



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Charles “Buddy” and Loretta Smith**, Paragould, Ark., have been recognized by the American Angus Association with the Historic Angus Herd Award.

In 1959, Buddy purchased two Angus cows for \$200 each from Jimmy Spears, and a few years later expanded his herd with 10 heifers from the Engelburg Angus Farm in Pocahontas, Ark. Buddy recalls his first cattle being referred to as plain in comparison to the popular short-bodied Angus cattle of the time. However, commercial producers recognized his cattle for more length and pounds, and his first Angus bull sold well in the Greene County Angus Association sale.

“We never were big breeders,” Buddy says. “We had 50 cows in our herd and enough love for the Angus breed to always do our best when our finances would let us.”

Competing in the showing with their Angus cattle was also a favorite event for Buddy and Loretta. In the mid-1970s, he won

grand champion heifer at the district fair, which included a string of nationally shown cattle. The family has earned many ribbons, trophies and other honors, Buddy says, throughout their years showing cattle.

His love for Angus has been passed down for generations. His oldest son, Stan, and his wife, Angela, own Hickory Hill Angus in West Plains, Mo. For 30 years, Stan has been an ABS Global representative within the area. Their children, Amy, Jerrod and Landon, were actively involved in showing cattle and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

Buddy and Loretta’s daughter, Charletta Williams, and her husband, Rusty, live in North Little Rock, Ark. Although no longer involved in the cattle business, Charletta was active in showing cattle and won showmanship honors in high school. They have two children, Taylor and Hannah.

The youngest son, Kelly, and his wife, Elayne, own Checkerhill Angus, West Plains,

Mo. Kelly is employed by Hubbard Feeds, and their three children, Cody, Clayton and Katie, were active in the NJAA. Now both sons fit and show cattle across the nation. Cody is a past member of the NJAA Board of Directors.

Both Kelly and Stan judge livestock shows on a regular basis.

Today, Buddy and Loretta manage the 17-head herd. They have remained active in the Association by attending several national Angus tours throughout the years, and cherish the friends they’ve made throughout the country by being involved with Angus cattle. Buddy has been a life member of the Association since 1961.

The Historic Angus Herd Award is presented to Angus breeders or immediate families who have been in continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

**Borkowski Angus Farm**, Elliott, Iowa, has been recognized by the Association as a Historic Angus Herd.

Like many in the cattle business, Borkowski Angus Farm is a family operation. The late Merle Borkowski instilled a love for Angus cattle in his wife, Virginia, and sons, David and Douglas. Together, the family started the herd in 1963, when they moved to Doolittle Farm near Griswold, Iowa, and bought into the registered-Angus herd there. The first heifer registered to Borkowski and Doolittle was “Gina Rowleys Blackcap.”

Before getting his start raising Angus cattle, Merle worked in a number of different capacities. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, and, after returning home, he studied telegraphy at the Omaha School for Business. Through the years, Merle worked for Standard Oil, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and a short time at the Union Pacific Railroad. In June 1957, Merle and Virginia married, and three years later they started farming near Elliott, Iowa.

In 1965, the Borkowskis moved away from the Doolittle Farm and settled near Elliott, Iowa, where they officially founded Borkowski Angus Farm. Throughout the years, the herd continued to grow with purchases from Ankony Farms, Highmore, S.D., and Houghton Angus, Maryville, Mo. In the early 1970s, Merle began to take advantage

## Kansas Angus Ass’n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 25, Hutchinson



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►The Kansas Angus Ass’n officers and board of directors are (front row, from left) **Robert Bailey**, Quenemo, treasurer; **Anne Lampe**, Scott City, secretary/manager; **Ron Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, president; **Sharee Sankey**, Council Grove, vice president; **Craig Rucker**, Burdett, past president; (standing, from left) **Harold Hazelton**, McPherson; **Grant Gardiner**, Ashland; **Jason Flory**, Baldwin City; **Clint Woodrow**, Emporia; **Flinton McCabe**, Elk City; **Stuart Rose**, Cheney; **Larry Lundgren**, Gove; **Brandon New**, Leavenworth; and **John McCurry**, Burrton.

►**Right: Richard Poland**, Isabel, received the Honorary Member Award. Pictured are (from left) Andrew and Mary McCurry; Richard and Anita Poland; Elizabeth Janssen; and Frank Hinkson.



of artificial insemination (AI) and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

His sons also showed through 4-H and FFA at the Pottawattamie County Fair in Avoca, Iowa; Iowa State Fair; Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show in Nebraska; and many other shows across the country, including several trips to the National Junior Angus Heifer Show. Highlights from the showing included when David raised the grand champion FFA heifer at the 1979 Iowa State Fair, and Douglas showed both the reserve grand champion FFA heifer and bull at the 1981 Iowa State Fair.

Today, Douglas continues to manage Borkowski Angus Farm, which is home to about 30 cows. He remains focused on his father's legacy to use AI bulls and AHIR performance records to improve genetics for the overall cow herd. Current genetics are sourced from Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo.

Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan., has announced the passing of **GAR Predestined**. The 14-year-old Angus sire earned enormous industry acceptance and is one of the all-time top semen-selling beef bulls at Select Sires.

A sort using the American Angus Association *Sire Evaluation Report* for every bull in the Angus breed with a 90% or higher accuracy for marbling returns four sires — GAR Predestined and three others — from a database of more than 17.5 million head. Predestined is a direct descendant of two of the three — B/R New Design 036 and N-Bar Emulation EXT.

To date, more than 265,000 units of Predestined semen have been sold through Select Sires. As of Jan. 1, 2014, 36,649 of his progeny have been registered at the American Angus Association.

GAR Predestined was retired from service at Select Sires and returned to the ranch in 2012. Since returning to the ranch, he comfortably roamed the pastures at Gardiner Angus Ranch in southwest Kansas. Ranch visitors familiar with the Angus breed routinely requested a stop to see the herd sire.

Predestined was buried in a special location on the ranch appropriate for his stature in the beef industry.

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■ Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 25, Athens



►The Georgia Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Christy Page**, Jefferson, executive secretary; **Smitty Lamb**, Tifton, president; **Douglas Williams**, Milan, vice president; and **Carolyn Gazda**, Athens; (standing, from left) **Phil Page**, Jefferson; **Harvey Lemmon**, Woodbury; **Clint Smith**, Wadley; **Andrew McPeake**, Arnoldsville; **Fred Gretsch**, Lexington; **Melvin Porter**, Jefferson; **Mike Jones**, West Point; and **Mike McCravy**, Bowdon.



►The officers of the Georgia Angus Ass'n Ladies Auxiliary are (from left) **Shelley Panter**, Dahlonega, vice president; **Tanya Eidson**, Arnoldsville, president; and **Holly Alford**, Bowman, secretary-treasurer.



►**Mike McCravy** (left), Bowdon, receives a past president recognition plaque from **Smitty Lamb**, Tifton, 2014 Georgia Angus Ass'n president.

►**Right: Robert L. Blalock**, formerly of Athens, was posthumously inducted into the Georgia Angus Ass'n (GAA) Hall of Fame. This program was established by the GAA to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Angus industry in Georgia and across the country. Pictured are (from left) Mike and Laura Sweatman; Bo Blalock; Chip Blalock; Robert's wife, Jody Blalock; Bob and Terri Blalock; and Scott and Jan Smith.



►**Right: The McPeake family**, Arnoldsville, received the Family of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) Andrew and Julie McPeake and Sandra and Charles McPeake.





**IN PASSING**

**Franklin Stehno**, 79, Billings, Okla., died Dec. 24, 2013, at Saint Mary's Medical Center in Enid, Okla.

Franklin was born July 3, 1934, in Billings, to Frank and Crystal Lillie (Harlow) Stehno. Frank was a graduate of Billings High School. He obtained a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in agricultural education from Oklahoma State University. He taught vocational agriculture for many years in Colorado and Oklahoma, ending his teaching career at Carl Albert State College, Poteau, Okla. While teaching at Carl Albert State College, he led the rodeo team to the National College Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont.

He devoted his life to the education of young individuals in their pursuit of rodeo and agricultural careers. He was a lifelong cattle rancher and farmer, and raised champion show cattle. Franklin was a member of the Elks Lodge in Alva, Okla., for more than 50 years.

Franklin is survived by his dearest friend and companion, Virginia Kidd; sons Albert, Scott and Kent; brother Dale; grandchildren Kimberly, Julie and Kolton; and great-grandchildren Clint, Korbin and Kaylee.

**Father David Bellinghausen**, OSB, age 74, monk of Subiaco Abbey, died Dec. 31, 2013. He had been a professed monk for 52 years and a priest for 27 years.

Gerald Bellinghausen was born Aug. 31, 1939, in the rural community of Rhineland, Texas. He was the ninth youngest in a family of 10 children, three girls and seven boys. His elementary education was under the Olivetan Benedictine Sisters at Saint Joseph Parochial School, followed by four years of secondary education at Rhineland High School, where he graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1957. He attended one year of college at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, before coming to Subiaco Abbey as a candidate for the Benedictine brotherhood on Jan. 17, 1960.

Bellinghausen professed his vows as a monk of Subiaco Abbey on Aug. 15, 1961, receiving the name David. For nearly two decades Brother David worked primarily as a linotype operator, printer and manager of the Abbey's print shop until its closure in 1981. Discerning that God was calling him to take a further step, he began his studies for the priesthood at Saint Joseph Seminary College in Saint Benedict, La., and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Graduating *Cum Laude* in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in religious studies and

philosophy, he entered the Pontifical College Beda in Rome, Italy, for his theological studies, while living at Collegio Sant' Anselmo, the international Benedictine center in Rome. Bellinghausen completed his theological studies for the priesthood with honors in June 1986.

On Nov. 1, 1986, Deacon David Bellinghausen was ordained to the priesthood at Subiaco Abbey by Bishop Andrew McDonald of Little Rock, Ark. For the next two years he was on the faculty of Subiaco Academy. During the summer sessions of 1987-1988, he attended graduate programs at Saint John University, Collegeville, Minn., and the Pastoral Institute at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, respectively.

In 1989, he was assigned as pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Clarksville and its mission of Sacred Heart Church in Hartman, Ark. He was sent to Texas in 1994 as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Muenster, which, at that time, was the largest parish staffed by the Benedictines of Subiaco Abbey.

Bellinghausen was the last Benedictine pastor of this Texas parish. In 1997, after 104 years, the monks of Subiaco Abbey relinquished their pastoral care of Sacred Heart, and the parish was returned to the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, under the auspices of Bishop Delaney.

Bellinghausen returned to Subiaco Abbey where he was appointed Prior of the monastery by Abbot Jerome Kodell on July 15, 1997, a position he held until August of 2012, when he was appointed pastor of St. Mary Church in Altus, Ark., where he was pastor until the time of his death.

Serving the community as Prior for some 15 years, Father David also gave wholehearted assistance to the Abbey's black Angus cattle farm. In this competitive industry, he kept abreast of technical data on each animal in the herd.

His favorite pastime was to read a good book or listen to Italian opera.

He is survived by sisters Catherine and Phyllis and brothers Urban, Alvin and Charles.

**Charles Whitney Grove**, 93, Forest, Va., died Jan. 8 in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Whitney was born in Waynesboro, Va., Aug. 28, 1920, to Raymond and Mary Grove; he was the second of eight children.

Whitney was manager of Old Elkton Farm and Creswell Farm from 1940-1958. He established Groveland Farm in 1959 with 40 Angus cattle, which grew to more than 300 head. He helped to organize and served as president of the Forest Volunteer Fire

**Junior intern named**

Lindsay Bowman, Prairie Grove, Ark., has joined the American Angus Association as an eight-month intern in the Junior Activities Department. Based in the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., Bowman will play a significant role in coordinating events for members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

"Lindsay is going to be a great asset to the junior activities department this spring and summer," says Jaclyn Upperman, Association director of junior activities. "She has a strong background in the beef industry and a true passion for youth organizations."

Bowman attends the University of Arkansas, where she is pursuing a degree in agricultural communications and education. She earned her associate's degree at Connors State College in Oklahoma.

A Colorado native, Bowman grew up on an Angus and Maine-Anjou operation with her mom, Lianne, and brother, Zane. She is a past member of the Connors State College and University of Arkansas livestock judging teams. She has been active in the Connors State College Ag Ambassador club, Collegiate FFA and her local 4-H club.

"With my experience in other livestock associations, I am excited to be a part of the American Angus Association and learn from the superior staff," Bowman says.

During her internship, Bowman will assist with daily in-office tasks, preparation for NJAA-sponsored shows and conferences, including Raising the Bar conferences, organizing the *Green Coats: Coast to Coast* program and much more. She will also assist with the NJAA website, *Directions* newsletter, National Junior Recognition Program, and other programs available to the NJAA membership.

"I believe that the core and the future of America's cattle industry starts with youth associations — where young leaders are taught how to effectively motivate, educate and inspire their members," Bowman says.

In the future, Bowman hopes to continue her career in the agriculture industry through agriculture education and youth activities.

In addition to the eight-month internship with the Junior Activities Department, the Association offers four summer internships that run from May to August. Positions are available in the activities and events, junior activities, and communications and public relations departments, as well as with the *Angus Journal*.

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Department. He was a founder and served as chairman of the board for the Community Bank of Forest, now BB&T. He served on the Bedford County Board of Supervisors as chairman of the board. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association



Whitney Grove

since 1955. He was an active member and past president of the Virginia Angus Association, an active member of Forest United Methodist Church and he served in many leadership roles. He was a member of New London Ruritan Club, Southern States Cooperative, Bedford County Farm Bureau and Central Virginia Feeder Calf Association.

His family will remember him as a stalwart man of few words who could bring laughter to an entire room. He relished oysters, grew the best tomatoes, loved his Angus cows and only drove John Deere tractors.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Doris (Henderson) Grove; daughter Glenna; son Charles "Chuck" Jr.; sisters Mildred and Lucile; brother Carroll; grandchildren Whitney, Carrie, Jake and Rachel; and great-grandchildren Emma, Caroline, William and Easton. A third great-grandson is expected in February.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Forest Vol. Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad, 1645 Thomas Jefferson Rd., Forest, VA 24551; the Goode Vol. Rescue Squad, 9261 Forest Rd., Goode, VA 24556; or the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

When **R. Crosby Kemper Jr.**, 86, died Jan. 2, the Kansas City, Mo., native left behind the Agriculture Future of America (AFA), among many community organizations and projects. Because he believed the best young leaders come from rural backgrounds, and he wanted to give them the tools they need, AFA was founded by Kemper and other area business

leaders, including his son Alexander (Sandy) Kemper, in 1996, and in the past 17 years the AFA has awarded more than \$8 million in academic- and leader-development scholarships, impacting more than 9,000 college leaders and young professionals.

AFA's student delegation has represented more than 200 colleges and universities from 43 states. Under the leadership of the board of directors, chaired by Sandy Kemper, student participation in AFA's leader development programs has increased by 70% in the last five years. Kemper Jr.'s commitment to the AFA and its students was personal, as he served as a lifetime member of the AFA board.

**Bill Dugas** has been acting vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences and acting dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for the Texas A&M University System since Jan. 14. Dugas, who has been associate vice chancellor and associate dean of agriculture and life sciences since 2009, will serve in the new capacity while Mark Hussey, who formerly filled those roles, serves as interim president of Texas A&M University. Hussey will return to his role as vice chancellor and dean when a new president is selected for Texas A&M.

**Matt Utt** has been named director of research, and **Marcus Schmelzer** has taken on the role of laboratory safety coordinator at Select Sires Inc. In his role, Utt will work closely with other staff scientists to design research trials to improve semen collection, freezing, extenders, evaluation procedures and, ultimately, semen fertility potential in the field. In addition to freezing semen and working with quality control, Schmelzer will now serve as laboratory safety coordinator, developing, coordinating and enforcing safety procedures during semen processing through written protocols and hands-on demonstrations.

**Paul Gibbs**, Boonville, was named the Cattleman of the Year by the Missouri Cattlemen's Association (MCA) at the Missouri Cattle Industry Convention &

Trade Show in January. **W.A. Schlesselman**, Concordia, received the Pioneer Award. **Ed Trotter** and **Kevin Yaeger** from Zoetis received the Allied Industry Award. **Brenda Black** was announced as the Cattlewoman of the Year by the Missouri CattleWomen's Association (MCW).

**Emily Scott** has been named the 2014 Olympic Beef Ambassador of Missouri by the Missouri Beef Industry Council. She will be competing in the Sochi Olympic Games for short-track speed skating. Scott grew up in Springfield, Mo., and was chosen as this year's first-ever Beef Ambassador because of her strong advocacy of using beef as her main source of protein and the importance it plays in her "eight hours per day, six days a week" on- and off-ice workouts.

**Evelyn Brandt Thomas**, co-founder of Brandt, will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS) during the May 17 commencement ceremony at Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield. The University's board of trustees approved the degree at its meeting in Chicago, Ill., for the matriarch of Brandt, a global agriculture retailer and manufacturer of agricultural specialty products based in Springfield.

**Brent Woodward** has been hired as associate vice president of research for Cooperative Resources International (CRI). In this role, Woodward will direct research efforts across CRI and its subsidiaries, AgSource Cooperative Services and Genex Cooperative Inc.

**John Patterson** CBE, chairman and CEO for JCB, has retired after 43 years of service from JCB North America. **Arjun Mirdha** will succeed him as president and CEO.

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