

# Newsmakers

## ■ IN THE NEWS

The Semex Alliance recently has integrated all its beef programs into a newly formed "Genetic Horizons" division. By merging its U.S. and Canadian beef programs into a single genetic and marketing company, Semex will be able to offer a greater selection of high-quality beef genetics, says Harvey Wood, general manager of the Semex Alliance.

**Lance Ellsworth** will serve as general manager of the new division, and **Bernard Doré** will serve as international beef sales manager. Doré's responsibilities will include all Canadian and international beef sales and marketing efforts.

## Angus breeders shine at NDSA annual convention

**Gene Harris**, a Killdeer, N.D., commercial and registered Angus breeder, was elected to the top post of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) at the organization's annual convention and trade show in Bismarck Sept. 28-30. The 20-year NDSA member has served as the association's vice president the past two years and prior to that was the District 5 director.

Angus producer **Jack Reich**, Zap, N.D., was elected to fill a vacant seat on the NDSA board for District 4.

**Julie (Schaff) Ellington**, Saint Anthony, N.D., was honored for five years of service

to the NDSA. Ellington serves as the association's communications director and is responsible for its public relations activities and its publications.

**Amanda Talkington**, an agricultural studies major at Dickinson State University from Richardton, N.D., was selected as the recipient of the ninth annual NDSA scholarship. Talkington received a \$500 check for her scholarship essay, which described the negative implications of the U.S. Forest Service's proposed grazing-management plan.

## ■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

**Michael** and **Laura Elliott**, Haw River, N.C., announce the June 8 birth of their son, **Andrew Hugh**. Andrew weighed 5 lb., 9 oz., and measured 21½ in. long.

**Dave** and **Dana Maples** announce the birth of a daughter, **Erica Caroline**, Oct. 15. She weighed 7 lb., 5 oz. Erica was welcomed home by her brother, David. Dave serves as executive director of the Kentucky Beef Council and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association.

**Rick** and **Missy Cozzitorto** are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Alexandria Grace**, born Oct. 5. Alexandria weighed 7 lb., 10 oz. Rick is a former Association regional manager for Arizona, California and Nevada.

## ■ IN PASSING

**Gary LaVern Green**, 64, passed away Oct. 1 at his home near Volborg, Mont. He was born in Miles City, Mont., on Aug. 19, 1936, the son of Loy and Evelyn (Beckman) Green. After completing grade school, he began ranching full-time. On Oct. 20, 1957, he married Beverly Riley in Miles City. They had six children.

Green's life was spent raising Angus cattle in the Volborg area. He was proud of producing quality Angus bulls and was generous in donating Angus heifers to youth to get them started in 4-H and FFA livestock programs.

Green was a member of the American Angus Association and the Montana Alfalfa Seed Growers Association. He was an active 4-H leader and local school trustee.

He is survived by his wife and five daughters: Emily Madsen of Volborg; Donna Holman of Miles City; Tommy Cruz of Albuquerque, N.M.; and Kathleen Green of Mackinac Island, Mich. He is also survived by one son, Larry Green of Volborg, seven grandsons and five granddaughters.

## An Aberdeen-Angus Journal reunion

After 22 years, a group of former *Aberdeen-Angus Journal* employees met for a two-day reunion on the shores of Lake Erie's Marblehead peninsula. The men, former field representatives and a former general manager, all were employees of the *Journal* when it was located in Webster City, Iowa.

Those in attendance were **Perry** and **Iva Lane**, Grand Junction, Tenn.; **Darrell** and **Barbara Overholt**, Stillwater, Okla.; **Veryl Jones**, Clinton, Mo.; **Curt** and **Linda Rodgers**, Huntsville, Mo.; **Lanny**

and **Jan DeMott**, Bedford, Iowa; **Jim** and **Judy Rentz**, Coldwater, Ohio; **Ray** and **Nancy Roth**, Marblehead, Ohio; and **Dale** and **June Runnion**, Longmont, Colo. Special guests joining the occasion were auctioneers **Paul Good**, Van Wert, Ohio, and **Ray Sims**, Raymore, Mo.

**Editor's Note:** *The Aberdeen-Angus Journal became the Angus Journal in July 1979 after the American Angus Association assumed ownership from the Fred Hahne Printing Co. and moved the offices to Saint Joseph, Mo.*



Former members of the *Aberdeen-Angus Journal* staff met for a two-day reunion hosted by **Ray** and **Nancy Roth**. Pictured are (from left) **Darrell Overholt**, **Veryl Jones**, **Dale Runnion**, **Perry Lane**, **Ray Sims**, **Jim Rentz**, **Curt Rodgers**, **Lanny DeMott** and **Ray Roth**. Not pictured is **Paul Good**.

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Memorials may be made to the Stacey Memorial Hall or to a scholarship fund to be used for 4-H, FFA or National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members.

**Doran Butler**, 81, passed away on Sept. 29 at Spring Cove Ranch near Bliss, Idaho.

Butler was born May 30, 1919, to Effie and Arthur Butler. His parents homesteaded Spring Cove Ranch and purchased their



**Doran Butler**

first Angus cattle in 1919. Butler devoted his life to loving support of his large family, building his ranch and contributing to the Bliss and Gooding County communities.

He married Helen Havenor on June 4, 1944. They raised seven children. Butler supported the Bliss Community Church as an organizer, chairman of the church board and lifelong member.

He was a charter member of the National Cattlemen's Association, which became the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He was a member of the Idaho Angus Association, which his father founded. He chaired several local grazing organizations while serving on the Public

Lands Committee of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association.

He was elected to the Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame in 1989, and his family was the recipient of the FHA Idaho Farm Family of the Year award in 1973. In 1991 the American Angus Association honored his herd with a Historic Angus Herd Award.

He is survived by his wife and daughters Barbara Butler of Mountain Home, Idaho; Rebecca Knapp of Spokane, Wash.; Mary Butler of Boise, Idaho; Jane Butler-Nix of Yakima, Wash.; and Jill Turner of Ashland, Ore. Sons Daniel Butler and Art Butler continue to live on Spring Cove Ranch. Other survivors include an aunt, one sister, one brother and 13 grandchildren.

#### ■ ALSO IN THE NEWS

**David Davis** has been hired by the University of Missouri (MU) Forage Systems Research Center (FSRC) to serve as its superintendent at Linneus, Mo., and at Thompson Farm near Spickard, Mo. Davis will supervise research and Extension at both locations, which are part of the MU Agricultural Experiment Station.

In his new position, Davis says he plans to develop further the MU grazing schools conducted at the FSRC, to promote cooperative research and to continue outreach programs.

