



Newsmakers

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IN THE NEWS

Julia Wickard, Hancock County, Ind., has been hired as the executive vice president of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association (IBCA). Wickard's professional agricultural experience includes serving in executive positions for the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the State of Indiana Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Indiana Farm Bureau. Wickard raises registered Angus cattle with her husband, Chris, and daughter, Jordyn.

George Tomlinson, West Frankfort, Ill., has been named the 2005 Seedstock Breeder of the Year by the Illinois Beef Association (IBA). Tomlinson, who has 200 head of Angus brood cows and 40 replacement heifers, was honored for his breeding program, which focuses on performance improvement through Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR), performance testing, use of artificial insemination (AI), and use of performance information in merchandising his cattle.

Tomlinson will now be eligible to compete for Seedstock Breeder of the Year in the national competition, which takes place at the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Annual Meeting.

Jeff Koch has been hired by Accelerated Genetics as a staff accountant. His responsibilities will include maintaining fixed asset records and various other accounts. He will also be making bull payments for both purchased and leased bulls.

Col. John Riffle, Pleasant Hill, Mo., was elected the president of the Spirit Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) during a meeting at Whiteman Air Force Base. Riffle is a member of the Heart of America (HOA) Chapter, Kansas City, Mo., where he serves as the historian and as a past vice president.

IN PASSING

Dale Davis, 79, died July 13 in Billings, Mont.

Dale was born Aug. 26, 1925, in Dickinson, N.D., to Harry and Matilda Davis. The family moved to Bozeman, Mont., in 1936 and lived in Bridger Canyon,

where Dale attended grade school at Lower Bridger School. He later attended Gallatin County High School and graduated in 1942.

He enrolled at Montana State College (MSC) in 1942, but volunteered for the U.S. Navy, where he served in the amphibious forces in World War II until 1946. He re-entered MSC in 1946.

He married Betty Jo Cole Dec. 29, 1946. They had three children, and they started Rollin' Rock Angus in 1956 before Betty's passing in 1972.

Dale married Carol Bishop in 1973. They lived north of Belgrade, Mont., until they were later divorced.

After selling the Rollin' Rock herd to his son, Bill, and enjoying a two-week retirement, Dale, Carol and his daughter, Pat, started the PAPA Angus Ranch with the same goals of raising elite Angus cattle. Dale sold his interests in PAPA Angus in 1999.

Dale and his new wife, Nancy Lee, did some traveling around the United States and then purchased a home in Roseburg, Ore. They were married in 2004 and resided in Oregon.

Dale served as a legislator for Gallatin, Jefferson and Broadwater counties in the 1978 Montana legislature, but chose not to run for re-election due to health.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 68, BPOE No. 463 and the Gallatin County Farm Bureau for more than 50 years. Dale was a member of the Montana Beef Performance Association, Montana Angus Association and American Angus Association, and served as a board member or officer for all associations.

Dale received numerous beef industry awards, including the first Outstanding Beef Producer Award by the Gallatin Beef Producers; the Wayne Stevenson Memorial Award from the Montana Angus Association; the Angus Heritage Award from the American Angus Association; and, most recently, the BIF Pioneer Award.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons Bill and Tom; daughter Pat; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506; or to a charity of choice.

H. Roy Meier, 88, Jackson, Mo., died May 6 at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Roy was born March 23, 1917, to Henry and Annie Wettengel Meier. He married Rosemond Oberbeck Oct. 31, 1937. They had two children before Rosemond passed away Nov. 12, 1969.

On April 3, 1971, he married Betty Grossheider Smith.

Roy's farm was purchased by his grandfather in 1892, and Roy started his herd in 1940 with the purchase of a heifer. He founded Meier Angus Farms and was elected to the Missouri Angus Association board of directors, serving the organization for 35 years. In 1969, he was elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors, serving as vice president in 1974 and president in 1975.

Roy served 10 years as secretary for the Southeast Missouri (SEMO) Angus Association, helping establish the SEMO Junior Angus Association. He was a member of the SEMO Fair Association since 1940, and a board member for nine years. He was also a member of the Jackson Rotary Club, the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and Saint Paul Lutheran Church. He was known as a developer of Meier Meadows Subdivision, Meier Lake Estates and Indian Spring Subdivision.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters Robin, Karen and Beth; stepson Jory; three step-grandchildren; and six grandchildren.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Chad and **Julie Ellingson**, of Ellingson Angus, Saint Anthony, N.D., announce the birth of their daughter, **Medora Elizabeth**, born June 15. She weighed 7 lb., 2 oz. She joins siblings Stetson, Jameson and Sierra. Chad is the beef sire procurement manager for Genex/CRI, and Julie is the communications director for the North Dakota Stockmen's Association.

Scott and **Jennifer Svoboda**, of Sand Dune Cattle Co., Sargent, Neb., announce the birth of their son, **Wryder Jesse**, born July 25. He weighed 9 lb., 2 oz., and was 20½ in. long. He joins a brother, Weston. Jennifer is the secretary for the Nebraska Angus Association.

