



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Tammy Goldammer-Stuart, a life member of the American Angus Association since 1980, hosted Cowdog Days 2009 Nov. 6-8. The three-day event at Tammy's Cowdogs near Lohman, Mo., started with a cowdog production sale and followed with two days of cowdog and handler schooling.

Participants from five states took part in the cowdog and handler school. Enrollment in the school was limited to ensure adequate one-on-one instruction time with Goldammer-Stuart, the participant and their cowdog.

The course covered basic principles of training including building a relationship with the cowdog and a variety of commands. Following the basic schooling, Goldammer-Stuart worked with each cowdog to assess its level of working skills. Participants and owners were able to watch training tips and techniques, and were then able to apply the lessons with one-on-one training with their

cowdog. Each cowdog and owner received several work sessions during both days.

Plans are already in place for another Cowdog Days event in May 2010.

Don Greiman of the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa, was one of five volunteers presented with the Heritage Award Dec. 2, 2009, at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) 119th Annual Convention. The convention took place Nov. 30-Dec. 3 at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Nominated by people associated with their fairs, each winner received a plaque and \$1,000, and each fair nominating the winners received \$500. The nominees were required to have at least 10 years of fair management experience and could receive no more than \$2,500 remuneration annually for serving in the position. The nominees' fairs were also required to be current members of IAFE.

Greiman has been a director at the Iowa State Fair since 1965. He served as president

of the fair from 1977-1980 and from 2000-2001. During his tenure, Greiman established the County Fair Day at the Iowa State Fair, which invites members of county fair boards from throughout the state to the Iowa State Fair in recognition of their contributions to the fair industry. He was also instrumental in establishing the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation, which has raised more than \$80 million for the maintenance of the Iowa State Fairgrounds. He has served on a number of Iowa State Fair committees, including the Competition, Marketing, Audit, and Admissions/Parking committees.

Greiman has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1966.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, **Lemmon Angus at Kensington's** name changed to **Kensington Cattle Co.** The goal of the name change is to best reflect the company's ownership and management for the registered Angus program.

"We are excited about the future as we continue to expand and build on the cow herd purchased from Harvey and Nina Lemmon in 2008," Dan Beckham, owner of Kensington Cattle Co., says. "My history with this program has humble beginnings, working with Mr. Lemmon for eight years

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North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Bismarck, Nov. 28

► The officers and board of directors for the North Dakota Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Nathan** and **Emily Spickler**, Glenfield, secretary-treasurer; **Peter Best**, Watford City, vice president; **Brad Tokach**, Saint Anthony, president; **Chad Ellingson**, Saint Anthony, immediate past president; **Joel Opp**, Hebron, director; and **Mike Wendel**, Lamoure, director. Other directors are (standing, from left) **Julie Ellingson**, Saint Anthony; **Craig Burchill**, Page; **Zachary Hall**, Bismarck; **Matthew Tastad**, Rolette; **Steven Gilje**, Rolette; **Terry Carter**, Rocklake; and **Richard Koski**, Wing.



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► **Jerry Rodine**, Oakes, was named Commercial Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Carol and Jerry Rodine.



► **Richard Koski** (right), Wing, receives the President's Award from Chad Ellingson, North Dakota Angus Association past president.



► **Jallo Angus Ranch**, Fordville, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Harold, Jason and Carol Jallo.



► **David Petry**, Minot, was named Man of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Betty and David Petry.

while in high school, through college at the University of Georgia, and two years following college graduation.”

Roland Starnes is managing partner for Kensington Cattle Co.; together, he and Beckham combine more than 50 years of experience with the Angus breed.

IN PASSING

John Fisher, 83, Aledo, Ill., died March 5, 2009.

John was born on the Centennial farm he loved on Nov. 24, 1925, the only child of Harry and Louise (Derr) Fisher. He walked to country school and graduated from Aledo High School in 1943. He was a farmer from childhood, joining both 4-H and FFA. He was Aledo’s first member to receive an American Farmer Degree.

His involvement in 4-H led to two National 4-H contests, where he met his future wife, Jane Dunlap of East Andover, N.H. They were married during a hurricane at the East Andover Congregational Church Sept. 11, 1954.

Beginning in 1937, Angus cattle held a special place in his life. John loved the purebred livestock business, raising Angus cattle, Hampshire hogs, Shropshire sheep and Jersey dairy cattle on Bluff View Farms. He was active in those breed associations, and had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1963. In addition to farming, he sold Sieben Seed for more than 60 years.

He and his wife were involved in growing hybrid Iris flowers and firing ceramics for hobbies until her death in 2001. John and Jane were also active in their community and church. John was involved with Rural Youth, Country Couples, Farm Bureau Prime Timers, FFA Alumni and his church. He served as an officer within many of these organizations, including 4-H, FFA and State Rural Youth president.

John is survived by daughter Cara, son Harry, three grandchildren and an aunt.

James “Jimmy” Johnson, 87, died Nov. 13, 2009, at his residence.

He was the son of James and Emma (Carlton) Johnson. He was married Feb. 15, 1948, in Atlanta, Ga., to the former Ruth Copeland of Manchester, Ga.

Jimmy was born and raised on the family cattle, hog, crop and poultry farm that he operated for most of his life. Looking to diversify the original cotton and ginning operation started by his father, he began a purebred Angus cattle herd as an FFA project in high school in 1938.

Nebraska Angus Ass’n Annual Banquet, Kearney, Dec. 12



► **Minert & Simonson Angus Ranch**, Dunning, received the Producer of the Year Award. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jaylee Simonson and Shaina Simonson; (back row, from left) J.W. Simonson, Lowell and Carol Minert, and Cindy Simonson.

► **Left: 3 6 Angus Ranch**, Burwell, received the Pioneer Producer Award. Pictured are (front row, from left) Sheryl Bellinger, Dee and William Sitz, and Judith Newlin; (back row, from left) Mike Sitz, Debra Sitz, Eric Newlin, Stacie Newlin, and David Newlin.



► **Jim Baldrige**, formerly of North Platte, received the Pioneer Producer Award posthumously. Pictured are (from left) Jake Tiedeman, and Judson and Denise Baldrige.



His herd is one of the earliest started and longest continuous herds in the state. In the late 1950s, he built the first poultry houses and planted pine trees to further diversify and complement the cattle and crop businesses. He planted hybrid Bermuda grass in the 1940s and artificially bred his cows before it was a common or even accepted practice.

He saw active military duty during World War II as an infantry machine gunner and assisted in liberating Nazi death camps. He was an avid private pilot, having learned to fly a J3 Cub in 1941 before World War II. In his log book, he recorded: “Japs attacked Pearl Harbor while I was up. All civilian planes grounded December 7, 1941.”

Jimmy was a leader in state and community agricultural organizations. He had been a director and past president of the Jackson County Cattlemen’s Association and the Northeast Georgia Cattlemen’s Association. He was twice the president of the Georgia Angus Association and was a life member of the American Angus Association.

He helped organize the Georgia Cattlemen’s Association and was a past director; served as a supervisor for the Oconee River Soil and Water Conservation District for 37 years; was appointed by three governors to serve on the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee; and was recognized by the Jackson County Farm Bureau for 25 years of service on its board.

In addition to his wife, Jimmy is survived by daughter Shirley; sons Dewey and Randy; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Stephen Bartow “Bart” Strang, 81, Meeker, Colo., died Dec. 3, 2009, at Pioneer Hospital in Meeker.

Bart was born June 7, 1928, in New Hope, Pa., to Stephen and Ellen (Lathrop) Strang. He spent his early years in Bucks County, Pa. At the age of eight, Bart moved with his family to Ralston Creek Ranch near Golden, Colo.

The remote location of the ranch necessitated home schooling for Bart and his brother. Bart finished his secondary education with his senior year at Taft School, Watertown, Conn. He spent a year at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo., before enlisting in the service Sept. 27, 1950.

After returning from Germany, where he fulfilled the terms of his enlistment, he extended his tour of duty and volunteered for service in the Korean conflict. Bart was highly decorated while in Korea, including two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He was wounded on Heartbreak Ridge March 12, 1953, and discharged from the U.S. Army June 27, 1953.

He entered Princeton University on the GI Bill in September 1953, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in history in 1957. He was captain of Princeton’s Heavyweight Crew.

Many of his lifelong friends go back to his Princeton years.

Bart and Mary Crocker, of Groton, Mass., were united in marriage Sept. 13, 1958, in Groton. Their first years of marriage were spent on the family ranch at Ralston Creek. They moved to Carbondale in 1960. In 1968, they moved to their own place on West Sopris Creek at Basalt.

In 1973, the family moved to Meeker, where they continued their purebred cattle business. In addition to their registered and commercial cattle businesses, they had a summer program for teenagers through which they served as surrogate parents to 40 teens for eight weeks.

Bart served his community and industry on the Roaring Fork School District and Meeker School District boards, the Colorado Hereford Association, the American Hereford Association, Rio Blanco Co-op and the Yellow Jacket Conservation District, among others. He had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1992.

Bart will long be remembered as a gentle, compassionate man who loved his children and grandchildren, teaching by example and humor. He never missed an opportunity to

share his dry wit and humor, which often included a large library of limericks. Physical limitations stemming from his military service remained his biggest trial — one he met with quiet determination and grace.

In addition to his wife of 51 years, Bart is survived by daughters Mary, Ellen, Lisa and Sarah; brother Mike; and 11 grandchildren.

▶ **ANGUS ARRIVALS**

Lance and **Melissa Thompson** of Topeka, Kan., announce the birth of their son, **Cameron Joseph**, born Dec. 2, 2009. Cameron weighed 9 lb., 11 oz., and was 21 in. long.

Grandparents are Larry and Judy Thompson of Russellville, Mo., and Bill and Alexis Ebert of Rossville, Kan.

▶ **INDUSTRY EXTRAS**

Katherine Ayers has been hired as the CFO of the Cattlemen's Beef Board. She will be responsible for all of the financial affairs of the Board, including accounting; financial reporting; budgeting; revenue projections; banking; and collections and auditing.

Veterinarian **Dee Ellis** of Rockdale has been named as Texas' new state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's

livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Ellis will replace Bob Hillman, who retired Dec. 31, 2009.

Mark Smith, Sharon Springs, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) during the group's meeting Dec. 4, 2009, in Wichita, Kan. He will serve as the volunteer leader for KLA's 5,500 members during the coming year.

Ken Grecian, Palco, Kan., was chosen by KLA members as president-elect.

Randy Miller assumed the position of Growmark director, propane operations, Dec. 1, 2009. He was most recently propane supply manager for the company. In his new role he will be responsible for the overall management of propane supply and risk management.

Mary Fortney has been named Growmark controller, responsible for the full and accurate accounting of all assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, its divisions and subsidiaries. She is also responsible for a complete set of internal controls for the protection of corporate assets, ordering and billing functions, and the preparation and filing of all tax returns and information.

