

Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Jean Riffle, Pleasant Hill, Mo., was awarded the Prime Beef Educator Award by the American National CattleWomen (ANCW), for the fourth consecutive year, at its February annual banquet and awards ceremony in Denver, Colo. The award recognizes Riffle's efforts in educating consumers about the nutritional value of beef and beef products.

The Little Apple Brewing Co. Restaurant, Manhattan, Kan., was voted as having the city's "Best Steak" in a recent write-in ballot contest conducted by the *Manhattan Mercury* newspaper.

Galen and Lori Fink, Manhattan, are part owners of this restaurant, which features *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) in its main entrées.

ORigen Inc., Billings, Mont., a new breeder-owned genetics services company, and **ABS Global**, De Forest, Wis., the world's largest supplier of beef genetics, have announced an agreement for a mutual marketing of ORigen genetics.

The venture will allow ABS to distribute the top sires in eight major breeds from all of ORigen's partners, including **Leachman Cattle Co.**, Billings, Mont.; **Stevenson Basin**, Hobson, Mont.; **Summitcrest Farms**, Summitville, Ohio; **DeBryucker**

Charolais, Dutton, Mont.; **Express Ranches**, Yukon, Okla.; **Sitz Angus Ranch**, Dillon and Harrison, Mont.; **Sydenstricker Genetics**, Mexico, Mo.; **Edwards Angus Ranch**, Billings, Mont.; and **Three Trees Ranch**, Sharpsburg, Ga.

Don Lawson, of Lawsons Ythanbrae Angus, Yea, Victoria, Australia, was recently awarded an Order of Australia medal for his service to the beef industry.

The Lawsons manage a 2,000-cow herd, in which all are bred by artificial insemination (AI) or embryo transfer (ET). Currently, the Lawsons are involved in a cooperative venture with Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan.

Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Jan. 5, Russellville



► 2002 officers of the Arkansas Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Thomas Huls**, Lincoln, vice president; **Darrell Tunstill**, Fayetteville, secretary; **Chuck Boecker**, Bentonville, president; (standing, from left) **Olen Price**, Barling; **Fred Slocum**, Quitman; **Shirley Williams**, Fort Smith; and **Teddy Morelock**, Fayetteville.

Black Hills Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Jan. 27, Rapid City, S.D.



► 2002 officers of the Black Hills Angus Ass'n include (from left) **Troy Gabriel**, Midland, vice president; **Jim Perino**, Newcastle, Wyo., secretary; **Craig Kukuchka**, Belle Fourche, president; and **Vaughn Meyer**, Reva, treasurer.



► **Norman Foos**, Nisland, was honored as Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **Norman, Jenelle, Renee, John** and **Bryce Foos**, all of Nisland.

Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Jan. 26, Athens



► 2002 directors of the Georgia Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Ralph Bridges**, Lexington, director; **Traci Britt**, Loganville, vice president; **Ann Bell**, Good Hope, president; **Christy Page**, Winder, executive secretary; **David Echols**, Hull, director; (standing, from left) **Charles Idone**, Macon; **Brent Chitty**, Moultrie; **Doug Williams**, Milan; **Chris Throne**, West Point; **Melvin Porter**, Jefferson; **John Jarrell**, Butler; **Mike McCravy**, Bowdon; and **LeRoy Lane**, Waynesboro.



► The **Brent Chitty** family, Moultrie, was honored as the 2002 Family of the Year. Pictured holding the award is **Maci Chitty**. Others include (standing, from left) **Stephanie, Seth, Brent** and **Whitney Chitty**.



► **Sugar Hill Farm**, Yatesville, was honored for consigning the top-selling lot at the 2001 Georgia Performance Female Sale. Pictured are (from left) **Marcus Barnett** and **Amber Barnett**, both of Yatesville.

► **Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Jan. 26, Arlington**



► 2002 directors of the Wisconsin Angus Ass'n include (front row, from left) **Tom Tomaw**, Barneveld, president; **Thomas Peters**, Eagle, vice president; **Ardel Quam**, Lodi, secretary-treasurer; **Brian McCulloh**, Viroqua, American Angus Ass'n director; **Dustin Henningfeld**, Burlington, Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n president; **Leslie Mindemann**, Sullivan, Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary president; (back row, from left) **Kathy Burns**, Almond; **Roger Kreul**, Fennimore; **Kevin Retallick**, Glen Haven; **Roger Ferris**, Sparta; **Kenneth Hartzell**, Shawano; **Scott Bayer**, Schofield; **Brad Ketterhagen**, New London; and **Paul Beere**, Burlington.

► **North Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 18, Winston Salem**



► 2002 directors of the North Carolina Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Bettie Garner**, Smithfield, executive secretary; **Roger Lane**, Gates, president; **Robin Hampton**, Laurel Springs, vice president; **Joseph Haynes**, Statesville, past president; (standing, from left) **John Smith Jr.**, Pink Hill; **J.F. Lancaster**, Rocky Mount; **Roy Swisher**, Statesville; **Joseph French**, Reidsville; **Zeb Russell Jr.**, China Grove; **Russell Wood**, White Oak; **Bob Fowler**, Zebulon; **Ray Brewer**, Lexington; **Thomas Zone**, Sanford; **William Sexton**, Denton; **Marty Rooker**, Warrenton; and **James Laningham**, Wytheville, Va.

► **John Bridges** was posthumously inducted into the North Carolina Angus Ass'n (NCAA) Hall of Fame. Pictured are (from left) **Jim McCauley**, NCAA, making the presentation to John's son, **Charles Bridges**, Shelby.



► **Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Jan. 25, Hutchinson**



► 2002 directors of the Kansas Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Damon New**, Leavenworth, past president; **Fred Holder**, Milton, treasurer; **Sharon Lindell**, Leonardville, secretary; **Barbara Downey**, Wamego, president; **Randy McCabe**, Elk City, vice president; **Dennis Huck**, Larned, director; (standing, from left) **Debbie Lyons-Blythe**, White City; **Michael Molitor**, Zenda; **Joel Bunker**, Sharon Springs; **Tom Swearngin**, Lawrence; **Todd Hale**, Columbus; **Todd Kohart**, Meade; and **Marcella Warner**, Spearville.



► **Chad Henderson**, East Troy, was honored with the 2002 Breeder of the Champion Excel Steer Award. He is pictured with his son, **Jack**.



► **Mindemann Farms**, Sullivan, was honored as the 2002 Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **Leslie** and **Rick Mindemann**.



► **Horstmeyer Farms**, Cottage Grove, was honored for presenting the Show Bull of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **David Horstmeyer**, Cottage Grove, and **Heidi Petersen**, Marshall.



► **Sue Finley** (left), Lancaster, and **Roger Kreul**, Fennimore, were recognized as exhibiting the Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Show Heifer of the Year.



► **Henry and Nan Gardiner**, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, were recognized as 2002 honorary members. Pictured are (from left) **Jan Lyons** and **Henry and Nan Gardiner**.

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▶ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Bruce and Kindra Gordon, Spearfish, S.D., wish to announce the Feb. 19 birth of their daughter **Danika Grace**. She weighed 7 lb., 10 oz. and was 20 in. long. Danika was welcomed home by her big brother, Bridger.

Bruce is the beef sire selection manager with Alta Genetics. Kindra is on the editorial staff with *Tri-State Livestock News*. Grandparents are Bob and Joyce Gordon, Souris, Manitoba, Canada, and Richard and Sharon Beitelspacher, Bowdle, S.D.

Frank and Marilyn Hinkson, Hinkson Angus Ranch, Cottonwood Falls, Kan., announce the birth of their first two grandchildren.

Ryan and Tyla Kohlmeier are the proud parents of a son, **Cade Ryan**, who was born Jan. 18. He weighed 6 lb., 3 oz. Ryan is a pitcher for the Chicago White Sox and helps at Hinkson Angus during the off-season.

Trey and Becky Hinkson are the proud parents of a daughter, **Landry Diane**, who was born Jan. 21. She weighed 6 lb., 14 oz. Trey is a teacher and coach at Lansing, Kan. He works at the ranch in the summer and is also part-owner of Hinkson Angus.

▶ Ohio Cattlemen's Ass'n Convention, Jan. 19-20, Columbus

At the Ohio Cattlemen's Ass'n annual meeting, new officers and directors were elected, including Angus members **Bob Horner** of Massillon, who will represent District 3; and **Mel Earich** of Williamsport, who will serve as the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) representative. **Howard Spengler**, Woodsfield, was elected to one of the at-large positions on the Board.

Earich was also honored with the 2002 Industry Excellence Award for his strong leadership and commitment to Ohio's beef industry.

Robert and Katie Shugert, Lore City, received the 2002 Young Cattleman of the Year Award. The Shugerts operate a seedstock and cow-calf operation on 16,000 acres of rotationally grazed pasture. They manage about 1,500 dams and 250 replacement heifers, of which they own 1,150 dams and 200 replacements. They are currently ranked among the top 10 largest seedstock operations in the United States.

Patty Spengler, Woodsfield, was elected secretary of the Ohio CattleWomen's Association at its annual meeting, which was conducted during the convention.

▶ IN PASSING

Anne Pfeffer, 87, formerly of Lebanon, Ill., passed away Jan. 10 at Signal Mountain, Tenn.

She was born March 2, 1914, in Miami, Ariz., to Matt and Ruzha (Bilich) Menalo.

On Aug. 25, 1937, she married William "Bill" Pfeffer in Globe, Ariz. He passed away Oct. 27, 1995. For many years the Pfeffers raised cattle on their Evergreen Farm.

In addition to being a homemaker, Pfeffer was a civic leader with the Girl Scouts, 4-H and the Horner Park board. She also served two terms on the Lebanon school board and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Lebanon.

She was a member of the Southwestern Illinois Angus Association, and she clerked many of the association's sales. She also served as the first scholarship treasurer of the Illinois Angus Auxiliary and was one of the organizers of the Southern Illinois Angus Auxiliary.

For more than 20 years, Pfeffer wrote a column, "The Farmer's Wife," for the *Lebanon Advertiser*.

In addition to her husband, Pfeffer was preceded in death by a son, William, II. She is survived by two daughters, Ruzha and Anne.

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Conrad Grove, 80, Downingtown, Pa., passed away Jan. 28 due to complications from Lou Gehrig's disease.

Born in Waynesboro, Va., Grove moved to Chester County, Pa., in 1959 to direct the development of the Soleil Farms Angus herd. The herd was owned by Mabel (Pew) Myrin, the daughter of Sun Oil Co. founder Joseph Pew. After Myrin's death in 1972, the farms and cattle were donated to the Devereaux Foundation, and Grove was retained as manager for another dozen years until the herd was sold.

In recent years, Grove was a consultant for Sinclair Cattle Co. in Warfordsburg, Pa., and he frequently traveled to ranches across the country and to Scotland, where the Angus breed originated.

Grove was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and he received a Bronze Star for action in the European campaign. In November 2001, he was inducted into the American Angus Association Heritage Foundation. Also that year, the Pennsylvania Angus Association voted to present an annual award in his name to an outstanding farm (or family) who has made the most positive contribution to the breed.

Grove was a leader of the Chester County 4-H Club for more than 40 years. He took particular joy in advising the young members about how to properly care for farm animals.

He is survived by a son, Conrad Jr. His wife, Nancy (Perry) Grove, preceded him in death in 1994 after 46 years of marriage.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. James Episcopal Church, 409 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335, or to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association, 500 Office Center Drive, Suite 340, Fort Washington, PA 19034-3214.

Lyle Springer, 78, of Denton, Texas, passed away Feb. 17 after a long battle with cancer.

Springer was born Feb. 26, 1923, in Lansing, Mich., to Raymond and Grace Springer. He was the youngest of three sons. He graduated from Everett High School and Michigan State University, both in Lansing. In high school, he was valedictorian of his class, and at the university, he won numerous awards for national livestock judging.

After completing basic training at Camp Davis, N.C., at the age of 19, Springer served in the U.S. Army in the European theater in World War II. He soon climbed the ranks to captain. He commanded various anti-aircraft

automatic weapon units in Africa and Italy as well as maintenance of ground motor units. He was awarded the Medal of Victory.

On Feb. 1, 1946, Springer married Martha "Marty" Armitage of Lansing. In 1949, they moved to Princeton, Ill., where he was employed by Cornbelt Farm Dailies (*Drovers*) and served as a fieldman.

In 1951, he became the administrative assistant to Frank Richards, who was the secretary (now known as executive vice president) at the American Angus Association. In 1958, Springer became director of what is now known as the Performance Programs Department. He held various executive positions in the organization, and he also directed the first foreign market development program. In 1977, the family moved to Aurora, Colo., where he was employed by the Ankony Shadow Isle Genetics Center.

In 1979, he was selected to become the executive vice president of the Red Angus Association in Denton, Texas. He retired in 1988.

After two months of retirement, Springer went on to pursue a career in real estate and eventually became a real estate agent/broker. He chaired the president, vice president, treasurer and various other committees of

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the Denton Board of Realtors. He was honored as Realtor of the Year in 1993.

Springer is survived by his wife; two sons, Kip and Kraig; and two daughters, Krisanne and Kedra.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be directed to Ann's Haven Hospice of Denton or the First Baptist Church of Denton's Bus Fund.

Robert Sherwood, 67, Maxwelton, W.Va., passed away Jan. 10 as the result of a sudden illness.

He was born July 24, 1934, in West Chester, Pa., to Isaac and Marion (Belt) Sherwood.

He was a member of Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, W.Va., where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher. At the time of his death, he was an active member of the American Angus Association and the president of the West Virginia Angus Association.

Sherwood was a Greenbrier County farmer, and he supported both the 4-H and FFA chapters of Greenbrier. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the National and West Virginia Cattlemen's associations. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the superintendent of the West Virginia State Fair.

Survivors include his wife, Carol (Hess) Sherwood, and sons Russell, Bill and David.

Patricia (Boegner) Grote, 52, Bennington, Okla., died Feb. 19 after suffering a brain aneurysm. Grote was the current president of the American Angus Auxiliary and had dedicated many years of her life to the organization and the junior Angus members it supports.

Grote was born Dec. 23, 1949, in Great Falls, Mont., to Allan and Betty Boegner. Less than a year later, the family moved to Texas, where Pat lived for the rest of her life.

After graduating from high school, she attended Texas A&M University, majoring in recreation and parks. While pursuing her degree, she met her husband, Glen Marvin Grote, who survives.

She had two children, both of whom survive her: a son, Will; and a daughter, Shannon.

Grote's interest in the beef industry and in youth led to her involvement with the American Angus Auxiliary and Texas CattleWomen. She accepted leadership roles on the local, state and national levels of both organizations, working to promote beef and to develop programs that benefited youth.

Before accepting the role of president with the Auxiliary, she served as vice president and treasurer and was an active member of the Texas Angus Auxiliary.

Pat and her husband were named Advisors of the Year by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) in 1994 and at the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) were inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. The Grote family maintains ranches in Mason, Texas, and Bennington, Okla., where they raise registered Angus cattle.

The family requests memorials be sent to the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Fund or the Texas CattleWomen's Scholarship Fund.

Donations to the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Fund can be sent to Shane McDonald, Gold Trust Co., 4305 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Please make checks payable to the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

Donations to the Texas CattleWomen's Scholarship Fund can be sent to Susie Shank, P.O. Box 545, Schulenburg, TX 78956. Please make checks payable to the Texas CattleWomen's Scholarship Fund.

Michael Halverson, 39, Baker, Minn., passed away Dec. 10, 2001.

He was born Nov. 30, 1962, in Moorhead, Minn., to Brian and Joanne (Brakke) Halverson.

Halverson attended school in the Barnesville, Minn., area, graduating from Barnesville High School in 1981. For a short time, he attended North Dakota State University, but returned home to farm with his family.

On Dec. 21, 1985, he married Brenda Stordahl in Fargo, N.D. At that time, the couple made their home in Barnesville. In 1989, they moved to the Halverson home place in Elkton Township.

In May 1997, Halverson began work as a mail carrier for the Moorhead post office. In March 1999, he transferred to the Dilworth post office.

Halverson was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He served on the church council as vice president of the congregation. He was a member of the Minnesota Angus Association, and he served on the Red River Valley Angus Association Board as secretary-treasurer.

He was a member and adult leader of the Humboldt 4-H Club. He was also a member of the Barnesville Cenex Board and the Elkton Township Board.

Halverson is survived by his wife; a son, Evan; and two daughters, Paige and Annie, all of the home.

