



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**The LU Ranch**, Worland, Wyo., was recently announced by the Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA) as one of the finalists for its 2012 Environmental Stewardship Award.

“Mike embodies the highest qualities of a landowner who truly cares for his land and who is working cooperatively with other ranchers, public agencies and conservation organizations to leave a lasting legacy of stewardship and commitment to the land he loves. The LU Ranch is truly a hallmark for a successful public lands ranching operation,” the Washakie County Conservation District wrote in its nomination of Mike Healy and the LU Ranch.

As manager of his family’s ranch, Healy has introduced numerous improvements to

the land, including prescribed burning, fence modification for wildlife, pasture and water developments, aspen enhancement, and grazing plans. Healy also helped implement a successful and ongoing project to replace invasive species with native vegetation, directly affecting more than 75 miles of streams.

Healy works extensively with public land agencies to improve range, roads, habitat, hunter access and fences to allow unhindered migration. Nearly 3,000 acres of the LU Ranch are also under conservation easement, conserving open spaces, wildlife habitat and ranching in perpetuity.

In addition to a commitment to their land and livestock, Healy and his late wife, Jean, have always been active in community activities and volunteer efforts in both

agricultural and community organizations. The Healys are also recipients of numerous stewardship and producer awards.

The LU Ranch has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1958.

In addition to the LU Ranch, the Padlock Ranch in Dayton and Sommers Ranch in Pinedale were also announced as finalists for the award.

**Ben Lohmann**, Grantville, Kan., has assumed the position of beef sire acquisition manager for ABS Global. Lohmann will work with the beef product management and sales team to direct and further the company’s beef sire acquisition and development strategy.

Lohmann brings a wealth of experience across numerous breeds, having assisted in

## North Dakota Angus Ass’n Annual Banquet, Bismarck, Nov. 19



► The North Dakota Angus Ass’n officers and directors are (seated, front row, from left) **Eric Bowman**, Rhame; **Joel Opp**, Hebron; **Brad Tokach**, Saint Anthony, past president; **Peter Best**, Watford City, president; **Terry Carter**, Rocklake, vice president; **Nathan and Emily Spickler**, Glenfield, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Mike Wendel**, Lamoure; **Zachary Hall**, Bismarck; **Matt Tastad**, Rolette; **Jonathan Marohl**, Solen; **Steven Gilje**, Rolette; and **Richard Koski**, Wing.



► **Joe Schaff**, Bismarck, received the President’s Award. Pictured are (from left) Brad Tokach, North Dakota Angus Ass’n past president, presenting; and Ruby and Joe Schaff.



► The late **Dale Luhman**, Gladstone, was honored with the Man of the Year award. Accepting the award is his wife, Tammy Luhman.



► **Thompson Angus**, Kintyre, received the Breeder of the Year award. Accepting the award are (from left) Harold and Delores Thompson and Nancy and Berent Thompson.



► The **Gullickson family**, Solen, received the Commercial Breeder of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) Ashton, Evan, Salena, Haley and Jay Gullickson; and Clair, Sue and Callie Gullickson.

the development, evaluation and marketing of bulls through the Leachman Cattle Co. organization during the last 15 years. Of equal importance, his daily interaction on a customer service and consultation level with large numbers of commercial cattle producers provides Lohmann with a wealth of experience and understanding of the core customer's challenges and needs.

He will serve as the key link between ABS and the company's bull owner partners while providing important product knowledge to customers, the professional representative force and the company's sales management team.

Lohmann received his bachelor's degree in animal science and worked toward a graduate degree in ruminant nutrition at Kansas State University (K-State). He will be based in Grantville. He has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1993.

**Gardiner Angus Ranch (GAR)**, Ashland, Kan., recently announced that University of Arkansas junior Nicole Gurley, Huntsville, Ark., has been selected as the spring intern. Gurley will complete her bachelor's degree in animal science in spring 2012. She plans to continue her education at K-State with the goal of earning a degree in veterinary medicine, specializing in large animals.

As the GAR intern, Gurley will experience all day-to-day operations, including AI breeding, ultrasound pregnancy diagnosis, superovulation of donors, embryo collection, semen testing of sale bulls, preparation of sale cattle and conducting the annual spring sale.

In addition, she will receive training and will assist in heat detection, recordkeeping, monitoring cows and calves for sickness, operating heavy equipment, feeding silage and hay, freeze branding, assisting in semen collection and bull evaluation, and daily handling and moving of sale cattle.

Applications for the fall 2012 internships are due March 15.

The Gardiners have been life members of the Association since 1950.

**Robert "Bob" Perry**, Bethel, Mo., was named Northeast Missouri Livestock Person of the Year. Perry has been an active livestock producer and an advocate for quality livestock production in northeast Missouri his entire life.

"Selected by performance, evaluated by comparison" is the foundation motto at Perry Farms. The farm's roots include an Angus herd that traces back to a heifer purchased by his wife Kathleen's father in 1922 and the Duroc hogs Bob showed as an FFA member.

The Perrys maintain a closed herd, adding new bloodlines through artificial insemination (AI). They submit Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) — including birth, weaning and yearling weights; and ultrasound measurements — to attain expected progeny differences (EPDs) for each trait. Their herd is selected to satisfy customers seeking calving-ease bulls with high weaning and yearling weights.

Bob served on the National Swine Improvement Federation (NSIF) as well as the Missouri Swine Improvement Federation (MSIF). The federations set up central test stations to measure parameters such as feed efficiency, rate of gain, loin-eye area, and backfat in order to provide comparisons between bloodlines. Bob served on the boards of the University of Missouri (MU) and Northeast Missouri (NEMO) swine test stations for many years.

Bob has shown a plethora of champions at swine type conferences, state fairs and national shows. In addition, the Perrys have sold purebred hogs throughout the United States and internationally, including Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Japan and Korea.

In addition to welcoming 4-H, FFA and collegiate teams to their farm for livestock judging practices, the Perrys have provided

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hogs for intercollegiate and FFA livestock judging contests at the American Royal since the 1960s. And Bob has served as an official judge for the collegiate contest.

**IN PASSING**

**Robert Boller**, 84, Downs, Kan., died Nov. 19.

He was born Oct. 15, 1927, in Beloit, Kan., to William and Fay (McNary) Boller. He and his first wife, Faye, founded Black Velvet Angus Farm in 1956. He and Faye divorced in 1985, and she remained instrumental in the continuation of Black Velvet Angus Farm.

Robert had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1958. He was a member of Downs United Methodist Church.

He is survived by sons Rick and Mark; daughter Debra; sister Wilma; brother Bernard; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Editor's Note:** *The obituary on Robert Boller is reprinted to correct an error published in the January issue. We apologize for the error.*

**Carl Davey**, 75, Spokane, Wash., died Dec. 13, 2011.

Carl was born Aug. 18, 1936, to Earl and Velma (Lenhart) Davey in Molson, Wash. He graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1954, joined the Army and served his country in Korea.

On Dec. 31, 1962, he married Norma Clink. They had three children: Donald, Karla and Darla.

He received a bachelor's degree in education from Central Washington University and taught at Spokane Community College for 25 years. One big highlight of his tenure at the college was recruiting, developing and coaching the rodeo team. He was very proud of the success those young people achieved.

He returned to full-time cattle ranching at Davey Ranch after retirement from the college. Outside of his family, Carl had two great passions: black Angus cattle and elk hunting. He looked forward every year to his two weeks at elk camp.

Carl was a father, grandfather, cowboy, cattle rancher and teacher; but, more importantly, he was a good man who prided himself on taking care of his family.

He had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1990.

In addition to his wife, Carl is survived by daughters Karla and Darla; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

**Jane Good**, 87, Manhattan, Kan., died Dec. 13, 2011, at her home at Meadowlark Hills.

Jane was born at home on the family farm in Van Wert, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1924, to Wyler and Edyth Swick. She was the oldest of four girls.

Jane graduated from Convoy High School in 1942 and began nurses training at the Fort Wayne Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Ind. When she graduated in 1945, she worked for a year in obstetrics and the nursery before departing for a three-month postgraduate course in operating room nursing at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, La.

Just prior to leaving for New Orleans, her sister, Judy, and Judy's boyfriend (and now husband), Fred Good, set Jane up with Fred's brother, Don, for a date. There was a spark!

Jane returned to Fort Wayne as supervisor of the operating room at Methodist Hospital, and the budding romance continued. Jane married Don, a 1947 graduate of The Ohio State University, Dec. 27, 1947, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Convoy. They then moved to Manhattan, where Don taught animal science, coached the livestock judging team, and was later department head at K-State.

Jane was a devoted homemaker, wife, mother and volunteer, spending some of her happiest times in the kitchen cooking for a crowd and traveling all over the United States and world with Don. Church activities were important to Jane, and at First United Methodist Church she participated as lay leader, was active in church circle, sang in Choralaires and helped with many bazaars, soup suppers, church dinners and provided transportation for the elderly or infirm.

Jane gave generously of her time to Chapter BD P.E.O.; the University Social Club, serving as president and chairing many committees; and Christian Women's Club, serving as president and treasurer. She helped start the Federation of Handicapped Children (now Citizens) in Manhattan and was a board member for Kansas Children's Service League. She volunteered with the Red Cross Bloodmobile for 40 years, served as a 4-H sewing and cooking leader, and was in the Extension Homemakers Unit (EHU).

Besides caring for her family, Jane's most enjoyable activity was entertaining judging teams, K-State faculty/staff/graduate students and Sunday School members. Jane and Don opened their home to many students who needed a place to stay, and they both advocated for Heifer Project International.

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In addition to her husband, Jane is survived by daughter Linda, sons Craig and Gary; sisters Jean, Judy and Norma; and two grandchildren.

**Junior Schleich**, 88, Fairview, Ill., died Dec. 21, 2011, at Red Oak Estates in Canton, Ill., where he had been living for the past three years.

Junior was born April 24, 1923, at his home in Fairview to Raymond and Leatha (Knight) Schleich. He attended Oak Grove Country School, then Fairview High School, graduating in 1940. He married Melba Norton Sept. 26, 1948, in Farmington, Ill.

Junior owned Sunnyhill Farm with his father, and started the Angus cattle herd on the centennial farm that he continued farming with his son. He loved being outside, waiting for the new calves to be born and watching the crops grow.

A true livestock farmer, he practiced animal husbandry, raising chickens, sheep, dairy cattle, draft horses, hogs and beef cattle.

A member of the Illinois Cornhusking Association, he was an Illinois State Champion and participated in the National Cornhusking Championships.

Junior was a devoted member and past deacon of the Fairview Reformed Church. He was also a member of 4-H, Rural Youth, Fulton County Couples Club, Fulton County Farm Bureau and Fulton County Cattlemen. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1947. Sunnyhill Farm was recognized by the Association with the Historic Angus Herd Award in 1990.

Junior loved his family, his church and his farm. He was a kind and loving father and grandfather, and his family will miss him dearly.

Junior is survived by son Randal and his wife, Wendy; granddaughter Emily; numerous nephews and many other relatives.

**James "Jim" Sprake**, 74, Faucett, Mo., died unexpectedly Dec. 24, 2011, at a hospital

in La Grange, Ky., while visiting family in Crestwood, Ky.

Jim was born June 14, 1937, on the family farm to Lloyd and Mamie (Call) Sprake. He wed Judy Brown of Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 30, 1958.

Jim was a graduate of the University of Missouri (MU) College of Agriculture, where he later served two terms as the president of the Agriculture Alumni Association.

He was the farm director for KFEQ radio and TV for 12 years. He owned the *Journal of Livestock and Agriculture* for several years before serving as deputy director of agriculture for the state of Missouri. Jim also worked as director of member services for the Livestock Marketing Association in Kansas City, Mo., retiring in 2003. He received various political appointments, including the first Governor's Agriculture Advisory Council and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Jim was baptized Nov. 2, 1952, and remained an active member of the DeKalb

**Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Greenfield, Dec. 10**



►The Indiana Angus Ass'n 2012 officers and directors are (seated, from left) **John Finke**, Columbus, secretary; **John Dawson**, Morocco, first vice president; **Karl Gillette**, Cloverdale, president; **Leslie Carmichael**, Bloomington, treasurer; **Jason Miller**, Gaston, second vice president; (standing, from left) **Jay Davis**, Michigantown, past president; **Robert Dragani**, Plymouth; **Judson Kidwell**, Gentryville; **Mark Thompson**, Columbus; **Bruce Lamb**, Milford; **Philip Howell**, Union City; **Bradley Ferree**, Jasonville; **Jack Sweeney**, Noblesville; and **Andrew Howell**, Milltown.



► **Mark Smith** (left), Whitestown, received the President's Award from **Jay Davis**, Indiana Angus Ass'n past president.



►Elected to serve as advisors for the Indiana Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Jeff and Julie Innis**, Milroy; **Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates**, Modoc; and **Kathy and Loran Wilson**, Orleans.



►Honored as past presidents of the Indiana Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **James Patton**, Crawfordsville; **Judy Brown**, Greenfield; **William Jackson**, Hope; **Richard Kinsinger**, Greens Fork; **Julia Wickard**, Greenfield; (standing, from left) **Chris Wickard**, Greenfield; **Mark Smith**, Whitestown; **Bruce Lamb**, Milford; **David Smith**, Greensburg; **Philip Howell**, Union City; **Jay Davis**, Michigantown; **Leslie Carmichael**, Bloomington; **Loran Wilson**, Orleans; **Edward Rishel**, McCordsville; and **Kevin Swaim**, Marshall.

Christian Church. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1966. Jim was an avid supporter of agricultural youth programs, including 4-H, FFA and the National Junior Angus Association.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by daughter Darla; son Bill; grandson Joseph; granddaughter Madeline; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Martin “Marty” Connealy**, 78, Whitman, Neb., died Dec. 25, 2011.

Marty was born May 12, 1933, in Decatur, Neb., and as a child moved with his family to

Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana before returning to Nebraska.

A graduate of Gordon High School in 1952, where he held the shot put record for decades, Marty attended the University of Nebraska–Lincoln on a football scholarship before returning to the Nebraska Sandhills, where he married Donnie Vinton in 1955.

A lifelong Catholic, Marty divided his time as a member of All Saints Parish in Hyannis and Saint Joseph’s in Lincoln, where he served on the Newman Center Board as well as the Lincoln chapter of Legatus.

Starting with a herd of 20 cattle, Marty ultimately developed one of the finest Angus

operations in the country. At the annual bull sale, Marty loved greeting his local friends and neighbors and enjoyed widening that circle of friends as he and Donnie delivered bulls all across the nation.

Famous for his love of all things Irish and his beloved Cornhuskers, everyone who knew Marty admired his integrity, his passionate love of life and his boundless generosity. A grassroots member of the Husker Beef Club, Marty remained loyal to the Huskers with his lifelong support of the Nebraska Athletic Club.

He traveled to Ireland many times with

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friends and family, and could never tell a story about the old country, old friends or his family without tears filling his eyes.

Marty treasured his time in the Sandhills driving his little gray pickup to view baby calves, walking through the bulls or taking a trip to the fishpond to feed his fish. A medium rare Connealy Angus dry-aged steak for dinner would close a perfect day.

In Lincoln, a perfect day for Marty began with Mass at Saint Joseph's, breakfast at the Cornhusker and attendance at a Husker football, basketball or baseball game, especially when he was accompanied by family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Marty is survived by sons Bill, Jerry, Jack, Mick and Terry; daughters Susan and Kathy; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Charles "Boge" Dyer**, 83, Johnson City, Tenn., died Dec. 26, 2011.

He was a 1946 graduate of Boones Creek High School and a 1950 graduate of the University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville, earning a degree in animal science. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and received runner-up honors for Herdsman of the Year in 1965.

He was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1951 to 1963. He had been an active member of the Washington County Soil Conservation District from 1986 until the time of his death, serving as chairman and vice chairman.

He was a founding member of the East Tennessee Angus Association, and had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1978.

His lifetime occupation was as a nationally known Angus producer located in the Boones Creek community. After farming, he enjoyed traveling and was always planning the next camping trip. He was an avid UT fan, attending games, watching on TV or listening on the radio.

He was a member of the Boones Creek Christian Church where he touched many lives through his Christian faith and witness of service as a trustee, elder, deacon, Sunday School superintendent and teacher of the Homebuilders Class.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne; daughter Patricia; son Charles; sisters Margie and Julia; grandsons Nicholas and Charles; and great-grandson Hudson.

**INDUSTRY EXTRAS**

**Ross Wilson**, president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, was honored Dec. 1, 2011, with the Texas A&M AgriLife Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award. The award was established in 1993 to recognize the efforts of individuals who have gained unique distinction for their outstanding leadership and achievements on behalf of the Texas agricultural industry, the state and beyond.

**Dave Sjeklocha** has been named the 2011 recipient of the Beef Cattle Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Beef Cattle Institute at the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Jean-Mari Peltier**, Sacramento, Calif.; **James Goodman** (alternate), Wonewoc, Wis.; **Richard Schlosser**, Edgely, N.D.;

**James Parsons**, Sumner, Wash.; **Mark McLellan**, Logan, Utah; **Adriana Campa**, Miami, Fla.; **Milo Shult**, Doss, Texas; **Chad Waukechon**, Keshena, Wis.; and **Dawn Thilmany**, Fort Collins, Colo.; have been appointed for either a one-, two-, or three-year term, effective Oct. 1, 2011, until Sept. 30, 2014, as members or alternate members of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board.

**Emily Zweber**, Elko, Minn., is the first AgChat Foundation (ACF) executive director. She will focus on furthering ACF's mission of connecting farmers to diverse audiences via social media platforms, and will also provide day-to-day management oversight and fundraising support.

Zoologist **Ronald Fayer**, soil scientist **Ronald Follett** and the late agricultural engineer **Allen Dedrick** were honored Dec. 7, 2011, as inductees into the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Science Hall of Fame. ARS established its Science Hall of Fame in 1986 to recognize agency researchers for lifelong achievements in agricultural sciences and technology.



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