



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Steven Lastovica** of Salado, Texas, was awarded one of three 2016 Outstanding Alumni Awards from the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the annual Legacy and Leadership Banquet Nov. 18, 2016. Steven found his calling in agriculture early — on his family's Angus farm in Bell County, Texas. As an animal science major at Texas A&M, he worked at the Beef Cattle Center and was active in many student organizations, including the Corps of Cadets, the Ross Volunteers and the Texas A&M Senior Livestock Judging Team.

Soon after graduation, he began working as an extension agent for agriculture in Washington County, Texas, where he developed his people skills — and a business idea — as he worked with local livestock breeders. In May 1986, less than a year after college graduation, he and his brother started Milano Livestock Exchange (MLE). For 30 years, it was Milam County's oldest family-run livestock market, having sold more



Steven Lastovica, Salado, Texas

than 1.5 million head of cattle. No longer operating as a weekly livestock auction, Steven has transitioned MLE to operate as a USDA-licensed livestock dealership, providing stocker and feeder cattle to the feedlots, as well as high-quality replacement females through Internet and private-treaty sales.

Steven and his wife, Sandra, also a 1985 graduate, along with their children, own and operate Lastovica Cattle Co., as well as

Supreme Genetics, providing bulls, donors and high-end heifers to customers across the nation.

A Texas 4-H volunteer, Lastovica has long been a supporter of 4-H and FFA, fostering a love for agriculture through the beef cattle industry and ultimately helping young Texans go to college to pursue degrees in agriculture. A respected cattle judge, he officiates at livestock judging competitions on the junior, senior and collegiate levels, and judges livestock shows across the country on a local, state and national level.

Steven and his family share a passion for Texas A&M and the Department of Animal Science. He served on the Dr. Howard Hesby Atrium Committee to provide funding for the renovation of the Kleberg Building atrium. He is a guest speaker in animal science classes and at the Beef Cattle Short Course, and currently serves as a board member of the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and

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## Canadian Angus Gold Show winners

The Canadian Angus Association (CAA) has announced the winners of its 2016 National Gold Show Program. Awards were presented before the Power and Perfection Sale at Agribition in Regina, Sask.

The 2016 Black Angus Show Bull of the Year, receiving champion aggregate status, was MAF First Impression 4420, owned by Mogcks Angus Farm of Tripp, S.D., and Mick and Debbie Trefiak of Edgerton, Alta.

The reserve aggregate champion for Black Angus Show Bull of the Year was awarded to BOSS LAKE Brilliance 615 owned by Boss Lake Genetics of Stony Plain, Alta.

Runner-up aggregate champion for Black Angus Show Bull of the Year went to EF Titan 545, owned by Sean Enright and Barry Enright of Renfrew, Ont.

The 2016 Black Angus Show Female of the Year, receiving champion aggregate status, was SC Mich Rose 30X owned by Katie Serhienko of Maymont, Sask., and heifer calf SC Mich Rose 613D, also owned by Katie Serhienko.

The reserve aggregate champion for Black Angus Show Female of the Year went to DMM Blackbird 105A, owned by Lee and Dawn Wilson, Miller Wilson Angus, of Bashaw, Alta., with bull calf DMM International 54D, also owned by Lee and Dawn Wilson, Miller Wilson Angus.

Runner-up aggregate champion for Black Angus Show Female of the Year went to Royal S Pride 42B owned by Brianna Kimmel of Lloydminster, Alta., with heifer calf Twst She's A Heartbreaker 66D, also owned by Brianna Kimmel.

"The competition for our Gold Show program is always fun

and exciting to watch," says CAA CEO Rob Smith. "Our members take great pride in their show cattle. The Gold Show program is a tremendous opportunity to display premium Angus genetics to fellow Angus producers, cattle folk from other breeds, beef industry influencers and the public at large.

The Canadian Angus Gold Show All-Star Team awards were also announced as follows:

In the black Angus bulls, bull calf champion went to BOSS LAKE Brilliance 615, owned by Boss Lake Genetics; junior champion went to EF Titan 545, owned by Sean Enright and Barry Enright; and senior champion went to MAF First Impression 4420, owned by Mogcks Angus Farm and Mick and Debbie Trefiak.

Angus Female All-Star awards went to Greenwood Beauty JJP 23D, owned by Jayden and Jaxon Payne of Lloydminster, Sask., and HLC Barbara 776D, owned by Hollinger Land & Cattle of Neudorf, Sask., tied as the heifer calf champion. Remitall F Tibbie 51C owned by Remitall Farms Inc. of Olds, Alta., was junior champion; and SC Mich Rose 30X, owned by Katie Serhienko, and heifer calf SC MICH ROSE 613D, also owned by Katie Serhienko, was senior champion.

The Gold Show program was developed in 1989 by the Canadian Angus Association to provide an incentive for breeders to move between regions to show cattle. Gold Show winners are determined by the animals that earned the highest number of points in three Gold Shows. If an animal accumulated points in more than three Gold Shows, the points from their best three shows were used in determining end-of-year awards.

The All-Star awards were first presented in 2012 making this year the fifth annual recognition.