



Stock Report

FEBRUARY 2019

Featuring Our 2019 Cattleman's Advantage Bull Sale

Keeping the faith . . . in Faith, South Dakota!

by Tom and Sherry Wulff

When asked recently what he appreciates most about Van Dyke Angus Ranch, without hesitation, Brian Harper responded, "The bulls or the people?" Well, that set the stage for a great conversation with one of our faithful, long-time buyers.



Brian and Darci Harper...faithful friends who appreciate "the bulls AND the people" at Van Dyke Angus!

Hailing from Faith, South Dakota, Brian and his wife Darci, a nurse practitioner, have followed their passion since the early 1990's in developing a successful commercial cattle operation that is still going strong. Born and raised 20 miles from Faith, Harper grew up on a ranch and also enjoyed helping his grandparents at their place. His roots ran deep in agriculture from these experiences so after moving a couple different places, Brian returned to his hometown and started his cattle operation.

Harper's connection to VDAR began in 2004 when he attended his first sale in Manhattan, Montana, with neighbor, Lynn Williams. He rode along to see what it was all about and liked the bulls and has stayed with them ever since. Harper values the honesty of the Van Dyke operation as well as the guarantee. Calling Lee Van Dyke his mentor, Brian attributes much of his success in the



Jade and Dace Harper, brothers with a flair for auctioneering.



The happy Harper crew of kids and grandkids.

cattle business to Lee's help and guidance along the way. Brian stated, "I appreciate Lee steering me in the right direction and always offering bulls that make the best cows." He continued, "I've just been really satisfied. I noticed after 4 or 5 years, the uniformity and consistency in our cattle had gotten really good. Better to fill the ring with a pot load of calves that are uniform than a bunch that aren't!"

The Harpers start calving their heifers March 10, followed by the cows on April 1. Brian states, "We live in some of the best grass country in the world. It can be really good, but at times it can be really tough." He goes on to say "We've learned that during the good times, we put up as much hay as we can in preparation for the tough times. Calving later in the spring can help prevent problems with winter extremes." Harper sure knows what he's talking about because as we write this newsletter, the Faith area is expecting -30 to -40 degree weather!

The Harpers typically market their cattle through Faith Livestock Auction special sales and are often at the top of the market. A few years ago when the market took a downturn, Brian decided to finish his calves and sell them on the rail. It turned out to be a very successful venture. However, the next year, he did the same with a far different result. He admits that it hasn't always been easy over the years and stated humbly that "you learn a lesson every year in the cattle business." Brian continued that he

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OUR MISSION: Provide breeding stock that increases our customers profitability! We demand our cowherd calve in a 42 day season without exception. This one management strategy dictates that our cowherd become highly **UNIFORM, FERTILE & FUNCTIONAL!** These factors allow our customers to add significant **VALUE** to their programs!

We invite you to join us for our...

ANNUAL BULL SALE

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

SELLING 150 BULLS!

12:30 P.M. at our ranch near Manhattan, MT

2019 Offering Features Calves Sired By:

- VDAR Sonny Boy 1194
- VDAR Cedar Wind 8111
- VDAR Cedar Wind 5126
- VDAR Showdown 7236
- VDAR Winston 2165
- VDAR Black Train 1243
- VDAR Stout 1623
- VDAR Wulffs Altitude

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CATALOG

Available **February 7th** at www.vdar.com or contact Sherry Wulff to request a mailed copy 406.580.4646 iwillrejoice2014@gmail.com

VIDEOS

Available **February 10th** on YouTube at: "2019 VDAR Cattleman's Advantage Bull Sale"

ABSENTEE BIDDING

Can't attend in person?

- Contact VDAR to secure your bids
- Sale-Day Conference call:

Contact Sherry Wulff at 406.580.4646 prior to sale day to pre-register.

DVAuction
Broadcasting Real-Time Auctions

Watch and bid LIVE online: www.dvauction.com

- Create an account
- Apply for bidding 24 hours in advance
- Tune in on sale day, Feb 28th, 12:30 MT



VDAR Showdown 4188

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085034	2	+1.8	53	95	24

Sire: VDAR Showdown 7236

Dam: V D A R Elluna 5855

MGS: Wulffs Ext 6106



V D A R Sonny Boy 3288

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19136570	4	+2.2	66	119	22

Sire: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194

Dam: V D A R Beauty 5325

MGS: Koupal Juneau 797



VDAR Cedar Wind 4628

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085044	13	+2	53	93	29

Sire: V D A R Cedar Wind 8111

Dam: V D A R Elluna 5858

MGS: V D A R Black Train 1243



V D A R Cedar Wind 3228

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19169805	11	-1.0	63	117	24

Sire: V D A R Cedar Wind 5126

Dam: V D A R Lass 6366

MGS: V D A R Churchill 1063



VDAR Winston 4118

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085117	7	+9	52	89	26

Sire: V D A R Winston 2165

Dam: VDAR Lass 6421

MGS: V D A R Stout 1623



V D A R Cedar Butte 3568

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19131254	7	+2.3	65	114	26

Sire: VDAR Wulffs Cedar Butte 542

Dam: V D A R Pride 0376

MGS: V D A R Hero 6337



VDAR Sonny Boy 4518

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085090	5	+2.9	58	103	17

Sire: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194
 Dam: ECC Mix Wix 1107-408
 MGS: V D A R Cedar Wind 8111



V D A R Showdown 3118

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19136559	9	+1	62	108	22

Sire: VDAR Showdown 7236
 Dam: V D A R Rita 4317
 MGS: V D A R Alliance 4368



VDAR Sonny Boy 4638

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085095	3	+2.8	56	93	20

Sire: VDAR Sonny Boy 1194
 Dam: V D A R Lass 5887
 MGS: V D A R Black Cedar 8380



V D A R Sonny Boy 3258

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19136568	9	-2	54	97	17

Sire: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194
 Dam: V D A R Beauty 4321
 MGS: Koupal Juneau 797



VDAR Sonny Boy 4848

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085108	-2	+4.2	61	105	20

Sire: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194
 Dam: V D A R Elluna 2546
 MGS: V D A R CS Emulation 846



V D A R Black Train 3598

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19136591	2	+1.9	63	112	26

Sire: V D A R Black Train 1243
 Dam: V D A R Polly 4380
 MGS: KA Black Cedar 080



VDAR Hero's Pride 4548

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085040	4	+3.3	52	81	28

Sire: Crook Mt Hero 116
 Dam: V D A R Lass 3153
 MGS: Crook Mt Windy 17



V D A R Mirror Image 3268

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19136569	-1	+4.0	63	100	32

Sire: W R A Mirror Image T10
 Dam: V D A R Lass 3354
 MGS: V D A R Really Windy 4097



VDAR Sonny Boy 4688

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085046	12	-5	39	65	35

Sire: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194
 Dam: CVR Lass 7340
 MGS: Hero 6267 of R R 2418



V D A R Showdown 3368

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19136577	6	+9	53	99	26

Sire: VDAR Showdown 7236
 Dam: V D A R Forever Lady 5356
 MGS: Koupal Juneau 797



VDAR Showdown 4908

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085014	9	+6	46	87	24

Sire: VDAR Showdown 7236
 Dam: V D A R Lass 9708
 MGS: Crook Mt Really Windy 141



VDAR Stout 4538

AAA	CE	BW	WW	YW	M
19085091	-3	+4.5	65	111	15

Sire: V D A R Stout 1623
 Dam: VDAR Black Belle 6445
 MGS: V D A R Sonny Boy 1194



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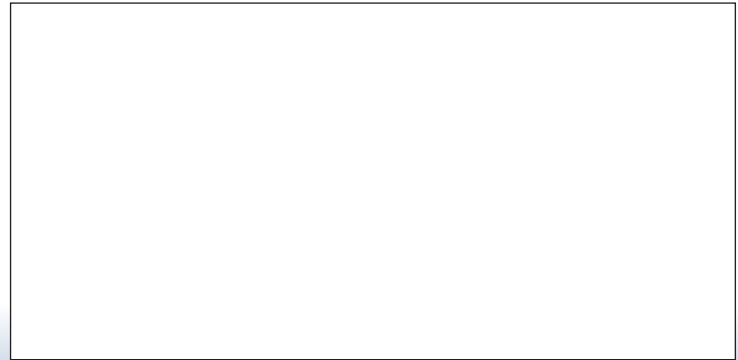
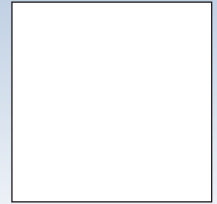
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believes everybody in the cattle business should feed out their own cattle at least once to learn what your cattle can do.

The Harpers older two sons, Dace and Jade, developed that same love for the cattle industry, while their younger two sons, Jess, 14, and Drew, 13, are all about sports including basketball, football and rodeo.

Dace, 32, became co-partner of Faith Livestock Auction in June of 2017, taking over an historic operation that was established in 1938. Dace and his wife, Jodi, also keep busy with their two children, Macy and Dillon.

Next in line, Jade, 30, is a jack of all trades and has recently begun auctioneering, so this talent must run in the family. Jade and his wife, Katy, also have two children, Levi and Leah.

Although a quiet man, Harper certainly perked up at the end of our visit when he excitedly commented, "Ever since Lee sent me pictures of the bulls, all I can think about is getting out there and seeing them!" That statement sums up Brian's connection and relationship with VDAR as we're all in the business of helping one another produce the best cattle possible!

Just as Brian Harper appreciates "the bulls and the people" of Van Dyke Angus, we are grateful for this cattleman from Faith for his "faithfulness" and dedication to our operation!



Jess and Drew Harper are loving life as they spend time ranching and rodeoing.