

Newsmakers

■ IN THE NEWS

Bryce Schumann, Lecompton, Kan., was named director of member services for the American Angus Association, effective May 1. He has served as the Association's director of activities for the past year.

Schumann will oversee the daily activities of the Association as they pertain to memberships, registrations, transfers and member communications. He will work with the Board of Directors to develop and to implement rules and to settle breeder disputes. He will work with the Ohio State University Animal Genetics Laboratory to handle testing for identification and parent verification, and he will oversee the Association's genetic-defect monitoring program. Schumann will continue to work to develop the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Center for Public Policy has announced that **Diana Covell** has been chosen as its 2001 public policy summer intern.

Covell is currently earning a master's degree at Kansas State University in agricultural economics. As an undergraduate, she also attended K-State and majored in agricultural economics.

A native of Maryland, Covell grew up on her family's farm near Frederick. She was a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors and treasurer of the Maryland Junior Angus Association.

Galen and **Lori Fink**, Manhattan, Kan., were honored by the K-State Alumni

Association as 2001 Alumni Fellows for the College of Agriculture.

The Finks started Fink Beef Genetics, a seedstock business, more than 20 years ago. In 1992 they became the majority owners of Little Apple Brewing Co. Their ownership in the restaurant has given them a complete view of the beef industry from conception to consumption.

Terry Quam, Lodi, Wis., was named the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association (WCA) 2000 Cattleman of the Year. Quam, who represents the Wisconsin Angus Association on the WCA board of directors, also serves as WCA president-elect and scholarship committee chairman.

Longtime Angus breeder **O.G. "Dan" Daniel**, Colbert, Ga., was selected by the Kentucky State Fair Board to be inducted into the Saddle & Sirloin Club Portrait Award Gallery in 2001. Daniel was a professor at Oklahoma Panhandle State University from 1951 to 1958 and head of the Extension animal science department at the University of Georgia from 1959 to 1980.

Since his retirement, he has been involved in breeding cattle on Partisover Ranch with his son, Randy, and daughter-in-law, Beth. He resides in Colbert with his wife, Nemah. They have three children — Dannette Denman, Randy, and Pamela Loughridge — and five grandchildren.

Daniel's portrait will be hung during the awards banquet Nov. 11 at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. Daniel is recognized for his leadership role in developing an aggressive, outstanding junior livestock program. He was a builder of the Extension educational programs for both youth and adults.

Among the new directors elected March 28 to lead the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is Angus producer **Barrett Clark** of Clark Cattle Co., Breckenridge, Texas.

■ WEDDINGS

Rodney and Kim Hamilton, J-Mac Angus, Richmond, Mo., announce the marriage of their daughter **Mackenzie** to **Chad Sampson** of Kirksville, Mo. Chad is the son of David and Kim Sampson.

Both Chad and Mackenzie are April 2000 graduates of Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU), Maryville, Mo. Chad is involved in an extensive farming operation with his father in Kirksville, and Mackenzie is currently employed by Bank Midwest. The couple is at home in Kirksville.

Mackenzie was the 1994 Missouri Angus queen and showed cattle extensively throughout the state.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Kevin and DeeDe Ellison, Harmony Hills Angus, Fair Grove, Mo., announce the Feb. 24 birth of their daughter, **Caelyn Elizabeth**. Born five weeks early, she weighed 4 lb., 8 oz. Grandparents are Larry and Merrilyn Ellison, Harmony Hills Angus.

Larry and Lisa Weeks, Triple L Farms, Waynesboro, Va., announce the Feb. 24 birth of their daughter, **Laryn Olivia**. She weighed 8 lb., 10 oz. She was welcomed home by her sister, Lexi.

Willis and Cindy (Hooper) Kinder, TLC Angus, Bliss, Idaho, announce the March 15 birth of their first child, **Thomas William**. He weighed 7 lb., 4 oz. and was 20% in. long. Grandparents are Willis and Sandy Kinder, Midvale, Idaho, and Graham and Patty Hooper, Bliss.

Dan and Lisa Moser, Manhattan, Kan., announce the April 11 birth of their son, **Ryan Thomas**. Ryan weighed 8 lb., 14 oz. and measured 21 in. long. He was welcomed

■ Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 9, Lecompte



Leading the Louisiana Angus Association are (seated, from left) **Boyd Walker**, Lake Charles, president; **Carroll Boudreaux**, New Iberia, vice president; **Michael Rome**, Tallulah, secretary; **Billy Querrey**, Tallulah, treasurer; and **Debbie McFarland**, Bentley, director. Other directors include (standing, from left) **Robert Warren**, Tallulah; **Brian Kennedy**, Monterey; **Dave Means**, Gloster; **Drew Hall**, Greenwell Springs; **Ronnie Holloway**, Tallulah; **Chris Roussel**, Gramercy; **Ronald Dobson**, Campiti; **Charles Williams**, Jena; **Dale Hoover**, Clinton; and **Dale Smith**, Jennings.

home by his brother, Justin. Grandparents include Lowell and Mary Jane Moser, Effingham, Kan., and Dave and Kathleen Hawkins, Mason, Mich.

■ IN PASSING

George Martin Wheeler, 86, died Jan. 31 in Charlotte, N.C.

He was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on Sept. 28, 1914. He was the son of George O. and Angeline (Donahue) Wheeler. After his mother's death in 1916, he and his sister lived with his aunt Beatrice (Wheeler) Peats and her husband, Roy, until he was 14. Because of asthma and health reasons, he then moved to Rogersville, Tenn., to live with his aunt Margaret (Wheeler) Orr and her husband, Joseph. It was on their farm that Wheeler began his life as a purebred cattle breeder.

Wheeler attended Duke University after graduation from Rogersville High School. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy.

Active in the development of Angus cattle for many years, he kept his own farm, Hickory Cove, in Rogersville, while serving as manager of Allandale Farm, owned by Harvey Brooks in Kingsport, Tenn. He continued as manager of Allandale when Kingsport businessman E. Ward King leased the operation.

Wheeler was a former president of the East Tennessee and Tennessee Angus associations and a director of the Southeastern Angus Association. He was also a life member of the American Angus Association.

The University of Tennessee Block and Bridle Club chose him as the Man of the Year in Animal Husbandry in 1963.

He was a former Sunday school teacher, deacon, elder and clerk of session in the Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Wheeler, in 1993. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth; a daughter, Margaret Cathcart; three grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Rogersville Presbyterian Church, 309 W. Kyle St., Rogersville, TN 37857.

John Bizzack Sr., 81, Lexington, Ky., passed away April 12 at St. Joseph Hospital following a short illness.

Bizzack was a native of Fairpoint, Ohio, and the son of Lawrence and Anna (Kanjansis) Bizzack.

He was the retired president of Bizzack Bros. Construction Corp. in Frankfort, Ky., and Bizwil Inc., a coal business, in Lexington. He also managed Bittersweet Arabians in LaGrange, Ky., and Bittersweet Station Farm in Lexington. At the time of his death, he was serving as president of Bittersweet Station.

Bizzack began working in construction as a teenager. While serving in the Army during World War II, he was involved in the building of airstrips and highways through jungle islands to help move supplies and troops.

In addition to serving in the U.S. Army, he was a member of VFW Post 4075, BPO Elks, the University of Kentucky (UK) Blue and White Fund, the UK Fellows Society, and the Kentucky Highway Contractors Association. He received the Construction Management Founders Society UK Lifetime Achievement Award and was a member of the Highland Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Mae; son, John W. of Lexington; two brothers, Lawrence and Lewis, both of Frankfort; a sister, Ann Stomp, Cleveland, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Donations may be made to Mayo Foundation Cancer Research Development, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Attn: Nancy Hodge, 4500 San Pablo Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32224 or to the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Capital Construction Addition, Attn: Rev. Robert Sessum, 533 E. Main St., Lexington, KY 40507.

Henry LaFranchi, 80, Calistoga, Calif., passed away March 24 in an all-terrain vehicle accident at Knights Valley Ranch.

LaFranchi was the last of the LaFranchi brothers — Al, Nick and Henry — who raised nationally recognized Ayrshire dairy cattle and Angus beef cattle.

LaFranchi started a herd of registered Ayrshire cattle in 1936. By 1950, the herd was recognized nationally. In 1975 the Ayrshire herd was dispersed, and the brothers focused their efforts on a registered Angus herd they had been building.

LaFranchi was a past president of the California Angus Association, the Western States Angus Association and the Sonoma-Marin Cattlemen's Association.

In 1994 LaFranchi was honored by the Sonoma County Fair for his longtime support of the event and for his dedication to agriculture.

Survivors include his wife, Judith; a son, Eric; a daughter, Cheryl LaFranchi-Mongini, all of Calistoga; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to a favorite charity.

Waltin Olson, 80, of Calamus, Iowa, passed away March 12 at DeWitt Community Hospital.

Olson was born May 15, 1920, in Calamus. He was the son of Waltin and Jennie (Larson) Olson. He was a graduate of Calamus High School and attended Iowa State University. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a first lieutenant in a medical unit in Scotland.

Olson married Betty Weber on March 8, 1980. He farmed in rural Calamus until his retirement in 1985.

Olson was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Calamus. He was active in 4-H as the club show director, and he raised and judged Angus cattle. Waltin raised champion Pointer hunting dogs. He served as a director of the former Union Savings Bank of Grand Mound and Calamus and the First National Bank of Clinton.

He is survived by his wife; a stepdaughter, Barbara Schmidt, Ottumwa; two brothers, Noel of Calamus and Joel of Grand Mound; a sister, Cleone McCulloh; four step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

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■ Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, March 11, East Lansing



Leading the Michigan Angus Association are (seated, from left) **David Hawkins**, Mason, president; **Bruce Foster**, Berrien Center, vice president; **Doug Meiburg**, North Branch, secretary; **Earl Boehmer**, Olivet, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Charles Preston**, Prescott, chairman of the board; directors **Joe Merri-man**, Lowell; **Steve Thelen**, Ann Arbor; **David Lutchka**, Grass Lake; **Phil Tuggle**, Ithaca; **Chuck Reid**, Eaton Rapids; **Fred Good**, Charlotte; and **Amanda Powell**, Ionia.



Leading the Michigan Angus Auxiliary are (seated) **Nancy Thelen**, Ann Arbor, vice president; (standing, from left) **Lois Foster**, Niles, historian; and **Vicki Meiburg**, North Branch, secretary-treasurer.

Memorials may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church or to DeWitt Community Hospital.

John C. Hoyt, 78, Great Falls, Mont., passed away March 26 at the Benefits Hospital in Great Falls during a heart catheterization procedure.

Hoyt was born June 28, 1922, in Shelby, Mont. Hoyt's parents had come to Shelby from Iowa, and the family's background was in farming and ranching. Hoyt's father, a lawyer, raised his family in Shelby during the Great Depression. Hoyt, however, spent summers in Iowa during the hard times.

He began his college career at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. After a time, he returned to Montana, where he enrolled at the University of Montana at Missoula.

World War II broke out while Hoyt was an undergraduate. He joined the Army Air Corps the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and became a navigator on a B-24 as a second lieutenant. In August 1944, his plane, the Jolly Roger, was shot down by German fighters. Hoyt was captured and spent most of a year as a prisoner of war.

After the war, Hoyt graduated from the University of Montana Law School in 1948 and began his 53-year career in law. At the time of his death, his firm, Hoyt and Blewett, was prominent in Montana.

Hoyt had a lifelong passion for agriculture and established Jolly Roger Angus Ranch, named in honor of his wartime comrades.

Hoyt was a member of the Cascade County Bar Association, the Montana Bar Association, and the Montana and American trial lawyers associations. He was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the Inner Circle of Advocates.

He was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Citation by the Montana Trial Lawyers in recognition of his 50 years of distinguished trial practice in Montana.

He also was active in the Montana and American Angus associations.

His survivors include his wife, Vickie; a son, John R. of Washington state; a daughter, Mary Lou Sandretto of Georgia; a sister, Lois Matsler of Bloomington, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials in Hoyt's name to the charity of one's choice.

Walter Harrell, 73, Haynesville, Ala., passed away on March 5. He was a lifetime Angus breeder and enthusiast.

In 1947 he established Harrell Angus Farm, a herd recognized as a Historic Angus herd by the American Angus Association in 1983.

He served as executive secretary and fieldman of the Alabama Angus Association from 1962 to 1991. He helped organize and manage the Southern Regional Bull Show and Sale, an annual event in Montgomery, Ala.

He is survived by his wife, three children and four grandchildren. His son, John, and his family own Highlander Ranch and are Angus breeders in Auburn, Ala.

Forest Riggelman, 73, Winchester, Va., passed away March 23 at Winchester Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 11, 1928, in Hardy County, W.Va., to Roy and Mary Susan (Simmons) Riggelman. He was the owner and operator of Sky View Acres.

Riggelman served in the Army during the Korean War and was a retired employee of the U.S. Department of Defense, Fort Belvoir.

He was a member of the Berryville Moose Lodge, the North American Limousin Foundation and the American Angus Association, and he attended Rosedale Baptist Church. He also supported 4-H and Angus juniors in the area.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mildred (Lewis). Other survivors include a daughter, Lisa of Springfield; three brothers and five sisters.

Memorials may be made to Winchester Medical Center Nursing Scholarship Fund, 1840 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601 or to Greenwood Volunteer Fire Co., 809 Greenwood Rd., Winchester, VA 22602.

Aldrich E. "Augie" Velisek, 73, of Mount Airy, Md., passed away March 13 as a result of complications of Lyme disease. He was a cattleman all his life and a leader in the Angus industry.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Caryl, who is a veteran correspondent of the *Delmarva Farmer* newspaper. Velisek was a "weather watcher" for the same publication.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1927. He graduated from James Ford Rhodes High School, where his future wife also was a student. They were married in 1950.

Velisek's lifelong career in the cattle industry began after his service in the U.S. Army in World War II. The Veliseks had a small Angus herd in Ohio when he received an offer to manage a herd in New Jersey.

Then followed herd management positions in New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. In 1970 he accepted a position at Lee Miller's Mar Lee Farms in Woodsboro, Md. Four years later, Velisek began a 20-year position as feedlot manager for Mullinix Feedlot in Woodbine, Md. In addition to these positions, he also maintained a small herd of his own, Purple Blend Angus. He retired nine years ago.

Velisek served as president of the Maryland Angus Association and the Maryland Cattlemen's Association, chairman of the board of directors of the Eastern National Livestock Show and vice president of the Wills 4-H Show. His "Aful Augie's Club-Calf Sale" ran for 10 years in the 1980s, and he judged shows throughout the East.

▪ **South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet March 16, Clemson**



The South Carolina Angus Association dedicated the 2001 South Carolina Angus Futurity to **Ted and Judy Bourne**, Cedar Creek Farm, Donalds. Pictured are (from left) **Chris Perry**, herdsman; **Mike Steadman**, son-in-law; **Judy, Ted and Scott Bourne**; **Trisha Steadman**, daughter; and **Breann Steadman**, granddaughter.

▪ **South Carolina producers donate Angus to Clemson University**



Several Angus breeders donated cattle and embryos to Clemson University's Sustainable Ag Production Systems Center beef program at the Edisto Research & Education Center near Blackville. Pictured are (from left) **Larry Olson** of the center with donors **Felix Peigare**, Sand Hills Angus, Saint Matthews; **Gene Pruitt**, Glendale Angus Farm, Abbeville; **William McLeod**, Black Crest Farms, Sumter; and **Sac Alexander**, Alexander Angus Farm, Six Mile.



The Simpson family, Belvidere, Ill., donated eight bred cows, one heifer calf and two yearlings to the Clemson University beef program. Pictured are (from left) **Barbara, Dan and Christina Simpson**.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons: Aldrich III of Catonsville, Md.; Michael of Mount Airy, Md.; Douglas of Damascus and Peter of New Windsor, Md.; a daughter, Jamie Razga, New Oxford, Pa.; a sister, Valerie Kulkofsky; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maryland Angus Association, 15359 Union Chapel Rd., Woodbine, MD 21797.

Wayne Ripstein, 62, Round Hill, Va., passed away March 25 at his home.

Ripstein was employed most recently as a heavy-equipment operator by the W.G. Harrison Co. He managed Shenstone, Leesburg, Va., during the 1980s, and Leatherstocking in New York during the 1990s.

Ripstein served as a member of the Virginia Angus Association board of directors from 1986 to 1988, and he also served several years on the Northern Virginia Angus Association board. He was one of the founders of the Northern Virginia Angus Association's Apple Blossom Sale (now known as the Cobbler Mountain Classic). He also was instrumental in founding the On-Stage Sale, an event he hosted for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; a daughter, Debra Janish of Auburn, N.Y.; and four sons, Christopher of Round Hill; Jon of Gretna; Roger of Linkoping, Sweden, and Timothy of Woodbridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northern Virginia, 209 Gibson St., Suite 202, Leesburg, VA 20176; to Bethany United Methodist Church, PO Box 487, Purcellville, VA 20134; or to the Round Hill Fire and Rescue Squad.

Phil Hammond, 39, passed away March 23.

Hammond and his family owned Generation Angus, Lexington, Ala. He was vice president of the Alabama Angus Association and past president of the Lauderdale County Cattlemen's Association. Hammond and his father, Gilbert, were honored as 2000 Alabama Progressive Breeder of the Year.

■ CORRECTION

It was incorrectly reported in the May issue that Myron Fuerst divorced Beatrice Wright. Fuerst actually married Wright in 1954 after divorcing his first wife. The couple remained married until her death in 1989.

■ ALSO IN THE NEWS

Steve Munday resigned as executive vice president of the TSCRA effective April 2. The search for a new leader began immediately.

XY Inc., Fort Collins, Colo., named **Jonathan Sanders** as CEO and **John Hasler** as director of research.

ABS Global Inc., DeForest, Wisc., hired **Jim Meronek** as a staff veterinarian.

University of Missouri assistant professor **William Herring** received the 2001 Outstanding Young Scientist Award for Extension during the Midwest Section annual meeting of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) and the American Dairy Science Association.

Accelerated Genetics, Baraboo, Wisc., celebrated its 60th anniversary in March.

Alta Genetics Inc., headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, appointed **Lutz Goedde** chief operating officer (COO).

The American Royal Association, Kansas City, Mo., has appointed **Paul McKie**, Shawnee Mission, Kan., as its new president and **Stanley Stout**, Linwood, Kan., as chairman of the 2001 American Royal Livestock Committee.

The Ohio Beef Council has named **Matt Kleski** of Uhrichville as director of promotions.

The Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund/United Stockgrowers Association (R-CALF USA), Billings, Mont., has named **Bill Bullard** its new CEO.

