

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 of Angus members’ passing.

IN THE NEWS

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. This month we recognize two herds honored with the award.

Deno Buralli and his father started the herd at **Thread and Gage County Farm** of Spring Grove, Ill., in 1967 after purchasing the farm, which they named after their family’s manufacturing business.

The Burallis purchased eight registered bred heifers in September 1967 from Ed Manning’s Red Top Farms Ltd. at Libertyville, Ill. The heifers had predominantly Scotch-based pedigrees, and several were daughters of Manning’s Perth champion bulls, Elation of Eastfield and Burger of Classlochie. Their first herd bull was a son of his Perth Champion Electo of Haymount. Additional cows were purchased from Lakewood Farms in Mukwonago, Wis., and from Harrer’s Green Meadow Ranch at Helena, Mont., in 1970.

“We have maintained a closed herd since we purchased additional cows in 1970, with only one purchased female added in the past 47 years,” Deno said. “Our farm manager in the early ’70s, Charles Kupstis, took

an interest in Angus pedigrees and AI breeding and attended the last AI school that was offered by Curtiss Breeding Service at Cary, Illinois. Charles did all of the AI (artificial insemination) breeding for many, many years.”

Natural service sires were acquired from Eli & Bette Votaw’s E Bar V Angus Ranch at Wellfleet, Neb., and from Basin Angus and Stevenson’s Diamond Dot at Hobson, Mont.

Currently, the herd contains 25 cows. The American Angus Association also recognized **Van Dyke Angus Ranch**, Clarence and Lee Van Dyke, Manhattan, Mont., with the Historic Angus Herd Award.

Clarence Van Dyke started Van Dyke Angus Ranch in Manhattan in 1955 before passing it along to his sons, Lee and Keith. Clarence settled on the Angus breed because he had a goal to build the best cows possible, and that tradition of excellence continues today. The first cattle were purchased from Fred Happen and John Huffine of Bozeman, Mont. From a humble beginning, Clarence started as a test herd for ABS.

“Over the years, he produced and raised many industry-leading bulls, such as VDAR New Trend 315 and VDAR Lucy’s Boy,” said Tim Crabtree, nominator. “Van Dyke Angus remains committed to breeding the best

Angus cow possible, and Lee believes that function comes first.”

The 220-head herd has garnered a few awards, including the 1997 Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award of Excellence from the Montana Angus Association, the 2003 Gallatin County Outstanding Conservationist and 1989 Outstanding Farmer-Rancher from the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce.

Visit www.angus.org for more information on the Historic Angus Herd Award and to view a list of awarded members since the program began in 1988.

Shelia Grobosky has been hired at BioZyme Inc. as its public relations coordinator. Grobosky joins the marketing team after having worked with the company on a contractual basis.

As the PR coordinator, Grobosky will work to promote the company and all its brands through editorial placement, media relations and product integration. She will work closely with others on the marketing team to ensure PR efforts drive traffic to social sites, generating brand awareness and supporting the company’s goals.

Grobosky has 20 years of agricultural communications and event-planning experience. She

Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 27, London



The Ohio Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) Shawn Howell, Shelby; Scott Millikan, Napoleon; Daniel Wells, Frankfort, secretary; Todd Raines, Seaman, vice president; Joseph Sanders, Harrod, president; Allen Gahler, Graytown, treasurer; Tim Harsh, Radnor, chairman of the board; (standing, from left) Kelvin Egner, Shelby; John Hall, Cardington; James Rentz, Coldwater; John Grimes, Hillsboro; Jay Clutter, Wapakoneta; David Baird, Washington Court House; David Felumlee, Newark; Chip Enos, Cambridge; Henry Bergfeld, Summitville; Nick Wagner, Attica; and John King, Tiffin.



Officers for the Ohio Angus Auxiliary are (from left) Kerrie Miller, treasurer, and Kellie Miller, vice president-secretary, both of Wapakoneta; and Barbara Dance, Hillsboro, president.



The John King family, Tiffin, received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are (from left) John King, Jamie King Wheeler, Mary Lou King, and Jim Rentz, presenting.

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most recently has worked as a freelance writer and PR specialist. Prior to that she was the director of industry programs for the Illinois Beef Association. She spent 15 years at the American Angus Association, where she served as both the director of communications and director of activities and events. She has a degree in agricultural journalism with a minor in animal science from Kansas State University.

Grobosky is based in Alexis, Ill., where she lives with husband StanLee and daughter Lily.

Sam Hands, Triangle H, Garden City, Kan., was named the 2018

Kansas Stockman of the Year. He was honored March 1 during the 48th annual Stockmen's Dinner in Manhattan.



Sam Hands (center) receives the 2018 Stockman of the Year award from Craig Good (left) and Evan Titgemeyer (right).

During the presentation, industry friends and family recognized him for his contributions to the beef industry. Speakers described him as a leader, innovator and friend of Kansas State University, the K-State Animal Sciences and Industry (ASI) Department and the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC).

A fourth-generation cattleman, Sam began his career in the beef industry in 1957 by purchasing 12 bred Angus heifers with his dad, Fielding. While attending Kansas State University, Sam served as a state FFA officer and received the American Farmer Degree. He was

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a member of the meat, wool and livestock judging teams, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and Block & Bridle. In December 1970 he graduated with a degree in animal sciences and industry with a business option.

In May 1973 he returned to the family operation, known as Triangle H, after serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and a tour in Vietnam.

Today, Triangle H has two farm feedyards and primarily markets its cattle through U.S. Premium Beef, which they invested in as a founding member. Over the years, Triangle H has performed custom heifer breeding projects, developed breeding bulls, and backgrounded and finished cattle.

The farm produces irrigated corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, wheat and alfalfa in Finney, Kearney and Haskell counties with grassland in Clark County. The cow-calf portion of the operation has expanded into satellite herds throughout Kansas and neighboring states.

Hands strives to be a good steward of the land and to engage in sound animal husbandry practices. He focuses on working to optimize pounds of commodity produced and gaining extra market value through a higher-quality product. He believes it's about converting rain and sunshine into a desirable and nutritious product for the consumer.

Hands has been an industry leader, serving as Beef Empire Days and Finney County Farm Bureau president. He was one of the original six delegates on the Cattleman's Beef Board to develop the Beef Checkoff program. His special interest in the Kansas Beef Council led him to serve as vice chairman.

He has also served as chairman of the KSU LMIC and is now serving on the LMIC Royal Board. Currently, he serves on the State FFA Foundation

Board, Finney County Economic Development Committee and Beef Empire Days Board.

In 1978, Sam was named the Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher of the Year. He has received the BIF Commercial Producer of the Year Award, Honorary Member and Outstanding Stockman from the KSU Block & Bridle Club, KSU ASI Distinguished Alumni Award, Honorary Finney County 4-H Alumni Award and was made an Honorary Chapter Farmer of the Garden City FFA. Triangle H was named the *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) Progressive Partner of the Year in 2010, and has also received the Beef Empire Days Earl C. Brookover Award nine times in the past 26 years.

Sam and his wife, Janet, have three children — Marisa, Quincy and Rebecca — and two grandsons.

The Stockman of the Year Award is presented annually by LMIC.

Sam has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1969.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Mark and Miranda Reiman, Cozad, Neb., announce the birth of their daughter, Laney Kristin, on Jan. 17. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Laney joins her five siblings at home, including brother Carson and sisters Brooklyn, Cassidy, McKenna



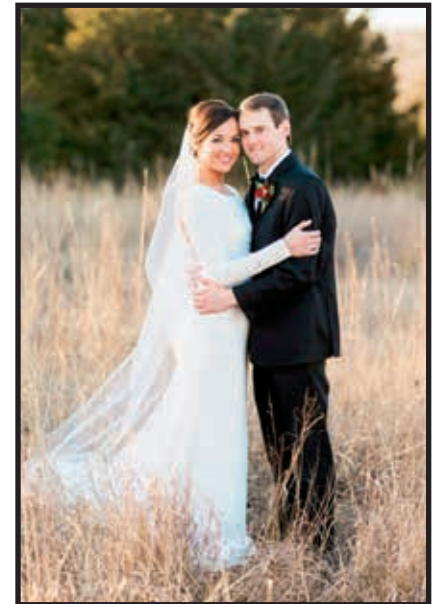
and Nora. Grandparents are Mark and Karla Malo of East Chain, Minn., and Ed and Cathy Reiman

of Butte, Neb. Great-grandmothers are Phyllis Buchan and Arlys Malo, both of Fairmont, Minn. Miranda is the director of producer communications for Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB).

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ANGUS WEDDINGS

Taylor Gazda and Garrett Stipe were married at The Sparrow Feb.



17 in Stillwater, Okla. She is the daughter of Carolyn and David Gazda, Athens, Ga. He is the son of Carolyn Stipe of Stillwater and Dugan Stipe of Tulsa, Okla. The couple are currently making their home in Stillwater.

Taylor was active in the National Junior Angus Association showing cattle and participating in the National Junior Angus Show contests and activities. She was also active in the Georgia Junior Angus Association, serving as the Georgia Angus Queen in 2009. Taylor is a social media director and sales associate for Ranch House Designs.

Garrett grew up in Stillwater and was active in FFA showing steers and hogs. He is the manager for Burgraff Cattle Co., Mannford, Okla. 

2018 Angus Pathfinder® Report

A search for superior cows.

The Angus Pathfinder® program was started in 1978 in an effort to identify superior cows in the breed based on Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®). In identifying these superior cows, emphasis was placed on early puberty, breeding and early calving, followed by regularity of calving and above-average performance of the offspring.

The Pathfinder program requires a minimum of three calves from a cow to determine her regularity of calving and ability to produce superior calves for weaning weight year after year. In addition, an important part of the report is the list of bulls that have sired five or more qualifying females.

The 2018 Angus Pathfinder Report available online at www.angus.org identifies a total of 10,015 cows that have excelled in production based on AHIR records of performance. To qualify for the 2018 report, a cow must have produced a calf measured through AHIR in the past 18 months. There are 2,162 members recognized in this report as owning a Pathfinder Cow.

In addition, 280 bulls that have sired a minimum of five or more Pathfinder Cows in the current listing are listed as Pathfinder Sires.

Focus on Breed Advantages

The program identifies Pathfinder Cows in herds actively involved in AHIR. First, the female must produce her first calf near the herd's average age for first calving. More specifically, the maximum age accepted for first calving of a Pathfinder Cow is the within-herd average for first calving plus 30 days. The within-herd average is determined separately for each herd on AHIR.

As a second criteria, the Pathfinder

Cow must maintain a regular calving interval. The maximum calving interval is:

$$365 \text{ days} + \left[\frac{30 \text{ days}}{\text{Number of calving intervals}} \right]$$

Next, to qualify initially, her first three calves must post a minimum average progeny weaning weight ratio of 105. Should she fail to do this on her first three calves, she can qualify later by achieving an average progeny weaning weight ratio of 105, provided she meets the other requirements. A minimum of five herdmates or contemporaries of the same sex must be evaluated together each year to determine the weight ratio. Additionally, her calves must be sired by registered Angus bulls. To continue to qualify each consecutive year, the cow must produce regularly and wean a calf that helps maintain the average weaning ratio of 105 or above. Once a cow is designated a Pathfinder, she is always a Pathfinder, even though she might not qualify for listing each year.

Annual Report

The *Pathfinder Report* is issued each spring. Outstanding females and bulls are listed in the report and, more importantly, the breeders who are keeping AHIR records of performance are identified as owners of Pathfinder Cows and Pathfinder Sires.

Studying the *Pathfinder Report* is fairly simple. An effort has been made to list important information about the Pathfinder Cow, her owner and the performance information that has qualified her as a top female. If you wish to review a Pathfinder's extended pedigree or current expected progeny differences (EPDs) and \$Values, we invite you to use the EPD/Pedigree Lookup on the Association website (www.angus.org).

Angus breeders who have qualifying cows in the 2018 report are listed in alphabetical order. All cows in a herd that qualify are reported following the owner's name.

The qualifying Pathfinder Cow is listed along with her registration number, the number of calves she has produced and the average weaning weight ratio of her calves.

In some situations, AHIR information from two or more herds is used in determining Pathfinder status. This situation occurs when cows are transferred from one AHIR performance herd to another.

Pathfinder Sires

Pathfinder Sires have sired five or more Pathfinder Cows in the current listing. These bulls excel in ability to sire daughters with early puberty and the genetic potential for milk production and growth. Obviously, some bulls in the breed have been used more extensively than others through the use of artificial insemination. Consequently, the probability of a bull's siring Pathfinder daughters increases as his use in the breed increases.

Pathfinder Sires are listed in order of the number of their qualifying Pathfinder daughters. Listed are the present owner or owners of the bull, the bull's registration number, the number of his daughters eligible for consideration for Pathfinder status, and the number of his daughters qualifying as Pathfinders in the preceding pages of the report.

For more information about the Pathfinder Report or AHIR, contact the Performance Programs Department at 816-383-5100. 