



Newsmakers

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IN THE NEWS

Jean Riffle, Pleasant Hill, Mo., was elected president of Missouri CattleWomen at the 36th Annual Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show, Dec. 11-14, 2003, at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Mo.

Riffle has served as the American National CattleWomen (ANCW) Education Committee chairwoman for three years and was to become the Public Relations Committee chairwoman at the 2004 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show Jan. 26-31 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Marvin Walter, Ames, Iowa, was inducted into the Iowa Cattlemen's Association Hall of Fame at the association's winter conference Dec. 11-12, 2003, in West Des Moines.

Walter was honored for his contributions to the beef industry, including the development of specialty companies, new products and processing techniques. Walter is president and chairman of the board for W&G Marketing Co. Inc. and Dayton Road Development Corp. He also operates two Iowa meat-processing facilities, and he owns a company that supplies animal tissues for medical use.

Walter and Associates Inc., also one of his current business ventures, operates the National CUP Lab, a central ultrasound processing laboratory that certifies ultrasound scans for several breed associations, including the American Angus Association.

IN PASSING

Linda Rogers, 58, Huntsville, Mo., died Dec. 22, 2003, at the Moberly Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 29, 1945, in Beloit, Kan., to James and Winifred (Hibbs) Grinter. She was self-employed as vice president of Trophy Country.

Linda married Curtis Rodgers, area livestock auctioneer, on May 2, 1967, in Oskaloosa, Kan. She was a member of the Saint Louis Family Church and the Tribal Council International Tribe, and she completed work for Service International.

She is survived by her husband; sons Matthew, Brady, Clint and Kevin; and daughters Shannon and Cherina.

Robert "Bob" Ryan, 69, Gardnerville,

Nev., died Dec. 9, 2003, at the Washoe Medical Center in Reno.

He was born Aug. 5, 1934, in Oceanside, Calif., to Charles Ryan and Phyllis Jones.

Bob was in the cattle business his entire life. He had an Angus herd, and he managed the Ace Hereford Ranch in Woodfords, Calif., for 25 years. He had lived in Nevada's Carson Valley since 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons Richard, Michael and Gary; daughters Linda and Michele; six grandchildren; and sister Abbie Nelson.

Henry Walser, 85, Minnesota Lake, Minn., died Nov. 23, 2003, at his home.

Henry was born Nov. 24, 1917, in Clear Lake, Minn., to Francis and Mary (Carlin) Walser. He graduated from Minnesota Lake High School and married Gladys Bair Dec. 12, 1941, in Saint Clair. Henry lived on his family's farm throughout his life, raising cattle, racing horses, raising American Eskimo dogs and spending time with his grandchildren.

He bought thousands of cattle throughout the West during his 50-year cattle career, and he bred the 1969 International Grand Champion Steer, Conoco — a Charolais-Angus steer that became the first crossbred steer to win the prestigious title.

Henry is survived by his wife; sons Donald and Richard; daughters Kathryn, Jean and Connie; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Kristy and **Tom Dalbey**, Adel, Ga., announce the birth of their son, **Kash Thomas Dalbey**, Sept. 16, 2003. He weighed 7 lb., 4 oz. Tom is the general manager of Circle G Ranches, Adel. Grandparents are Larry and Mary Coakley, Magnolia, Ky., and Curt and Helen Dalbey, Fithian, Ill.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

On Dec. 9, 2003, Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman announced 35 appointments to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board. Appointed members representing cattle producers by state or unit are: **James Webb**, Arizona; **Richard Nock** and **Jack Cowley**, California; **Wade Zimmerman**, Colorado; **Michael Cline** and **Stanley Zylstra**, Iowa; **Ronald Estes** and

Don Hullman, Kansas; **Barrett Porter**, Louisiana; **Charles Markley**, Michigan;

Greg Hilgeman, Minnesota; **Charles Hull**, Mississippi; **Jerry King**, Missouri; **David McCracken** and **Nancy Meyring**, Nebraska; **Steven Lucas**, Nevada; **Margaret McKeen**, New Mexico; **Mark Pendleton**, North Carolina; **David Boyer**, Oklahoma; **Gary Sharp** and **Patricia Blum**, South Dakota; **Walter Mac Pate**, Tennessee; **Charles Kiker III**, **Walter Lasley**, **Hope Huffman** and **Peter Case**, Texas; **Richard Nielson**, Utah; **Nancy Lu Thomas** and **Mark Riechers**, Wisconsin; **Dianne Kirkbride**, Wyoming;

Aquilla Ward, Mid Atlantic Unit; **Lucinda Williams**, Northeast Unit; and **Jennifer Senn**, Southeast Unit.

Appointed to represent importers are **Laurie Bryant** and **Greg Silpe**.

All appointees will serve three-year terms, which were to begin Jan. 31. The board, authorized by the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985, is composed of 108 members representing 35 states, four units and importers. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) selects appointees from cattle producers and importers nominated by organizations representing beef, dairy, veal and importer interests.

Don Davis, Hilmar, Calif., was honored by the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) for becoming only the 10th person in artificial insemination (AI) history to sell 1 million units of semen. He achieved this milestone in only 13 years as a sales representative for All West/Select Sires, Burlington, Wash. Davis' sales area encompasses a large portion of the west side of California's San Joaquin Valley, from Hilmar going north past Petaluma.

Terry Handke, Muscotah, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) at its annual meeting Dec. 5, 2003, in Wichita. **Tom Toll**, Lindsborg, will serve as the association's president-elect.

The two volunteers will spend 2004 representing KLA's 6,000 members and working to represent the legislative and regulatory interests of the state's multibillion-dollar cattle industry on the state and federal levels.

I.E. "Skip" Wagner was named vice president and chief operating officer (COO) of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo — the world's largest livestock show, attracting about 2 million visitors each year. He assumed the role in January 2004 after serving as the general manager and president of the Oklahoma State Fair, and serving as Houston's assistant general manager from 1992 to 2000.