



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Matt Perrier, a seedstock cattle producer from Eureka, was chosen as the new president-elect of the 5,000-member Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) during the annual business meeting Dec. 5, 2014, in Wichita.

Perrier represents the fifth generation of his family's registered-Angus and ranching operation in Greenwood County. Dalebanks Angus started as a sheep farm in 1867. It has maintained a registered-Angus herd continuously since 1904. Today, the seedstock cattle operation produces genetics for the commercial cow-calf producer.

Perrier is a past chairman of the KLA Stockgrowers Council. He currently serves on the boards of KLA and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). Perrier is a member of the NCBA Ag and Food Policy Committee.

He attended the NCBA Young Cattlemen's Conference and served as chairman of the group in 2007. Perrier also has attended the KLA Leadership Conference.

Perrier is a member of the Kansas Animal Health Board and Greenwood County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, of which he is a past president. He is a past member of the U.S. Premium Beef Nominating Committee and Kansas Angus Association Board of Directors. Perrier is a past president of the Greenwood County Cattlemen's Association and previously served as vice president of the Greenwood Preservation Society, which helped restore the Greenwood Hotel. He has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1994. Dalebanks Angus has been a life member of the Association since 1963.

He graduated from Kansas State University (K-State) in 1996 with a degree in animal science. Prior to coming back to the family business, he was director of retail and foodservice programs for the Pennsylvania Beef Council and served in several staff capacities, including as a regional manager, for the American Angus Association.

Perrier and his wife, Amy, have four children: Ava, Lyle, Hannah and Henry. They are expecting a fifth child in mid-March.

KLA members elected Emporia rancher Jaret Moyer as president for the coming year.

Rex Headrick, Jewell, Kan., was one of seven members honored by the KLA for 50 years of membership during its convention.

Andrew Schuler Jr., Chapman, Kan., was honored for 70 years of membership. Headrick has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1996. Schuler has been a life member since 1945.

Spencer Jones, Wamego, Kan., was part of the ninth graduating class of the KLA Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA) Dec. 5, 2014, at the close of the KLA Convention. Merck Animal Health partnered with KLA to host 20 members for a series of four seminars throughout 2014.

Attending the KLA Convention was the final session for the class. The three-day event provided participants the opportunity to gain additional industry knowledge and interact with KLA members from across the state.

Immediately prior to the convention, the YSA classmates received their Master of Beef Advocacy degrees, following an in-depth spokesperson training session with NCBA Senior Executive Director of Communications Daren Williams.

During the first session in Topeka, Kan., 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 the group learned about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. YSA members visited central and western Kansas in October to tour beef and dairy operations representing various segments of each industry.

KLA is a trade organization representing the business interests of members at both the state and federal levels.

Jones Family Angus has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2008.

IN PASSING

Peggy Lipsey, 65, Bozeman, Mont., died Dec. 2, 2014.

Peggy was born March 8, 1949. She was devoted to her family, friends and the Lord. Peggy grew up in Grand Ledge, Mich., with her sisters. She married her high school sweetheart, R. Jerry Lipsey. They spent 50 wonderful years raising and nurturing their family.

During the last 20 years, Peggy made Bozeman her home. She loved biking, hiking the "M" and visiting the library with her husband and grandson. Helping first-time

homebuyers was Peggy's joy as a realtor for Prudential Montana. She loved her sisters in the Silver Thimble Sewing Club and the Community Bible Study. She touched many lives with her compassion and gentleness.

In addition to her husband, Peggy is survived by son Jason; daughter Amanda; sisters Lana and Judy; and grandson Max.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Scott Holt has been promoted to the newly created position of North American marketing manager for Allflex USA Inc. In his new role, Holt will remain based in Idaho and will oversee marketing efforts for the company's large-animal business in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Donald Beerman has been named the chair of the Department of Animal Sciences at Iowa State University. Beerman succeeds Maynard Hogberg, who announced his retirement in 2013.

Mitchell Stephenson will join the faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Panhandle Research and Extension Center as a range and forage management specialist beginning April 1. He will be responsible for conducting research and extension programs focused on sustainable use and management of rangelands, integration of annual and perennial forage crops to supplement range, ecological implications of grazing and sustainable livestock production on rangelands.

Jennie Johnson has been hired as graphic designer and administrative coordinator for the Select Sires Inc. beef sire department. Johnson will be responsible for graphic design and advertising for the beef program on both national and member cooperative levels and will be highly involved with designing the annual beef sire directory, fall flier, calendar and other important publications and communications from the beef program. She will effectively promote the company's beef genetic programs and services, as well as design and produce materials to support the Select Sires brand.

Cheryl Moore, Stephenville, Texas, has been elected as Region V director of Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United

Stockgrowers of American (R-CALF USA). She succeeds Stayton Weldon, Cuero, Texas, who had served the two-term maximum.

Dave Edmiston, representing the Texas Farm Bureau, is the newly elected chairman of the Texas Beef Council (TBC) Board of Directors. **Austin Brown III** of Beeville will represent the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association on the board as the newly elected vice chairman. Other members of the executive committee are **Bruce Dopslauf**, **Ryan Moorhouse** and outgoing chairman, **Coleman Locke**.

The TBC consists entirely of beef producers providing representation of the state through organization affiliation.

Josie Dechant, LaCrosse, Wis., has been hired at Accelerated Genetics as a laboratory technician at the company's semen and distribution center in Westby, Wis. **Drew Smith**, Madison, Wis., has been hired as a general programmer at the company's administrative headquarters in Baraboo, Wis.

Ben Kaehler, Dow AgroSciences, and **Gwyn Schramm**, Monsanto Co., have been elected to the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) board of directors.

Kevin Voyles, Thayne, Wyo., and **Annaliese Wiederspahn**, Cheyenne, Wyo., have been elected to the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust board of directors.

Carnahan Ranches Inc., Kiowa, Colo., received the Friend of the National Western and Red Meat Industry Award from the Red Meat Club at the club's annual dinner Jan. 15. While the ranch has a distinguished record as a commercial producer, the recognition was for the ranch's remarkable history as a National Western exhibitor, tracing back to the first Stock Show in 1906.

Evan Whitley has been hired as manager of the Center for Advanced Agricultural Systems and Technologies (CAAST) by the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation. As manager, Whitley will coordinate the center's research efforts and provide information to agricultural producers, researchers and strategic partners.

Longevity awards

American Angus CEO Bryce Schumann presented service awards to employees at the Christmas dinner and dance at the Holiday Inn in downtown Saint Joseph, Mo., Dec. 13, 2014.

Honored for five years of service was Mike Flannery. Della Horstman, Kenny Miller, Milford Jenkins and Gayla Fuston were recognized for 10 years of service. Gina Weigert, Ginette Kurtz, Janice Blair and Deborah Wilson received 20-year service awards. Lea Ann Maudlin was awarded for 25 years, Leota Wilson and Terry Cotton were recognized for 35 years, and Richard Wilson was honored for 45 years of service.

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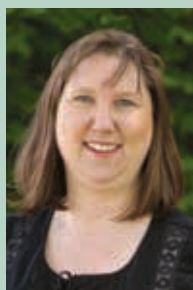
Richard Wilson
45 years



Terry Cotton
35 years



Leota Wilson
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Lea Ann Maudlin
25 years



Janice Blair
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Ginette Kurtz
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Gina Weigert
20 years



Deborah Wilson
20 years



Bryce Schumann
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Gayla Fuston
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Della Horstman
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Milford Jenkins
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Kenny Miller
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Mike Flannery
5 years

