



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Carrie Heitman, communications coordinator for the American Angus Association Public Relations and Communications Department, has been awarded a \$1,000 professional development stipend from the Livestock Publications Council (LPC). She has decided to use the funds to attend a photography workshop with photographer Adam Jahiel later in 2013. Jahiel is based in Wyoming and is well-known for his cowboy images. His work has appeared in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic* and *The New York Times*. In 1987, he was selected to be the photographer for the Titanic mission.

Dustin Schnake, Stotts City, Mo., was elected as a regional vice president of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association

(MCA). The Lawrence County cattleman will represent the southwest. He and wife Scynthia have been members of the American Angus Association since 1995. Elected to serve with Schnake were **Chuck Massengill**, California, Mo., president; **Jim McCann**, Miller, Mo., president-elect; **Janet Akers**, Clinton, vice president; and **Cheryl Brewe**, Marthasville, secretary-treasurer. Elected to serve as regional vice presidents were **Tony Francis**, northeast region; **Mark Garges**, northwest region; **Matt Hardecke**, southeast region; **Greg Buckman**, Region 2; **Patty Wood**, Region 5; and **Marvin Dieckman**, Region 6.

Sue Day, Pilot Grove, Mo., was named president-elect and **Mary Kay Lyle** of Savannah, Mo., was elected treasurer of the Missouri CattleWomen's Association

(MCW) in January 2013. MCW is an affiliate organization to the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, providing a wide spectrum of volunteer service and activities that promote beef and educate consumers. Elected to serve with Day and Lyle were **Brenda Black**, president, and **Janet Crow**, secretary. **Pam Naylor**, Buffalo, was named Missouri CattleWoman of the Year.

The **Henry C. Gardiner** Lectureship will be launched at the Kansas State University (K-State) 100th annual Cattlemen's Day March 1 with inaugural speaker Steve Hunt of U.S. Premium Beef (USPB). The first scholarship in the Henry C. Gardiner Scholarship and Lecture Series was awarded for the fall 2012 semester.

Gardiner bought his first Angus female in 1947 at age 16. While attending K-State

North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Nov. 17, 2012, Mandan



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



► **Larry White** (right), Bismarck, receives the President's Award from **Peter Best**, North Dakota Angus Ass'n.



► **Duane Opp** (right), Hebron, receives the Man of the Year award. Also pictured is **Rita Opp**.



► **Left: Petersen Farms**, Bowbells, received the Breeder of the Year award. Pictured accepting the award are (from left) **Sarah**, **Anna** and **Kris Petersen**.



► **Right: L Double Bar Ranch**, Rhame, received the Commercial Breeder of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) **Rita** and **Jerry Lambourn**; and **Larry** and **Jackie Lambourn**.

in the 1950s, he learned about artificial insemination (AI) and came to believe the only way to make genetic improvements in beef cattle was through the use of technology and sound science.

Since 1964, Gardiner Angus Ranch has been a total AI and embryo transplant (ET) operation and has used expected progeny differences (EPDs) to make genetic selections since the inception of the technology. The operation has kept extensive records on reproductive performance, gain and carcass data since 1970.

Gardiner realized the producer must be rewarded for better genetics and that in a true value-based system, the cattle feeder and packer should also recognize the potential for better margins. Ultimately, however, the consumer could rely on the consistency, nutrition, safety and overall quality of a better beef product.

The original Gardiner ranch was homesteaded near Ashland, Kan., in 1885 by Henry Gardiner's grandfather. Today, it is a family-owned and -operated 48,000-acre beef operation that produces registered- and commercial-Angus cattle.

Gardiner has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1950.

Joe Cassady has been selected as the new Animal Sciences Department head at South Dakota State University (SDSU), pending the approval of the South Dakota Board of Regents. His appointment is effective June 22, 2013. Cassady also serves as executive director of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF).



Joe Cassady

Cassady received his doctorate in animal science in 1999 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), where he had previously received a master's degree in animal science. He earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Iowa State University in 1993.

As head of the Department of Animal Science at SDSU, Cassady will provide effective management of the department and provide leadership to develop and maintain strong, relevant research, teaching and extension programs, stressing excellence across the programs.

He will provide leadership to establish goals and objectives for the department and build strong working relationships; recruit, evaluate and retain faculty, SDSU Extension field specialists, staff and students; develop and manage budgets; coordinate department

fundraising efforts; oversee management of departmental facilities; represent the department in all official communications with the college and university; and foster and build strong relationships with other disciplines and stakeholders.

Prior to joining the faculty at SDSU, Cassady served as an associate professor in animal science at North Carolina State University (NCSU), was an assistant professor in animal science at NCSU and worked as a research associate in genetics and breeding for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) with the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Nebraska.

IN PASSING

James "Jim" Walsh, 84, Pontiac, Ill., formerly of the Verona/Kinsman area, died Dec. 24, 2012, at Saint James – John W. Albrecht Hospital.

Jim was born Feb. 29, 1928, in Morris, Ill., to Robert and Evangeline (Heppner) Walsh. Jim was a proud descendant of Irish immigrants who came to America for a better life. Growing up in the Verona and Mazon schools, graduating as valedictorian of Mazon High School in 1946.

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Betty Hintze, Jan. 9, 1949. They were married for 51 years until her death July 29, 2000. Jim and Betty farmed in the Verona area and raised tomatoes for the Campbell Soup Co. for five years. They also raised registered-Angus cattle, showing and selling them around the country. During the 1970s, Jim delivered fuel for his family's Grundy County Oil Co.

In the fall of 2001, Jim met Phyllis (Bolen) Schmidt on a blind date. This chance meeting led to their marriage Sept. 9, 2001, and he became a member of another loving extended family.

Upon retiring from farming, Jim was known for his carpentry skills, generously giving away many of his woodworking projects. He was an avid gardener, especially of tomatoes. He enjoyed watching Chicago Bears football, RFD-TV and the Triple Crown races. His favorite vacations were in Florida.

Jim loved spending time with his family and friends, sharing stories of his youth or telling a recent joke he had heard. He was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Pontiac, and a past member of Sacred Heart Church of Kinsman.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by daughters Kathleen and Susan; sons Jay and John; stepdaughters Marie and Kay; stepsons Gene and Dean; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren (and one on the way);

Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 6, 2013, Harrisburg



► **Dale Rains** (center), Rains Angus, Mercer, receives the 2012 Seedstock Producer of the Year award from Cheryl Fairbairn (left), Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president, and Erskine Cash, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n vice president.



► **Harry Bachman** (center), Annville, receives the 2012 Promoter of the Year award from Fairbairn (left) and Cash.



► **The Dean family**, New Castle, was named 2012 Pennsylvania Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Shelby Dean, Barb Ragnelli and Laini Dean.



► **Ned and Linda Hower**, Just-Enuff Angus, Bethlehem, receive the 2012 Pennsylvania Breeder of the Year award from Fairbairn (left).

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and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Herbert McPherson, 81, Snow Camp, N.C., died Jan. 1, 2013, at the University of North Carolina Hospitals after several years of failing health.

He was born Feb. 9, 1931, to Solomon and Viola (McPherson) McPherson. He was retired from Burlington Mills after 42 years of service and was a farmer. He was a member of Cane Creek Friends Meeting.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonne (Cox) McPherson; son Stephen; daughter Sandra; sister Ava; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

George Martin, 68, Williamston, S.C., died Jan. 3 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

George was born in Anderson County Sept. 6, 1944, to Carol and Bonnie (Durham) Martin.

He was an active member and served in numerous leadership positions at Guthrie Grove Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith.

George was founder of Martin and Martin Auctioneers Inc. and Martin and

Martin Cattle Co. Inc. He had served on the board of the South Carolina Auctioneer's Commission. He was past president and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the South Carolina Auctioneer's Association.

He was a longtime member of the First Citizens Bank Advisory Board. He served 14 years in the South Carolina National Guard. George was a former John Deere dealer and an active member of the Tennessee Walking Horse Association.

George was a producer of purebred black-Angus cattle and an active member of the South Carolina Angus Association. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1973.

In addition to his wife, Debbie (Sims) Martin, George is survived by sons Joey and Jeff; brothers David and Paul; grandchildren Alexandria, Jayse, Emma and Abby; and a special niece, Jennifer.

Edgar Thomas "Tommy" French, 77, Reidsville, N.C., died Jan. 6 at Morehead Memorial Hospital in Eden, N.C.

Born in Reidsville Oct. 2, 1935, to William and Bessie (Carter) French, he had lived his entire life in Rockingham County. Tommy

served in Germany in the U.S. Army from 1955-1958, attaining the rank of sergeant. He retired from Zarn Inc. of Reidsville in 1994 after 25 years of service.

He was a past member of the Reidsville Jaycees, a past board member of the Reidsville Recreation Department and an active member of the North Carolina and American Angus associations.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife of 54 years, Hazel (Gammon) "Tootsie" French, Tommy is survived by sons Jeff and Joe and granddaughters Katie, Taylor, Kathryn and Michaela.

Rebekah (Crouch) Cannon, 47, High Point, Tenn., died Jan. 8 at High Point Regional Hospital.

Becky was born Dec. 9, 1965, in Johnson City, Tenn. She lived in High Point as the loving wife of Sterling Cannon and mother to daughters Suzanne, Vivian, Clara and Whitney; and sons Cameron, Andrew and Griffin.

She was a wonderful friend, teacher and

► Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 26, 2013, Hutchinson

► Right: Kansas Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Robert Bailey**, Quenemo, treasurer; **Anne Lampe**, Scott City, secretary/manager; **Craig Rucker**, Burdett, president; **Ron Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, vice president; **Sharee Sankey**, Council Grove, director; (back row, from left) **Timothy Benton**, Garnett, past president; directors **Stuart Rose**, Cheney; **Clint Woodrow**, Emporia; **Howard Woodbury**, Quenemo; **Harold Hazelton**, McPherson; **Brandon New**, Leavenworth; **John McCurry**, Burrton; and **Matt Perrier**, Eureka.



► Right: Kansas Angus Ass'n Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) **Jackie Ottensmeier**, McLouth, vice president; **Karen Santee**, Langdon, president; (standing, from left) **Megan O'Brien**, Hutchinson, secretary; **Lori Fink**, Randolph, treasurer; **Beverly Figge**, Onaga, reporter; and **Varee McCabe**, Elk City, past president.



► Right: **Galen and Lori Fink**, Randolph, received the Honorary Member Award. Pictured are (from left) **Timothy Benton**, 2012 Kansas Angus Ass'n president, presenting; **Megan Fink**; **Galen and Lori Fink**, recipients; and **Mary and Andrew McCurry**.

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mentor to many. She had a kind and loving heart and spirit that she so willingly shared with so many.

In addition to her husband and children, Beckye is survived by her mother, Suzanne; her father, John, and his wife, Judy; sister Alison; brother Rob; an aunt and uncle and many nieces and nephews.

William (Bill) Antisdel, 55, Anita, Iowa, died Jan. 24 at the University of Minnesota Medical Center.

Bill was born Dec. 18, 1957, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Gary and Nola Rae (Bengard) Antisdel. They lived at Council Bluffs until Bill was 8, where he attended Roosevelt School. In 1970, they moved south of Bridgewater, Iowa, where he attended Bridgewater Elementary. He



William Antisdel

graduated from Bridgewater-Fontanelle High School in 1976.

After graduation Bill worked for Iowa Star Silos in Adair, Iowa. In August 1978 he started working for Don Bennett north of Fontanelle.

Bill married Nancy Noland at the Presbyterian Church in Adair Sept. 30, 1978.

In the spring of 1979 they moved to Bayard, Iowa, where Bill worked on a hog farm owned by C.W. McCall. Bill and Nancy moved northwest of Fontanelle Jan. 2, 1980, when Bill started working for Nichols Farms, where he remained a loyal and dedicated employee for 33 years.

Bill's greatest love was for his family, and he was very proud of his three children. He loved hanging out with them and was crazy about his grandchildren. Something that was important to Bill was giving his kids good memories, so he took his family on many vacations.

His favorite vacation spot was on the English River in Ontario, Canada. Bill and Nancy made the trip many times with friends and family members. Another vacation spot he loved was traveling to Jamaica.

His second greatest love was the Green Bay Packers, and he took his kids to Lambeau Field twice. He was an avid Cyclone fan and loved the Saint Louis Cardinals. When Bill turned 50 he took up golf, and was a member of Crestwood Hills in Anita. Bill enjoyed playing cards, pheasant hunting in the fall and coyote hunting in the winter.

He loved camping with his friends and family. Every Labor Day weekend for the past 13 years has been spent camping with extended family members at the "Tisel Reunion." Bill lived life to the fullest, loved spending time with his wife and didn't have many things left to do on his "bucket list."

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by daughters Heidi and Stacy; son Ryan; his parents; brothers Mike and Barry; sisters Kim and Cyndi; seven grandchildren; his beloved Weimaraner Natty; and numerous nieces and nephews.

J. Newbill Miller, 77, Washington, Va., died Jan. 26, 2013.

He was born Jan. 9, 1936, the second son of David and Etta (Newbill) Miller. He was a lifelong resident of Rappahannock County. He graduated from Washington High School in 1953 and Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1957. He went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany. He left the army as a 1st Lieutenant but served in the Army Reserves, retiring at the rank of Captain.

Because of his love of Rappahannock, Newbill entered public service at an early age. He was appointed to the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors and served as its youngest chairman at age 28. He also served on the county planning commission, school board, Washington Town Council and was twice elected mayor of the town of Washington. His leadership, with that of his peers, can be credited for his foresight in zoning that has helped to maintain the rural beauty of Rappahannock County.

Newbill was an avid foxhunter, raising and running his own pack of hounds as a teenager and riding with the Rappahannock hunt for many years. He loved cattle, and, with his father, began Ginger Hill Angus in 1959. With a keen eye and a passion for perfecting the breed, his reputation grew throughout the state and across the nation. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1973.

He was an incredible husband, father, grandfather, friend, veteran, foxhunter, cattle breeder, mentor, politician and protector of Rappahannock County.

In addition to his wife, Carolyn (Beard) Miller, Newbill is survived by sons J. Newbill Jr., W. Hodgkin and D. Brooke; and nine grandchildren.

Barbara (Waldrop) McCravy, 73, Whitesburg, Ga., died Jan. 13.

She was born Jan. 28, 1939, in Douglas

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South Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Rapid City, Jan. 27



► **Donna and James Willson**, Crook Mt. Angus Ranch, Whitewood, S.D., receive the South Dakota Breeder of the Year award.



► **Robert and Marylin Anderson**, Vale, S.D., receive the Black Hills Angus Ass'n Legacy Award.



► **Jeanine and T.J. Gabriel**, Deep Creek Angus Ranch, Midland, S.D., receive the Black Hills Angus Ass'n Breeder of the Year award.



► **Chandy and Tim Olson**, CATL Resources, Saint Onge, S.D., receive the Black Hills Angus Ass'n Ag Business of the Year award.

County, Ga., to Fred Waldrop and Audrey (Daniel) Waldrop.

During her career she worked as an accountant for Douglas County for 13 years and was city clerk for the city of Douglasville

for 16 years. She was a member of the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by husband H. Gelon McCravy; son Mike; daughter Debbie; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Jan. 28



► Georgia Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated from left) **Phil Page**, Jefferson, director; **Jan Scott**, Nicholls; **Mike McCravy**, Bowdon, president; **Christy Page**, Jefferson, executive secretary; **Carolyn Gazda**, Athens; (standing, from left) **John Jarrell**, Butler; **Michael Jones**, West Point; **Melvin Porter**, Jefferson; **Kyle Gillooly**, Wadley; **Andrew McPeake**, Arnoldsville; **Harvey Lemmon**, Woodbury; **Randy Daniel**, Colbert; and **Douglas Williams**, Milan.



► **Left: The Frederick Gretsch family**, Crawford, were presented the Member of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) Jaden, Anne, Frederick, Abbey and Will Gretsch, and Kayleigh Grimes.

► **Right: Gerald Hooks**, Swainsboro, received the Georgia Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame award. Pictured are (from left) Addison, Kimberly, Evans, Gerald, Clark, Maribeth, Linda and Jerry Hooks.



► **Right: Marion Barnett Sr.**, formerly of Washington, was posthumously inducted into the Georgia Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. Marion's family accepting the award are (from left) Charles and Mamie Rhodes; Marion Barnett Jr.; and Wilkes Barnett.



INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Lillian Booth, Paradise, Calif., has been named the National Junior Grange development director. She will focus on leadership development and resources for Junior Grange directors and further program development for the Junior Grange.

Dell Allen, former vice president of technical services and food safety with Cargill Meat Solutions, was honored as Stockman of the Year at the 43rd Annual Stockmen's Dinner Feb. 28 in Manhattan, Kan.

John Matsushima was named the 2013 Citizen of the West at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. The annual award honors individuals who embody the spirit and determination of the western pioneer and who are committed to perpetuating the West's agricultural heritage and ideals.

Matsushima, a first-generation Japanese-American who grew up in Weld County and showed 4-H steers alongside Kenny Monfort, is a retired animal-sciences professor honored for innovations in beef-cattle nutrition, for educating an estimated 10,000 students and for helping to open foreign markets to U.S. beef.

Joshua Bledsoe, Raleigh, N.C., has been named chief operating officer (COO) of the National FFA Organization. Bledsoe will manage major FFA operations and lead the overall execution of the 557,318-member organization's strategic plan, reporting directly to CEO Dwight Armstrong.

Webb Fields has joined the staff at Bovine Elite LLC in College Station, Texas. He will handle sire procurement and sales and advertising for the firm.

Derrick Volchoff has joined Farmers National Co. as its new vice president of real estate operations, replacing Lee Vermeer, who has retired. Volchoff will be responsible for working with area sales managers, appraisal managers, appraisers, sales associates and farm managers ensuring the highest level of service to the clients and customers of Farmers National Co.



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