

Newsmakers

Tanya Peebles, a former National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member originally from Lawrenceville, Va., has joined the Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Marketing Department. Peebles will be responsible for online sale books and other Web Marketing services.

Peebles, a May 2000 graduate of Virginia Tech, holds a bachelor's degree in animal



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science. She brings a strong Angus background to the department.

"We are very glad Tanya has decided to join our Web Marketing team," says Angie Denton, director of Web marketing.

"With her knowledge of the Angus business and familiarity with the breeders, she brings a lot to our growing department."

Peebles is the daughter of Johnnie and Cheryl Peebles. She was active in the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association, competing on the state, regional and national levels. While at Virginia Tech, she competed on the livestock-judging team and was active in Block and Bridle.

A scholarship fund has been started in memory of **Jerry Turner**. The fund is a grassroots campaign of friends, clients and colleagues who would like to remember his service to the community. With the help of the Wayne County Foundation and the Union County Foundation, the scholarship will continue that sense of service.

The funds will be used to provide annual scholarships for Union and Wayne county high-school students. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the fund in care of Union County Foundation, 404 Eaton St., Liberty, IN 47353 or Wayne County Foundation, 33 S. Seventh St., Suite 1, Richmond, IN 47374. Make checks payable to the foundation. Please include your name and address when making a contribution.

Brian Good has been named the marketing coordinator for the Canadian Angus Association. Born and raised in the Red Deer area of central Alberta, Good has had a lifelong interest and involvement with Angus cattle. Since dispersing the family's well-known "Black Browe" Angus herd, Good has worked in industry-related sales and management positions.

Good's responsibilities will be twofold.

He will work with commercial cattlemen and feedlots, encouraging them to recognize the value of Angus cattle. He also will be assisting licensed packers and distributors with promotion of Canadian Angus Beef products across Canada. Good will be available to commercial cattlemen interested in using Angus genetics and in participating in any of the association's programs.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Chris and Suzanne Stallo announce the birth of a son, **Alex Christopher**, Aug. 30. He weighed 7 lb., 11 oz. and measured 20 in. long. Alex was welcomed home by his brother, Noah. Chris works in the Association's Information Systems Department.

■ IN PASSING

Mildred C. Peery, Harrisonburg, Va., passed away Aug. 1. Peery spent her life helping others. She was a nurse by occupation and served her community as a 4-H club leader.

Her husband, Charles M. "Chilly" Peery, former editor and publisher of *Angus Topics*, preceded her in death.

Peery is survived by three children: Irene Peery, Charlottesville, Va., and Barbara Peery and Charles M. Peery Jr. both of New Market, Va.

Delmar Calyle "D.C." Jackson, 71, Swoope, Va., died July 7 at the August Medical Center.

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Nation's third-oldest Angus herd celebrates century of production

Family, friends and fellow breeders from nearly half of the nation's states came to pay tribute and to celebrate a century of producing Angus cattle by the Laffin family on Aug. 19. Hosted by Bob and Barbara Laffin, their children and grandchildren, the 100th anniversary celebration was unique not only due to its recognition of longevity, but because two other Angus herds recognized as being among the oldest in existence in the United States—Woodlawn Angus, Creston, Ill., and Sunnyslope Angus, Lanesboro, Minn.—were represented at the field day.

Laffin's grandfather, E.B. Laffin, started the herd in Nebraska in 1900, and his son, L.E. Laffin, continued the business. Bob Laffin and his brother and sisters are continuing the Angus heritage with their children and grandchildren.

Lew Laffin, Crab Orchard, Neb., Angus breeder, along with Pat (Laffin) Reichenbach and Shirley (Laffin) Larson, sisters of Bob and Lew, and most of their immediate families were in attendance. Bob Laffin's children—Sharee Sankey, R.D. Laffin, Karen Laffin and Guy Laffin—and grandchildren—Cody and Jeanna Sankey, Josh Laffin and Clinton Laffin—helped with the festivities.

The Kansas House of Representatives presented Laffin Ranch with a tribute recognizing their Angus herd as the state's oldest.

Kansas Gov. Bill Graves, while proclaiming Kansas Angus Week, gave special recognition to the Laffins' century of Angus production.

—**Frank Buchman**



Sugar Hill Angus Farms, Fort Smith, Ark., bought the high-dollar heifer in the Laffin Ranch 100th Anniversary Angus Female Sale. Bob Laffin (center) donated the entire proceeds of \$10,000 to the Tom Osborne Foundation, which organizes and funds mentoring and spiritual programs. Shown are Fred Williams, David McMahon, Laffin, Lawson Hembree and Shirley Williams.

Jackson was a Navy veteran and member of the Mountain View United Methodist Church. He ran DC Jackson Trucking, one of the premier cattle transport companies in the United States.

Jackson is survived by his mother, wife and three brothers.

John R. Williams, 81, of Covington, Ga., died Aug. 21 at Emory University Hospital.

Williams, a native of Atlanta, served as chairman of the board of First Nation Bank (FNB) and as a board member of Blue Circle Industries. Prior to and during his involvement with FNB, he served as president of Williams Brothers Inc., a family-owned conglomerate that comprised concrete, masonry, lumber and building-material businesses known throughout the Southeast.

Williams also served as chairman and board member of the Department of Natural Resources and Georgians for Better Transportation, Trust Co. Bank, Peachtree Bank, CSX Railroad, Western Railroad, and Golden Poultry. He was president of the Atlanta Building Materials Association, trustee for the University of Georgia Foundation, and was active in the Georgia political arena for more than 40 years. Williams was active in the Georgia, Atlanta, DeKalb and Newton chambers of commerce, and he was instrumental in bringing DeKalb Technical Institute to the Newton County area.

Williams owned and operated Senah Plantation, a working farm and game preserve in Albany, Ga. He and his wife were members of the First United Methodist Church in Covington.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth M. Williams; daughters Kay Cantrell and Alice Toonk; and son, John B. "Jay" Williams, all of the Atlanta area. Other survivors include six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to the John R. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1107, Covington, GA 30015.

■ ALSO IN THE NEWS

Dennis Krumm, Mandan, N.D., announced plans to resign his position as the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) chief brand inspector. Krumm, who's been with the association since 1969, decided he prefers hands-on brand inspection work over its administration. He

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will step down from his current post Oct. 1 and resume work as an auction-market brand inspector at the Linton, Jamestown and West Fargo markets.

Before assuming his position as chief brand inspector in August 1997, Krumm worked as the NDSA's East River fieldman for five years and, before that, as an auction-market inspector at Linton and Napoleon.

Tek Supply has hired **Brian Beckwith** to fill the newly created position of merchandising manager. Beckwith is a business administration honors graduate of Nichols College.

His primary responsibility will be adding

new products and expanding existing categories to implement the company's goal of being a one-stop source for customer satisfaction. Additional responsibilities include conducting product reviews, disposition of slower moving inventory and managing the rapidly expanding stock-number database.

Jason Sawyer is the new animal nutritionist with New Mexico State University's (NMSU's) Clayton Livestock Research Center. Sawyer is a two-time NMSU graduate. He earned a master's degree in ruminant nutrition in 1998 and a doctorate in range nutrition this year.

His duties include both research and outreach through NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service. Sawyer will develop targeted research to address New Mexico

needs and to transfer new knowledge to producers. Much of his work will focus on nutrition management to regulate the health of livestock and to improve the cost effectiveness of livestock supplements.

Todd Sears is the new beef specialist for ABS Global. In the newly created position, Sears will be responsible for developing a commercial marketing program along with managing the beef marketing activities.

Sears comes to ABS with eight years of experience in the artificial insemination (AI) industry and most recently was the district sales manager for ABS Global in North Dakota, a position he held for three years.

Little Apple Brewing Co. has been named a winner of the 2000 Beef Backer Award by the Kansas Beef Council (KBC).

The Manhattan, Kan. restaurant was selected for its superior leadership, dedication and commitment to menuing and merchandising beef.

Since opening in 1995, Little Apple has made incredible strides in sales volume and reputation due to reliance on high-quality and carefully prepared beef entrées.

Little Apple features *Certified Angus Beef*[™] (CAB[®]) product on the menu. The company's dedication to beef is apparent, as beef is present in virtually every category on the menu. The only menu category void of beef — dessert.

Kansas Angus producers Galen and Lori Fink own the restaurant with Russ and Kelly Loub.



■ **Washington State Field Day**
Mount Vernon, June 24



Leading the Washington Angus Association through the upcoming year are (from left) **Corrin Rathbun**, Moses Lake, vice president; **Mary Kay Vejraska**, Omak, secretary/treasurer; and **Craig Vejraska**, Omak, president.