

Newsmakers

by Terry Cotton, general manager

■ IN THE NEWS

The Virginia Angus Association has hired **Kaye Woolam** as executive director, effective June 1. Woolam was raised on a purebred Polled Hereford operation in Richmond, Maine. Active in the New England Polled Hereford Association, she served as president in 1995.

Woolam recently graduated with an animal science degree from Colorado State University, Fort Collins. During her tenure at CSU, she served as Block and Bridle president and was a member of the livestock meat animal evaluation team and the wool- and dairy-judging teams. She took advantage of internship opportunities and worked in the entry office at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., and at the Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Phoenix, Ariz., this year.

H. Lawson Hembree, president of Sugar Hill Farms, Fort Smith, Ark., was named University of Arkansas Volunteer of the Year. Hembree is president of the Arkansas Alumni Association and the major gifts chairman in the funding and construction of the university's new Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House, which serves as the headquarters for more than 112,000 UA alumni.

Elected to the Iowa Beef Breeds Council April 8 were **Mike Nolin**, Monroe, president; **Brad Schermer**, Latimer, vice president; **Russ Hansen**, Bondurant, secretary; **Jay Sheley**, Guthrie Center, treasurer; **Gene Doran**, Beaver, officer at large; and **Gary Leonard**, Perry, officer at large.

Accelerated Genetics hired **Robert Whitacre**, Winchester, Va., as district sales manager for Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. Robert and his wife operate a registered Angus cow-calf operation, Blue and Gray Angus.

The Kansas Angus Association dedicated the 45th Kansas Angus Futurity to the original five brothers and one sister who started **McCurry Bros.** McCurry Bros. has been a part of the Kansas Angus Futurity since it started 45 years ago. It found its way

to the Futurity winners' circle 31 times, showing the champion bull and champion haltered female 11 times each and exhibiting the supreme champion five times.

The McCurry Bros. entity today includes more than 400 head of Angus cows, 7,000 acres, a farming operation and 11 families.

The **Charles W. Wampler and Sons** registered Angus herd of Harrisonburg, Va., sold in its entirety to **Quaker Hill Farm**, Trevilians, Va. Quaker Hill Farm is owned by Charles Rosson and his sons, Charles Jr. and Lee. The transaction included some 95 cows and bred heifers and yearling heifers with calves at side, a total of more than 120 head, plus baby calves.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Kristi Maynard and Tim Olderr of Honolulu, Hawaii, announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Thomas "J.T." Keao Maynard March 13. J.T. is welcomed home by his sister, Sarah, 4, and brother, Michael, 2.

Curtis and Beth Hedrick of Hedrick Heritage Farms, Olivet, Mich., announce the birth of their son, Sheridan Billip, on May 10. He weighed 7 lb., 5 oz. and was 21 in. long. Curtis drives for Lathrop Livestock Transportation. Grandparents include Quentin and Dorothy Bosworth of Bosworth Farms, Charlotte, Mich., and R.B. Hedrick of Atlanta, Ga.

■ IN PASSING

Duane Paulson died Oct. 4, 1999, at River Falls, Wis. He was born Aug. 18, 1922, in Seymour, Wis., and operated the Saint Croix Valley Bull Test at River Falls, Wis., for 16 years. Previously he was a cattle breeder and meat processor. He promoted tested bulls and believed in forage-fed bull testing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Levi and Alma, and a brother, Leslie. He is survived by his wife, Laurine; daughters Phoebe Shourds, Suzanne Sherry and Ila Holman; and one son, Jeffrey.

Forrest R. McClain Sr., Leedey, Okla., passed away Jan. 26. Born to Joseph P. and Ora Hill McClain near Leedey on Aug. 30, 1923, he was raised on his parents' wheat



William "Bill" Graham, Miami Lakes, Fla., was inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame Feb. 15. Graham, a Florida native, made his mark in the beef and dairy industries. He established his Angus herd in the early 1950s and became a strong advocate of performance testing. He is currently president, CEO and chairman of the board of the Graham Cos., which are involved in Angus cattle, dairy farming, sugar cane, pecan groves, timber and real-estate development. Graham was also inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation in November 1999.

and Hereford cattle farm.

McClain's college education at Oklahoma A&M, Stillwater, was interrupted by World War II. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a bomber pilot. Shot down on a mission over Germany, he was a prisoner of war for the last six months of the war. Upon liberation he was awarded the Purple Heart.

While completing his education in Stillwater, McClain married Alyce Powers in 1946. After graduation in 1947 he joined the teaching staff of the University of Tennessee and later served as an Extension beef specialist for Louisiana State University and a fieldman for the American Hereford Association.

He managed both Hereford and Angus ranches in the Midwest before becoming a manager for Black Watch Farms in Lynchburg, Va. In 1971 the couple came home to the family farm southeast of Leedey, where they retired in 1995.

He had been baptized into the Catholic Church at Thermopolis, Ala., and was a

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member of St. Matthew's Church in Elk City, Okla.

He was preceeded in death by a son, Forrest Jr. Surviving him are his wife; his son, Edward, of Storm Lake, Iowa; his daughters: Cynthia Daniel of Blacklick, Ohio, Marsha Mau of Houston, Texas, Pamela Bouse of Tulsa, Okla., and Jacqueline Hanson of Goodnight, Texas.

Loren W. Schlipf, 76, of El Paso, Ill., died Feb. 6 at his home. Schlipf was born Aug. 9, 1923, at Gridley, Ill., a son of Samuel and Louise Schifferer Schlipf. He married Mildred Rocke on Aug. 11, 1946, in Roanoke, Ill.

The founder of Tree Lane Farms, he was a true crusader for the Angus breed. Schlipf brought forth the Illinois Angus Ebonette program, promoted junior activities and fought for the establishment of a measurement program at the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity. In the early 1980s, he began promoting the idea of straight-bred Angus steer shows.

In 1984 the decision was made to disperse the herd in its entirety; however, Schlipf

never left the cattle business. Black cattle can still be found roaming Tree Lanes' hills as his grandson, Ryan, has become an integral part of the operation. Schlipf's love for Angus cattle and influence never dwindled as the family, after their dispersion in 1984, continued to promote Angus and Angus-Simmental-cross cattle.

Through his enthusiasm, he was responsible for establishing literally hundreds of herds.

Schlipf was a member of the Gridley Apostolic Christian Church. He owned and operated Schlipf Livestock Signs for 41 years and was a well-known wood-carver.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Dale Schlipf of El Paso; three daughters: Elaine Witzig of Gridley, Janet Stoller of El Paso, and Karen Baker of Metamora, Ill.; one brother, Ralph Schlipf of Gridley; and one sister, Helen Hodel of Gridley.

John Harlan Butts was born March 3, 1921, in Clay County, Ind., to Homer Butts and Katherine Milner Butts, and died Feb. 16 in Terre Haute (Ind.) Regional Hospital.

He worked in the civil service at the post

office and the Internal Revenue Service, and he was a farmer. He attended Purdue University and served as a captain in the Army for six years during the Korean War.

He was a member of the North Union United Methodist Church, a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of the Humboldt Lodge 42 Free & Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite, the Indiana Angus Association and the Southwestern Angus Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Roberta Allen Benjamin Butts of Brazil, Ind.; one son, John Franklin Butts; three daughters: Cathy Dayhuff, Vicky Anderson and Melba Auxier; three stepchildren; one brother, Fred Butts; and one sister, Jeanne Nugent.

Frederick A. "Fred" Shaw Jr., 78, a retired cattle marketer, died of heart failure Feb. 24, at Saint Dominic/Jackson Memorial Hospital, Jackson, Miss.

After serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he graduated from Louisiana State University in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in animal industry. Over

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the next 15 years, he worked as a fieldman for two cattle publications, *The Stockman* and *The Polled Hereford World*. He also held positions as a ranch manager for several cattle operations in Mississippi and Missouri. He had been a resident of Jackson since 1959.

A recovering alcoholic with 38 years of sobriety, he was an inspiration to many people who struggled with alcoholism and drug addiction.

After attaining his sobriety, he returned to

The Polled Hereford World as a fieldman, working from his home in Jackson. He later held the same position with *Southern Farm* publications and *Southern Beef Producer*. In 1981 he started his own business, The One-Hoss Outfit, offering freelance ring service to purebred beef cattle operations.

Shaw was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Jackson.

Survivors include his wife, Annie; son, Lt. Col. Fred Shaw III of Canton, Miss.; daughter, Sarah Shaw of Jackson; and sisters,

Marguerite Hyde of Brandon, Fla., and Judy Terwilliger McPherson of Sebring, Fla.

Memorials may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church or the Central Mississippi Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Don Kniffen Sr., 75, of Hidden Creek Farm, Warrenton, N.J., died April 11. The retired Rutgers University livestock specialist had worked at the university for 37 years. Generations of livestock producers in the state and a tremendous number of youth benefited from his teachings and livestock knowledge.

Kniffen had an excellent herd of Hampshire sheep and maintained a dual herd of registered Angus and Polled Hereford cows. He was active in state livestock associations and was the current president of the New Jersey Angus Association, secretary/treasurer of the New Jersey Polled Hereford Association, at-large member of the New Jersey Beef Industry Council and member of the American Angus Association.

He is survived by his wife, Gail; two sons: Dan, who works within Colorado Cooperative Extension, and Don, who is employed by Rutgers University at the livestock farm.

Memorials can be made to Somerset County 4-H Club, to the Hunterdon County 4-H Club or to the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Foundation.

Julio Corte Sr., 92, a lifelong resident of Daphne, Ala., died April 14 at a local hospital.

Corte was a member of the Alabama Angus Association, founding member of the Baldwin County Cattlemen's Association, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Baldwin County Cattle and Fair Association.

Corte had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1943. He received the American Angus Association Centennial Herd Award in 1983.

In 1984 he was inducted into the Alabama Livestock Hall of Fame. In 1985 he received the Baldwin County Cow-Belles Father of the Year Award.

He is survived by two sons, Julio Corte Jr. of Daphne and Fred Corte of Fairhope, Ala.; one daughter, Sharon Eddins of New Orleans, La.; and one brother, A.I. Corte Sr. of Fairhope, Ala.

Memorials may be sent to Christ the King Catholic School of Daphne.

Stanley Lammers, 66, died of cancer April 17 at Sioux Center, Iowa. Born March 3, 1934, to Henry and Johanna (Westra) Lammers, he married Nancy Vande Stouwe May 1, 1959, in Hull, Iowa.

Lammers was the founder and served as president of Sioux Preme Packing Co. in Sioux Center from 1968 to 1997. He was actively engaged in serving on several boards and associations: the Sioux Center Land Development Board for more than 30 years; the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Program board of directors for seven years; and the boards of the American State Bank in Sioux Center and the American Bank in Le Mars, Iowa. He was former president of the Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce and served on the consistories of both the Morningside Reformed Church in Sioux City and the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center.

Lammers raised purebred Angus cattle for 30 years and enjoyed mentoring many young students.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bret, and a brother, Dick Lammers. Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Dana of Kapelle, the Netherlands; one son, Stanley Grant, Grimes, Iowa; and four sisters: Hermina Richmond, Nelvina Mulder and Hendrene Kalsbeck, Sioux Center; and Betty Van Wyk, George, Iowa.

Willard "Woody" White, 84, of Iowa City, Iowa, died April 20 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Born March 12, 1916, in South English, Iowa, to Harold and Jessie (Roop) White, he graduated from Sigourney High School in 1933 and married Louise Ahrens in 1940.

He served in the Fleet Air Wings 10th and 17th divisions in the U.S. Navy for seven years. He served 19 months in the Southwest and Western Pacific Theater of Operations and was honorably discharged as a chief petty officer. For his service, White was awarded the Liberation of Northern Solomons, Philippines Campaign and Pacific Operations victory medals.

He was a longtime producer of purebred Angus cattle, which he marketed across the nation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Nancy; and one sister, Mary Smothers. Survivors include his wife; one son, James, of Bettendorf, Iowa; and one daughter, Susan, of San Mateo, Calif.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Bill Cox, 66, died April 25 at his home in Wilbur, Wash. He was born in Uniontown, Wash., Aug. 8, 1933. He graduated from high school in Pullman, Wash., and attended college at Washington State University.

As a young man, Cox worked for Irvin Mann at Double M Hereford Ranch in Adams, Ore. He met and married Wanda Rogers of Athena while living in Adams. They moved to Hermiston in 1957 where they lived for nearly 40 years, rearing two

children, Jerry and Jeanne.

Cox raised Angus cattle and worked for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). He exhibited cattle throughout the West. His merchandising included private sales and a combined production sale with Greib Angus at Hermiston, Ore.

His knowledge was used as a judge at consignment sales and shows throughout the West. After retiring from UPRR, Cox

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enjoyed traveling across the United States, Australia and Europe, combining these trips with jaunts to Angus auctions and shows.

His family and the Angus business were his passions. Cox was revered for his knowledge of Angus bloodlines and pedigrees. He had a phenomenal memory for dates and statistics.

After the death of his wife, Wanda, Bill married Tarlene Wiedrich of Wilbur, Wash., Dec. 31, 1998. He combined his family with Tarlene's and gained three new daughters: Twilla Wiedrich of Yakima, Wash.; Tammy Gimsee of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Anita Jenkins of Elsinor, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph; his son and his first wife. He is survived by his wife, Tarlene; mother, Coletta Cox of Pullman, Wash.; daughter Jeanne Able of Lake Oswego; brother, Stan Cox of Pullman; and sisters, Dorothy Vorhies and Carol Absalonson of Spokane, Wash.

■ OTHER NOTABLES

Lowell Walters will be recognized formally for his revolutionary contributions to animal agriculture as the recipient of the Saddle and Sirloin Club's Portrait Award for 2000.

"Lowell has been a giant in the field of meats since the 1940s," said Bob Totusek, professor emeritus, Oklahoma State



Lowell Walters

University (OSU) department of animal science. Walters' influence has been widespread on many fronts: teacher, advisor, student counselor, judging-team coach, researcher, livestock and meats judge, and consumer and

industry spokesperson. Walters was involved in more research projects than any other faculty member during his tenure at OSU, many of them so groundbreaking that they fundamentally changed the U.S. livestock and meats industries.

"His classic series of experiments evaluating the whole-body K-40 counter for estimating the body composition of live animals was of immense significance," says Brad Morgan, OSU animal scientist and Walters' former student. "His research made it possible to determine the composition of

breeding animals without slaughtering them.”

Walters' influence doesn't end there. It can be seen every time one of hundreds of thousands of 4-H or FFA youths pick up a copy of the *Meat Evaluation Handbook*.

The portrait will be unveiled this November at the Saddle and Sirloin Club's annual banquet in Louisville, Ky. The banquet takes place during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). It will reside permanently in the club's gallery of 300 portraits of all-time industry greats, dating back to the mid-1700s.

David Huxsoll, an internationally recognized authority on biological warfare and former dean of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed interim director of the USDA Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Long Island, N.Y. Plum Island is a center for the study of highly contagious foreign animal diseases.

Jerry Schickedanz, was appointed dean and chief administrative officer of the New Mexico State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics March 29.

Joe Brazil was named direct-herd sales representative by Semex USA. He will be responsible for sales and promotions of Semex USA products and programs in northern California and Nevada. **Heidi Gilmore** joined the Semex USA/Genetic Horizons customer-service team. She will be working in the Madison, Wis., office.



The Hamilton Southeastern livestock judging team brought back a national championship from the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., by topping 29 other teams. The team swept the competition, winning all four categories: beef, swine, sheep and oral reasons. Team members (from left) were **Jason Reynolds**; NJAA member **Danny Zeller** of Noblesville, Ind.; **Tyler Galloway** and **Craig Black**. Zeller was first in beef, first in swine, third in oral reasons and first overall.

Ian Biggs was appointed president of the Genus Breeding Division of ABS Global.

As vice president of consumer marketing, **Kevin Yost** will direct a new value-added beef initiative by ConAgra Beef Co. in both the refrigerated and frozen channels.

The **Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund** (R-CALF) has moved its national offices from Columbus, Mont. The new address for the group is PO Box 30715, Billings, MT 59107; phone: (406) 252-2516; fax: (406) 252-3176.

Adam Jones of Saint Francis, Kan., won the FFA/4-H speech contest at the 87th annual Cattlemen's Day in Manhattan, Kan., March 3. The contest was open to those under the age of 18 who were not enrolled in a postsecondary institution. Each contestant gave a 5- to 7-minute speech on the topic "Overcoming Obstacles to Increased Beef Demand." Jones received a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded upon his enrollment at Kansas State University. The money was donated by Dee James and the Livestock and Meat Industry Foundation. Jones is currently a junior at Saint Francis Community High School. 