

Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Ken Gillig, Aurora, Mo., has been promoted by BioZyme Inc. to key accounts manager in the supplement division. Gillig will be responsible for growing the company's key accounts that provide coverage across multiple states and play a significant role in the growth, expansion and



Ken Gillig

customer loyalty of the company and its products. He will also identify and secure additional key accounts in areas not currently represented, continue to promote significant growth within the supplement division and increase access to supplement division products.

Gillig said he plans to tap into his 34-plus years of experience feeding BioZyme products to his own cattle and working directly with producers and feed dealers to help them realize the benefits of using BioZyme's products.

"As the key accounts manager, Ken will champion the coordination needed to build long-lasting relationships with our key growth partners and their teams to ensure we support their desired success," said Lisa Norton, vice president of BioZyme.

Gillig started with BioZyme in 1982 as an area sales manager, where he assisted Southern Missouri livestock producers with their herds' nutritional needs. Most recently, Gillig served as the national training manager working with the area sales manager team. He has been instrumental in starting and growing to scale many successful BioZyme dealers.

Gillig has a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He and his wife and twin daughters operate an Angus and SimAngus seedstock operation in Aurora, Mo., and have been recognized as "Seedstock Producer of the Year" by the Southwest Cattlemen's Association. Gillig has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1978. He is a member of the American Simmental Association and the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

Coverdale Angus, Frankton, Ind., has been named a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association. The fourth-generation family operation has built a legacy for raising quality cattle in Indiana and is known for producing high-performing cattle in both the showing and out in the pasture.

Bob Coverdale started the herd in 1958 and purchased a lifetime membership to the American Angus Association in 1965. He chose the Angus breed because of its ability to produce a high-quality end product, command premium prices and offer superior maternal traits for raising profitable calves.

The herd's foundation females were Boyd Blackbird 269 and Tolan Blackcap BF4, which they purchased from local Indiana breeders, including Boyd Angus, and genetics offered in the Indiana Angus Futurity sale. They originally purchased registered Angus bulls to breed to commercial females, and then started developing the seedstock herd.

Once they started incorporating the Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®), they realized that the registered calves were outweighing the crossbred calves at weaning. From that point forward, they started using more registered genetics within the herd.

Through the years, they've experienced much success in the showing. Coverdale Angus has claimed honors at the Indiana State Fair, Indiana Beef Congress, North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and the National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

Three generations of the Coverdale family have been active in the Angus business, 4-H and the National Junior Angus Association



► Coverdale Angus was presented with the Historic Angus Herd Award, honoring 50 years of continued production, during the last stop of the National Angus Tour.

(NJAA). Bob Coverdale's son, Ron, is the active herd manager today, along with his sons, Garrett and Clinton. The farm is home to about 100 cows, and remains committed to the Angus breed and raising the best cattle possible.

The Coverdales were presented a certificate during the recent National Angus Tour, hosted by the Indiana Angus Association prior to the 2016 Angus Convention. Coverdale Angus was a featured stop on the tour, where participants were able to view their top-end genetics firsthand.

The American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award recognizes Angus breeders and immediate families who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

W.E. Doyle got his start raising Angus cattle a little differently than most.

In 1964, he was involved in a severe car accident, and during a two-month recovery, he started reading books on beef cattle. Through his research, he decided to purchase an Angus heifer. That one decision has led to a now 50-year tradition for Doyle and his family.

Recognizing their dedication to the Angus breed, the American Angus Association is proud to name the family's operation as a Historic Angus Herd. W.E. Doyle purchased the herd's foundation female from Willard Eiler in late 1964. That year, he attended the Chicago International to look over the best Angus stock in the United States. It was the year that the famous Ankonian President was the champion bull, and Doyle was hooked on raising Angus genetics.

He started the herd while living in Oregon, and then later moved to South Dakota, where it remains today.

Doyle and his family have worked to raise high-quality cattle and genetics that produce a product consumers demand. His children became involved in the show industry and exhibited cattle at many fairs and competitions. Today, the 20-plus cow herd is focused on raising cattle for the commercial market.

An unfortunate accident that led to a family's legacy in the Angus business — Doyle's vision embodies that which the Angus breed was based on: sound genetics and a family operation.

PHOTO BY LEANN SCHLEICHER, ANGUS MEDIA

Phillip Light, Turpin, Okla., was been recognized by the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) at its convention last November for reaching 50 years of membership. Light has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1963.

Brookover Feedyard, Garden City; Kirby Clawson, Plains; Floyd Crockett, Lewis; First National Bank of Hutchinson; Larry Hixson, WaKeeney; Donald Hunt, Arkansas City; and Norman Triemer, Council Grove; were also recognized as 50-year members.

Attaining 60 years of membership were Victor Hoffman, Hoisington; Albert Mann, Rye, Colo.; Paul Seeley Jr., Eureka; and C.H. White & Sons, Council Grove.

█ IN PASSING

Laverta Carnagey, 103, Canadian, Texas, formerly of Shattuck, Okla., died Dec. 4, 2016.

She was born to Mina (Price) Crail and Earl Crail on Aug. 3, 1913, in Avery, Iowa. They named her Laverta Ruth.

On March 17, 1914, the family boarded a train to Oklahoma. Earl's brother Paul met them at the station in Gage, Okla. It was a cold day, and Mina thought they would "freeze to death." They traveled southeast of Arnett in a wagon pulled by a team of mules to stay with family until they could get settled.

They stayed in that area for about seven years. Laverta started to school at the Eddie School, walking or riding a horse 4 miles to attend.

About 1921, the family moved to Catesby, Okla., where Laverta and little brothers Jason and Henry went to the Catesby School. Earl bought the garage in Catesby, so the family lived there for a number of years.

Laverta graduated from the eighth grade, then went to Laverne for her freshman and sophomore years. In 1931 she met a handsome dark-haired fellow, Milford Jenkins. They were married Oct. 17, 1931. They moved to a little four-room house in Catesby where Milford worked and got started farming and managing cattle.

On Nov. 27, 1932, son Donald Ray was born. The family moved to a farm south of Catesby, where a second son, Milford Duane, was born July 28, 1934. When he was 13 months old, they moved to northeast of Catesby.

They lived there until August of 1943 when they bought the place 8 miles north of Shattuck, where daughter Carol Laverta was born July 11, 1946.

Laverta took a job in town at Ken's Drug. On Nov. 16, 1956, Milford suffered a fatal heart attack. After his death, Laverta and Carol moved into Shattuck, where Laverta took a job at the Shattuck National Bank. She

continued to work for the Stuart Family until she retired.

On Dec. 21, 1974, she married Cecil Yeager. After they both retired they lived in Shattuck. Cecil died March 27, 1989, after 23 years of marriage.

On March 3, 1994, she married long-time friend Marvin Carnagey. They made their home at Marvin's ranch and at Shattuck in her home. Marvin passed away quite suddenly on March 20, 2013.

After Laverta's 100th birthday, she moved to Mesa View Assisted Living in Canadian, Texas. She made many new friends there. Everyone called her Grandmother.

On Aug. 5, 2016, after her 103rd birthday, she took a great first helicopter ride with Pilot Tray Webb and other Mesa residents. She loved the ride and was ready to go again.

Her life spanned from horse-and-buggy days to 747 jets and even a helicopter. She had three children, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The light of her life were two great-great-grandsons to hold on her lap.

Laverta is survived by sons Donald and Duane; daughter Carol; grandchildren David, Dale, Dennie, Daniel, Milford and Amanda; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann Booth, 77, Veteran, Wyo., died Dec. 13, 2016, at Community Hospital.

Mary Ann was born April 23, 1939, on the family farm near Frannie, Wyo., to John and Etta (Henry) Zwemer. She was the fifth child in a family of six children. She grew up in the Big Horn County area attending grade school in a three-room building in Frannie and graduated from the Deaver High School in 1957. She attended college at the University of Wyoming (UW) with a music scholarship and was a Chi Omega sorority sister.

While attending UW she met the love of her life, Gordon Booth, and on June 23, 1958, they married in the Deaver Methodist Church. They went back to UW that fall before moving to his family's farm in Veteran where they lived for 58 years.

Although keeping busy with her family, she started a business in the 1960s raising purebred dogs that she kept for 20 years. While doing that she kept her love of music alive by giving piano and vocal lessons, sang in the Presbyterian church choir in Torrington, later directed the church choir in the Veteran Presbyterian Church and then directed the choir in the South Goshen Presbyterian Church in Yoder, Wyo., along with being an organist and children's music program director for several years. She was baptized in the Deaver Methodist Church and was later a member of the South Goshen

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Presbyterian Church where she worked as an active elder for six years.

Mary Ann was a member of the Wyoming Angus Association and sponsored the junior Angus association members with their cattle shows and field days. She mentored the Wyoming Angus queens for 12 years. She had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1984 and was a delegate to the national meeting for several years, working with the *Angus Journal* and Angus Foundation. She worked in the Oregon Trail Community Foundation for 12 years, working with the Dorothy Bronson scholarship committee and was a member of the Goshen CattleWomen, which she served as president three different times. She was also a member of the Wyoming CattleWomen and the American National CattleWomen (ANCW).

She and Gordon were the original pioneer charter members of the Wyoming Beef Cattle Improvement Association (WBCIA). Mary Ann served on the scholarship committee for 20 years, helping to raise money for the scholarships for Wyoming students that were interested in the livestock business. In 2005 they were honored at the banquet, football game and other activities by the UW Agriculture Department at the Ag Appreciation Day in Laramie, Wyo., for their dedication and countless hours of work.

Although plagued with numerous health problems, when healthy she kept numerous activities on her plate. Helping build the reputation of the Cherry Creek Angus cattle, she prepared the sale book, kept the registrations of the cow herd and kept the mailing list current long before computers or digital equipment could speed up the process. Known for her quick wit and impeccable clothes, she was a multi-tasking individual and did everything with style and grace.

In addition to her husband, Mary Ann is survived by daughter Kerri; sons Shawn, Jodie and Kacey; a sister, Pauline; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A.L. “Ducky” Duckworth Jr., 83, of Grassy Valley Farm, Greeneville, Tenn., died peacefully at his home Dec. 19, 2016.

“Ducky,” as he was affectionately known, was born in Gainesville, Ga., in 1933 to Ancel and Sara Duckworth. His family moved to Greeneville in 1935 where his father established Duckworth Animal Hospital. He graduated from Greeneville High School in 1951, where he played both football and baseball. He played college football at Jones Junior College in Ellisville, Miss. He then

graduated from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor’s degree and was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa.

In 1959, Ducky graduated from Auburn University as a doctor of veterinary medicine. He was a member of Omicron Tau Sigma, a professional fraternity. He then returned to Greeneville and joined his father at Duckworth Animal Hospital, where he spent his 45-year professional career.

Ducky was inducted into the Greeneville High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2009 for his accomplishments in football and baseball. That same year, he received the J.W. Massengill Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the Greene County Partnership.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Greeneville for 73 years. He was a retired veterinarian, lifelong avid Angus breeder, and a lover of the American Fox Hound. Grassy Valley Farm had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1966.

Ducky had a special affection for the people of agriculture in Greene County. He spent his life aiding in the care of their livestock and the advancement of scientific production practices. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy (Doty) Duckworth; son Lee; daughter Carla; five grandchildren; one nephew; and one niece.

Leroy Baldwin, 84, Ocala, Fla., died Dec. 23, 2016, in Ocala.

Leroy was born in Ocala to a non-agricultural family, but soon became fascinated with cattle.

He bought his first calf with the earnings from the newspaper route he started when he was 6 years old. Eventually, he would own more than 600 acres of land near Kendrick and manage more than 200 head of cattle.

“He was born near Maricamp Road, where First Baptist Church of Ocala is now,” said Sharon Baldwin, his wife of 37 years. “He always told his daddy, ‘I want to raise good cattle.’”

Leroy worked his paper route for years and eventually used a pony named Trigger to deliver the paper.

“He got the pony when he was probably about 9 or 10. He said that little pony knew the route just as well as he did. When that horse got to the last house, he turned around and headed home,” Sharon said.

Leroy invested his paper route earnings toward buying new calves, which he would raise and then sell. He bought his first registered Angus calf in 1947.

After serving as a radio operator in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952 to 1955, Leroy established the Baldwin Angus Ranch on 40 acres near Kendrick when he got out of the Army. As the years went on, he kept expanding his holdings.

“We’ve been blessed well enough that we’ve added to it every time a piece (of land) came up for sale,” Leroy said in 2013 in one of the video documentaries called *I Am*

Angus produced by the American Angus Association.

The ranch now spans 620 acres and is the family base. Baldwin’s three adult children live on the property or on adjacent land.

“His family was very important to him. It was God first, then family and then country,” Sharon said. “It was a blessing. It’s a gift from God to have your family grow up around you.”

Leroy became the largest producer of black Angus cattle in Marion County, and one of the most successful. His children are

all part of the family business, which breeds stock for other ranchers.

“We breed the cattle that produce the cows that go to the meat industry,” Sharon said.

While he gave God the credit for his success, there was little Leroy left to chance. He used and developed solid husbandry techniques.

“He was very particular about the genetics of his cattle. We bred for the good, high-quality genetics,” Sharon said. “That was his

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Longevity awards

Each year, the American Angus Association recognizes employees who have chosen to remain members of its team for a number of years.

“Longevity awards are significant because they allow the Association to not just say thanks, but to demonstrate our appreciation by providing a small gift to these key members of our team,” said Allen Moczygemba, CEO. “It’s really important to celebrate these key milestones because of the sacrifice and loyalty that these individuals have given to the American Angus Association.”

The Association’s Longevity Awards are awarded in increments of five years to employees beginning after five years of employment and continuing through their careers. The awards are designed to recognize Association employees for hard work, dedication and professionalism.

Receiving an award for five years of service were Kasey Brown, senior associate editor, Angus Media; Sharon Driggers, computer operator (in 2014); Tanya Knadler, AGI customer service representative; Jena McRell, digital editor, Angus Media; Becky

Miller, AGI customer service representative; Dalon Stevens, AGI customer service representative; and Don Toll, mail room supervisor.

Receiving awards for 10 years of service were Melinda Cordell, Angus Media, special services proofreader, and Julie Martinez, special services assistant.

Monica Jordan, customer service representative, received an award (in 2015) for 15 years of service. Linda Robbins, assistant editor, Angus Media, and Amber Wahlgren, communications assistant, Angus Media, also received awards for 15 years of service.

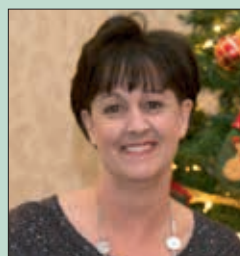
Debbie Jacobs, customer service representative, and Pam Osborn, data entry, membership services, received awards for 20 years of service. Bruce Buntin, web developer, Angus Media, Gary Ferguson, weekend watchman, and Judy Steinman, staff accountant, received recognition for 25 years of service.

Mary Black, graphic design artist, Angus Media, received an award for 30 years of service. Sharon Mayes, special services coordinator, received recognition for 35 years of service.



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► These American Angus Association employees received their longevity award for five years with the company. Pictured are (from left) **Don Toll**, American Angus Association; **Becky Miller**, Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI); **Kasey Brown**, Angus Productions Inc. (API); **Dalon Stevens**, AGI; **Jena McRell**, API; and **Tanya Knadler**, AGI.



► **Julie Martinez**, API, received her longevity award for 10 years with the company. Not pictured is **Melinda Cordell**, who also received a 10-year award.



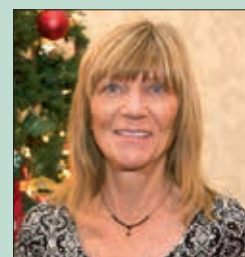
► **Linda Robbins**, API, received her longevity award for 15 years with the company. Not pictured is **Amber Wahlgren**, who also received a 15-year award.



► **Right: Debbie Jacobs**, left, and **Pam Osborn**, right, both of the American Angus Association, received their longevity award for 20 years with the company.



► **Bruce Buntin**, API, received his longevity award for 25 years with the company. Not pictured are **Gary Ferguson** and **Judy Steinman**, who also received 25-year awards.



► **Mary Black**, API, received her longevity award for 30 years with the company.

passion, to always make cattle better. He loved his cattle.”

Leroy’s cattle have helped expand the Angus breed across the world.

“We have shipped cattle to between 25 and 30 different countries, as well as all across the U.S.,” Sharon said. “He always spoke of *Psalms 50:10* and thanked God for allowing him to be a caretaker of His ‘cattle on a thousand hills.’ He always thanked God for letting him be in agriculture and in Marion County.”

President of the American Angus Association in 2002, Leroy is featured in the November 2002 *Angus Journal* available at www.angusjournal.com/articlepdf/1102aj_baldwin.pdf.

In addition to his wife, Leroy is survived by sons Tony and Alan; daughter Joy; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

— *Adapted from an article by Carlos Medina, correspondent, Ocala Star Banner, Ocala, Fla.*

Robert (Bob) Schlutz, 80, died Dec. 30, 2016, in Sarasota, Fla.

Bob was born Jan. 1, 1936, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, the son of Dale and Esther (Ball) Schlutz. He was a graduate of

Grandview High School. He married Marilyn Furnas on Sept. 12, 1954. Bob was involved in many different business ventures and associated activities, including farming, purebred Angus cattle, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Casey’s General Stores, a mobile home park, mini storage units, a motel, Ag Nutrition, Mid America Bank, real estate development and other investments.

Bob purchased his first Angus heifer in 1948 as a 4-H project and developed his herd until his graduation from high school. At that time he and his parents formed a family partnership known as D.E. Schlutz & Son. The growing herd was later named Da-Es-Ro, a name composed of the first two letters of the partners’ names. After more than 50 years in the Angus business, Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms was recognized as a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association.

Traveling to various beef promotions and as chairman of the Iowa Beef Breeds’ Council in the 1970s, an idea was spawned about creating a branded beef product. Bob wrote about this concept in an article for the *Angus Journal*. Though he did not take credit for the result, Bob’s enthusiasm for the project landed him a seven-year stint on the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Board during the formative years of CAB. Bob served as president of the Eastern Iowa Angus

Association and the Southeastern Iowa Angus Association.

At the pleasure of Governor Robert Ray and, later, Governor Terry Brandstad, Bob served eight years on the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Environmental Protection Commission, six of those years as chairman. He also worked with the Value-Added Products Committee for the state of Iowa.

One of his more challenging and rewarding roles was the 11 years, two of which he served as president, that he invested in the Iowa State Fair Board. With the help of an aggressive group of colleagues, a \$50 million renovation of the Iowa State Fairgrounds was completed — funded mostly by a grassroots effort born in the boardroom.

Other organizations Bob served include Alliant Energy, the Federal Land Bank, Mid America Bank, the Iowa Foundation of Agricultural Advancement, Colonial Manor Rest Home, Colonel’s Kids Daycare and president of the Iowa Restaurant Association.

Starting in 1968, Bob ventured beyond the confines of the farm and purchased and began to manage a chain of franchised restaurants. His knowledge of the retail meat industry and entrepreneurial skills built the organization to an enviable level. Son Kevin then owned the business — KFC of Iowa —

allowing Bob and Marillyn the chance to pursue their personal interests.

Bob and Marillyn were quick to help out with needs they saw. They donated to many community activities including the Civic Center/Library, establishment of the Colonel's Kids Childcare Center, The Louisa County Fair Youth Center and Grandview Academy Park Shelter House, as well as the Blue Ribbon Foundation, University of Iowa and the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement.

Bob was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation in 2008. Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1952 and served on its board of directors for two terms.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by son Kevin; daughter Lynn; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Fred Blades, 79, Holliday, Mo., died Dec. 22, 2016, at University Hospital in Columbia. He had been in poor health for a number of years and succumbed to pneumonia.

Fred was born to James and Lois (Evans) Blades near Holliday in the country home where his father and grandmother, Susie (Krembs) Blades, were born. He would grow up just a half-mile away on the farm his parents purchased. Fred would later buy from his grandparents Jean and Susie Blades the farm across the road from where he was raised. He was fond of telling folks that he never got very far in life — “just across the road.”

He attended Mount Pleasant and Holliday grammar schools and graduated from Paris High School and the University of Missouri. He served in the Army Reserves as a first lieutenant from 1959 to 1967.

Fred farmed and raised registered Angus cattle, selling hundreds of bulls and bred heifers with his father and Uncle Ray Blades in their sales and later on in his own private treaty and in association sales. In the 1980s he developed a Polled Hereford herd; and in the 1990s he added purebred Braunvieh cattle.

In 1959 he married Lynda Hall of Saint Louis, Mo.

Fred was a lifelong supporter of the 4-H and FFA programs; he served as a beef leader and hosted many judging days for both groups. Under the mentorship of the late Ed Stout, he was part of a team of young people who established the first junior Angus association in the nation. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1958, and for 40 years was a voting delegate to the annual meeting.

As a member of the Missouri Angus Association he served on the board, first as a member and later as secretary, as treasurer, and as a two-term president.

In 2008 he was recognized as a Missouri Angus Pioneer. Other memberships included the Monroe County Angus Association, serving as secretary and sale manager for a number of years; the Mark Twain Angus Association; and the Howard County Angus Association. He was also a member of the American Polled Hereford Association, the Missouri Polled Hereford Association, the Central Missouri Polled Hereford Association and the American Braunvieh Association.

Fred held the No. 13 life membership in the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. He considered it a privilege to have been on the Holliday School Board and the Consolidated Electric Cooperative Board.

In addition to his wife, Fred is survived by daughter Sara; son Bill; daughter-in-law Mendy (Doug); sister Linda; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Andrew Harvey Lemmon, 70, Woodbury, Ga., died Jan. 8, 2017, at his home.

Harvey was born Nov. 30, 1946, in Virginia, the son of Rebecca Lemmon and the late Robert Harvey Lemmon. Harvey received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Virginia Tech. He was the owner and operator of Lemmon Cattle Enterprises, known for producing top-quality cattle that have been sold all over the United States.

He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1971 and served on the boards of the Georgia Angus Association and the American Angus Association, ultimately serving as president of both associations.

He was active in the Meriwether County Cattlemen's Association and the Georgia Beef Board, both of which he served as chairman; as well as the Georgia Cattlemen's Association and the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), both of which he served as president. He served as chairman of AgSouth Farm Credit and as a director of Southern Rivers Energy.

Harvey was a man of faith, having served as a deacon at Woodbury Baptist Church.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Nina; mother; sons Donnie and Jonathan; brother Fil; sister Carlyle; grandchildren Abel and Blakley; and a host of extended family.

Michael Roddey Sr., 70, of Taylors, S.C., died Jan. 6, 2017. Born in Chester, he was the son of the late Pat Ellis and Connie (Peay) Roddey. He earned a bachelor's degree from Clemson University and graduated with honors, class of 1968. Michael served as vice president of Hayes Food Products. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was a

member of Taylors First Baptist Church. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1980.

Michael is survived by son Michael Jr.; sister Libby; three grandchildren, Bryce, Ava and Katie Grace; niece Lisa; and one uncle, Bobby Clack.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Denny Dieterich has been named Ralco beef technical team leader. He will be responsible for innovation, development and validation of new technologies that provide solutions to customers and other company personnel. He will work closely with the sales team to ensure the company's internal and external customers are properly trained to implement cutting-edge programs and products. Dieterich will also work along with other beef team members to enhance a robust research plan that will keep the company at the forefront of new technology development.

David Clawson, Englewood, Kan., was elected the 100th president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) at its annual business meeting Dec. 2, 2016. **Lee Reeve**, Garden City, Kan., was chosen as president-elect.

Jose Charal has been named technical business manager in Latin America by Archer Daniels Midland Co. (ADM). At ADM he will oversee product development and sales of specialty ingredients to customers throughout Latin America. He will also work closely with ADM personnel to develop sales tools and communication tactics specific to the needs of customers in that region.

Irish agricultural manufacturing firm **Keenan** and Italian ag manufacturing firm **Storti** have announced a wide-ranging collaboration. The first in an array of developmental and engineering products between the two companies is a range of twin- and triple-auger Keenan vertical feeders.

Hannah Thompson-Weeman has been promoted to vice president of communications for the Animal Agriculture Alliance. She will assume greater management over the communications outreach strategies for the Alliance, as well as the Alliance's issues management initiatives and other program efforts.



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