



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Marsha Moss Shoemaker, Bellevue, Texas, and **Kimberly Ratcliff**, Oakwood, Texas, were among the graduates of the Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership (TALL) XII class that graduated at a ceremony in June in College Station, Texas.

The Tall program is a two-year extensive study of agriculture worldwide. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service leads the program, which focuses on international communications, ecology, government, policy, economics, social problems and educational opportunities.

This class, the 12th since the program started, traveled to India to learn about the global impact of the agriculture industry.

Shoemaker has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2009; Ratcliff since 2008.

Jennifer Svoboda, Sargent, Neb.; **Brady Larson**, Sharon Springs, Kan.; **Doug** and **Michelle Birt**, Prescott, Iowa; **Travis Chrisman**, Wauneta, Neb.; and **Jon Herrick**, Miller, Neb.; independent representatives for ABS Global Inc., received recognition to participate in the company's upcoming beef week events.

Representatives of the company spend countless hours aiding in synchronization, sire selection and providing arm service during the breeding season. To celebrate the hard work and success of the beef division, ABS hosts an annual beef week in July. For the last 11 years, this celebration has included rewarding the top beef representatives for their achievement and dedication by inviting them to participate in

beef week and representative roundtable discussions.

Selected representatives tour the ABS facilities, meet staff, listen to bull presentations and present their business models for success with the ABS staff and fellow representatives.

IN PASSING

James "Jim" Enos, 87, Adrian, Mo., died June 6 at his home.

Jim was born April 12, 1925, in Adrian, on the homeplace his grandfather settled in 1892, the son of James and Ruth (Lentz) Enos. He was one of six children. Jim attended Coleville School for his first eight years and graduated in 1947 from Adrian High School. After returning from the Army, he bought the homeplace from his mother. He then began farming and raising registered Angus cattle, which was his lifetime passion.

In 1954, he started working for the U.S. Postal Service, working in Adrian and then Lee's Summit, Mo. On June 13, 1975, he was united in marriage to Betty Fortsch Greife at the Adrian United Methodist Church. On that day he became a new husband, father of six and grandfather to one.

After retirement from the postal service in 1983, he spent the rest of his years very happily with Betty, his family and his Angus cattle. Jim was a member of the Bates County Cattlemen, and a life member of the American Angus Association since 1947. He had a good eye for fine cattle and enjoyed teaching others how to raise good stock. He liked to attend cattle auctions and watch them on television. He liked to help his grandchildren with their 4-H cattle at the

county fair, and he and Betty also sponsored an Angus trophy.

Jim was humble, kind and soft-spoken. He loved his neighbors and visiting all of his old friends — and after 87 years, he had many. Before he went on to his glory, his only request was to come home to the farm. He passed on at home, surrounded by his family's love and his Angus cattle out in the pasture.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by children Jerry and Rex Griffith; Frances and Richard Hoxsey; Jack Griefe; Marie and Zach Rowan; Ed Griefe; Charles Griefe and fiancée, Dallas Rowan; sister Lela; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Linda Beal, 60, Blacksburg, Va., died June 8 in Blacksburg, of a cerebral hematoma developed as a complication of aplastic anemia.

Linda McCartney was born in Royal Oak, Mich., to Bill and Mary McCartney, who raised their family in Kansas and Wyoming before settling in Adrian, Mich. Linda met Bill Beal in high school, and they were married in May 1972. They settled in Blacksburg in 1979.

Linda earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Tech in home economics and child development. During her career, she taught child development at Radford University and New River Community College. She also worked for Children's Services of Montgomery County and for two nonprofits, the Boys & Girls Club of America and Beans & Rice. Linda was an advocate for children in New River Valley.

Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day & Jr. Preview Show, Gordon, June 1-2

► **Thunderfoot Angus LLC**, Gordon, was recognized as the Field Day Host. Pictured are (from left) David Powell; Tamra, Hadley, Hines and James Williams III; and Gregg Blythe, Alabama Angus Ass'n president.



► **Tim and Tandy West**, Centre, were honored as Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Dale Parrish, presenting; and Tandy and Tim West.

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Linda was a dedicated wife and mother. She spent her life building a loving home and family. She enjoyed gardening; was an extraordinary seamstress; and, most importantly, was a terrific friend. Linda shared laughs and tears gracefully. She was always available to help her friends and family. Linda was committed to caring for those she loved.

Linda is survived by her husband, daughter Maggie and son Colin.

John Lane Jr., 45, Gatesville, N.C., died June 9 at Vidant Chowan Hospital, Ahoskie, N.C.

John was born in Suffolk, Va., the son of J. Roger Lane Sr. and Rita (Howell) Lane.

A farmer, John had served as president of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association and was a member of the Gates County FSA board.

John was a member and deacon at Middle Swamp Baptist Church. He had served as vice president of the Eason's Crossroads Ballpark and was a member of the Gatesville Hunt Club.

In addition to his parents, John is survived by his wife of 19 years, Kellie (Harrell) Lane; daughter Sydney; son John III; and brothers Bundy and Kurt.

Richard Greer, 67, Keithville, La., died June 9 after a courageous four-year battle with a malignant brain tumor.

Richard was born Nov. 16, 1944, in New Orleans, La., to Lavelle "Curley" and Estelle (McKee) Greer.

Richard was raised on a dairy farm in Stonewall, La. He was a graduate of Stonewall High School and attended Louisiana State University (LSU) and Centenary College. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Richard began his work career as an accountant for Roberts, Cherry and Co. He continued his career as administrative vice president with AMI Corp. and then served as divisional vice president with Southmark/National Heritage.

In 1989, Richard became the principal in Health Care Capital, a start-up company that owned, leased and operated 60 nursing homes and assisted-living facilities in 14 states. Active in industry policy, Richard served in leadership positions with long-term care trade associations, including the board of directors of the American Health Care Association.

He served as a consultant to other nursing facility operators and as a lobbyist for the Louisiana Nursing Home Association. Richard joined Southwest LTC's management team in 2004. With more than 43 years of experience in the long-term care profession, he served in leadership positions with several regional management

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► **Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview Show**, Fayetteville, May 26



►The adults who will serve as junior advisors for the Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Kirk Boecker**, Bentonville; **Cheri Tweedy**, Imboden; and **Tami Pohlman**, Prairie Grove.

► **Indiana Jr. Angus Preview Show**, Lebanon, June 10



►**Jerry Cassady**, Normal, Ill., received the Continued Service Award for his service as regional manager for Indiana for 20 years. Pictured (from left) are Tyler Cates, Cassady, Loran Wilson, and Jeff Innis.

companies, as well as industry trade organizations.

Richard loved and supported 4-H Club work. As a club member he received the Governor's Award for outstanding livestock achievements and served as state 4-H president. He was awarded the Attorney General's Award for adult leadership, and actively supported the 4-H Scholarship Foundation. He contributed to many 4-Hers' lives and their families' lives through his support of 4-H livestock projects.

Richard was a third-generation cattleman, forming R&R Cattle Co. with longtime farm partner and friend Ron Springer. They raised cattle that were recognized nationally and statewide as champions in their breeds. R&R Cattle Co. had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1995.

Richard was a longtime supporter of Dixie Youth Baseball. He served on the Dixie Board and sponsored numerous teams, which laid the groundwork for select and travel baseball in Shreveport today. As an avid supporter of LSU athletics, Richard passionately traveled across the country to follow his Tigers.

Richard never met a stranger. He touched the lives of countless individuals. His faith in God, as well as his family's faith in God, helped them rely on God's grace, especially in

this experience. Richard loved and supported the Keithville United Methodist Church with his time and gifts.

Richard's family asks that you take someone you love out to dinner and let them know how special they are to you, because time is a gift with an expiration date.

Richard is survived by his wife of 42 years, Susan (Henley) Greer; son Matthew; daughter-in-law Melodi; four grandchildren; one great-grandson and one unborn great-grandson; sisters Gay and Beverly; one nephew; and one aunt.

Gary Stoller, 65, of Caldwell, Idaho, and Palisade, Neb., died June 9 in a plane crash in rural Elmore County northeast of Mountain Home, Idaho. Gary was piloting the small plane and encountered stormy weather as he traveled from Nebraska to Idaho to meet up with his wife to go on a cruise for their 40th wedding anniversary.

Gary was born Dec. 18, 1946, in Chicago, Ill., to Oscar and Tillie Stoller. He grew up a city boy in Seattle, Wash., and Los Angeles, Calif. One of his teachers in high school mentored him and piqued his interest in cattle ranching through FFA.

Gary met his wife, Davy, while they were teenagers working at Beverly Ponyland, a

pony ride just outside of Beverly Hills, Calif. The couple later purchased and ran the business after they were married. They traveled all over the American West before they found a ranch in Angels Camp, Calif. They operated a horseback riding business in Columbia State Park for 16 years.

The family established Bear Mountain Angus Ranch in Angels Camp in 1986. The family moved to Palisade, Neb., in 2008, relocating Bear Mountain Angus Ranch from California. In 2011, Gary turned the ranch over to his oldest son, Brian, but he stayed in touch by buying the plane to travel between his residences in Caldwell and Palisade. Bear Mountain Angus Ranch has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1991.

In addition to his wife, Gary is survived by sons Brian and Scott and granddaughters Reagan and McKinley.

The family requests that memorials be sent in Gary's honor for a junior Angus youth scholarship fund that will be established in the future to 22318 Sirocco Court, Caldwell, ID 83607.

Timothy "Tim" Gilbert, 57, Shreveport, died June 10 of a sudden heart attack.

Tim attended C.E. Byrd High School and

Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, Raymond, May 4

►The Mississippi Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Brian Garner**, Newhebron, president; **Paul Whitlock**, luka, vice president; **Misty Garner**, Newhebron, secretary; **Mike Howell**, Baldwyn, treasurer; (standing, from left) **D.R. Bozeman Jr.**, Flora; **Gary Tanner**, Ellisville, at large; **Buddy Jones**, D'Lo; **Larry Fitzgerald**, Poplarville, at large; **Ken Stewart**, Wiggins; **W.E. Warren**, West, at large; **Mike Sykes**, Harrisville, commercial; and **William Howard**, Canton, Southwest.



►**Buddy Jones** (left), D'Lo, receives the President's Award from **Brian Garner**, 2012 Mississippi Angus Ass'n president.



►**The Walker family**, Potts Camp, was recognized as the Mississippi Angus Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **Jon Paul** and **Kindra Whitlock**, **Paul Whitlock**, presenting; **Connie Walker**, **Haley Walker** and **Randy Walker**, recipients.



►**Edward and Lori Williams**, Heritage Farm, Quitman, were recognized with the 2012 Mississippi Progressive Breeder of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) **Jenny and Ken Stewart**, managers of 7-L Farms, 2011 Progressive Breeder of the Year winners, presenting; **Kayla Williams**, and **Lori and Edward Williams**, recipients.

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graduated from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. He worked in sales and computer marketing. He loved his family, friends and football. He is to be remembered for his never-ending sense of humor and compassion for others.

Tim is survived by his wife of 32 years, Janelle; sons Clay and Benjamin; sister Glenda; and brother Michael.

William "Bill" Barton, 82, Red Bluff, Calif., died June 18.

Bill was born July 8, 1929, the only child of Robert and Josephine (Kirk) Barton of Canoga Park, located in the San Fernando Valley. Home was a small farm among the orange groves.

Following high school, in 1949 he was a member of the first graduating class of Pierce Agricultural College. After serving in the Korean Conflict, Bill began his lifelong passion for ranching. He took a seven-week job at Emerald Angus in Elk Grove, Calif., and stayed seven years, initially as herdsman and later as manager until the ranch dispersed.

While there, he was on the "show road" promoting cattle at different fairs and national livestock shows from May until November of each year. It was at one of these

many livestock shows that he met his wife of 55 years, Jean Willard of Red Bluff, and their first date was an Angus banquet during the Cow Palace.

Later, Bill was a foreman at the Jack's Valley Ranch, Carson City, Nev. In 1966, he and Jean moved back to Jean's home in Red Bluff to form the Willard and Barton Ranch with Jean's parents. For many years, Bill and Jean traveled with their cattle between the Susanville and Red Bluff ranches, where their stock grazed on U.S. Forest Service and timber company lands at Eagle Lake and Willard Creek during summer, and then, when fall came, the cattle returned to Tehama County, where the milder winters provided green pastures.

For 15 years Bill was a 4-H beef leader and for 30 years he was a member of the Tehama County Junior Livestock Auction Committee (TCJLAC). Other memberships included the Tehama County Farm Bureau and Tehama County Cattlemen's Association, the latter for which he served as president. He was a state director of the California Cattlemen's Association and a charter member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1962.

Bill was a 43-year member of the Red Bluff

Elks Lodge and belonged to the Tehama County Genealogical and Historical societies, as well as the Lassen and Colusi Historical societies. In 1988, Bill was recognized by the TCJLAC in appreciation of outstanding service. In 1992, the Tehama County CowBelles honored him with their Father's Day Award for his tireless work with the 4-H, FFA, junior livestock auction and high school rodeos.

Bill and Jean Barton were the Grand Marshalls of the Red Bluff Round-Up Parade, and the team was again recognized in 2010 as the Red Bluff Kiwanis Farmer of the Year at the Farm-City dinner. Bill's most recent honor came in 2010 when he was named the Tehama County Cattlemen's Man of the Year.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by daughters Linda and Kendra, four grandchildren and a cousin.

Lyle Eiten, 87, Ladd, Ill., died June 25 at his home.

Lyle was born in Ladd Oct. 24, 1924, to Ray and Arlene (Jacoby) Eiten. He married Ellen Knauf at Saint Benedict Church in Ladd Nov. 3, 1951.

Lyle was a graduate of Malden High

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Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Stillwater, May 12

►The Oklahoma Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Jordan Cook**, Foss; **Bill Majors**, Ponca City, past president; **Jason Shepard**, Perkins, president; **Mark Holder**, Olustee, vice president; **Richard Samuelson**, Chester, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **John Pfeiffer**, Mulhall, American Angus Ass'n Board Member; **Jarold Callahan**, Edmond, American Angus Ass'n Board President; **Alan Armbruster**, Burlington; **Jim Davis**, Foss; **Don Abernathy**, Altus; **Mark Sexton**, Fort Gibson; and **Will Cabbage**, Pawhuska.



►**Aaron Pitts** (right), Roland, receives the Oklahoma Mr. Angus award from Alan Armbruster.



►**Leland Robertson** (center), Buffalo, receives the Commercial Breeder of the Year award from David Crowl (left) and Jesse Bias, both of Pollard Farms.



►**Leroy Mindemann** (right), Apache, was inducted into the Oklahoma Angus Hall of Fame. Presenting the award is Jim Davis.

School and L.P.O. Junior College. After college, he worked at Seatonville Elevator and taught an agricultural class at Hall High School. He worked at Knauf Implement Store for eight years and then for Farms Publications with *Drovers Journal* and *Peoria Farmers*. He retired from *Prairie Farmer* publication in 1987.

He was a past president of Ladd Community School Board and a member of the Ladd North Central Bank Board. Lyle was a member of Deer Park Country Club, a lifelong member of Saint Benedict Church, the Holy Name Society and the Ladd Moose. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1946.

In addition to his wife, Lyle is survived by sons Gary and Nick; daughter-in-law Karen; and 10 grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Edward Buckler has been named Distinguished Senior Research Scientist of 2011 by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of the USDA for conducting landmark studies of corn that have placed him at the forefront of plant genetics, improved the crop's nutritional value, and led to the

development of molecular tools now being used to study the genetic underpinnings of a wide range of plants and diseases. Buckler is a geneticist and senior scientist at the ARS Robert W. Holley Center for Agriculture and Health. He and other ARS researchers were honored June 12 at a ceremony in Beltsville, Md.

Barry Flinchbaugh and **Howard Buffet** have been selected as the 2012 Leader in Agriculture Award recipients by Agriculture Future of America (AFA). AFA sponsors the award to honor individuals whose accomplishments have distinguished them as mentors to young leaders and others in the agriculture industry. They will be officially recognized at the Leader in Agriculture Award Dinner Nov. 2, 2012.

Charlie Higdon has been named national sales manager for agriculture for *iHigh.com*. He will be responsible for client relationships across the United States, and will work with current partners to help them broadcast their events while engaging others in agribusiness who might want to target the agriculture audience.

Bailey Ballou, Elgin, Okla., won the 2012 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship

(WLAC) June 16 at the Turlock Livestock Auction Yard Inc., in Turlock, Calif. The WLAC is sponsored by the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA), headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

Ballou takes home a 2012 Silverado pickup to use during the year of his reign; \$5,000 cash; a championship sculpture; a world champion Gist belt buckle; a hand-tooled leather briefcase from LMA; a world championship ring, sponsored by Turlock Livestock Auction Yard Inc.; the Golden Gavel Award, sponsored by the World Wide College of Auctioneering; and a James Reid Ltd. money clip, sponsored by *CattleUSA.com*.

Reserve champion was **Darren Carter**, Ninety Six, S.C., and runner-up was **Brian Little**, Wann, Okla. The seven other finalists were **Tye Casey**, Plymouth, Ind.; **Dustin Focht**, Stillwater, Okla.; **Brennin Jack**, Regina, Sask.; **Blaine Lotz**, Edna, Kan.; **Brandon Neely**, Southside, Ala.; **Paul Ramirez**, Tucson, Ariz.; and **Russele Sleep**, Bedford, Iowa.



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