



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Dustin Reisig, Lewistown, Mont.; **Landi McFarland**, Ellston, Iowa; and **T.J. Gabriel**, Midland, S.D., were among the 2013 Top 10 Ag Industry Leaders named by *Cattle Business Weekly*.

Reisig, a businessman and Angus seedstock operator, has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2003. McFarland is co-owner of Hoover Angus Farm, which has been a life member of the Association since 1953. McFarland is a former National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and a Life NT member of the Association since 2009. Gabriel, operator of Deep Creek Angus, has been a member of the Association since 1999.

Steve Brooks was elected for a second term as vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) at its convention in Bismarck.

Brooks and his wife, April, own and operate a registered-Angus ranch and diversified farm, Brooks' Chalky Butte Angus Ranch, near Bowman, N.D., and have three daughters, Calli, Cassi and Skeeter. Before being elected as NDSA vice president, Brooks served as a District 5 director and Brand Board chairman. He was also the NDSA representative at the inaugural Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). Brooks served as the president of the American Angus Association (2002-2003), chairman of the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) board and the North Dakota Beef Commission, and a

director of the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

Brooks has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1975.

Jason Zahn, Towner, N.D., was elected to a second term as NDSA president. **Jeff Schafer**, New Rockford, was re-elected as a District 1 director; **Brian Amundson**, Jamestown, was elected as a District 2 director; **Doug Bichler**, Linton, was re-elected as a District 3 director; **Jamie Hauge**, Carson, was elected as a District 4 director; **Paige Burian**, Manning, was re-elected as a District 5 director; and **Mark Giedd**, Washburn, was re-elected as a District 6 director.

IN PASSING

Allan McGhee, 96, Overland Park, Kan., died Oct. 2 at his home.

Allan was born Oct. 12, 1916, in Centralia, Kan., the oldest child of Charles and Minnie McGhee. He graduated from Centralia High School in 1934 and from Kansas State University in 1938, receiving a degree in business journalism.

After graduation he was employed by the *Omaha World Herald* and later the *Nebraska State Journal* in Lincoln, Neb. In 1940 he joined the staff of the *Chicago Daily Drovers Journal*, beginning a career that spanned 42 years with that firm. Starting as a reporter and photographer, he eventually became editor of the *Drovers Journal* and editorial director of the *Corn Belt Farm Dailies*, a four-paper group of publications for livestock farmers and their families.

He received awards from the Livestock Publications Council, several state university animal science departments, the American Polled Hereford Association and the American Angus Association for meritorious service to the livestock industry. He was named an honorary lifetime member of the American Agricultural Editor's Association.

Allan retired in 1982 with the title of editor emeritus of the *Drovers Journal*, now issued as a cattle business publication known as *Drovers Cattle Network*. Allan and his family moved from Chicago to Overland Park in 1966 when *Drovers Journal* became part of the Vance Publishing Corp. agricultural division in Kansas City.

He was a lifelong Methodist and joined Asbury United Methodist Church in 1968. In 1987 he wrote *The Asbury Story*, the first history book of the church, marking the church's 35th anniversary. As a member of the church's historical committee, he wrote each year an annual chronology of church events for the historical records.

He was a four-term president and long-term director of Keen-Agers, an organization for seniors. He served as president of the Beacon Sunday School class several times. For many years he wrote newsletters for the Shawnee Mission Color Slide Club and the Prairie Dog Camping Club. Allan was married for 57 years to Naomi Burnett McGhee, who passed away in 2001.

Allan is survived by daughter Judith, sister Betty and numerous nieces and nephews.

Washington Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, Oct. 11, Kennewick



► Officers and directors for the Washington Angus Ass'n board are (seated, front row, from left) **Jan Dimke**, Clarkston, secretary-treasurer; **Terry Pellham**, Moses Lake, president; **Jeffrey Schmidt**, Othello, vice president; (back row, from left) **Brett Tonne**, Ephrata, director; **Eric Celigoy**, Ellensburg, director; **Cory Crouthamel**, Touchet, director; **Craig DeYoung**, Snohomish, director; **Michael Kitchen**, Chimacum, director; and **Bonnie Cobb**, Nine Mile Falls, junior advisor. Not pictured is **Mike Hajny**, Ellensburg, director.

Arkansas State Fair Angus Show, Oct. 12, Little Rock



► **Robert Tunstill**, Sulpher Valley Angus Farm, Fayetteville, receives the Historic Herd Award from the American Angus Association. Pictured are (from left) **Richard Dyar**, American Angus Association regional manager; and **Katlyn, Robert, Sheri and Darrell Tunstill**.

Leslie “Les” Reel, 74, Congerville, Ill., ended his battle with cancer Oct. 5 at his home, surrounded by his loved ones. He often quoted, “All roads worth taking lead uphill!” His family rejoices, knowing he is walking the pasturelands of heaven, catching up with dear friends and family who have gone before him.

Les was born May 16, 1939, in Congerville, to Merle and Esther (Eglin) Reel. He was raised on the farm in central Illinois. He married Carolyn Blaker Dec. 31, 1979.

Those who knew Les well will remember him for his generosity, positive attitude, sense of humor and cattle sense. Through his positive personality and work ethic, Les earned the respect, admiration and friendship of his community and the customers he served for more than 50 years of working in livestock and agriculture.

His generosity was demonstrated in a variety of ways. Despite having five children of his own, he mentored, cared for and financially supported several individuals in his farming community, ensuring they had the help and support they needed to be successful.

His sense of humor and ornery grin will surely be missed by many! It was hard not to laugh around Les — his spirit of joy was contagious and inspired and encouraged those around him. This spark can never be replaced. He lived life abundantly, taking risks, sharing the rewards and enjoying every minute of the adventure. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1960.

He was a very proud grandpa and great-grandpa, and will be missed dearly by his wife, children and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Les is survived by daughters Kimberly, Kris, Mary and Abby;

son Scott; brother John; sister Joyce; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Haines Sr., 95, Park City, Ky., died Oct. 6.

Kenneth was born in Van Wert, Ohio, Feb. 2, 1918, to Walter and Margaret (Roberts) Haines. He was a member of the Park City United Methodist Church.

Following his graduation from Ohio State University, he spent 38 years as a farm manager for Meadow Lane Farm in Van Wert; the C.V. Whitney Farm in Lexington, Ky.; and Briarhill Angus Farm in Union Springs, Ala., before establishing a partnership with his son, Kenny Jr., in Haines Angus Farm in Park City.

He was active in both local and state Angus associations in Ohio, Alabama and Kentucky; was past director of The All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity; and served as a 4-H leader for many years in Van Wert County, Ohio, and Fayette County, Ky.

In 1978, his portrait was hung in the Ohio State University Animal Science Hall of Fame. In 1987 he was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation, and in 1999 he was presented the Pioneer Breeders Award at The All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1968.

In addition to son Kenny Jr., Kenneth is survived by daughters Jeannie and Carol; sons Dudley, Bruce and Douglas; sisters Dorothy and Doris; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Kathleen Suther, 83, Westmoreland, Kan., died Oct. 28 at the Westy Community Care Home.

Kathleen was born March 31, 1930, in Leavenworth, Kan., to Eugene and Alice

(Lundy) Retter. Her parents died when she was very young, and she lived at the Saint Vincent Orphanage until she was adopted in 1940 by the Pendergast family of Blaine, Kan. She attended local schools and graduated from Blaine Rural High School in 1948.

She married Ralph Suther Oct. 13, 1951, in Blaine. Kathleen was a homemaker, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. For 10 years, she also worked at the Farm Service Agency office. Kathleen loved to travel with Ralph and her family. She visited most of the states and 10 countries from Mexico to Europe.

She was a great cook, loved to read, and was an accomplished quilter, making quilts for each of her children and grandchildren. Kathleen was a member of Saint Columbkille’s Catholic Church in Blaine and the church Altar Society. She then transferred to Saint Thomas More Catholic Church in Manhattan. There she was a part of the religious education program. Being an orphan herself, Kathleen always supported charities that helped orphan children.

In addition to her husband, Kathleen is survived by daughters Susanne and Betsy; sons Ron, Steve (industry information director for Certified Angus Beef LLC) and Dan; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Joseph Manning has joined Animal Health International Inc. as equine national sales manager. In this position, Manning will be based in Colorado and report to Companion Animal Group President Mark Ziller.

David Moore, Kirksville, Mo., will be honored Dec. 6 by the Missouri Livestock

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Symposium when he is named Livestock Person of the Year and inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame. As a veterinarian and sheep producer, Moore has contributed to the livestock industry by practicing in the areas of dairy, beef, swine and sheep, as well as being a livestock market veterinarian.

Kenneth Wadsworth, a retired Texas ranger, has joined the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) as a special ranger for District 17. Wadsworth, who will be based in Ozona, replaces James Bond. **Michael Barr**, a former Brown County deputy sheriff, has joined the TSCRA as a special ranger for District 18. Barr, who is based in Fort Davis, replaces Ronnie Hunt.

Don Williams, Colorado Springs, Colo., has been inducted into the Cattle Production Veterinarian Hall of Fame (CPVHOF) for his exceptional contributions to the practice of veterinary medicine in the beef cattle industry. **Elmer Woelffer**, formerly of Oconomowoc, Wis., was inducted posthumously into the CPVHOF for his exceptional contributions to the practice of veterinary medicine in the dairy industry.

Julie Tesch has been selected as the new executive director for the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. In this role, Tesch will oversee all of the Foundation's work and serve as the main face of the organization to Farm Bureau constituencies and corporate partners.

Allen Roussel, professor and head of the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), was awarded the Southwest Veterinary Symposium Visionary of the Year Award. The honor was created to recognize individuals who are actively engaged in private, public or corporate veterinary practice, and whose contributions elevate the standards and goals of veterinary practice.

Jason Andringa, third-generation Vermeer family member, has transitioned to the role of president, which took effect Jan. 1, 2013. In his new role, Andringa has responsibility over the Forage and Environmental Solutions groups, reporting to Mary Andringa in her continuing role as CEO.

Scott Weishaar has been hired as biomass product manager. In this position,

Weishaar will focus on a blend of forage and environmental solutions including the collection, transportation, handling and processing of various biomass materials for power generation and/or production of second-generation biofuels.

Vermeer recently organized its 16 North American forage sales territories into four regions with four newly promoted regional sales managers. **Ken Tyo** is the new regional sales manager for the Northwest; **Todd Branson**, Southwest; **Bryan Setzer**, Southeast; and **Morgan Lambert**, East. The new regional managers will report to **Bret Julian**, who has been promoted to

the position of sales director for the forage solutions segment.

Kert Thielen joined the company earlier this year as the forage-solutions training manager. **Amantha Jackson** and **Bob Peterson** have been newly hired as senior training-development specialists.

François Lefebvre has joined ABS Global Inc. as area manager for Canada business. In this role, Lefebvre will be responsible for serving customers and developing markets within the central and southwestern part of the province of Quebec.

