

Newsmakers

by Terry Cotton, general manager

■ IN THE NEWS

John & Jean Riffle, John Riffle Angus Farms, Pleasant Hill, Mo., served on the History Committee for the 100th Anniversary of the American Royal Livestock & Horse Show. The American Royal started in 1899 as a Hereford show that was held in a tent. Over the years it has become one of the premier livestock shows.

The American Royal Centennial celebration kicks off with the World's Largest Bar-B-Que on Oct. 1-2. The livestock and horse show runs Oct. 1-Nov. 13.

You can learn more about the 100th year celebration by contacting John & Jean Riffle, John Riffle Angus Farms, 22010 Riffle Road, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080; phone: (816) 540-2929; fax: (816) 540-3131.

Mandy Monson, University of Nebraska, received an honorable mention award for the 1999 All-American Farm Volleyball Team™. Mandy is the daughter of Mandy & Lynn Hanson, Wallace, Neb.

Successful Farming magazine announced the farm volleyball team in addition to its fifth annual All-American Farm Football Team™ in its September issue. A team of judges selected players based on their collegiate athletic and academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities and farm/ranch backgrounds.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Angus Journal field editor **Lori Gilmore** and her husband, **David**, of Shawnee, Kan., announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Rae, Aug. 19. She weighed 6 lb., 14.5 oz. and measured 18.5 in. long. Caitlin is welcomed home by her brother, Kyle.

LeRoy & Jennifer Montoya, Clarksdale, Mo., announce the birth of Manuel Royce July 28. Manuel weighed 7 lb., 13 oz. and was 21 in. long. He is welcomed home by brothers Jacob and Jeffrey Conley and grandparents Mae Montoya, Moriarity, N.M.; and Byron & Grace Waller, Saint Joseph, Mo.

■ WEDDING BELLS

Christy Bell & Philip Page Jr. were united in marriage Aug. 14.

Christy has been an active National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member. She served as co-chairman of the 1997 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Christy is a Gold Award winner and was honored with the NJAA Outstanding Leadership Award. She is currently active in the American Angus Auxiliary and is co-chairman of the Miss American Angus Committee.

Christy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bell, Good Hope, Ga.; Philip is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Philip Page Sr. The couple will reside in Winder, Ga.

Tracey Bowen & Jeremy Powell were united in marriage Aug. 7. Tracey is a past NJAA member and has served as president of the Arkansas Junior Angus Association. She is a Gold Award recipient.

The couple is at home in Stillwater, Okla., where Tracey is in the management training program for Wal-Mart and Jeremy is a third-year student at Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. They are both 1997 graduates of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Tracey is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bowen of Rogers, Ark.

■ IN PASSING

Paul Cassagne St. Blanc, 57, of Lena, Miss., died suddenly July 14. Born July 28, 1941, he was the son of V.J. and Marie St. Blanc. He married Vicki Hulin Nov. 23, 1963.

He attended Louisiana State University and in 1965 graduated with a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He later received a teaching certificate in vocational agriculture and taught vocational agriculture in Franklin, La., for 20 years.

In 1953 Paul, his father, and his brothers purchased their first registered Angus cattle and formed Bar S Angus in Charenton, La. He was first a junior member of the American Angus Association and became a life member in 1963. In 1983 Bar S Angus

and the St. Blanc family were acknowledged by the Association with a Historic Angus Herd Award. Paul, his family, children and grandchildren have continually owned registered Angus cattle since 1953.

St. Blanc was active in Angus activities. In 1982 he and his wife were selected National Junior Angus Advisors of the Year. In 1987 they were inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Paul and Vicki served as advisors of the Louisiana Junior Angus Association for 17 years. In 1995 he was chosen to be a showmanship judge at the NJAS.

He served various terms on the board of directors of the Louisiana and the Mississippi Angus associations. In 1999 Paul and Vicki were honored by the Mississippi Angus Association as the Mississippi Angus Family of the Year. At the time of his death, Paul was president of the Mississippi Angus Association and the Middle Mississippi Angus Association and was manager of Lena Farms in Lena, Miss.

He is survived by his parents; his wife; three brothers; three children: Anne Lampe of Scott City, Kan., Casey St. Blanc of Folsom, La., and Melanie Kiani of Forest, Miss.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paul St. Blanc Memorial Fund for the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*™ Cook-Off Contest, c/o Sandra McCurry, First National Bank, Box 189, Mount Hope, KS 67108.

Fred Jacob Fink, 87, rural Fort Scott, Kan., died Aug. 19.

Fink was born Dec. 24, 1911, in Hiattville, Kan., the son of Gottlob Julius and Laura Frances (Ruthrauff) Fink. He married Doris Irene Ermel April 23, 1944, in Uniontown, Kan.

He was a member of the Mount Orum Baptist Church. He was a farmer and stockman, raising Angus cattle. As a teenager, he was a member of 4-H. That interest renewed when his children were old enough to become 4-H members. He was beef leader of the Hiattville 4-H for several years and helped start the 4-H livestock sale.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Kathleen Gilliland, rural Fort Scott; one son, Galen Fink, Manhattan, Kan.; one sister, Mary Comstock, Penrose, Colo.; one brother, Donald Fink, Redfield, Kan.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Pearl Stevens; and two brothers, Delbert Fink and Adolph Fink.

Memorials may be made to the Bourbon County 4-H Agriculture Scholarship Fund.

