



Newsmakers

► Items of interest about and for members of our Angus family

IN THE NEWS

Rebecca Tokach, who is completing a master's degree with a specialization in muscle biology and meat science at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, was recognized with one of two annual \$12,000 scholarships awarded in honor of W.D. Farr, Greeley, Colo., at the 2010 Cattle Industry Summer Conference. The scholarships were established to honor Farr by the National Cattlemen's Foundation.

Tokach is a native of Saint Anthony, N.D., where she grew up on a purebred Angus operation. She received a bachelor's degree in agriculture, majoring in animal science, from Kansas State University (K-State) in 2009. During her junior year she was awarded the K-State College of Agriculture's Student of the Year Award, an honor usually reserved for a graduating senior.

She received numerous other undergraduate academic honors and was active in ag college student government, as well as other agriculture and breed organizations. After receiving her doctorate, Tokach plans to continue research work in the private sector and, eventually, to teach in a university setting.

Jennifer Schutz, a doctoral candidate specializing in ruminant nutrition at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, received the other scholarship.

Tokach was formerly a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), and is now a member of the American Angus Association.

Brady Larson, Sharon Springs, Kan., and **Allen Southard**, Gillsville, Ga., were among a group of 13 individuals recognized as 2010 District Representatives of the Year by ABS Global. The award is earned based on a formula including unit sales, sales revenues and percent increase in sales.

In recognition of their efforts, the 13 individuals were given the opportunity to travel to the ABS DeForest office. While in Wisconsin they participated in meetings, facility tours and an awards banquet.

Tom and Jenise Humble, Sparta, Mo.; Steve and Launa Valente, Smiths Station, Ala.; Rosemary and Kevin Anderson, Whitman, Neb.; Adam Simmons, Rigby, Idaho; Casey and Rena Hagenah, Asotin, Wash.; Wayne Eatinger, Thedford, Neb.; Jim Britton, Ontario, Ore.; and Sam Shaw, Caldwell, Idaho; were the other winners.

Larson and Southard are both members of the American Angus Association.

IN PASSING

Alphonse "Al" Stroobants, 78, Forest, Va., died July 1.

Al was born Oct. 21, 1931, in Chatelineau, Belgium, to Jean and Ida (DeWind) Stroobants. He graduated with distinction in 1948 from College Technique de Charleroi. He came to the United States in 1954 through a student exchange program and began working for Ford Motor Co. in 1956.

He came to Lynchburg, Va., in 1959 to work a tool and die job. In 1962, he founded Belvac, formerly Belgium Tool and Die, and served as president and CEO until 1990. As

the owner of Northcote Farm, Al was also a member of the Virginia Angus Association, serving on the board of directors. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1973.

Known extensively for his business leadership, Al received many awards, but was proudest of the State Small Business Award given to him by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). He was also a member of the Ut Prosim Society of Virginia Tech and was the founder and chairman of the Al Stroobants Foundation.

His compassion and philanthropy were far-reaching. Having received excellent care during cardiac bypass surgery, he created a trust for cardiology services at Lynchburg General Hospital, which was named The Stroobants Heart Center of Virginia in his honor. He loved his home in Bedford County and donated both money and land for several projects throughout the years to improve fire and rescue services as well as expand business and recreation.

Al is survived by his cherished wife, Maria "Mary" Hanackova-Stroobants.

Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Baird, 84, Franklin Grove, Ill., died July 24 at Dixon Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Mary Lou was born July 26, 1925, the daughter of Glenn and Clementine Dysart. She married Dale Baird Aug. 21, 1954, at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Nachusa, Ill. She and her husband had owned and operated Marydale Manor in Franklin Grove and had been life members of the American

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►Placing in the top five in the men's livestock judging contest are (from left) **Samuel Long**, Airville, first; **Joseph Cole**, Bentleyville, second; **Steve Upperman**, Chambersburg, third; **William Nichols**, Tyrone, fourth; and **Stephen Fritz**, Waterford, fifth.



►Placing in the top five in the women's livestock judging contest are (from left) **Bethany Fritz**, Waterford, first; **Valerie Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, second; **Kay Cole**, Bentleyville, third; **Kimberly Long**, Airville, fourth; and **Barbara Weaver**, New Holland, fifth.

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Angus Association since 1955. Dale also worked as a regional manager for the Association.

Mary Lou graduated with a bachelor's degree from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., in 1947, and graduated with a teacher's certificate from Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, in 1948.

She taught high school in Milledgeville, Ill., and Amboy, Ill., for several years and was a substitute teacher in the Dixon school district for many years. Mary Lou was a longtime Lee County 4-H Club leader and volunteer, a member of the First United Methodist Church, Dixon, and the area American Association of University Women.

She was an avid horsewoman in her youth, showing saddlebreds throughout the area, and continued to own horses throughout her life. In later years, she loved going to auctions and buying and reselling collectibles and antiques.

Mary Lou is survived by daughters Sue Ellen and Suzanne; sons Dale and Donald; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Clarence Lavette Stroud, 75, Statesville, N.C., died July 24 at the Gordon Hospice House. He was born in Iredell County May 16, 1934, to Howard and Mary (Tempie Boger) Stroud.

He married Elizabeth Cartner Nov. 27, 1954.

Lavette was a deacon at Pleasant View Baptist Church for more than 50 years, and retired from Bruning & Federle Manufacturing Co. after 35 years. He proudly served on the Iredell County Cattlemen's Board, the membership committee of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, the North Carolina Angus Association Board and the board of directors for the V-Point Community Center and was a delegate of Genex CRI for seven years.

Lavette is survived by his wife; son David; brothers Clay, Howard and James; sister Elizabeth; grandsons Stan and Jacob; and two great-granddaughters.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

David Macedo, Tulare, Calif., is the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) president for 2010-2012. **Tim Starks**, Cherokee, Okla., is the new vice president. He and Macedo began their two-year terms during LMA's annual convention in July.

Newly elected to the LMA board for two-year terms are **Wayne Geistweidt**, Fredericksburg, Texas, and **Jim Santomaso**, Sterling, Colo. Re-elected to the board were **Jerry Etheridge**, Linden, Ala.; **T. Phil Harvey**, Jackson, Ga.; and **Randy Patterson**, Anthony, Kan.

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►Placing in the adult Skill-A-Thon contest are (from left) **Gene Martin**, Paulina, second; **Jeff Mizell**, Covington, third; and **Trent Graves**, Prairieville, first.

Terry Vinduska has been elected chairman of the U.S. Grains Council. Other officers elected include **Wendell Shauman**, vice chairman; **Don Fast**, treasurer; and **Julius Schaaf**, secretary. **Alan Tiemann** was re-elected to the council's board of directors. Newly elected board members are **James Tobin**, **Bill Kubecka** and **Jere White**.

David Thompson has been appointed to the role of associate dean and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station by the New Mexico State University (NMSU) College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Thompson assumed his new position Aug. 1.

Stan Misek, Granville, N.D., has been selected by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) Brand Board as the state's chief brand inspector. Misek assumed his new duties Aug. 2.

The Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame has announced **Kenneth "Kenny" Monfort** and **H.C. "Ladd" Hitch Jr.** as its two new inductees for 2010. They were selected by a nominating committee, along with three other distinguished cattle feeders, and were then voted on by members of the cattle-feeding industry.

The Hall of Fame also announced **Richard McDonald** as the winner of the first Industry Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who have been instrumental in ensuring the success and growth of the industry outside of the feedyard.

The Meat Industry Hall of Fame has chosen 12 new members from a list of more than 50 nominees from the Hall's board of trustees and inductees from last year's inaugural class. The Class of 2010 inductees are **Richard Bond**, CEO, president and

director, Tyson Foods Inc.; **Ralph Cator**, founder, Cardinal Meat Specialists Ltd.; **William D. Farr**, Farr Feeders (deceased); **Joel Johnson**, chairman, president and CEO, Hormel Foods Corp.; **H. Kenneth Johnson**, vice president-meat science, National Live Stock and Meat Board; **Ray Kroc**, founder and chairman, McDonald's Corp. (deceased); **Roger Mandigo**, professor, Animal Science Department, University of Nebraska; **Robert Rust**, professor emeritus, Animal Science, Iowa State University; **Col. Harland Sanders**, founder, Kentucky Fried Chicken (deceased); **Jeff Savell**, regents professor and E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal chairholder in Animal Science, Texas A&M University; **Deven Scott**, vice president-member services, American Meat Institute, executive vice president, North American Meat Processors Association; and **Dave Thomas**, founder, CEO, Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers (deceased).

A group of 24 individuals including **beef producers and ABS staff** from **Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay** traveled to North America for a 10-day tour showcasing ABS genetics.

The group toured a number of diverse, progressive beef operations utilizing superior genetics from ABS in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. The tour featured Angus, Red Angus, Polled Hereford and Brangus progeny. In addition, the group also visited the American Angus Association and Red Angus Association offices and Circle A feedlot.

Rich Llewelyn, **Kevin Dhuyvetter**, **Art Barnaby**, **Dan O'Brien**, **Troy Dumler**, **Michael Langemeier**, **Vincent Amanor-Boadu**, **Ted Schroeder** and **Alicia Goheen**, Kansas State University (K-State) agricultural economists, were awarded the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Outstanding Electronic Media Education Award for 2010 at the organization's annual meeting in July.

For the past eight years, the K-State ag economists have worked to combine their information into a comprehensive source of applied research and economic information. They created www.AgManager.info, a website that features livestock marketing, including weekly "In the Cattle Markets" updates; grain marketing, including biweekly "Grain Outlook" reports; crop insurance and government programs; and farm management information, including a large variety of Excel spreadsheets and web-based decision tools, such as crop and livestock budgets, land/lease tools and data sets.

