



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Missouri native **Wes Tiemann** has been named by the American Angus Association as regional manager for the states of Iowa and Missouri. As a regional manager, Tiemann will work closely with Angus producers in the two-state area,



Wes Tiemann

providing them a link to the Association. He will represent the Association and its entities at various Angus and beef industry events.

In addition, he will work closely with Angus Productions Inc. (API) to provide marketing and sales support to the membership. Tiemann will also work with commercial producers who use Angus genetics.

He fills the position that was vacated by Don Laughlin, who moved to the Association headquarters as director of member services.

Tiemann most recently worked as a field representative covering the Southern Plains states for the American Simmental Association. He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science and industry from Kansas State University (K-State) and was a member of the 2006 K-State livestock judging team. He also attended Fort Scott Community College, where he successfully participated in livestock judging.

"I look forward to working in a territory so rich in Angus genetics and history, with

so much to offer the beef industry," says Tiemann, who was raised on a diversified livestock operation in central Missouri. In his spare time, he enjoys horses, spending time outdoors and discussing genetics.

Tiemann, who assumed his duties in mid-September, is one of 13 regional managers who represent the Association across the United States.

Gayla Fuston assumed new duties as DNA coordinator with the Association Sept. 8. Fuston will work with breeders and with Association staff in updating and providing solutions in DNA cases dealing with parentage and other tests currently being run through the American Angus Association.

Doug Stevenson, president of Basin Angus Ranch, has announced the purchase of Stevenson Basin Bull Center LLC near Hobson, Mont. Stevenson Basin Inc., the joint marketing agency for the Doug Stevenson, **Clint Stevenson** and **Keith Stevenson** families' Angus genetics for more than 24 years, is being dissolved.

The family's three ranches, Basin Angus, Stevenson Angus and Stevenson's Diamond Dot, have always managed their cow herds independently, and have reached a point where they are not dependent on joint marketing.

A group of U.S. beef breeders recently hosted a tour of ABS Latin American representatives and customers. In addition to touring **ABS Global headquarters**,

the group visited several herds, including **Sinclair Cattle Co.; Circle A Feedlot; Circle A Angus Ranch; Green Mountain Red Angus; Sydenstricker Genetics; KG Ranch; ORigen; Sandhill Farms; Gardiner Angus; Creekstone Farms Packing Plant; Suhm Brangus; Frank-Hazelrigg Angus; Woodhill Farms; GT Angus; and Huth Herefords.**

Byrd Cattle Co., Red Bluff, Calif., donated half of the proceeds from the sale of one of their Angus bulls to support the fundraising goal of \$50,000 set by the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) Livestock Memorial Research Fund (LMRF) for a foothill abortion vaccine. In addition to the donation by the Byrd family at their sale Sept. 5, beef producers throughout the state are helping the CCA meet its fundraising commitment with the ultimate goal of putting an end to the widespread foothill abortion problem that costs California producers more than \$6 million each year.

The **Virginia Angus Association 2008 Field Day** took place Aug. 23 at Four Locust Farm, Keysville, Va. More than 115 people were in attendance from several different states. Attendees were able to view cattle equipment and other displays, and were later invited to participate in a raffle drawing. They received beef checkoff bags and were able to view a DVD on premises registration provided by the American Angus Association.

Zach Tucker gave a hay-grinding

► Pennsylvania Angus Breeders' Junior Show, Huntingdon, July 3-5



► Females placing in the top five in the livestock judging contest are **Linda Hower**, Bethlehem, first; **Jane Upperman**, Chambersburg, second; **Deborah Spangler**, Boswell, third; **Jamie Brozman**, Bethlehem, fourth; and **Valerie Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, fifth.



► Men placing in the top five in the livestock judging contest are **Zebulon O'Boyle**, Newport, first; **Kevin Spangler**, Boswell, second; **Ned Hower**, Bethlehem, third; **Samuel Long**, Airville, fourth; and **Eugene Trowbridge II**, Meshoppen, fifth.

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► **Missouri State Fair Open Angus Show, Sedalia, Aug. 8**



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► **Max Creason** and family of Creason Cattle Co., Polo, Mo., were honored with the Beef Dedication Award in appreciation for longstanding service and dedication to the beef industry. The north-central Missouri Angus producer has exhibited Angus as well as other livestock at the fair for more than 60 continual years. Pictured are (front row, from left) Elizabeth Schlueter, Missouri State Fair commission chairman; David Dick, Missouri State Fair livestock superintendent; Max Creason, award recipient; Mary Creason; Don Steen, Missouri director of agriculture; Georgia Creason; Shelta Creason; Denise Owen; Barbara Creason; (back row, from left) Cammie Ward, Missouri Angus princess; Kathryn McDonald, Missouri Angus queen; Katie Allen, 2007 Missouri State Fair queen; Edward Creason; Steve Luecker and Ken Keesaman, Missouri State Fair commissioners; Ryan Creason; and Jerry Creason.

demonstration later in the morning. Following lunch, Bryce Schumann, chief executive officer (CEO) of the Association, gave an overview of Association programs. Jim Johnson, director of sales for Pfizer Animal Genetics, spoke on transforming livestock breeding and management.

Sarah "Sal" Forbes, Sheridan, Wyo., will be inducted into the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery in a special ceremony at this year's North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). The first female to ever receive this recognition, Forbes was nominated by the Red Angus Association of America (RAAA) for a

lifetime of achievements, including her role as a pioneer in the performance movement, co-founder of the RAAA, outstanding seedstock breeder, one of the founders of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), pioneer woman in agriculture and leader in sustainable agriculture.

Following the Saddle & Sirloin portrait presentation banquet Sunday, Nov. 16, her likeness will be placed among the other 345 original oil paintings that comprise the collection. The portraits are displayed throughout the Kentucky Exposition Center and Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. The collection serves as the livestock industry's hall of fame.

Association (NJAA) and Kansas Junior Angus Association (KJAA) and served as KJAA president.

► **IN PASSING**

Ronald "Ronnie" Blackwell, 75, Amarillo, Texas, died Aug. 22.

Ronnie was born Feb. 15, 1933, in Lexington, Okla., to Elight and Vee Blackwell. He grew up in Lexington, working on the family farm at the edge of town and graduating from Lexington High School. While attending Oklahoma State University (OSU) Ronnie worked at the movie theater in Stillwater, Okla. After earning a bachelor's degree at OSU, he went to work for the Poland China Association in Chicago, Ill.

Ronnie was drafted and served in the Army for two years before returning to work in Fort Worth, Texas, for the Texas Angus Association. While there, he met Carolyn Crawford. They were married Jan. 17, 1959, in Amarillo. He later went to work for the American Angus Association as director of field services.

In August 1969, Ronnie took a job at the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). He was in charge of public relations until he became the executive vice president of the association. He worked at AQHA for 23 years.

Ronnie was a member of Lifeway

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► **Iowa State Fair Open Angus Show, Des Moines, Aug. 12**



► **Don Laughlin** (right), Guilford, Mo., receives the Recognition of Appreciation Award for his years of service as Iowa and Missouri's American Angus Association regional manager from Chad Claussen, Iowa Angus Association president.

► **WEDDINGS**

Shawn Johnston and **Kelli Jo Craig**, both of Campbellton, Fla., were married June 28 at Southern Cattle Co., Marianna, Fla. Shawn is employed at Southern Cattle Co. and Kelli Jo is the secretary-treasurer of the Florida Angus Association.

Clayton Lampe and **Erin Limes** were married June 21 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Parents of the couple are Mark and Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., and Rod and Laurie Limes, Bowling Green.

Clayton, his parents, and his brother, Garrett, own and operate Triple 3 Bar S Angus in Scott City. Clayton was an active member of the National Junior Angus

Fellowship Baptist Church and was past director of the Tri-State Fair and member and avid golfer at Amarillo Country Club.

Ronnie is survived by his wife; sons Scott and Steve; daughters Stacy and Shanda; and eight grandchildren.

Harriett McClarnon, 98, Greenfield, Ind., died Aug. 21.

Harriett was born June 2, 1910, in Carthage, Ind., to John and Anna (Finney) Butler. She graduated from Center High School in Rush County and went on to earn an associate's degree from Indiana Business College. Harriet married Robert McClarnon Feb. 28, 1932, in Indianapolis, Ind.

Harriett worked as a bookkeeper and was formerly the executive director of the Hancock County Tuberculosis Association. She retired from the Hancock County Highway Department in 1968. She was a member of the Charlottesville United Methodist Church, the Nameless Creek Literary Club and the Hancock County Democrats.

Harriett enjoyed her family and McClarnon Stock Farm, the registered Angus operation in which she was a partner. A life member of the American Angus Association since 1948, she was also a member of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary, the Indiana Angus Association, the American Angus Auxiliary and the Hancock County Cattlemen's Association.

Harriett was a recipient of the state of Indiana Hoosier Homestead Award in 1983. She was a recipient of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary Vera Sherbahn Award, and the Pioneer Breeder Award at the 2003 All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity. McClarnon Stock Farm was also named Indiana Angus Family of the Year.

Harriett is survived by a daughter, Judy, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Mark Armentrout, co-founder of AgInfoLink, has joined Animal Profiling International as director of strategic markets. He will lead the company's efforts to provide specific supply chain solutions that benefit consumers as well as the beef and dairy industries and will assist in the development of proprietary programs for animal health and safety and continued implementation of the WriteTag and other electronic identification (EID) systems.

Tim Niedecken has been appointed

executive director of association services by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), where his responsibilities will include oversight of TSCRA's services to members; support of TSCRA's involvement in the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program; coordination of support and development of the School for Successful Ranching program; and providing industry support and coordination of industry affinity programs that increase member value and benefits.

The **Livestock Marketing Association** (LMA) 2009 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC) began Sept. 9 in Miles City, Mont., with 32 contestants.

Miles City Livestock Commission LLP hosted the first 2009 WLAC quarterfinal competition. Three titlists will be named at each contest, and the top eight scorers will qualify for next June's WLAC, set to be at Fergus Falls Livestock Auction Market Inc., Fergus Falls, Minn.

The other WLAC quarterfinals will be Oct. 29 at Texhoma Livestock Auction LLC, Texhoma, Okla.; Nov. 18 at Muskingum Livestock Auction Co., Zanesville, Ohio; and Dec. 2 at Kingsville Livestock Auction, Kingsville, Mo.

LMA, the national trade association for livestock marketing businesses, created and conducts the annual WLAC. The championship in Minnesota will be the 46th annual.

This is the third year LMA has used the four-contest format to qualify contestants for the June championship. Contestants must be at least 18 years old, and employed and sponsored by a livestock market. Each contest is an actual sale, with buyers on the seats.

Andy LeDoux received the District 202 ABS Global Independent Representative of the Year award. This is the second year he earned this award, which is based on a formula including sales units, sales revenues and percent increase in sales.

David McGlothlin, Jason Crowe and Ryan Washburn of Genetics Plus LLC received the District 920 ABS Global Independent Representative of the Year award for the third consecutive year. **Merlyn Sandbulte**, district manager for a region that includes six states, received the ABS Global District Manager of the Year award. **Mark Kuhn** received the District 917 ABS Global Representative of the Year award.

All winners were presented their awards

at the 2008 Beef Roundtable banquet in Madison, Wis.

Sharon Darrow has been named by ABS Global as the North American customer service manager. She will work closely with the company's sales managers to develop new tools and align the field closer to the customer service team. She will also manage the Canadian customer service team, which will tie the businesses together using the skills and resources available in DeForest, Wis.

Barry Engle has been named president and chief executive officer (CEO) of New Holland Agricultural Equipment S.p.A., effective Sept. 8. **John Stevenson** has been named vice president, Sales and Marketing, for New Holland Agriculture. His appointment was effective Aug. 1.

Kevin Miller has been named CEO for Premium Protein Products. He joined the company February 2007 as chief financial officer (CFO). **Steve Sands** will continue to lead development of the company's strategy, corporate development and customer relationships as president and chairman of the board of directors.

A new organization, the **Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America** (ASHCA), has been formed to proactively address ongoing and emerging occupational safety and health issues affecting U.S. agriculture. The nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization is funded by members and sponsors.

Alltech has announced the launch of its annual **Young Scientist Program**. To participate, students must write a scientific paper based on a topic about animal feed technologies. Undergraduate papers must be 3,000 words in length, and graduate student papers must be 5,000 words in length. The program includes two phases: a regional phase and an international phase. In the regional phase, papers in languages other than English will be accepted. Winners from this phase will enter the international phase, in which students will have their work translated into English, if necessary. Students can register at www.alltechyoungscientist.com. The deadline for submission is Feb. 27, 2009.