



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**B3R Country Meats**, Childress, Texas, won the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) Beef Merchandiser Award for 2002. The award, presented by the TCFA during its 35th convention in Amarillo, recognizes companies that set the pace in innovative ways to sell beef.

Minnie Lou Bradley and daughter Mary Lou Bradley began the company in 1986. It was the first all-branded beef product to be marketed across the country and to reward ranchers with a value-based marketing system.

For their involvement in agriculture, **John** and **Jean Riffle**, Pleasant Hill, Mo., received the Missouri Farm Family award at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo. The Missouri Department of Agriculture presented the award.

The Kansas City, Kan., Women's Chamber of Commerce also honored the Riffles at a luncheon at the Agriculture Hall of Fame.

The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) honored **Joe Hampton**, Windsor, Ill., with the Distinguished Service Award. He was recognized for his exceptional leadership and contribution to U.S. red meat exports.

Hampton served on the USMEF executive committee, and was USMEF chairman in 1992. Since 1999, Hampton has been the director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. He has been a strong advocate of global free trade and has represented agricultural interests in talks with the European Union.

The historic Hays House restaurant in Council Grove, Kan., has new owners. **Galen** and **Lori Fink** and **Bill** and **Debbie Miller** took over in October. The Finks are also part owners of the Little Apple Brewing Co., in Manhattan, Kan. Bill Miller works as the communications director for U.S. Premium Beef, and Debbie writes for *Midwest Living* magazine. The Hays House is the oldest continually operating restaurant west of the Mississippi.

Two Angus members have been selected by Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to serve on the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and

Research Board (CBB). **Ken Stielow**, Paradise, Kan., and **Bill Rishel**, North Platte, Neb., will begin their three-year terms in February.

The CBB is composed of 108 cattle producers from across the country. Members of the board determine the most efficient and effective uses of funds generated by the \$1-per-head checkoff.

**Bruce Gordon**, formerly a sire selector with Alta Genetics, is now an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments. He is establishing an office in Sturgis, S.D.

## ANGUS ARRIVALS

**Cara** and **Tommy Ayres**, Haines, Ore., announce the birth of their daughter, **Jonwyn Cara**, Sept. 14. She weighed 8 lb., 1 oz., and was 22 in. long. Grandparents are Bob and Erma Pascalar of Sweet Home, Ore., and Steve and Judy Hull, Redmond, Ore. The Ayreses own and operate Ayres Angus.

**Jason** and **Angie Goff**, of J Bar J Ranch, Norwich, Ohio, announce the birth of their son, **Justus James**, Nov. 19. He weighed 8 lb., 4 oz. and was 20½ in. long. Grandparents are Bain and Carol Goff and Kim Isreal of Norwich, Ohio.

## IN PASSING

**Caden Isaac Adams** passed away Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at 6:17 p.m.

Caden was born Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, to **Soni** and **Anthony Adams** of Shelbyville, Ind. He was welcomed by his 2-year-old brother, Cameron. His grandparents are Dave and Karen Smith and Tony and Beverly Adams, all of Greensburg, Ind.

Caden, with numerous unfixable health

problems, was removed from life support and was held and loved by his family for more than four hours before he died very peacefully to be with the Lord.

**William Bedingfield**, 84, Cushing, Okla., died Oct. 31.

He was born March 30, 1918, the son of the late Clyde and Willie Bedingfield. He owned Wil-Mar Construction Co. and Wil-Mar Angus Ranch.

As an Angus leader and breeder, he was dedicated to both the American Angus Association and the Oklahoma Angus Association. He served as a director of the American Angus Association for six years and as president in 1984.

Bedingfield is survived by his wife, Joyce; his son, Robert, and daughter, Karen; three grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

**Jane Krueger**, 47, East Fallowfield, Pa., died Nov. 13 at the Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Chester, Pa.

She was born to William and Joyce Green in Franklin, Ind., and was a 1978 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She married Gregory Krueger, and they operated the Krueger family farm for more than 20 years. Her husband preceded her in death.

Krueger had worked at the Exton Dialysis Center as a registered nurse. She was a member of the Doe Run Presbyterian Church and the American Nursing Association.

She is survived by two daughters, Erin and Amy.

**Robert M. Baker**, 73, died at a nursing home Nov. 16 in Dyer, Tenn.

► A memorial plaque in recognition of the contribution of Angus breeder **Augie Velisek** to the beef industry, 4-H and youth of Maryland was presented and hung at the University of Maryland 4-H Foundation in College Park, Md. Pictured (from left) are sons **Michael Velisek** of New Market, Md., and **Augie Velisek III** of Catonsville, Md.; wife **Caryl** of Frederick, Md.; daughter **Jamie Razga** of New Oxford, Pa.; and son **Douglas Velisek** of Gaithersburg, Md.



Baker was a former cattle ringman and was retired from the *Drovers Journal* in Kansas City, Mo. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Janet and Anita; a son, Robert; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Following a lengthy illness, **Joseph Keefauver**, 94, died Nov. 17 at his residence in Johnson City, Tenn.

Keefauver was a Washington County native and a son of the late Joseph and Belle Hylton Keefauver. He was a member of Boones Creek Christian Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, elder and chairman of the board.

He was valedictorian of his class at Boones Creek High School and a graduate of Milligan College in Johnson City. He was a founder and on the board of directors of the Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City.

Keefauver was manager of Hardwick Farms, Cleveland, Tenn. He later started the Keefauver Bros. Farm. He served two terms as a director of the American Angus Association. He was vice president in 1959 and president in 1960. He was a speaker at an Angus conference in Argentina and judged major Angus shows throughout the United States.

Keefauver was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby, in 2001. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

*Meat & Poultry* magazine released a study ranking the top 10 universities serving the meat and poultry industry. The top three listed were **Texas A&M University** at No. 1, followed by **Iowa State University** and **Kansas State University**, respectively.

**Ron Cravens**, DVM, has been named president of Novartis Animal Vaccines Inc., Larchwood, Iowa.

Cravens has experience in the biologicals business and in the management of ethical and over-the-counter (OTC) animal health products. He was previously the director of cattle biologicals for an international animal health company.

**Jeff Eisenberg** is the new Public Lands Council (PLC) executive director and National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) director of federal lands. He will work in Washington, D.C., representing cattle producers on federal lands and natural resources issues consistent with NCBA and PLC policy.

**Ben Higgins**, formerly director of public affairs for the California Cattlemen's

Association, is the new manager of the PLC and NCBA Federal Lands Committee.

The TCFA named its 2003 officers and directors.

Cattle feeders elected to one-year terms on the board of directors are **H.P. Brown**, Lubbock; **Scott Keeling**, Hereford, chairman; **Perry Kirkland**, Vega; **Bill Kruse**, Fort Worth; **Bill Robertson**, Amarillo; and **Bill Shaw**, San Angelo.

Elected to two-year terms are **Jay Gray**, Gonzales; **Scott Hall**, Hereford; **James Henderson**, Childress; **Michael Kitten**,

Hereford; **Ernie Morales**, Devine, chairman-elect; and **Brad Stout**, Amarillo.

Directors chosen for three-year terms are **Gary Gosdin**, Irving; **Steve Hays**, Texhoma, Okla.; **Walter Lasley**, Stratford; **Johnny Scribner**, Perryton; **Charlie Sellers**, Amarillo, vice chairman; and **Guy Walker**, Dawn.

**Merlyn Sandbulte** of ABS Global, De Forest, Wis., has increased his district sales manager responsibilities and has expanded his territory. He is now responsible for managing beef and dairy sales in the northern Plains states. 