



Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for** members of our Angus family. *Compiled by Linda Robbins.*

IN THE NEWS

The Canadian Angus Association Dec. 11 hosted from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the official opening of Angus Central, the organization's new national headquarters. The new location is 10 minutes north of the Calgary International Airport, east of the Cross Iron Mills complex at Balzac.

The opening included refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, a dedication, the launch of new fundraising initiatives for the Canadian Angus Foundation and an impressive collection of Angus history.

The new address is 292140 Wagon Wheel Blvd., Rocky View County, AB T4A0E2, Canada; phone: 403-571-3580; toll-free: 1-888-571-3580; fax: 403-571-3599.

IN PASSING

Ralph Bridges died Nov. 5, 2013, at his home in the Salem Community, Lexington, Ga.

Ralph was the son of Walter and Rosa (Chafin) Bridges. He was a member and a deacon of the Salem Baptist Church. Ralph served Oglethorpe County in several capacities of farm and cattle organizations.

He was a director of the American Angus Association from 1988-1990, president of the Georgia Angus Association from 1989-1990, president of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association in 1992, president

of the American Angus Association in 1996, past president of the Oglethorpe County Cattlemen's Association and Georgia Farm Bureau, and chairman of the board of First Commerce Bank.

He was an avid Angus cattle breeder and turkey farmer. Ralph was the owner of Bridges Angus Farms for more than 50 years. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1949.

Ralph always said he had a great life and truly enjoyed his ride. His church, family and cattle were his joy.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margaret (Sanders) Bridges; sons Steve, John Mark, Walter and David; daughter Iris; daughter-in-law Debbie (Hopkins) Bridges; 22 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

James Randolph "Randy" Rigsby Sr., 88, of the Pebble City Community near Camilla, Ga., died Nov. 12 at his home. Born Sept. 27, 1925, in Camilla, he was the son of A.T. Rigsby Sr. and Bess (Faircloth) Rigsby.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 38

Northwest Arkansas Angus Ass'n Sale, Nov. 16, Charlotte



► **Charles Smith**, Paragould, received the Historic Angus Herd Award from the American Angus Association. Pictured are (from left) Landon Smith; Stan Smith; Charles Smith, recipient; Loretta Smith; Kelly Smith; and Clayton Smith.

PHOTO COURTESY AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION

▣ NEWSMAKERS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 36

Randy was a retired farmer and cattleman operating Hill Top Farms, a purebred Charolais and commercial program. He was a member of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association and was a supporter of both the Georgia Bull Test Programs and the Georgia HERD Programs at both Calhoun and Tifton, Ga. He was a member of the Pebble City Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth (King) Rigsby; four daughters, three sons, one brother, 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two nieces.

▣ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Rich Sowieralski has joined Brandt as territory sales manager, Pacific Northwest,

for the Specialty Formulations group. Based in Washington state and reporting to Rodger Younker, Specialty Formulations national sales director, Sowieralski's primary focus will be on driving sales of specialty ag products in the Northwest under the guidance of Dan Pinther, regional sales manager.

Jeffrey Savell, regents professor and E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal chair in the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University, recently received a national teaching award for food and agriculture science from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities at its 126th annual meeting.

Sponsored by USDA and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Association's annual awards include

stipends of \$5,000 for national winners and \$2,000 for regional and new teacher honorees for improving teaching at their respective universities.

Jimmy Henning, director of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, recently became the chair of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy. This committee represents all land-grant universities and is the governing and policy body for the national Cooperative Extension system.

As chair, Henning will speak on behalf of Cooperative Extension on a variety of national issues at many venues, and he will work closely with the USDA and its agencies. In addition, he will work to advance the goals

and core themes of the organization, which include building partnerships and acquiring resources, increasing strategic marketing and communications, enhancing leadership and professional development and strengthening organizational functioning.

In 2014, Henning will represent extension at many celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service.

Helene Dillard, a plant disease expert, associate dean and head of Cooperative Extension at Cornell University, has been named the new dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California–Davis (UC Davis).

A native Californian and UC Davis alumna, Dillard will assume leadership of the college Jan. 27. The college includes 330 faculty members, 800 staff, 5,800 undergraduate students in 29 majors, and 1,000 graduate students in 45 graduate groups and programs. It also has numerous institutes and research centers, including the Agricultural Sustainability Institute, the Foods for Health Institute and the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science.

Nancy Cox began her tenure as dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Jan. 1. She replaced Scott Smith, who had led the college since 2001. Cox will oversee

the college's research portfolio, represent the college on most Kentucky agricultural commodity boards and administer alliances with private industries.

Sarah Hamm was selected as the executive director of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes and supports youth development in leadership, vocational skills, critical thinking, social skills and citizenship, with a mission to develop private-sector support for 4-H educational programs and activities. Hamm began her new duties Jan. 6 in College Station, Texas. She replaced Jim Reeves, who retired after 10 years of service.

