

Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Rest named Ass'n regional manager

Andy Rest, Billings, Mont., has been named the American Angus Association regional manager for Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming, effective Feb. 1. Taking over for longtime Association employee, **Ron Frye**, Rest will serve members and represent the Association and *Angus Journal* at Angus sales, shows, field days and other events.



Andy Rest

Rest most recently worked for the *Western Beef Producer*. He brings more than 20 years of breed association and magazine skills to his new duties. He worked as editorial assistant and fieldman for the *International Limousin Journal* and as a fieldman for the *Limousin World*.

"Andy brings a wealth of experience to this position, and we are excited about having him become a member of 'Team Angus,'" says John Crouch, interim executive vice president for the American Angus Association.

A native of Evanston, Ill., Rest earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural journalism from Colorado State University (CSU). In his limited spare time, he enjoys golfing,

working with horses and brushing up on American history.

Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms named historic herd

Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms, Columbus Junction, Iowa, has been recognized as a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association. The farm is owned and managed by the **Robert Schlutz family**.

Robert Schlutz purchased his first Angus heifer in 1948 as a 4-H project. The herd continued to grow until he graduated from high school. Upon graduation, Robert and his parents, Dale and Esther Schlutz, formed a partnership known as D.E. Schlutz & Son. The growing herd was later named "Da-Es-Ro," which was comprised of the first two letters of the partners' names.

Four generations have taken active roles in the operation during its more than 50 years in the Angus business. Robert is still very active in the management of the herd, which includes 120 head of cows. He is assisted by his grandson, Eric Schlutz.

Da-Es-Ro hosts an annual production sale in December. The Schlutzes use ultrasound, artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer (ET) to improve genetics. The herd is enrolled in the Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program as well.

On Dec. 15, 2001, **Burke Healey**, Davis, Okla., and **Don Ramsey**, Jones, Okla., were honored with the Distinguished Agriculture Alumnus award from Oklahoma State University (OSU).

A 1955 graduate in animal science, Healey has served on the NCBA Board of Directors for the past six years, representing the American Hereford Association and Oklahoma producers as a whole.

Additionally, he has served on the National Cattlemen's Association executive committee and as president of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association.



Burke Healey

A 1950 graduate in agricultural education, Ramsey spent 20 years as a vocational agriculture instructor, working with young people in three different Oklahoma communities: Washington, Alfalfa and Jones.

In 1972, he left teaching to devote his efforts full-time to a new enterprise, Blue & Gold Sausage Co. Today, this company provides sausage for more than 700 fund-raising groups and is the primary fund-raising program for Oklahoma FFA chapters.

He is a past president of the Oklahoma FFA Foundation board of directors, Southwest American Livestock Foundation and Sirloin Club of America.



Don Ramsey

Terry Murphy, Saint Ignatius, Mont., was elected to his first two-year term on the Montana Stockgrowers Association Board of Directors. Murphy, who will represent the Western District, is a partner in his family's cow-calf operation, Pattiglen Angus Ranch.

Sieben Livestock Co., Cascade, Mont., has been awarded the Montana Environmental Stewardship Award by the Montana Stockgrowers Association's Research, Education & Endowment Foundation.

Sieben Livestock, led by Chase Hibbard, is one of the oldest ranches in Montana. It has been in existence since 1907. Since that time, the operation has seen significant changes that have improved range conditions and forage quality, which have resulted in positive effects on the ranch's overall productivity.

Sieben Livestock will advance to regional competition through the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). They will compete with nominees from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Brett and Melanie Schuering, Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo., wish to announce the Dec. 25, 2001, birth of their son, **Garrett Paul**. He weighed 8 lb., 13½ oz. and measured 22 in. long.

Paternal grandparents are Diane Schuering, Mansfield, Ill., and the late Paul Schuering Jr. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Edna Lavinder, S&L Angus, Thompson, Mo.

Mike and Kim Rusher would like to announce the Jan. 11 birth of their daughter, **Kylee Marie**. She weighed 8 lb., 6 oz. and was 20½ in. long.

Bill and Donna Conley, Conley Angus Farm, Clarksdale, Mo., would like to announce the Jan. 12 birth of their son, **William Trey**. He weighed 7 lb., 14 oz. and was 20 in. long. Donna serves as photo coordinator for Angus Productions Inc. (API).

IN PASSING

Frank Harding, 90, of Vermont, died Jan. 12. He was the chairman and founder of American Live Stock Insurance Co.

Harding was born at Anoka Farms in Waukesha, Wis. He attended the University of Chicago where he received a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

He served as a lieutenant commander on a destroyer in the Pacific Ocean during World War II (WWII). After the war, Harding lived in Chicago, but moved to

Geneva, Ill., in 1950. He was active in many business and social organizations with particular involvement in the Geneva Golf Club where he served as president, the local hospital where he served as trustee, and Dunham Woods Riding Club in Wayne, Ill.

After WWII, Harding teamed up with his father and formed Harding & Harding, which at the time was an insurance agency as well as an importer and exporter. In 1952 Harding and lifelong friend Clint Tomson founded American Live Stock Insurance Co.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo, as well as his son, Terry, and daughter, Dana. He is survived by his daughter, Kris, and partner, Jean Adams.

His livestock career started with the husbandry and showing of Shorthorn cattle. Later, he worked at major ranches in the West.

He was a head cattle buyer for Armour & Co. in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was also a livestock judge as well as an exporter and importer of cattle. He originated the third-country concept for bringing cattle to America. He worked to protect the health and welfare of the industry from disease, and he was honored as a life member of the U.S. Animal Health Association.

Harding is the only third-generation inductee to the Saddle & Sirloln Club. He was honored in 1982. His father and grandfather received the honor in 1915 and 1905, respectively.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice or to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, 1700 N.E. 63rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111.

Glenn Gibb, 87, Piper City, Ill., passed away Jan. 8 at his home.

He was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Armstrong, Mo., to Albert and Dora Gibb. On Sept. 2, 1940, he married Emily Purdum in Fairbury, Ill. She survives. Other survivors include three sons, David, Don and Jim; and one daughter, Anita.

Gibb was a 1933 graduate of Fairbury High School. In the 1940s, he was a manager of the grocery department at Walton's Department Store in Fairbury. In 1947 he began raising Angus cattle on a farm north of Piper City.

Gibb was an elder in the Piper City Presbyterian Church and a 4-H leader. He was a member of the Piper City School Board, the American Angus Association, the Illinois Angus Association and the Piper City Farmers Grain Board. He was also a district commissioner and a Mason.

Claude Willett, 87, Greenfield, Mo., passed away on Oct. 31, 2001.

Willett was born on Dec. 29, 1913, in

▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Dec. 29, 2001, Indianapolis



▶ The 2002 board of directors of the Indiana Angus Ass'n includes (front row, from left) **Samuel Carter**, Upland, president; **Dennis Wood**, Fort Wayne, first vice president; **Loran Wilson**, Orleans, second vice president; **Cathy Watkins**, Middletown, secretary; **David Smith**, Greensburg, treasurer and American Angus Association Board Member; (standing, from left) **Duane Jackson**, Anderson, past president; **James Patton**, Crawfordsville, director; **George Zeller**, Noblesville, director; **Jim Amsden**, Milford, director; **Richard Brooks**, Thorntown, director; **Chris Wickard**, Greenfield, director; **Jer-ry Otte**, Seymour, director; **Chad Wilson**, Cloverdale, director; and **David Raab**, Warren, director.



▶ 2002 leaders of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Virginia Hart**, Thorntown, president; **Natalie Barker**, Avon, first vice president; **Judith Howell**, Winchester, second vice president; **Julie Rieker**, Columbus, third vice president; and **Sandy Carmichael**, Bloomington, secretary-treasurer.



▶ The **Richard and Sharon Sommers** family, Silver Lake, were the recipients of the 2001 Don Snepp Memorial Award/Indiana Angus Family of the Year. Pictured (from left) are, **Sharon and Janelle Sommers**, both of Silver Lake; and **Pamela Snepp**, Edinburgh, presenting the honor.

Cedar County, Missouri. He was a graduate of Stockton High School and a 1939 graduate of the University of Missouri.

Willett served as a fieldman for the *Kansas City Daily Drivers Telegram*. From 1946 to 1950, he served as a livestock representative for *The Cattleman* magazine. Later, he served for 12 years as a fieldman in Oklahoma for the *American Hereford Journal*, retiring in 1978.

Willett married Jean Colley in Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1946. She passed away in 1996. He is survived by a daughter, Martha.

Erstine "Ed" Huff, 79, Culpeper, Va., passed away Nov. 4, 2001, after a long bout with cancer.

Huff was raised on a livestock farm in Dugspur, Va. He received a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from Virginia Tech in 1944.

He worked for livestock publications, the *Eastern Breeder* and *The Breeder Stockman*. He also was on the staff of the American Shorthorn Association and the *Shorthorn World*. For many years, he worked for the *Livestock Breeders Journal*, and later he worked for the Virginia Department of Agriculture, giving weekly market reports.

Upon his retirement, he worked numerous livestock sales as a ringman. He is survived by daughters Sara and Phyllis Ann; twin sons Gary and Bill; and his former wife, Inez.

Virginia Fowler, 70, Ninnekah, Okla., passed away Dec. 28, 2001. She was born Jan. 7, 1931, to Ernest and Mildred Mickel in Topeka, Kan.

Fowler is survived by her husband, Charles Fowler; a daughter, Mabelle; and a stepson, Charles Jr.

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►The 2002 board of directors of the North Dakota Angus Ass'n includes (front row, from left) **Brad Tokach**, Saint Anthony; **Vernon Frey**, Granville, secretary/treasurer; **David Opp**, Hebron; **Dale Luhman**, Gladstone, president; **David Petry**, Minot, immediate past president; (back row, from left) **Charles Tastad**, Rolette; **Randall Graham**, Minot; **Terry Wolkenhauer**, Flaxton; **Keith Medalen**, Towner; **Ken Lefor**, South Heart; **John Novodvorsky III**, Douglas; **Billy Hoffmann**, Wheatland; and **Chad Ellingson**, Saint Anthony.

►**Elwood Andersen** (left), Scranton, was named the 2001 Man of the Year. Pictured with Elwood is his wife, **Gerry**.



►**Mary and Floyd Anderson**, Ruso, were named the 2001 North Dakota Angus Ass'n Commercial Breeder of the Year.



►**Jallo Angus Ranch**, Fordville, was named the 2001 North Dakota Angus Ass'n Breeder of the Year. Pictured (from left) are **Jamie, Deb, Darrell, Harold, Carol** and **Jessica Jallo**. **Jason Jallo** is holding the plaque.

Joe Dye, 53, of Dye Angus Farm, Portland, Tenn., passed away Nov. 15, 2001. He was the son of James and Ruth (Tracey) Dye.

Dye was a member of the American Angus Association and manager and co-owner of Dye Angus Farm. He was also a Vietnam veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; and two children, Michael and Wendy.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) chief executive officer (CEO) **Chuck Schroeder** has resigned his position effective March 1. He has accepted a position as executive director of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Schroeder joined NCBA in November 1995 as the organization's first CEO.

Terry Stokes, NCBA executive vice president and chief financial officer, has been named interim CEO. A search committee will be formed with a goal of having a permanent CEO named as soon as possible.

In related news, NCBA's Center for Public Policy is pleased to announce the promotion of **Gayle DeBerry** to executive assistant, public policy. DeBerry began with NCBA in December as receptionist for the Washington, D.C. office. DeBerry will assist Chandler Keys, vice president, public policy and Jay Truitt executive director, legislative affairs.

Cooperative Resources Int'l (CRI) CEO **Tom Lyon** has announced his retirement, effective March 1. Lyon has served as CEO since the formation of CRI in 1993.

The CRI Board of Directors has announced the appointment of a new CEO. **Douglas Wilson** will assume duties on March 1.

On Jan. 25, the Senate approved the following Bush Administration nominations for key Department of Interior positions: **Harold Manson**, of California, to be assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and **Rebecca Watson**, of Montana, to be an assistant secretary for Lands and Minerals.

On Jan. 26, the full Senate confirmed **Steve Williams** of Kansas as the new director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

