

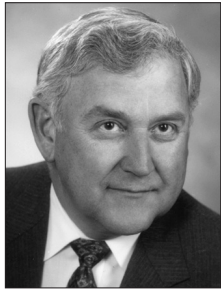


Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

David Hawkins, professor of animal science at Michigan State University (MSU), was honored July 10 with both the Fellow Award in Teaching and the Animal Industry Service Award by the American Society of



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Animal Science (ASAS) for more than 35 years of service to students, colleagues and producers.

Hawkins is one of eight individuals nationwide to receive the ASAS Fellow Award and the only individual

honored specifically for teaching. Hawkins has served as assistant professor, associate professor and professor of animal science since his MSU career began in 1969.

Stuart Wilson, Findlay, Ill., has joined American Live Stock Insurance Co. (ALSIC) as the new manager of the cattle division. For more than 25 years, Wilson has been associated with ALSIC and the affiliated firm of Harding & Harding as a producer of insurance coverages. His initial efforts in the new leadership role will focus on improved service to the nation's cattlemen through expanded support to the company's insurance agents.

Jesse McCurry, Saint George, Kan., has joined the accounting firm Kennedy and Coe LLC in its ethanol practice division in Wichita, Kan. Experienced in bio-fuels and agricultural marketing with the Kansas Department of Commerce, McCurry's primary role in his new position will be to drive new business efforts for the firm's ethanol practice.

Cory Crouthamel, Touchet, Wash., has been named an area beef manager for ABS Global, with responsibility for supporting beef producers and ABS representatives on semen sales, sire selection and reproductive services in the area of Oregon, Washington and the northern panhandle of Idaho. Joe Jones was also named an area beef manager for the remainder of Idaho and all of Nevada and Utah.

J. Burton Eller Jr., Marion, Va., was appointed in September as Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP) by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner. Burton will assist Under Secretary Bruce Knight and work with Deputy Under Secretary Chuck Lambert to oversee the management of USDA's MRP mission area.

Bob Fortune, Belvidere, S.D., was re-elected to another five-year term as director of District 12 for the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association (SDSGA) at the 2006 convention held in September in Spearfish, S.D.

Mark Kramer, Granville, N.D., and **Hal Kramer**, Towner, N.D., were among eight North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) brand inspectors who were honored for their years of service and contributions to the NDSA and the state's beef industry at the NDSA's 77th Annual Convention in Fargo, N.D., in October.

IN PASSING

Sidney Riggs, 81, Lincoln Township, Pa., died Sept. 10 in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Sidney was born Aug. 21, 1925, in Ligonier Township, Pa., to Eugene and Esther (Johnson) Riggs. He served in the U. S. Navy and returned home to the farming business. In 1957, he and Warren Mostoller started Somerset Steel Erection Co., with a \$500 loan. The company expanded into Riggs Industries, now a collection of seven companies that employ close to 600 people. The seven companies include Somerset Steel Erection, Lincoln Supply & Equipment, Lincoln Contracting & Equipment, J&J Truck Bodies & Trailers, J&J Truck Equipment, James A. Redding Co. and ErReR Hill Farms, where Sidney raised Angus cattle.

Sidney was a member of Zion-Hoffman Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Meyersdale Lodge 554 F&AM, Sunnehanna Country Club, Golf Club of Somerset, Great Cove Golf Club, Fortune Hills Golf Club, the Pennsylvania and American Angus associations, Somerset County Beef Producers and the Pennsylvania and National Cattlemen's associations.

A longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, Sidney was named "Man of the Year" in 2005. He was also a strong supporter of the American Cancer Society.

Sidney is survived by his wife, Elsie; sons S. William and C. Daniel; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Virginia (Van Dam) Wehrmann, 82, Wilkesboro, N.C., died at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Sept. 19.

Virginia Rose was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Jan. 22, 1924, to Christian Joseph and Johanna (Vernoy) Van Dam. She was a member of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Nicholas; one daughter, Diane Fulton; sons Nick and Robert (Bob); six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Casey and **Erin Worrell**, Leander, Texas, announce the birth of their son, **Pecos Evan**, born Aug. 18. He weighed 8 lb., 10 oz., and was 21 in. long. Casey is a former American Angus Association regional manager and currently owns Ranchers Resource. Erin works for the Texas Beef Council.

Maggie Jo was born Aug. 21 to **Andrew** and **Leah Mindemann**, Oconomowoc, Wis. She weighed 7 lb., 8 oz., and was 19½ in. long. Grandparents are Rick and Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wis.; and Frank and Mary Kaehler, Saint Charles, Minn.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Dan Lineberger, **Tracy Rutherford** and **Jodi Sterle**, from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University, received the 2006 Association of Former Students College-Level Distinguished Teaching Awards on Oct. 6 at the Faculty and Alumni Awards Convocation.

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents recently announced that the university's Office of International Agriculture will be renamed the **Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture**, effective immediately.

Borlaug, 92, joined the faculty of the Texas A&M department of soil and crop sciences in 1984. For decades he worked and

researched in Third World countries toward developing higher-yielding wheat crops to feed an increasing world population. Borlaug won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 and the National Medal of Science in 2004.

Kylene Anderson has been named a sorted semen specialist for ABS Global in DeForest, Wis. In her newly created position, Anderson will join the Dairy Product Management team and will work closely with all aspects of the ABS Sorted Semen product line.

Ray Jackson, Vernon Pursel and **Wayne Hanna** were recently named to the USDA Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) Science Hall of Fame.

Bryan Schurle, a native of Clay Center, Kan., has been named the new head of the

Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. Schurle has been a university Distinguished Teaching Scholar and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics since 1999.

Bob Crow, Bison, S.D.; **Dave Cuny**, Buffalo Gap, S.D.; **Lee Addison**, Belvidere, S.D.; and **John Ismay**, Sturgis, S.D., were honored at the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association Annual Convention Awards Banquet for their dedication and service to the South Dakota Brand Inspection Program. The program included 33,021 head of cattle for proof of ownership and returned 456 head of strays this year.

Marv Pace, senior scientist at ABS Global, received the National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) Distinguished Service Award Sept. 14 at the NAAB Annual Meeting

and Convention in Milwaukee, Wis. The award is presented to one individual every other year who has made significant contributions to the artificial insemination (AI) industry during the course of his or her career, and is still active in the industry.

Farm Credit Services of Missouri is changing its name to **FCS Financial**. After 90 years in rural financing, FCS Financial has realigned itself to better serve the needs of a changing rural marketplace. This realignment has two new sub-brands. The Ag & Business sub-brand will focus on customers whose needs involve agriculture and agribusiness, including operating expenses, equipment, machinery and livestock. The Land & Home sub-brand will serve customers seeking loans, insurance and financial guidance for real estate, investment property and land.

