



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Robert (Bob) Prestage, Alta., Canada, was honored by the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame in recognition of his contribution to research, genetics and the livestock industry.

Prestage has been dedicated to beef cattle breeding and genetic programs in Alberta for more than 50 years. His commitment to the industry is evident through his sustained work in marketing and exports, and international and community programs. Early in his career, Prestage distinguished himself by developing the progeny test program for beef cattle, significantly improving the genetic pool of the Canadian cattle industry.

Founding Wicklow Angus in Camrose, he raised the profile of Angus beef in Canada and internationally. Prestage selected, processed and exported thousands of cattle to more than 20 countries, including marketing the first cattle to Russia to support the Alberta cattle industry's recovery from

bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Prestage has supported Alberta breeders in selling cattle around the world, generously sharing his marketing expertise, hosting numerous international delegations, and judging at international cattle shows. A former reeve of Camrose County, Prestage has made many contributions to youth and community organizations and has received numerous industry and community awards, including induction into the Alberta Angus Association Hall of Fame as a Breed Builder.

Matthew Metzger, Larchwood, Iowa, received one of six Prairie State/Select Sires scholarships given in memory of former General Manager Michael Goggin. Deserving college students from Iowa and Illinois pursuing advanced degrees in agricultural-related fields have been awarded scholarships annually since 2014. Applicants must also be a family member of a current Prairie State/

Select Sires customer.

Metzger is a former National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member.

Kasie Kerr, Bangor, Pa., was a member of the Pennsylvania State University judging team that won first place in the collegiate contest at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) in Harrisburg, Pa. The team was also first overall in swine, as well as first overall in reasons, second overall in beef and third overall in sheep.

Kerr is a former NJAA member.

IN PASSING

Jerry Mudder, 74, Avon, S.D., died Sept. 19, surrounded by family at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, S.D. He was born to George and Elsie (Lippert) Mudder Aug. 29, 1942, on a farm near Avon.

Jerry graduated from Avon High School in 1960 and married Cheryl Nelson June 14, 1963, at First Baptist Church in Avon. Their union was blessed with four children, and Jerry repeatedly said that he was especially proud of his children's spouses and his grandchildren. Jerry considered his family to be his greatest blessing in life.

Jerry farmed all of his life, mostly as a dairy farmer until health problems forced the sale of his herd of registered Holsteins in the fall of 1997. Afterward, he bred registered-Angus cattle. In 1964 Jerry went to Curtis Breeding School in Cary, Ill., to receive training in artificial insemination, which he did for more than 50 years. For the rest of his life he spent countless hours poring over the information in bull books, analyzing sires to find the best possible combinations of traits to improve his cattle. JC Angus has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1999. Besides his family, Jerry was most proud of the cattle he raised.

Jerry grew up attending the First Baptist Church in Avon, which is where he was baptized, married and served as a church member for the rest of his life. It was here that he brought Cheryl, and where she received Christ, and it was here where his children were instructed from the Bible for four hours each week. Jerry served in whatever capacity he was needed, including being an usher, serving on the church board and singing in the men's choir. He is especially remembered for the many years he



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► Groups from Iowa State's Block & Bridle Club (above) and Southeast Community College in Nebraska (below) visited the American Angus Association headquarters Oct. 20 in Saint Joseph, Mo.



served as a Sunday school teacher for the fifth- and sixth-grade classes.

More than just attending church, it was Jerry's faith in Christ that defined his life. His parting words for his children were to raise his grandchildren to know and love Christ. Cheryl will always remember him as a prayer warrior with his Bible opened up on the kitchen table as he prayed for his family.

Jerry grew up with a love of sports, especially for all of the sports of the Avon Pirates and for the Nebraska Cornhuskers football teams. Attending his children's and then grandchildren's sporting events was one of Jerry's favorite things to do. He was honored to be recognized as an Avon Senior Citizen Fan of the Year. Saturdays in the fall would usually find him listening to Husker games on the radio while hunting or driving his tractor. Spring and summer nights would often find him listening to the Twins broadcasts while fishing with his family. Besides cattle and family, Jerry would most often be heard talking about football, hunting, and fishing.

Jerry was diagnosed with emphysema in 1985. At that time the doctors told him that he would not live for more than 20 years, but his family was blessed to see him fight to live for another 31 years. While this cruel disease robbed him of his health and the ability to enjoy some of those things that he had most loved, he persevered with a quiet dignity and passion for life that kept him doing things that he should not have been able to do. His strength, hope and stubborn resistance to keep going will always be remembered by his family and others who knew him.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife of 53 years, Cheryl; sons Jay, Jim and Jan; daughter Jeri Lyn; brother Alvin; 11 grandchildren; brother-in-law and dearest friend Bob Pudwill; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

John R. (Dick) Whaley III of Centreville, Md., died Oct. 2 at Compass Regional Hospice House. Born on April 2, 1932, he was the son of the late John R. Whaley Jr. and Rachel (Mandrell) Whaley Carter of Carmichael. Dick was a graduate of Centreville High School in 1949 and attended Salisbury State Teachers College (now Salisbury University).

Dick had a lifelong interest in agriculture. He was most proud of his contributions to the genetic development of the Angus beef cattle breed while at Wye Plantation, where he was farm manager, and later with his own herd, Whaley Angus. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1972.

Dick served in executive positions with the National Cattlemen's Association, the

American Angus Association and the Maryland Angus Association. He was a member of Saint Paul's Church, the Centreville Lions Club and Queen Anne's County Sportsman's Club.

A true native Eastern Shoreman, Dick enjoyed sailing, hunting, fishing and breeding Chesapeake Bay Retrievers.

Dick married the late Susan Draper on Feb. 27, 1954. The couple made their home in Queenstown where they raised three daughters.

Dick is survived by daughters Anne, Susan and Julia; brother Carlton; and three grandchildren.

Leona Mogck, 81, Scotland, S.D., died Oct. 5.

She was born on Feb. 22, 1935, to Jacob and Mary (Tschetter) Walter near Freeman, S.D. Leona accepted Jesus as her savior and was baptized at Tyndall Baptist Church when she was in the eighth grade. She graduated from Tyndall High School in 1953 and attended Southern State College in Springfield. After completing her associate teaching degree, she taught school for seven years in Tripp.

On June 9, 1957, Leona was united in marriage to Duane Mogck. They spent a

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lifetime farming together near Olivet. After retiring in 1989, they moved to Scotland. Leona and Duane were members of the United Church of Christ in Scotland. Leona taught Sunday School, sang in the church choir, and was also very active within the UCC Women's Fellowship.

Together with their friends, Charlotte and Shorty Thum, Leona and Duane sang as a quartet at many family and friends' funerals. For many years she sang with the Scotland Community Choir. She was also an active member of the Scotland Hospital Auxiliary, the Scotland Civic Club, and the Red Hat Society. She was also involved with the South Dakota Cattleman's Auxiliary and the South Dakota Angus Auxiliary.

Leona took great pride in promoting beef and Angus cattle not only as her family business but as a wonderful way of life. As a mother and grandmother she loved being involved with her sons and grandchildren at Scotland High School as their biggest sports fan.

Leona is survived by husband Duane; sons Dean and Charles; brother Carney; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lowell Moser, 82, Effingham, Kan., died Oct. 6 at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He was born April 1, 1934, in Horton, Kan., the son of Ralph and Cecil Irene (Bartley) Moser.

Lowell graduated from Powhattan High School in 1952 and Highland Junior College in 1955. He received his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Kansas State University (K-State) in 1961. Lowell proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

On June 7, 1964, Lowell married Mary Warren in Hiawatha.

Lowell was a soil conservation planner for the USDA in Holton, joining in March of 1969. He later worked as district conservationist in Atchison County, giving farmers assistance and guidance in soil conservation and pasture management. Lowell retired after 28 years. After retirement, Lowell enjoyed spending Tuesdays with friends working at Holton Livestock Exchange. For most of his life, Lowell raised Holstein, Hereford and Angus cattle and showed them at local, district and state fairs. He was a proud member of the American Hereford Association and the Kansas

Livestock Association. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1973.

Lowell enjoyed spending time with his family and watching his grandchildren succeed in their activities. After graduation from K-State, he remained a fan for the rest of his life. He was a season ticket holder for many years and attended several bowl games.

He was a member of Effingham Union Church and the Elks Club in Hiawatha.

In addition to his wife, Lowell is survived by son Dan; daughter Kristi; sisters Annette and Jane; and three grandchildren.

Christine (Minor) Williams, 93, Bishop, Ga., formerly of Snellville, Ga., died Oct. 20.

Christine was born and raised in the Beaver Ruin community. She went to Norcross High School and later to Rabun Gap Nacoochee College and Georgia State College for Women. She taught school in Snellville before becoming a full-time mother and homemaker.

She was a longtime member of Snellville First Baptist Church. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-

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grandmother, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

Christine is survived by sons John and David; daughters Phyllis and Becky; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Gaylen Hill, a longtime veterinarian from Kirksville, Mo., was to be inducted Dec. 2 into the Missouri Livestock Symposium's Livestock Person of the Year Hall of Fame. He is the 14th person to be selected for this honor. Those selected have made significant contributions to the livestock industry in northeastern Missouri and beyond.

Rory Fischer has been hired by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc. (BIVI) as a technical services veterinarian. In his new role, Fischer will focus on the BIVI cattle and equine portfolios along with some swine.

Curt Vlietstra has been hired by BIVI as a professional services veterinarian with its cattle team. In his new role, Vlietstra will be responsible for serving customers in parts of Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Elizabeth Backes has been hired by Purina Animal Nutrition as a nutritionist on the beef technical services team. The team focuses on providing research-backed information and products to producers to unlock the full potential of their animals.

Warren Zenker, Gackle, was chosen as president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) at its annual convention in September. **Dan Rorvig**, McVille, was elected NDSA vice president. **Justin Maddock**, District 1; **Lowell Malard**, District 3; **Allan Gustin**, District 4; **Howdy Lawlar**, District 5, and **Shane Anderson**, District 6, were elected to their first four-year terms. **Gene Heinrich** was elected to a second four-year term in District 2.

Jeffrey Sindelar has accepted an appointment to join the Meat Industry Hall of Fame Board of Trustees. Sindelar is associate professor/extension meat specialist at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, spending about 80% of his time with extension work and the rest in research.

Rory Meyer was named assistant service director for Certified Semen Services (CSS) and the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) assistant technical director. He was to begin his duties in early December 2016.

Meyer will work closely with the CSS service director to carry out the business of the association with a primary focus on auditing programs and services, as well as technical aspects of the association. He will also work closely with the NAAB president and the CSS board of directors to identify, evaluate and engage in new opportunities to expand the CSS services to AI companies both domestically and internationally. Meyer will be working closely with USDA-APHIS to further develop import and export requirements for bovine semen.

He will remain based in Wisconsin in the new office in Madison.



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