

NEWSMAKERS



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Within this “Newsmakers” column we are pleased to share important news and accomplishments of our members, including state association activities, birth and marriage announcements, and news of Angus members’ passing.

IN THE NEWS

Don Bell, Belmoral Angus, was honored by the Canadian Angus Association (CAA) in November 2017 for 50 years of consecutive membership.

Bell says that Angus ran in his blood as his grandfather had 120 Angus cows in the 1920s. Today Belmoral Angus manages 150 black Angus, all with straight Canadian genetics, on 5,000 acres of grain and pasture in a family operation the fifth generation is now farming. The Bells received a 100-Year Homestead Award in 2013. Belmoral Angus cattle have been exported to Japan and Scotland.

The Canadian Angus Association offers sincere congratulations to Belmoral Angus. It is because of the dedication of individuals and families like them that the agriculture industry continues to be an important sector in our nation today.

The Canadian Angus Association instituted a long-term recognition award program in 1998 to honor individuals and families that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Angus breed in Canada by maintaining a continuous membership in the Association for at least 50 years. In 2011, the award

program expanded to recognize families with 75 and 100 continuous years of membership.

IN PASSING

Jeanetta Buse, 56, Warner, Okla., died May 28, 2017, at her home. Jeanetta prepared a letter for her friends and family to use as her obituary, which follows.

Jeanetta was born to two loving parents, John and Oma (Garland) Buse, on March 3, 1961, in Farmington, N.M. She attended Warner High School, graduating in 1979. She then graduated from Connors State College in 1981 and Northeastern Oklahoma State University with a degree in accounting in 1983.

She joined Armstrong Bank in 1983 and worked in multiple roles in the Warner and Muskogee locations until her death. This was her only employer.

Jeanetta owned an Angus cattle sales management firm for many years managing cattle sales. She was the secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Angus Association for more than 20 years.

Jeanetta was a member of the American Angus Association, the Oklahoma Cattlewomen’s

Association, Arkansas-Oklahoma Angus Association, and the Muskogee County Cattlemen’s Association. She loved showing her Angus cattle at county and state fairs as a teen.

She loved Connors Cowboys baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals.

She loved all of her friends and family, and thanks them for all those great years. She wanted to thank her caregivers during the past few months, including Polly Moore, Carla Holland, Greg Holland, Kathi Webb, Carol Stacey and Chris Ashworth. She wanted to express special thanks to her R.N., Jennifer Gaddy, with New Century Hospice.

Jeanetta is survived by cousins Franklin Jones, Raymond “Buddy” Holder, Doris Crow, Deborah Buse, David Buse, Doug Buse, Linda Schuler, and Aunt Thalia Burge, and numerous aunts, uncles, other family members, and friends.

Herbert “Herb” Harrison, 91, Howard, Kan., died Nov. 23 as a result of Alzheimer’s disease.

Herb was born Aug. 29, 1926, near Fowler, Kan., to Harry and Ola (Brown) Harrison. He was the youngest of nine children. He was married Oct. 18, 1947, to Lula Mae

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(Billy) Billings in Wichita, Kan. Last year marked their 70th wedding anniversary.

Herb graduated from Mulvane High School in 1944. After serving in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, he attended Wichita State University from 1946 to 1950, where he studied liberal arts. He was a remarkable athlete, excelling in football,

basketball, baseball, tennis and track in high school, and continuing to play football in college.

Herb was no stranger to hard work. In high school, he milked cows before and after class, and he worked on the railroad. In college, he started as a delivery boy at Hawk's Pharmacy, ultimately becoming president of the pharmacy. Herb and his partners sold

Hawk's Pharmacy, and Herb went on to start a career in construction.

Herb was a charter member of the Andover Kiwanis Club, served for 18 years on the Andover School Board, was a 32nd degree Mason, and was a member of the Andover and Howard United Methodist churches and Boy Scout Troop 533. He started a registered Angus cattle herd, now in

North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Nov. 11, Bismarck



Left: Elected to serve as officers and directors for the North Dakota Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) Clay Hatlewick, Jamestown, director; Mike Wendel, LaMoure, past president; Joel Opp, Hebron, vice president; Matt Tastad, Rolette, president; Travis Bruner and Ashley Bruner, secretary-treasurers, both of Drake; Sydney Glasoe Caraballo, Wildrose, director; and Ryan Ressler, Cooperstown, director; (back row, from left) Gregg Urlacher, Regent; Kathy Tokach, Saint Anthony; Dallas Hoffmann, Wheatland; Dustin Frey, Granville; Casey Maher, Morristown; Jeremy Strommen, New Salem; and Rusty Ridl, Dickinson.



Allen Vollmer (right), Wing, with wife Beverly (left) receives the Man of the Year award.



From left, Jon and Julie Dekrey, Tappen, receive the Commercial Breeders of the Year award from Jeremy Strommen.



Kathy Tokach (right), Saint Anthony, receives the President's Award from Mike Wendel, North Dakota Angus Ass'n past president.



Pete Best (left), Watford City, receives the Angus University Feedout Program First-place Steer award from Shelby Steele (right), Neogen GeneSeek Operations.



Haugen Cattle Co., Hannaford, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) recipients Troy, Jill, Brady, Dawn, Lynn, Tann, Connie and Eldo Haugen.

its 52nd year, while living in Andover and was beef leader in the Andover Aces 4-H club. With close friend Don Swaney, he started the Swa-Har Pheasant Farm, raising ornamental pheasants and quail at the homeplace in Andover. Herb also enjoyed beekeeping, his fruit orchard and grape arbors.

In 1971, Herb and Billy bought a section of ground in Elk County and embarked on a new journey. They moved to Howard after retiring in 1992. While living in Elk County, Herb served on the county water district and helped frame the rural

water now enjoyed by so many. He also served on the Kansas Wind Farm task force, was elected as a member of the Silver Haired Legislature and was responsible for implementing the recycling program in Elk County. He attended the county commission meetings regularly.

The most important thing in Herb's life was his faith and family, and he loved to share his passions with them. Herb enjoyed hunting and fishing near Crested Butte, Colo. So, every year, the family would make the pilgrimage to their favorite fishing spots. He taught all his children and

grandchildren how to fly-fish there, and it became a lasting tradition — his family still returns to this spot every year. Herb also enjoyed a wide array of music, and he almost always had an album spinning, giving all of his children a deep appreciation for it.

In addition to his wife, Herb is survived by sons Cyril, Paul, John, William and Kelly; daughters Leslie and Nancy; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. [A](#)

Editor's Note: Please share your news with us by contacting column author Linda Evans at levans@angus.media.

Alabama Angus Ass'n Fall Sale, Nov. 11, Cullman



Hillside Angus Farm, Albertville, consigned the champion bred heifer. Lot 17 consisted of Hillside Black Pearl 315, a September 2015 daughter of SydGen Black Pearl 2006. Pictured are (from left) Jennifer Lee, Alabama Angus Ass'n president; Dale Parris, consignor; and Mike McGuire, Alabama Angus Ass'n executive secretary.



SKW Farm, Toney, consigned the reserve champion bred heifer. Lot 42 consisted of SKW Rita Wix 57, a September 2015 daughter of EXAR Blue Chip 1877B. Pictured are (from left) Lee; Sammy Walker, consignor; and McGuire.



Gary and Robbie Powell, Mantachie, Miss., consigned the champion bull. Lot 63 consisted of SAF G171, a February 2016 son of Connealy In Focus 4925. Pictured are (from left) Lee; Gary Powell, consignor; and McGuire.



Don Lyles, Harvest, consigned the reserve champion bull. Lot 62 consisted of LA Real Deal 1D, a May 2016 son of KCF Bennett Absolute. Pictured are (from left) Lee; Don Lyles, consignor; and McGuire.



McGuire Cattle Co., Waverly, consigned the champion female. Lot 24 consists of McGuire Blackcap 504, a September 2015 daughter of SAV Momentum 9274. She was sold with an October 2017 bull calf at side sired by SAV Brilliance 8077. Pictured are (from left) Lee; and Mike McGuire, consignor.



SKW Farm consigned the reserve champion female. Lot 41 consisted of SKW Cheyenne Violet 33, an August 2013 daughter of SAV Brilliance 8077. She was sold with an October 2017 bull calf sired by EXAR Blue Chip 1877B at side. Pictured are (from left) Lee; Sammy Walker, consignor; and McGuire.