



# Newsmakers

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

## ■ IN THE NEWS

**Jones & Gilliam Angus**, Gainesville, Mo., has been recognized by the American Angus Association as a Historic Angus Herd. The award is presented to Angus breeders or immediate families who have been in continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for 50 years or more. Fifty years ago, Roy and Karen Jones partnered with her parents, Ted and Jeanette Gilliam, to establish the Jones & Gilliam Angus herd. That marked the beginning of a lifelong commitment to raising registered-Angus cattle in southern Missouri's rolling Ozark hills.

Although the partnership was discontinued in 1970, the Gilliam name was retained out of respect and appreciation for all the assistance the family had given the couple over the years. Knowing little about bloodlines when they first started breeding Angus cattle, the family focused on obtaining solid, well-shaped cows with good mothering ability.

The cost of the original herd — 20 cows and one bull — was \$6,300. The foundation of the herd was purchased from Ollie Gallaher, Van Buren, Mo.; Glen Mooney, Ellington, Mo.; and Arthur Arnold & Son, Thayer, Mo. They started an artificial

insemination (AI) program in 1982, with Karen doing all of the breeding.

According to the family, the most fun that the Jones family had was in 1983 and 1984, when they showed their herd sire Southern Comfort with J.R., Mark and Kim Herd. They entered him in at least 20 shows, where he captured top honors, won many division and reserve division championships, and was 4-H champion at the 1984 Missouri State Fair. Their daughter, Jackie, showed the grand champion female at the first Missouri Angus Junior Jackpot Show in 1986.

Both Roy and Karen have served as president of the Missouri Angus Association — Karen as the first woman president in 2004. In 2015, they were honored with the Missouri Angus Pioneer Award, and the first-ever Pinnacle Award for their years of leadership and service to the Heart of the Ozarks Angus Breeders Association.

The couple resides on the farm along with 23 bred cows, six yearling bulls and six yearling heifers. They remain actively involved in the American Angus Association and in touch with their many Angus friends throughout the country. Jones & Gilliam has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1966.

**7HAR Harrison Angus Ranch**, Howard, Kan., has been named a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association. Herbert and Billy Harrison began raising cattle as a result of their seven children's 4-H projects. What began as a learning experience for the children grew into an operation that has lasted 50 years.

Herbert Harrison chose the Angus breed for its rich heritage and because his friend, Fred Adair, also raised Angus cattle. In 1965, Herbert bought his first registered-Angus female from Adair and joined the American Angus Association. The Harrison's foundation cattle were purchased from the McCurry Brothers and the Laflins in the 1960s. Their genetics include Sedgwick's Erica 153, HMH Commodore 85, and the Adelette, Edwina, and Blackcap Roses lines.

Herbert and his wife, Lula Mae, have seven children who have helped with the Angus herd through the years. They started using AI in 1973 using top Angus sires. Through the 1990s, the oldest sibling, Reed, selected the AI sires and genetics. Their 2014 bulls were sired by Final Answer, Connealy Irish, Connealy Thunder, Net Worth, and their own In Focus 3. They also used Zoetis 50K DNA testing.

The family formed an LLC in 2009, and all seven siblings manage the herd alongside William Harrison, full-time herd manager (and the fourth brother of the family). The rest of the family works the cattle with him during weaning, synchronizing, vaccinations and freeze-branding.

The Harrison family continues to manage its seedstock herd of 65-plus registered-Angus cows, consistently producing quality AI calves year after year, alongside quality calves from their herd bulls.

**Haag Angus Farm**, Plymouth, Ind., has been named a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association.

The year 1953 was a significant one for the Haag family. The same year Mike Haag was born, his parents, Paul and Betty, established the family farm on Queen Road outside of Plymouth. On the farm, they raised beef and dairy cattle. They eventually made the transition to entirely Angus cattle. Mike became a lifetime member of the American Angus Association in 1965, and there was no looking back.

In 1965, Mike and his father purchased

two females at Billy Grimm's Farm Sale. These O Bardoliermere females became 4-H projects for Mike and his sister Margaret, and they laid the foundation of the herd. Mike says the day he brought those two cows home was the proudest of his life.

In 1967, father and son went to the Woebeking Bros. Dispersion, where they bought a bull that was sired by Centurion Royal King to add new genetics to their herd.

The herd continued to grow. Mike met Peggy Sue Roda at the LaPorte County Fair, where both were exhibiting cattle. They were married in 1978 and had two children, Jeremy and Chad, who continued the tradition of showing Angus cattle.

The family was recognized with many show champions through the years at many prestigious Angus events. One of their bulls won grand champion bull at the Indiana Angus Futurity Show and Sale, was sold to Whitestone Farms, renamed Whitestone Pilgrim, and won the reserve ROV grand champion bull at the Atlantic National in 1995.

Peggy, Jeremy and Chad continue to manage the herd of registered-Angus cows at the home farm in northern Indiana.

**Steven Lastovica**, Lastovica Cattle Co., Salado, Texas, was named to the Texas Beef Council (TBC) and the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT) board of directors. In his first term on the board Lastovica serves as an at-large member representing Texas beef producers. Board members serve terms that coincide with TBC's fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 2015. In September 2015, Lastovica was also assigned to the Beef Safety Committee and serves as a director on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Federation of State Beef Councils representing the Texas Beef Council.

The checkoff boards establish the budget and ultimately decide which demand-building programs receive checkoff funding collected under the national and state Beef Checkoff Program.

The board consists entirely of beef producers providing representation of the state through organization affiliation. In addition, the board may elect two directors at large, without nomination by a qualified organization, to round out the board with equitable geographic and sector representation.

As a member of the two checkoff boards in Texas, Lastovica serves on the beef resources committee. This committee approves and evaluates checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) programs, producer communications, issues and reputation management, research projects

and export programs conducted with the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Directors can serve up to six consecutive one-year terms on the checkoff boards.

Lastovica is the owner of Milano Livestock Exchange, Lastovica Cattle Co., Lastovica Angus Farms and Supreme Genetics. He is a member of the Texas Angus Association and the Livestock Marketing Association of Texas. He has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1985. Lastovica and his wife, Sandra, have two children and reside in Salado where they are involved in numerous community activities and organizations.

**Matt Perrier**, Eureka, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) during the group's annual business meeting in December 2015.



**Matt Perrier**

seedstock cattle operation focuses on producing genetics for the commercial cow-calf producer.

The list of industry leadership positions Perrier has held is lengthy. He is a past chairman of the KLA Stockgrowers Council. He has served on the KLA Executive Committee and KLA Board of Directors. He currently is on the NCBA Board of Directors and is a member of the NCBA Ag and Food Policy Committee.

He attended the NCBA Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC), serving as chairman of the group in 2007. Perrier has also attended the KLA Leadership Conference. He has served on the Kansas Animal Health Board, is a past president of the U.S. Premium Beef (USPB) Nominating Committee and the Kansas Angus Association Board of Directors.

Perrier is a past president of both the Greenwood County Cattlemen's Association and Greenwood County Farm Bureau. He previously served as vice president of the Greenwood Preservation Society, which helped restore the historic Greenwood Hotel.

He graduated from Kansas State University in 1996 with a degree in animal sciences and industry. Prior to returning to the family business, he was director of retail and foodservice programs for the

Perrier represents the fifth generation of his family's registered-Angus and ranching operation. Dalebanks Angus started as a sheep farm in 1867. It has continuously maintained a registered-Angus herd since 1904. Today, the

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Pennsylvania Beef Council and served in several staff capacities, including as a regional manager, for the American Angus Association. Dalebanks Angus has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1963.

Perrier and his wife, Amy, have four children — Ava, Lyle, Hannah and Henry.

David Clawson, Englewood, Kan., was chosen as president-elect.

**Nick Hammett**, Ashland, Mo., was recognized by Governor Jay Nixon and Director of Agriculture Richard Fordyce at the 46th Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture with the 2015 Missouri Beef Cattle Legacy Award, recognizing him for leadership in Missouri's beef cattle industry. Hammett has spent his life striving for increased profitability for beef producers while promoting the positive attributes of beef and an agricultural way of life.

The Missouri Agriculture Awards recognize producers for their commitment to innovation, supporting their communities, committing to good land stewardship and setting a great example for future generations.

Hammett studied animal science at the University of Missouri and obtained a

master's degree in beef cattle production from Colorado State University. He has worked for multiple beef cattle breed associations, individual ranches, a vertically integrated beef company and has been employed as marketing manager by Circle A Angus for the last 8 years, where he uses his production knowledge to increase customer profits and his marketing skills to promote Circle A's products and beef in general.

Hammett's family, including wife Rebekah and children Cole and Lauren, are heavily involved in 4-H and FFA and live on a small farm near Ashland, Mo., where they raise and show multiple species of livestock.

The **California Angus Association** has elected officers for 2016. **Brad Worthington**, Waterford, is president; **Susan Perry**, Prather, is vice president; **J.J. Reinhardt**, Sloughhouse, is secretary; and **Betsy Cardoza**, O'Neals, is treasurer. Directors for 2016-2018 include **Jeanene Dal Porto**, Brentwood; **Justin Schmidt**, Stevinson; **Bill Traylor**, Winters; and **Jason Judge**, La Grange.

**Lindsey Grimes** was hired by BioZyme Inc. as nutrition coordinator.

In her new position in Saint Joseph, Mo., Grimes is responsible for updating the online feed value barometer, developing feed rations for customers, coordinating producer meetings and dealer training sessions, writing articles for publication and aiding the nutrition team.

Grimes grew up in the beef industry and holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and a master's degree in ruminant nutrition and animal breeding and genetics from Kansas State University.

Grimes is a former beef marketing intern at Select Sires Inc. in Plain City, Ohio, and a spring intern at Gardiner Angus Ranch in Ashland, Kan. She is a member of the NCBA, the American Angus Association, the Ohio Angus Association and the American Society of Animal Sciences. She also served on the National Junior Angus Board of Directors.

**Grant Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan.; **Matt Knetter**, Kansas City; **Jesse Muller**, Coffeyville; and **John Sachse**, Manhattan, were members of the 10th graduating class of the KLA Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA). The 21-member class graduated at the close of the KLA Convention in December 2015.

Attending the KLA Convention was the

final session for this year's class. It provided the young producers with the opportunity to interact with KLA members from across the state and to gain more industry knowledge. YSA members got a firsthand look at the inner workings of the association by attending the KLA Chairmen's Circle meeting.

The group also took part in the policy-making process by attending committee and council meetings where members discussed issues affecting their business interests, including animal identification and traceability, Water Conservation Areas, the Kansas Smoke Management Plan and property tax. Immediately prior to the convention, the YSA class received their Masters of Beef Advocacy degrees, following an in-depth spokesperson training session with NCBA Senior Executive Director of Communications Daren Williams.

During their first session in Topeka last February, attendees were exposed to advocacy training, the legislative process and services provided by KLA and NCBA. The second installment took the group to Kansas City in May, where they learned about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. YSA members visited central and western Kansas in September to tour beef and dairy operations representing various segments of each industry.

Gardiner is a former member of the National Junior Angus Association; Knetter's Island Creek Cattle Co. has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2012. Muller has been a member since April 2015, and Sachse Family Angus has been a member since 2013.

## IN PASSING

**Donna Sitz Arthun**, 78, died at home Nov. 19, 2015, in Billings, Mont.

Donna Scriffiny was born Jan. 24, 1937, to Italian-born parents, Anthony and Linda Zion Scriffiny. The family lived on a small farm in Monarch, Colo., where Anthony worked in the coal mines to make ends meet. On their small farm, the family raised a little of everything, and when Anthony wasn't working in the mines, he would work for the neighbors, scratching out a living for his family during the Depression.

Donna and her brothers, Joe and Jim, attended a small country school in Superior, Colo. Life was difficult, and cash was practically nonexistent. Donna clearly remembered evenings when the entire family gathered around the kitchen table after the work was done and listened to programs on the radio. The family didn't go to town often, and then only if it were necessary. Occasionally, while in town, the whole family would take in a matinee at the local theatre.

In 1949, her 45-year-old father had a fatal heart attack while helping a neighbor hay.

Life became even tougher. Donna's maternal grandfather spent his last eight years living with her family. Quite often he provided necessary items, like shoes, for his grandchildren that they wouldn't have had otherwise.



**Donna Sitz**

Donna graduated from high school and went to work. Her first job was for a magazine similar to *The Readers' Digest*. Then she got hired in the accounting department at Rocky Flats Atomic Energy northwest of Denver.

In June 1957 Donna married a young man from Longmont, Colo., by the name of Robert "Bob" Sitz, whose family was developing a herd of registered-Angus cattle. The newlyweds set up housekeeping in Longmont, where Bob worked with his mother, Frieda Sitz, on the farm, and Donna continued to work for the energy plant for the financial stability afforded by a regular paycheck.

Bob and Donna's first child, Debbie, was born in May 1958. The couple purchased a ranch at Harrison, Mont., and moved in January 1960.

Those early years presented many challenges — taking over a place that needed a lot of improvement, establishing themselves in a new area, growing their Angus herd, and raising their growing family (Sherrie was born March 1960, Bob Jr. in September 1965, and Jim in April 1968). In addition to raising the children and keeping the house, Donna did the paperwork and the advertising for the ranch. Bob had an eye for cattle, and over the years Sitz Angus became a nationally recognized source for purebred Angus seedstock.

In January 1989, a tragic tractor accident took the life of Bob Sitz at age 54. Those first couple of years without Bob Sr. were challenging, but through teamwork, Donna and her children met the challenge. In 1997, the family purchased two more Montana ranches.

Donna's children are actively involved in ranching operations today; Deb and her family operate Bar 69 Angus in South Dakota, Sherrie and her family raise Angus cattle in New Zealand, and Bob Jr. and Jim manage the Sitz Angus Ranch operation at Harrison and Dillon, Mont.

In 1991 Donna and the Sitz family were recognized as the winner of Western Regional Environmental Stewardship Award

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sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Donna and her family have been avid supporters of many other worthy causes involving youth. They have financially and through volunteer services supported their local youth organizations, Montana Range Days, Montana Junior Angus Association and the Angus Foundation, as well as many others. Donna was actively involved in the National Angus Auxiliary, Montana Angus Auxiliary and the Montana Stockgrowers, to name a few.

In 1996, Donna married family friend Arvin Arthun. Together, Donna and Arvin worked as a team representing not only the Sitz Ranch, but also the entire livestock industry with their attendance, participation, and support to many state and national organizations and activities. Arvin died in February 2011.

Donna is survived by her children, Debbie (Craig) Kukuchka, Sherrie (Mark) Stokman, Bob (fiancé Christine Franklin) Sitz and Jim (Tammi) Sitz; stepdaughters Christine (Chuck) Murphy and Pam Arthun and her special friend Elsie Jackson; many grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

**Irvine Bowers**, 91, Cuba, Mo., died Nov. 18 at his home.

Irvine was born May 21, 1924, at Howes Mill, Mo., in Dent County to Otis and Lucy (Wyman) Bowers. Irvine married Imogene Edgar Jan. 2, 1955, in Salem, Mo.

He served honorably in the United States Army from 1943-1946 as a rifleman. Irvine was in the 32nd Red Arrow infantry and fought from French Haven, New Guinea, to the shores of Japan, earning three Bronze Stars.

Irvine worked at the stockyards in East Saint Louis and dabbled in a dairy farm and real estate for a few years. He worked for Roberts-Judson at the Ready Mix plant from 1965-1972. Irvine brought the first round hay baler to Crawford County around 1973 and in a couple of years began his 25-year career with Vermeer Manufacturing, who made large round hay balers. Throughout most of his life, he was a cattle farmer and loved every moment of it.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cuba since 1966 and served as an Elder many times for several years. He was involved for many years in the American Angus Association, the Crawford County Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Association. Irvine was a member of the DAV and of the VFW Post 6479 of Steelville. He was an avid reader, loved to play a game of pool, enjoyed raising

Angus cattle and enjoyed traveling on the Angus tours. Most of all he was a proud grandfather and great-grandfather.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, Irvine is survived by son Andrew; daughter Peggy; sisters Dormalie and Mary; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

**Elizabeth (Moore) Coon**, 74, of Bethel, Mo., died Dec. 5, 2015, at Salt River Community Care in Shelbina, Mo.



**Elizabeth Coon**

Diagnosed with stage 4 uterine cancer in summer 2011, she fought the battle at home until the week prior to her death.

Elizabeth was born July 27, 1941, in Centerville, Iowa, to James Russell and Martha (Witt) Moore.

The family moved back to Shelby County in July 1943.

In her youth she was active in the family's purebred Angus operation and excelled in 4-H. When the Missouri Junior Angus Association was organized in Monroe City, Mo., in 1956, Elizabeth was elected treasurer. Fellow officers of that first state junior Angus association included Eddie Sydenstricker, president; Ronnie Rodgers, vice president; and Fred Blades, secretary.

An exceptional basketball player, Elizabeth graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1959. She obtained a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she was a member of the 1961 meats judging team and the 1962 livestock judging team. She also won the Block & Bridle Little American Royal showmanship competition.

In fall 1963, she pursued a master's degree in meat science at Kansas State University in Manhattan, where she met her future husband. She was united in marriage to Larry Coon of Goodland, Kan., June 6, 1964, in Shelbyville, Mo. The couple set up home in Lexington, Neb., where Larry worked as Dawson County Extension agent and Elizabeth worked in the home.

In 1967, the couple moved back to Bethel to join the Moore, Perry & Coon operation, which included her mother and her sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Robert Perry.

When the family home burned in 1970, Larry and Elizabeth decided to separate from the operation to focus on their life's passion: raising a family while raising registered-Angus cattle. They purchased land that

included part of the original Moore family homestead, and worked together to establish Coon Angus Ranch. For a number of years they also operated the Mark Twain Bull Test and a purebred Hampshire hog operation.

In 1976, the homestead, which was established in 1845, was recognized as a Missouri Century Farm. In 1983 the American Angus Association recognized Coon Angus Ranch as a Centennial Angus Herd for 63 years (95 years today) of continuous production of registered-Angus cattle. In 2009 she received the Missouri Angus Pioneer Award in honor of J. Russell Moore. The Northeast Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement Association honored Coon Angus Ranch as Outstanding Seedstock Producer in 2007.

A life member of the American Angus Association, she was also active in the Missouri Angus Association and several local Angus associations.

Elizabeth was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Shelbyville.

She was devoted to her family, loved reading and was an avid sports fan, especially enjoying the Mizzou Tigers and the Saint Louis Cardinals. She was an excellent cook, and few people visited the farm without enjoying a sampling if not a full meal.

She is survived by her husband; daughter Shauna; son Russell; grandchildren Kathryn and Jacob; sister Kathleen; and several nieces and nephews.

**John Jarrell**, 66, died Dec. 26, 2015, at home on his beloved Jarrell Farm.

Born in Butler, Ga., June 21, 1949, John was the son of Fred and Estelle (Spinks) Jarrell. A graduate of Taylor County High School and the University of Georgia, he spent his entire life learning to be a good steward of the land and studying the latest in farming technology. John managed Timms Creek Plantation, was an acclaimed breeder of registered-Angus cattle, and was well-known and greatly respected in his profession.

For almost three decades, John served on the Taylor County Board of Education. He also served on the Taylor County ASCS Board, Georgia Farm Bureau Board, and was a member of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. He was a lifetime member and leader of Union United Methodist Church and the Howard Charge.

John was a friend to all. He exhibited a kind, gentle, generous and humble spirit, and was considerate and patient in all aspects of his life. His values, integrity, loyalty and

devotion to duty were reflected in family, marriage and daily living. His wisdom and positive outlook influenced and encouraged many. John demonstrated his strong faith through service and love for others.

In addition to his mother, John is survived by his wife, Nina (Payne) Jarrell; daughter Jennifer; son Jay; brother Fred Jr.; three grandchildren; nephew Stan; niece Susanne; and hosts of aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

**Wayne Kestler**, 82, Sullivan, Mo., died Dec. 26, 2015, after a long battle with lung cancer.

Wayne was born to Elbert and Dorothy Kestler in Saint Charles, Mo. He attended Frances Howell High in Saint Charles and after graduation enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Korean Conflict in the 4750th Field Maintenance Squadron. He received his top secret clearance in 1954. On his return in 1955, he helped dismantle the old Arms Armory in Saint Louis, Mo., then went to work at McDonnell Douglas.

In 1958 he was united in marriage to Judith Schoene of Saint Charles, and to this union four children were born: Lori, Michael, Kevin and David.

In 1959 he left McDonnell Douglas and went to work in the Angus business, which, aside from his family, became his passion. While in the Angus business, Wayne had the opportunity to work for several top Angus producers, including Thompson Angus, Macon Angus, Ankony Angus, Sydenstricker Angus and Thunder Valley Angus.

He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1967, as well as a member of the Missouri Angus Association and East Central Angus Association. Wayne loved Angus cattle and all the people he met during his years of being in the business.

He was a member of Saint Anthony Catholic Church and the VFW in Sullivan.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, Wayne is survived by daughter Lori; sons Kevin and David; sister Marilyn; four grandchildren; one step-grandchild; five great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

**Patrick Goggins**, 85, Billings, Mont., died peacefully Dec. 31, 2015, surrounded by his whole family.

Born in Orland, Calif., May 28, 1930, Pat was the last of John and Pearl Goggins's six sons. His sister Jane arrived 10 years later. As a toddler, Pat's family returned to Montana.

Being raised in the Great Depression, Pat learned to work at a very young age and the value of a day's work, done right, stuck with him throughout his lifetime. On Dec. 26, 1951, Pat married Babe Becker, and the "Great Partnership" began.



**Pat Goggins**

Pat received an animal husbandry degree from Montana State University in 1952. He worked as a herdsman early on, and then was a fieldman and ringman for *Western Livestock Journal*, the *Montana Farmer Stockman*, and finally the *Western Livestock Reporter*. In March 1957, Pat started sharing his opinions, comments, and advice in the weekly column "As I See It" and continued to do so for 54 years.

In 1961, Pat bought the *Western Livestock Reporter*. Pat taught himself to auctioneer as he drove miles and miles selling advertising for the paper. Auctioneering grew into a career where he has been recognized as one of the leading purebred livestock auctioneers in the country. Even after he retired, and with all his business interests, auctioneering was his passion and he dearly missed it.

Pat's entrepreneurship continued and his keen business savvy allowed him to acquire three auction markets, numerous ranches and feedlots, the first livestock video auction and a real estate company, in addition to numerous other business ventures.

Pat was honored in 2011 with the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Award. The award is among the livestock industry's highest honors, bestowed on an individual person who has had a profound and lasting impact on American agriculture.

Pat's Vermilion Ranch produces and sells more than 1,000 purebred bulls per year, while the commercial Diamond Ring ranch sells in excess of 50,000 mainly Angus-sired feeders.

His publication is one of the most widely read newspapers in agriculture, and his columns not only influence the management of individual producers, but also the decisions of policymakers in Washington, D.C.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to lifelong employee and right-hand man Bonnie Zieske; Neal Sorensen; Tim Dernbach; Kristen Lepley; Marcie Kading; caregivers Payton, Jody, Michelle, Stephanie, Christy; and the Synergy

employees. We also wish to thank Pat's faithful employees too numerous to mention. God bless.

Pat lived his life faithful to God and family. He exemplified strong moral fiber, innovative vision and common sense. Above all, he was a man of true character.

In addition to his wife, Pat is survived by daughters Coreen, Laurie and Sandy; sons John, Joe and Mike; brothers Jack and Bob; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren, with number 20 on the way in June.

Memorials may be made to the Angus Foundation, c/o Milford Jenkins, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506; to others suggested by the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

**INDUSTRY EXTRAS**

**Maurice Erickson**, Eureka; **Jack Frick**, Lakeland, Fla.; **Don Kropf**, Manhattan; **Wiley McFarland**, Cimarron; **Kent Radcliff**, Dexter; and **Clinton Stalker Jr.**, Satanta, were honored by the KLA for 50 years of membership. **Marcie Deets**, Beloit; **Stan Fansher**, Garden City; **D.C. Phillips**, WaKeeney; and **John Netherland**, Ottawa, were recognized for achieving the 60-year membership mark. The longest held membership is **Jansonius Farm** at Phillipsburg, which joined in 1918. Individual membership longevity honors belong to **Ed Hawthorne** from Eureka, who first paid his dues in 1942.

**Rob van Zadelhoff** is the new president and CEO of Rabo AgriFinance. He is a member of the executive board and chief commercial officer at DLL, a member of the Rabobank Group. He replaces Neil Dobbin, who retired Dec. 31, 2015.

**Tom Mack**, Madison, Wis., has joined Accelerated Genetics as vice president business operations and finance. In this role, he will provide leadership, guidance and strategic planning for both the Finance and Information Systems divisions. He will work closely with the president and CEO and the executive management team in providing supportive financial resources to assist in achieving cost efficient operations and control of financial assets ensuring profitable company growth.

**Dee Ellis**, state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) retired Dec. 31, 2015, after more than 30 years of service. **Andy Schwartz**, longtime TAHC assistant

executive director of epidemiology and laboratory systems has been appointed interim executive director.

**Ashley McCarty**, Kirksville, Mo., has accepted the position of executive director of Missouri Farmers Care, an organization that represents the state's farmers and ranchers.

**Chuck Barber** has been named president of global sales, a newly created position, for Eco Agro Resources. Barber is located at the company headquarters in Sarasota, Fla.

**Matt Wettersten** is the new publications

and media relations specialist at Growmark. He will handle media relations responsibilities, working with outlets to cover newsworthy topics at the company and in the field of agriculture. He will also work on various company publications and internal content creation.

**Joshua Brockman**, Montgomery, Texas, has been hired as show products marketing and growth coordinator by BioZyme Inc. In his new position, Brockman will work with 4-H and FFA chapters and agricultural instructors to help them reach their livestock project goals. He will also be working to grow

the company's *Make Your Own Luck* camps and clinics.

**Ron Williams**, chairman of the board of the Western Stock Show Association, also known as the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), received the Friend of the National Western and Red Meat Industry award from the Red Meat Club of Denver Jan. 14, 2016, at the National Western Club.



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