

Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Jessica Radcliffe, Weston, Wis., has joined Accelerated Genetics as beef programs coordinator. She will assist the director



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of beef programs in all aspects of the beef division, including processing bull contracts, coordination of bull pickup notices, maintaining an accurate database on all beef sires, and serving as a resource for inquiries from both customers and employees. She will assist the communications team with beef-related promotional materials.

Radcliffe graduated from the University

of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and consumer economics with concentration in agribusiness markets and management. She also has a minor in animal science.

She is co-owner of S&R Angus, a family-run Angus seedstock operation of more than 50 registered-Angus cattle located near Weston. She was an active member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and served on the board of directors for two years. She was the leadership director in 2014-2015. In 2012, Radcliffe was first-place showman in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. She was a member of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, which she served as president, membership chair, co-chair for the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference and publicity chair. She was named the 2014 Outstanding Junior member.

The officers and board of directors were announced at the CAA National Convention in June.

At its National Convention banquet, the CAA honored the **Gibson Family**, Alta.; the **Steve Tofteland Family**, Alta.; **Sprucevale Angus**, Alta.; **Allencroft Angus**, Alta.; **Gord Bradshaw**, Alta.; and **Aldo Pederzoli**, Alta., for 50 years of continuous membership.

The **Bradshaw Family**, Alta., and **Willabar Ranch**, Alta., were recognized for 75 years of continuous membership. The **C.H. Richardson Family/Willow Park Farm** was honored for 100 years of continuous membership and commitment to the agriculture industry.

Highway 21 Feeders Ltd. was honored with the Western Feedlot of the Year Award. The presentation was made to Scott Brady, the cow-calf manager at Highway 21, during the afternoon tours at GrowSafe Systems in Airdrie, Alta.

Owned by Ed and Lyle Miller, Highway 21 is a father/son operation located in Acme, Alta., between Strathmore, Drumheller, Olds and Red Deer. Their operation consists of 25,000 feedlot cattle and 8,500 cows. They have a very large land base on which they can produce enough feed to supply both their feedlot and cow-calf operations.

As one of the largest operations in south-central Alberta, the Highway 21 team values hard work and the western lifestyle and appreciates people who share those same values. They are proudly family-owned and -operated and take pride in being good stewards of their land and animals.

The CAA introduced the Feedlot of the Year award five years ago to recognize

Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic Show, May 24, Lancaster



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► **Tom Howard**, formerly of Poynette, was posthumously inducted into the Southwest Wisconsin Angus Hall of Fame. Pictured are (from left) Kori Beisbier, Miss Wisconsin Angus; Tom's wife, Susan Howard, accepting the award; and Kevin Retallick, presenting the award.

Tammi Ribey of Paisley, Ont., is the new president of the Canadian Angus Association (CAA). **Corinne Gibson** of Fir Mountain, Sask., moved into the past-president position and **David Sibbald** of Calgary, Alta., is the president-elect.

David Johnson and **Tracey Willms** will replace retiring directors Kevin Blair and Jon Fox in Saskatchewan. The new directors will serve a three-year term and will be eligible for re-election for a second term.

Other members of the 2015-2016 board of directors are **Lorraine Sanford** (B.C.); **Bob Hahn** (Alta.); **Doug Reid** (Alta.); **Brett Wildman** (Alta.); **Dave Johnson** (Sask.); **Shawn Birmingham** (Man.); **Ryan Currie** (Que.) and **Trevor Welch** (Maritimes).

Nebraska Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, May 31, Broken Bow



► The retiring junior advisors honored are (from left) **Allen and Heather Smith**, Osceola; **Teresa and Kevin Keyes**, Springfield; and **Sandy and Jeff Lovett**, Bladen.



► Incoming junior advisors are (from left) **Kent and Michelle Nelson**, Anselmo; **Teresa and Kevin Keyes**; and **Sandy and Jeff Lovett**.

feedlots that promote Angus to their customers and that feed Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed tagged cattle.

Heartland Livestock Services, Virden, Man., was honored by the CAA with the Auction Market of the Year Award. CAA Director of Field Services Brian Good, and Manitoba Field Staff Lois McRae presented this award in Winnipeg, Man., at the Livestock Markets Association of Canada annual conference.

Heartland Livestock Services has been connecting buyers and sellers for more than 60 years. The facility was managed by Jim McArthur from 1997 until October of 2009, at which time it was taken over by Robin Hill.

The auction mart handles more than 100,000 head annually, drawing cattle from Manitoba, as well as eastern Saskatchewan. There were several longtime employees recognized, including Rich Gabrielle, fieldman; Drillon Beaton, fieldman; Stewart Stone, general manager; as well as the late Jim Blackshaw, who was a longtime fieldman for the facility.

The Auction Market of the Year Award was introduced in 2006 to recognize and honor those auction markets that work hard to promote Angus cattle.

█ IN PASSING

Edith (Mehrl) Eggers, 87, Jackson, Mo., died June 27 at her home.

Edith was born Nov. 8, 1927, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., the daughter of Werner and Zetta (Unger) Mehrl. She graduated from Jackson High School in 1945. On Sept. 29, 1950, Edith married William Eggers. He preceded her in death May 9, 1996.

Edith lived and worked on the family dairy farm all her married life.

Edith grew up in the Baptist faith. In 1952 she joined the New McKendree United Methodist Church family, where she was an active member and past president of the United Methodist Women and the Susanna Wesley Sunday school class.

She also was chairwoman for the Dorcas Circle, past chairwoman of the Esther Circle, former Sunday school teacher and leader of the Greensferry 4-H Club from 1963 to 1981.

In later years, Edith was an avid player of hand and foot and dominoes. She loved to play with her family and card-player friends.

Edith is survived by sons Ben, Richard and David; daughter Diane; six grandchildren; and sisters Mary, Margaret and Alice.

Brenda (Stroud) Shtohryn, 66, Saint Joseph, Mo., died June 5 at Mosaic Life Care.

The youngest of five children, Brenda was born March 23, 1949, to Virgil and Frances (Gelvin) Stroud in Craig, Mo. She married Zenon Shtohryn March 29, 1974.

After graduating from Nodaway Holt RVII High School in Graham, Mo., in 1967, Brenda worked for Rother Grain Elevator in Maitland, Mo. She moved to Saint Joseph in the early 1970s and worked for American Electric for several years before hiring on at the American Angus Association, where she worked in the Accounting Department.

Brenda was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 25 years old and successfully managed the disease for many years. The disease reoccurred in 2014. She died as a result of complications.

Brenda was a kind, sweet and loving person known for her humor, generosity and artistic spirit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and her brother Jim. Survivors include siblings Rena Gard, Ray Stroud, Shirley Long; and numerous nieces and nephews.

█ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Miles McKee, a member of the 1950 Kansas State University (K-State) national champion livestock judging team coached by Don Good, will be the first recipient of the Don Good Impact Award presented by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. The award recognizes positive impact on the livestock and meat industry or agriculture. McKee is professor emeritus at K-State, where he worked from 1959 through his retirement in 2005.

Patricia Kelly, Connecticut; **Terri Moyers**, New Mexico; **Jane Pattie**, Texas; and **Jo Ann Smith**, Florida, are the 2015 inductees to the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. The museum is dedicated to honoring women of the American West who have displayed extraordinary courage in their trailblazing efforts. This is the 40th anniversary of the Hall of Fame, which has more than 200 honorees.

Holly Schuler has been hired at the CUP Lab™ LLC of Ames, Iowa, as the director of business development. Schuler joined the team in May to help further advance the company's new and existing customer accounts and implement a strategic marketing plan.

Terrance Carroll has been announced as the incoming treasurer of the Western Stock Show Association (DBA, National Western Stock Show).

Ajay Menon has agreed to serve three years as dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University (CSU) starting July 1. Menon served for the last 13

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years as the dean of the College of Business. He replaces Craig Beyroudy, who is leaving CSU to become dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland.

Annette Dembowiak, accounting clerk; **Michael Schmitt**, genetic information analyst; and **Janet Rapp**, accounts payable clerk, have joined the Accelerated Genetics team. Dembowiak will be responsible for receiving daily sales representatives' reports and office payments, data entry, processing account adjustments and overseeing the monthly distribution of statements to customers and field personnel. Schmitt will be responsible for maintaining genetic

information on the company website, which will include updating photographs, pedigrees, dam's records and scores, and for coordinating SET evaluations and the pace sampling process. Rapp will be responsible for receiving, processing, verifying and reconciling invoices, as well as a host of other accounts payable-related tasks.

William Bucker, Jo Ann Smith, William McMillan, Edward Jones, James Lochner, Laurence Bettcher and **Wolf Ludwig** will be inducted into the Meat Industry Hall of Fame Nov. 2. The 2015 class will join the 70 members who have already been inducted.

Trudy Wastweet has joined the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) as director of congressional relations in the Public Policy Department. Wastweet will play an

important role in covering livestock, dairy and poultry issues.

Jessica Harsh, Radnor, Ohio; **Will Shaffer**, Carthage, Mo.; and **Matthew Smith**, Jersey, Ark., are recipients of scholarships from the American Royal Association and Agriculture Future of America through the American Royal AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship program.

The scholarship program includes sponsorship to the AFA Leaders Conference in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 5-8, as well as a traditional academic scholarship. The Conference is AFA's key leader development event, providing soft-skill training while connecting students with their peers and industry professionals.

Greg Davis, assistant director overseeing

▶ **Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day & Jr. Preview Show**, June 5-6, Auburn



▶ **Left: Steve** (left) and **Jennifer Lee**, Emuckfaw Creek Farm, Daviston, receive Breeder of the Year honors from **George Richburg** (right), Alabama Angus Ass'n president.

▶ **Right: Roland and Janet Starnes**, Hayneville, were named Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) John, Randa, Janet and Harper Starnes; and Richburg, presenting the award.



community development, was named interim director of Ohio State University Extension beginning July 1. Keith Smith, former director, has retired after 23 years.

Ted Mallard, AES JCB, Sabina, Ohio; **Phylip Bosse**, Bosse JCB, Montmagny, Que.; **Claudin Belisle**, Bosse JCB,

Montmagny, Que.; **Dustin Dravland**, Hawke JCB, Alton, Iowa; **Boyd Folden**, Horizon JCB, Taber, Alta.; **John Gleeson**, Advance JCB, Kitchener, Ont.; **Lucas Hoffman**, Dinkel's JCB, Norfolk, Neb.; and **Holt Mallard**, AES JCB, Shreve, Ohio, were recognized as top-performing ag sales personnel for JCB at the company's North

American headquarters during a training event and awards dinner.



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