



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

KK Duncan & Son, Zanesville, Ohio, has been honored by the American Angus Association with the Historic Angus Herd Award.

Christmas came a day late for William Duncan in 1949. His parents, Kenneth and Mildred Duncan, purchased their Angus herd's foundation females Dec. 26, 1949. The Granger Bros., Jack and Jim, also from Zanesville, bred the two cows and heifer calf. William Duncan raised the cattle as 4-H projects, and because of his efforts, was recognized as an FFA State Farmer in 1957.

The family joined the American Angus Association in 1951, surpassing 60 years of raising Angus cattle. Through the years, KK Duncan & Son was recognized with many other awards and showing honors. Today, William and his son, Al, manage 15 head, and some of the cattle are descendants of the original mother cow.

The Historic Angus Herd Award is presented to Angus breeders or immediate families who have been in continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

Jack Reich, formerly of Zap, N.D., was posthumously honored by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) with its highest honor, the Top Hand Award, at the NDSA Annual Convention & Trade Show Sept. 28 in Bismarck, N.D.

The award recognized Reich's unselfish concern for humanity, his country and the cattle industry, and his many contributions to the NDSA and the ranching industry before his untimely death in November 2012. Only 19 others have received the honor in the organization's 84-year history.

Reich served as an NDSA District 4 director before being the organization's vice president and later president in 2008. During his tenure as president from 2008 to 2010, the North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation was launched and, with partners, offered more than \$50,000 in disaster relief to cattle producers who were devastated by the floods and blizzards of 2009. Reich was also instrumental in establishing important international relationships for North Dakota's beef industry, welcoming foreign investors who were considering establishing large-

scale processing facilities in the region and helping facilitate trade with contacts in Kazakhstan. He lobbied for livestock industry interests in Washington, D.C., and was North Dakota's representative on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA) Board of Directors for two years.

Reich married Mardee Williams of Eudora, Kan., May 3, 1996. The couple went on to have three children — Vander; Kaydee, now 8; and Will, now 4 — and to build a reputable registered Angus herd, Reich Angus, together on a ranch south of Zap.

His life and that of 10-year-old Vander were cut short when, on Nov. 6 last year, they were involved in a head-on collision in southeastern Minnesota. The family was returning home from Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where Vander had undergone surgery for a newly diagnosed cancerous brain tumor. Reich was just 43.

The tragedy bereaved the NDSA family and people across the country who had come to know the pair, maybe at a national cattlemen's meeting or another industry event, and were likely greeted by Reich with a firm handshake and a big, mustached grin.

The award was presented to Mardee Reich during the annual banquet. Reich had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1996.

Robert Folske, Bowman, N.D., was named by the NDSA as an honorary member at its annual convention and trade show in Bismarck.

Folske has been a member of NDSA for 46 years. He served on the NDSA board of directors from 1984 to 1992, as well as the Slope County Fair Board. Folske and his wife, Dora, live on the family farm and ranch that was homesteaded by Folske's grandfather in 1907. He raised purebred Angus cattle and owned a crop-spraying business, Folske's Flying Service, for 35 years.

Since retirement, Folske now raises commercial Angus cattle and rents his farmland to his nephew. One of Folske's passions is the Western way of life. He is a wheelwright and restores old wagons and buggies. Folske enjoys taking his team, wagons and buggies to area events, giving hayrides and taking part in wagon trains.

Folske has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1964.

Micah Richert, Fairfield, Mont., and **Jon Morrison**, Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., have been named the final two grand-prize winners in the HD 50K and GeneMax™ Sweepstakes. As part of the sweepstakes, five producers were randomly chosen to win \$1,000 to use either toward a registered-Angus animal with genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs) powered by high-density 50K (HD 50K) or GeneMax (GMX) testing.

Richert, owner of Open Gate Ranch, is choosing to apply her grand prize toward GMX testing. Richert and her four siblings manage the family's seedstock operation, along with their parents. She's grateful for the opportunity to expand the database of information on their herd.

Morrison, owner of JM Farms, chose to use his prize winnings toward the purchase of an HD 50K-tested bull. Morrison purchased a bull from Arrowhead Ranch in Erin, Tenn., which he found listed on www.genomeXchange.com. He said he looks forward to improving his herd with HD 50K.

There were more than 1,100 entries in the sweepstakes. To learn more about GE-EPDs powered by HD 50K, visit www.zoetisUS.com/genetics or www.angus.org. For more information on GeneMax, visit www.cabpartners.com/genemax.

Tonya Amen, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) director of genetic services, was named one of the "40 Under 40" leaders chosen from more than 200 nominees for Vance Publishing's 40 Under 40 Awards announced Sept. 3.

IN PASSING

Michael Hamilton, 63, Heltonville, Ind., died Sept. 4 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., from injuries suffered in a farming accident.

Born Sept. 9, 1949, in Greene County, he was the son of Ora and Ada (Ashcraft) Hamilton. He married Vickie Myers Nov. 10, 1978. He was a retired former co-owner of CPI Supply in Bedford and Marshall, Ill., and a farmer and cattleman. He was a member of the American Hereford Association and had served as a board member of the Indiana Hereford Association. He had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1999.

Throughout the years he was actively

involved in community organizations and clubs. He was a member of the Hillcrest Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, Michael is survived by son Hunter; daughter Crystal; grandson Keegan; brother Tim; dear friends Charlie Craig and his family, and Darrell Smith and wife Cindy; and several nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved.

Emma Anita “Nita” Houston, 81, Longmont, Colo., died Sept. 7 at her home.

Nita was born Dec. 5, 1931, in New Raymer, Colo., to Thomas and Lillian (Cooper) Lambert. Raised on the rugged plains of northeastern Colorado, she learned about hard work and dedication to her family.

Nita married Ben Houston Dec. 30, 1950, in New Raymer. They enjoyed 62 years together, helping and supporting one another. Together, they started Aristocrat Angus Ranch. Their ranch business continued to grow, as they were on the cutting edge of genetic research on their multiple properties in Walden, Colo., Laramie, Wyo., with their headquarters in Weld County. They worked closely with the Colorado State University Agriculture Department.

Nita was deeply involved with the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) at Denver, Colo., for many years. She served as chairperson for the steering committee of the “Citizen of the West,” a scholarship fund through the NWSS for college students going to school in nearby universities and colleges.

She also volunteered and worked for many organizations and charities within her community. Nita was a loyal member of LifeBridge Christian Church, where she served on a number of committees and groups to help the church. In addition, she was a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), Chapter M; and enjoyed herself in the Red Hat Society.

She was the epitome of a true matriarch, the center of her entire family and their affairs. Each of her grandchildren had a special arrangement with her, spending quality time with her in their own special way.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughters Pam and Diane; son Skylar;

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Successful Ohio Angus Association field day



More than 200 Angus enthusiasts from five states attended the **Ohio Angus Association (OAA) Field Day** Sunday, Aug. 18, at Home Acres Farm near Lebanon, Ohio. Terry and Cindy Schuh, owners of Home Acres, presented an attractive setting that included valet parking for their guests.

The **Miami Valley Angus Association** also participated in the sponsorship and had cattle displayed by members — Home Acres, Kiata Farms, DC Angus and Miller Farms.

The Ohio State University (OSU) meats team, led by Loraine English, prepared the **Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®)** brand prime rib on location, with Chris Anway Catering completing the balance of the meal.

Homemade ice cream with a sundae bar topped off the menu.

Terry Schuh and Kelvin Egner, OAA president, welcomed the crowd to the field day. Speakers included Francis Fluharty from OSU; Mark McCully of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB); and Bryce Schumann, American Angus Association CEO.

Dan Wells, secretary of the OAA, updated the group on upcoming Ohio Angus events. Jim Rentz was the event emcee. Also in attendance was Chuck Grove, regional manager for the American Angus Association.



► Bryce Schumann addresses the attendees.



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► Bag piper Captain Adams started the ceremonies.

seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Bryan Marchefsky is the new public policy and communications fellow for the National Grange.

Dan Grooms, Michigan State University (MSU) large animal veterinarian, has been elected president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP). Grooms, also an MSU AgBioResearch scientist, will provide leadership and direction for the organization, which represents the interests of veterinarians specializing in cattle throughout North America and parts of Europe and South America.

Allyson Tjoelker, former managing director of agricultural competitions, has been named executive director of agricultural competitions and exhibits at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™. In her new capacity, Tjoelker will oversee the Houston Livestock Show and the Rodeo Uncorked® wine events and auctions.

Rick Nelson, Paxton, Ill., Zone A; **Ron Pierson**, Walnut, Ill., Zone A; **Chet Esther**, Frederick, Ill., Zone B; **John Reifsteck**, Champaign, Ill., Zone C; **Kevin Herink**, Clutier, Iowa, Zone D; and **Warren Jibb**, Sunderland, Ont., Zone F; were elected to three-year terms as directors for Growmark Inc. Reifsteck was elected chairman of the board. Nelson and Esther were elected vice chairmen. **Bob Phelps**, Rockton, Ill., was elected secretary.

Rod Parmenter has joined ABS Global as an area sales manager for north central Wisconsin. He will develop partnerships to identify new business opportunities across markets and provide support to the sales team and ensure successful sales strategies.

Rob Eirich, University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) Extension educator, has been appointed as the director of beef quality assurance (BQA) for the state of Nebraska. His position is a new one within the university, and represents a partnership between UNL, Nebraska Cattlemen and the Nebraska Beef Council.

The BQA director is housed, organizationally, in the UNL Animal Science Department and, physically, in the UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center at Scottsbluff. Nebraska Cattlemen, who directed the state's BQA program in the past, provide salary and program support, and some funding comes through the Nebraska Beef Council. All three entities make up an advisory board.

Eirich's role will be developing programs with veterinarians and educators across Nebraska to get information out to the industry. UNL Animal Science can provide expertise and build relationships with the industry throughout the state.

Rufus Chaney, **Sarah Hake** and **David Ramming** have been recognized with the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Science Hall of Fame award. ARS established its Science Hall of Fame in 1986 to recognize agency researchers for outstanding lifelong achievements in agricultural sciences and

technology. Nominees must be retired or eligible to retire to receive the award.

Thomas (T.R.) Lansford III has been named as assistant executive director (AED) over animal health programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Lansford will be headquartered in the TAHC offices in Austin, Texas.

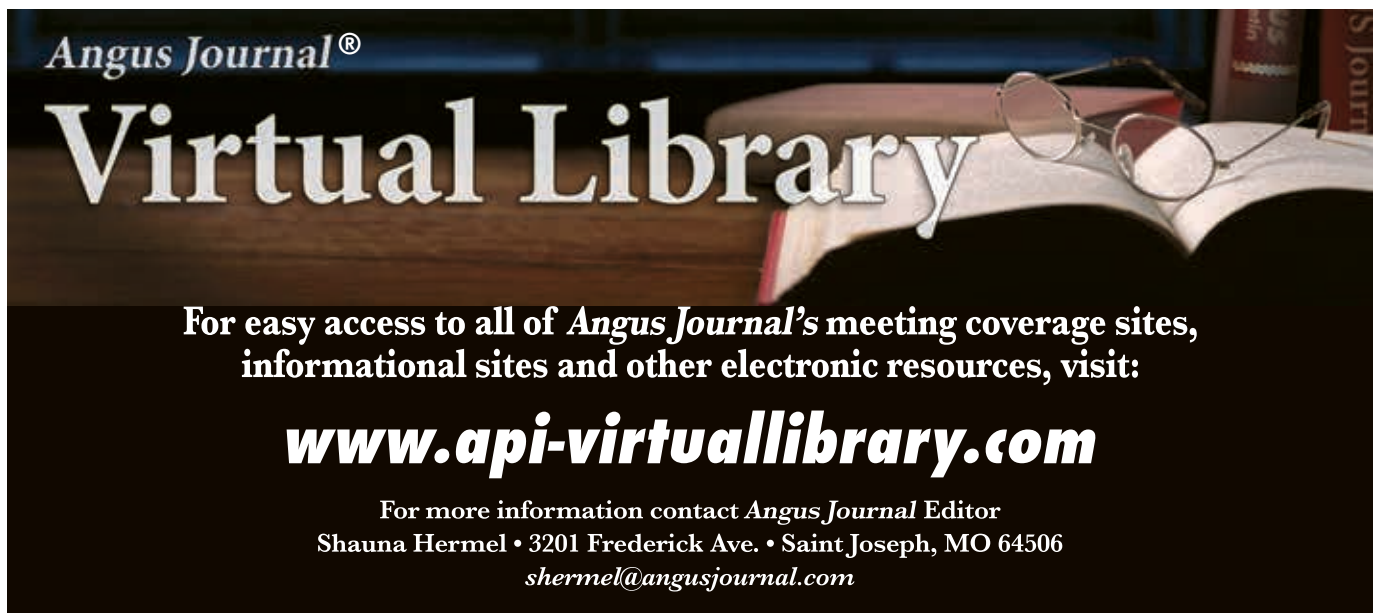
David MacLennan has been elected as the next CEO of Cargill, effective Dec. 1, 2013. He succeeds **Gregory Page**, who will serve as executive chairman, and will continue to lead the board and represent the company in a variety of interactions and public forums with customers, policymakers and others. MacLennan is currently the company's president and COO, and will retain the title of president and continue as a director of the company.

The board of directors also elected **Emery Koenig** as a vice chairman; he will continue to serve as the company's chief risk officer. **Paul Conway** will also continue as a vice chairman of the company.

David Englund has been named executive vice president and chief management officer for Farmers National Co. He succeeds **Jerry Warner**, who has retired after 26 years with the company.

David Turner, a managing director of Kincannon & Reed, has been named head of the firm's Latin American business unit. **Joseph Sherman** has joined the firm as a managing director based in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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