY, Show Wednesday November 18 at 8 a.m.

November 15

Winter Journal submission deadline

March 2027

Kentucky Beef Expo, Schedule TBD

March 15 2027

Spring Journal submission deadline

June/July 2027

Junior Preview Show
Location abd Date TBD

August 2027

Indiana State Fair Open Red Poll Show, Indianapolis IN
Schedule TBD

August 2027

Kentucky State Fair Open Red Poll Show, Louisville KY
Schedule TBD

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Deadlines For Submissions and Payments
Winter Journal - November 15, 2025
Spring Journal - March 15, 2026
Fall Journal - July 15, 2026

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