



Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for** members of our Angus family. *Compiled by Linda Robbins.*

IN THE NEWS

Spencer Jones, Jones Family Angus, Wamego, Kan., is among 20 young cattlemen and women from across the state to take part in the second installment of the 2014 Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA) in the Kansas City area May 13-15. Members of the group spent three days learning about the agribusiness and retail beef industries.

Merck Animal Health, along with members of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Leadership Academy, hosted the class. Merck is the exclusive sponsor of the KLA YSA program. Staff from Merck gave attendees an overview of the animal health industry, conducted a cutting demonstration using the loin and led a discussion on the physiological makeup of beef.

Stops were made at Kansas City Steak Co. and Sysco Food Services to provide the YSA group with a better understanding of the link between the processing plant and the consumer's plate. Both companies distribute high-end beef cuts across the United States. For a firsthand look at the various ways beef is marketed in the meatcase, the class visited Bichelmeyer Meats and a Whole Foods Market. The Bichelmeyer family has been providing hand-cut meat to consumers for almost 70 years.

In addition, YSA members had the chance to visit with consumers about the beef they produce while distributing samples at Hen House and HyVee grocery store locations. Young producers answered questions about animal health, beef nutrition and cooking methods.

YSA members also heard from staff at Bartlett and Co. about risk management in the cattle and grain industries and toured the new Johnson County Culinary Institute.

The other members of the 2014 class include Bryan Armendariz, Chapman; Sarah Bryant, Winfield; Cody Campfield, Saint John; Issac Carr, Junction City; Neil Cates, Beloit; Kyla Clawson, Satanta; Rachel Collinge, Eureka; Jaymelynn Farney, Parsons; Andrew Froetschner, Larned; Ryan Gasche, Cassoday; Robby Haynes, Dwight; Lindsey Huseman, Ellsworth; Brandy Jones, Wamego; Ty Josefiak, Rozel; Marisa Kleysteuber, Garden City; Evan Lesser, Palco; Laura Mushrush, Strong City; Jake Pannbacker, Washington; and Chase Thompson, Scott City.

The third installment of the YSA class will be in October. Members will tour Kansas beef and dairy operations to gain a better understanding of each industry segment. More information about YSA can be found at www.kla.org.

IN PASSING

Edward "Eddie" Lundergan, 56, Maysville, Ky., died April 17 after a long, hard-fought battle with multiple myeloma.

Eddie was born to Doris (Martin) Lundergan Cooper and the late Andrew Lundergan April 23, 1957, in Maysville. Eddie graduated from Ripley Union Lewis High School in 1975, received a bachelor's degree in science in 1979 and a master's in science from Morehead State University (MSU). Eddie was married to Kimberly Wells June 20, 1976. He worked as the manager of the agricultural complex for MSU from 1982 until retirement in 2006. In 2005, he was awarded the Distinguished Staff Service Award at MSU.

An agriculturist from birth, Eddie instilled his passion for farming into youth as a respected mentor and educator. His knowledge and respect for Kentucky's livestock industry was evident through his pursuit of cattle and livestock shows for 4-H and FFA youth. Eddie co-founded the Kentucky Junior Livestock Expo East (JLEE), hosted at the Derrickson Agriculture Complex annually. The JLEE has become the largest junior expo in the state, with the exception of the Kentucky State Fair. Additionally, he founded the MSU FFA Annual Blue and Gold Cattle Show.

Alabama Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, April 18, Cullman



► **Above:** The Alabama Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Scott Bonds**, Guntersville, president; **George Richburg**, Auburn, first vice president; **Tim West**, Centre, second vice president; **Jennifer Lee**, Daviston, treasurer; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, executive secretary; **Philip Gleason**, Springville, past president; (standing, from left) **John Harrell**, Opelika, American Angus Ass'n director; **Michael Rorex**, Bridgeport; **Tandy West**, Centre; **Chris Wisener**, Arab; **Jason Smith**, Cullman; **Randy Crowell**, Elrod; **David Osborn**, Athens; **Dale Parris**, Albertville; **Roland Starnes**, Hayneville; **Rob Adams**, Union Springs; and **Cobie Rutherford**, Hanceville.



► **Left:** Officers for the Alabama Angus Women's Ass'n board are (from left) **June Wood**, Holly Pond, president; **Meghan Hill Rutherford**, Hanceville, vice president; and **Melody Barton**, Dutton, secretary.

Eddie was most proud of the development and success of the MSU registered-Angus herd that earned respect throughout the industry. Before his retirement, he had produced 23 Pathfinder® cows via the MSU herd.

One of his most recent accomplishments included co-founding the Grass Times Partners Angus Bull Sale, hosted in Mount Sterling, Ky., now in its 13th year. The sale provides eastern-Kentucky area producers the opportunity to purchase elite genetics.

Through the years Eddie held many respected positions in the cattle industry. He was appointed director of the Foothills Cattlemen's Association. He served as secretary and was a charter member of the Northeast Kentucky Beef Improvement Federation. Eddie served as president of the Rowan County Agricultural Extension Council, which involved approving applications for livestock handling facility improvement grants. He was a past director of the Licking River Valley Area Extension Advisory Council, representing 10 counties in eastern Kentucky.

Eddie owned and operated Pond View Angus in Maysville and Ripley, Ohio. He had been a member of the American Angus Association since 2006. He was a board member of the Maysville Church of the Nazarene.

Eddie was a man of many loves. He loved the land, which he demonstrated through his outdoor hobbies, in addition to his livelihood and his love of being a farmer. He loved animals, which he showed through his profession and his many pets that became family. He loved people, which was obvious in that he never met a stranger and made a friend wherever he went. He loved his family, which was demonstrated with every breath he took and the pride he felt for them all. He loved the Lord, which was evident in his everyday walk. He was thrilled about the upcoming arrival of baby girl Huff, due in August 2014.

In addition to his wife, Eddie is survived by daughters Stacey and Lori; his mother; sister Lois; brother Andrew; grandchildren Madelyn, Chloe and Conner; godmother Lois Schumacher; and several nieces and nephews.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Alison Van Eenennaam has been announced as the winner of the 2014 Borlaug Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) Communication Award. Van Eenennaam, a faculty member at the University of California-Davis, was nominated by colleagues from several academic, industry and nonprofit organizations. Established in 1986 by CAST,

Tennessee Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, March 7, Lebanon



► The officers and directors for the Tennessee Angus Ass'n are (seated, front row, from left) **Tim Wright**, Spring City, president; **Molly Phifer**, Chapel Hill; **Jamie Smith Nicholson**, Lebanon; **Bobby Denton**, Cumberland Furnace, vice president; (back row, from left) **Quintin Smith**, Lebanon; **Charlie Adkins**, Michie; **Vince Santini**, Leoma; **Kenneth Armstrong**, Unionville, secretary-treasurer; and **Lee Duckworth**, Greeneville.

the award goes to a specialist who communicates the importance of food and agricultural science to the public, policymakers and news media.

The award will be presented at an event cohosted by DuPont and CAST in conjunction with the World Food Prize Symposium Oct. 15 in Des Moines, Iowa. The award honors the legacies of Nobel Prize winner Norman Borlaug and Charles Black, the first president of CAST.

Norman Borlaug was posthumously honored with the Alltech 2014 Medal of Excellence during the company's annual symposium in May. The award was presented to Borlaug's granddaughter, **Julie Borlaug Larson**, the associate director for external relations at the Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, Texas A&M University AgriLife. In addition to accepting the award, Larson was a contributor to the company's Africa session during the symposium.

Justin Cumming, **Douglas Jones**, **Leslie Lange** and **Terrance Carroll** were announced as new members of the board of directors of the Western Stock Show Association (doing business as the National Western Stock Show) during its annual meeting in May. **Ron Williams** was re-elected as chairman of the board. **Pat Grant** is vice chairman, **Sue Anschutz-Rodgers** is first vice president, **Buck Hutchison** is second vice president, **Mark Gustafson** is secretary and **Don Elliman** is treasurer.

Albert Reurink has been hired by Accelerated Genetics as vice president of international sales. In this position, Reurink

will be responsible for providing leadership, guidance and strategic planning for the international sales staff emphasizing established cooperative principles, goals and objectives for semen, products and services to ensure growth, sustainability and profitability. He will also be the main contact with all alliance partners.

Mark Ziller has been appointed senior vice president for pricing strategy for Animal Health International, and will be responsible for developing overall strategy related to pricing across all of the company's products and services. Ziller will report directly to John Ardent, president and CEO, and will continue in his role on the leadership team.

Lynn Snodgrass has been promoted to the position of president of the company's companion animal region, reporting to Ardent.

Scott Koehn has been added as a sales manager for QualiTech Inc. He will be covering California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Utah. He reports to Dan Gray, corporate vice president and general manager of the company's nutrition division. Koehn is based in Merced, Calif.

Scott Frazer has joined QualiTech as director of product development and research for the animal and plant nutrition divisions. In his new role, he is responsible for leading all aspects of the research, product development and regulatory compliance activities for the animal and plant nutrition divisions.



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