

Students and advisers form long-term relationships

A Lasting Bond

Kyle Colyer came to K-State from Bruneau, Idaho, to get a degree in animal sciences and industry and participate on the livestock judging team. He accomplished both and made some lifelong friendships.

To honor his friendship with Professor Emeritus Miles McKee, Colyer named a prize-winning Hereford bull C Miles McKee 2103 ET. In April, that bull sold at auction for \$600,000, a new world record.

“Dr. McKee is an icon in the beef industry,” said Colyer, who graduated in 2000. “He cares about people and has devoted his lifetime to K-State. I’m proud to say I rubbed elbows with him.”

Colyer remembers showing his parents around campus after graduation ceremonies.

“Most of the offices in Weber Hall were closed, but Dr. McKee was in his office just in case students or their families needed help,” said Colyer. “That shows his devotion to students.”

Scott Schaake was Colyer’s adviser and livestock judging team coach. He also advised Kyle’s sister Katie (BS ’04 animal science), and he has stayed in touch with the family. Both Katie and Kyle joined their father and grandfather in the family business, Colyer Herefords & Angus. Kyle also is an auctioneer, and Katie owns Crystal Clear Productions.

The Colyers contacted Schaake a couple months before the auction to share their plans about naming the bull for McKee.

K-State faculty — including McKee — and students gathered in a classroom to watch the record-breaking auction.

“I knew the bull would sell well, but I didn’t expect it to be the highest selling bull ever,” Kyle Colyer said. “He turned out to be a bull that will make a difference for the

Hereford breed.”

Colyer Herefords & Angus retained one-fourth ownership of the bull. Members of the Miles McKee Syndicate, Dunlap, Iowa, purchased three-quarters of C Miles McKee 2103 ET. Thirty straws of semen will go to K-State’s breeding program.



C Miles McKee Sets World Record

A Hereford bull named C Miles McKee 2103 ET set the world record for a cattle sale, selling for \$600,000. Bred by Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho, the bull sold in Colyer’s bull sale on Feb. 25.

The Miles McKee Syndicate, Dunlap, Iowa, purchased three-quarters interest in the bull. According to the World Record Academy, Miles McKee nearly doubled the previous *Guinness World Record*, which was set in 1980 when a bull sold for \$301,000.

C Miles McKee 2103 ET is a Jan. 11, 2012, son of NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET. The bull was recently named grand champion horned Hereford at the Fort Worth Stock Show. He was also the lead bull in Colyer’s grand champion pen at the 2013 National Western Stock Show.

According to the Colyer family the bull was named after Kansas State University Professor and Legendary Livestock Judge Miles McKee.

“Miles has been an icon in the cattle industry for more than 40

years,” says Guy Colyer. “Both Kyle and Katie, our grown children, graduated from Kansas State and they thought very highly of him as a professor and a mentor. Thus we named the bull after him.”

The Colyer sale averaged \$8,475 on 169 lots. A total of 142 bulls averaged \$9,549 and 27 females, \$2,826. For a report, see Page 80 or visit hereford.com. **HW**



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