



Newsmakers

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

► IN THE NEWS

Mary Lou Bradley, Childress, Texas, has announced her retirement from B3R Country Meats. The company, which she founded nearly 20 years ago, was acquired by BC Natural Foods in 2002 and helps supply product for the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Natural brand.

Although retired, Bradley will serve as an advisor to BC Natural Foods. She plans to continue participation in her family's Angus operation, and to travel and participate in industry functions with her mother, Minnie Lou Bradley, vice president of the American Angus Association.

Sauk Valley Angus, Rock Falls, Ill., was awarded the Seedstock Breeder of the Year Award by the Illinois Beef Association (IBA) during its annual meeting July 24 near Deer Grove, Ill.

The 480-head purebred Angus and 120-head commercial cattle operation is owned by Gary and Kathy Sandrock and managed by Association Board member Jay King and Ben and Matt Sandrock. The farm was honored for its extensive recordkeeping system, artificial insemination (AI) program, genetic improvement methods, aggressive embryo program, customer service and industry leadership.

The honor places Sauk Valley in national competition for the title of Seedstock Breeder of the Year presented at the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) annual meeting.

► IN PASSING

Gilman Stewart, 86, Greensburg, Ind., died July 24 at Hancock Memorial Hospital in Greenfield.

Gilman, former president of the American Angus Association, was born Feb. 1, 1918, in Decatur County, Ind., to Arthur and Marry Robbins Stewart. He married Virginia Shriver on Aug. 7, 1949, in Waldron. He graduated from Purdue University in 1939, where he became a beef cattle herdsman. He was a member of the U.S. Air Force for more than three years, flying a B-17 bomber in 30 combat missions and earning the Flying Cross and Air Medal, with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Upon

discharge he partnered with his brother, John, and father in the farming and seed business, specializing in the production, processing and distribution of certified seeds and purebred Angus.

Gilman received numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including an honorary doctorate of agriculture from Purdue, and the *Prairie Farmer* "Master Farmer" award; the Federal Land Bank Medallion for Outstanding Contributions to American Agriculture; Purdue Ag Alumni Association's Certificate of Distinction; and other livestock and grain competition awards. His portrait was hung in the Purdue Livestock Hall of Fame, and he was named an honorary member of the Purdue Royal.

Gilman was elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors in 1970 and served as Association president in 1978. He was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation in 1987. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Farm Bureau, the American Legion, the Eighth Air Force Historical Society Inc., and a number of other community and ag improvement groups on local and state levels.

He is survived by his wife; son, Thomas; daughters, Juanita and Jane; brother, John; sister, Elizabeth; and five grandchildren.

Paul Smith, 23, Pendleton, S.C., died June 29 at his home.

Paul was born June 26, 1981, in Greenville, S.C., to Lewis and Barbara Holloway Smith. A former junior Angus member, he was a graduate of Pendleton High School.

Survivors include his parents; sister, Caroline; and fiancée, Jamie.

Frank "Buddy" Bradley II, 50, died June 24 in Glasgow, Ky., of heart failure.

Frank was born July 24, 1953, in Avon, Ill., to T.A. and Becky Bradley. He was the grandson of F.M. Bradley.

He was involved with Angus cattle for T.A. Bradley & Son in Illinois and Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie Jo; son, Jarrett; mother, Becky; brother, Smasher; and sister, Bo.

► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Michael Torrey has been named deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). A Wamego, Kan., native and Kansas State University (K-State) graduate, Torrey will work alongside Chief of Staff Dale Moore to help implement USDA programs.

Alisa Harrison has been named the director of communications for the USDA. Prior to her appointment, she served as the agency's acting director of communications and press secretary. Harrison is a University of Tennessee (UT) graduate and former National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) executive director of public relations.

James Newsome has resigned as chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), effective July 23. Newsome has served as chairman since December 2001. During his time at the CFTC, contracts on U.S. futures exchanges more than doubled on an annual basis.

Janice Swanson has been named interim head of K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, beginning Jan. 1, 2005. The position announcement comes after Jack Riley, head of the department for 17 years, announced earlier this year his phased retirement.

James Quigley has been named the worldwide senior technical service director for Diamond V Mills — a manufacturer of yeast products used in animal feed. Quigley has about 20 years of experience in livestock research, working with calf and heifer health, nutrition and management.

Steve Beneto, former chairman of the California Exposition & State Fair board, was presented the Golden Bear Award at the California State Fair Gala in mid-August. The award recognizes those who have shown meritorious support for the state fair.

