

### Bill LeSage named Outstanding Ag Alumni for 2009

Bill LeSage, Kewanee, graduated from Black Hawk in 1994 in ag production and is an auctioneer and owner of LeSage Family Shorthorns. He and his wife, Laurel, are the parents of two children. He auctions auto auctions, horse, cattle and pig sales, and has served as the official auctioneer of the annual Black Hawk East Pumpkin Sale coordinated by ag students to benefit the United Way since its inception in 2003.

After graduating from BHE, he completed Repperts School of Auctioneering and earned both his Real Estate Salesperson License and Auctioneer License. He has served as herdsman for Green Ridge Shorthorns in Urbana, Missouri; hog buyer for Chicago Order Buyers; dealer relations for Quad City Auto Auction; and auctioneer for Quad City Auto Auction Tuesday Sale.

In addition to working as a professional auctioneer, he frequently lends his expertise to numerous community organizations and charitable causes, such as the Make-A-Wish Benefit for the Eastern Iowa Chapter, the Cystic Fibrosis Easter Iowa Chapter Benefit, and the Black Hawk East Pumpkin Sale to benefit United Way. LeSage has served in leadership capacities in professional organizations, including district chairman of the Illinois State Auctioneers Association. He has served as treasurer of the Henry County Pork Producers since 2004 and is an usher at First United Methodist Church in Kewanee.

