

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 Angus of members’ passing.

IN THE NEWS

Skyview Farms, Buena Vista, Va., and the current owners, brothers Fred and James Carter, have been recognized by the American Angus Association with the Historic Angus Herd award to showcase their commitment to the Angus breed. The farm has raised registered Angus cattle for nearly 72 years.

Father and son duo Wendell and Fred Carter ventured into registered Angus in the fall of 1946 when Wendell bought his son two registered heifers from a small Angus herd sale as a surprise. The heifers made such an impression that Fred became a member of the American Angus Association in 1948. Today, the heifers’ descendants are part of the Polling and Scriver herds in West Virginia.

With the success of the two heifers, Wendell and Fred continued to grow their commercial herd through regional and state sales. One purchase was a registered bull named Buxom Bandalier AH that became the cornerstone of their breeding program. After Wendell died in 1956, James joined Fred to run the business a few years later, and, in 1960, James also joined the American Angus Association.

“I observed that many cattle have black hides; however, I found myself partial to the Angus breed due to their hearty nature, ability to consume rough food and capacity to produce heavier calves,” Fred said. “One of the strengths of our business that is true still today for breeders is the caliber of key individuals involved in the breed.”

Fred and James began selling their

performance-tested breeding stock free of dwarfism, and their clients received detailed performance records for every Angus purchased, which was not commonplace at that time.

In the fall of 1967, Fred and James hosted Skyview Farms’ first purebred, registered Angus heifer sale. These sales continued every fall for 18 years before transitioning to private sales.

Skyview Farms has been recognized for the quality of its herd through a couple of key awards, including the 1987 Virginia Seed Stock Producers and the Top Bulls Redhouse Test Station, Va., award in the early 1970s.

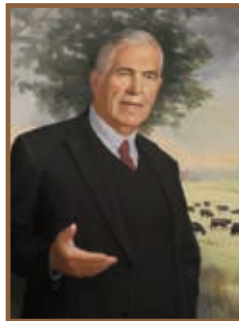
Starting in the mid-1960s, they purchased more acreage and managed approximately 175 cows until the late 1990s, when they scaled

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Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo., was the 2017 inductee into the prestigious Saddle & Sirlain Portrait Gallery during the 2017 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Nov. 12, 2017, in Louisville, Ky.

Burke received the honor before a crowd of more than 400 people from 37 states, Canada, Scotland, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, New Zealand and Australia.

The event kicked off with a country music show by Grand Ole Opry star Leroy Van Dyke, followed by the national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance by Daniel McFarland of Louisiana. The invocation was given by John



Harrell of Alabama, followed by an Angus dinner.

Speakers on behalf of Burke included Dave Hawkins, Michigan; Carlos Ojea Rullan, Argentina; Charles W. Herbster, Nebraska; Billy Estrada, Mexico; David Nichols and Paul Skartvedt, both of Iowa; Geordie Soutar, Scotland; Jack Parnell, Idaho; Kurt Schaff, Jeremy Haag, Eric Grant and Milford Jenkins, all of Missouri; and Leah Mindemann, Wisconsin.

The portrait was presented by artist Richard Halstead, Evanston, Ill., with the unveiling by Schaff and Haag. The portrait was accepted by the members of the Kentucky State Fair Board. It will be on display at the Kentucky State Fair Grounds in the Saddle & Sirlain Portrait area.

back to approximately 100 cows from 2000 to 2013. The brothers managed the family cattle business together until they retired in 2013.

The Historic Angus Herd award is presented to active Angus breeders and immediate family members who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

Steven Lastovica, Angus breeder from Salado, has been elected to the

Texas Beef Council (TBC) board of directors. Lastovica is an at-large member of the TBC board and is the newly elected vice chairman.

The TBC board of directors consists entirely of beef producers providing representation of the state through organization affiliation. In addition, the board may elect two directors at large, without nomination by a qualified organization, to round out the board with equitable geographic

and sector representation.

Ryan Moorhouse of Hartley is the newly elected chairman of the TBC board. He represents the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. Joining Moorhouse and Lastovica on the executive committee are Austin Brown III, representing the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; Michael White, representing Texas Farm Bureau; and outgoing chair Jason Beyer,

North Carolina Auxiliary Summer, July-August, 2017



Left: Participants in the North Carolina summer outing were (from left) **Kent Beck**, Lexington; **Clay Perdue**, Louisburg; **Christy Perdue**, Louisburg; **Carol Perdue**, Louisburg; **Renee Hernandez**, Pineola; **Courtney Wyatt**, Mount Pleasant; **Revonda Cassavaugh**, Lenoir; **Mary Ruth Sheets**, Lexington; **Elaine Wood**, Willow Spring; **Gayle Jones**, Benson; **Cortney Holshouser**, Castalia; **Judy Johnson**, Four Oaks; **Kathryn Tharrington**, Louisburg; **Burton Johnson**, Four Oaks; **Martha Holshouser**, Gold Hill; and **Suzanne Brewer**, Lexington.

Christy Perdue, North Carolina Angus Auxiliary president, says North Carolina summers can be full of hot, sunny, busy days. This summer was no exception.

"Our days were filled with our annual summer outing, preparation for and assistance at the LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Angus Development) conference, and promotion and selling of raffle tickets for our 2017 fundraiser," she said.

The summer outing carried us to Lexington. Thanks to the dedicated work of Jane Ebert and Cortney Holshouser, participants enjoyed beautiful sites, yummy food and a tour. Day 1 included 16 participants and started with a catered lunch and tour of Childress Vineyards. We continued downtown, where we toured the Candy Factory, Davidson County Historical Museum, Conrad & Hinkle Food Market, Lanier's Hardware and Rock Nursery. Day 1 ended with a delicious meal at Cook's Barbecue. On Day 2, eight attendees enjoyed a wonderful day at the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

We were fortunate to be able to assist with the 2017 LEAD hosted in North Carolina. We had the pleasure of sponsoring a portion of the evening at Wood Angus Farm. National Junior Angus Association members enjoyed an overview of the operation, had a wonderful dinner, took a tour of the show barn, and participated in a judging contest. The Auxiliary was happy to provide and serve desserts, as well as provide a photo booth. We thank the Wood family for allowing us to take part in such a wonderful event.



North Carolina visitors to Childress Vineyards were (from left) **Cortney Holshouser** and **Christy Perdue**.

representing packers. Directors can serve up to six consecutive one-year terms on the TBC board.

IN PASSING

Richard Willham, 85, Ames, Iowa, died Jan. 1, 2018.

Richard was born May 4, 1932, in Hutchinson, Kan. He married Esther Burkhart in 1954. He received a bachelor's degree in animal science from the Oklahoma A&M College (1954), and a master's degree (1955) in animal breeding and genetics and a doctorate (1960) from Iowa State University.

Before receiving his doctorate, Richard served as an officer (1956-1957) in the United States Army in Korea. After returning to the United States, he worked as an assistant professor (1959-1963) in the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University. He accepted a position as an associate professor (1963-1966) at Oklahoma State University. He returned to Iowa State in 1966 as an associate professor (1966-1971) and was soon promoted to professor (1971-1997). In 1979, the university bestowed the title of C.F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor

in Agriculture on him. He became professor emeritus in 1997.

While at Iowa State, Richard was a moving force in developing the national sire evaluation, and he worked closely with the beef industry to develop genetic predictions, known as expected progeny differences (EPDs). He also created the "Computer Cow Game" (1966), a computer program used to interest undergraduate students in beef cattle genetics through the use of a simulated cattle herd.

Richard also conducted a beef-dairy crossbreeding experiment (1967-1978), which studied the lifetime production of dairy introductions. This project was Iowa State University's contribution to the North Central Regional Beef Cattle Breeding Project.

Richard published more than 200 articles and books. His works include *A Heritage of Leadership: a story of the first 100 years of the Animal Science Department at Iowa State University* (1996) and the *Legacy of the Stockman* (1985). He was the guest curator for the "Art About Livestock" exhibition for the 1990 American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) annual meeting. In 1999, he

also painted a mural entitled, *The Coffee Time Mural*, which illustrates the history of animal breeding and genetics.

Richard belonged to several professional organizations, including the ASAS and the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF). He also received numerous honors and awards, including a National Science Foundation Fellowship, the J.R. Prentice Memorial Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics from the ASAS (1978), a Continuing Service Award from BIF (1974), and a distinguished service award from the Red Angus Association of America (1981). Richard was named the recipient of the 2004 Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Award for his outstanding contribution to animal science. A copy of the portrait hangs in the Saddle and Sirloin Club gallery at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky., and in Kildee Hall at Iowa State University.

Richard is survived by his wife; their two children, Karen and Lee; and three grandchildren. **AJ**

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North Carolina Auxiliary Summer, July-August, 2017, continued



North Carolina junior members and adults at the 2017 NJAA LEAD conference were (from left) **Cara Smith** and **Thomas Smith**, both of Pleasant Garden; **Marcie Harward**, Richfield; **Chelsie Bobbitt**, Sparta; **Lynae Bowman**, Winston-Salem; **Elaine Wood**, **Russell Wood**, and **Mary Elaine Wood**, all of Willow Spring; **Laura LeGlue**, Asheboro; **Taylor Glover**, Pikeville; **Wyatt Kendall**, Magnolia; **Mattie Harward**, Richfield; **Justin Wood**, Willow Spring; and **Madison Boyd**, Pinetown.



North Carolina participants at the NJAA LEAD conference were (from left) **Christy Perdue**, **Carol Perdue**, and **Cortney Holshouser**.