



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

S&R Farms, Schofield, Wis., has received the Historic Angus Herd Award from the American Angus Association for its continued ownership and production of Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

In the late 1930s, S&R Farms was founded by Alfred Schleifer and his son-in-law, Burton Radcliffe. The pair milked Guernsey cows. In 1954, Burton and his son, Gordon, purchased their first Angus from Erickson Bros. Stock Farm, Ettrick, Wis., as a 4-H project. The following year S&R Farms joined the Association. The family dispersed their dairy herd in 1962. Focusing on increasing their Angus herd, the Radcliffes purchased additional foundation cattle from Gauger Bros., Clear Lake, S.D.; the University of Wisconsin, Lancaster, Wis.; and other Midwest Angus breeders.

Gordon's son, Jan, and daughter, Tricia, became active in showing Angus cattle and growing the herd throughout the 1970s and 1980s. They submitted weights to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). In 1989, Jan and his wife, Renee, took over the herd. Under their management the herd grew to more than 100 head.

Due to Jan's untimely death in 1994, the herd was dispersed with the exception of 20 cows. Today's herd of more than 40 registered females is owned and managed by Renee and her children, Jared and Jessica.

Country Lane Farm, Ringle, Wis., has received the Historic Angus Herd Award from the Association.

Leonard A. Bayer and Leonard R. Bayer founded the herd and became members of the Association in 1957. Four cows were purchased at a dispersal sale near Plainfield, Wis., as an FFA project. They paid \$400 each to start the Angus herd at Country Lane Farm. Leonard and his wife, Agnes, had four children who were all active showing cattle at the county and state fairs.

Their sons, Scott and Matthew, competed in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), finishing in the top 15 and receiving honorable mention, respectively. Now there are four grandchildren who also participate in the junior Angus program.

The herd is now owned by Scott and Mia Bayer and Matthew and Cherie Bayer. Scott manages the 50-head cow herd. He has been a delegate to the Association's Annual Meeting and served as a director for the Wisconsin Angus Association. Mia was named Wisconsin Advisor of the Year in 2008. The couple has also supported the Angus Foundation.

Bob and Joyce Gordon, previously of Souris, Man., Canada, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 26, 2009. Bob and Joyce were active in the industry, formerly owning and operating Kinnaber Cattle Co. and managing the beef

sire selection program for Alta Genetics. A small family celebration took place in June.

IN PASSING

Grace Ehlers, 93, Maquoketa, Iowa, died May 23 at Jackson County Regional Health Center in Maquoketa.

Grace was born Dec. 6, 1915, in Jackson County, Iowa, to Scott and Ella (Janssen) Wylie. She graduated from Maquoketa High School and Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Grace was united in marriage to Roland Ehlers, a herdsman at Rosemere Farms, on April 18, 1942, in Des Moines, Iowa. She was a homemaker, and, in earlier years, a schoolteacher in the former Maple Grove School near Fulton in rural Jackson County.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church, the Garden Club and the Jackson County Historical Society in Maquoketa. She enjoyed painting and flower arranging, and had a lifelong interest in learning, world events and nature.

Grace is survived by daughters Janene and Ann, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dorris Harrold, 88, Akron, Ind., died June 9 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dorris was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Miami County to Ernest and Altha (Hamilton) Harrold. He graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1938. Dorris was married Nov. 26, 1942, to Mildred Craig at their

Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day and Jr. Preview Show, Auburn, June 6

► **The Barrentine family**, Pisgah, received the Family of the Year Award. Tillman Griggs (left), president, presented the award to Kenneth and Kim Barrentine, and Jason Spears.



Missouri Jr. Angus Preview Show at Missouri Cattlemen's Ass'n All-Breeds Show, Sedalia, June 13



► **Vernon Yager** (right), Sturgeon, receives the Historic Angus Herd Award from Wes Tiemann, Association regional manager.

home, where she has lived all her life.

Dorris was a farmer raising registered Angus cattle and a seed corn dealer for PAG for many years. He also trucked livestock.

Dorris was a member of the Indiana Angus Association and a life member since 1958 of the American Angus Association. He received the Historic Angus Herd Award from the Association for 50 years or more of continuous Angus production.

His daughter, Sharon, and granddaughter, Jill Harker, both served as Miss American Angus, and Harker and granddaughter Janelle Deatsman both served on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) board.

Dorris was a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church for 59 years. He was proud of being a Beaver Dam 4-H club leader for 18 years. Dorris also served on the Kosciusko County Drainage Board. He worked at the Claypool Sale Barn for 18 years. He also loved John Deere tractors and Angus cattle shows.

In addition to his wife, Dorris is survived by daughter Sharon; son Richard; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

James Waters, 71, Norborne, Mo., died June 16 at KU Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan.

James was born Sept. 2, 1937, in Hardin, Mo., to James I. and Ruby (Davis) Waters. He graduated from Stet High School in 1955. James married Judith Johnson Aug. 7, 1966.

James was a lifelong farmer and a Pioneer seed dealer for 28 years. He was active in many organizations and served on numerous boards. He lived in the Stet area most of his life.

In addition to his wife, James is survived by son Glen; daughter Susan; brother Darryl "Jake;" and three grandchildren.

Patrick Smith, 25, Purcellville, Va., died June 18.

Patrick was born March 30, 1984, in Virginia. He is the son of Mason Smith, Winchester, Va., and Betsy Smith, Charles Town, W.Va.

Patrick was a member of 4-H, receiving the 4-H Star. As a junior member of the American Angus Association he represented

the state of Virginia in the 2004 National Junior Angus Showmanship Competition, finishing as one of the top 15 finalists.



Patrick Smith

Patrick enjoyed collecting John Deere tractors, four-wheeling, cattle shows and livestock judging. He was a farm manager for the Red Hill Farm in Leesburg, Va.

In addition to his parents, Patrick is survived by brothers Chan and Aaron; paternal grandparents Channing and Joan Smith; and several aunts and uncles.

John Tolan, 91, Springfield, Ill., died June 27 at his home.

John was born May 17, 1918, in Springfield, to J. Garrett and Marie (Longworth) Tolan. He married Mary Nudo Nov. 21, 1949, at Saint Agnes Catholic Church in Springfield.



John Tolan

John was a master breeder of multiple breeds of horses and cattle, but will likely be best remembered

for his influence on the Angus cattle business. In that regard, he was taught well by his father, J. Garrett, a visionary and pioneer of the breed. John was his father's right-hand man, business partner and best friend.

After the passing of his parents, John established John J. Tolan Farms. He served several terms as a director of the American Angus Association. Although he received many national honors, John was proudest of being voted by his peers the No. 1 breeder/judge of Angus cattle in the nation for four consecutive years.

He judged and exhibited world and national champions with countless breeds and raced Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds for decades.

He was married nearly 60 years to Mary,

the love of his life and the backbone of his business. He worked seven days a week well into his 80s and loved livestock, his family and his friends.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by sons John T., Jess and T. Troy; daughters Jan and Rina; sister Sarah; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Sara and Aaron Snider, Saint Joseph, Mo., announce the June 2 birth of their daughter, **Madeline Grace**. She weighed 9 lb., 2 oz., and was 22 in. long.

Grandparents are Doug and Diane Moyer, Buckley, Mich.; and Craig and Vickie Snider, Saint Joseph.

Sara is the director of AngusSource® for the Association.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Travis McCarty has joined the staff of large and small animal specialists at Ashland Veterinary Center Inc., Ashland, Kan. McCarty, a 2008 graduate of Kansas State (K-State) University College of Veterinary Medicine, was raised on a beef cow-calf operation in Southwest Kansas. After a one-year internship at the Oklahoma Equine Hospital, McCarty has applied his background and education to specialize in bovine medicine in the areas of cow-calf herd health and feedlot medicine.

Charles Rogers, Clovis, N.M., has been elected to a two-year term on the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) board of directors.

Mike Bumgarner, Columbus, Ohio; **E.H. Fowler**, Sedalia, Mo.; **Dan Harris**, Holton, Kan.; and **Dwayne Mays**, Ogallala, Neb.; were re-elected to the LMA board of directors for two-year terms.

Bobby Smith, Fairview, Okla., and **David Macedo**, Tulare, Calif., are in the second year of two-year terms as president and vice president, respectively. **Jim Santomaso**, Sterling, Colo., is also serving the second year of a two-year term as chairman of the board, after serving as LMA president from 2006-2008.

