



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Ted Willer, Willer Timber Ridge Farm, Greencastle, Ind., a financial advisor at



Smith Barney, was one of nearly 400 of America's financial advisors who recently attended the inaugural, invitation-only "Top Advisors Summit" in New York City, hosted by *Barron's*

magazine and R.J. Shook, author of *The Winner's Circle* series of books. The industry leaders who attended the two-day conference conducted seminars and panels that shared best practices and explored current issues affecting the business of delivering wealth management for high-net-worth individuals and institutions.

Leon Corzine, Assumption, Ill., was reappointed to a one-year term on the Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) by Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. AC21 was established in February 2003 to provide

information and advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on topics related to the use of biotechnology in agriculture.

IN PASSING

Clarence Lloyd Broshear, 83, of Hamilton, Ohio, died July 16.

Clarence was born June 27, 1923, in Metamora, Ind., to Helen (Edgington) and William Broshear. He received his education in the Reily public school system and was a graduate of the class of 1942. After graduation, Clarence served in the 801st engineer aviation battalion in the Army during World War II (WWII). He married Betty Jo Oglesby.

He co-founded Broshear Contractors with his brother Robert in 1955, and became sole owner of the company in 1970. The company celebrated its 50th year in business in 2005.

Clarence was a Kentucky Colonel, and served as president of the Hamilton Optimist Club. He served on the State Board of the Ohio Angus Association and was a member of the Miami Valley Angus Association, First Board of Directors Miami Valley Water Association and the Ohio Contractors Association.

Clarence is survived by four sons, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Jake Schneider, 90, died at his home in Sloughhouse, Calif., Aug. 21.

He was a fourth-generation cowboy and descendant of pioneer Northern California cattle ranchers. Jake was a prominent leader and innovator in the California beef industry, starting at age 26, when the Swift Meat Packing Co. chose him for a major national tour promoting beef. He was elected as the youngest president of the California Cattlemen's Association in 1952 and later served many years as treasurer.

In 1960, Jake became the youngest winner of the California Livestock Man of the Year award. He was honored at the San Francisco Cow Palace, where his photo is on permanent display with other winners.

Jake was a founding member of the California Beef Council and a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). A founding member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Jake served as a trustee of the Cosumnes River Union School and the Elk Grove Unified School district.

Jake served as a charter director of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District, which brought in heavy equipment to help farmers and ranchers grade land and dig irrigation ponds. He was also a founding director of the Omnochumne Hartnell Water District, which provided Cosumnes River water for the community.

Jake is survived by two sons, Jay and Leland Schneider, both of Sloughhouse; two sisters; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Carole Bizzack, 64, Lexington, Ky., died Aug. 27 in the crash of Comair Flight 5191 in Lexington.

Carole was born June 6, 1942, to Randolph and the late Adelaide Phillips in Lynchburg, Va.

Carole and her husband, John, operated Bittersweet Station Farm, where they bred and raised cattle and horses. She was active in the farm's cattle operation, but was best known as an accomplished equestrian and horsewoman, raising and showing Tennessee walkers, Belgians, Percherons and Mountain

L.C. Thornton of Maysville, Mo., celebrated his 100th birthday Sept. 20.

A life member of the American Angus Association, L.C. has been active in the Angus industry for more than 70 years. He and his wife, Leta, raised their two sons in a remodeled log cabin on their farm near Maysville, where they lived until her death in 1987. Their granddaughter and her husband, along with their family, now live in the log cabin. L.C. lives alone in a mobile home on the farm and still has an active interest in its operation.

L.C. graduated from Missouri University in 1929, receiving a master's degree in 1935. He taught vocational agriculture for 16 years and general ag classes for World War II

(WWII) veterans for young farmers for nine years. Son Tommy retired from the Army after a 21-year career, purchased his grandfather's farm and maintains a small Angus herd in the Maysville area. Son Don is an engineer for General Electric and lives in Ohio.

L.C. has five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



► **L.C. Thornton** was recognized June 21 for his support of youth ag projects at the DeKalb County (Mo.) Fair.

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Pleasure horses, as well as providing pasture for retired thoroughbreds. Carole also bred and cared for Sicilian burros. She had a longstanding reputation as an animal lover, with an "extended family" that included purebred and rescued dogs and many other animals.

Carole served in a variety of executive and legal secretarial positions in Washington, D.C., and worked as secretary to the president of Millersburg Military Institute when she returned to Kentucky in 1965. She later worked as an executive assistant to the

president of Kentucky Central Insurance Co., and as an office manager for the equine veterinarian clinic, Hagyard-Davidson-McGee in Lexington.

Carole is survived by her husband, son Jason, daughter Stacey, three sisters and a brother.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kentucky Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, The Church of the Good Shepherd or Woodstock Animal Foundation.

Earl Boehlke, 85, Random Lake, Wis., died Aug. 26.

Earl was born to Erich and Elsie

(Baerenwald) Boehlke in West De Pere, Wis., on Jan. 29, 1921. In 1927 the family moved to Freistadt, where Earl graduated in 1939 from Milwaukee Lutheran High School. In 1943 he married Loraine Klug at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt, where they made their home until moving to Random Lake to raise a family and operate Mink Creek Farms.

In addition to farming, Earl worked with his father and brother at Boehlke Hardware of Mequon as the business expanded to a complete line of plumbing, heating, water system installations and propane bottled gas service. In 1954, Earl and Ernst Boehlke and Gerhard Wetzler built a propane gas

plant three miles east of Jackson. In addition to Boehlke Bottled Gas Co., he and his brother continued to work at the hardware store, and Earl became a licensed Master Plumber.

Earl was a life member of the American Angus Association, the Milwaukee Farmers Club, Mequon Contractors Association, and the Mequon Rotary Club. He served as an elder at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freistadt and supported the Ozaukee County 4-H organizations.

Earl is survived by his wife, a twin sister, seven children, 23 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry Turner, 51, died Aug. 27 in the crash of Comair Flight 5191 in Lexington, Ky.

He was born Dec. 18, 1954, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Roy and Martha Turner. Larry was Associate Dean for Extension and director of the Cooperative Extension Service, College of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky (UK), leading a statewide staff of more than 1,000 people. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural engineering from Purdue University in 1976 and 1978, and a doctorate from the UK in 1984.

Larry joined the faculty of UK in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering in 1984, serving as chairman

from 1999 to 2001. He is the author of more than 240 publications, including 36 refereed journal articles, papers, Extension publications and materials. Larry was a visiting scientist at the Silsoe Research Institute in Bedfordshire, England, in 1992-1993. He received many honors and awards throughout his career, including the ASAE National Engineering Achievement Young Extension Educator Award.

Larry was a charter member of Christ United Methodist Church in Lexington, most recently as a member of its lead team, and also served on the board of directors of the UK Wesley Foundation.

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Larry is survived by his wife, Lois, two daughters, Molly and Amy; a son, Clay; and his mother, a sister and a brother.

WEDDINGS

Julie (Summerfield) and **Jared Murnin**, Abilene, Texas, were married Aug. 5 in Abilene. Jared is the Association regional manager for New Mexico and Texas.

Jenny (Leach) and **Clint Baker**, Easton, Mo., were married Sept. 2 in Gallatin, Mo. Jenny is a Web Services coordinator for Angus Productions Inc (API).

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Gretchen DeCoster was named vice president for North American customer support for AGCO Corp., in August. DeCoster began her career with AGCO in 1999 and was previously director of finance, North America.

Allan Sams was selected as the dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson University in South Carolina. Sams had been the head of the

Department of Poultry Science at Texas A&M University since 1999.

Secretary Johanns and Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman announced the appointment of 12 members to the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee for a term of three years. The committee was established by the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The newly appointed members are **David Anton**, Wilmington, Del.; **Lou Honary**, Waverly, Iowa; **E. Alan Kennett**, Kaunakani, Hawaii; **Mark Maher**, Pontiac, Mich.; **John McKenna**, McLean, Va.; **Mitchell Peele**, Raleigh, N.C.; **Jeffrey Serfass**, Washington, D.C.; **Robert Sharp**, Mobile, Ala.; **J. Reed Smith**, Saint John, Wash.; **Rodney Williamson**, Johnston, Iowa; and **Thomas Binder**, Decatur, Ill., who was reappointed.

Arlen Lancaster was selected by Secretary Johanns as the chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). As chief of NRCS, Lancaster will lead the primary federal agency that works directly with private landowners to help them conserve, maintain and improve their natural resources.

John Nichols has been appointed head of the department of agricultural economics at

Texas A&M University. Nichols has served as interim head since 2005, in addition to serving in a number of academic and administrative roles throughout a 38-year career at Texas A&M. He was a founding member of the Texas Agricultural Market Research Center, conducting numerous research projects assessing the marketing strategies of producer organizations and their participation in value-added business opportunities.

Mark Partridge has been appointed to the C. William Swank Chair in Rural-Urban Policy at Ohio State University, effective Oct. 1. Partridge, originally from Montana, was most recently a professor of agricultural economics and holder of the Canada Research Chair in the New Rural Economy at the University of Saskatchewan. The role of the Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy is to develop and lead research and outreach programs focused on such key issues as the pattern and pace of development, community decision-making and regional cooperation, the quality of rural and exurban life, rural and urban economic development, and the environmental amenities of farmland and green space.

