



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Branganmere**, Marshfield, Mo., has received the American Angus Association Historic Herd Award. Bob and Zetta Brangan purchased their foundation cattle from W.H. Barker, Fair Play, Mo., and M.E. and H.W. Harrison, Mountain Grove, Mo. The Brangans joined the Association in April 1954. They were active on the farm until their deaths.

Their daughter, Roberta, showed Angus as a 4-H project. She and her husband, Kenneth Smith, moved back to the farm in 1972 and today manage a cow herd of more than 50 head. Their two children, Robert and Regina, and families, are active on the farm.

The Association presents the Historic Angus Herd Award to Angus herds that have been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle by the same family for 50 years or more.

**Lakeview Farm**, New Hebron, Miss., has received the Historic Angus Herd Award. Stanley Garner established Lakeview Farm in the early 1930s as a cotton farm and commercial cattle operation. Stanley's son, Carl, realized the potential of Angus cattle, and in 1958 the first two females were purchased for \$200 each from Charles Klassen, Collins, Miss. Several herd bulls were purchased from Burch Angus Ranch, Mill Creek, Okla. Beginning in the 1970s, artificial insemination (AI) was utilized. Most of the cattle are sold through private treaty.

Today, Richard Garner uses Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and ultrasound data to expand the 80-cow herd. Richard, along with his wife, Misty, now own and operate Lakeview Farm.

Richard's grandfather started his herd with the gift of two Angus cows in 1972. Richard showed cattle for 10 years through the local 4-H program and was a member of his collegiate livestock judging teams. He currently serves as president of the Lawrence County Cattlemen's Association and has served in numerous leadership roles in the Middle Mississippi and Mississippi Angus associations.

**Roland Anderjaska**, Hayes Center, Neb., has received the American Angus Association Historic Herd Award. Roland

and his wife, Marilyn, were presented with the award at a family celebration honoring their 50th wedding anniversary.

The registered Angus cow herd was established by Roland in 1956. His father had already been using registered Angus bulls for more than 20 years. In 1958, he joined the Association. Roland paid \$325 for his first two females purchased from Eli Votaw Jr., Wellfleet, Neb. They were productive cows for 15 years, and one of them mothered a set of twin heifer calves that became the foundation for the herd known as Marandy.

Over the years, the Anderjaska's utilized AI and embryo transfer (ET). They sell bulls privately and through consignment sales as well as enter some in bull test sales. Replacement heifers have been sold in nine states. They have even exported cattle to Japan with help from their oldest son, Jon.

Roland and Marilyn retired in 1999, but still retain some cows. Their youngest son, Joe, now manages the ranch under the name Rocking Lazy J Angus.

**Terre Haute Farms**, Ville Platte, La., has received the Historic Angus Herd Award. John Mire purchased his first Angus, a bred cow with a calf at side, from Elton Angus Farm, Elton, La., for \$350 in 1958.

John's interest in the breed was sparked by a college professor, L.H. Tease, and confirmed with regular correspondence from Otto Battles, Rosemere Farms, Maquoketa, Iowa, and Los Olivos, Calif. John became a lifetime member of the American Angus Association in August 1962. Terre Haute Farms' foundation cattle were purchased from Pine Hill Angus, Roseneath, Pine Tree and Louisiana Angus Association-sponsored sales.

After graduation from the University of Louisiana, John took a job with Swift & Co., then went to work for the Louisiana State University Ag Center as a parish agent while earning a master's degree. He retired as a parish agent after 28 years of service. An active member of the cattle industry, he served as secretary for the Evangeline Parish Cattlemen's Association for 24 years.

In March 2006, his son, Garrett, became a partner in Terre Haute Farms, and his grandsons have shown Angus for three years.

**Jon Means**, Van Horn, Texas, was re-elected president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) at the organization's annual convention in Corpus Christi. Elected to the board of directors were **Mary Lou Bradley-Henderson**, Bradley 3 Ranch, Memphis; **Brian McLaughlin**, Double M Ranch, San Angelo; and **Diaz Murray**, F Bar Springs Ranch LLC, Wichita Falls.

## IN PASSING

**George Pfander**, Sidney, Iowa, formerly of Bedford and Clarinda, Iowa, died March 20 at the Ambassador in Sidney following an extended illness.

George was born Jan. 13, 1917, in Clarinda, Iowa, to Allen and Irene (Fleener) Pfander. He graduated from Clarinda High School in 1932 and attended Northwest Missouri State University.

For many years George served as secretary of the Iowa Angus Association. He later owned and operated the Berry Farm and Home Store in Clarinda until a fire put them out of business. George enjoyed hunting and fishing and the companionship of his dogs, particularly Ike. He was an accomplished musician, playing several instruments, including piano and clarinet, and was a Master Bridge player.

George is survived by sister Virginia, nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

**Patrick Clay White**, Red Rock, Ariz., died April 6 at his ranch in Peabody, Kan.

Clay was born June 17, 1952, in Fort Knox, Ky., to Pat and Gloria White. He attended the University of Arizona, graduating with a degree in animal science. Clay was a fourth-generation Arizona rancher who was actively involved in many aspects of the livestock and farming industry.

He was a loving father who devoted his life to his family. Many fond memories were created as he supported his children as they exhibited at livestock and horse shows across the country.

Clay was an active member of the LDS church, and he loved teaching his primary class. He was also involved in many organizations in the agricultural industry in Pinal County and the states of Arizona and Kansas. He was a member of the American

Angus Association and the Kansas Angus Association, hosting a stop on the Kansas Angus Tour at the Peabody ranch in 2007.

He served as past president of the Arizona National Livestock Show, devoting many years of service to the show.

Clay is survived by wife Roni; son Cy; daughters Kyrene and Katy; his parents; brother T.A.; sister Connie; and three granddaughters.

**Clem Miller Jr.**, 81, Rochester, Ind., died April 17 at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

Clem was born in Monterey, Ind., to Clem Miller Sr. and Elba (Hott) Miller. He graduated from Argos High School in 1944. He moved to the Rochester area from Marshall County in 1963.

Clem married Jean Neidlinger Nov. 27, 1947, at Argos United Methodist Church.

As a family man who loved the land, Clem and his wife's dream came true with the acquisition of their farm ground south of Rochester. They purchased the property from the McMahon family in 1962. The past four and one-half decades yielded many good times enjoyed by the family on the

farm. In addition to the grain operations, Clem oversaw, bred and raised a herd of black Angus cattle.

Many produce lovers will recall seeing Clem and grandson Greg at the Miller Fresh Sweet Corn Stand during the months of July and August. From the late 1980s to the late 1990s, Clem and his family harvested and sold strawberries from the same location.

Clem assisted with preparations for this year's planting season, pulling fenceline with his Bobcat® just a week before his death. Clem enjoyed observing the harvest, riding high in the combine and planting the crops on his shiny red Case-International Harvester. He and Jean enjoyed trips to Michigan to pick fresh fruit, especially peaches, raspberries and cherries. In the spring they enjoyed watching the collection and processing of maple syrup in Nappanee, Ind.

As the patriarch of the family, Clem was loved and respected by his children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter. He instilled a love for the land and a work ethic for the family to follow with a special love only shared by Grandpa.

In addition to his wife, Clem is survived by daughter Eileen; sons Tom and Charlie; brother Richard; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

#### ► ANGUS ARRIVALS

**Matt and Amy Perrier**, Eureka, Kan., announce the April 10 birth of their daughter, **Hannah Adele**. She weighed 7 lb., 6 oz., and was 20 in. long. She was welcomed home by sister Ava and brother Lyle.

Grandparents are Tom and Carolyn Perrier, Eureka, and John and Candy Teagarden, La Cygne, Kan.

**Mark and Miranda Reiman**, Waterville, Kan., announce the birth of their son, **Carson Edward**, born April 30. He weighed 7 lb., 2 oz., and was 20½-in. long.

Grandparents are Mark and Karla Malo, East Chain, Minn., and Ed and Cathy Reiman, Butte, Neb.

Miranda is an industry information specialist with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and a regular contributor to the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin*.

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**WEDDINGS**

**Bradley McCurry** and **Alicia Myers**, both of Mount Hope, Kan., were married Feb. 14 in the wedding chapel at the Hacienda Vargas in Algodones, N.M. Brad is the son of W. Cecil and Sandra McCurry of McCurry Angus. Alicia is the daughter of Phyllis Haggerty and the late William Haggerty of Bradenton, Fla.

**INDUSTRY EXTRAS**

**Trans Ova Genetics** has opened a new satellite center in partnership with **Yackley Ranches**, located near Onida, S.D. Now equipped with a Trans Ova Genetics' laboratory, which meets qualifications for export of embryos, the Yackley Ranch location opened to client donors April 14.

**Karri Hammerstrom**, Kingsburg, Calif., was recently appointed to the Farm, Ranches and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee. Initially, the committee will be focusing on climate change and renewable energy, livestock operations and emerging issues including the environment and urban interface.

Members of the TSCRA elected officers at the organization's annual convention in Corpus Christi. Elected first vice president was **G. Dave Scott**, Richmond. Elected second vice president was **Joe Parker Jr.**, Byers. **Susan Combs** was named an honorary vice president.

Elected to the board of directors were **Jim Gates**, Gates Cattle Co., Pearsall; **Tom Haynie**, Haynie Ranch, Navasota; **Don Keeling**, Pleasanton; **C. Paxton Ramsey Jr.**, 7L Land and Cattle, Devers; and **Dale Smith**, Corsino Cattle Co., Amarillo.

**Leonard Bull**, North Carolina State University, was elected chairman of the board of directors for the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA). Also elected were **Robert Fourdraine**, vice chairman; **Rafael Seneriz**, secretary; **Kevin Kirk**, treasurer; and **Mark Engle**, member at large. New board members include **John Adams**, **Tony Forshey**, **David Meeker**, **Richard Meiring** and **Joy Phillippi**.

NIAA honored **Rick Sibbel**, Schering-Plough Animal Health, with the Meritorious Service Award. **Jerome Geiger**, PIC North America, received the President's Award. **Rafael Seneriz**, Elanco Animal Health, received the Chairman's Award.

**Burk Dehority**, an international expert on rumen microbiology and a professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at Ohio State University, has received the 2008 Distinguished Senior Faculty Research Award from the university's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC).

**Joel DeRouchey**, Kansas State University (K-State) Research and Extension livestock nutrition and environmental management specialist, was honored with the Outstanding Young Extension Specialist Award at the Midwest American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) 2008 annual meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. **Jason Woodworth**, product manager for Lonza, a specialty ingredient manufacturer's Specialty Feeds Group and a K-State graduate, was honored with the Outstanding Young Scientist Award for Agribusiness.

**Gordon Davis**, **Richard Meyer** and **Ron Randel**, alumni of Washington State University (WSU), were honored by WSU Department of Animal Sciences. Davis, a 1969 graduate of WSU and founder of CEV Multimedia, a career and technical education company, received the Distinguished Service Award. Meyer, a 1968 graduate and active prion researcher working with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Randel, a 1965 graduate and professor of reproductive physiology of beef cattle at Texas A&M University, was honored with the Distinguished Graduate in Science, Education and Technology Award.

**Gary Weber** has been appointed to the position of president of Bioniche Life Sciences Inc., a Canadian biopharmaceutical company that recently received a conditional U.S. license from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for its *E. coli* O157:H7 cattle vaccine.

**Ray Jordan** was named regional sales manager for Diamond V. Jordan will be responsible for working with regional sales managers located in the southeastern U.S.

**Kristi Krafka** has been promoted to vice president of regulatory affairs, quality assurance and quality control for Kemin AgriFoods North America. Krafka will provide strategic and operational regulatory

expertise and leadership for regulatory approvals and will monitor the quality of the company's products to achieve commercial objectives.

**Rodney Miller** has been appointed chief executive officer (CEO) of McCormick International USA Inc.

**Alltech** announces the expansion of its production facility in São Pedro, Brazil, and the opening of its Center for Animal Nutrigenomics and Applied Animal Nutrition at its corporate headquarters. The center is dedicated to the study of the effect of nutrition on gene expression and represents a 20,000-square foot (sq. ft.) expansion of the company's existing facility.

**Chikako Abe** has joined Alltech as sales and marketing manager at Alltech Vermont. **Leslie Hall** joins Alltech as sales and marketing manager in the company's Vermont office. **Andy Lang** has joined Alltech as territory sales manager for Alltech Pennsylvania. **Pieter-Jan Prinsloo** has joined Alltech as territory sales manager for Alltech Vermont.

**Ronan Power** was presented Alltech's annual Medal of Excellence at the company's international animal health and nutrition symposium for advancing the use of nutrigenomics and gene expression profiling as tools for improving nutritional strategies in animals and humans. **Craig Lauder**, Utah State University, received the 2008 Young Scientist Award for his research paper on "The Estrogenic Mycotoxin Zearalenone and Its Importance in Livestock Production."

**Ecofin LLC**, an affiliate of Alltech, has received a grant of up to \$30 million from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to be used to establish a rural community biorefinery. The plant will be located in Springfield, Ky., and is estimated to employ 93 people when operating at full capacity. It is set to be one of the first in the U.S. to utilize cellulose, such as switch grass, corncobs and corn stover at raw material levels of up to 30%, which will be converted to ethanol and other value-added products.

The project has also received an incentive valued to \$8 million from the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA).

