

Newsmakers

Interns join Angus staff for the summer



Joining the Angus staff for summer 2001 are (from left) interns **Corinne Blender**, Emporia, Kan., Angus Productions Inc.; **Keri Geffert**, Haven, Kan., public relations; and **Clint Brown**, Creston, Iowa, junior activities.

Corinne Blender, Emporia, Kan., is the editorial intern at Angus Productions Inc. (API), publisher of the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin*. While at API, she will conduct interviews, participate in industry events, write and edit stories, and shoot photographs for the publications.

Blender comes from a family with deep roots in agriculture. Her family backgrounds yearling heifers and is actively involved in the promotion of agriculture and the beef industry.

Blender has helped promote the beef industry as the media intern for Beef Empire Days, Garden City, Kan. She also has freelanced for Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), and her family works with an outreach program at Emporia State University (ESU) to educate the general public about agriculture.

She plans to continue working for a livestock publication, educating both industry professionals and the general public and promoting the industry.

Blender will be a senior at Kansas State University (K-State) this fall. She is president of the university's Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) chapter and will be editor of the *K-State Agriculturist*, a student-produced magazine, in the spring.

Blender, 21, is the daughter of Howard and Trudie Blender. She plans to graduate in May 2002 with a double major in agricultural communications and animal science.

Keri Geffert, Haven, Kan., is the public relations (PR) intern for the American Angus Association. While at the Association, she will write news releases, attend shows and shoot photographs. Her career goal is to

work in PR for the beef industry.

"My background in the beef industry has led to my interests in the internship," Geffert says. "I'm excited to learn more about the largest breed registry and meet its members."

Geffert says she always has admired the Angus breed for its programs and advancements.

"The Angus Association is one of the most progressive breed registries," Geffert says. "I plan to leave here with an immense amount of experience and knowledge of the beef industry."

In the fall, Geffert will be a senior at K-State. She is active in ACT, the Block & Bridle Club and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Geffert, 21, is the daughter of Lynn and Kathy Geffert of Haven, Kan., where they own a registered cow-calf and diversified crop operation. She plans to graduate in May 2002 with a double major in agricultural communications and animal science.

Clint Brown, Creston, Iowa, is the Association's junior activities intern. For 10 weeks, Brown will be making plans for the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. He also will represent the Association at various shows throughout the summer.

"By working closely with the NJAA (National Junior Angus Association) Board of Directors and the rest of the Angus staff, I am able to assist other juniors in developing their skills and leadership abilities," Brown says.

As an active junior Angus member, Brown says he is looking forward to planning the shows and activities in which he has participated. His grandparents, Duane and Carolyn Skarda, along with his uncle and aunt, Ron and Mindy Skarda, started his interest in the breed through their operation, Skarda Farms.

"Being actively involved in the Angus Association has given me many opportunities to develop and expand my skills and character as an individual," Brown says. "The wide variety of programs and activities that the NJAA provides has offered me real-world experience that will help me in my future endeavors."

Brown will be a senior at Iowa State

■ Missouri Angus Ass'n tour rolls in August

The Missouri Angus Association extends an invitation to attend its third annual state Angus tour. Visiting breeding establishments in the historic Ozarks of southwest Missouri, the tour will begin with a reception Friday evening, Aug. 24, at the Holiday Inn North in Springfield, Mo.

The tentative schedule includes Saturday stops at Kissee & Wallace Cattle Co. LLP, Mount Vernon; Our Place Angus, Sarcoxie; Moriando Ranch, Mount Vernon; Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield; and Clearwater Farm, Springfield.

Sunday's stops include Genex/CRI, Strafford; Herd's Angus, Fairgrove; and Double Creek Cattle Co., Marshfield.

Participants will have the opportunity to view cattle or displays at each stop. The tour includes a judging contest and a program about Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), as well as a tour of the meat lab at Southwest Missouri State University.

The preregistration deadline is Aug. 1. For more information, contact Tammy Wallace at (417) 466-1933 or Joann Pipkin at (417) 732-8552.

One of the largest Angus associations in the United States, the Missouri Angus Association was organized in 1939. It now boasts 859 members, reports president Curtis Long, Butler.

University (ISU) this fall. On campus, he is involved in the Ag Business Club, the Block & Bridle Club, VEISHEA and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Brown is the 21-year-old son of Mary Jo Skarda, Creston, Iowa, and Dennis Brown, Shannon City, Iowa. He plans to graduate in May 2002 with a degree in agricultural business with a minor in animal science.

■ IN THE NEWS

A memorial fund has been established with the All-American Angus Futurity Junior Show in memory of **Pat O'Bryan**.

The junior show is scheduled in conjunction with the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity. The fund will provide a traveling trophy and cash prizes to the winners of the junior showmanship contest.

O'Bryan always will be remembered as one of the outstanding showmen of the Angus breed. The class and professionalism he brought to the futurity showing will never be forgotten.

To contribute, donations should be made payable to the Pat O'Bryan Memorial Fund and mailed to the All-American Angus Futurity treasurer, Ernest Bingman, at PO Box 397, Carmi, IL 62821.

VDAR Lucy's Boy was laid to rest after a long battle with numerous health problems due to old age.

Last season, Lucy's Boy surpassed Bon-View Bando 598 to be the largest volume selling beef bull in the history of his owners' cooperative. This year his total lifetime dollars of semen sales may surpass \$1 million. Lucy's Boy was owned by Van Dyke Angus Ranch, Manhattan, Mont.; Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch, Sidney, Mont.; Gary Giem, Twin Bridges, Mont.; and Genex Cooperative Inc., Shawano, Wis.

SAF Focus of ER died on May 18 at 5 years of age at Genex Hawkeye West, Billings, Mont.

Focus had established himself as a top bull in the Angus breed with superior estimated progeny differences (EPDs). While his own show career was brief and uneventful, his effect on the Angus breed is substantial.

Focus was owned by Edwards Angus Ranch, Denton, Mont., and Sydenstricker Angus Farms, Mexico, Mo.

TC Stockman 365 was laid to rest on May 22 at 8 years of age. Named the 1999-2000 Roll of Victory (ROV) Sire of the Year, he was senior champion bull at the 1996 National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

Since summer 1996, he had resided at Hawkeye Breeders West, Billings, Mont. He was owned by Summitcrest Farms, Summitville, Ohio; TC Ranch Inc., Franklin, Neb.; and Vision Angus, Curtis, Neb.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Bob and Laura Larson, Columbia, Mo., wish to announce the May 25 birth of their daughter, **Karrin Janelle**. Karrin weighed 7 lb., 9 oz. She was welcomed home by her sister, Mariah.

Bob Larson is the author of the monthly "Vet Call" column in the *Angus Journal*.

■ IN PASSING

Lucy Pierce, 94, of Woodlawn Farms, Creston, Ill., passed away Feb. 9. She and her husband, Lewis, shared 61 years of marriage before his death.

Pierce attended Connecticut College for two years and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1928. She was a member and past president of the Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi sorority. She taught swimming at



Lucy Pierce

Woodlawn Farms for 20 years and also served as a manufacturer's representative for JHB Import/Export Co., selling buttons in the Midwest. Pierce was a member of the Woodlawn Cemetery Board, the Ogle County Republican Women's Club and the Ogle County Prairie Preservation Society.

■ Illinois Angus Ass'n March Board Meeting, Springfield



Leading the Illinois Angus Ass'n for 2001 are (seated, from left) **Reid Thacker**, Sumner, president; **Dale Rhode**, Kingston, vice president; **Stan Prox**, Macomb, business manager; **Grant Bedel**, Saybrook, past president; and **John Curtin**, Blue Mound, American Angus Association director. Directors include (standing, from left) **Gregory Kuipers**, Onarga; **Michael Dorethy**, Macomb; **Marvin Hobbs**, Good Hope; **Stephen Murphy**, Illiopolis; **Brian Finnestad**, Rochelle; **Chad Hoffman**, Farmer City; **Alan Miller**, Champaign; **Fred Swanson**, Trivoli; **Steve Hillman**, Morton; **Steven Spivey**, New Windsor; **Jerry Mollett**, Pocahontas; **Gary Sandrock**, Rock Falls; **Richard Dickinson**, Congerville; **Donald Hamilton**, Ava; **David Gibb**, Piper City; and **Marvin Kramer**, Farina.

She was also a member of the Eli Skinner Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for more than 50 years, the Rochelle Women's Club, the Illinois Angus Auxiliary and a charter member of the American Angus Auxiliary.

Charles Yount, 64, passed away at his home in Sweetwater, Tenn., on May 2.

Yount was born on Jan. 18, 1937, to George and Nora (Antrican) Yount in Rutledge, Tenn. He married Rachel Hammer on April 7, 1962.

He was a member of the Head of Richland Baptist Church, Rutledge. He was the former owner of Cherokee Manufacturing Co. and the former co-owner of the East Tennessee Livestock Center. He was the owner of Charles Yount Construction Co. and a co-owner of Valley Realty and Auction Co.

Yount was an auctioneer for more than 40 years and a member of the Tennessee Auctioneer Commission for 13 years. He served as a member of the Sweetwater Housing Authority and the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Development Board.

Norma O'Bryan Olson, 76, passed away May 25 at her home near Ennis, Texas.

Olson was born April 21, 1925, in Luzerne, Pa., to Rudy Frank and Dorothy Ann "Dode" (Pegnetter) Paulick.

She graduated as valedictorian from Luzerne High School and as valedictorian from College Misericordia. Following graduation, she taught chemistry at Nazareth Academy and College in Kentucky.

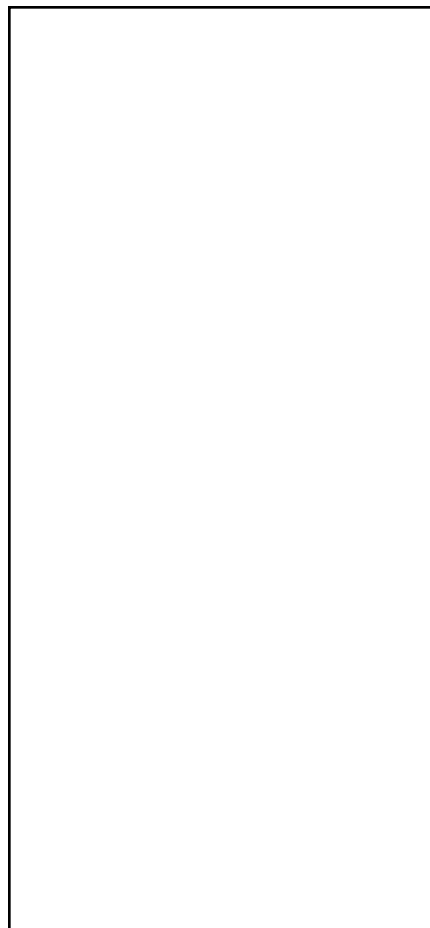
She married Joseph Patrick "Pat" O'Bryan on April 2, 1948.

For a time, Olson worked as a bacteriologist for the state of Maryland. She also worked with her first husband until his death, producing and showing Angus cattle and managing cattle sales.

Olson was a charter member and officer of the Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas (A.L.O.T.) Angus Association, and she was a member of the American, Oklahoma, Texas and Northeast Texas Angus associations. She also was a member of the Pawnee (Okla.) County Historical Society, the Pawnee County Democrat Women's Club and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

On Jan. 2, 2001, she married Gordon Olson.

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■ **Alabama Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, April 20, Cullman**



Serving as officers and directors of the Alabama Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Robert Fox**, Verbena, past president; **James Shropshire**, Thorsby, president; **Tom Lovell**, Opelika, first vice president; **Joseph King**, Nauvoo, second vice president; **Jay Evers**, Hoover, treasurer; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, secretary; (standing, from left) **B.C. Jackson**, Hope Hull; **Carl Garrison**, Thorsby; **Gregg Blythe**, Madison; **Jack Tate**, Boaz; **Scott Bonds**, Guntersville; **Timothy Hopkins**, Ashford; **David Ficken**, Huntsville; **Banks Herndon**, Hatchechubbee; and **Len Gibbs**, Huntsville.

■ **Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, May 4, Stillwater**



The Oklahoma Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (seated, from left) **Bill Corbin**, Connerville; **Keith Grissom**, Prague, past president; **Mark Squires**, Noble, president; **Phil Keeter**, Stilwell, vice president; and **Albert Rutledge**, Stillwater; (standing, from left) **Earl Abernathy**, Altus; **Chuck Stewart**, Ravia; **John Pfeiffer Jr.**, Orlando; **Eddie Cook**, Orlando; **Tim Henricks**, Anadarko; **Don Abernathy**, Altus; and **Tom Drake**, Davis.



Michael Frey (left), Mulhall, receives the Mr. Angus Award presented by Keith Grissom.



Joe Bush (left), Shidler, was named Commercial Producer of the Year. Bob Hillier presents the award.



Tom Drake (right), Davis, was inducted into the Oklahoma Angus Association Hall of Fame. Bill Corbin presents the award.

■ **Mississippi Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, May 4, Raymond**



Elected to the Mississippi Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Jack Evans**, Winona, president; **Charles Franks**, Mantachie, vice president; **Cammie Thornton**, Courtland, secretary; **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Mike Howell**, Baldwin; **Cary Childs**, Ripley; **Brian Garner**, Newhebron; **Joe Magee**, Mendenhall; and **Gary Tune**, Decatur.

EE Ranches Inc., Winona, was named Progressive Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Cheryl and Jack Evans, Winona; and Mike Howell, presenting the award.



The Childs family, Ripley, Miss., was named Mississippi Angus Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) David Bailey, presenting the award; Cary and Mary Childs; and Bob Glover.

■ **Alabama Angus Ass'n Spring Sale, April 21, Cullman**



Cygnnet Farm, Cullman, consigned the grand champion bull. Pictured are (from left) **Buddy Herrington**, Brewton, buyer; and **Rick Gober**, Cygnnet Farm, consignor.



Bobby Redmon (right), Taft, Tenn., consigned the grand champion female. Also pictured are (from left) buyers **Larry Cunningham**, Ardmore, Tenn., and **J.B. Turner**, Harvest.



Milton Mitchell, Bessemer, consigned the reserve grand champion bull. Pictured are (from left) buyers **Lowell Reid**, Hayden; **Greg Butler**; Mitchell; and **Jamal Diggins**.



Tom Lovell (left), Opelika, consigned the reserve grand champion female. Also pictured are (from left) buyers **Teresa, Steve and Addie Henson**, Nauvoo.