



Newsmakers

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

► IN THE NEWS

Minnie Lou Bradley, former American Angus Association president from Memphis, Texas, has been named a 2006 inductee into the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. Bradley will be



honored for her achievements during a ceremony Oct. 26 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

Bradley was the first woman to receive a degree in animal husbandry from Oklahoma State University, formerly Oklahoma A&M, and was the only female member of the school's livestock judging team. Bradley was the first female American Angus Association president and has received numerous awards for her vision and dedication to the improvement of beef cattle.

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is dedicated to preserving the history of pioneering western women from the mid-1800s to the present. Other 2006 inductees include Esther Hobart Morris, Sharon Camarillo, Rose Cambra Freitas and Bonnie McCarroll.

Albert Epperly, Moneta, Va., was appointed to the **Livestock Marketing Association (LMA)** Government and Industry Affairs Committee. Other committee appointees include: T. Phil Harvey, Jackson, Ga.; David Macedo, Tulare, Calif.; Jim Schaben Jr., Dunlap, Iowa; Tim Starks, Cherokee, Okla.; Dan Harris, Holton, Kan.; and Hubbard "Hub" Wyatt, Linden, Ala.

LMA also announced appointments to two other key LMA committees, Membership Services and World Livestock

Auctioneer Championship (WLAC). The Membership Services Committee includes: Dwayne Mays, chairman, Ogallala, Neb.; Mike Shewbart, Russellville, Ala.; Tom Frey, Creston, Iowa; Wayne Kruse, Fort Collins, Colo.; Jon Schaben, Dunlap, Iowa; and Steve Bartholomew, Fayetteville, Ark.

The WLAC Committee includes Billy Perrin, Durant, Okla.; Joe Don Eaves, Tulsa, Okla.; Curt Sporleder, Unionville, Mo.; Burt Richards, Buffalo, Texas; and John Korrey, Iliiff, Colo.

San Pedro Ranch, Carrizo Springs, Texas, was named Region IV winner in the 2006 Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP). The ranch, maintained by Joseph Fitzsimons and Pamela Howard, was nominated by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) and is among seven regional winners that will advance to national competition in the program, which recognizes cattle operations dedicated to natural resource preservation and stewardship.

Other regional award winners include: Blight Family Farms, Region I, Albion, Mich.; Hayston Farms, Region II, Mansfield, Ga.; Clan Farms, Region III, Atlantic, Iowa; Thaler Land & Livestock, Region V, Lagrange, Wyo.; Diablo Trust Ranches, Region VI, Coconino County, Ariz.; and Brown's Gelbvieh Ranch, Region VII, Bismarck, N.D.

The 2006 national winner will be announced in February 2007 during the Cattle Industry Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

► IN PASSING

Mitchell Dale Widholm, 15, Clifton, Ill., died June 27 at Saint James Medical Center, Olympia Fields, Ill.

Forrest and Mary (Mayes) Byergo, Barnard, Mo., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 25, with a reception at the Guilford United Methodist Church.

The couple was married May 14, 1946, at the First Baptist Church parsonage in Atchison, Kan. The couple founded Byergo Angus Farms in 1951. They are now members of the Missouri Angus Association Hall of Fame.



Mitchell was born May 16, 1991, in Bloomington, Ill., to Todd and Carol (Kidder) Widholm. He was a sophomore at Central High School in Clifton and was a member of the football and basketball teams, the school's FFA chapter, Ashkum Chargers and the 4-H Club. A member of the advisory board of the Illinois Junior Angus Association, Mitchell enjoyed helping around the farm and showing cattle.

He is survived by his parents and sister, Casey.

The Widholms have established a scholarship fund in his memory. The annual scholarship will go to a college-bound individual seeking a degree in agriculture, which is what Mitchell had hoped to accomplish.

Samuel "Sam" Sheridan Ambrose Jr., 82, of Atlanta, Ga., died July 12 at the William Bremen Jewish Home.

Sam was born in Jacksonville, N.C., in 1923. At 16 years of age, he enrolled at Duke University, and enlisted in the Navy when World War II started. He earned his medical degree from Duke University in 1947, and completed an internship and residency at Duke Hospital, and later at the Naval hospital at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville.

He married Betty Stansbury Oct. 7, 1950, in Durham, N.C. In 1954, the couple moved to Atlanta, Ga., where Sam established a urology practice. From 1954 to 1971, he was in private practice at Piedmont and Egleston hospitals before moving to the Emory University School of Medicine, where he was a professor and chief of urology until the early 1990s.

Sam was instrumental in developing new surgical techniques in the field of urology and was an early champion of the lithotripter, a machine that breaks kidney stones into such small bits that they can be passed without surgery.

In addition to his medical ambitions, Sam bred and raised Angus cattle on his farm in Coweta County. He was a member and past president of the Georgia Angus Association and was named a Pioneer Breeder in 2004 by the All American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

Sam was also a member of several surgical societies, including the American Urological Association, the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons and the Society for Pediatric Urology.

He is survived by his wife, sons Stuart and Bruce, and daughter Ann.

► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Dale Huffman was awarded the 2006 American Meat Science Association (AMSA) R.C. Pollock Award, honoring an

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extraordinary and lasting contribution to the meat industry through teaching, Extension and research.

Mo Salman, Colorado State University veterinary epidemiologist and director of the Animal Health Population Institute, has been named to a three-year term with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The only American to achieve EFSA selection, Salman will assist the group of 191 scientists in assessing food and animal feed safety and risk for the European Union (EU).

John Kleiboeker, California, Mo., has been named the new executive director of the Missouri Beef Industry Council (MBIC). A

beef producer who has served as a volunteer member on the MBIC board since 2001, Kleiboeker will begin his term Sept. 1. His duties will include directing staff, overseeing budgets and programs, and producer communications.

Darryl Howard, North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) chief brand inspector, Bismarck, N.D., was elected president of the International Livestock Identification Association (ILIA). The ILIA provides livestock owners with protection against livestock theft and loss through brand registration, ownership inspection and theft investigation. Other officers elected include: **Maxine Hoene**, president-elect, Meridian, Idaho; **Dave Horton**, vice president, Alma, Neb.; **Sam Wilson**, director at large, Rincon, N.M.; **Ed Turco**, alternate director at large,

Calgary, Alta., Canada; **Larry Gray**, immediate past president, Fort Worth, Texas; and **Rich Wahlert**, secretary-treasurer, Denver, Colo.

Heidi Luett, Adel, Iowa, was named director of marketing and community relations with the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids (FS4JK), a nonprofit organization working to promote farm safety for children. **Keely Coppess**, West Des Moines, Iowa, was also hired as FS4JK's marketing and community relations assistant director. For more information about FS4JK, visit www.fs4jk.org.

Denise Smith has been appointed chair of the Ohio State University Department of Food Science and Technology. Smith leads 19 faculty members, 82 undergraduate and 60 graduate students.

Andre Carioba was named senior vice president and general manager for AGCO Corp.'s South America division. An officer of AGCO, Carioba will be responsible for managing operational functions and marketing strategies from the company's São Paulo, Brazil, headquarters.

Beth Sequeira was named the communications director for the International Agri-Center and World Ag Expo. In the newly created role, Sequeira will promote the World Ag Expo and other events produced by the center.

Featherlite Inc., a manufacturer and marketer of specialty aluminum trailers, transporters and luxury motorcoaches, announced that it has signed an agreement to merge with **Universal Trailer Holdings**

Corp., of Cincinnati, Ohio. As a result of the merger, expected to be completed Oct. 31, Featherlite will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Universal Trailer. The company expects to retain Featherlite manufacturing locations and dealer networks.

Kemin Industries Inc. received a superior rating from the American Institute of Baking (AIB) audit for food safety.

The **Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC)** is once again conducting Agri-Tag, a specialty license plate fundraiser designed to raise money for



educational agriculture resources in Kansas classrooms. The \$25 specialty tags

are available at www.ksagclassroom.org or 1-866-759-8031.

Farm Credit System celebrated its 90th anniversary of service to rural America. According to the entity, Farm Credit is the nation's oldest and largest financial cooperative.

Five farm supply retail businesses were selected as Environmental Respect Award Regional Winners. They include **The McGregor Co.**, Garfield, Wash.; **ADM Grain Co.**, Kinsley, Kan.; **Crop Production Services**, Breckenridge, Mich.; **UAP Distribution Inc.**, Mulberry, Fla.; and **Wabash Valley Service**, McLeansboro, Ill.

