

Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for members** of our Angus family

IN THE NEWS

Roger Hunsley, a former Purdue University professor and coach of the livestock judging team, will be admitted into the Indiana Livestock Breeders' Association (ILBA) Hall of Fame.

Hunsley, a breeder from West Lafayette, Ind., was a professor of animal sciences and taught at Purdue from 1967-1983. He also coached the livestock judging team for 16 years and led three teams to national championships. He has been the executive secretary of the American Shorthorn Association for 19 years.

The ILBA was formed in 1960, and is open to all livestock producers. Hunsley will be honored as an educator and builder of the industry.

The American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) announced its new 2002-2003 officers during the annual meeting in July in Quebec City, Que., Canada.

The new officers include: president, James Lauderdale, Pharmacia Animal Health; president-elect, Terry Etherton, Pennsylvania State University; past-president, David Ames, Colorado State University; editor-in-chief, Michael Galylean, Texas Tech University; Midwestern section director, Dan Faulkner, University of Illinois; Southern section director, Jerome Baker, University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES); director at large, Johnny Joe Ford, U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (MARC); Erasmo Gutierrez-Ornelas,

University of Nuevo Leon; Diane Hirakawa, Iams Co.; and graduate director, David Edwards, Michigan State University.

IN PASSING

Arthur V. Bartenslager, 90, of Churchville, Va., passed away Aug. 11, 2002, at the Augusta Medical Center, Fishersville, Va.

He was born Jan. 20, 1912, in York County, Pa., a son of the late John Ralph and Ida Roseana (Leese) Bartenslager. In 1931, he married Delilah Orr. They had been married for 71 years.

Bartenslager was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School where he was a professor of science for 20 years.

He served on the Virginia Angus Association (VAA) Board of Directors and as its president in 1972. The VAA dedicated its 1975 handbook to him. He served on the American Angus Association Board and as its president in 1986.

In 1989, Bartenslager was named to the VAA "Hall of Merit," which was established to identify and honor people who have given their time to make VAA a leader in the cattle industry. In 1996, he was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation.

Bartenslager was past president of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA). He was selected as the Virginia BCIA's Seedstock Producer of the Year. In 1985, the "Bartenslager Award" was established by the VAA in cooperation with the bull test stations and the BCIA.

He was a member of the Loch Willow Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder. For 51 years he was a Mason. He was also a member of the Churchville Ruritan Club and the Lions Club.

A daughter, Margaret Robinson, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, four children and their spouses (J.R. and Helen Bartenslager, Ann and William Hanger, Pam and Don Michael, and Linda and Jack Henry), 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Clinton K. Tomson, 93, of Geneva, Ill., passed away in his office on July 24, 2002.

He was born in Dover, Kan., and had lived in Geneva for more than 60 years. After his early years with Tomson Bros., a third-generation cattle ranch in Wakarusa, Kan., he became the executive secretary of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association. He soon became a renowned national and international cattle judge.

In 1951, Tomson and his late partner, Frank Harding, moved Harding and Harding Insurance Agency from offices at the Chicago Stockyards to Geneva and created the American Live Stock Insurance Co.

Through the 1950s and '60s, Tomson and Harding became the largest importers/exporters of purebred livestock in the world. Tomson is known for importing Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn cattle into North America from Perth, Scotland.

He was the oldest member and president of Geneva Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Aylward Tomson, and is survived by three daughters (Happy, Ann and Katie), six grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

In March 2002, Tomson was featured in the *Angus Journal* coverage of the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. He attended the NWSS for 75 consecutive years. To read that story, turn to page 179 of the March 2002 issue.

Clarence Jones, Forest, Va., passed away May 28, 2002. For 30 years he served as manager of Crow Harris Farm, Forest, Va.

He was a member of the Virginia Angus Association (VAA), and his family continues to be active promoters of the Angus breed.

Jones is survived by a daughter (Anne), three sons (Steve, Mike and Randy), five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In honor of his many contributions to the Angus breed and the VAA, the family is establishing the Virginia Junior Angus "Character Award" in his memory. It is to be awarded to a deserving Virginia junior Angus member. Those interested in contributing to this may send their gift to the Virginia Angus Association at 15 Virginia

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Lone Star Angus Alliance officers and members



► **Right:** Officers of the Lone Star Angus Alliance are (from left) **Delbert Faske**, Lexington, Texas, treasurer; **Warren Wheelock**, Hallettsville, Texas, president; **Barbara Mueller**, La Grange, Texas, secretary; and **Bubba Kay**, Manor, Texas, vice president.

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▶ CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY


Ada Caldwell, Harlan, Kan., celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 28. Caldwell started her own purebred Angus ranch 65 years ago and, thanks to her initiative, her family continues the tradition of raising and showing cattle.

▶ WEDDING

Rhonda Nida and **Jesse McCurry** were married June 22, 2002, in Ponca City, Okla.

Both are members of the American Angus Association.

The bride is the daughter of Brenda Tautfest, Red Rock, Okla. The groom is the son of Greg and Pam McCurry, Sedgwick, Kan. Grandparents include the late Carl and Lorene Tautfest of Red Rock; Sandra and Cecil McCurry of Sedgwick, Kan.; Ron and Iola Schaumburg of Wichita, Kan.; and the late Bill Considine of Halstead, Kan.

The couple resides in Manhattan, Kan. Rhonda is employed as the communications writer for Kansas Farm Bureau. Jesse is an instructor in speech communication at Kansas State University. 

▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Freelance writers Wes and Sharla Ishmael announce the birth of their daughter, **Josie Katherine**. She was born on Aug. 17 and weighed 7 lb., 8 oz.

Mary Thompson has been named communications director and program manager for the Farm Foundation, Oak Brook, Ill. She will have primary responsibility for all Foundation publications. She also will work with Foundation partners to extend the impact and reach of Foundation programs.

Thompson previously was business editor of *Farm Journal*, and has 28 years of experience as a journalist.

Terry Gander joined Accelerated Genetics, Baraboo, Wis., as an international and domestic customer service representative. He will be working with their customers in Latin and North America.

As a recent addition to the Accelerated Genetics artificial insemination (AI) technician team, **Renis Delgado** will provide AI breeding service and direct farm sales to large herds northeast of Appleton, Wis.

Amy Rogers was hired as a laboratory and research technician at Genetic Visions Inc., a research subsidiary of Accelerated Genetics. Rogers will work with genetic marker technologies in dairy and beef cattle breeding programs.

Chad Minnema joined Accelerated Genetics as a professional AI technician. His service area will be in Winnebago County, Wis.

Arlyn Rozeboom joined Accelerated Genetics as a professional AI technician. His service area will be in northwest Iowa.

Accelerated Genetics announced the retirement of **Dick Eide**, area director of marketing, and **Bill Sylla**, AI technician. Eide worked for Accelerated Genetics for 38 years, as an AI technician, district sales manager and regional sales manager. Sylla provided Accelerated Genetics with 40 years as an AI technician. He averaged 45,000 miles every year to breed 4,600 cows. He bred more than 181,000 cows during his career and in 2000 was the second AI technician in the industry to reach the plateau of 150,000 first services.

Accelerated Genetics promoted **Jim Modaff**, Edgerton, Wis.; **Jim Lindsay**, Milladore, Wis.; and **Aaron Stalsberg**, Westby, Wis.; to regional marketing coordinators. They will be responsible for providing support services to regional personnel, coordinating the AI training schools for regional customers and assisting in training employees in insemination techniques.