

NEWSMAKERS

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Within this “Newsmakers” column we share important news and accomplishments of our members, including state association activities, birth and marriage announcements, and news of Angus members’ passing.

In Recognition

Gardiners honored as Kansas Master Farmers

Angus breeders Mark and Eva Gardiner, Ashland, Kan., were honored as members of the 2019 class of Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers at a banquet hosted March 13, in Manhattan, Kan.

The program, which is in its 93rd year, recognizes Kansas farm families for their leadership in agriculture, environmental stewardship and service to their communities. The award is cosponsored by K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Farmer magazine.

Mark and Eva Gardiner are not only operating a successful cattle operation near Ashland, they’re also positively



Eva and Mark Gardiner

affecting the Angus industry on a national level.

Mark, who owns Gardiner Angus Ranch in partnership with two brothers, manages the day-to-day activities of the registered and commercial Angus herd. The business’s embryo and artificial insemination (AI) program has grown into one of the largest in the country.

Since 2008, genomic information has been collected on all bulls, heifers and commercial females to generate better resources for the following year’s breeding decisions. Their carcass data collection represents 43% of the American Angus Association’s national database.

The couple has established the Henry and Nan Gardiner Marketing Center, which features smart technology for internet bidding at

sales, and video conferencing. They have previously received the National Cattlemen’s Foundation Vision Award and a regional award as the NCBA’s Cattle Business of the Century.

They have established the Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship and Global Food Systems Lecture Series at Kansas State University and have hosted 40 American university students for internships at the ranch.

In the community, Mark and Eva are involved in the Ashland United Methodist Church. Mark has served on the Ashland School Board, Kansas Beef Council and Kansas Angus Association. Eva, who has earned a veterinary degree as well as certification in veterinary acupuncture, is a member of the Ashland Community Foundation Board.

The couple has three sons: Cole, Ransom and Quanah.

2020 Missouri Angus Ass’n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 22, Columbia

Elected to serve on the Missouri Angus Ass’n board of directors are (seated, from left) Don Laughlin, Guilford, president; David Hunter, Fair Grove, president elect; Kelly Smith, West Plains, vice president; Brock Meyer, Curryville, secretary; Linda Eck, Sarcoxie, past president; and Jim Brinkley, Milan, American Angus Association board member.

Standing (from left) are Steve Miller, Maryville, district 1 director; Darla Eggers, Mexico, district 3 director; Roger Behlmann, Saint Paul, district 4 director; Duane Robertson, Russellville, district 5 director; Tony Ward, Oak Grove, district 6 director; Josh Gilbert, Oldfield, district 7 director; Holly Meyer, Koshkonong, district 8 director; Kadin Boardman, Jackson, district 9 director; and Julie Conover, Holden, general manager.



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Linda Eck (right) was presented with a gavel for her service as past president. Pictured presenting the award is Don Laughlin, newly elected president (left).



Serving on the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are (seated, from left) Mary Otte, Saint Mary, president; Ashlyn Richardson, Lincoln, vice president; and Reba Colin, Butler, co-second vice president and scholarship co-chair. Standing (from left) are Myra Colin, Butler, co-second vice president and scholarship co-chair; Kelly Houston, Savannah, treasurer; and Teela Sadowsky, Eagleville, secretary.



Carter Ward, Plattsburg, center, was named Show Breeder of the Year. Pictured presenting the award are Don Laughlin, newly elected president (left), and Linda Eck, past president (right).



Winning open divisions of the Missouri Angus Show animals of the year sponsored by Beef 360 are (from left) Juliette Mead, Barnett, champion cow-calf pair of the year; Rachel Hunter, Hunter Angus, Fair Grove, junior heifer calf champion; Jace Pipkin, Republic, champion bull of the year; Sophia Sweeny, Kansas City, senior heifer calf champion; Annaliese Mead, Barnett, intermediate heifer champion; Ciara Raithel, Mexico, junior heifer champion; and Alexis Koelling, Curryville, senior heifer champion and champion heifer of the year.



Cody and Jocelyn Washam, Pierce City, were honored as retiring junior advisors. Pictured from left are Lauren Gilbert and Ciara Raithel, junior members; Cody and Jocelyn Washam, recipients; and Garrett Schuering and Mardee Sadowsky, junior members.



Bobby Dale and Barbara McBride, Centralia, were presented with the Pioneer Breeder of the Year Award. The McBrides are pictured with their family, and Vernon Yager, presenting.

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