

# MONTANA SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION

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## SUMMING UP A BUSY SUMMER

Logan, Kelsey and Steele Friedly

Hello everyone, I apologize for the postponed delivery on this letter. Summer has been a busy one and the month of August seems to always take the cake, on running around like a chicken with our heads cut off. I thought I would take this shortage of time I had to interview someone and introduce

Logan and I.

Logan and I have both always had a passion for cattle. I grew up in a family that through

generations, had gone out of the ranching business, but I was lucky enough to have parents that supported my love of horses. Throughout high school, I started colts, drove a stagecoach giving tours, and rode a lot of nice horses... I had plans of pursuing a career in equine genetics but found myself in cosmetology school to support my expensive hobbies, instead. The genetics passion never left, I just found after moving on a ranch and focusing more on the cows

themselves, instead of using them to work young horses on, I discovered how much I loved them. I decided to go to an A.I. school and wound up getting a job offer from the school itself. I went on to pursue it, and started college doing online studies through Casper Wyoming, in an

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Associate's Degree in Ag Business. Fate would have it, that one of my beloved horses would foal

a colt, that wound up needing weeks of rehab and with multiple bills piling up on him, college had to wait along with my cow breeding career. I still bred the heifers on that ranch, every Spring while I lived on the place and enjoyed it immensely. The cattle have never left my life since, they've just change breeds.

Logan grew up raising cattle some and showed steers in 4H every year. He has some pretty funny tales about surviving

## WORK SCHEDULE THE NEXT MONTHS

I have received emails from some of you with updates for our website. In the next month, when life starts to slow down, I will be taking on the website and will dive in and get everything updated. When I do, I will send out an email, for you all to check out!

I also will be sending out classifieds this month, in an email. Eventually they will be on the site, but for now, you will find them in emails and on Facebook. If you have any animals you would like listed for sale, or semen for sale, please reach out at [friedlyshorthorns@gmail.com](mailto:friedlyshorthorns@gmail.com) and I will get them out there!

fair, with calves that probably could have had a little more handling before the ring.

When we were first married, Logan had a little hobby herd of some black angus and a few baldies. We still laugh, when comparing them to our herd now. We do have a few nice baldies today, however, comparing the docility of our shorthorns, to our old set of cows really hits home on why we love this breed so much!

Today's herd is filled with a few random breeds, we cross on our shorthorn bull and purebreds that go back to some outstanding heritage genetics.

We had moved back to my hometown of Ennis, from Wyoming where Logan is from and decided to take a drive, to get our newborn son to sleep. We had recently sold out of most of our cows, but a handful and were in the market for a bull. As fate would have it, we sold a colt of ours the day before and with cash in hand, we decided we better start calling around to find

one. We had done a lot of research on the shorthorn breed. We both were slightly obsessed with them and decided we needed at least a bull to start with. That day, I'll never forget the wire gate we were parked at, when I googled, Montana Shorthorn breeders, and dialed Wally Klose. The rest is history.

We owe Wally a lot, on supporting us building our herd, helping us make decisions on genetics, as well as becoming a great friend. He is full of endless knowledge on the breed and we are so grateful for all that he has and continues to teach us.

This last week, Logan and I have finally filled our stackyard with feed for winter and we have our first round of 4H steers halter broke and close to being ready for their new homes. We have started the process of leveling dirt for some new working corals too. The next few weeks, we have pens to build, more calves to wean and halter break, road trips for building materials, some vet appointments as well and are

hoping to accomplish it all before the snow flies.

Fire season has taken its toll on our little valley, as the smoke blows in from outside fires as well as the start of a new local one. We are praying for rain and I even do my own version of a rain dance, of course when nobody is watching.

We have a little boy, Steele, who is a year and a half now. He is such a joy. The love for cattle has also been passed on to him. He loves to help and be involved whenever he can be, even when mom and dad don't approve! Such as trying to climb in the steer pen, to play in the water trough. Not sure if it counts, but "moo" was his first word.

We hope that this letter finds everyone well! Until next letter, God bless good cattle and those raising them!

Have a good day friends,  
Kelsey Friedly

