



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

The American Angus Association has awarded **Bradley 3 Ranch Ltd.**, Memphis, Texas, the Historic Angus Herd designation for continued ownership and production of Angus cattle for more than 50 years. Minnie Lou Bradley and Mary Lou and James Henderson were presented a certificate signed by the Association's president at their

production sale to honor the achievement. Minnie Lou and Bill Bradley joined the Association in 1958.

Angus cattle have been the livelihood for Bradley 3 Ranch since registered cattle were first purchased and brought home for \$160 per head from Sulphur Springs, Texas. They had to run all the cattle through the chute to match up tattoos to registration papers.

Each animal in today's herd carries a number brand, an ear tag and an electronic ear tag. The Bradleys strive to produce bulls with a set of balanced traits and performance records for the commercial producer. They have been submitting performance records since the inception of Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Seeing a need for high-quality beef for

## Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Wisconsin Dells, Jan. 24



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►The Wisconsin Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors for 2009 are (seated, from left) **Kevin Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, president; **James Hawthorne**, Monroe, vice president; **Ardel Quam**, Lodi, secretary-treasurer; **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, Auxiliary president; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n president; (standing, from left) **David Horstmeyer**, Marshall; **Jeff Kind**, Jefferson; **Andy Mindemann**, Oconomowoc; **Daniel Downing**, Waukesha; **Scott Gaffney**, Barneveld; **Anthony Weber**, Dousman; **Dale Heagle**, Seymour; **Dennis Schlinggen**, Blue Mounds; and **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore.



►**James Ward**, Palmyra, and **Leslie Mindemann**, Sullivan, receive retiring board member awards. Pictured are (from left) Ward, Mindemann and James Hawthorne, presenting the awards.



►**Jessica Radcliffe**, Schofield, won Show Heifer of the Year with PVF Proven Queen 786.



►The Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary officers for 2009 are (from left) **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, president; **Dianne Kegley**, Burlington, vice president; and **Christine Konkol**, Menomonee Falls.



►**Keri** and **Kevin Retallick** (center and right), Glen Haven, receive the Advisor of the Year Award from Courtney Jentz.



►**2K Cattle Ent.**, Glen Haven, won Show Cow-Calf Pair of the Year with 2K Pride 126 and her Jan. 2008 bull calf. Pictured are (from left) **Kelli Retallick** and **Kelsi Retallick**.



►**Left: Mindemann Angus**, Oconomowoc, won Show Bull of the Year with Mindemann Royal Design 716. Pictured are (from left) Andy and Maggie Mindemann.

►**Right: The Jentz family**, Fennimore, won Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year awards. Pictured are (from left) Courtney and Casey Jentz.



► **Florida Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Gainesville, Feb. 7**



► Recognized for their service to the Florida Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Robert Demaree**, Bushnell, 2009 president, and **Chad Campbell**, Micanopy, outgoing president.

consumers that also rewards cattlemen, the family built a USDA beef processing plant in 1986 that later became the first supplier of *Certified Angus Beef®* (CAB®) brand Natural.

The Bradleys share their passion for ranch work by partnering with the Ranch Management Program at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. They have been helping young men and women learn the ranching industry for more than 50 years.

Bill was a director on the American Angus Association Board from 1973-1976. Minnie Lou became the first woman president of the Association in 2005. She was also the first woman to compete on an intercollegiate livestock judging team and the first female to earn a degree in animal husbandry from Oklahoma State University.



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► Bradley 3 Ranch was recognized in January as a regional winner in NCBA's Environmental Stewardship Award Program during the Cattle Industry Convention in Phoenix, Ariz.

Because she has paved the way for young women in the cattle business, The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame inducted Minnie Lou in 2006. Minnie Lou has won numerous awards, including the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Pioneer Award in 2001, *BEEF* magazine's Top 40 in 2004, and in 2008, Bradley 3 Ranch received a regional National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Environmental Stewardship Award.

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► **Georgia Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Jan. 31**



► The 2009 Georgia Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Smitty Lamb**, Tifton; **Christy Page**, Jefferson, secretary-treasurer; **Charles Idone**, Macon, president; **Larry Bramblett**, Elberton, vice president; **Carolyn Gazda**, Athens, past president; (standing, from left) **John Jarrell**, Woodbury; **Harvey Lemmon**, Woodbury; **Melvin Porter**, Jefferson; **Chris Throne**, West Point; **John Morgan**, Mystic; and **Michael Jones**, West Point.



► **Left: Idone Angus Farm**, Macon, receives the Member of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Charles and Dot Idone.

► **Right: Carolyn Gazda** (left), Athens, receives a past president recognition plaque from Charles Idone.



► **Texas Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Worth, Jan. 24**



► **Above:** Advisors receiving awards for their outstanding service to the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Steven and Sandra Lastovica**, Salado; **Andrew and Tanya Holloway**, Stamford; and **Kim and Scott Jones**, Bleiberville.



► **Left:** From left, **Mike and Barbara Ettredge**, Pilot Point, receive the Heyser award for outstanding service to the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n from J.V. and Helen Heyser, Cisco.

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### IN PASSING

**Gary Vermeer**, 90, Pella, Iowa, died Feb. 2 at the Comfort House of Pella.

Gary was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Pella, to Jacob and Anna Vermeer. He was raised in a farming community with strong Dutch roots. After his marriage in 1941 to Matilda Van Gorp, the couple started their lives together with 120 acres of land.

Gary and a cousin started the Vermeer

Manufacturing Co. in Pella in 1948 after inventing a wagon hoist five years earlier that made it easier to unload corn. From that small operation Vermeer Corp. grew into an international organization that manufactures agricultural, construction, environmental and industrial equipment.

Throughout the years, Gary continued to accumulate farmland, and though he hired farm managers as factory demands increased, he always took time out of his schedule to climb on the cultivator, planter or combine, as recently as spring of 2007.

Two of his children, Robert and Mary, now serve as co-chief executive officers (CEOs) of Vermeer Corp. Three of his grandchildren are also active in the corporation.

As well-known for his philanthropy as for his manufacturing success, the Vermeer Charitable Foundation, founded in 1958, made significant contributions to many local and world-wide projects, including many scholarship programs, building projects, disaster relief, aid for missions and more.

Gary served on many area boards and was

### Black Hills Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Rapid City, S.D., Feb. 1

►The 2009 Black Hills Angus Ass'n (BHAA) officers and board are (from left) **Vaughn Meyer**, Reva, S.D.; **Craig Kukuchka**, vice president, and **Alan Kindsfater**, treasurer, both of Belle Fourche, S.D.; **T.J. Gabriel**, Midland, S.D., president; **Jon Millar**, Newell, S.D., secretary; and **Michael Baker**, Saint Onge, S.D.



►**Vaughn Meyer**, Reva, S.D., received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are (from left) Vaughn and Lois Meyer.



►**Clarence Schumacher**, Box Elder, S.D., received the Business Man of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) T.J. Gabriel, BHAA president, and Yvonne and Clarence Schumacher.



►**James Willson**, Whitewood, S.D., received the Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Gabriel, and Donna and James Willson.

### North Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Winston-Salem, Jan. 24



►The 2009 North Carolina Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (front row, from left) **Steve McPherson**, Snow Camp, past president; **Suzanne Brewer**, Lexington, executive secretary; **James Scarlett**, Snow Camp, vice president; **Dean Crocker**, Cherryville, president; (second row, from left) **Linda Hicks**, Roxboro; **Mike Gillispie**, Dobson; **Russell Wood**, Willow Spring; **Martha Holshouser**, Gold Hill, North Carolina Angus Auxiliary president; **Edward Leagans**, Mocksville; **Bettie Garner**, Smithfield; (back row, from left) **John Cassavaugh**, Lenoir; **Randy Jones**, Kinston; **Roy Swisher**, Statesville; **Karl Holshouser**, Castalia; **Garrett Jones**, Kinston, North Carolina Junior Angus Ass'n president; **John Smith**, Pink Hill; **Kenny Woodard**, Princeton; **Steve Grady**, Mount Olive; and **T.W. Wall**, Morganton.

recognized with several awards, including the Pella Community Service Award in 1977. He was named the Iowa Inventor of the Year in 1984, and inducted into the Iowa Business Hall of Fame in 1986, the Junior Achievement Business Hall Achievement in 1992 and the Construction Equipment Industry Hall of Fame in 1996.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Stanley and Robert, daughter Mary, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**▶ ANGUS ARRIVALS**

**Josh and Maggie Malson**, Malson Cattle Co., Parma, Idaho, announce the birth of their son, **Jayten William**, born Feb. 3. He weighed 7 lb., 4 oz., and was 21 in. long. Jayten was welcomed home by big sisters, Mackenzie and Emma.

Grandparents are Mark and Carla Malson, Malson Angus and Herefords, Parma.

**Ty and Gina Byrd**, of Byrd Cattle Co., Red Bluff, Calif., announce the Feb. 26 birth

of their son, **Jayden James**. He weighed 7 lb., 6 oz., and was 19 in. long. He joins big sister, Hayley.

Grandparents are Dan and Chris Byrd, Red Bluff, and Jim and Nadine Bass, Ferndale, Calif.

**▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS**

**Todd Allen**, Wichita, Kan., has been elected president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA). **Mark Smith**, Sharon Springs, was elected to serve as president-

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**▶ Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Springfield, Feb. 22**



▶The 2009 Illinois Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) **Carla Jurgenson**, Atlanta, president; **Lori Uhe**, Edwardsville, vice president; **Deb Hobbs**, Good Hope, secretary; and **Alice Curtin**, Taylorville, treasurer.



▶**Springlake Farm**, Kingston, received the American Angus Ass'n Historic Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) Jeff Rhode; Jay King, presenting the award; Garrett Rhode; Dale Rhode; Preston Rhode; and Tyler Rhode.



▶**Blue Ston Farms**, Stonington, received the champion female award. Pictured are (from left) Fred, T.J. and Jon Curtin.



▶**Rachel and Cimeron Frost**, Tallula, Ill., receive the Illinois Junior Angus Ass'n Appreciation Award.



▶**Above: Blue Ston Farm**, Stonington, received the J. Garret Tolan Memorial Trophy for first-place get-of-sire. Pictured are (from left) T.J., Fred and Jon Curtin.

▶**Right: The Hurst family**, Dorsey, received the Mitchell Widholm Memorial Outstanding Junior Family Award. Pictured are (from left) Dianna, Rebecca and Richard Hurst.



▶**Prairie View Farm**, Gridley, received the champion bull award. Pictured are (from left) Mike McCully, Chicago; and Amelia, Alan and Adam Miller, all of Gridley.

**Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Natural Bridge, Feb. 6**

►The Virginia Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (front row, from left) **Jeffrey Powers**, Moneta, treasurer; **Steve Furrow**, Rocky Mount, past president; **Rebecca Funkhouser**, Staunton, executive director; **Jon Repair**, Glasgow, president; **Jerry Gustin**, Gloucester, vice president; **Kevin Fleenor**, Aldie, secretary; (standing, back row, from left) **Barry Holland**, Buchanan; **Keith Shifflett**, Scottsville; **Jerry Hall**, Upperville; **Jeffrey Kaufman**, Staunton; **Calvert Fitzgerald**, Raphine; **James Young**, Forest; **Jason Pratt**, Atkins; **Pete Henderson**, Williamsburg; **Charles Rosson**, Louisa; and **Jason Arehart**, Staunton.



►**Felicia Gutshall** (left), Staunton, receives the Distinguished Service Award from **Rebecca Funkhouser**.



►**Zach Tucker** (right), Keysville, receives the Outgoing Board Member Award from **Jon Repair**.



►**Jay Fulk** (left), Broadway, receives the Outgoing Board Member Award from **Steve Furrow**.



►The Valley Vet-sponsored Award is presented to **Kevin Fleenor** (left), Aldie, by **Jerry Gustin**.



►**Jerry Gustin** (left), Gloucester, receives the 2008 Promoter of the Year Award from **Pete Henderson**.



►**Steve Furrow** (right), Rocky Mount, receives the Outgoing President Award from **Jon Repair**, 2009 Virginia Angus Ass'n president.



►**Andy Smith** (left), Rosedale, receives the 2008 Commercial Producer of the Year Award from **Furrow**.



►**Joe McCartt** (left), Meadowview, receives the 2008 Manager of the Year Award from **Furrow**.



►**Murcielago LLC**, Scottsville, was recognized as the 2008 spotlight sale host. Pictured are (from left) **Rebecca Funkhouser**, presenter, and **Keith Shifflett**.



►**Four Locust Angus**, Keysville, was recognized as the 2008 field day host. Pictured are (from left) **Rebecca Funkhouser**, presenter, and **Zach Tucker**.



►**Jeff Buchanan** (left), Evington, receives the 2008 Herdsman of the Year Award from **Kevin Fleenor**.



►**Carl Craig**, Middlebrook, received the Hall of Merit Award. Pictured are (from left) **Carl and Ginny Craig**; and **John Mrotek**, presenting the award.



► **Left: Edgewood Angus LLC**, Williamsburg, received the Bartenslager Award. Pictured are (from left) Norman Vincel, presenter, and Peter and Pete Henderson.



► **Right: Skyway Hills**, Washington, received the Seedstock Producer of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Allen Strecker, presenter, and Toni and Randall Updike.



► **Dean Bryant**, Monkton, Md., was recognized as the 2008 Cattleman of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Dean and Marcia Bryant; and Ken Barnhart, presenting the award.

elect. KLA, a trade organization representing the state's livestock business on legislative, regulatory and industry issues at both the state and federal levels, has 5,500 members whose voluntary dues fund the association's work.

**David Wood**, Coalinga, Calif., has been elected president of Cattle-Fax, a member-owned and member-directed cattle market information and research organization. Wood, chief operating officer (COO) and beef division chairman for Harris Farms Inc., has served as chairman of the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB), the California Cattle Feeders Association, the California Beef Council, the Western States Meat Association and on the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) Executive Committee.

**James Herring**, Amarillo, Texas, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Friona Industries LP, the fourth-largest cattle feeding operation in the U.S., will serve as president-elect.

**Tom Buis** announced Feb. 25 that he would step down as National Farmers Union (NFU) president, effective March 15, to serve as CEO of Growth Energy, an alliance of ethanol producers recently formed to promote expanding the use of ethanol in gasoline. Buis was elected NFU president in 2006 and again in 2008.

