



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**James and Billye Sue Roberts**, Green Forest, Ark., received the Beef Producer of the Year award from the Berryville Chamber of Commerce. They have farmed in Carroll County for more than 40 years, building their herd to more than 700 from one cow and heifer calf.

Life members of the American Angus Association since 1964, they were previously named Farm Family of the Year. The couple has been married 53 years.

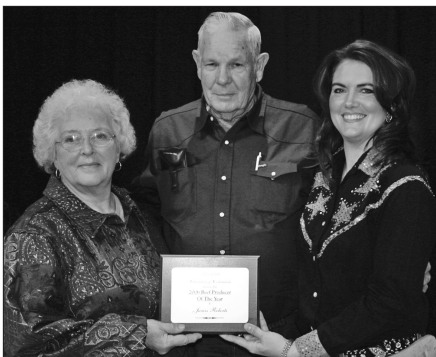


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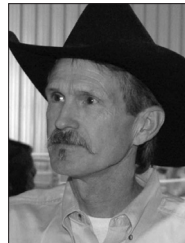
► From left, Billye Sue and James Roberts receive the Beef Producer of the Year award from Lori McCance.

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) elected new leaders at its annual convention and trade show in Fargo. **Mark Huseth**, McLeod, was elected president after serving two terms as vice president. **Jack Reich**, Zap, was elected vice president. **Joel Schmitz**, Enderlin; **Warren Zenker**, Gackle;

and **Richard Fast**, New Salem; were re-elected as directors. Newly-elected directors include **Keith Johnson**, Sharon; **Steve Brooks**, Bowman; and **Doug Feiring**, Powers Lake. **Fred Helbling**, Mandan, was appointed to fill the director position vacated after Reich's election as vice president.

Other NDSA directors include **John Grann**, Minnewaukan; **Kory Jorgenson**, Rugby; **Tom Schmid**, Oberon; **Bruce Hakanson**, McLeod; **Gerald Vangness**, Walcott; **Mark Wagner**, Monango; **Lee Anderson**, Bismarck; **Steve Koester**, Steele; **Jason Schmidt**, Medina; **Casey Maner**, Morristown; **Frank Melchior**, Almont; **Jim Burke**, Bowman; **Jim Lowman**, Fairfield; **Tom Murphy**, Killdeer; **John Novodvorsky**, Douglas; **Gabe Thompson Jr.**, Antler; and **Jason Zahn**, Towner.

**Wyman Poe**, Franklin, Texas, has been added to the staff at the College Station office of Bovine Elite LLC. Poe has a comprehensive background in the livestock industry, including management of registered purebred cattle, commercial feedyard and packer experience, animal nutrition, seedstock marketing and advertising. Part of Poe's duties will include visually evaluating sires and their progeny and assisting clients with their sire selections.



Wyman Poe

**Aaron Eads**, Douds, Iowa, assumed duties Oct. 1 as the new customer service and marketing representative for Seedstock Plus LLC. Eads formerly served as a membership coordinator for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and was previously employed as a field director with the Iowa Quality Beef Supply Co-op. His primary responsibilities are to implement the company's marketing assistance program and enhance customer relations.

Eads and his family will continue to reside in Douds, where they have a registered Angus and commercial cattle operation.

## IN PASSING

**Frederick R. "Fritz" Holder Jr.**, 79, died Nov. 18 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Saint Francis Campus, Wichita, Kan.

Fred was born May 11, 1927, in Norwich, Kan., to Frederick and Ethel (Snelling) Holder Sr. He graduated from Norwich High School in 1945, and served with the Navy in the Philippines during World War II. Fred married Patsy Jane Brewer in Wichita Sept. 20, 1953.

A life member of the American Angus Association since 1952, Fred and his wife owned and operated K2 Angus Farm in Milton, Kan. The Holders consigned champion entries to the Kansas Beef Expo and sold bulls through the Denver bull sale. K2 Angus Farm received the Historic Herd Award from the American Angus

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## Montana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Billings, Oct. 20



► New directors are (from left, back row) **Bob Sitz**, Harrison; **Joe Goggins**, Billings; **Larry Trexler**, Hamilton; **Russell Thiessen**, Lambert; **Steve Lund**, Wibaux; **Dwight Barber**, Helena; and **Gene Ryg**, Worden. New officers are (seated) **Don Connelly**, Valier, vice president; **Steve Harmon**, Lavina, president; and **Kathy Creighton-Smith**, Chinook, treasurer.



► **Linda Rest**, Shepherd, is the Montana Angus Auxiliary president.

Association in 2006. Fred served as treasurer of the Kansas Angus Association for 27 years. He served as president in 1975 and was named an honorary member in 1994.

Fred is survived by his wife; a son, Roger; two daughters, Cathy and Nancy; two brothers, Robert and Max; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Angus Foundation (Kansas

Scholarship/Endowment), or to the Kacy Layne Memorial Scholarship fund.

#### ▶ **ANGUS ARRIVALS**

**David** and **Lisa Lutchka**, Lutchka Angus, Grass Lake, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter, **Lauren Rose**, born July 14. She weighed 10 lb., 3 oz.

Grandparents are Dave and Joan Lutchka, Grass Lake; and D. Gary and Diane Fink, East Lake, Ohio.

**Bruce** and **Kindra Gordon**, Whitewood, S.D., announce the birth of their son, **Bennett Bruce**, born Nov. 11. Bennett, who weighed 7 lb., 10 oz., and was 21 in. long, joins brother Bridger and sisters Danika and Matea.

Grandparents are Richard and Sharon Beitelspacher, Bowdle, S.D., and Bob and Joyce Gordon, Souris, Man., Canada.

Kindra is a freelance writer for several livestock magazines, including the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin*. Bruce is a former sire selection specialist for Alta Genetics.

#### ▶ **INDUSTRY EXTRAS**

**Ken Odde** has been named the head of the Kansas State University (K-State) department of Animal Sciences and Industry. He had been a professor and director of the North Dakota State University's (NDSU's) Beef Systems Center of Excellence since June 2005. Prior to that, Odde served as head of NDSU's Department of Animal and Range Sciences.

Odde earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from South Dakota State University (SDSU) in 1973 and from K-State a master's degree in reproductive physiology, a doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1982, and a doctorate in reproductive physiology in 1983. He has conducted research in such areas as artificial insemination (AI), calving difficulty, endocrine control of postpartum anestrus, estrous synchronization and factors influencing colostrum production.

**Matt Brockman** resigned as executive vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) effective Nov. 30, after serving the organization for six years.

**George Gunn**, chief executive officer (CEO) of Novartis Animal Health, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH), effective Nov. 30. Gunn is a veterinarian from the Shetland Islands in Scotland with more than 20 years experience in various leadership positions in both human and animal health.

He succeeds Pedro Lichtinger, who stepped down as president in August 2006 following his appointment as Pfizer Inc. vice president/area president of Europe Pharmaceutical Operations.

