

# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Stephen Russell**, Paxico, Kan., assumed responsibilities of the secretary/field representative of the Kansas Angus Association (KAA). Russell replaces Sharon Lindell. Russell will be responsible for coordinating association events, publishing the *Kansas Angus News* newsletter and marketing Angus genetics.

**BSJ Farms**, Marshall, Texas, a leading Angus and Maine-Anjou program, announced the acquisition of Gary and Kathy Buchholz's Hereford and Shorthorn breeding programs, as well as their club-calf producing females.

BSJ is owned and operated by Bob, Jeannie and Jennifer Smith, with show and sale cattle management by Billy Stuckey.

## Bronze bull displayed in Castle of Mey



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► The Castle of Mey, located in Caithness in the north of Scotland, was Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother's, private residence while she was alive. In August 2002, the dining room was opened to the public for the first time. The Queen Mother's personal coat-of-arms tapestry was displayed in the dining room, along with a bronze Aberdeen-Angus bull that was presented to Her Majesty by the American Angus Association. The inscription on the bronze reads, "Presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, in appreciation of your support of the world Angus industry – the American Angus Association – 1995."

Officers of the Red River Valley Angus Association include **Arnold Donarski**, Argyle, Minn., president; **Kathy Carlson**, Thief River Falls, Minn., vice president; and **Deb Hatlewick**, Jamestown, N.D., secretary-treasurer.

**J.L. Hoskins**, owner of Branch View Angus Farm, Hustonville, Ky., was recognized with the Historic Angus Herd Award. The award is presented to active members of the American Angus Association who own a herd that has been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more by the same person or members of the immediate family.

Hoskins established the Branch View herd with the birth of an Angus heifer calf on the farm in 1933. The operation has expanded to 150 registered Angus cows and the inclusion of two more generations of the Hoskins family. Additional foundation cattle were purchased from Lynnwood Farm, Danville, Ky.; Leonard and John Weddle, Liberty, Ky.; and Egbert Smith, Fonthill, Ky.

Hoskins continued to build the herd through the years, using many popular bloodlines by natural service and artificial insemination (AI). Prize-winning animals were exhibited at many fairs throughout the years, both by Hoskins and his daughters, Donna and Rita.

Hoskins is a member of the Kentucky Angus Association, Central Kentucky Angus Association, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association.

The Branch View Angus Farm continues under the ownership and management of J.L. Hoskins today, as well as his son-in-law, Donald Coffey, and grandson, James Coffey.

## Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Dec. 30, 2002, Indianapolis



► Elected to the Indiana Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Dennis Wood**, Fort Wayne, president; **Loran Wilson**, Orleans, first vice-president; **Philip Howell**, Winchester, second vice-president; **Cathy Watkins**, Middletown, secretary; **David Smith**, Greensburg, treasurer; and directors (standing, from left) **Ted Stull**, Walkerton; **Michael Haag**, Plymouth; **Leslie Carmichael**, Bloomington; **George Zeller**, Noblesville; **Bruce Cunningham**, Sheridan; **Michael Ooley**, Bedford; **Michael Kittle**, Center Point; **Bruce Lamb**, Milford; **David Raab**, Warren; **Samuel Carter**, Upland; and **Chad Wilson**, Cloverdale.



► Elected to serve as officers of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Natalie Barker**, Avon, president; **Judith Howell**, Winchester, first vice-president; **Julie Rieker**, Columbus, second vice-president; **Sandra Carmichael**, Bloomington, secretary-treasurer; and **Virginia Hart**, Thorntown, past president.



► **Keith and Judy Brown** and their family, Greenfield, received the Don Snapp Memorial Award at the 2002 Indiana Angus Ass'n annual meeting. Pictured are (from left) Pam Snapp, Edinburgh; Keith Brown, Judy Brown, Harriett McClarnon, Jamie Lowes, Jeremy Lowes, Julia Wickard and Chris Wickard, all of Greenfield.

**Bobby Dale McBride**, Centralia, Mo., has been recognized by the American Angus Association as the recipient of the Historic Angus Herd Award for the longevity of his involvement in the registered Angus business.

McBride founded his herd in 1952 with the purchase of Blades Prizemere Eonda S 5, whose breeding originated from the Fred Blades Angus herd near Holiday, Mo. Several descendants of that foundation cow remain in the herd today. The herd has been enrolled in the Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program for many years and now uses ultrasound and AI to improve genetics.

McBride was active in junior Angus programs, and his children and grandchildren have continued to take part in junior activities through the years. He is a longtime member of the Howard County Angus Association, has served as its president and is an active member of the Missouri Angus Association.

McBride continues to own and manage the herd today, which consists of approximately 60 Angus females.

#### IN PASSING

**A.L. "Buddy" McCullough**, 57, of Balm, Fla., died Jan. 29.

He was a lifelong resident in Hillsborough County, Fla., a member of the Balm Baptist Church, and a member of numerous agricultural and business organizations. He was past president of Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Association, Florida Junior Angus Association advisor and an honorary deputy with Hillsborough County Sheriff's office.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; his children, Terry, Buddy, Christopher and Julianne; and four grandchildren.

#### INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Two U.S. researchers, **Michael Roberts**, a University of Missouri biochemist and animal scientist; and **Fuller Bazer**, now at Texas A&M University, received the Wolf Prize in Agriculture for their work in unraveling how a successful pregnancy exists. They were presented the award on Jan. 7.

Roberts and Bazer discovered interferon-tau and other proteins that enable an unborn embryo and the mother to chemically "communicate" so the pregnancy continues successfully. Their work has pioneered a greater understanding of the molecules responsible for maintaining pregnancy and continues to help scientists learn why some pregnancies are successful, while others do not come to full term.

**Chuck Sylvester**, general manager of the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), received the Livestock Leader of the Year award from Colorado State University's (CSU) department of animal sciences on Jan. 18. Sylvester, a CSU alumnus, has been the general manager of the NWSS for 25 years.

The award is given annually at the NWSS to recognize people who have made outstanding contributions to the state's livestock industry.

The **Kansas State Fair**, Hutchison, Kan., received top international honors from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. The association honored the Kansas State Fair with three agricultural awards and one communication award: Outstanding Exhibitor Handbook on the Web, Outstanding Media Commitment/Newspaper, Outstanding General Fair Photo and Newspaper Ad-Colored Print. The

#### Minnesota Angus Ass'n honors Breeder of the Year



► The Minnesota Angus Ass'n honored **Brian Halverson**, Baker, as 2002 Breeder of the Year. Seated (from left) are Glen Eikmeier, Pipestone; Joanna and Brian Halverson, Baker; and Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo. Standing (from left) are Karen Eikmeier, Pipestone; Phil Abrahamson, Lanesboro; Joyce and Myron Gauger, Clear Lake, S.D.; Joanne and John Reed, Brooton; and Frank Schiefelbein, Kimball.

#### Indiana triplets



► In January, purebred triplet Angus calves were born to a cow owned by Nick and Lynn Korniak of Logansport, Ind. The 4-year-old brood cow, H&H Imperial Queen 898, a daughter of Woodhill Alliance 730-894, was bred to RA Krugerrand Ultra. The calves were born 10 days early but are at a normal size for Angus calves. There are two females and one bull calf. The Korniaks' daughters plan to include the calves in future 4-H projects.

Kansas State Fair competed with fairs across the United States, and from Canada, Mexico and Australia with attendance from 250,001-500,000 people.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has a new chairman, **Thad Cochran** (R-Miss.). Other new Republicans joining him on the committee are **Elizabeth Dole**, N.C.; **Jim Talent**, Mo.; **Charles Grassley**, Iowa; **Norm Coleman**, Minn.; and **Saxby Chambliss**, Ga.

**Gregg Doud**, Mankato, Kan., will take over the post of chief economist for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). He will focus on economics, trade, industry structure, and a broad array of live-cattle marketing and international policy issues. He will communicate with audiences regarding financial conditions, industry economics, and marketing/trading issues and policies for the beef industry.

**Stacey Katseanes** is the new Federal Lands Committee issue coordinator for the Public Lands Council (PLC) and the NCBA Federal Lands Committee. She will assist the PLC executive director, serve as editor for all membership- and state-affiliated communications, and coordinate affiliate actions on industry priorities. She will also serve as a liaison to the PLC and NCBA federal lands members, state affiliates, ag groups, and congressional and federal contacts for the staff team.

**OvaGenix**, headquartered near Bryan, Texas, has merged with International Embryos Services (IES), San Antonio, Texas.

OvaGenix services include conventional embryo collection and transfer, in vitro fertilization for nonproductive donors, and timed-breeding program designs. They also offer complete ultrasound capabilities to evaluate ovarian function, pregnancy and gender determination, and fetal aging.

Sparks Co. Inc., Memphis, Tenn., promoted **Ron Gietz** to vice president. He is primarily responsible for the company's hog and pork research, analysis and consulting. **Juan Sacoto** was promoted to vice president. He conducts research and analyses for international and domestic consulting clients. **Mark Jekanowski** was promoted to vice president responsible for economic analyses and ag policy research at the Sparks Washington, D.C., office. **Mark Lynch** and **Christian Edmiston** were both promoted to Sparks senior analyst positions.

