



Newsletters

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

► IN THE NEWS

Llangollen Farms, Middleburg, Va., is the Region I winner of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Environmental Stewardship Award. The farm is owned by Roy Ash, and managed by John and Stephanie Wilkins.

Llangollen Farms was the winner of the 2002 *Angus Journal* Land Stewardship Award, and its nominee for the NCBA Environmental Stewardship Award. Representatives of the farm will be attending the 2003 Cattle Industry Annual Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., in January 2004.

More than 60 beef producers gathered at **Circle A Ranch**, Iberia, Mo., July 10 for a Cattle-Fax seminar. The seminar was co-sponsored by Circle A Ranch, Irsik & Doll, Pfizer Animal Health, and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). The daylong seminar was provided as a customer service to assist producers in becoming more profitable by exploring their production and marketing options.

Producers reviewed trends in the beef industry and looked at opportunities to become more profitable, including risk management strategies, genetics, production cost worksheets and other marketing options to fit their operations.

Robert Bruner, Huntsville, Texas, received a Sam Houston State University (SHSU) Alumni Association Service Award. He was one of four alumni selected to receive the award this year. Bruner is a 1962 graduate of SHSU. He was honored at a luncheon on April 11.

James and Marie Hassing Wells, Minn., were recognized during the Farm Family recognition program Aug. 6, along with 21 other families from counties in southern and western Minnesota.

The recognition event took place during FarmFest at the Gilfillan Estate, 7 miles east of Redwood Falls, Minn.

Rachel Breck of Hedgerows Farm, Salisbury, Conn., will be honored Sept. 27, at the 31st annual Cow Power Sale at Heathcote Farm, Amenia, N.Y. Breck is described as an enthusiast about everything.

She has been a leader in northeastern Angus circles since purchasing her first animals in 1950.

Hedgerows Farm helped start the first Cow Power Sale in 1973. Breck is also known for her needlepoint artwork that has helped the American Angus Auxiliary provide scholarships for junior Angus members.

Bill Schermer, Latimer, Iowa, was named All-American Ringman of the Year July 12 at the All-American Angus Breeder's Futurity, Louisville, Ky. **David Gazda**, American Angus Association regional manager from Athens, Ga., was the reserve All-American Ringman of the Year.

Eugene Hinds, Saint Charles, Mo., has been named adjunct professor at the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Hinds is the founder of Veticare Animal Hospital in Saint Charles, the nation's first full-service, drive-up animal hospital. In his role at the university, he will be involved in teaching and public relations activities in the department. He also breeds registered Angus cattle.

► IN PASSING

Frank Willson, 85, Whitewood, S.D., died May 24 at Lookout Memorial Hospital in Spearfish, S.D.

Willson was born March 10, 1918, to Edward and Bessie (Tubbs) Willson. He grew up in the Spearfish and Clough, S.D., areas. In 1940 he married Mildred Leeling. The couple lived at Box Elder, S.D., a short time prior to moving to a ranch at Whitewood in 1946, where they have since lived. In 1953 he started the Crook Mountain Angus Ranch, which he continued to operate for many years.

He was a member of the Whitewood First Presbyterian Church and served as church elder and treasurer. He was a charter member of the Black Hills Angus Association and was awarded Breeder of the Year in 1985. He was also a member of the American Angus Association, served on the Lawrence County Extension Board and was a former member of the Whitewood School Board. He also hosted 4-H judging

schools on his ranch for more than 40 years.

Willson is survived by his wife; two sons, Jim and Vern; one daughter, Irene; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Lloyd Miller, 87, Lawrence, Kan., died July 19 at his residence.

Miller was born May 25, 1916, in Savannah, Mo., but lived most of his life in Saint Joseph, Mo.

In 1941 Miller received a bachelor's degree in ag journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He then served in the army in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1939 he married Mabel Kurz. She preceded him in death in 2000.

His career began as a reporter, feature writer, photographer and marketing editor for the Corn Belt Farm Dailies of Chicago, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo. In 1946 he became director of public relations for the American Angus Association. He was named executive secretary in 1968.

While working for the Association, Miller traveled to 21 countries and all 50 states. He served as a member of the U.S. Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee on Livestock and Livestock Products for Trade Negotiations from 1975-1979. He served as a senior consultant for the Association until 1981.

He was a member of the Wyatt Park Baptist Church in Saint Joseph, the 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Moila Shrine Temple, Kiwanis Club and Sigma Delta Chi.

He is survived by three daughters, Sharon, Donna and Rosemary; one son, Jeffrey; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Steve and Deb Mowry, Presho, S.D., announce the birth of their son, **Shilo Robert**, July 1. He weighed 7 lb., 15 oz., and was 20½ in. long. The Mowry's own and operate Ma & Pa Angus. Grandparents are Norene Bruner, Rapid City, S.D., and George and Shirley Mowry, Presho.

Rance and Johnna Long, Smithville, Mo., announce the birth of their son, **Blake Austin**, July 22. He weighed 7 lb., 6 oz., and

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was 20 in. long. Rance is a sale manager at the American Angus Hall of Fame in Smithville. Grandparents are Ron Long, Stillwater, Okla.; Connie Long, Huntington, Ind.; and Stan and Cathy Fury, Grady, N.M.

▶ ANNIVERSARIES

Frank and **Frosty Schiefelbein**, Kimball, Minn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 22.

Dave and **Mary Ann McMahon**, Lavaca, Ark., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 22.

▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Jon Schaben, Dunlap, Iowa, was the winner of the 2003 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship June 14. The reserve world champion is **Matt Lowery**, Burwell, Neb.

Select Sires Inc., Plain City, Ohio, announced the promotion of **Donald Monke** to vice president, production operations. He manages the herd health and semen collection of 1,700 bulls, and he manages more than 80 employees. **Steve Crea** has been hired as the new chief financial officer (CFO). He will be responsible for the business and finance department, as well as human resources and management information systems development. 