

# Newsmakers

► Personal **achievements** and **losses** in our Angus family

## ► IN THE NEWS

**James Fisher**, who has served as director of junior activities since 1991, has been selected to direct the newly formed Activities and Junior Activities Department at the American Angus Association.

As the director of activities and junior activities, Fisher will plan open shows, oversee the Association Roll of Victory (ROV) point system and other special projects related to Association activities. He also will continue to organize youth programs for the breed and work closely with the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors and state junior Angus associations. Fisher also works closely with the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

"James's years of experience with planning junior shows and events make him a perfect fit for this new combined position," says Richard Spader, executive vice president of the Association. "Even though James will assume many of the responsibilities of the former director of activities position, other staff members have assumed some of those responsibilities as well."

"I feel the reorganization of the Activities Department is the best use of the talented

staff we have at American Angus and the resources available."

Fisher is a native of northwest Missouri. Prior to working at the Association, he served as a field representative in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming for the American Polled Hereford Association. He maintains a herd of Angus cows and enjoys snow skiing, spending time with friends and family, and singing in the American BarberBoys chorus.

**Rich Masoner**, De Kalb, Mo., has accepted a position as an advertising assistant with Angus Productions Inc. (API). A Missouri native, Masoner brings a wide variety of skills to API, including customer relations and a thorough knowledge of cattle and the cattle industry. In addition, he is certified and experienced in artificial insemination (AI).

Most recently, Masoner worked as a multicounty field representative and salesman of animal feeds, crops, fertilizer and chemicals for MFA Agri Services. In the past, he has worked for Royal Seed, the Missouri Department of Conservation and Mercantile Bank.

He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo., in 1996 with

a bachelor's degree. He majored in animal science and minored in commercial agriculture.

Masoner and his wife, Christina, have two children: a son, Kahl, who is 3 years old, and a daughter, Janae, who is 10 months. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, team roping, hunting, leatherwork and horse training.

Masoner will assume job responsibilities from longtime API employee Ginette Kurtz, who will leave API in mid-August after nearly 12 years.

## ► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Danny & Andrea Bradshaw, Hubbard, Iowa, announce the Feb. 28 birth of their daughter, **Alexiss Lea**. She weighed 7 lb., 4 oz. and was 21 in. long.

## ► IN PASSING

**Arthur Ferguson**, 94, Columbia, Mo., died April 28 at Boone Hospital Center.

Ferguson was born March 18, 1907, in Wilkin County, Minn., to Charles and Bertha (Meili) Ferguson.

Ferguson married Olivia Van Houten in Pond, Mo., June 27, 1934.

He graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in animal husbandry and was an Angus breeder all of his life.

Ferguson was a member of Rising Sun Baptist Church, Auxvasse, Mo.

**Jeannette Wheaton**, 74, Columbia, Mo., died March 19 at Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Boonville, Mo.

Wheaton was born Oct. 1, 1926, in Warrick County, Ind., to Edward and Matilda (Hartig) Stahl.

She married Howell Wheaton on July 15, 1950, in Vincennes, Ind.

She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in dietetics. She had worked as a dietician for the Purdue football team and residence halls.

Wheaton was a member of the American and Missouri Angus associations and the American and Missouri Angus auxiliaries. The Missouri Angus Auxiliary presented her with the Helping Hands Award in 2000.

Wheaton was active in the Farm Bureau, from which she received the Farm Wife Award in 1979. She also was a member of the Heimweg Garden Club of Columbia, the Fortnightly Fun with Foods group of the University of Missouri, the Booneslick Quilters of Columbia, the Agronomy Wives Bridge Club of Columbia and Boone's 25th Home Economics Club of Rocheport.

She had served on the Boone County Extension Council and was a 4-H club leader and author of the "Cook's Column" in the *Missouri Angus Trails* magazine.



**James Fisher**



**Rich Masoner**

## ► University of Florida Beef Short Course, May 2-4, Gainesville



► The Florida Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) presented awards to **Leroy Baldwin** (left), Ocala, owner of two Golden Super Cows and four Super Cows; and **Rosemarie Cameron**, Cameron Bend Angus Ranch, Hawthorne, owner of three Super Cows.



► For accomplishments in the 2000-2001 show season, *The Florida Cattleman* and *Livestock Journal* presented awards to (from left) **Katie Allen**, Lithia, owner of the premier Angus bull; **Alicia Pinkston**, Seffner, premier Angus exhibitor; and **Eddie Lee**, Eustis, representing Calvin Winter, Tallahassee, owner of the premier Angus female.

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**Joseph Calderazzo**, 58, of Waters Edge, Penhook, Va., died May 26. He was married to Audrey.

Calderazzo was an oral surgeon at Westlake Corner in Hardy, Va., from 1996 until his death. Prior to that practice, he owned York Oral Surgery in York, Pa. He also was a member of the medical staff of Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital. He was a member of many of the associations within the dental industry and had been recognized by several for his accomplishments as an oral surgeon.

Calderazzo was a 1960 graduate of Chamberlain High School, Tampa, Fla. He held degrees from the University of South Florida, University of Maryland Dental School, Wilmington Medical Center and Boston University School of Graduated Dentistry.

In addition, he gave of his time to offer free treatment for all patients at the York County Nursing Home. His interests also included showing and breeding cattle. He had numerous awards and champions from his registered Angus program, which included embryo transfer (ET).

He founded, organized and managed the Atlantic National Angus Show for five years, from its inception in 1987 to 1993 (see page 208). He also organized and assisted in running the junior Olympic girls volleyball team in York County, Pa.

**Benjamin Thompson**, 19, of Hilltop Angus, Mount Gilead, N.C., passed away May 16 at FirstHealth Montgomery Memorial Hospital in Troy, N.C., following a target-shooting accident.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1981, and was

the son of Dale and Sharon (Gaddy) Thompson.

An active Angus enthusiast, Thompson was a native of Montgomery County and a member of Stoney Fork Baptist Church. He also was a graduate of Montgomery High School and a student at Montgomery Community College.

## ► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Matt Brockman**, Maxwell, Texas, has been hired as executive vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) in Fort Worth.

Babcock Florida Co. announced that **Arnie Sarlo** has been promoted to general manager of its 90,000-acre ranch east of Punta Gorda, Fla.

**Duane Garner**, vice president for research and development at XY Inc., Fort Collins, Colo., received the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) Research Award for his significant contributions to the animal breeding industry. The award recognizes Garner's pioneering work to develop techniques for sperm analyses and to enhance sperm-sorting technology in the cattle, horse, pig and sheep industries.

On May 24, a group of individuals met in Richland, Mo., to organize the **Missouri Stockgrower's Association**. 

## ► Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic,

May 27, Lancaster



► **Bill Hilleman** was awarded the Southwestern Classic Honoree Award. Pictured are (from left) Marie Leifheit, Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Ass'n; Bill Hilleman, Richland Center; Jill Hilleman, Richland Center; and Roger Krue, Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Ass'n president.

## ► South Carolina Angus Field Day,

June 2, Newberry



► This father-son duo claimed top honors in their respective divisions of livestock judging. Pictured are (from left) **Brown Boyd**, Clover, junior champion, and **Neil Boyd**, Clover, senior champion.