



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Eldon Flinn** of **Red Tank Ranch**, Fittstown, Okla., has received from the American Angus Association the Historic Angus Herd Award for continued ownership and production of Angus cattle for more than 50 years.

Flinn started the herd in 1954. As a sophomore in high school, he purchased 12 registered Angus heifers from Carlton Corbin of Fittstown for an average of \$235 per head. He also purchased his first Angus bull from Corbin for his 88-acre ranch.

Today, Flinn continues to manage the herd, which now numbers approximately 100 Angus cows on the 1,100-acre ranch.

**Jack and Nancy Baker** of **Baker Angus**

**Farms**, Butler, Mo., received the Historic Angus Herd Award from the Association during their annual production sale Nov. 1, 2009.

The Baker's herd began in 1953 as an FFA project. For more than half a century, the herd has been built around performance testing with extensive use of records in breeding and selecting Angus cattle.

In 1956, Jack exhibited the grand champion bull in the FFA Show at the Missouri State Fair. He purchased the bull from J.B. McCorkle, Smithville, Mo. Today, Jack continues to manage the herd, with the fourth generation of the Baker family also breeding registered Angus cattle.

Jack served as president of the Missouri Angus Association and is a past member of

the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

**David Felumlee**, **Claylick Run Farm**, Newark, Ohio, was elected president of the board of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association Dec. 8, 2009. He has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1993. During the same meeting, **Sam Sutherly**, **Sutherly Bros. LLC**, Troy, Ohio, was elected vice president of the board. Sutherly Bros. has been a member of the Association since 2001.

## WEDDINGS

**John McCurry** and **Melody Shields** were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony Dec. 31, 2009, at Three Falls Cove in Borger, Texas.

Parents of the couple are Andy and Mary McCurry, Burrton, Kan., and Lonnie and LeAnn Shields, Spearman, Texas.

The bride graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in animal science/ag business. She is a field representative for Ivesco Animal Health for Kansas/Oklahoma. The groom attended Kansas State University and is the owner/operator of McCurry Angus Ranch, Burrton.

## IN PASSING

**Gordon Conner**, 77, Buffalo, Ky., died Nov. 15, 2009, at his residence.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and retired from the LaRue County School System after 30 years of service. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Buffalo Baptist Church, served as LaRue County magistrate for District 3, as a LaRue County Fiscal Court member and member of KABA Board of Directors, and as cemetery sexton for Buffalo Cemetery.

Gordon was on the LaRue County Extension Council and Cattlemen's Association, was a former secretary/treasurer and president of the Kentucky Angus Association, and served as an advisor for the Kentucky Junior Angus Association.

In addition to his wife, Norma, Gordon is survived by son Kenley; half sister Polly; and five grandchildren.

## Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Dec. 29, 2009, Indianapolis



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►The 2010 Indiana Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Chris Wickard**, Greenfield, president; **Jay Davis**, Michigantown, first vice president; **Karl Gillette**, Cloverdale, second vice president; **Judy Brown**, Greenfield, secretary; **David Smith**, Greensburg, treasurer; **Bruce Lamb**, Milford, past president; and **Catherine Watkins**, Middletown, American Angus Association Board member; (standing, from left) **Jason Miller**, Gaston; **Philip Howell**, Winchester; **Jack Sweeney**, Noblesville; **John Finke**, Columbus; **Judson Kidwell**, Gentryville; **Bradley Ferree**, Jasonville; **Leslie Carmichael**, Bloomington; **Andrew Howell**, Milltown; **Michael Isaacs**, Brownstown; **Larry Jernas**, Knox; **Stephen Patton**, Frankfort; and **Robert Dragani**, Plymouth.



►**Leslie and Sandra Carmichael**, Bloomington, receive the Vera Sherbahn Memorial Award.



►**Bruce Lamb** (left), Milford, receives the Past Presidents Award from **Chris Wickard**, president.



►**Philip Howell** (left), Winchester, receives the President's Award from **Bruce Lamb**, past president.

**Linda Kirkpatrick**, 58, Bonham, Texas, died Nov. 29, 2009.

Linda was born Dec. 16, 1950, in Gainesville, Texas, to Joe and Ethel (Shugart) Kirkpatrick. She was a member of the Vilott Baptist Church and enjoyed Bible study with her close friends. She owned Kaylena Ranch and raised registered black Angus cattle. She was a member of the Red River Angus Association and had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1996. Linda was also a supporter of Noah's Ark Animal Shelter.

She worked for the Richardson Police Department when she lived in Dallas. After resigning from the police department, Linda obtained a real estate license and went to work for ReMax, where she went on to become one of the top real estate agents in Texas. She eventually left Dallas and moved to Bonham, where she began her own real estate agency, LK Properties. She was a real estate broker for 28 years.

Linda loved all of her grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them when they came to visit.

Linda is survived by her father and stepmother; sister Rachel; brothers Michael and Jason; daughter Marcy; five grandchildren; and her ex-husband, Jose Martinez.

**Havard Marcus**, 85, Brandy Station, Va., died Dec. 10, 2009, at Our Father's House Christian Home in Inlet, Va.

Havard was born Jan. 24, 1924, in Loudoun County, Va., to William and Susan Marcus.

Havard lived and breathed gospel music and he particularly enjoyed playing the guitar while singing. He was a member of the Culpeper Assembly of God for more than 50 years, serving there as a deacon and in various other capacities.

For many years he also sang at several rest homes in the Culpeper area, becoming known affectionately as "Suppertime" because of a song he was often asked to sing. Faithfulness, reliability and consistency marked his service in the church, on the job, in the rearing of his family and in demonstration of his Christian values.

His working career was solely devoted to the tending of black Angus cattle. He worked for more than 40 years as a herdsman at Brandy Rock Farm in Brandy Station. While at Brandy Rock he reared and groomed several champions at various cattle shows in Virginia and around the country.

Havard is survived by sons Frank and Larry; daughter Janice; brothers Russell and Herman; sisters Mary and Evelyn; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Lilian McIntosh**, 83, Lexington, Ky., died Dec. 1, 2009, at her home.

Lilian was the fourth of 10 children born to Amos and Sarah Clee. She was born in Bromfield, England, and grew up in Onibury, England.

In June 1946 she married Charles McIntosh, and they immigrated to the United States in September 1947. They moved to Georgia in 1974 and moved to Sandy Cross Road in 1993. She was a member of the Rayle Lunch & Learn Club, the American National Cowbelles, and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). She had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1983.

Lilian is survived by her husband, Charles; daughters Mary Ann and Phyllis; son Robert; brothers Roger, Geoffrey and Leslie; and three grandchildren.

**Verdell Butler**, 93, Eatonton, Ga., died Dec. 25, 2009, at Oconee Regional Medical Center in Milledgeville. She was born Feb. 21, 1916, in Columbia, La. She was the daughter of A.C. and Eveline (Fluitt) Banks.

Verdell is survived by son Tom; daughter Carol; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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**James Jackson Jr.**, 59, Salvisa, Ky., died Dec. 28, 2009, from multiple myeloma cancer.

Born Jan. 17, 1950, in Hopkinsville, Ky., he was the son of Edith Jackson and James Jackson Sr.

He was an animal science associate professor at the University of Kentucky and owner/operator of Dividing Ridge Farm. He had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1983.

In addition to his wife, Elda, James is survived by sons Josh, Justin, Joey and Jerry; sisters Susie, Brenda, Donna and Renee; and grandson Isaiah.

**Catherine Wheeler**, 68, Campbellsville, Ky., died Dec. 31, 2009, in Campbellsville.

Catherine was born April 7, 1941, in

Taylor County, Ky., to John and Lucy (Mitchell) Smith.

She professed faith in Christ and attended Millers Chapel United Methodist Church. She was a retired employee of Fruit of the Loom in Campbellsville.

Catherine was united in marriage to Jimmy Wheeler April 28, 1962.

In addition to her husband, Catherine is survived by son Greg; daughter Stacey; brothers Harold and David; sister Marianne; and four grandchildren.

**Robert "Bob" Thomas**, 85, Baker City, Ore., died Jan. 5, 2010, at his ranch home.

Bob was born July 8, 1924, to Merton and Martha Thomas in a farmhouse in Crawford County, Iowa. He was one of six children.

Bob was involved in agriculture even as a young man. He graduated from Dow City High School in 1943 and joined the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Iwo Jima and Saipan until the end of World War II.

After returning home he attended Iowa State University at Ames, where he majored in animal husbandry. He met Gloria Ewoldt at a 4-H club in Vail, Iowa, and they were married Feb. 6, 1949, in Vail. The couple began farming in Iowa where their three daughters were born.

In 1954, the family moved to New York where Bob pursued a career as an Angus herdsman in upstate New York and later on Long Island. During this time, they purchased Angus cattle and shipped them back to Iowa to a family farm. In 1958, they

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**► Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Grantville, Jan. 10**

►The 2010 officers and directors for the Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Bradford Bishard**, York, treasurer; **Cheryl Fairbairn**, Coatesville, vice president; **Barbara Weaver**, New Holland, secretary; **Robert Hay**, Friedens, president; (standing, from left) **Harry Bachman**, Annville; **Fritz Frey**, Quarryville; **Ned Hower**, Bethlehem; **Mark Foore**, Seven Valleys; **Timothy Spangler**, Boswell; **Wendall Landis**, Pennsylvania Furnace; **Eugene Trowbridge II**, Meshoppen; **Ronald Cole**, Bentleyville; **Chad Cash**, York; and **Thomas Gililand**, Troy.



►**Work Land and Cattle Co.**, Uniontown, received the 2009 Seedstock Producer of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Linda Rooker, Billy, Jim and Bill Work.



►**Ryan Nolt** (right), New Holland, receives the 2009 Herdsman of the Year Award from Cheryl Fairbairn.



►**Ned Hower** (right), Bethlehem, receives the 2009 Promoter of the Year Award from Cheryl Fairbairn.



►**Katrina Frey** (right), Quarryville, receives the 2009 Breeder of the Year Award from Cheryl Fairbairn.

►**The Trowbridge family** was named the 2009 Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Maria Trowbridge, Elizabeth Trowbridge, Eugene Trowbridge III, Valerie Trowbridge and Eugene Trowbridge II receiving the award from Fritz Frey, Nancy Frey, Katrina Frey and Fred Frey, 2008 Family of the Year.



moved to Sauvie Island and had their cattle shipped over by train.

In 1962, Bob and Gloria had a son and, in 1963, Bob's lifelong dream to ranch in the West was fulfilled when they moved to the Baker Valley, where they developed one of the most prestigious Angus herds in America.

Bob had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1988, and served on the Board of Directors for six years. In 1995 and 1996, the NCBA recognized Thomas Angus Ranch as one of the top seedstock operations in the industry. Bob was a past director of the Western States Angus Association and the Oregon Angus Association.

In 1997, Thomas Angus Ranch was co-winner of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Seedstock Producer Award. The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) inducted Bob and Gloria into the Honorary Angus Foundation in 1997, and in 1998, Bob was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation.

Bob's greatest advocate and helper was his wife of 50 years, Gloria. They were an inseparable team as they worked together on the ranch and raised their four children. He

attributed his success to the grace of God and he lived his faith. Bob was a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church and a follower of Jesus Christ.

He loved his Angus cattle, his ranch and the beautiful Baker Valley. He had many dear friends. His family says one of his favorite pastimes was putting out mineral and walking through his herd of registered Angus cattle.

Bob enjoyed traveling with Gloria and also took his grandchildren on special trips. He traveled to France, Scotland, England, Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, the Mediterranean, the Bahamas and Mexico.

Bob is survived by daughters Kris, Sue and Beth; son Rob; sister Ruth; brothers Jim, Dick and Bill; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Angus Foundation through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel; 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814; by visiting [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org); or by contacting Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100.

**Cecil Butler**, 96, Eatonton, Ga., died Jan. 15. He retired from Georgia Kraft in Macon in 1975. He was an avid gardener and fisherman. He was married to the late Verdell Butler for 75 years.

Cecil is survived by son Tom; daughter Carol; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## ▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Joy Philippi** has been hired by the American Meat Institute (AMI) to serve as vice president of legislative affairs. In that capacity, she will handle a variety of issues before Congress and the administration, including those surrounding the meat industry and the environment, and animal welfare.

**Matthew Mika** has been promoted to senior director of legislative affairs for AMI, and **Rosie Levine** is now the manager of convention and exposition services.

**Dennis Shanks** has accepted the position of manager-farm store accounts with Z Tags North America LP. He most recently served in a similar position with KMG Animal Health.

The Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) board of directors met Dec. 8, 2009, and elected new directors and officers. **Michael Bihl**, West Union, will serve as treasurer and director for District 11. **Jake Wolfinger**, Lancaster, was elected member-at-large. Directors elected for three-year terms include

**Jim Rogers**, Logan, member-at-large; **Luke Worcester**, Monroeville, District 2; **Andy Vance**, DeGraff, District 5; and **Sam Roberts**, South Charleston, District 8.

Former board member **George Casey** has been appointed by the board of directors of the American Humane Association to serve as interim president and CEO to replace Marie Belew Wheatley, who resigned in January. The board will conduct a national search for a new president and CEO.

**Keith Heffernan** will serve as senior vice president of operations and industry relations

for the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Grains Council. He was formerly the chief of staff for the Farm Credit Administration.

**Dana Peterson**, a longtime policy staffer at Kansas Wheat, has been named CEO of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

**J.F. Cadenhead III** retired Jan. 31 from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service after 30 years. He worked with producers in the Panhandle, South Plains and Rolling Plains as an assistant professor and AgriLife Extension range and brush control specialist serving 66 counties.

**Michelle Bilderback** has been hired as an Extension ruminant veterinarian for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

**Lori Carrion** has been promoted to CEO of Panorama Meats Inc., based in Vina, Calif. She will manage the sales distribution, quality assurance and production departments for the company. **Wayne Langston** is the new vice president of production. He will manage the recruiting of ranchers for the company's organic, grass-fed beef program.

