



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Kris Sticken**, Angus Foundation administrative assistant, was recently recognized by the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association (NAADA) as the recipient of the organization's 2014 Front Line Award at the recent national annual conference at Penn State University, State College, Pa.



► The Angus Foundation's Kris Sticken (left) was awarded the NAADA Front Line award, presented by Foundation President Milford Jenkins and NAADA President Jillian Stevenson.

The NAADA Front Line Award is presented to an administrative support staff of a NAADA member's alumni, development (fundraising) or student services office to recognize that individual's initiative, teamwork and ability to work effectively with the public, in addition to how they helped advance the programs or relationships within the organization, and strengthened relationships externally with friends, donors and supporters. Only one Front Line Award is given nationally by the NAADA each year.

**Tammy Bartholomew** of Archie, Mo., was honored by the 2014 Missouri State Fair as an outstanding female agriculturalist with the contest title of Missouri Woman in Agriculture. **Ashlyn Richardson** of Lincoln, Mo., received the title of Missouri Woman in Agriculture Rising Star. Each winner will receive a \$1,000 cash donation from Monsanto, sponsor of the second annual contest, for a nonprofit organization of her choice.

"The Missouri Woman in Agriculture Contest offers the opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements women make in our state's number one industry," Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe

said. "The two women receiving top honors this year have demonstrated leadership in agriculture, a commitment to advance agriculture and extensive State Fair participation."

Bartholomew, the winner of the 31-year-old and older age division, is a retired agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor, and has served as the first female president of the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. She has been actively involved in several other agriculture-related groups, including the National and Missouri Cattlemen's associations, and the American and Missouri Angus associations. She; her husband, Steve; daughters Hannah Bartholomew and Rachel Kagay; and son-in-law Bryant Kagay raise registered-Angus cattle.

Bartholomew has been active in the Missouri State Fair for many years, as an agriculture educator, Cass County Farm Family representative and exhibitor. The Missouri FFA Leadership Fund will be the agriculture-related beneficiary of the \$1,000 donation sponsored by Monsanto. Bartholomew has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2002.

Richardson, winner of the 18-30-year-old age division, is a senior at the University of Missouri-Columbia studying agriculture education-leadership and serves as a College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) student ambassador. She is an active member of Missouri FFA and 4-H, serving as an officer in each of those organizations. Richardson has attended the Missouri State Fair each year of her life, participating through 4-H and FFA and exhibiting cattle.

Richardson was a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and is now a member of the American Angus Association.

New to the contest this year were awards for second-place in each age division. Receiving second in the 31-year-old and over age division was Marilyn Calvin of Mount Vernon. Receiving second in the 18-30-year-old age division was Ashley Bauer of Warrenton.

**Will Mayfield** and **Matt Caldwell** have been hired by Southeast Select Sires Inc. as beef specialists. Mayfield will be responsible for producer education and providing the

tools needed to sales team members to grow business in the Southeast. Mayfield, who currently serves as the beef coordinator for Southeast Select Sires, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where he received a bachelor's degree in animal science and earned a master's degree in bovine reproductive physiology. After graduate school, Mayfield worked for two years for the American Angus Association as a regional manager in the northeastern territory that ranged from Virginia to Maine. In that role, he worked with producers to improve their herds through consultations and the use of genomic tools, as well as phenotypic and genetic selection. Mayfield was an NJAA member and has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2008.

Caldwell will be responsible for beef marketing and genetic improvement in the states of Kansas and Arkansas. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, where he received a bachelor's degree in animal science. He then worked as a field representative for the *Kansas Stockman* magazine and spent the last 16 years as a regional manager for the American Angus Association. Working with cattlemen in Kansas and Oklahoma, Caldwell has extensive experience in marketing and genetics. He resides in rural Linn County, Kan., with wife Marcie and their three children. Caldwell was an NJAA member and has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1996.

## IN PASSING

**Theodore "Ted" Griswold**, 93, Livingston, Wis., died April 23 at the University of Wisconsin (UW) Hospital in Madison.

The son of Theodore and Delphia Griswold, Ted was born Aug. 4, 1920, in the township of Clifton. He married Dolores Beerkircher in 1941 and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agriculture in 1942.

Ted had a long and productive career in the cattle industry. In 1960, he bought his first herd of Angus cattle. In 1971 he had the international grand champion Angus bull in Chicago. In the mid-1970s he bred, raised and showed the grand champion carload of bulls at the Denver livestock show. In 1976, Griswold Cattle Co. was named the premier

breeder at the national heifer show. Ted had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1977.

He was a renowned cattleman, livestock breeder and steward of the land. He leaves behind a legacy of community service, having served as the first president of the Iowa-Grant School District, as well as a candidate for the Wisconsin State Senate.

Ted is survived by his wife of 73 years, Dolores; sons Joe and Patrick; daughters Linda, Kathy and Mary; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a special nephew, Chris Kupper.

**Richard Wiggins**, 70, Ashburn, Ga., died July 3 at his home following an extended illness.

He was the son of Henry and Frankie (Ireland) Wiggins, and was born in Turner County, where he lived and worked all of his life.

A member of the Ashburn First Baptist Church, he was also a 1962 graduate of Turner County High School and an avid horse lover.

He was a partner in the longtime family business, Turner County Stockyard, since 1960. He was a longtime member of the American Quarterhorse and Livestock Marketing associations, as horses and livestock were his love.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah (Thomas) Wiggins; his mother; sons Allen and Kim; sisters Carline and Linda; brother Dale; four grandchildren; and stepchildren Lanay, Layla and Lace.

**Raymond "Ray" Nyswonger**, 74, Reno, Nev., died July 8 in Reno.

Born Sept. 3, 1939, to Marvin and Eleanor Nyswonger in Indianola, Iowa, Ray attended Indianola High School, graduating in 1958. After attending Central Missouri College in Warrensburg and Iowa State University in Ames he followed his dream, showing and raising cattle.

He was the consummate cattleman, beginning his own herd in the early 1960s as he showed cattle for the Double Diamond Ranch in Reno. Ray was the general manager of Double Diamond until the ranch sold.

In 1995, he and Michelle Purdy and her daughter Tawni joined their households and love of Angus cattle. Ray worked for the Nevada Department of Agriculture and the University of Nevada, Reno. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1960.

His love of the land and cattle were the major focus of his life. Ray's generosity, kindness, wry sense of humor and love of Angus cattle are legendary.

Ray is survived by his longtime

companion, Michelle; her daughter, Tawni; his mother; brother Richard; niece Karen; great-nieces Katherine and Natalie; great-nephew Daniel; and aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Memorials may be made to the Western States Angus Auxiliary.

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Allen Featherstone** has been announced as the new head of the Department of Agricultural Economics by the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University (K-State). He began his official appointment June 30.

**Emily Meredith** has been promoted to vice president of communications and membership by the Animal Agriculture Alliance. In this position, she will assume a greater management role over the communications and membership outreach strategies for the Alliance, with direct management of the Alliance's membership and marketing manager, special projects manager and internship program.

**Rex Schrader**, president of Schrader Real Estate and Auction Co., Columbia City, Ind.; **Bill Sheridan** of Sheridan Realty & Auction Co., Mason, Mich.; and **Tommy Rowell**, president of Rowell Auctions, Moultrie, Ga.; have been inducted into the National Auctioneers Hall of Fame.

**Robert Carlson**, former president of the World Farmers' Organization (WFO), has been appointed United Nations (UN) special ambassador of the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF). His appointment was made by José Graziano da Silva, director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome July 15. Carlson currently serves as vice president of international relations for the National Farmers Union (NFU) in the United States.

**Susan Christensen, Sam Kain, Scot Wolcott, Terry Young, Pam Hillman, Deb Pence and Erin Vyhldal** have been promoted by Farmers National Co. (FNC). Christensen is now vice president of marketing.

Kain is now assistant vice president and national sales manager. Wolcott has been promoted to vice president of information systems, and will be responsible for directing company information systems.

Young has taken on the role of vice president of oil and gas management. Hillman is now vice president of oil and gas accounting.

Pence has been named vice president of

farm and ranch accounting. Vyhldal has been promoted to vice president of corporate finance.

**Allen Moczygemba** has been hired by Advanced Animal Diagnostics as vice president of marketing. Moczygemba will guide the company's marketing strategies and collaborate on its growth plans.



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