



Newsmakers

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

▣ IN PASSING

Jaime Mauldin, 32, Greenfield, Iowa, died May 20 in a single-pickup truck accident in Adair County, Iowa.

She adored her children and was like a rock to her special friend, Fletcher Nichols. She will be greatly missed by those who were lucky enough to know and appreciate her zeal for living and hard work.

Jaime especially enjoyed “fixing” things. She enjoyed working on vehicles. The day before she died she got new brake pads for Phyllis Nichols’ car and planned to install them. Dave and Phyllis had an ornate grandfather clock that had stood still and silent for more than 20 years. Jaime fixed it in one afternoon.

Jaime loved cattle and helped Fletcher care for them. Her primary purpose in life was for her daughters to excel in school. Their grades were near perfect and their teachers, bus drivers and librarians love them.

Her husband, Bobby Finch, preceded her in death when their youngest daughter was just 10 months old.

Jaime is survived by daughters Rylee, Bobbie and Raenn; her late husband’s father, Robert Finch and his wife, Marilyn; his mother, Sissy Finch Harbour; his sister,

Ashley; and his grandmother, Betty. Jaime is also survived by her brother, Jason Rinehart; her father, Kenneth Rinehart, and his wife, Kathy.

▣ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Andy Schwartz has been named the Texas state veterinarian and the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) executive director by the 13 governor-appointed TAHC commissioners, representing the public, livestock and poultry industries.

Lex Carter has joined STgenetics as director of beef marketing. In his new position, Carter will grow the company’s domestic sales force and aid its beef genetics staff in establishing a genetically elite lineup of beef bulls to ensure that customers continue to receive high-quality sexed and conventional semen.

Constance Cullman has been named president and CEO of Farm Foundation NFP and president of Farm Foundation. Cullman assumed her duties June 6. She succeeds Neilson Conklin, who has served since 2008, and announced his plans to retire in July 2015.

James Giovannoni, an Agricultural Research Service (ARS) molecular biologist, is among the newest members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). One of the highest honors in the science community, NAS recognizes significant achievements in original research.

Jennifer Hayden has been hired by the Cornucopia Institute as its communications and development director.

Dan Andreas, Sugarcreek, Ohio, has been selected by the Select Sires Inc. board of directors as board chairman, succeeding Myron Czech of Little Falls, Minn. The board also elected **Dorothy Harms**, Reedsburg, Wis., as first vice chairman; and **Mark Tatarka**, Bozeman, Mont., as second vice chairman. New members of the board include **Dan Hoffelt**, Bruce, Wis.; **Paul Daley**, Pine Island, Minn.; and **Kenny Taylor**, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Terry Wehrkamp of Cooper Farms is the new chair-elect of the board of directors of the Animal Agriculture Alliance. Cooper Farms has been an Alliance member for 10 years and Wehrkamp has served on the Alliance board since 2014. Wehrkamp will serve a two-year term beginning in May 2017.

Lonnie King has been appointed acting dean and vice president for agricultural administration for the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) at Ohio State University. King will assume the roles currently held by Ronald Hendrick, who will leave Ohio State to become the dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. King will serve in this capacity while Bruce McPheron serves as interim provost for the university.

Karla Trautman has been appointed interim director of the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension. The appointment was effective May 23 when former Director and Dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences Barry Dunn assumed the presidency of SDSU.

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Aaron Stalsberg, Jessica Connors and **Kendra Ackerman** have been hired by Accelerated Genetics for its Sales Department. Stalsberg comes to the team as the AI trainer. In this role, he is responsible for training and ongoing education for the reproductive services technicians, regional assistants and customers that require in-house training.

Connors is the sales administrative assistant. In her new role, Connors acts as a key support to the leadership and sales team, develops and manages key reporting and forecasting operations, as well as works with the communications team to ensure successful sales and field campaigns.

Ackerman serves as the receptionist/customer service representative. She is responsible for welcoming guests to the office, answering calls from the team and customers, as well as assisting all departments as needed.

Chris Kyle of Enola, Ark., has been hired by BioZyme Inc. as an area sales manager for the supplement division. In this position, Kyle is responsible for promoting sales of the company's products and supporting the company's dealer network in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Vicky Chapman, Pam Luedtke and **Kara Zastrow** have been hired into the Finance Department at Accelerated Genetics.

Chapman serves as an accounting clerk, and is responsible for entering sales tickets and AI certificates. Luedtke is the new controller, and is responsible for financial assets by establishing financial policies,

procedures, controls and reporting systems. Zastrow joins the team as a staff accountant.

Robert Beckard, Steve McPherson, Jeremy Myers, Brittany Nelson and **Nate Rindels** were also added to the Accelerated Genetics team.

McPherson joins the company as the new regional beef specialist. He will be responsible for leading the continued growth of beef sales in the eastern United States, concentrating primarily on the mid-Atlantic region, as well as the states of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Myers is a new district sales representative responsible for providing sales and service in the dairy state of Ohio.

Nelson and Rindels were added to the Southeast Minnesota area as reproductive services technicians. Nelson is based out of Plainview, Minn., and Rindels is based out of Preston, Minn. Both will be working with the company's sales team to grow service, semen and product sales.

Shawn Kemp has joined FCS Financial in Springfield, Mo., as a vice president, team leader of the Commercial Livestock Team. He joins Joe Abbott and Wesley Moore in providing financial services to large-scale livestock operations in Missouri.

The Center for Food Integrity (CFI) has expanded north with the launch of the **Canadian Centre for Food Integrity** (CCFI). With a growing membership representing a diversity of the U.S. food system, CFI is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2007 to help today's food system earn trust. The new Canadian affiliate, a

division of Food & Farm are Canada, shares that mission.

Like CFI, the CCFI will conduct annual consumer-trust research to better understand changing public attitudes about food and agriculture, and to provide guidance to the Canadian food system. CFI will now offer North American memberships for organizations and companies that have a presence in both the United States and Canada.

Clayton Yeutter, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (1989-1991) and counselor to the president (1992); **Chuck Hendryx**, vice president, Meat, H-E-B Grocery Co.; **Joe Sebranek**, professor, Iowa State University; **Sam Stein**, founder and chairman, Chef's Pantry and Sam Stein Associates; **Sam Kane**, founder, Sam Kane Beef Processors; and **C. Larry Pope**, president and CEO, Smithfield Foods, have been announced as the class of 2016 members of the Meat Industry Hall of Fame.

To be qualified for nomination, candidates must have contributed significant innovation, achieved notable business success or otherwise positively impacted their organization, institution or larger industry segment. In addition, those nominees chosen for induction must have undertaken noteworthy community service or philanthropy during their careers and upon retirement.



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