



*Jeff & Sheena*

### ***Updates to Jeff and Sheena Cerri's Profile Book :***

In the time since we had our profile books set up to now, close to five years ago, we have had a few changes occur with the main one being our location.

In May of 2020, we relocated to Eureka County on the Hay Ranch which is located south of Carlin, NV. The family ranch has leased this property where we are residing for the next seven years with the option to re-lease for another ten after our current lease is "up". With the way we are operating the family business at this location, we imagine this will most likely take place at that point.

Jeff has now been working for the family ranch for fifteen years now and Sheena is no longer a brand inspector, but rather working employed by the ranch as well.

Our family remains to be the center of our worlds with many of our nieces and nephews graduating or nearing graduation and climbing the ranks in their sports and academics.

In May of 2020, we lost Tom which is Sheena's father during the Covid pandemic and though we mourned/mourn his loss, we find comfort in knowing he is at peace and watching over us daily.

The home we are in now has three bedrooms and sits on close to four hundred thousand acres so there is still plenty of room for little ones to roam and the community here is amazing even if it does only consist of twenty or so families.

Schools and a market are only twenty-five minutes north of us in Carlin and the town of Elko is not far either with plenty of options for medical care, shopping and recreational activities.

In our new community of Pine Valley, we are both on the Volunteer Fire Department as well as CPR Certified. With our volunteer status, we are made available to the REACH, Air Medical Services via their helicopter should emergencies occur within our family since we are forty minutes or so from the nearest hospital.



As we embark on this new adventure we can't help but wonder where this road might lead. We appreciate your decision in considering us more than these words we type can express. We truly believe in our hearts that our paths have crossed for a reason and we are prepared to open our arms, hearts and home to more family members - both children and birth family alike.

Aside from his college years and such, Jeff has lived on the ranch we now reside on since he was three years old. I moved here from Thornton, CA 3 years ago after living on my family's ranch for 31 years. Many of our hobbies involve the outdoors. I am very passionate about raising colts, starting and finishing young horses and investing time into them in attempt to make a show horse.



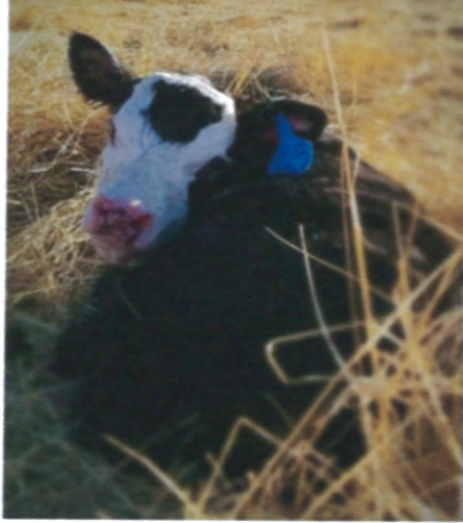
We look forward to branding calves each spring with our neighbors and friends. We also look forward to fall as the cows then begin coming home from spending the summer on the mountain range behind our home and we help neighbors process and ship their calves and preg check their cows during this time also. I'm not sure that there is really even a time of year that we don't like actually. Winters for us are spent feeding cows and calving out heifers then we go right into lambing. We have babies galore by this time of year bouncing around our yard with calves and lambs being checked all through the night to ensure they are healthy when born.

We are very passionate about our ranching lifestyle and look forward to including our children in that. A great amount of our time is spent tending to cattle and their needs and management of which children will be able to be there right along with us whether we are in a pickup, on an ATV or the back of a horse. One thing I absolutely cannot wait to do is to teach our kids to ride horses and provide them with a really good one that they can call their very own.



Some babies of the 2018 lamb crop





Some babies of the 2018 calf crop and a group of cows watering up at the pond that sits in the canyon up Rebel Creek.





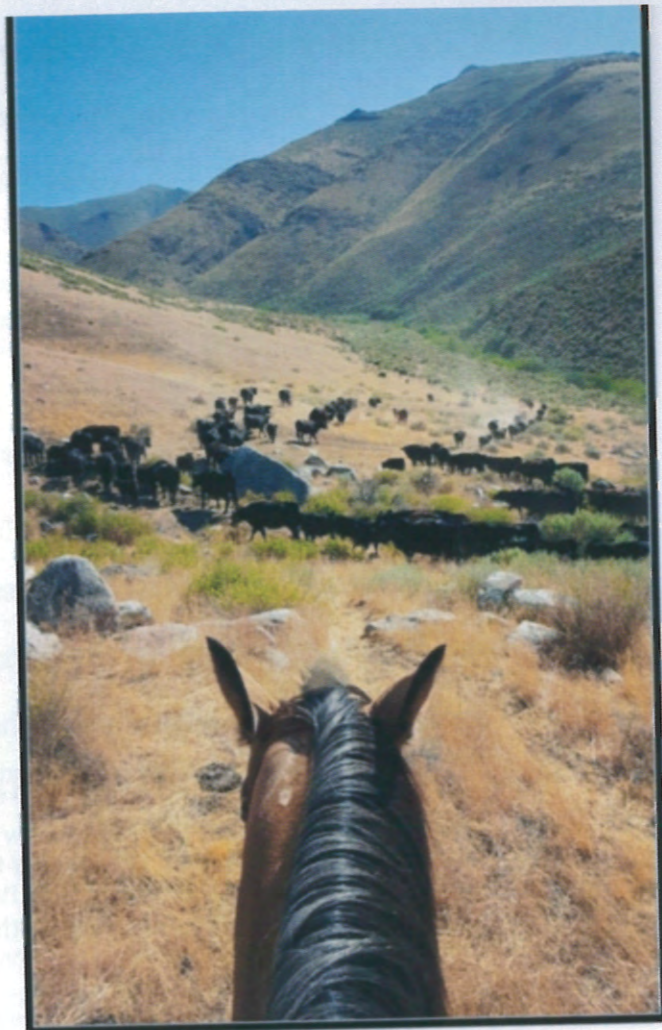
We have four dogs and although they are used on the ranch to help move cattle, they are also part of our family and are all already very well adjusted to infants, toddlers and children of all ages. Another thing Jeff and I really enjoy and will one day be done as a family is exploring the mountain ranges in our area looking for anything we can find from wild horses to deer and elk and even wildflowers. Many Sunday afternoons are spent taking a drive over a mountain on a clear day. We also enjoy attending local rodeo events, going to horse and bull auctions, miniature golf, fishing, shed hunting, watching movies and eating good food!





Day to day life.





Jeff and I met online. Being from a very small town and working many hours every week, I had decided to give FarmersOnly.com a try and boy am I forever grateful for that dumb website! We began messaging on January 15th, 2015 and were able to find out a lot about each other's past and future goals before meeting on February 7th, 2015. I knew from that first date that he **was someone** special. I had prayed for this man for years and can honestly say that prayer was answered the day I met him.

We married on September 12, 2015 and had an outdoor wedding on the ranch where we currently reside. We feel as though we have a very unique marriage. Jeff is truly my best friend. We spend a lot of time together as he is a rancher and I am blessed enough to be able to assist him on the ranch. I absolutely love how we spend our days which is usually side by side. He is a very easy going person and with myself being much of the same, we tend to work well together. He has taught me so much in the last few years and I am so eager to learn more with what each season of the year brings and I can't wait for the same



knowledge to be made available to our kids. We have never gone to bed in **disagreement** with one another and generally talk things out if differences arise. We feel that the amount of open communication we have with each other is what makes our marriage so successful.

We had been trying for almost three years to conceive before we found out that we cannot have children of our own. Though this came as a surprise, we both knew it was a possibility due to how long we had been trying with no success. Although we had thought about looking into adopting before seeing a specialist as to why we weren't conceiving, we both felt like we would like to know what we were up against in case it was a simple hormone imbalance or thyroid issue that could be easily fixed. I truly feel that, in all these obstacles with the infertility and years of trying, it only increased the amount of trust and strength we have within our marriage.



Every one of our family members are in support of the decision we have made to adopt and are as eager as we are to see where this path will lead us. They are a huge support system for Jeff and I and are praying for us continually. Jeff is the oldest and has two sisters. His sister Jacque is married to Zach and has two daughters and a son and his youngest sister Stacey is married to Dusty and has a daughter and a son. We live next door to Jeff's mom and dad, which

have been married for 41 years, and since we all live fairly close in location to each other, we enjoy Sunday dinners over there as well as birthday celebrations.

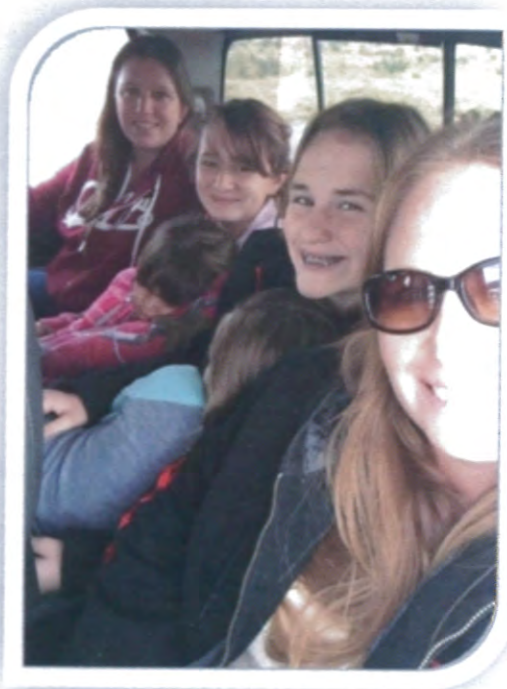


(Pictured Top: Jeff and his now 2 yr old nephew Rhett on "Chief". Bottom: Sheena on "Mia".)

Jeff's father was adopted by his aunt and uncle at the age of 11 and Stacey and Dusty adopted their 2 year old son two years ago. These are just two examples we have seen in our lives that have proven to us that the adoption process can truly be a blessing to both the adopted child and the birth family.

I was the second born with two sisters. My older sister Trisha is married to Chris and they have **two daughters**. They live on my family's ranch that I moved to Nevada from. My **younger** sister Jenna is married to Brian and they have two sons and moved to Minnesota two years ago. That move was tough on my family as we are very close! She and her family come for visits as often as they can and we have been able to maintain a relationship thanks to video chats.

Jeff and I make trips down to California numerous times each year to visit my family, especially during birthday celebrations and holidays. My mom and dad have been married 40 years now and raised every one of us knowing Christ, the power of prayer and the importance of faith.



(Pictured: Sheena, nieces Bailey, Grayce, Addy and Christa and Sheena's sister Trisha)



We live in a town of approximately 400 people which is large in the ranching and farming industries. Because of such small population, our elementary school consists of 35 students from Kindergarten to 8th Grade. We feel that this allows for excellent one-on-one attention between teachers and students and it has been proven successful as the students there adjust very well to the larger classes that High School offers. There are many functions and events that take place within our community throughout the year that we are already involved in and look forward to the day we will have children to partake in those activities with all the other kids of the neighbor families.

(Pictured: Jeff in the hammock full of our nieces and nephew)

The experience we have with children over the years has been obtained by our nieces and nephews. Jeff is just as close to his family as I am to mine so we are very involved in our nieces and nephews lives from infancy through to their teen years. Because we are so close to them, we feel that we have a really good understanding of the different stages children go through in life and know that when the time comes for our own to reach each stage, that we will be fully prepared for it and have an idea of what to expect. We have cared for many infants and toddlers as well as young children whether for a day or a week while their



parents were on vacation and always feel as though it is easy for us to connect with them.

Child care will not be an issue because my current jobs are either completed at home on our personal computer or are in a situation where the children

can go with me while performing brand inspections in the area. Even with these two part-time positions, the majority of my days are spent on the ranch with Jeff so I will always have the option to stay in the home with the kids or pack them up and take them along with Jeff if he's doing something that day that we can go too.



Ever since Jeff and I married we have dreamt of the day we would find out we were pregnant and be given the chance to prepare to start a family. We have a desire in our hearts to mother and father children and both have had this desire since we were very young. To offer a child the kind of unconditional love they deserve. To show them compassion and provide them with stability and a loving home. We have both witnessed all of our siblings raise their children while we wait our turn and feel as though it only intensified that desire for our own.

When we found out that it was not going to be possible for us to conceive, we both understood immediately that this didn't mean that we would never have children. It simply meant that we would never birth our own. We know that when we adopt, we will love this child/children with everything we have just in the same way we would have if we had given birth to them ourselves. There is no difference in our eyes.



We are looking forward to establishing a relationship with our children's birth family. In considering an Open Adoption, we have thought about many ways in which we could keep the birth family involved. We are prepared to provide pictures, letters, visits and such in order to maintain a level of connection. We have also decided that our children will be made aware of the fact that they were adopted at an early age. It is not something we would ever intend to hide from them and we are going to make sure that they do not feel as though they should feel ashamed or embarrassed about the fact that they were adopted. We feel it is very important that they be informed at an age and in a manner that they can understand.

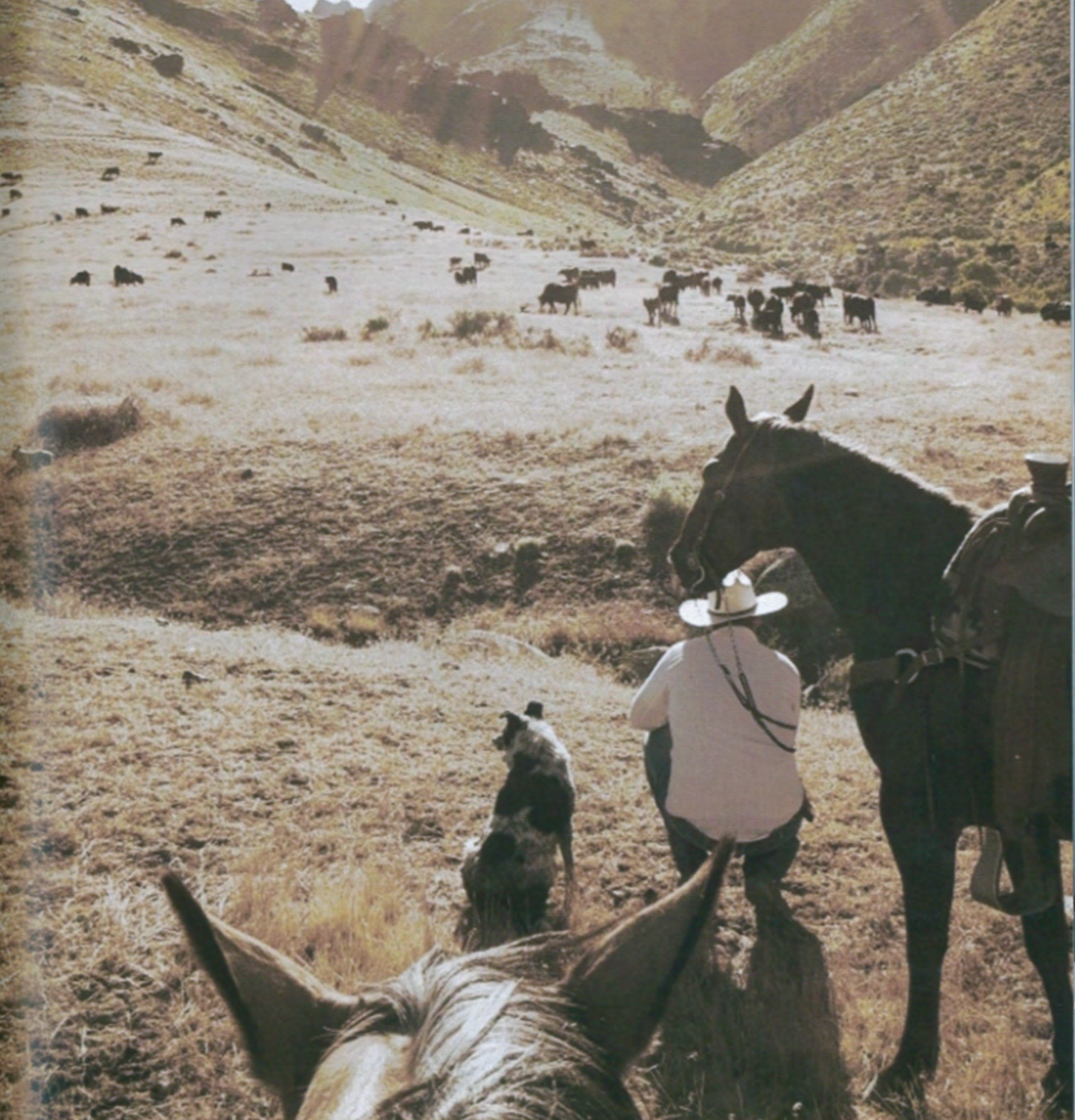


In conclusion, we feel that though this experience is new to us, we are willing to put in the effort to make this transition for both our future children and the birth family as smooth as possible. We are aware that our days will soon be changed with an addition to our family, but this is what both our hearts have longed for for years and we are fully prepared for those changes. The amount of love we have in our hearts to give our future children is endless and we pray daily for them, wherever they may be at this point in time.

With Love,

Jeff & Sheena









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