

Newsmakers

■ IN THE NEWS

Curt Balthaser received the 2001 Industry Excellence Award at the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Annual Awards Banquet. Balthaser has served for 20 years as a beef cattle herdsman in the animal science department at Ohio State University and was named an honorary professor of beef cattle science. He has been involved in grazing projects and stocker, feeder and cow-calf operations with Angus and other breeds.

Also at the awards banquet, **Jim Jepson**, Amanda, Ohio, received the 2001 Young Cattleman of the Year Award. Jepson operates approximately 180 acres of rotationally grazed pasture and haylands and about 800 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat. He also manages a herd that is predominantly Angus.

OCA leaders for 2001 are **Glen Feichtner**, New Washington, president; **Steve DeBruin**, Millersport, vice president;

Elizabeth Harsh, Radnor, secretary and executive director; **Dave Mustard**, Hillsboro, treasurer; **Fred Vollborn**, Bidwell, director at large; and **Mel Earich**, Williamsport, National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) representative.

Leading the Ohio CattleWomen's Association in 2001 are **Patty DeBruin**, Millersport, president; **Linde Calhoun**, Leavittsburg, vice president; **Patti Spengler**, Woodsfield, secretary; and **Dona Tullis**, London, treasurer.

The new officers of the Pennsylvania Angus Association are **Harry Bachman**, Annville, president; **Dale Rains**, Mercer, vice president; **Barbara Weaver**, New Holland, secretary; and **Brad Bishard**, York, treasurer. Directors elected to three-year terms include **Erskine Cash**, Centre Hall; **Allen Detwiler**, Roaring Spring; **Donald Nichols**, Tyrone, and **Althea Taggart**, Waynesburg.

Charles Crochet, Lafayette, La., has been named vice president of sales and marketing for Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, and its subsidiary, Ultimate Genetics. Crochet is in charge of sales and marketing of all products and services produced by the two companies, as well as all of their foreign marketing in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Bolivia.

Don Hineman, Dighton, Kan., has been elected the 84th president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA). Hineman owns and operates a 150-head cow herd that includes Angus, Red Angus and Gelbvieh.

Whitestone Farm announces new employees

Whitestone Farm, Aldie, Va., announces the hiring of three new employees.

Scott Buchanan began work on Jan. 1. His duties include managing Whitestone's show and sale cattle and assisting with the cow herd. Buchanan graduated from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va., with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Hunter Chapman came on board in December. He will be working with Buchanan to help manage the show and sale cattle. Chapman graduated from Ferrum College, Ferrum Va., with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness.

Clark McKimmy, who originally began work as an intern from Michigan State University, was hired as a full-time employee. His duties include the development of yearling bulls and yearling heifers and the maintenance of all equipment. His other duties include work in the cow herd and with Whitestone's donor program. McKimmy graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Chad and Mindy Ward, Eldorado, Ohio, wish to announce the birth of their son, **Dawson Ray**. Dawson was born at 6:21 p.m., Dec. 20. He measured 20½ in. and weighed 7 lb., 6 oz. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Mary Lou Ward, Whitewater, Wis. Maternal grandparents are Ray and Ranae Rantanen, Athol, Idaho.

Colton and Roslyn Walter of Black Rose Angus, Meade, Kan., wish to announce the birth of their son, **Caiden Logan**, on Jan. 18. Caiden weighed 7 lb., 4 oz. and measured 19 in. long. He was welcomed home by his sister, Payton Grace.

Glenn Poirier and Tammy House, Saint Joseph, Mo., wish to announce the

Chisholm Trail Angus Association celebrates 50 years



Members of the Chisholm Trail Angus Association met in Wellington, Kan., Jan. 4 to plan their 50th anniversary sale. The event is one of the country's oldest continuously managed association sales. Attending were (front row, from left) **Lon Hawkins**, Cherokee, Okla.; secretary **Susan Grelinger**, Derby, Kan.; **Fred Holder**, Milton, Kan.; **Shelia Whiteman**, Atlanta, Kan.; **Linda McIntire** and **Olen Taton**, both of Argonia, Kan.; **Susie Steffen**, Conway Springs, Kan.; **Bob Grelinger**, Derby, Kan.; (back row, from left) **Roger Shire**, Medford, Okla.; president **Bill McIntire**, Argonia, Kan.; **Duane Davis**, Westmoreland, Kan.; and **Travis McIntire**, **Nick Steffen** and **Bret Steffen**, all of Conway Springs, Kan.

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Jan. 20 birth of their daughter, **Alexis Jolene**. She weighed 5 lb., 6 oz. and was 18½ in. long. Tammy is a software support technician in the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) Department at the American Angus Association.

■ IN PASSING

Robert R. "Bob" Parker, 67, of Oak Ridge Ranch, Quanah, Texas, passed away Dec. 13, 2000, at Plano (Texas) Presbyterian Hospital as a result of complications following surgery.

Parker was born Jan. 25, 1933, in Olustee, Okla. He was the eldest child of Bryan and Mabel Parker. A businessman, rancher and farmer, he owned Oak Ridge Ranch.

Before his retirement, Parker served as the CEO and as a member of the board of directors of HealthPlan Services Inc., Tampa, Fla., and Columbus, Ohio.

He was a 1956 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He also attended graduate programs at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., and at the University of Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra (Bilbrey); two brothers: Bill, Quanah, and Michael, Norman, Okla.; three children: Phillip of Norman, Jamie Shepherd of Plano, and Christopher of Atlanta, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and one nephew.

Memorials may be sent to the Westview Boys Home, PO Box 553, Hollis, OK 73550 or to the Olustee Cemetery Association.

■ ALSO IN THE NEWS

Gene Deutscher, professor of animal sciences and beef reproduction specialist, retired Dec. 31, 2000, after 22 years with the University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center (WCREC). Upon his retirement, Deutscher was named professor emeritus by the university.

"I have really enjoyed working with the beef producers in Nebraska and appreciate their great support," Deutscher says.

Improvement of beef cattle reproduction was the focus of Deutscher's research and Extension activities. He researched methods to reduce calving difficulty and calf losses by using pelvic measurements, sire selection and heifer development. He also evaluated many estrus synchronization and artificial insemination (AI) programs and the use of sexed semen.

Glen Hoffsis, Powell, Ohio, was honored with the 2001 Beef Industry Service Award by the Ohio Cattlemen's Association at its annual banquet. Hoffsis has played a major role in the cattle industry as a veterinarian. He has held leadership positions with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee, the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. In addition, Hoffsis has served as dean of the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine since 1995.

Gary Kaplan, formerly of Bend, Ore., began work Jan. 15, 2001, as CEO of Consolidated Beef Producers Inc., Amarillo, Texas. He brings a varied background to the position, including trading experience. Previously, he worked with Dubuque Packing Co., the Kroger Co., and Drexel Burnham Lambert. He also has maintained a seat on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) since 1979.

Tim Murphy recently was appointed technical services manager for VetLife, West Des Moines, Iowa. In his new position, Murphy will work with feedyards, cow-calf producers, stocker operators, nutritionists, veterinarians and distributors. He also will conduct and interpret research.

Bruce Odeen retired from his position as vice president of advertising and public relations with Accelerated Genetics, Baraboo, Wis., on Jan. 1. Odeen, a pioneer in the shaping of Accelerated Genetics and the AI industry, had filled the position for 20 years.

Succeeding Odeen is **Janet Keller** of Oregon, Wis., who previously had worked for Accelerated in the 1980s as public relations coordinator.

In January, **Philip Morris Cos. Inc.**, Richmond, Va., announced the nine winners of its Shared Solutions™ Agricultural Contributions program for 2000. Grants totaling \$200,000 were awarded to agriculturally related, nonprofit organizations that address shared issues in the industry.

Grant winners include:

- American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, \$25,000;
- Clemson University Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences,

\$25,000 to help fund research for a new method of treating dairy-animal lagoon wastewater;

- Fond du Lac (Wis.) Association of Commerce Foundation, \$11,500 for help in conducting its Agricultural Ambassador Program;
- Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute Inc., \$25,000 for its leadership program;
- Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, \$25,000 for its mobile agricultural laboratory program;
- National Cattlemen's Foundation, \$33,500 for its youth-oriented Burger Town Web site;
- Project Food, Land & People, \$25,000 for its 2001 Community Teacher Workshop in California, Arizona, Colorado, Texas and Illinois;
- University of California-Davis Department of Population Health and Reproduction, School of Veterinary Medicine, \$22,500 for its online food safety education program regarding dairy cattle; and
- Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, \$7,500 for a statewide Agriculture in the Classroom conference.

Sparks Cos. Inc., Memphis, Tenn., has announced four staff appointments.

Mike Sands has been named coordinator of economic analysis for the meat, poultry and dairy group, coordinating the research and analysis across the meat categories. In addition to his new duties, he will continue to serve as senior cattle and beef analyst.

Brad Anderson has been appointed research coordinator of data and technology, acting as a liaison between the company's research and technology groups. He also will continue to serve as the company's feed grain analyst.

Ken Eriksen has been hired as senior transportation analyst. He previously worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) as a statistician.

Jason Lawton has been hired as a consultant. Lawton came to Sparks from Madison, Wis., where he worked for the banking division of Marshall & Ilsley Corp. as a senior agricultural credit analyst.

The South Carolina Cattlemen's Association is moving. The new address is PO Box 1388, Anderson, SC 29622-1388. The phone and fax numbers are the same.

■ ALABAMA



Kenneth Kelly, Waynesboro, Tenn., consigned the champion female at the 2000 Alabama Angus Association Fall Sale, Nov. 11, in Cullman. Pictured are (from left) Marty Stricklin, Savannah, Tenn., buyer; Robert Fox, Alabama Angus Association president; and Kelly.



Richard and Kala Dyar, Crossville, consigned the reserve champion female at the 2000 Alabama Angus Association Fall Sale. Pictured are (from left) Marty Stricklin, buyer; Robert Fox; and Kala and Richard Dyar.



Frank and Maureen Graveman, Cullman, consigned the champion bull at the 2000 Alabama Angus Association Fall Sale. Pictured are (from left) Marty Stricklin, buyer; Robert Fox; and Frank and Maureen Graveman.



Amie and Meghan Hill, Holly Pond, consigned the reserve champion bull at the 2000 Alabama Angus Association Fall Sale. Pictured are (from left) Jay Evers, Hoover, buyer; Robert Fox; and Amie and Meghan Hill.

■ COLORADO



The Colorado Angus Association named the **Lazy H Ranch**, Larkspur, the Angus promoter of the year. Pictured are (from left) **Tari Hoagland**; **Mitch Rohr**, **Lea Rohr** and **Judy McCaughey**, all of Larkspur.



The Colorado Angus Association honored **Gloria Toyne** (right), Sedgwick, as its 2000 Pioneer Breeder. Tari Hoagland, Colorado Angus Association vice president, presents the award at the 2001 National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

■ INDIANA



Leaders of the Indiana Angus Association for 2001 are (seated, from left) **Duane Jackson**, Anderson, president; **Samuel Carter**, Upland, first vice president; **Dennis Wood**, Fort Wayne, second vice president; **Cathy Watkins**, Middletown, secretary; **David Smith**, Greensburg, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Michael Haag**, Plymouth, past president; and directors **George Zeller**, Noblesville; **Bradley Ferree**, Jasonville; **Paul Hart Jr.**, Montgomery; **Richard Wessel**, Trafalgar; **Loran Wilson**, Orleans; **Jerry Otte**, Seymour; **Donald Bloom**, Westville; **Richard Brooks**, Thorntown; and **Chris Wickard**, Greenfield.



Michael Haag (left), past president of the Indiana Angus Association, presents **Donald Bloom**, Westville, the 2000 President's Award at the 2000 Indiana Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet, Dec. 29, in Indianapolis.



Officers of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary for 2001 are (from left) **Lisa Robertson**, Marysville, president; **Virginia Hart**, Thorntown, first vice president; **Judy Howell**, Union City, third vice president; and **Karen Smith**, Greensburg, secretary-treasurer. Not pictured is **Heidi Zenor**, Williamsport, second vice president.

The Stewart family, Greensburg, was named the 2000 Indiana Angus Association family of the year. **Pam Snapp** (left), Edinburg, presents the Don Snapp Memorial Award to **Gilman Stewart** in honor of the recognition.

