

Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for members** of our Angus family

IN THE NEWS

On Dec. 13, 2001, **John Riffle**, Pleasant Hill, Mo., was installed as vice president of the Heart of America chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA). His wife, **Jean**, was elected to a second term as president of the Heart of America Auxiliary.

Jean was also chosen president-elect of the Missouri Cattlewomen Association at its annual convention, Dec. 13-16.

Morey Ray, Lewistown, Mont., won the Angus heifer that was raffled on Dec. 14, 2001, at the Montana Stockgrowers Association Annual Convention. The heifer donated by **Edwards Angus Ranch**, Denton, Mont., raised nearly \$2,000 for the "Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund." The fund was created to provide education assistance for postsecondary study to

Montana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Sept. 12, 2001, Sidney

Dwight Barber, Denton, and **Don Connelly**, Valier, were elected to the Montana Angus Association Board of Directors. **Shawn Christensen**, Hot Springs, was re-elected to his second three-year term. **Doug Stevenson**, Hobson, was elected president, and **John Patterson**, Columbus, was elected vice president. **Jeff Younkin**, Glasgow, will serve another year as treasurer.

Lindsay Williams, Columbus, Mont., has been named secretary of the Montana Angus Association and editor of its publication, the *Montana Angus News*. She replaces longtime secretary/editor **Kathy Dubs**.



► Gladys (left) and Tom Walling, Winifred, were presented with the 2001 Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence. President Doug Stevenson, who presented the award, is also pictured.

financially needy dependents of those killed or permanently disabled as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Chad and Julie Ellingson of Saint Anthony, N.D., along with their sons Stetson and Jameson, announce the July 18, 2001, birth of a daughter, **Sierra Jewel**. She weighed 7 lb., 10 oz. Chad is the beef sire procurement manager for Genex, and Julie is the communications director for the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. In addition, the couple also raise registered Angus cattle at their ranch southeast of Saint Anthony.

Joe and Shelly Hite, Valley Center, Kan., wish to announce the Nov. 20, 2001, birth of their son, **Tanner Dee**. He weighed 7 lb., 7 oz. and was welcomed home by his sister, Bryanna.

IN PASSING

Curtis Balthaser, 95, Langsville, Ohio, passed away Nov. 12, 2001. He was married to Edith Lay, who preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 1973.

Balthaser was a retired beef cattle herdsman at Ohio State University, serving from 1955-1975. He was a lifelong farmer, Angus breeder and cattleman. He had remained active in the cattle industry, and he received the Beef Excellence Award from the Ohio Cattlemen in 2001. Balthaser was also a life member of the American Angus Association.

Memorials may be made to the Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship Fund, 10600 U.S. Hwy. 42, Marysville, OH 43040.

Mildred Schlipf, 75, El Paso, Ill., passed away Dec. 18, 2001, at her home.

She was born July 4, 1926, at Oakville, Iowa, the daughter of Joe and Nettie (Schrock) Rocke. She married Loren Schlipf on Aug. 11, 1946. He died Feb. 6, 2000.

Survivors include one son, Dale; and three daughters: Elaine, Janet and Karen.

She was a member of Gridley Apostolic Christian Church in Gridley.

Patrick Burke, 49, Blooming Prairie, Minn., passed away Aug. 25, 2001, at his home.

He was born Oct. 6, 1951, to Tom and Mary Burke.

After a railroad accident Burke was paralyzed from his neck down. He devoted his life to preserving and establishing wildlife areas in Minnesota. Even though he was unable to participate physically, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Over the past 30 years he spent countless hours working with the Minnesota State Legislature to improve the lifestyle of handicapped people.

Patrick grew up on the Burke Angus Farm near Blooming Prairie. He was a lifelong Angus enthusiast and was a finalist in the first National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, which was conducted in 1967 at the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Ky.

Patrick is survived by a son, Noah.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Stephanie Veldman joined the Angus Productions Inc. (API) team Nov. 26 as an assistant editor for the *Angus Journal* and



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Angus Beef Bulletin. She will be responsible for compiling monthly columns, writing feature articles and editing stories.

Veldman, who grew up in a rural community in southern Minnesota, received a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University (ISU) in August. She majored in ag education and in journalism and mass communications.

As a student, she was involved in a variety of organizations and activities, including National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), International Ag Club and VEISHEA. She was a member of Sigma Alpha, a professional sorority for women in agriculture, and wrote for the ag section of the *Iowa State Daily*.

Veldman also has summer internship experience with *Farm News*, a weekly newspaper in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and has

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worked on the Pharmacia Animal Health account at Morgan & Myers, a public relations agency.

Veldman, 22, is the daughter of Rick and Carolyn Veldman, Hollandale, Minn.

Larry Turner has been named associate director and associate dean of Extension at the University of Kentucky (UK) College of Agriculture, effective Jan. 2, 2002.

Mike Collinge of Hamilton, Kan., has been elected president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA). **Larry Jones** of Holcomb, Kan., has been chosen to serve as president-elect.

Carrie Edelman-Grimm of Morrill, Kan., has been elected president of the Kansas CattleWomen (KCW).

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) animal geneticist **Dale Van Vleck** has won the T.W. Edminster Research Associate Award for his research proposal to develop a computer system to extract and analyze biological data for the genetic evaluation of livestock.

Van Vleck proposed developing procedures identifying valuable economic traits associated with genomic markers in livestock. These traits are called quantitative trait loci (QTL). Van Vleck will work with colleague Mark Thallman to track QTL through a population of animals. The resulting computer program will permit more effective and efficient statistical analysis of inherited traits to determine location and effects of important genes.

Sam Kane Beef Processors, Corpus Christi, Texas, has been awarded the Beef Merchandiser Award for 2001 by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA). The award recognizes companies that set the pace with innovative efforts to sell beef.

On Dec. 21, 2001, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announced the selection of **Gilbert Gonzalez Jr.** as deputy undersecretary for rural development. Gonzalez's responsibilities include performance and results analysis, strategic planning, special initiative development, outreach, and application of contemporary

business and banking practices to the mission area.

Lex Carter, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., has accepted the responsibility of area director of marketing for Region 7, in addition to his current responsibilities as director of beef marketing for Accelerated Genetics.

Sarah Muirhead, editorial director for *Feedstuffs* and *Tack N Togs*, succeeded Mike Ford as publisher of the two titles, effective with Ford's partial retirement Jan. 1, 2002.

Tom Lyon, CEO of Cooperative Resources International (CRI), headquartered at Shawano, Wis., has announced his retirement, effective March 1. Lyon has served as CEO since the formation of CRI in 1993. CRI is made up of three subsidiaries: Genex Cooperative Inc., AgSource Cooperative Services, and Central Livestock Association.

The CRI Board of Directors hoped to name Lyon's successor in January.

