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## LEINEN FAMILY FARM –

*It's not just about Beef for this Cattleman of Year honoree*

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“DeeDee and I like to see things get done in our community and this way we can participate in that effort to grow our community,” Leinen said. “If I’m going to complain about something, I’m going to get involved to help the cause and do something about it, versus standing back and complaining. Once your involved you better understand the reasoning for why things are done a certain way,” Steve Leinen said. ”



Steve and DeeDee Leinen, Panama, are proud cattle farmers and support their community through a wide variety of endeavors and volunteer efforts. Leinen farms 825 acres and has a predominantly Angus cow-calf operation with five bulls, 92 cows and 94 calves with two sets of twins.

**PANAMA** - Cattlemen’s emcee Steve Leinen was caught completely off guard by the trickery of his fellow board members the night of the Cattlemen’s February banquet when he was named Cattleman of the Year.

Leinen, said, “It was a wonderful award, I was very humbled and honored. And the board had a good laugh on me that night as I had no idea what was going on. I’m normally the emcee and in the chaos of the event I just went along with Tim Graeve speaking to the crowd.”

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He said fellow board member, Dave Kramer and he were standing just off the podium and he told Kramer, “I don’t think the Cattleman of the Year has a clue he is getting the award this year and Dave just smiled, and said, “I’m pretty sure he doesn’t. Maybe you ought to listen to what he is saying.”

What the board had done was convince him it was going to be another honoree and not himself, but he caught on when they referenced Leinen’s adept skill at writing their board meeting’s secretaries notes.”

“I thought to myself why is Tim (Graeve) talking about my secretary notes during the announcement of the Cattleman of the Year -- then it hit me, it was me they were talking about not whom I thought was getting it.”

Leinen’s wife, DeeDee, said that Steve goes into great detail highlighting every silly comment, joke or noisy interruption that would occur during their meetings, so reading the minutes at a board meeting can often be the highlight of their evening.

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## May is Beef Month

## Beef Industry Stats

## Top beef cow counties in the U.S.A.

County	2017 Head	2018 Head	Change (annual)
1. Cherry County, NE .....	150,000	145,000	+3.4%
2. Holt County, NE .....	97,000	93,000	+4.3%
3. Custer County, NE .....	96,000	92,000	+4.3%
4. Okeechobee County, FL ....	81,000	81,000	No Change
5. Beaverhead County, MT ....	80,000	80,000	No Change
6. Meade County, SD .....	73,000	74,000	-1.4%
7. Malheur County, OR.....	71,000	69,000	+2.9%
8. Highlands County, FL.....	70,000	70,000	No Change
No Iowa Counties made the top 50			

Courtesy Progressive Cattlemen



## Top 5 states that raise cattle and calves as of Jan. 1, 2017:

1. Texas – 12.3 million
2. Nebraska - 6.45 million
3. Kansas – 6.4 million
4. California - 5.15 million
5. Oklahoma - 5 million

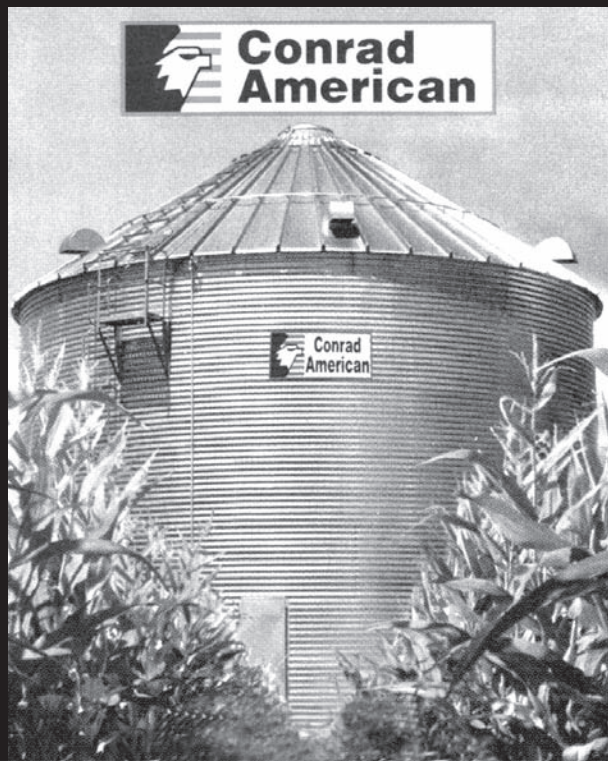
## Top 5 states for cattle in feedlots with capacity more than 1,000 head as of Jan. 1, 2017:

1. Texas - 2.42 million
2. Nebraska - 2.37 million
3. Kansas - 2.17 million
4. Colorado - 0.900 million
5. Iowa - 0.600 million

## Top U.S. beef exports markets (including variety meat)

1. Japan: 258,653 metric tons; \$1,510 million
2. Mexico: 242,373 metric tons; \$975 million
3. South Korea: 179,280 metric tons; \$1,059 million
4. Canada: 116,266 metric tons; \$758 million
5. Hong Kong: 112,770 metric tons; \$684 million
6. Middle East: 104,488 metric tons; \$216 million

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AMES – Iowans submitted nearly 9,200 nominations between February 12 – March 12, 2018 to kick off the quest to find the best burger in Iowa. Nominations were accepted online by the the Iowa Beef Industry Council and the Iowa Cattlemen's Assoc. The number of votes each restaurant received determined the 2018

Top Ten restaurants in Iowa,  
(in alphabetical order) include:

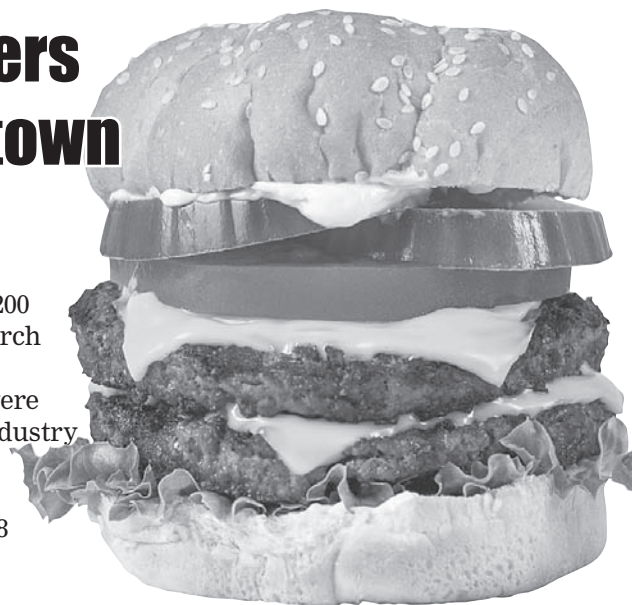
- BurgerFiend, Cedar Rapids
- Cafe Beaudelaire, Ames
- The IowaStater Restaurant, Ames
- Moo's BBQ, Newton
- Morgan's Corner, Ottumwa
- Rides Bar & Grill, Fort Dodge
- Robin's Nest Cafe, Clarinda (formerly Vaughn's Cafe and Bakery)
- Saucy Focaccia, Cedar Rapids
- **The Twisted Tail Steakhouse, Logan (BeeBeeTown)**
- Wrangling Grace Cafe, Bancroft

"Iowa has over 27,000 beef producers, and this contest is a great way to celebrate the beef they produce and the impact they have on Iowa," says Katie Olthoff, director of communications for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

To qualify, the burger must be a 100% beef patty or patties, although other ingredients may be added such as spices, and served on a bun or bread product. Burgers may include any combination of condiments, sauces, cheese or toppings.

"We moved all of the voting to online this year and set a new record with over 700 restaurants receiving at least one nomination," said Brooke German, director of marketing for the Iowa Beef Industry Council. "In total, we had over 300 towns and cities across Iowa represented which proves that there are a lot of great tasting burgers all across the state."

Seven restaurants are new to the contest's Top 10 list and include: BurgerFiend, Cedar Rapids; Cafe Beaudelaire, Ames; Iowa Stater Restaurant, Ames; Moo's BBQ, Newton; Morgan's Corner, Ottumwa; The Twisted Tail Steakhouse, Logan; and Wrangling Grace Cafe, Bancroft. Returning contestants include: Ride's Bar and Grill, Fort Dodge; Robin's Nest Cafe, Clarinda (formerly Vaughn's Cafe and Bakery); and Saucy Focaccia, Cedar Rapids.

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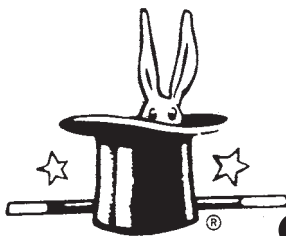
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### RFD TV features Kenkel seed corn see on YouTube

**COUNTY** – The “Small Town Big Deal” TV show feature of Earling's Steve Kenkel's history of seed corn was published on RFD-TV on January 12, 2017.

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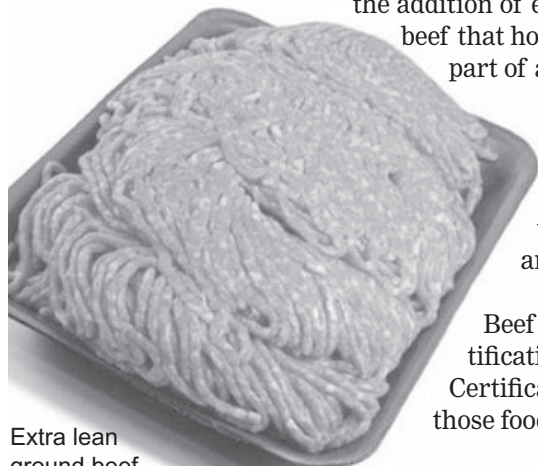
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The Leinen family gather at a nephew's wedding for a group photo.

## Family an important part of the Leinens' daily life as well

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### Cattle operation

Leinen actively began working with cattle in 1984 when he married DeeDee Greiner and they moved to his new home west of Panama.

"That year I bought seven cow-calf pairs that year for \$500 a pair to get my operation started (current value approx. \$1,800 a pair)," he said.

That same year he started a farrow-to-finish hog operation. But in 1994, when he and DeeDee were planning to move to his parents' farm home he chose to get out of hogs, and prepare exclusively to operate a cow-calf operation when they made the move in 1995. His father, the late Bernie Leinen, had a long standing 50 head cow-calf operation and Leinen said it made for an easy transition.

Leinen has a predominantly Angus operation with five bulls, 92 cows and 94 calves with two sets of twins.

Leinen said, "This season was particularly tough with three breech births and happily all three calves survived along with their mothers. It all depends on how comfortable you are doing this as to whether you seek support from a veterinarian or friends -- fortunately with these breech births, I was able to handle the births by myself. I've been in this situation enough times that experience weighs in."

"During the roughly 45-day calving season you are constantly checking the herd, at least every three to four hours, which puts a dent in seeing the grandchildren or traveling very far for events."

Aside from his cow-calf operation he farms and raises corn, beans and hay, so the Leinens don't slow down very long. DeeDee, an RN in Omaha, helps the farming operation where she can, and devotes a large part of her life to local volunteer projects and helping with the grandchildren.

### The family home - 125 year history

The Leinens' extensively remodeled home circa 1893 is adjacent to the railroad tracks a block east off Hwy 191 in Panama. In 1969, his parents Bernie and Helen and family moved into the home and it wasn't until 1995 when Steve and DeeDee took over the home that they realized its history.

It was originally built as a hotel for the railroad and the origin of the home's construction was based on an 1893 German language newspaper found tucked into the walls during one of their early remodeling adventures.

"We found old stairwells and an assortment of items during each of remodeling adventures," Leinen laughed. They've added rooms, expanded walls, built new cabinets as they changed from a family, to a family with grandchildren.

Steve and wife, DeeDee, have four children: Ashley Nihsen, Panama; Adam, Waukee; Amber Knudsen, Atlantic and Allison, Panama.

Leinen's extended family includes: his mother, Helen, Harlan; brothers, Gary, Panama; Randy, Harlan and sisters, Patty Assmann, Harlan; Lori Weis, Omaha and Carol Vogel, Ankeny.

DeeDee's extended family includes: Tim Greiner, Council Bluffs; Joann Noble, Apopka, FL; Theresa Wieneke, Indianapolis, IN; MaryKay Jorgensen, Grand

Prairie, TX; Jean James, Des Moines and Don Greiner, Cedar Rapids.

### Volunteering even as a pastor

Leinen got his volunteer spiritual side not only through St. Mary's Catholic Church but he became an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church which allowed him to preside over the weddings of nephew Keith and Gabby Leinen and also a nephew in Texas. Both wanted outdoor weddings and the churches didn't allow them, so the work-around was to have Steve preside at their weddings.

DeeDee said it was 1996 when she and Steve got involved in helping the local 4-H chapter.

"The kids would go down and watch Frank Cogdill wash cattle, and he would ask the kids why don't you kids get involved with 4-H -- so that is how our family started with the then Washington Wolverines which is now part of the merged Northwest Leaders," she said.

The couple were 4-H leaders for 11 years and would hold "mock" cattle shows on their property to teach the kids the nuances of showing calves, which also helped prepare the cattle for the experience of being in a show ring, and being guided in and out of the mock staging areas.

"Frank Cogdill and another volunteer would be judges and give the kids tips and pointers about proper showing cattle techniques and that's how the club grew. Often our entire club would fill half the Shelby Co. Fair's cattle barn," Leinen said.

Between the two of them they have served on 11 different volunteer boards, they've eased off on some organizations but still remain very involved and Steve still finds time to help Dick Schwery Construc-

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The Shelby County Cattlemen at their annual banquet in February announced the winners of the Shelby County Heifer annual Scholarship Program.

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If you have any questions about the application, receiving an application or its requirements please feel free to contact any of the following committee members: Tim Graeve (homers\_.crew@yahoo.com); Ken Schechinger (schechfarms@fmctc.com); Kevin Goshorn (kevingoshorn@arborbanking.com) and Brandi Huddle (blhuddle@gmail.com).



## HEIFER SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Friday, June 29, 2018 deadline  
at Shelby Co. Extension Office

**HEIFER SCHOLARS** - These winners were recognized at the 2017 Shelby County Fair Auction and to date, 23 youth have started in the cattle industry in Shelby County through this loan program. \$7,500 was awarded to each of the 2016 recipients with \$1,500 being a scholarship and \$6,000 being a non-interest loan.

**The 2017 winners were:** Ben Kenkel (at right) son of Scott Kenkel, Panama and Ruth Kenkel, Panama.

Not pictured: Austin Sonderman, son of Clint and Keri Sonderman, Earling; Tianna Kasperbauer, daughter of Ryan and Toshia Kasperbauer, Irwin and Payton Henningsen, daughter of Dean Henningsen, Westside.



- Must be entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade at the time the application is due, along with three recommendation letters are required.
- Recipient must be interested in agriculture and willing to accept total responsibility for the daily care of the heifers.
- The recipient must maintain an accurate report of income, expenditures, health protocols and records, as well as calving records during the five years. The recipient will be asked to submit these records plus a brief summary of activities annually.
- The recipient(s) will receive scholarship towards the purchase of five first calf heifers.
- The amount distributed to the recipient may change from year to year if scholarship amounts change.
- If the purchase price of the heifers exceeds the amount given by the Shelby County Cattlemen, the recipient and recipient's parent/guardian is responsible for that amount.
- The first year of the program, which begins April 15th following the announcement of the winner, the recipient is not required to pay any money back to the Cattlemen. This is considered the scholarship portion of the program. On April 15 of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th year, the recipient is required to pay back 20% of the original amount given. This is considered the interest free loan part of the program.
- The recipient must submit an invoice/verification of heifer ownership. Ownership of heifers must be obtained by April 15th following the announcement of the recipient. The Shelby County Cattlemen will have a security interest in the cattle and have the right to obtain and sell them if there was ever a problem.
- Shelby County Cattlemen reserve the right of an annual inspection of animals and facilities used.
- Sickness and/or death of the heifers purchased as part of this program remains the responsibility of the recipient and the Shelby County Cattlemen do not make any guarantees regarding profit or loss upon sale of the animals.
- If a recipient chooses to exit the program, re-payment of the loan in full is mandatory at the time the animals are sold.
- Recipient will **NOT** be eligible for a college scholarship later on. Shelby County Cattlemen reserve the right to change the application and requirements.

New Shelby  
County Cattlemen  
board members  
Brea Schwarte  
and Josh Leinen.



## What cattle eat for dinner!

The fact is that just like humans...a healthy, balanced diet includes simple carbohydrates that can be provided by a variety of sources, and in rare cases include candy or other sweets. Molasses, for example, has been used as a simple carbohydrate in cattle rations for a long time.

Unlike humans, cattle have a complex (or four-part) digestive system that includes the rumen, where beneficial microorganisms help digest their food. Cattle are uniquely able to turn a variety of feed ingredients or unusable byproducts into the nutrients they need to grow and be healthy.

Based on the geographic region of the country where the cattle are raised, the feed may also include locally grown prod-

ucts that otherwise would be sent to landfills or burned and would go to waste.

For example, in California, cattle might consume almond hulls as part of their ration, while cattle in Idaho might have potato starch remaining from making hash browns or fries

mixed into their ration.

There is great diversity in what is locally available and cattlemen take advantage of the existing natural resources in their geographic regions and transform these resources into great-tasting, nutritious beef consumers love.




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DeeDee and Steve in their remodeled kitchen just one of the many projects Steve has completed on their home with DeeDee's flair of design and decorating.

## Remodeling on their 1893 farm home just another pastime for Leinens

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tion with random projects he fits in between his own personal remodeling projects.

"I've worked with Dick since 1979, the first few years full-time and now I work as needed," he said.

### Panama Athletic Assoc.

DeeDee and Steve have headed up the the Panama Athletic Assoc. since 2001, which oversees the care of the ball diamond and surrounding areas along with Paul and Kris Wingert's help; and are also the secretary/treasurer for the Panama Volunteer Fire Dept.

### Panama on the move

Leinen was also the lead point of contact for the construction of St. Mary's Parish Hall that has become a major gathering place for the community from weddings, cattlemen's banquet, anniversaries to funerals from not only Panama but the surrounding area. The 700-seat hall was built in just 11 months from July 2012 to

June 2013 and it was truly a community endeavor and the pride in workmanship shows to this day.

### St. Mary's Hall just one of several symbols of pride locally in Panama

The Hall is a symbol of the pride the community has in itself. The City has two restaurants, grocery store, bank, insurance offices, historic St. Mary's Church and the Panama One Room school house to name a few. Major employers include Panama Transfer, One Ton Welding, Panama Welding as well as a wide variety of local plumbers, electricians and contractors which support the surrounding area.

The community has more employees than residents, not something many Iowa communities can tout and another amazing fact is that an estimated 40 area businesses contributed to the construction of the St. Mary's Parish Hall all which have made the Leinens to

feel proud to be part of such a great community and county.

### Can raise \$29,000 annually for scholarships

The monthly Shelby County Cattlemen board meetings usually start in late May after farming is done. They plan summer and fall events, then the group ramps up in September when they plan the 700-attendee February banquet.

Leinen said, "It's a great group of men and women

who all get along and go with the flow."

Each year the 19-member board and their spouses create the single largest fund raising effort in the county. The organization has given 199 - \$1,000 academic scholarships, awarded 23 heifer scholarships totaling \$34,650 and \$138,600 in interest free loans - which totals \$372,250 in the last eight years.



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## More than 700 pack into St. Mary's Parish Hall

PANAMA - More than 700 area residents dined on a New York strip loin dinner, enjoyed auctions and 29 scholarships that were awarded on Saturday, February 3 here.

A quick review of the evening included:

- **29** - \$1,000 scholarships
- **4** - \$8,700 heifer loan scholarships
- **Since 2010**, they've given out 199 - \$1,000 academic scholarships, 23 heifer scholarships totaling \$34,650 and interest free loans of \$138,600; for a grand total of \$372,250 in donations.

### • Honorees included:

- Cattleman of the Year -- Steve Leinen, Panama
- Beef Backer -- Declan Gross
- Friend of the Industry - Richard Maassen

• **Auction results** -- the annual trophy auction alone set a record of \$29,000 while early estimates of the general auction were \$49,145.

• **Moneys go toward** -- Shelby County Fair trophy awards, college scholarships, heifer scholarship programs, beef promotions and banquet expenses.



## Past Shelby County Cattleman of the Year recipients

Archie Petersen, C.J. McDermott, Zeno Lapke, Selmer Hodne, Don Buman, Gene & Cy Monson, Earl M Mathiasen, Ted Allen, George Mathiasen, Francis Kenkel, Willis L Hansen, George Mortensen, Gerald Tremel,

Eugene Sorensen, Allan Havick, Ron Mortensen, Gene Baughman, Myron Sorensen, Clarence Kenkel, Gale Barratt, Vic Morgan, James Zimmerman, Ken Rosmann,

Howard Juehler, Kenny Escher, Ed Lapke, Edwin Benson, Robert Sonderman, Gary Erb, Bill & Karen Johnson, Denny Muller, Norman Schmitz, Schomer Brothers, Albert Schwarte, Phil Wegner,

Rich Ohlinger, Bill & Maye Babbitt, Tom Musfeldt, Ed Buman, Marv Tremel, Rich Goshorn, Ken Schneider, Phil & Dean Gubels, Ron & Maria Rosmann, Lowell Andersen, Ken Schechinger, Roger Ahrenholtz, Bob Schechinger, Jim Keller, Larry "Chub" Assmann, Eric Monson and Steve Leinen.

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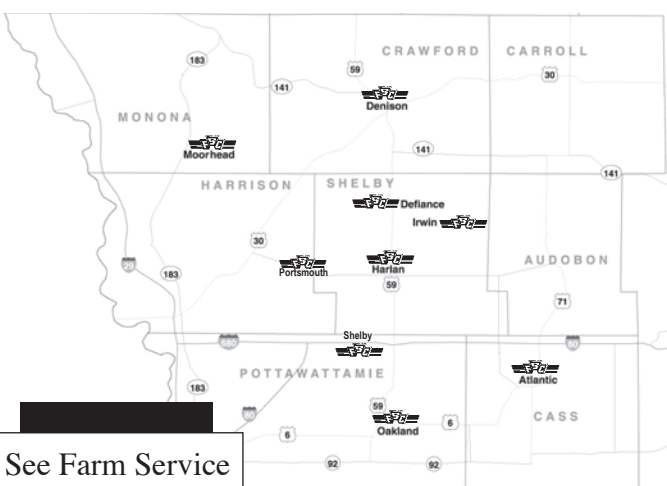
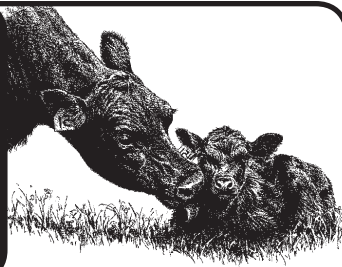
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**Pictured from left to right**, Zack Powley and Taylor Assmann, Cogdill Farm Supply; Aaron Bauer, Farm Service Coop; Ben Bruck, Agriland FS; Trevor Langenfeld, Langenfeld Pumping; Roger Kenkel, Farmers Trust & Savings Bank and Todd Hucka, Schaben Insurance.



**Pictured from left to right**, Chad Manz, Cyclone Seed; Matt VanBaale, Kirkman Farms; Tom Muenchrath, Tom's Electric; Lee Schoof, United Bank of Iowa; Mike Christensen, Shelby County State Bank and Janet Buman, Shelby County State Bank.

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Tim Graeve, George Langenfeld,  
Todd Berndt, Mike Fara, Maria Wingert,  
Ernie Peters, Kent Andersen, Justin Ahrenholtz,  
Bree Schwarte, Josh Leinen.





Declan Gross

## 2018 Beef Backer of the Year was Declan Gross

(Alban), he started farming on his own after high school. His operation involved raising crops, a farrow-to-finish hog operation, and managing a cow-calf herd.

When his father became ill he took the lead on the farm, as well as taking over as a Golden Harvest seedsman, a business he continues to this day, and he also serves on the Farm Service Coop board of directors.

Although the farming operation is quieter now, he still can be seen going through the pasture to check on his cows, greeting them with a calm, "hey girls."

Gross truly cares about the animals on his farm, risking life and limb for an animal in trouble, and occasionally bringing a young calf into the house to see it gets the warmth and around-the-clock care it needs to survive

He lives on his family's Century Farm with his wife, Gayla, where he raises and sells pre-conditioned feeder calves.

His son, Joseph, has joined him part-time in farming, while his daughter, Angela, lives with her family in Shenandoah, where she is a teacher. Recently retired after 30 years as volunteer EMT for Earling, he and his wife enjoy camping, Harley trips and spending time with their six grandchildren, and will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this April.

## Friend of the Industry Richard Maassen

The 2018 Friend of the Industry awards went to the late Richard Maassen, known as "Mase," who devoted his life to the cattle industry and to the Shelby Vet Clinic.

In junior high, Mase started helping out at the Shelby Vet Clinic and continued to do so throughout high school. He then attended the Univ. of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, NE and upon graduation, returned home and continued to work at the Shelby Vet Clinic.

While working at the clinic, he also managed his own cattle herd and served on the Pottawattamie County Cattlemen Board for several years.

Mase appreciated all aspects of veterinary medicine but enjoyed working with cattle the most. His favorite days were spent out in the country processing and caring for cattle while conversing and joking with clients during his 33 years of service.

He made countless friendships throughout the area over the years and will be greatly missed since his passing on January 18, 2018.

## New president of Cattlemen

**SHELBY COUNTY** - Longtime Cattlemen's president, Tim Graeve, rural Manilla, recently turned over the Shelby County Cattlemen's president's gavel to fellow board member Keny Schechinger who will take over as president.



Graeve was recently chosen as the District 12 director for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and he will also continue to remain on the local cattlemen's board as well.



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