

NEWSMAKERS

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Within this “Newsmakers” column we are pleased to share important news and accomplishments of our members, including state association activities, birth and marriage announcements, and news of Angus members’ passing.

In Passing



Frank Zagar, 95, Girard, Kan., passed away Aug. 31.

Frank was born Feb. 19, 1923, in Girard, Kan., on the family farm,

to John and Mary Terlip Zagar.

He attended Dunkirk schools and was a successful boxer while in the Army, where he was known as the farm boy from Kansas.

He lived on the family farm all his life. Frank loved to farm, and was a self-proclaimed Oliver tractor nut. He also raised and sold registered Black Angus cattle. In 1958, Frank started Zagar Angus Farm.

He married Eris Marie Darigo on Dec. 27, 1950. Eris preceded him in death Sept. 30, 2012.

He was a member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Pittsburg, the American Angus Association, the Kansas Angus Association, Four State Angus Association, the Lon Helm Post #182 American Legion at Arma, and the S.N.P.J. Lodge #225 at Arma. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include a daughter, Eris Ann Zagar of Columbia, Mo.; nieces and nephews Shirley Mercer, John Gene Zagar, Joann Grotheer, and John Charles Renn; and several

other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Eris; three sisters, Mary Zagar, Josephine Renn, and Ann Howell; and two brothers, John and Joe Zagar.

In Recognition

Kentucky family honored for historic Angus herd

In 1967, James E. Doran and his wife Jane, Flemingsburg, Ky., purchased their first registered Angus heifers. This was the official beginning of Brookhill Angus and the family’s registered Angus herd, which is still in operation 51 years later.

“When it came to choosing purebred cattle, Angus was the only choice for our ranch,” James Doran says. “With proven success and heritage as a breed, we felt Angus would one day lead the beef industry.”

James was one of the first breeders to use artificial insemination (AI) in his area, and over the years Brookhill Angus has evolved into a strictly AI-bred herd with no herd bulls.

The 52-head herd is still managed by James and Jane today.

Angus ranches honored for environmental stewardship

Two Angus ranches, Haleakala Ranch, Makawao, Maui, Hawaii, and Thunder View Farms, Grahamsville, N.Y., have been selected as two of six regional honorees of the

Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP).

The award, announced during the 2018 Cattle Industry Summer Business Meeting last August, recognized the operations’ outstanding stewardship and conservation efforts.

Haleakala Ranch

Owned by the Baldwin family for nearly six generations, Haleakala Ranch is a family held corporation with about 100 shareholders, all family members. Over time, the ranch has evolved, and lands that once belonged to Haleakala Ranch are now part of the Haleakala National Park, with nearly 1 million visitors annually.

The team at Haleakala Ranch works with conservation partners to protect the watershed and improve their natural resources, including restoring native rainforests.

The ranch covers a diverse climate, with some of the 1,200 head of cattle foraging in drier country near the ocean while other parts of the herd are rotated through mountains.

Each year the ranch hosts a variety of groups, teaching them about where their food comes from.

“The family has the same goals that I have,” says Greg Friel, livestock operations at Haleakala Ranch. “They want to see this ranch get better and better every year. We just celebrated

130 years of this ranch being founded. We're looking forward to that 150th anniversary, and that 200th anniversary."

Thunder View Farms

Thunder View Farms originated in 1958 when Phil Coombe brought five registered Angus cows to the farm. Phil's brother Dick joined the operation soon after and they have been running the operation together ever since.

The farm, just north of New York City, sits between two of the state's biggest reservoirs supplying drinking water to the nine million people in the city. In the 1990s, New York City proposed tough watershed regulations that would have driven most farmers out of business.

"I think it's been a huge advantage to the beef industry that we fought the battle with the city and won and now have a strong partnership," says Dick Coombe. "We've turned a negative that should have put us out of business into a positive."

As part of this effort, Thunder View Farms has installed a gravity flow system to deliver clean water to all their pastures and allow them to fence cattle out of the streams.

The Coombe family developed an approach to avoid nutrient and sediment runoff. They use silage bags to feed the cattle, providing a healthier environment for the cattle while reducing feed waste.

"They have been excellent stewards of the land," says Paul Rush, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection. "They work very closely with the water supply to protect it while producing high-quality beef."

Creating a sustainable family farm was the goal. Over the years, Thunder View Farms has more than exceeded their expectations.

2018 Southeastern Farmer of the Year



Kevin Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C., has been selected as the overall winner of the Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern

Farmer of the Year award for 2018. First named the 2018 South Carolina Farmer of the Year, Yon was chosen over nine other state winners who were also finalists for the award.

Yon's herd includes about 1,200 registered breeding-age females, 590 commercial breeding-age females and 90 steers and heifers that are fed out.

Forages are among the most extensive plantings on Yon's farm. He has successfully grown alfalfa, and has become a new grower of soybeans and pecans.

Named Yon Family Farms, family involvement is key to this farm's success. His wife Lydia is a full partner with Kevin. Their three children grew up on the farm. All three have returned as young adults along with two of their spouses.

The Yons own a retail store in Ridge Spring where they sell pecans and beef from their farm, along with other South Carolina-grown products.

This is the 29th year for the Farmer of the Year award. The award recognizes excellence in agricultural production and farm management, along with leadership in farm and community organizations. The award also honors family contributions in producing safe and abundant supplies of food, fiber and shelter products.

John Miller, president and chief executive officer of Swisher International, Inc., of Jacksonville, Fla., praised Yon for his farming accomplishments. "Kevin is an

outstanding farmer who has become a role model for others who want to farm," Miller says. "It is an honor for our company and our Swisher Sweets cigar brand to recognize Kevin for his accomplishments in farming."

Yon says his family and employees deserve credit for the award. "We are humbled to receive this recognition," he says. "Our family goal is to leave a legacy, by taking care of the land, our cattle and our people. Our farm supports our two sons and our daughter and their families, and our ten employees and their families."


Charles Snipes, a retired Extension weed scientist from Greenville, Miss., served as this year's senior judge. He called Yon "a remarkable agricultural professional with a family that is fully engaged in the operation."

"Kevin Yon has become an incredible example of success after years of hard work," Snipes says. While Yon started with very little in the way of beginning resources, he used those resources and built upon them to develop an impressive and diverse agricultural enterprise. "His integrity and obligation to the profession of farming and ranching was most recognizable," Snipes adds. "It is evident that he contributes a great deal to his profession beyond his local operation."

Premier Breeder



Doug Satee Angus, Montague, Texas, was named premier breeder at the Kansas State Fair Angus Show, Sept. 15

in Hutchinson. Pictured are (from left) Doug Satee and Katy Satee. 

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