



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Radale Tiner, American Angus Association regional manager for Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana, was recently elected president of the Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance (TPCA). The statewide organization was formed to establish an alliance of all purebred breeders and associations to promote and protect the seedstock cattle industry in Texas. The group is also concerned with improving production techniques and the conditions involved with raising purebred cattle.

The TPCA promotes educational programs and activities to protect the beef industry and the high-quality product farmers and ranchers supply. The group works closely with the Texas Animal Health Commission, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the USDA and their representatives on animal health issues and marketing seedstock cattle. The TPCA also cooperates with the Texas Beef Council, the U.S. Beef Breeds Council and the American Dairy Council in efforts to improve the purebred cattle industry.

The TPCA promotes marketing ideas, international and domestic trade and encourages better communication among the purebred cattle breeders and their associations. The TPCA provides greater unity within the purebred cattle industry to affect a more reasonable and effective way for purebred cattle breeders to deal with legislation applicable to the cattle industry.

Members of the 2014-2015 TPCA officer team are President Radale Tiner, American Angus Association; First Vice President Jason Bates, International Brangus Breeders Association; Second Vice President John Ford, Santa Gertrudis Breeders International; and Secretary-treasurer Collin Osbourn, Beefmaster Breeders United.

The children of **Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Blase**, Blase Angus Farm, Columbia, Mo., organized a celebration in the central Missouri area in early September to honor the 60th wedding anniversary of their parents, who were married Sept. 5, 1954. Blase Angus Farm has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1970.

Jim and Mary Bradford, Angus producers from rural Guthrie Center, Iowa,



celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 22. They purchased their west-central Iowa ranch in 1970 and have raised Angus bulls and females since the 1950s. The pair was awarded a Master Farmer award in 2011, and were the 2002 Region 3 winners of the National Cattlemen's Environmental Stewardship Award. The couple, who met in Fonda, Iowa, in 1962, had nine children after their 1964 marriage. They now have 18 grandchildren and continue their pursuit of excellence in breeding Angus cattle at Brad Z Ranch. Brad Z Ranch has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1987.

Bobbie Frank received the annual Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award at its annual barbecue Aug. 23 at Bear Lodge Cattle Co., Devils Tower, Wyo. She is the first female recipient.

Frank has been employed by the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) since August 1991 as executive director. She also serves as executive director for the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation.

In her capacity as executive director, Frank is responsible for the development and implementation of natural resource conservation programs for local conservation districts, development of policy positions for the Association on local, state and federal issues, management of the Association's financial and public relations affairs, and lobbying on various state and federal legislative issues. The WACD is aggressively involved in a myriad of water-quality issues both at the state and national levels.

Frank has received the Wyoming Stock Growers Guardian of the Grassland Award, was recognized as a member of the

Wyoming Ag Hall of Fame, and received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Conservation Districts.

She and husband Dan, an attorney in Cheyenne, are partners in B&D Livestock LLC, and reside south of Cheyenne. She has three children and one grandson.

The award is named for the late veterinarian Kurt Bucholz, one of the Stock Growers Land Trust's early supporters who, along with his wife, Laura, ranched in Carbon County. For many years Bucholz devoted countless hours to his county and state, demonstrating a keen understanding of state and local water issues. He was adamant about protecting the upper North Platte Valley's vital and historic water rights. A rare cancer claimed his life in December 2006.

The Stock Growers Land Trust and Laura Bucholz created the Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award in 2008 to be presented annually to an individual who exemplifies Kurt's conservation values, particularly those that center on protecting and nourishing Wyoming's working ranches.

B&D Livestock has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2012.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Dustin and Jeana Hurlbut, Raymond, S.D., announce the birth of their daughter, **Bayler Maree**, July 29, 2014. She weighed 7 lb., 14 oz., and was 19 in. long.

Indiana State Fair Angus Show, Aug. 7, Indianapolis



► **Wilson Cattle Co.**, Cloverdale, won Premier Breeder. Pictured are (from left) Chad, Priscilla and Bill Wilson.

Grandparents are Chris and Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., and Rod and Mary Hurlbut, Raymond.

IN PASSING

De Roy Forwoodson, 80, Wilburton, Okla., died June 23 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

De Roy was born Sept. 20, 1933, in Wilburton to Amos and Jewell Forwoodson. He grew up in Wilburton and graduated in 1951. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and, after his service, he attended Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton and Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Okla., graduating in 1961 with a degree in pharmacy.

He married Lou Wood in 1962, and the couple moved to Wilburton in 1963 and eventually owned and operated Huskins Drug Store for 33 years. They sold the business in 1996, and he worked part-time for the Veteran's Hospital until retiring in 2013. De Roy was a very kind and cheerful person and a blessing to all who knew him.

He started his cow herd in 1968 with an Angus bull and Hereford cows, eventually purchasing Ted Ewings' registered-Angus herd in the mid-1970s. With his family he started Forwoodson Angus Ranch. He purchased cows from Belle Point, Sydenstricker, BLC, Gardiners, Dalebanks and many others to add new genetics and to improve the herd.

He started turning information in to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program in the early 1980s to help make herd decisions and work to improve expected progeny differences (EPDs). He really enjoyed going to Angus sales, meeting people and seeing good cattle. He sold most of his cattle private treaty to local ranchers.

De Roy was a member of the First Christian Church, served on the Soil Conservation

Board for more than 40 years, and served and volunteered for many local organizations. De Roy had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1982. He was a pharmacist for more than 50 years and received his doctorate in pharmacy in 2001.

In addition to his wife of 52 years, De Roy is survived by sons Tim and Todd; daughter Kim; four brothers and brothers-in-law; eight sisters and sisters-in-law; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

James "Jim" Strickland, also known as "Doc," Glennville, Ga., died Aug. 2 after a battle with cancer.

Doc grew up in Claxton, Ga., attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton, Ga., and received his doctorate of veterinary medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia (UGA). He served in the Veterinary Corp. in the U.S. Air Force. Following his service, he practiced veterinary medicine in Thomaston, Ga., for two years, and then had many years of mixed practice service in Glennville.

He also worked for UGA as an extension veterinarian. Doc was past president and a member of the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association (GVMA) and was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). He served as past president of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association; he was a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Tattnall County Cattlemen's Association and the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Doc served for more than 20 years on the Tattnall County Board of Education; he was a member of the Rotary Club and a devoted member of the Glennville United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Georgia Farm Bureau for more than 40 years, having served as both county director and president of the Tattnall County Farm Bureau. In

addition, he was a member and past vice chairman of the Georgia Farm Bureau Beef Commodity Committee. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1971.

Doc had been a semi-retired veterinarian, doing large- and small-animal practice work, in addition to managing the family farm, which produces commercial and purebred Angus cattle, corn, hay, pecans and timber.

Doc is survived by his beloved wife of more than 56 years, Norma; daughter Quinn; sons Jes and Monty; and grandchildren Zach, Cade, Sam and Emry.

Edith "Edee" Grinde, 90, Charlottesville, Va., died Aug. 22 at her home.

Born Feb. 16, 1924, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Edee was the daughter of Edith (Albinson) and William Muller. Edee received her high school diploma from Roslyn High School in Long Island, N.Y., after which she attended Rutgers University, where she majored in mathematics.

Edee proudly served in the Navy during World War II. Grace Episcopal Church in Cismont benefited greatly from her many service commitments. Edee sang in the church choir and also became the church's first female member of the vestry, its first female treasurer and its first female senior warden.

In addition to her role as beloved wife and devoted mother, earlier in her life Edee worked for 15 years at Montague, Miller & Co. Realtors as a sales associate. Edee and Paul were partners in Edgebrook Farm and life members of the American Angus Association since 1951. Edee and Paul both loved to golf; they often enjoyed time in Florida in the winter, always returning in the spring to tell of Edee's latest hole-in-one. In all, she posted four of them, one in a tournament round.

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Virginia Angus Breeders' Show, July 26, Chatham



► **Tom McCall**, Greenville, won Premier Breeder. Pictured are (from left) Jacob, Zachary, Sarah and Tom McCall.



► **The Clary family**, Brodnax, was honored with the Breeders' Show Dedication Award. Pictured are (from left) Andy, Amy, Shane and Randy Clary; Dale Eastin; and Susan Clary.

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bibliophile, Edee always kept her current book close at hand. Her own model of remaining a lifelong student impressed many, most especially her four children. She felt that her children and the families they subsequently formed stood as the proudest of all her life achievements.

In addition to her husband of 68 years, she is survived by daughters Barbara, Joan and Paige; son Thomas; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Tammy Beckham has completed her tenure as director of the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL). Since 2010, she has served in dual roles, also working as the director of

the Institute for Infectious Animal Diseases (IIAD). Beckham became the full-time director of IIAD Sept. 4.

Gary Smith has rejoined the Texas A&M University department of animal science as a visiting professor in College Station. Smith previously worked at Texas A&M as a professor from 1969-1982 and as head of the department of animal science from 1982-1990. Effective July 1, Smith will also serve as a visiting professor in animal science and advisor to the president of Colorado State University, where he previously served as a university distinguished professor emeritus and occupied the Monfort Endowed Chair in Meat Science from 1990 until his retirement in 2010.

Ray Perkins will be transitioned to chief management officer (CMO) for Eco Agro Resources LLC. Perkins is one of the founders of the company and will assume the new responsibilities immediately. His responsibilities will include developing management systems, policies and procedures for the rapid expansion of the company and its growing list of customers.

Douglas Zonta and **Ciao Borges** have been hired in Brazil to sell the full line of company products in South America. These positions report to **Norm Davy**, who was recently hired to lead sales and marketing for the company on a global level. Zonta will be the director of sales and Borges will be the regional manager.

