

Newsmakers

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

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Luke and **Catherine (Williams) Neumayr** of Boling, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Knox Harrison**, born June 23, 2017. He weighed 8



Knox Neumayr

lb., 1 oz., and was 22 in. long. He was welcomed by his maternal grandparents Jim and Luann Williams of Boling, paternal grandparents Jerry and Kathy Pevler of New Richmond, Ind., and aunts and uncles

Brandon and Rachel Cutrer of Boling, and Steve and Cassie Royer of West Point, Ind.

IN PASSING

Mary Lou Tuckwiller, 79, Lewisburg, W. Va., died July 24 at the Lewis-Gale Medical Center after a courageous fight with cancer. Triple T Angus has suffered a great loss.

Mary Lou was born June 19, 1938, in Philippi, W.Va., to the late Arlice and Hobart Coffman.

Mary Lou spent her entire life helping others, beginning with babysitting. After graduation from West Virginia University in home economics and nutrition, she became a 4-H agent in Greenbrier County, where she met her husband, Sam Tuckwiller. After raising two children, she began working with the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) nutrition program, helping families.

Mary Lou was active in her church, Calvary United Methodist Church, Richlands, serving as membership chairperson, Sunday School teacher, and member of the parsonage committee, as well as coordinating dinners, weddings and other events. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, where she held many offices through the years. She also belonged to the organizations CEOS and PEO, and served as a 4-H club leader for many years.

Mary Lou actively supported the Greenbrier County 4-H Youth Camp and coordinated fundraising through supervision of the cafeteria at the state fair for several years.

In addition to her husband, Mary Lou is survived by sons Byron and Ben; sister Janet; brother Bert; sisters-in-law Frances, Ruth and Joann; grandchildren Megan and Anthony; great-grandchildren Hannah and Jackson; and several nieces and nephews.

Bette (Petersen) Votaw, 92, Wellfleet, Neb., died July 25 in Lincoln, Neb.

Bette was born in North Platte, Neb., Jan. 17, 1925, to Fred and Elizabeth (Brodbeck) Petersen. Bette graduated from North Platte High School in 1942, where she was the yearbook editor. She became a lifelong Husker when she attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, from which she earned her bachelor's degree in business education in 1946. Following graduation, Bette was employed by the Nebraska Department of Health and Social Services in North Platte.

She then joined the Farmers Home Administration as an administrative assistant.

On April 10, 1950, Bette was united in marriage to Eli Votaw Jr. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Platte, where she was a lifelong member. As a new bride, Bette was determined to become an integral part of the rural life. Her passion paid off as she and Eli

diligently worked together to build the historic E Bar V Angus Ranch. Two cherished accomplishments were bestowed upon Bette



Bette Votaw

and Eli in recognition of their contributions to the improvement and advancement of Angus in the United States. The American Angus Association inducted them into the Angus Heritage Foundation in 1999.

In 2006, the Nebraska Angus Association presented them with the Nebraska Pioneer Producer Award.

Bette was well-known for serving in leadership roles in her local and agricultural communities. She was a charter member of the American Angus Auxiliary, in which she enjoyed serving on its many committees and held various officer positions, including the role of national president in 1993-1994.

During her tenure as president, she helped host the 7th World Angus Forum. Her long, outstanding and empowering service in the Angus Auxiliary earned her the Distinguished Woman of the Year award in 2012.

Bette's passion for cattle also led her to serve on numerous committees for the Nebraska CattleWomen and the Nebraska Angus Auxiliary. Her influence extended far beyond agriculture as she was active with numerous community committees. This included the Nebraska Public Broadcasting Board in the 1980s, and as a persistent advocate for encouraging women, Bette served on the Rape and Domestic Violence Board for Lincoln County.

Stylish, and always with her classic beauty, Bette would put a smile on everyone's face as she stepped out of the driver's side of the pickup truck after hauling her daughters and their show calves to state and national cattle shows. She could roll up her sleeves and work hard, yet had style and grace that could light up a room. Bette was also very proud of the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren, all of whom could count her in their corner cheering them on. She also gave wonderful business advice and was a whiz in geography. Her endearing smile and quick wit, amongst her other many wonderful characteristics, will be dearly missed.

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Nebraska State Jr. Heifer Show, May 26-28, Broken Bow



► Elected to be Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n advisors are (from left) **Brandon and Kami Meyer**, Blue Hill; **Michelle and Kent Nelson**, Anselmo; and **Tiffany and Bryan Stoller**, Palisade.

▶ ANGUS WEDDINGS

Hannah McCabe and **Alex Tolbert** were married May 13, 2017, in Danville, Ky.

Hannah grew up in Elk City, Kan., with registered Angus and Hereford cattle. She was very active in the Kansas Junior Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), attending LEAD conferences several times.



Alex & Hannah Tolbert

Her parents are Randy and Varee McCabe of Elk City, and they are the owners of McCabe Genetics. Hannah works for Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc., and was transferred from upstate New York to Kentucky in January 2017.

Alex grew up in Georgia and was involved in the Georgia Junior Angus Association and the NJAA, serving as the chairman on the junior board during his junior career. His parents are Dee and the late Ed Tolbert.

Alex and his best friend, Cole Elrod, are partners in the cattle business, Elrod and Tolbert.

Hannah and Alex now live in Harrodsburg, Ky.

Julie Thelen and **Adam Conover** would have likely crossed paths while showing at National Junior Angus Shows, but they never met until June 2013, when they began working for Michigan State University. Hired to start the same day as the 4-H livestock and veterinary science educator and the livestock academic specialist, respectively, they enjoyed the opportunity to work together and begin to make their mark on Michigan youth.

Believing in a bigger picture, Adam began work as a regional manager for the Association and fairly quickly made plans to include Julie in life's adventure. Adam and Julie joined their lives



Adam & Julie Conover

together in marriage on May 28, 2017, in Ann Arbor, Mich., with family and friends. Excited about the chance to live in the same state again, Julie is now serving as the Missouri Angus Association general manager. Mr. and Mrs. Conover reside in Cameron, Mo., and look forward to working together to leave a lasting legacy in the Angus world.

Kirk and Kris Riley of Cozad, Neb., and Tom and Helen Feller of Wisner, Neb., are proud to announce the marriage of their

children, **Morgan Riley** and **Drew Feller**.

Morgan and Drew are 2013 graduates of the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. Morgan is a third-grade teacher at Wisner-Pilger Elementary. Drew is a regional manager for the American Angus Association and manages his own cow-calf operation.

The couple were married June 17, 2017, in Wisner.

Grandparents of the couple are Charles and Beverly Kuebler of Shelton, Neb., Virginia and the late Jack Riley of Windsor, Colo., the late Arthur and Patricia Abbott of Hyannis, Neb., the late Bonnie Feller of Wisner, Neb., and the late Doug and wife Caroline Feller of Beemer, Neb.



Drew & Morgan Feller

Indiana Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 11, Lebanon



► **Left: BCII Show Cattle**, Sheridan, purchased the framed cattle drawing with proceeds going toward the Wildfire Relief Fund. Pictured are (from left) Schyler, Coldar and Brenda Cunningham.

► **Right:** This bench was purchased by **Hofing Performance Livestock Farm LLC**, Coatesville, and **Bloom Angus Farm**, Westville. Pictured are (from left) Logan Hayes; Josh, Deanna and Bryce Hofing; and Carol and Donald Bloom. The proceeds from the bench will be used for Indiana junior scholarships.



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Pennsylvania Angus Breeders' Show, June 17, Huntingdon



► These Angus members were named Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor. Pictured are (from left) **Joe Zimmerman** and **Owen Griffith**, Frey Family Angus, Quarryville, tied for Premier Exhibitor; **Chance Rains**, Mercer, junior show Premier Breeder; **Kyle Grim**, Beaver Creek Angus, Thomasville, open show Premier Breeder; and **Karen and Chris Breeding**, Tomahawk Cattle, Greenwood, Del., tied for Premier Exhibitor.



► **Left: Fritz and Nancy Frey** (right and center), Frey Family Angus, Quarryville, receive the Conrad Grove Memorial Award from **Jamie Brozman**.

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► These gentlemen placed in the men's division of cattle judging. Pictured are (from left) **Sam Long**, Airville, first; **Craig Reasy**, New Enterprise, second; **John Nichols**, Tyrone, third; and **Wade Wolfe**, Centre Hall, fifth.



► These ladies placed in the women's division of cattle judging. Pictured are (from left) **Jamie Brozman**, Bethlehem, first; **Alexis Cash**, York, second; **Liz Ziegler**, Thomasville, third; **Kelly Heineman**, New Freedom, fourth; and **Valerie Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, fifth.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Kathy and Kerri; grandchildren: Merici, Katrina, Allison, Chase, Garrett and Mariah; great-grandchildren, Hopkins and Reagan; and many nieces and nephews.

▣ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Tony Good, former chief veterinarian for Select Sires, was promoted to vice president of production operations effective July 1.

Elizabeth Lahmers assumed the role of chief veterinary officer after serving as associate veterinarian.

Anne Burkholder has been named the inaugural National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Advocate of the Year. The advocate is selected by the NCBA and state checkoff staff from among the 12

monthly award winners. A Florida native and graduate of Dartmouth, she moved to Nebraska with her husband in 1997 to run a feedyard that had been in his family since the 1970s. She started a successful blog and now works for Progressive Beef.

Monica Mills has been selected as the executive director of Food Policy Action. Mills will be responsible for managing and growing Food Policy Action and Food Policy Action Educational Fund in their advocacy, political and education programs.

Jeffrey Ettinger, CEO (retired) Hormel Foods; **A. Dewey Bond** (deceased), senior vice president, American Meat Institute; **Donnie Smith**, president and CEO (retired), Tyson Foods; **John Jacobson** (deceased), chairman of the board and CEO, National

Beef Packing Co.; **Clarence Knebel**, (deceased), owner, Knebel's Processing Plant; **Ralph Stayer**, chairman of the board (retired), Johnsonville Sausage; and **Ed Woods**, owner and president, Woods Smoked Meats have been named as members of the meat industry Class of 2017 Hall of Fame.

Naajiya Williams has been hired by the Animal Agriculture Alliance as an administrative assistant. In this role, Williams is responsible for managing day-to-day office needs, coordinating logistics for meetings and providing administrative support for all Alliance staff. 

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