



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**James Henderson**, operations and genetic manager at Bradley 3 Ranch, Memphis and Clarendon, Texas, was honored at the 2014 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) Intercollegiate Meats Judging Contest Awards breakfast. The HLSR has named its traveling trophy for the senior division the “James Henderson Award.” The A-division trophy was named for John Bellinger in 2012. Henderson and Bellinger were

instrumental in starting the HLSR Intercollegiate Meats Contest 35 years ago. Henderson served as its superintendent for 32 years. This collegiate contest led the way for the HLSR 4-H and FFA contests to become established, as well.

Since the inception of the contest thousands of students have competed, with many of the students becoming active in the livestock and meats industry and utilizing their judging experience in their careers.

Bradley 3 Ranch has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1958.

## IN PASSING

**Eunice Strommen**, 84, Twin Valley, Minn., died March 14 at Benedictine Care Community, Ada, Minn.

Eunice was born Sept. 1, 1929, daughter of Arthur and Mable (Low) Shirley in Dakota County, Minn. She was baptized in Highview

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## Kentucky Angus Ass’n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 28, Louisville



► Kentucky Angus Ass’n officers and directors are (seated, front row, from left) **Matt Jackson**, New Castle, director; **Jamie Marksbury**, Buffalo, director; **Kenley Conner**, Hodgenville, past president; **James Coffey**, Hustonville, president; **Timothy Jeffries**, Canmer, vice president; **Anne Stewart Clark**, Frankfort, secretary-treasurer; **Henry Smith**, Russell Springs; (standing, back row, from left) **Charlie Boyd**, Mayslick, American Angus Ass’n director; **Gil Cowles**, Rockfield; **Billy Jasper**, Nicholasville; **Tom McGinnis**, Shelbyville; **Jason Crowe**, Irvine; **Eddie Burks**, Park City; **Ricky Cunningham**, Dexter; and **Joe Goggin** and **Greg Slone**, both of Danville.

► **Right: Branch View Angus**, Hustonville, received the Performance Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Kindra Noe, Rita Noe, Evelyn Hoskins, Steve Coffey, J.L. Hoskins, Donna Coffey, Luann Tarter, James Coffey, and Eddie Burks, Kentucky Angus Ass’n director, presenting.



► **Tom McGinnis**, Shelbyville, received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are (from left) Paula Boyd, junior advisor, presenting; Tom McGinnis, recipient; and Paul Bradshaw, Great Meadows Angus Ass’n president, presenting.



► **Bud Smith**, Smithland Angus Farm, Russell Springs, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Pictured are (from left) Charlie Boyd, American Angus Ass’n director, presenting; and Pam and Bud Smith.



► **Left: The Burks family**, Park City, received the Angus Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Kelby, Eddie, Debbie and Sheldon Burks; and Gil Cowles, Kentucky Angus Ass’n director, presenting.

► **Right: Greg Slone** (right), Danville, receives the Junior Appreciation Award from Corbin Cowles, Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass’n reporter.



■ Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 7

► **Right:** The Louisiana Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, front row, from left) **Lee Robbins**, Dubach, president; **Lana Myers**, Jennings, vice president; **Ray Gendron**, Baton Rouge, secretary; **Dale Shexnayder**, Port Allen, treasurer; (standing, back row, from left) **Drew Hall**, Ethel; **Dave Means III**, Gloster; **Warren Bryan**, Ruston; **Greg Tate**, Ville Platte; **Edward Hymel**, Vacherie; **David Billingsley**, Keithville; **Kevin Windham**, Jena; and **Chuck Evans**, Cut Off.



► **Left: The Gisclair family**, Flying G Ranch, Longville, was named Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Cheyenne Jones, Louisiana Angus Ass'n queen; Lee Robbins, Louisiana Angus Ass'n president, presenting; Luke, Bridgett, Corey, and Lily Gisclair; and Olivia Shepherd, Louisiana Angus Ass'n princess.



► **Right: David Billingsley**, Keithville, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Jones; David Billingsley, recipient; Robbins, presenting; and Shepherd.



► **Left:** Receiving awards for top sellers at the Louisiana Angus Ass'n bull and female sales are (from left) Jones; **Kevin Windham**, Jena, consignor of the older than 20-month-old bulls at the 2014 sale; **David Billingsley**, Keithville, consignor of the high-selling cow-calf pair at the 2013 sale; **Lee Robbins**, Grand Bayou Farms, Dubach, consignor of the younger than 20-month-old bulls at the 2014 sale and the high-selling female and high-selling bred female at the 2013 sale; and Shepherd.



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Christiana in Dakota County and confirmed her faith while living in Seattle, Wash.

Eunice attended Twin Valley High School, graduating with the class of 1947. She was united in marriage to Vernon Strommen Feb. 16, 1949, in the Zion Lutheran parsonage in Twin Valley by Pastor A.C. Odden.

The couple spent their married life on a farm and ranch in the Twin Valley area, where they raised Angus cattle. In the later years, Eunice had made her home in Twin Valley until recently residing at Benedictine Care Community in Ada.

Eunice was a very talented and creative person when it came to sewing and making crafts. She spent countless hours meticulously sewing Barbie doll clothes, as well as making

unique greeting cards for special occasions. Through the years, she would sell her items at the local craft fairs. Eunice prided herself on being a stay-at-home mom. She also enjoyed the years she served as a local 4-H leader. When she became a grandmother, Eunice treasured the time she got to spend with her grandchildren.

Eunice is survived by son Verlyn; grandchildren Christopher, Amanda, Elizabeth and Vance; and six great-grandchildren.

**John Robert (J.R.) Herd**, 82, Fair Grove, Mo., died March 22.

J.R. was born Dec. 19, 1931, the son of John Dwight Herd and Zelma (Murrell) O'Dell. He married Phyllis (Susie) Huff Sept. 10, 1954.

J.R. was the manager of the Springfield Mill and later became a long-time John

Deere dealer after opening Herd Equipment in Strafford, Mo. He also raised registered-Angus cattle and had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1970.

He liked good cattle and loved to see them in the showing. He was extremely proud of his granddaughter, Hope, who inherited his love of cattle and loved to show them for her "Nan Dad."

J.R. enjoyed everything associated with the cattle business, the lifelong friends he made, being an avid supporter of the Missouri Junior Angus Association, and especially the time he spent with his family. J.R. served his country in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion, the Lions Club and the Shriners.

In addition to his wife, J.R. is survived by sons Gary and Mark; sisters Jane and Portia; and one granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the Missouri

**Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 15, Staunton**



►Virginia Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Carol Wojciechowski**, Middlebrook, administrative assistant; **Jon Repair**, Glasgow, treasurer; **Betsie Michael**, Fishersville, secretary; **Glenn Covington**, Orlean, president-elect; **C.S. Fitzgerald**, Raphine, president; (standing, from left) **Dalton Bennett**, Red House; **Buddy Shelton**, Gretna; **Craig Miller**, Harrisonburg; **Jerry Hall**, Uperville; **Jason Thurman**, Rocky Mount; and **Scott Buchanan**, Aldie.

►Right: **Buddy Shelton**, Gretna, receives the Outgoing President Award.



►**Jess Herbers** (right), Lynchburg, receives the Commercial Cattleman Award from Shelton.



►**Tommy Clark** (left), Mystic Hill Farm, Culpeper, receives the Virginia Angus Ass'n Distinguished Service Award from James Wylie.



►**The Pete Henderson family**, Edgewood Angus LLC, Williamsburg, received the Bartenslager Award. Pictured are (from left) Peter Henderson, and Charles Rosson, presenting the award.



►**Patty Douglas** (left), Berryville, receives induction into the Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame from Jon Repair.

Junior Angus Association Foundation Scholarship at Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

### INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Terry Houser**, associate professor in the Kansas State University (K-State) Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, is a recipient of the American Meat Science Association (AMSA) Distinguished Achievement Award. He will be honored at the AMSA Reciprocal Meat Conference June 18 in Auburn, Ala.

**Christy Bratcher**, Auburn University and **Jeffrey Sindelar** of the University of Wisconsin–Madison will also receive the AMSA Distinguished Achievement Award.

**Robert Callan**, a large-animal veterinarian and professor in the Colorado State University Department of Clinical Sciences,

has been honored as one of 15 top large-animal veterinary professors by Vet Tech Colleges online. The honor was conferred on professors from the country's top vet schools who demonstrate passion, dedication and tireless effort to spread knowledge.

**Jack Whittier**, professor and extension beef specialist at Colorado State University, has been appointed research and extension director of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) Panhandle Research and Extension Center and the Panhandle Extension District.

He will assume the position June 1 and will be responsible for overseeing operations at the Panhandle Center, which has about 14 faculty members in UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources who conduct research and extension activities

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► **Peter Henderson** (left), Williamsburg, receives the Sale Chairman of the Year Award from Jerry Gustin.



► **Jerry Gustin**, Gloucester, was named Seedstock/Cattlemen of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Peter Henderson, presenting the award; and Karen and Jerry Gustin.



► **The Hope family**, Berryville, receives the Angus Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Gina, Catie and Beecher Hope.



► **Mr. & Mrs. James Bennett**, Red House, received the Handbook Dedication Award. Pictured are (from left) Ike Eller, presenting; and James Bennett.



► **Scott Buchanan** (left), Aldie, receives the Vanguard Award from Chris Wojciechowski.



► **Freddie Wydner** (right), Chatham, receives the Promoter of the Year Award from Buddy Shelton, 2013 Virginia Angus Ass'n president.



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related to agriculture, business development and natural resources.

He will also lead the 16-county Panhandle Extension District, where 20 extension educators and six 4-H assistants and support staff provide extension programming to western and north-central Nebraska from 12 county-based extension offices.

Whittier will replace **Linda Boeckner**, who accepted a new assignment in 2013 with UNL Extension and the College of Education and Human Sciences in Lincoln.

**Bryon Wiegand**, associate professor of animal sciences at the College of Agriculture,

Food and Natural Resources, University of Missouri (MU), was one of five MU educators honored with a William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence.

**Dan Hale**, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service meat specialist and professor in the department of animal science at Texas A&M University, has been selected by Texas A&M and The Association of Former Students to receive a 2014 Distinguished Achievement Award for Extension, Outreach, Continuing Education and Professional Development.

**Roger Johnson** has been re-elected president of the National Farmers Union (NFU) for a two-year term. **Donn Teske** was elected NFU vice president. Johnson and

Teske, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, will also serve as members of the executive committee.

**Stan Brown, Don Davis and Dallas Tonsager** were honored with the Meritorious Service Award, the highest level the organization can bestow, for their dedication to NFU and American agriculture during the NFU convention in March. Johnson announced staff changes later in March.

**Melisa Augusto**, previously director of communications, will now serve as senior vice president of membership and marketing. **Brittany Jablonsky** succeeds Augusto as director of communications.

**Chandler Goule** will now serve as senior vice president of programs. **Jeff Knudson** has been promoted from vice president of

### Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Oklahoma City, March 15

► Oklahoma Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Allen Johnston**, Okema; **Mark Sexton**, Fort Gibson; **Gaye Pfeiffer**, Mulhall, secretary-treasurer; **Mark Holder**, Olustee, president; **Jim Davis**, Foss, vice president; **Jordan Cook**, Cordell; **John Pfeiffer Jr.**, Mulhall, American Angus Ass'n director; (back row, from left) **Kelsey Pfeiffer**, Orlando; **Coy Farmer**, Prague; **Jerry Barnes**, Broken Arrow; **Alan Armbruster**, Burlington; **Allan Barrington**, Lawton; and **Don Abernathy**, Altus.



► **Mark Johnson**, Orlando, won the Mr. Angus Award. Pictured are (front row, from left) Charley Johnson and Sydney Johnson; (back row, from left) Brenda and Mark Johnson; and Alan Armbruster, presenting.



► **Beverly Jackson**, Stigler, was named the winner of the Commercial Producer Award. Pictured are (from left) Mike Butler, accepting on behalf of Beverly; and Mark Sexton, presenting.



► **Eddie Sims**, Elgin, was inducted into the Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. Pictured are (from left) Jarold Callahan, presenting; and Katie, Eddie and Matt Sims.

### South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Pendleton, March 14



► **Right:** South Carolina Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Michael Johnson**, Kinards, treasurer; **Frankie Mullikin**, Liberty, president; **Windy Barteel**, Clover, secretary; (back row, from left) **Lynn Shealy**, Chapin; **Steve McPhail II**, Inman; **Larry Olson**, Barnwell; **Bruce Stuart**, Aiken; and **Sharon Furr**, Blackstock.



► **Joe Hayes**, Hayes Star Ranch, Travelers Rest, was inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. Pictured are (from left) Eleanor and Joe Hayes.



► **Walter Shealy**, Black Grove Farm, Newberry, was honored with the 43rd Annual Carolina Angus Futurity dedication. Pictured are (from left) Jean and Walter Shealy.

operations to senior vice president of operations.

**Maria Miller** has been appointed executive director of the NFU Foundation. **Mike Stranz** has been promoted from government relations representative to senior government relations representative. **Ethan Whitmore** will now serve as director of information systems.

**Doug Peterson**, Minnesota Farmers Union president, has been elected secretary of the 2014 NFU board of directors. **John Hansen**, Nebraska Farmers Union president, has been elected treasurer. Other members of the executive committee are **Jim Benham**, Indiana Farmers Union president; **Terry Detrick**, Oklahoma Farmers Union; **Alan Merrill**, Montana Farmers Union president; **Doug Sombke**, South Dakota Farmers Union president; **Darin Von Ruden**, Wisconsin Farmers Union president; and **Mark Watne**, North Dakota Farmers Union president.

**Antonio Galindez**, president and CEO of Dow AgroSciences, will retire from the company effective May 1. **Tim Hassinger**, global commercial leader for Dow AgroSciences and global leader of the company's crop protection global business unit, has been named as his successor.

**Bill Bayless**, Sparta, Ill., is the new vice president of business development for Brookside Agra. Bayless will be responsible for developing and implementing business plans with executive management, providing marketing support, overseeing support training within the company and developing sales within key accounts.

**Buffy Sacia** has been hired as marketing and communications director for Rock River Laboratory Inc. In this role, Sacia will be leading the company's marketing strategy, messaging and communications initiatives.

**Peter Kendall** of the NFU in the United Kingdom (UK) has been elected president of the World Farmers' Organization (WFO). He will be at the head of the WFO for the next two years with a board of six members from six different continents: Ismail Ab Rahman Bin (Asia), Evelyn Nguleka (Africa), Brent Finlay (Oceania), Luis Miguel Etchevehere (Latin America), Piet Vanthemsche (Europe), and Ron Bonnet (North America). He succeeds Robert Carlson of the United States.



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#### ► Illinois Angus Ass'n Board of Directors Meeting, Springfield, March 24



► Illinois Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Luke Lemenager**, Hudson, past president; **Kevin Rose**, Salem, president; **Richard Hurst**, Dorsey, vice president; **Aaron Schafer**, Owaneco, secretary; **Douglas Turner**, Mahomet, business manager; **Sherry Adcock**, Moweaqua, junior advisor; (standing, from left) **Greg McClure**, Saint Francisville; **John Kirchner**, Oregon; **Gary Simpson**, Alexis; **Tyler Rhode**, Carlock; **Dale Rhode**, Kingston; **Bret Parr**, Mason City; **Garrett Lampe**, Tremont; **Lee Stremsterfer**, Pleasant Plains; and **Carla Jurgenson**, Atlanta.

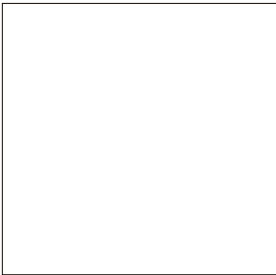
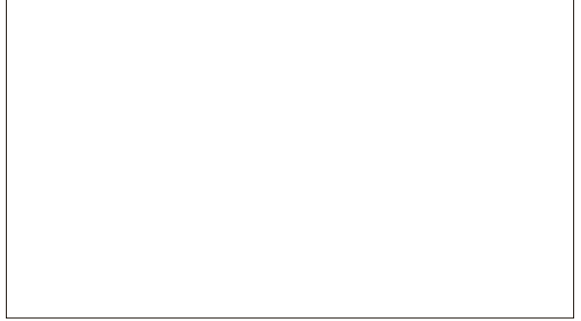
#### ► Sarratt Farms Sale, March 8, Columbia, S.C.

► **Bill Sarratt**, owner of Sarratt Farms, Roebuck, received the Cattleman of the Year Award at the 2014 South Carolina Cattlemen's Convention in Columbia March 1. He was recognized again for receiving the award at the 2014 Sarratt Farms Sale.



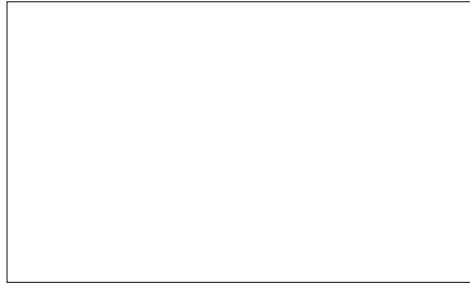
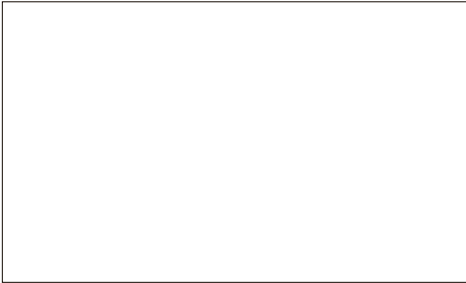
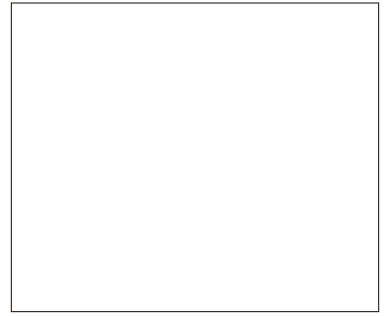
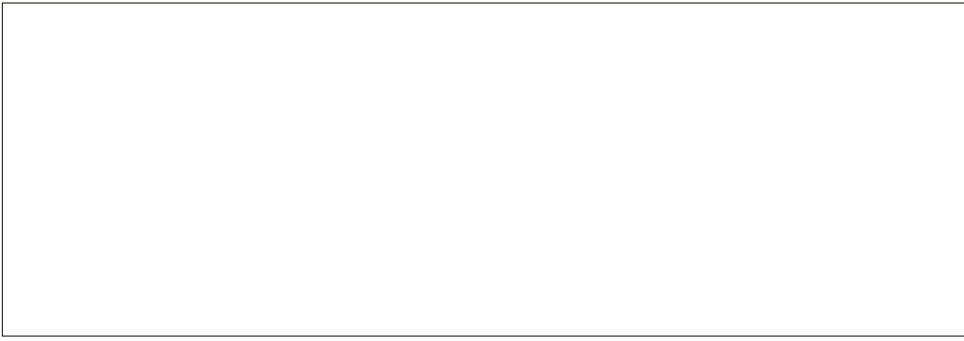
Pictured are (from left) Roy Copelan, South Carolina Cattlemen's Ass'n executive director; Mike Ryan; Miller Foster, South Carolina Cattlemen's Ass'n first vice president, district 1; Bill Sarratt, recipient; Mike Jones; Jeremy Haag; and Shirley Myers. Not pictured is Cody Bright, Sarratt Farms manager.

**South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 15, Anderson**



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**Idaho Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Feb. 8, Twin Falls**

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