

In the news



Hunter and Richard Grayson pictured with Simon Garrett, COCA president.

Richard and Hunter Grayson of Black Hat Ranch, Watkinsville, Ga., were the recipients of the 2008 Environmental Stewardship Award presented by the Clarke-Oconee Cattlemen's Association (COCA). The Graysons received the award for their conservation practices, which included installing cross fencing for rotational grazing, installing high impact areas at all feed and water sites, fencing of lakes, springs and streams to prevent access by livestock and drilling new wells for alternative water sources.

A. Goff and Sons, Harrisville, W. Va., was awarded the Farming Heritage Award at the West Virginia State Fair on Aug. 14. The farm is in its 98th year of production and is currently operated by the fourth-generation family members. The award, sponsored by the state fair and the West Virginia Farm Bureau, is given to a family who has strived to maintain its rural lifestyle by contributing to the community, acting as role models and dedicating time to efficient agricultural production and maintaining the upkeep of the farm.

The Goffs purchased their first Hereford bull, Felix, in 1910, and he was the first polled Hereford bull to be brought into the state. He put A. Goff & Sons' farm into the Hereford business

as a pioneer in the Eastern part of the U.S. In October the family will host its 55th annual production sale.

In passing

Gordon Arthaud, 85, New London, Mo., passed away June 18 at the Maple Lawn Nursing Home in Palmyra, Mo.

Gordon was a lifetime Hereford breeder, both registered and commercial, beginning in the 1940s. He farmed in Ralls County and was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include two sons, Paul and Dean, and a grandson, Gordon Arthaud II.

Thomas Noble Davis, 81, Pulaski, Tenn., passed away June 22 at his home in the Brick Church Community.

Thomas served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was retired from Nashville Wire and Dispatch Co. He was a longtime Hereford breeder and was active in the Tennessee Hereford Association.

Paul C. Ogren, 94, Marcus, Iowa, passed away Aug. 8 at his home near Marcus.

Paul was a farmer and Hereford breeder all of his life and worked with his sons raising cattle and crops. He was a life member of the American Hereford Association and served on the Marcus Fair Board for 15 years. He was also an inductee of the Cherokee County 4-H Hall of Fame. Paul was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Marcus.

Survivors include five sons, Rod, Roger, Kenneth, Steve and Chuck; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. **HW**

Cothren Memorial Scholarship established

The Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE) has established the DonEtta Cothren Memorial Scholarship Fund. In March DonEtta Cothren, Stratford, Okla., lost a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 25. The endowed scholarship will be awarded annually to an OYE participant anticipating enrollment in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University (OSU).

DonEtta's involvement in the livestock industry afforded her the opportunity to see a large part of the U.S. and Europe. She was an American Hereford Association (AHA) youth activities intern and served as National Beef Cook-off intern for the Texas Beef Council. Not only was DonEtta an exhibitor at the OYE for multiple years, but in 2005 she was selected for the OYE Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Encounter Class II, which facilitated educational opportunities throughout Oklahoma, Italy and Scotland.

DonEtta attended Eastern Oklahoma State College and transferred to OSU majoring in animal science with a livestock merchandising option. She served as president and queen for the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma.

Memorial contributions may be mailed to Oklahoma Youth Expo, c/o DonEtta Cothren Memorial Scholarship Fund, 431 NE 14th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104. For more information, contact the Oklahoma Youth Expo office at (405) 235-0404 or Melissa Eisenhauer at meisenhauer@okyouthexpo.com. **HW**