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**Two-Steppin' Across Texas
May 19-25, 2024**

TOUR GUIDEBOOK

Greetings Livestock Tour Attendees!

Welcome to the 2024 Two-Steppin' Across Texas Tour! We are delighted to welcome you to the famous Hill Country and Brazos Valley area. Our travels will take us through a very diverse set of climates and see the opportunities and challenges of ranching and production agriculture in these areas. From Angus to Hereford to Akaushi to Beefmaster to Brahman to Brangus to racing Quarter Horses, we are going to see a wide variety in types and kinds of cattle and species!

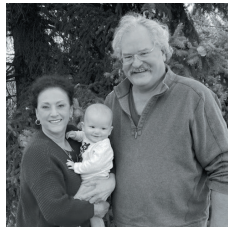
The tour is going to allow us to see some of the nation's leading genetics across breeds and species. Many of our tour stops have held production sales in the past year where record prices were received for the appraisal of their genetics. The philosophies, genetic emphasis, management techniques, and much more shared with us at these stops will be invaluable. Also, we will get to hear about some of the latest research being done at Texas A&M University. The technological advancements being made by STGenetics and Integrated Breeders will be fascinating to hear about along with viewing some of the most impactful sires currently available. We have fun filled evenings lined up with riveting discussions and great food. We will finish the tour with an afternoon/evening spent wandering the famous San Antonio River Walk, shopping, exploring the Alamo, or whatever you would like to see in this historic area.

We are very pleased to present these high-quality stops and are excited to see old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the camaraderie this group is so known for!

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SUNDAY, MAY 19

San Antonio - Estancia del Norte

(37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, San Antonio, TX 78216)

5:30 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Welcome Banquet Dinner

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:00 a.m. Luggage out and breakfast
8:00 a.m. Buses depart for HeartBrand Cattle
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. HeartBrand Cattle tour
11:00 a.m. - Noon Lunch
Noon Buses depart for Blue Bell
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Blue Bell Gift Shop and Ice Cream
3:00 p.m. Buses depart for Collier Farms
3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Collier Farms tour
5:00 p.m. Buses depart for Hilton College Station
5:45 p.m. Arrive at hotel, check-in, dinner on own

TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Buses depart for Scarmardo Cattle Co.
8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Scarmardo Cattle Co. tour
11:15 a.m. Buses depart for 44 Farms
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch at 44 Farms
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 44 Farms tour
3:00 p.m. Buses depart for Granada Farms

4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Granada Farms tour
5:30 p.m. Buses depart for hotel
6:00 p.m. Buses arrive at Hilton College Station, dinner on own

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
7:45 a.m. Buses depart for Integrated Breeders
8:15 a.m. -9:30 Integrated Breeders tour
9:30 a.m. Buses depart for Brewer Land and Cattle
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Brewer Land and Cattle tour and lunch
3:00 p.m. Buses depart for Mound Creek Ranch
3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mound Creek Ranch tour
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner at Mound Creek Ranch
7:00 p.m. Buses depart for Hilton College Stations

THURSDAY, MAY 23

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Buses depart for Texas A&M
8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Texas A&M Beef Center tour
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m..... Lunch
12:30 p.m. Buses depart for STgenetics
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. STgenetics tour
4:30 p.m. Buses depart for Hilton College Station
5:00 p.m. Buses arrive at hotel, dinner on own

FRIDAY, MAY 24

6:30 a.m.Luggage out and breakfast
7:30 a.m..... Buses depart for V8 Ranches
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. V8 Ranch tour
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch at V8 Ranch
12:30 p.m. Depart for Luling Foundation/Langford Angus
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Luling Foundation/Langford Angus Tour
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.Dinner at Luling Foundation
5:45 p.m. Buses depart for Estancia del Norte Hotel
7:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel and check-in

SATURDAY, MAY 25

7:00 a.m.Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Buses depart for Fredericksburg/Stonewall area
9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Weinhiemer Herefords tour
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch in Luckenbach
1:30 p.m. Buses depart for San Antonio River Walk
3:30 p.m.Alamo tour followed by time on own to explore River Walk
5:30 p.m.Dinner on own
6:30 p.m. Buses depart for Estancia del Norte

- Tour Concludes -

HOST INFORMATION ---



HeartBrand[®]
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HeartBrand Cattle

Harwood, Texas

In 2006, father and son, Ronald and Jordan Beeman saw an opportunity to improve the American beef industry through Akaushi genetics. The Beeman family dove full force into their mission to revolutionize the beef industry by pushing the boundaries of the performance of cattle and the taste of beef through Akaushi genetics.

What made these cattle so unique they had to be flown across the world for U.S. producers to access their genetics? Their ability to produce the world's best beef combined with maternal longevity, high fertility, calving ease, and growth. The Akaushi breed brought to the United States the desired carcass quality of a Wagyu breed with the conformation and structure of an animal any American rancher would be proud to put in their pasture.

Since then, it has grown to be the largest Akaushi herd in the U.S. and is consistently ranked a top 25 seedstock operation. Along with that HeartBrands branded beef program currently sources over 20,000 head of Akaushi cattle across the country. To qualify to be branded as HeartBrand's Certified Akaushi Beef cattle must be DNA verified to be at least half Akaushi. The animals are never implanted with hormones, are fed an all-natural vegetarian diet, and are not given antibiotics or beta agonists in the feeding phase of life. This high-quality product is then boxed and shipped all across the country as well as internationally for beef consumers to enjoy the Akaushi experience.



Collier Farms

Brenham, Texas

Collier Farms is a 100% Beefmaster cattle operation headquartered in Brenham, Texas and includes purebred Beefmasters on ranches in Central and South Texas with an E6 division in South Texas. Since 1987, the Collier family has bred exclusively Beefmaster and Beefmaster influenced cattle, marketing and promoting the breed both domestically and internationally. Utilizing multi-trait selection, the program is performance based and customer service oriented. Cattle are bred and raised to fit the demands of today's commercial cattle industry. Simply put, at Collier Farms, our goals are your goals and our objectives are your objectives.



Scarmardo Cattle Company Caldwell, Texas

Scarmardo Cattle Company is a complex cattle order buying business that operates around the clock. Working Monday through Saturday, cattle buyers attend local cattle auctions bidding on stockers and feeders to fill specific orders for as many as 20 customers a day from the southern states to the Midwest.

Scarmardo Cattle Company's niche is finding the right cattle for their customers. To do that, they visit more than 80 livestock auctions a week throughout Texas, working cattle sales in Louisiana and Arkansas too, if that means filing a specific order.

Pete Scarmardo has been dealing with cattle for more than 40 years and raising stocker cattle almost as long. Upon graduating from high school, Pete was determined to set up his own cattle operation. Growing up on a farm in the Brazos Valley, he enjoyed working with the few cattle his dad owned. In 1975 he leased his first set of cattle pens and three years later bought his own land near Caldwell and built his own pens. Together with his wife, Jo, and their three sons, Scott, Craig, and Ty, they run a diversified family business that includes many other agribusiness operations.



44 Farms Cameron, Texas

Since 1909, the fertile land of the Little River bottom near Cameron, Texas has been the home of 44 Farms. At 44 Farms, we approach the future with the hope that we will always be ahead of our time, yet timeless in our values and service.

More than a century after S.W. McClaren and wife Josie started ranching on the fertile soil near Cameron, Texas, 44 Farms proudly carries on their family values. Five generations later, those values, combined with the best that science and genetics have to offer, have helped 44 Farms grow into one of the premier registered Angus operations in America and producers of ethically raised, all-natural Black Angus beef.

For over one hundred years, we've dedicated ourselves to doing things the right way to provide relevant Angus genetics and innovation to cattle producers all over the country. Through all of our relationships, we aim to provide the most responsive customer service and experience, always assisting those we partner with to be the very best they choose to be. We do all of this in love and service of our Lord, hoping to provide a better and more beautiful world in which to live, work and enjoy.



Granada Farms Wheelock, Texas

Granada Farms was founded in 1984 by father and son, Jim and Jimmy Eller. A leader in the Texas Quarter Horse Racing industry, Granada Farms

has handled the breeding careers of legendary racehorse stallions as Windy Ryon, Ronas Ryon, Runaway Winner and Streakin La Jolla as well as cutting legends Doc's Oak, Doc Per and Personality Doc.

Granada Farms has a long-standing history of fitting yearlings for sale. A few of the most successful Granada sales graduates are World Champion Blues Girl Too—with more than \$2 million in race earnings, Champion Double Down Special with earnings in excess of \$1.2 million and Champion Joanna Kate, with earnings in excess of \$538,000! Acquired in 2015 by Prominent Texas horsemen, cattlemen and businessmen Pete Scarmardo and Johnny Trotter, Granada continues to produce quality Texas-bred horses.

IB INTEGRATED BREEDERS **Integrated Breeders** Hearne, Texas

Since our founding more than a decade ago, Integrated Breeders has proudly worked with cattle breeders, ranchers, and farmers to optimize the genetics of their herds and increase their efficiency and profitability.

Based in Hearne, Texas, we offer a range of cattle reproductive services including semen collection and storage, artificial insemination, and embryo transfer.

In 2022, Drs. Cody and Ky Pohler of Pohler Investments purchased Integrated Breeders to continue its work as an industry leader in reproductive technology. Cody and Ky are both experts in bovine reproductive management and are excited to continue to produce high-quality products while providing the best possible customer service.

Brewer Land & Cattle

Oakwood, Texas

Brewer Land & Cattle is a progressive commercial operation headquartered in Oakwood, Texas. Brewer Land & Cattle has cultivated a close working relationship with 44 Farms to advance the Angus genetics in their cowherd. The ranch spans many acres in Texas which provides diversification opportunities.



Mound Creek Ranch

Leona, Texas

Mound Creek Ranch has been in the registered seedstock business for over 37 years and collectively over that period of time we have hosted 35 production sales with the last 30 of those sales taking place at our current sale facility since the fall of 1999. We have always tried to offer highly accountable cattle for any and all programs spread around a global beef industry by being creative,

innovative, and futuristic in our approach to a well thought out genetic program. We are more passionate about the Brangus business than ever before and trust you realize upon reflection that Mound Creek Ranch is your most reliable source for fault free, well designed, and accountable Brangus and Ultra Black genetics. WE ARE THE PROGRAM TESTED BY TIME...



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Animal Science

Texas A&M
College Station, Texas

The Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas initiated the development of the Animal Husbandry Department in 1903. In 1965, the department became more encompassing and was renamed the Department of Animal Science.

Today, the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University has achieved national and international prominence as one of the largest and most complex departments of animal science in the nation. The department is a leader in the discovery and application of science-based knowledge of animals and animal products. As part of its land grant mission, the Department of Animal Science strives to meet the needs of all citizens by providing dynamic and innovative teaching, research and extension programs.

STgenetics® **STgenetics**
Navasota, Texas

STgen is the global leader in livestock reproductive services, most notably sex sorted semen production of several livestock species, creating and transferring gender-specific embryos, marketing elite Dairy and Beef cattle genetics and conducting genetic testing.

Sexing Technologies was founded in 2003 as a service company sorting semen for many livestock genetics companies, such as Select Sires. Sexing Technologies currently sorts semen from cattle, horses, goats, sheep and deer. STgenetics was founded in 2015 as a livestock genetics company offering its own lineup of genetically elite Dairy and Beef sires.

The company comprises several highly successful divisions, including a livestock genetic testing company, facilities offering ET and IVF services and a feed efficiency research program. STgenetics is dedicated to creating innovative, sustainable and environmentally friendly strategies providing producers an integrated and wholistic approach to livestock reproduction, creating more sustainable and profitable livestock operations by improving herd genetics. STgen employs 1,800 staff worldwide, with 1,000 people in the US and 260 at its headquarters facility in Navasota, TX. The company operates or oversees 17 semen sorting labs in the US and 54 labs in 20 foreign countries



V8 Ranch
Boling, Texas

V8 Ranch is one of the most decorated Brahman ranches in the world, boasting 65 National and International Grand Champions. Established in 1944, four generations of one ranching family work together to breed what many consider the best Brahman genetics on the market.

Their secret? The magic, they will tell you, is in the cows. The ranch is renowned for its focus on the dozen cow families with pure bloodlines who have consistently produced V8's award-winning progeny.

SL LANGFORD CATTLE CO.

Langford Angus

Luling, Texas

Langford Cattle Company, which is operated by Bodey and Kathy Langford, has been in continual operation since 1980. Bodey is a fourth-generation cattle rancher with West Texas family ties that go back to the trail drivers in the late 1800's.

Our company started off as a commercial cow/calf and stocker operation on the San Marcos River in Caldwell County. In the 90's, we began investing in registered Black Angus seedstock. Initially, this was designed to provide bull power for our commercial cow herd and to improve feedlot performance and carcass merit in our feedlot cattle. As demand grew, our registered herd expanded and we became a sire provider for many commercial cowherds in the south-central Texas area. Severe drought in subsequent years, forced us to liquidate all of our commercial cattle herd. We chose to hang on to the heart of our Registered Angus herd and when it started raining again, Angus became the heart and soul of our business.



LULING FOUNDATION

AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION FARM. ESTABLISHED BY EDGAR B. DAVIS IN 1927

Luling Foundation

Luling, Texas

The Luling Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and was established in 1927 by Edgar B. Davis to teach diversity in agriculture and improve the lives of farm and ranch families in Caldwell, Gonzales, and Guadalupe Counties. These three counties are the Foundation's service area by Charter; however, the Foundation's services have expanded throughout the state, nation and has visitors from other countries each year.

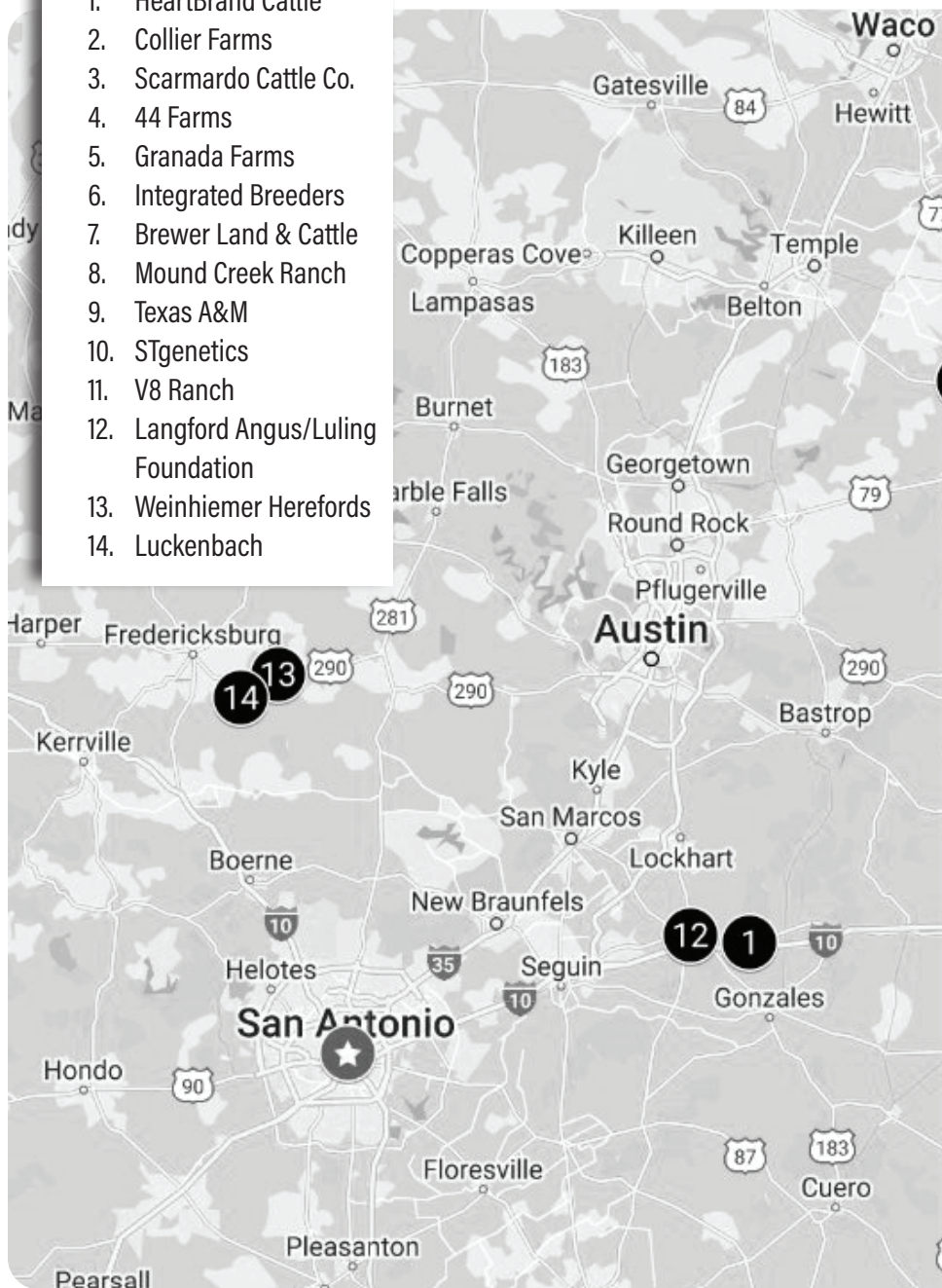


Weinheimer Ranch

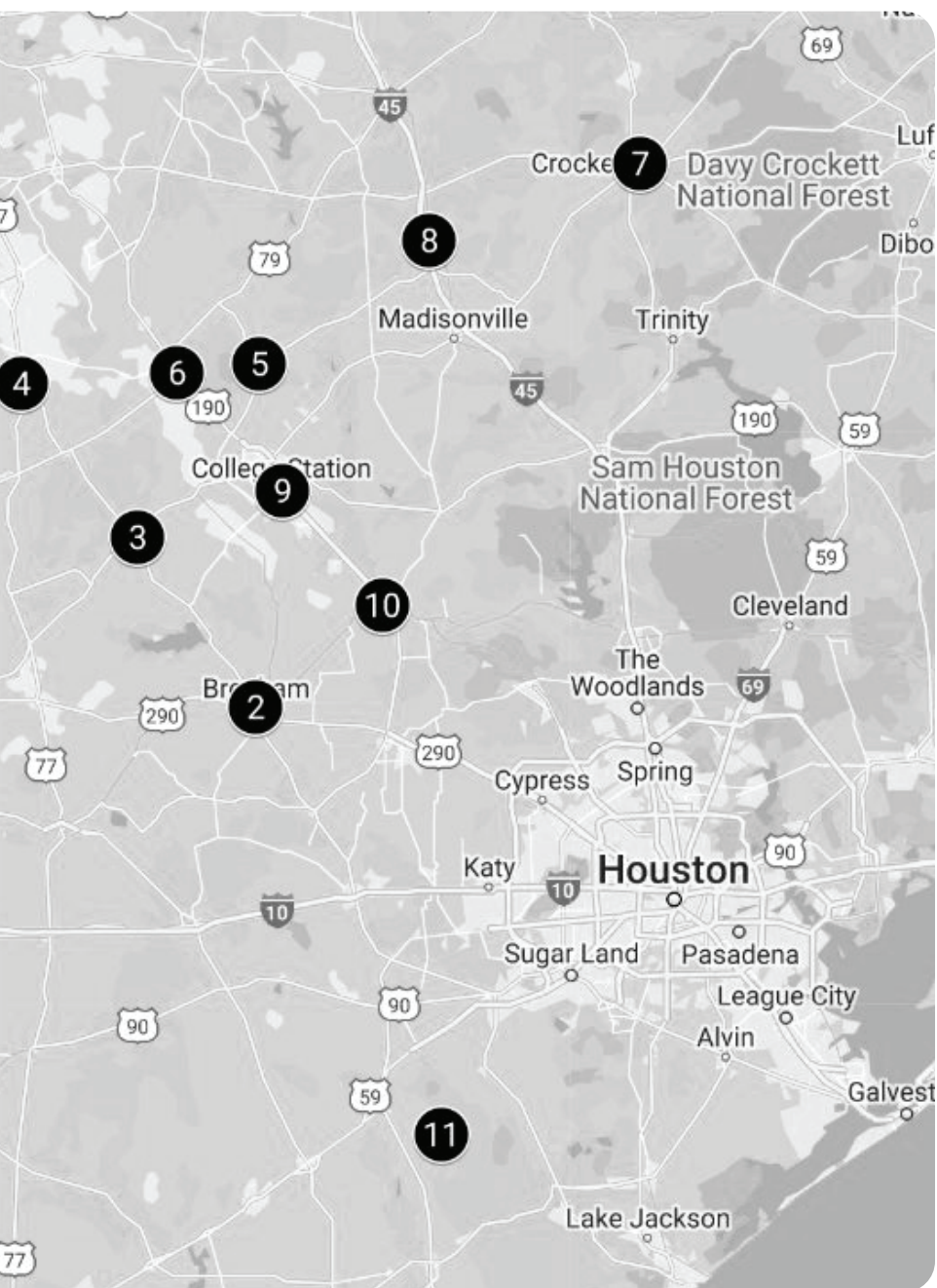
Stonewall, Texas

Weinheimer Ranch is a family-owned operation that was established in 1878 in Stonewall, TX, the heart of the Texas Hill Country. We focus on raising quality horned Hereford and commercial cattle. We are also a foundation breeder with the American Spanish Goat Association and pride ourselves on being the source for some of the best proven bloodlines in the breed. In addition to our ranching operation in Stonewall, we have two more cow-calf divisions in Madisonville, TX and Kenna, NM. We proudly have been family owned and operated for five generations and hope to continue this legacy of ranching for many years to come.

1. HeartBrand Cattle
2. Collier Farms
3. Scarmardo Cattle Co.
4. 44 Farms
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6. Integrated Breeders
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8. Mound Creek Ranch
9. Texas A&M
10. STgenetics
11. V8 Ranch
12. Langford Angus/Luling Foundation
13. Weinhiemer Herefords
14. Luckenbach



TOUR MAP



Welcome!

We are so thankful you decided to tour Texas with us! With such rich heritage and traditions that Texans pride themselves with, we are sure you are to experience so many wonderful things along this tour. From the early days of the Wild West, Texas has adapted and reshaped itself in so many ways. Along this tour, you are going to experience many of these changes. With respect to the past in the ways livestock are handled, bred, and used to embracing the future with technology, stewardship, and innovation, Texans are charging forward.

In many ways, *Western Livestock Journal* is the same. We share such a deep respect for those who blazed the trails before us, and we charge forward adapting to what is thrown our way. We love sharing ideas, relating relevant information, leading the way with valuable insight and service. *WLJ's* history is filled with stories, and each one of you on this tour plays a role in that. If this is your first time on the tour - you'll leave with a story. Just ask anyone who's been on the tour before!

Along this tour, you'll see a little bit of everything. Again, we are so thankful you are joining us. This tour is in great hands with Devin and Sam Murnin taking the reins and forging a new path with WLJ Tours. Enjoy your week and God Bless!



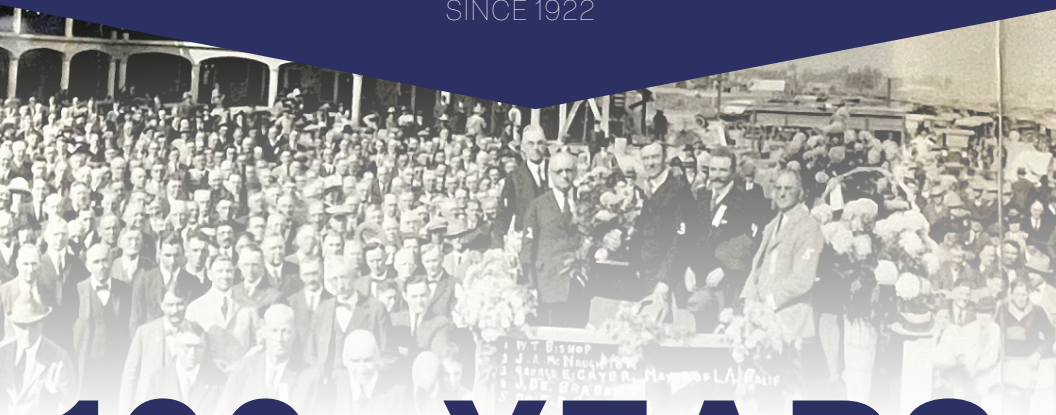
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