

NJAA Recognizes 2014 Advisors of the Year

Wisconsin Junior Angus Association honors their own as 2014 Advisors of the Year.

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Wisconsin Junior Angus Association (WJAA) advisors since 1997, Kevin and Keri Retallick are described by fellow Angus breeders as committed, supportive and enthusiastic. Over the years, they have taken a small state membership and transformed it into a strong, involved and active group on all levels of competition.

To honor their dedication to youth, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) recognized the Retallicks as Advisors of the Year at the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind.

“They both take the time to really get involved with the younger members by encouraging them to participate in all aspects of the association,” wrote Scott and Mia



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► **Kevin and Keri Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis., were honored as Advisors of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Paige Wallace, leadership director on the National Junior Angus Board, presenting; and Keri and Kevin Retallick.

Bayer, fellow WJAA advisors. “Their knowledge of the Angus industry and willingness to share this knowledge with others, especially with young members, make them outstanding advisors.”

The couple has been known to lend a helping hand, even when their own three daughters were preparing for show or competition. Their encouragement and guidance starts by asking a young member how their heifer is doing, then congratulating youth as they leave the showing and even helping with scholarship applications.

The Retallicks are positive examples to the youth who set high standards of excellence for the WJAA members. They have been named WJAA advisors of the year five times, and in 2002 they were co-chairs of the NJAS hosted in Milwaukee, Wis.

The NJAA Advisor of the Year Award was introduced in 1980 to recognize the tremendous contributions of junior Angus association advisors. Any junior Angus association advisors are eligible for the award by sending in a letter of nomination.



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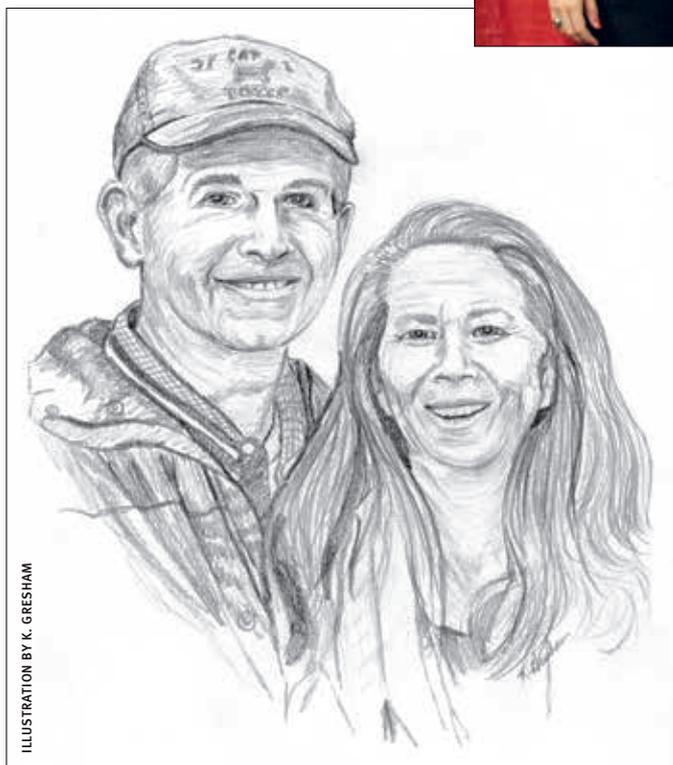


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Nominations and past Advisor of the Year winners

In 1980, the idea of recognizing the tremendous contributions of junior Angus association advisors was conceived, and during the National Junior Angus Show the following year, the Advisor of the Year award was introduced.

Although there are many advisors who are deserving of recognition, the purpose of this annual award is to highlight the work of one outstanding advisor and extend a special token of appreciation to that person or couple.

Any junior Angus association may nominate an advisor for the award by sending a letter of nomination (which briefly describes the contributions of the nominee, and photographs of the nominee) to the Junior Activities Department of the American Angus Association. The letter should include 1) an introduction; 2) a description of the nominee's involvement in various levels of Angus activities; 3) a description of the nominee's involvement in civic, church and other activities; and 4) brief closing comments.

Nominations for the Advisor of the Year are accepted through March 1 of each year.

Previous honorees are as follows.

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| 1981 — Bob Herriott, Illinois | 1998 — Don & Pam Snepp, Indiana |
| 1982 — Paul & Vicki St. Blanc, Louisiana | 1999 — William & Lucille Leatherman, North Carolina |
| 1983 — Mida Peterson, West Virginia | 2000 — Mike & Kerri Gleason, Texas |
| 1984 — Evelyn Edmunds, South Carolina | 2001 — Jane & Teddy Morelock, Arkansas |
| 1985 — J.V. & Helen Heyser, Texas | 2002 — Connie Robbins and Cary Childs, Mississippi |
| 1986 — Gordon & Norma Conner, Kentucky | 2003 — Frank & Julie Feeser, Maryland |
| 1987 — Gerald Crossland, Arkansas | 2004 — Carla Vaught, Arkansas |
| 1988 — Dan & Karen Coonrad, Northwest Region | 2005 — John & Pam Patterson, Montana |
| 1989 — Jerry & Kay Williams, Texas | 2006 — Doug & Glenda Schroeder, Iowa |
| 1990 — Ted & Windy Bartee, South Carolina | 2007 — Anne Lampe, Kansas |
| 1991 — Stan & Barbara Shaw, Wisconsin | 2008 — Michelle Rieff, Arkansas |
| 1992 — Dave & Sue McGiveron, Wisconsin | 2009 — Mike & Barbara Ettredge, Texas |
| 1993 — Melvin & Donna Porter, Georgia | 2010 — Carolyn Gazda, Georgia |
| 1994 — Glen & Pat Grote, Texas | 2011 — Rachel Frost, Illinois |
| 1995 — Tom Nichols, Iowa | 2012 — Eddie & Patti Hymel, Louisiana |
| 1996 — Charles "Bud" and Pam Smith, Kentucky | 2013 — Tom & Merridee Wells, Texas |
| 1997 — Pete & Barb Sweeney, Michigan | |