▶ IN THE NEWS

Six Kansas families are recognized each year for the Kansas Master Farmer and Master Farm Homemaker award. This year, Angus members **Tom** and **Carolyn Perrier** were among the six award winners. The Perriers own and operate Dalebanks Angus Ranch near Eureka, Kan. The family's ranch includes 5,000 acres — much of it dedicated to native grass pastures in the Flint Hills. They also farm 200 acres each of wheat and corn, and 150 acres each of alfalfa, hay and soybeans.

In 2002 they sold 110 bulls and 67 bred heifers. Another 50 bulls are sold private

treaty each year. To improve the herd's genetics, the Perriers use performance records, expected progeny differences (EPDs), artificial insemination (AI), embryo transfer (ET) and estrus synchronization.

New officers were elected at the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) annual convention March 26 in San Antonio. Angus members elected to office are **Jon Means** of Van Horn, second vice president; **John Merrill**, Crowley, honorary director; and **David Eppright**, Cost, director.



► Byrd Cattle Co., Red Bluff, Calif., is the California Beef Cattle Improvement Ass'n Seedstock Producer of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Chris Byrd; Jerry Johnson, president of CBCIA; Brooke, Dan and Ty Byrd.

Byrd Cattle Co., Red Bluff, Calif., was named California Beef Cattle Improvement Association's (CBCIA) 2002 Seedstock Producer of the Year during the California Cattlemen's Association convention in Sacramento. Byrd Cattle Co. has been in the registered Angus business in northern California for 25 years. Dan, Chris, Ty and Brooke Byrd have built a reputation for producing cost-efficient, functional cattle that require minimum maintenance while excelling in a forage-based environment. They currently run 50 Angus cows and 10 Charolais cows and do extensive ET work.

IN PASSING

Otis Talmage Watson, 72, of Albany, Ga., died March 31.

A native of Franklin County, Ala., Watson had resided in Albany since 1972. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Watson was the ranch manager of Graham Angus Farms, and had been with the Graham Co. since 1949.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Bruce; and one granddaughter.

Mary Helen Woods Severson, 80,

Webster City, Iowa, died April 14 at the Shady Oaks Care Center at Lake City, Iowa.

Severson, the daughter of David and Annetta Stark Woods, was born Oct. 27, 1922, in Detroit, Mich.

Severson graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Holy Rosary College in Chicago and a master's degree in economics from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She also worked towards a master's degree in economics at the University of Chicago and Columbia University.

Severson's first job was teaching economics at Loyola University in Chicago. She was part of the post-war organization team in Paris that wrote the Marshall Plan under W. Averell Harriman. And she was in CONTINUED ON PAGE 58

■ STATE SPOTLIGHTS

California Angus Ass'n board of directors meeting

► Serving as the 2003 California Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) Sherry Danekas, Wilton, vice president; Amanda Campbell, Stockton, junior advisor; Susan Wiese, Lincoln, secretary; Jim Vietheer, Wilton, president; Betsy Cardoza, O'Neals, treasurer; Kelli Toledo, Visalia; (standing, from left) Allison Blanchard, Mendota, past president; Carter Pierce, Selma; Tyler Byrd, Red Bluff; Joel Popken, Orland; Randy Perry, Prather; and Jim Dismukes, Elk Grove.



■ Illinois Angus Ass'n board of directors meeting



► The 2003 Illinois Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) David Gibb, Piper City, president; Chad Hoffman, Colfax, vice president; Rob Murray, Milford, secretary; Dale Rhode, Kingston, past president; Jay King, Rock Falls, American Angus Ass'n director; Cimeron Frost, Tallula, Illinois Beef Ass'n representative; (standing, from left) Gregory Kuipers, Onarga; Marvin "Bud" Hobbs, Good Hope; Douglas Turner, Mahomet; William Riley, Secor; Reid Thacker, Sumner; Fred Swanson, Trivoli; Steven Spivey, New Windsor; Jerry Mollett, Pocahontas; Alan Miller, Le Roy; Brian Finnestad, Rochelle; and Michael Dorethy, Macomb.

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charge of Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign for the third Congressional District.

Her mother, Annetta, started Stark-Woods Angus, Webster City, with her brother Winslow Stark in 1945. In 1965, Severson entered the purebred Angus business by buying some cattle from her mother's herd. One of her great pleasures in life was to help start others in the Angus business.

On Sept. 11, 1969, she married Joseph Severson. The couple farmed and ran the cattle operation north of Webster City. Joseph died in 1991.

Frank Felton, 63, of Maryville, Mo., died April 16 after a short illness.

He was the son of Austin Felton and Eva Margaret Frank Felton, and was born Feb. 16, 1940, in Maryville. In 1962 Felton graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia, with double majors in animal husbandry and agricultural economics. In 1962 he married Lynn Denning.

Felton was a nationally and internationally acclaimed cattleman who raised registered Angus and Herefords. He was a pioneer in the use of performance

► Kentucky Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Louisville, Feb. 28



► The Kentucky Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) Joe Burton, Faubush; Wendell Bruce, Lawrenceburg; Briggs Cunningham, Lancaster; Lisa Hawkins, Magnolia, secretary; Charlie Boyd II, Mays Lick, president; Glenn Hawkins, Magnolia, vice president; (standing, from left) Danny Lynn, Springfield; Henry Smith, Russell Springs; Todd Jeffries, Canmer; John McDonald, Mount Sterling; Kevin Gallagher, Union; Ashley Moss, Nicholasville; Davis Holder, Gamaliel; and Maynard Stetten, Louisville.



► Davis on the Highlands, Springfield, receives a lifetime achievement award. Pictured are (from left) Ashley, Joe and Sandra Davis, and Anne Nicole and Jason Flinn.

► Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Billy Ray Smith (right), presents the Kentucky Junior Angus and Kentucky Angus associations \$10,000 for the sponsorship of the 2003 Nat'l Junior Angus Show this July in Louisville. Ashley



Toll, KJAA president and 2003 Kentucky Angus queen, accepted the check.



► The Charlie Boyd family, Mays Lick, was named Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Paula, Logan, Blake and Charlie Boyd II.



► Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Hoskins, Hustonville (left and center), are honored for 50 years of membership. Charlie Boyd II, KAA president, presents the award.



► The Toll family, Lawrenceburg, receives the Herdsman of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) **Cindy, Charles Wallace, Ashley** and **Charles Toll**.

▶ Left: Holly Hill Angus Farm, Gamaliel, is recognized for 50 years of membership. Pictured are (from left) Barry and Suzannah Rich, Nicholasville; Travis and Julie Warren, Judith and Billy Rowland, all of Gamaliel; Alexis Rich, Nicholasville, held by Billy; Hannah Guffey, Elizabeth Guffey, holding daughter Leigha; and Shawn Guffey, all of Tompkinsville.



testing data and genetics. He traveled throughout the world speaking on livestock issues.

He served the role of president for numerous agriculture-related groups, as well as the Maryville Rotary Club and as a deacon at the First Christian Church.

He has received awards including the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Seedstock Producer of the Year, Outstanding Young Farmer of Missouri, and the University of Missouri School of Agriculture Food and Natural Resources Citation of Merit.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, J.A. and Matthew; two daughters, Allison and Katherine; and four grandchildren.

■ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Jared Froetschner has been appointed technical service manager for Roche Vitamins Inc., animal nutrition and health sales area west. His duties will include

working with customers regarding microingredient formulation and providing technical feed processing consultations.

Novartis Animal Vaccines has named **Bruce Van Der Kamp** as director of sales. He will lead U.S. sales force activities and translate field sales and market data into overall sales and distribution strategies for the Novartis line of vaccines for livestock.

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Louisiana Angus Ass'n annual meeting, Lecompte, March 7



► Consigning the top-selling bulls more than 20 months old to the Louisiana Angus Ass'n sale are (from left) Harold Doyle, Glenmora, third-high-selling lot; and Edgar Raymond, Oak Grove, first-and second-high-selling lots. Carroll Boudreaux, Louisiana Angus Ass'n president, presents the awards.



► The Louisiana Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) Robert Warren, Amite, treasurer; Mike Rome, Tallulah, secretary; Brian Kennedy, Monterey, vice president; Carroll Boudreaux, New Iberia, president; (standing, from left) Ronald Dobson, Campti; Ronnie Holloway, Tallulah; Dale Smith, Jennings; Charles Williams, Jena; Boyd Walker, Lake Charles; Billy Querrey, Tallulah; Drew Hall, Greenwell Springs; Greg Tate, Ville Platte; B.L. Bickham, Ethel; and Chris Roussel, Gramercy.

Missouri Angus Ass'n annual banquet, Columbia, Feb. 22



► Clearwater Farm, Springfield, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are Adam Owen (left), herdsman, and Jim Pipkin (right), Springfield. Ernie Wallace, last year's winner, makes the presentation.



► The Brockman family, Brookfield, is inducted into the Missouri Angus Hall of Fame for their contributions to the Angus breed in Missouri. Pictured are (from left) Rance Long, Angus Hall of Fame; Brian, Mrs. R.G., and William Brockman, all of Brookfield; and Tom Burke, Angus Hall of Fame.



► The Missouri Angus Ass'n board of directors include (front row, from left) Doc Wayne Smith, Winigan, fieldman; Dan Weigand, Warrensburg, vice president; John Moffitt, Kirksville, president; Jean Ryan, Willard, treasurer; Karen Jones, Gainesville, president-elect; Barbara McBride, Centralia, secretary; Kris Graupman, Palmyra, director; David Innes, Armstrong, past president; Ben Eggers, Mexico, American Angus Ass'n director; (back row, from left) Charles Gerloff, Bland; Brent Murphy, Houstonia; Rick Washam, Pierce City; Steve Birk, Jackson; Truman Wiles, Willow Springs; Max Creason, Cowgill; and Vernon Yager, Sturgeon.



► Paul Raitel (right), herdsman at Circle A Ranch, Iberia, was named Herdsman of the Year. Jim Pipkin presents the award.



► Leaders of the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are (from left) Darla Eggers, Mexico; Shelly Kinne, Eagleville; De Etta Murphy, Houstonia; Joann Pipkin, Springfield; and Amy Iman Bellis, Orrick, American Angus Auxiliary vice president.

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ABS Global, De Forest, Wis., announced that **Marjorie Faust** will be the new director of external research. Faust will be responsible for identifying, developing and coordinating research projects that will lead to differentiated product lines for ABS.

Livestock Marketing Association

(LMA) announced the 38 semifinalists for the June 14 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship. The competition will be held at Blue Grass Stockyards, Lexington, Ky. For more information, contact LMA at 1-800-821-2048.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced that the **Texas Cattle Feeders Association** (TCFA) Environmental Services Program won the Texas Environmental Excellence Award for Agriculture.

Ag Secretary Ann Veneman named **Dan Amstutz** to lead the U.S. government's reconstruction efforts in Iraq. Amstutz will serve as senior ministry advisor for agriculture in the rebuilding effort and will coordinate the U.S. government activities in the sector.

► Tennessee Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Murfreesboro, March 7



► The Steve May family, Hurricane Mills, was named Angus Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Laura, Steve, Vivian and Josh May.



► The Tennessee Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (seated, from left) Bruce McDonald, Fayetteville; Alex Williams, Gray, president; Jim Hinton, Trezevant, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) Daniel Eldridge, Johnson City; Maurice Armstrong, Eagleville; Quintin Smith, Lebanon; and William Donnell, Jackson, vice president.

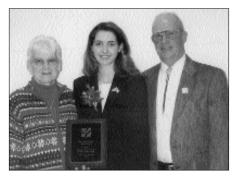
South Carolina Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Clemson. March 14

► Left: The South Carolina Angus Ass'n dedicated the 2003 South Carolina Angus Futurity to Roy and Elizabeth Herron, Starr. The Herrons have been active members of the SCAA, and Roy has served in various leadership positions.



■ Maryland Angus Ass'n

► Right: Cortney Hill-Dukehart (center), of Sunrise Sunset Farm, Sykesville, Md., receives the Breeder of the Year award from the Maryland Angus Ass'n. Charles (right) and Mary Sasscer of Cedar Hill Farm present the award.



Michigan Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, Mason, March 9



► Michigan Angus Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) Nancy Thelen, Saline, president; D'nece Coleman, Niles, vice president and Miss Michigan Angus chair; Vickie Meiburg, North Branch, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) Lois Foster, Niles, historian; Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Williamston, scholarship chair; and Barb Sweeney, Mason, awards chair.



► Michigan Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) Steve Thelen, Saline, president; Phil Tuggle, Ithaca, vice president; Rebecca VanDenBerg, Hudsonville, secretary; Earl Boehmer, Olivet, treasurer; (standing, from left) Dave Hawkins, Mason; Steve Fitzner, Bellevue; Chuck Preston, Prescott; Bruce Foster, Niles; Rob Chapman, Bellevue; Amanda Powell, Ionia; Lawrence Bryson, Bellevue; Chris Jeffrey, Webberville; Lee Sweet, Deckerville; and Chuck Reid, Eaton Rapids.