

Newsmakers

■ IN THE NEWS

Ted and Judy Bourne, Cedar Creek Farms, Donalds, S.C., were recognized by the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association as Purebred Cattleman of the Year. The award was presented at the association's Nov. 2-3 convention in Greenville.

Big Dry Ranchers Choice 1673, the 1994 National Western grand champion Angus bull, was laid to rest on April 24, 2000. A shoulder injury and declining health precipitated the decision.

Rancher was named a Pathfinder sire in the most recent *Pathfinder Report*. Charles McRae, Jordan, Mont.; and Harmon Angus Ranch, Lavina, Mont., owned the animal.

■ IN PASSING

Vito John Ponticello, son of Vito and Rose Ponticello, passed away Sept. 29. He is survived by three daughters: Dina Simmons, Traci and Kristy Ponticello; a sister, Vicki Reiss; a brother, Donald; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Elrod.

Douglas Jean Blades, 31, of Holliday, Mo., died Oct. 12 as the result of an accident at work.

Blades was born Sept. 27, 1969, in Moberly, Mo., the son of Fred and Lynda Blades. He married Mendy Walch on Feb. 8, 1991.

Survivors include his wife; two children, Mike and Rachel; his parents; his sister, Sara Wright; his brother, Bill; and grandparents Lois Blades, Paris, Mo., and Stanley Hall, Moberly, Mo.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy; and grandparents James Blades and Grace Hall.

Blades graduated from Paris High School in 1987 and from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1991. He was employed by APAC Construction Co. and was active in Blades Quality Angus. He was a 4-H leader, a member of the Holliday School Board and a life member of the American Angus Association.

Orin L. James Jr., 69, Cameron, Mo., died Oct. 23 at the Cameron hospital.

He was born in Hamilton, Mo., on June 3, 1931, the son of Orin Sr. and Verna James.

He was a farmer and a cattleman.

James was of the Christian faith and a graduate of Penney High School, Hamilton. He served in the Missouri National Guard and the military. James was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7158, Cameron; the American Angus Association; and the Missouri Angus Association, of which he was a past president.

On April 8, 1951, he married Mary Green in Hamilton. He is survived by his wife; three sons: David, Maysville, Mo.; Charles, Cameron, Mo.; and Stephen, Saint Joseph, Mo.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Glenn Jones, 79, of Nashville, Tenn., passed away Sept. 4. He was the son of Madison and Mary (Temple) Jones. He and his late father were owners of Harpeth Valley Farm, Brentwood, Tenn., which was home to a number of Tennessee State Fair Angus champions.

Jones was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Corps in France. He was a member of the Harpeth Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school treasurer.

In the 1940s, he married Mary Persons. She passed away in 1990. In 1992, he married Mary Ford. He is survived by his second wife; a son, Glenn of Tampa, Fla.; a daughter, Sarah Butler of Memphis, Tenn.; a brother, Madison Jones Jr. of Auburn, Ala.; a stepson, Oren Oliver III of Smyrna, Tenn.; two stepdaughters, Mary "Leslie" Cook of Franklin, Tenn., and Sarah McGoldrick of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Brent and Tina Vieselmeyer of Vision Angus, Curtis, Neb., announce the birth of their son, **Alex Thomas**, on Oct. 18. He weighed 7 lb., 5 oz. and was 19 in. long. Alex was welcomed home by his older brother, Austin, age 2.

Grandparents are T.C. and Diana Guest, Guest Angus Ranch, Hawk Springs, Wyo., and great-grandparents are Don and Doris Wilkes, Wilkes 6-D Angus, Hawk Springs, Wyo.

Montana Angus Association Annual Meeting & Tour

The Montana Angus Association hosted its annual meeting in conjunction with the Montana Angus Tour Sept. 13-15 at Columbus. The event attracted more than 500 Angus enthusiasts from the United States, Canada and Australia. The tour, headquartered at Billings, included cattle from 31 herds.

Elected to the board of directors were **Jack McNamee**, Miles City; **John Patterson**, Columbus; **Lee Van Dyke**, Manhattan; **Shawn Christensen**, Hot Springs; **Bill Davis**, Sidney; **Steve Harmon**, Lavina; **Jim Sitz**, Dillon; **Doug Stevenson**, Hobson; and **Jeff Younkin**, Glasgow.

For the second year, Sitz was elected president; Stevenson, vice president; and Younkin, treasurer. **Kathy Dubs** will continue serving as secretary.

Elected as officers of the Montana Angus Auxiliary are **Pam Patterson**, Columbus, president; **Betsy Indreland**, Big Timber, vice president; **Kathy Ahlgren**, Grass Range, secretary; **Jennipher Sitz**, Harrison, treasurer; and **Gerri Campbell**, Lewistown, reporter.

Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence



Kenny Mortag (left), Cascade, Mont., was presented the 2000 Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence Oct. 21 preceding the Angus female sale at the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) in Billings. Doug Stevenson, Montana Angus Association president, presented the award.

Mortag, 88, is a dedicated commercial Angus producer who has been a vital part of Montana Angus activities for many years. He served as the organization's secretary from 1971 to 1978.

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■ ALSO IN THE NEWS

Merlyn Carlson, Lincoln, Neb., immediate past chairman, was named to the Executive Committee of the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF).

USMEF, which receives funding and support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is a trade association responsible for developing international markets for the U.S. red-meat industry. Its headquarters are in Denver, Colo.

AgSpan, Overland Park, Kan., recently approved the hiring of three regional managers and one cow-calf specialist. Each regional manager will oversee AgSpan's veterinary operations in a specific region: **James Clement**, in North Dakota and surrounding states; **Bruce Lancaster**, in Idaho and surrounding states; and **Glenn Rogers**, in Texas and surrounding states. **Jim Doubet** has accepted a cow-calf specialist position for Colorado and its surrounding states.

Select Sires, Plain City, Ohio, has announced the hiring of **Janice Keene** as its vice president of corporate communications.

Keene will lead a team that manages customer, member and employee communications.

In other news, Select Sires has renamed its sire-in-waiting facility in Tunkhannock, Pa., after **Lloyd Ebersole**. The new name honors Ebersole's 38 years of involvement in the artificial insemination (AI) industry. The Ebersole Center previously was known as Valley View Farm.

VetLife, West Des Moines, Iowa, recently announced the appointment of **Justin Gregory** as regional sales manager for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and northeastern Nebraska. Gregory will work with feedyard managers, stocker and cow-calf producers, and veterinarians.

Justin Lahmers was recently named to fill a shared position for the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) and Ohio State University (OSU). Lahmers will serve as the OCA director of beef improvement programs and an OSU Extension associate. He will implement OCA programs, such as the Ohio Bull Test, Ohio Beef Network electronic identification pilot project, seedstock improvement sales and heifer-

development programs. Lahmers will help develop Extension marketing programs and other value-added projects.

The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Fort Worth, Texas, named **Stefan Marchman** as assistant livestock show manager.

Sparks Companies Inc., Memphis, Tenn., announced the addition of two new employees. **Dan Manternach** has accepted a position as vice president of Web content and analysis coordination. **John Eustice** has joined the company as feed ingredient consultant and editor.

Lowell Walters, a retired animal sciences professor at Oklahoma State University (OSU), was honored recently with the Saddle and Sirloin Club Portrait Award at the 2000 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

During his 38-year teaching career at OSU, Walters recognized the importance of lean beef and developed techniques to measure fat composition without harvesting.

The award, given to one individual per year, honors outstanding individuals for their contributions to the livestock industry.

Pfizer Inc., Exton, Pa., recently agreed to sell the feed-additive products of its Animal Health Group to **Phibro Animal Health**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Philipp Brothers Chemicals Inc.

Phibro Animal Health, based in Fairfield, N.J., is a manufacturer and supplier of feed additives and other products for livestock and poultry producers around the world.

On Feb. 10-11, a new open show will be offered at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney, Neb. The all-breed show, called the **Showcalf Cruise Show**, will culminate in a showdown between the supreme market animal and the supreme breeding heifer. The overall winner will be awarded a Mediterranean cruise.

For more information, contact show manager Fred Hartman at (402) 335-3677.

Trans Ova Genetics has opened an embryo transfer (ET) service center in Crescent, Okla. Donor collections, ETs, freezing, donor and recipient boarding, ultrasonography, and donor retrievals began there Nov. 1.

Kim Harsh is managing the new center.

Notice to advertisers

The *Angus Journal* has adopted a new advertising policy, effective Jan. 1, 2001 (which will affect advertisements beginning with the March 2001 issue): "Advertising for sales scheduled in the month of publication accepted at the advertiser's risk. *Angus Journal* assumes no financial responsibility for timely distribution."

Due to increased magazine size and postal delivery times, it has become necessary to take a look at advertising deadlines and policies. Deadlines already seem to be set as early as is feasible, so it has become necessary to shift the guaranteed advertised sale dates.

As of the March 2001 issue, sale dates must be advertised in the month prior to the respective sale month. In other words, all March sale dates should be published in the February issue. No longer will delivery within a reasonable amount of time ahead of the date be guaranteed for sale dates of the 20th or later in the month of publication.

