

# Newsmakers

by Terry Cotton, general manager

## ■ IN THE NEWS

**TC Dividend 963** died on June 11 at McCurry Bros. in Kansas. He was 11 years old. Dividend consistently ranked in the top 15 sires of the breed for registrations and in 1994 was the breed's No. 1 sire. He has more than 11,000 progeny in nearly 1,700 herds reported through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR).

A proven calving-ease sire, Dividend was used extensively in purebred and commercial herds across the country. He currently has more than 3,500 daughters working in nearly 1,300 herds. His daughters have earned him the distinction of Pathfinder Sire. With 133 to his credit, he currently ranks No. 2 in the breed for the number of Pathfinder daughters.

Dividend was owned by TC Ranch, Franklin, Neb., and McCurry Bros., Sedgwick, Kan. He was leased to Accelerated Genetics, Baraboo, Wis.

**Michael Ryan**, Scottsville, Va., has been hired as a fieldman for the Virginia Angus Association. Ryan grew up showing Angus cattle during his 4-H and FFA careers. The former member of the Virginia Junior Angus Association graduated from Virginia Tech in December 1995 with a degree in agricultural business. While in school, he was a member of the livestock-judging team.

**Rance Long** has joined the American Angus Hall of Fame, Smithville, Mo. Long is a third-generation Angus breeder from Oklahoma with strong ties to Indiana, where his family started working with Angus.



Rance Long

He showed cattle across the country and was active as a junior Angus member. During college at Oklahoma State University (OSU), he was a member of the livestock-judging team. Long continued managing the family farm near Stillwater and served as a marketing consultant, distributing beef genetics in foreign and domestic markets following his graduation with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Long will succeed **Dick Beck**, who left to

become a managing partner of Springfield Angus, Louisburg, N.C.

**Rathbun Angus LLC** is moving. Corrin, Greg and Jennifer Rathbun, formerly of Kennewick and Richland, Wash., have announced their purchase of and move to a new ranch near Moses Lake, Wash.

"We had an opportunity to sell out at Kennewick . . . to a large family corporation for the establishment of a wine vineyard," Corrin says. "It gave us an opportunity to purchase a ranch of approximately 650 circle-irrigated acres, along with several thousand contiguous acres of leased grazing land."

Galen and Lori Fink, Manhattan, Kan., announce that **Gene Barrett**, Grantville, Kan., has been named commercial services representative for Fink Beef Genetics. Barrett graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences and industry. While attending K-State he interned for Wehrmann Angus in Virginia and Thomas Angus in Oregon.

In addition to a custom artificial insemination (AI) business, Barrett serves as a semen representative for ABS and manages Genetics Plus, a heifer-development company.

**Jason Yuhasz** of Haslett, Mich., has been hired by NorthStar-Select Sires as a relief technician. His current responsibility is to provide support to NorthStar technicians in Wisconsin. Eventually Yuhasz will establish his own territory in that state.

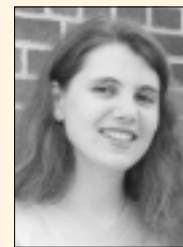
Yuhasz graduated in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in animal science from Montana State University.

**Harvey Wood** has been appointed general manager of The Semex Alliance of Guelph, Ontario, a partnership of Canadian AI cooperatives. Wood brings financial and leadership skills he acquired in his former profession, banking.

"Looking ahead, his expertise will strengthen our customer service and distribution network and lead necessary change to take on the challenges of the new millennium," said Tom Nash, The Semex Alliance president.

## Ungeheuer fills dual role at API

Abra Ungeheuer joined the Angus Productions Inc. (API) team June 19 as Web marketing/editorial assistant. In this dual role, she is charged with setting up



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the Angus e-classifieds and will be responsible for selling, billing, gathering information, typesetting and proofing mock-ups. She will work closely with the editorial department to update the API Web sites with current news.

Editorially, she will compile regular columns, write articles and help coordinate freelance submissions. Ungeheuer also will coordinate the *Angus Journal's* responsibilities for the NJAA/*Angus Journal* Photo Contest and other special projects.

In May Ungeheuer completed a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Kansas State University, Manhattan. As a student she was involved in a variety of clubs and activities. She held several positions in KSU Ag Ambassadors, including ag council representative and professional shadowing co-coordinator.

The 21-year-old daughter of Dillard and Charleta Ungeheuer, Centerville, Kan., is a former state FFA officer and an American FFA Degree recipient.

## ■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

**Bryce and Gina Schumann** announce the birth of their son, Jessye, June 27. He weighed 7 lb., 13 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Jessye was welcomed home by two brothers, Dylan and Wyatt.

## ■ IN PASSING

**Ruby Brooks** of Buffalo, Ky., died on May 19 in Hodgenville, Ky. She was born Aug. 20, 1919. She and her husband never had children, but they cared for others' children with the same loving dedication. She is survived by her husband and two sisters, Francis Wright and Virginia Williams.

**Stewart Sewell** of Jacksboro, Texas, died May 31 in Fort Worth. He was born Feb. 18, 1919, to Edmund and Gertrude Sewell. He was the third generation of pioneer ranching families. After graduating from Texas Tech,

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Sewell returned to Jacksboro to begin his ranching career.

Sewell was a member of the Flying Tigers and received the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. He had volunteered for what was then known as the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was with a B-25 group in China — the first U.S. bomber group there.

He returned to the United States and taught young Chinese pilots how to fly B-25s at La Junta Air Force Base.

After his military career, Sewell returned to ranching in Texas, where he worked with Angus cattle and breeders. He served as assistant superintendent, superintendent and director of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. In 1963 he was president of the Texas Angus Association.

Sewell was a director and chairman of the board of Jacksboro National Bank. He

served as a director at Round Rock Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock and Southwestern Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

He owned and bred cutting horses. Sewell was one of the founders of Circle Seven Drilling Co., and he was active in oil and gas production until his death.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheryl of Jacksboro; two sons, Stan Sewell of Fort Worth and Stace of Dallas; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Scott and his sister Dorothy Davis.

**Aftel Meece Smith** of Russell Springs, Ky., died May 22 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. She was born in Russell County on Oct. 5, 1920, to Lora Foley Meece and Avery Meece. On Oct. 5, 1939, she married C. Bascum Smith.

Smith devoted her life to her husband, children and grandchildren. She helped her

family with the operation of Smithland Angus Farm.

She was a charter member of the Russell County Extension Homemakers Club and participated in the Fonthill Club for more than 50 years. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church for more than 60 years and served as Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) director for 35 years.



In 1994 she was a finalist for the Master Homemaker of Kentucky Award.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Isla Meece Smith. She is survived by her husband; one son, Charles B. Smith Jr., Russell Springs; two daughters, Charlene Harris and Deborah Popplewell, both of Russell Springs; three brothers, Truesdell Meece of Danville, Ind., and Dwight and Roger Meece, both of Lexington; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Ralph Struve** of Irwin, Iowa, died May 20 at Myrtle Memorial Hospital, Harlan, Iowa, after a battle with cancer. The longtime Angus breeder and herdsman was born April, 19, 1915, to George and Dora Gruhn Struve near Manning, Iowa. Struve cultivated his knowledge and love of cattle through his work with Shorthorn on the family farm near Manning with his brother Glen (Red) and his father, George.

On Nov. 2, 1941, Struve married Velma Datwyler in Winterset. They lived at the family farm, then moved to a farm southeast of Manning, where the couple lived until his parents retired.

In 1957 Struve demonstrated his abilities as one of the top showmen in the Angus breed when he became herdsman for Treasure Acres in Blairsburg. He helped Paul Benshoof, the owner, become one of the major Angus breeders of that era.

He later moved his family to Creston, Ill., to work at L.B. Pierce and Sons' Woodlawn Farms. Struve moved them back to Iowa to work for Val-Mar Farms in Manning.

In 1965 he received the John Sheets Herdsman Award for being the outstanding cattleman of the year. The next year until his retirement in 1979, Struve worked at Super-Cross Hybrid Seed Corn near Manilla and maintained a small herd of purebreds.

He and Velma built their home in Irwin after his retirement in 1979. He enjoyed woodworking and remained active in the

### "Basics of the Business Breed" offered in Texas

Texas Angus breeders and cattle producers interested in the Angus breed will have two opportunities to attend "Basics of the Business Breed" seminars—Aug. 14 at the Fredericksburg Brewing Co., Fredericksburg, and Aug. 15 at Traditions Restaurant, Tyler.

Staff of the American Angus Association will conduct the two seminars, which are open to all cattle producers. John Crouch, director of the Association's performance programs, will address the group on the use and importance of using expected progeny differences (EPDs). He will explain how and why EPDs are used effectively and how they are beneficial to both producers and customers.

Matt Perrier, Association regional manager, will discuss various marketing options for Angus bulls. He will highlight some of the Commercial Relations Department's programs, including the new Angus Beef Record Service (BRS).

Both Crouch and Perrier will be available to answer any questions following the seminars.

Both seminars begin at 6 p.m., with a Dutch-treat buffet meal. There is no additional cost for the seminars, which will start at 7 p.m. There is no registration; however, those planning to attend should contact Perrier at (817) 920-5032.

### Missouri Angus Tour set for Aug. 25-27

Angus breeders and commercial cattlemen interested in viewing quality Angus cattle and visiting with some of Missouri's top-notch Angus breeders are invited to participate in the second annual Missouri Angus Tour Aug. 25-27. With headquarters in Columbia and eight planned stops, the central-Missouri tour schedule is full of a wide variety of events. More than 25 Missouri Angus breeders will display cattle.

Registration and a welcome reception on Friday, Aug. 26, will kick off the activities. The bulk of the tour is planned for Saturday, Aug. 26. Sydenstricker Angus Farms, Ragsdale Cattle Co. and Circle A North are on the morning schedule. In the afternoon, tour-goers will take in the University of Missouri's College of Veterinary Medicine diagnostic lab, Hotel and Restaurant Management/Food & Meat Science Center, and beef farm. They also will visit the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. Sunday stops include Weiker Angus Ranch and E.E. Robertson Farms.

The headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive S.W., Columbia, MO 65201. Call (573) 445-8531 to make a reservation. Group room rates are \$65.95/night for one king bed or two double beds.

For more information or to preregister, contact Darla Eggers, tour chairwoman, at 3939 S. Clark St., Mexico, MO 65265; phone: (573) 581-7069; e-mail: [eggers@sockets.net](mailto:eggers@sockets.net).

Iowa Angus Breeders Association. In 1990 they dispersed their cow herd.

Struve was active with the Trinity Lutheran Church in Manilla. He was a member of the American Angus Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. Struve is survived by his wife; two daughters: Glenda Baker of Pittsview, Ala., and Janene Barry of Irwin, Iowa; a son, Galen Struve of Blue Springs, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Jerry Turner** died May 24 at his home in Richmond, Ind. He had battled amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), better known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," for two years.

Turner graduated from the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine in 1965. He and Millard Hays built Grove Veterinary Clinic in 1975. He served as president of the Purdue Veterinary Alumni Association in 1996-1997 and in 1999 was awarded its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Turner and his wife, Cathy, were featured in the January 2000 *Angus Journal* in the article "Faith, Family & Friends." The Turners had been in the Angus business since 1978. They had to disperse last spring because of his illness.

Turner is survived by his wife; a daughter, Carrie; and two sons, Mark and Andy.

**Charles Wagle**, 66, of Smithville, Mo., formerly of Ridgely, Mo., succumbed to cancer at St. Luke's Northland Hospital, Smithville Campus, on June 30.

Born July 2, 1933, to Tom and Anna (Scherf) Wagle in Platte County, Mo., he graduated from North Kansas City High School. After serving four years with the U.S. Navy, Wagle worked for TWA as an instrument mechanic for 33 years, retiring in 1992.

The last four years he enjoyed and took pride in being a CARE van driver for St. Luke's Northland Hospital. He also remained active in raising Angus cattle for more than 30 years and was a current member and past president of the Nodaway County Angus Association.

He was a member of the Ridgely Christian Church and served as mayor of Ridgely for many years. After moving to the Smithville area, he attended the Hoover Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tom; his mother, Anna Wagle Herndon; and his first wife, Diane. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine "Jerry" Wagle, of the home;

one daughter, Darol Hazen, Smithville; sons Steve of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Scott of Ridgely, and Mike and Chris, both of Smithville; one sister, Theresa McKellips, Smithville; several grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to the Hoover Christian Church or to the Ridgely Cemetery.

A former director of the American Angus Association, **John Gauger**, 98, of Clear Lake, S.D., passed away May 29 at the Good Samaritan Center in Clear Lake. Born Jan. 1, 1902, to Charles and Lizzie (Raasch) Gauger, he attended rural school and graduated from Clear Lake High School. He graduated from Brookings School of Agriculture in 1921.

Gauger married Julia Johnson June 30, 1925, in LaCrosse, Wis. The couple continued to live on the farm where John was born.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church since 1917, a member of the church board, a Sunday school superintendent and a Sunday school teacher for 63 years.

He was instrumental in getting the AAA conservation group's shelter belt program started. He served as chairman of the group during the 1930s.

Some of his many awards included South Dakota Eminent Farmer, South Dakota Honored Breeder Award for Centennial Herd and Honored Farmer at the Little International at Brookings. He was a member of the South Dakota Hall of Fame in Agriculture and was a member of the South Dakota Angus Breeders' Association since 1925.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Julia; a brother, Milton; and sisters, Nelda and Arletta. He is survived by a son, Ardell of Clear Lake; a daughter, Janice Gauger of Clear Lake; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

#### ■ ALSO IN THE NEWS

**ConAgra Beef Co.** announced its plans to build a new office building in northern Colorado, located in the Promontory Point Office Park in Greeley. Construction is expected to begin in September, with completion scheduled for summer 2001. The company expects all of is approximately 550 office employees to work in the new building upon completion.

