



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Frontier Angus Farm**, Stockville, Neb., was recently presented the American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award. The award is presented for herds that have been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

The farm is owned by James and Twila Johnson and was founded in 1952 when Twila used her first paycheck as a rural school teacher to purchase a registered Angus cow from Harold and Nadean Deveny, Indianola, Neb.

In 1955 Twila married James Johnson, who at that time owned a herd of Hereford cows. The decision was made to sell the Herefords and buy more Angus cows, creating the foundation of the Frontier Angus Farm that exists today. Over the years the Johnsons have used good herd sires and retained top females in the herd.

Today their son, Paul Johnson, is a partner in the herd and uses artificial insemination (AI) to benefit from proven sires and diverse bloodlines. Paul manages the herd of approximately 100 females.

**Sydenstricker Genetics**, Mexico, Mo., was recently presented the American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award.

The Sydenstricker herd was founded in

1952 by Ralph Sydenstricker. His son, Eddie Sydenstricker, was involved in junior Angus activities and assumed ownership of the herd after Ralph's death in 1977.

When he started the herd, Ralph was an International Harvester dealer and acquired his first two registered Angus cows and calves on trade for a Super C Farmall tractor. He continued to add to the herd and began the development of a line of females known as "Missouri Bluebirds."

Since that time, foundation females have been added from leading herds across the United States and Canada. The herd has been enrolled in the Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program since its inception and has become a leader in performance evaluation programs. The herd was recognized as the Beef Improvement Federation's (BIF) 2001 Seedstock Producer of the Year and was recognized in 1997 as the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) "Commitment to Excellence" award winner for work in collecting and promoting carcass data.

Known as Sydenstricker Angus Farms for many years, the name of the herd was changed to Sydenstricker Genetics in 2001. An annual production sale is held each November. Eddie continues to own the herd, which produces 550 calves annually. Ben

Eggers has managed the herd for the last 20 years and currently serves on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

**Richard "Dick" Fowler**, Ninneka, Okla., was recently presented the American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award.

The Fowler herd was founded with the purchase of registered Angus cows and heifer calves from Gilmer Capps, Tipton, Okla., in May 1937. Additional females were purchased from the Sunbeam herd near Miami, Okla., in 1939 and a herd bull was purchased from George Bros. of Missouri at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., that same year. More females were purchased and added to the herd through the years from other breeders in the central United States.

Fowler worked as a regional manager for the American Angus Association from 1947-1948 and continued to maintain his herd during that time. He still manages a small herd of Angus cows today. His son, Charles Fowler, and daughter-in-law, Anita, also operate a small herd of registered Angus.

After serving 23 years as a regional manager for the American Angus Association in the northeastern United States, **William "Bill" Powell Jr.**, Thurmont, Md., has announced he will retire from his position as regional manager in March 2003.

Since 1980, Powell has provided service to thousands of members in his territory, which consists of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

He and his wife, Gail, will continue to operate Arrowhead Farms in Thurmont and plan to spend most of their time working together on the farm.

The search for a person to fill the position of American Angus Association and Angus Productions Inc. (API) regional manager for the northeastern United States has begun. Candidates should apply by sending a résumé and cover letter to John Crouch, Executive Vice President, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

**Wythe Willey**, National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) president and Angus producer from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be appointed by President Bush to serve on the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and



**Bill Powell**

## Mid-South Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Dec. 6, Holly Springs, Miss.



► The Mid-South Angus Ass'n board of directors was elected for the next year. Officers are (seated, from left) **David Skinner**, Grand Junction, Tenn., president; **Alan Ladd**, Hernando, Miss., vice president; **James Wheeler**, Booneville, Miss., secretary; and **Billy Gurley**, Potts Camp, Miss., treasurer. Directors are (standing, from left) **James Gurley**, Potts Camp, Miss.; **Boyce Lamb**, Sarah, Miss.; and **Billy White**, Huron, Tenn.

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Negotiations (ACTPN), according to an NCBA press release. He will serve a two-year term.

The ACTPN committee will advise U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick on objectives and bargaining positions before entering into a trade agreement, the operation of a trade agreement, and other matters that arise with U.S. trade policy.

**Bart Gill** of Newport, Pa., and **Travis Chrisman** of York, Neb., have been awarded fellowships from the International Stockmen's Educational Foundation (ISEF). They will attend the International Livestock Congress (ILC) Feb. 25-28 in Houston, Texas.

To qualify for the fellowship, university students or graduate students were selected on the basis of their academic achievements, interest in beef or equine agriculture, leadership abilities, and other service projects.

Gill is representing Pennsylvania State University and Chrisman is representing Colorado State University.

Officers of the Colorado Angus Association include **Curt Werner**, Merino, president; **Ric Miller**, Kiowa, vice president; **Rosemary Bilchak**, Silt, secretary; and **Mark Nieslanik**, Carbondale, treasurer.

## ▶ WEDDING

**Betsie Ebert** married **Jason Michael** in Winston Salem, N.C., on Dec. 14. With a wedding gift from Ebert's parents, Bill and Jane, Betsie and Jason are starting their own cattle herd, known as Coldwater Creek Angus. They now reside in Churchville, Va.

## ▶ IN PASSING


**Elsworth Candee**, 84, of Fairview, Mont., died at his home Oct. 1.

He was born Feb. 22, 1918, to Elmer and Jennie (Willoughby) Candee. He lived on a homestead with three brothers and five sisters.

Candee worked at the Fort Peck Dam and as a carpenter. In 1941 he joined the U.S. Air Force, and was stationed in San Antonio and Midland, Texas, where he met his wife, Johnnie Mae Collier.

In 1952, Candee moved to Fairview, bought his family farm, and started Candee Angus.

Candee was a member of the Faith Alliance Church.

He is survived by his wife, son Garey, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. 

## ▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

A recent **Montana Stockgrowers Association** (MSGA) breast cancer benefit raised \$2,000 to help those seeking a cure for the disease.

The Women's Wine and Cheese Breast Cancer Benefit, held during the MSGA annual convention in Billings, was a fundraiser for the Montana affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

**Jack Greenburg**, chief executive of McDonald's Corp., has announced his resignation from the world's biggest restaurant chain. He will step down from his post by the end of 2003 because he failed to reinvigorate sales after assuming the position in 1998. **Jim Cantalupo**, former vice chairman and CEO of McDonald's International, will come out of retirement to become the chief executive.