



Newsmakers

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

■ IN THE NEWS

Century Acres Angus, Vincent, Iowa, has been awarded the Historic Angus Herd Award by the American Angus Association. The award is presented to Angus breeders who have continuously produced Angus cattle for 50 or more years.

Steve Schmalenberger of Century Acres Angus became involved in the Angus breed as a young 4-Her with the purchase of his first Angus steer in 1959. He later sold the grand champion steer to purchase his first Angus heifer and establish a foundation in the breed.

In 1968, the Schmalenberger farm celebrated 100 years of family ownership and began using the name Century Acres. Today, Steve and his wife, Nancy, operate the family's fifth-generation farm and Century Acres Angus.

While the Schmalenberger's daughters,

Anne and Sara, are not directly involved in the daily operation of Century Acres Angus, the two began a foundation with Angus cattle in 1987. Both were active in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Sara was Miss Iowa Angus, and Anne served as Miss American Angus. Both received American Angus Auxiliary scholarships.

Today, Sara and Anne's show heifers continue to produce offspring that keep the Century Acres Angus herd successful and thriving. The family is proud of their heritage and the future of Angus.

Averitte Farms, Vanleer, Tenn., has been awarded the Historic Angus Herd Award by the American Angus Association.

Averitte Farms was founded by Billy Averitte in 1958 with the purchase of cows from Tennessee Dixie Stock Farm. Current herd females descend from the original purchase.

Herd bulls have been purchased from Robert Elliott & Sons, Adams, Tenn., and artificial insemination (AI) has been used extensively.

Billy became a life member of the American Angus Association in 1959 and emphasized maternal, growth, conformation, birth weight and temperament selection. After his sudden death in 1997, the membership was transferred to Averitte Farms, which today consists of 24 brood cows and replacement heifers and is managed by Billy's son, Doug.

Since its establishment, Averitte Farms has used only Angus genetics and has sold cattle to a wide variety of customers from several states and the country of Cyprus.

Hinds Trust, Palmyra, Mo., is a recipient of the Historic Angus Herd Award.

The 90-head Hinds Trust herd is owned by Eugene Hinds and family, and managed by partner Kevin Kleinman.

The herd was founded in 1959 when the foundation cattle were purchased from I.C. McLean; J.C. Penney and Orin James; I.W. Head; and Col. Bill Cary.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Hinds Trust exhibited Angus steers at the 'On-foot and on-rail' carcass show, along with breeding cattle at the Chicago International Show and various state fairs. In 2002 and 2003, Hinds

Trust was the winner of the Circle A Sire Alliance. The inspiration behind Hinds Trust is a love of the land, grass and Angus cattle.

Leary Bros. Angus, Caledonia, Minn., is a recipient of the Historic Angus Herd Award.

Bill and Harold Leary established the herd in 1945.

Early herd bulls used by the brothers included Enchanter of Rosemere, purchased from Otto Battles and Roland Ehlers of Rosemere Farms, Marquette, Iowa; and TA Eilenmere 6, purchased from the Treasure Acres herd, Harrisburg, Iowa.

Today the Houston County, Minn., farm consists of 485 acres and 200 head of cows.

The historic herd is under the management of Richard and Donny Leary, son and grandson of founder Bill Leary, respectively.

Sam Hands, Garden City, Kan., was honored Jan. 24 with the Kansas State University (K-State) Department of Animal Sciences and Industry Distinguished Alumnus Award for his achievements in agriculture and industry leadership.

A 1970 graduate of K-State, Hands returned to Garden City in 1973 to join his family's farm operation, which started with 1,750 acres and 150 commercial Angus cows, and has grown into a family partnership known as Triangle H.

The partnership now includes 10,000 acres, 2,000 head of commercial cows with eight satellite locations in four states, and two licensed feedyards holding 4,000 head each. Most of their cattle are age- and source-verified and marketed through U.S. Premium Beef (USPB). Triangle H has been featured in numerous publications and in television and radio documentaries.

Hands is involved in a number of agricultural organizations and has served as president of the Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC), Finney County Farm Bureau and Beef Empire Days. He has received many honors through the years, including the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Commercial Producer of the Year, the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Feedlot Performance Champion and the Block and Bridle Stockman of the Year.

Hands gave three presentations to student

classes and had the opportunity to visit with departmental faculty and leaders in the College of Agriculture as part of the full day of activities scheduled to honor and recognize the Distinguished Alumnus.

Triangle H has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1998, though the family's membership and involvement with the Association goes back to 1956.

Joe Myers, Harrodsburg, Ky., has joined Select Sires Inc. as a beef genetics consultant. In this part-time role, Myers will assist the Select Sires beef department in beef sire selection, especially in the late winter and spring, when he will evaluate pedigrees and travel to bull sales to assist in bull acquisition decisions. He will be based out of his home in Harrodsburg.

Myers earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a master's degree in agricultural education from the University of Kentucky. He began his career in the Angus industry 26 years ago as manager of a 400-acre Angus farm in Kentucky and later became an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

Most recently, Myers was the general manager of the newly dispersed Anderson Circle Farm. As manager, Myers developed an understanding of the Angus breed and a network of contacts. He was honored for his accomplishments as the 2010 Manager of the Year at the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

Myers has been a member of the American Angus Association since 2001.

Maggie O'Quinn, Woodland, Ala., has been elected to a three-year term as a supply and service sector representative to the 2011 U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) executive committee. USMEF's membership and its executive committee are drawn from the nine industry segments that comprise the organization, which celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2011.

O'Quinn currently serves as an international executive account manager for Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB).

■ IN PASSING

Adrian Weaver Jr., 82, Fort Collins, Colo., died Dec. 11, 2010, following a short illness.

Adrian was born March 20, 1928, in Denver, Colo., to Adrian Sr. and Eva (Conkey) Weaver. He was raised at the family ranch at Virginia Dale, Colo., and worked on neighboring ranches. He graduated in 1946 from Elsinore High School in California and from Colorado A&M in 1952 as a doctor of veterinary medicine. While in college, Adrian was active in the

Rodeo Club, and he continued to rodeo until 1973.

Adrian married Geraldine Pence April 11, 1953, and they had three daughters. They divorced in 1979. He later married and divorced Letha Moen.

Adrian practiced veterinary medicine in Colorado and Wyoming. As he became more involved in his ranching operation, he phased out of his veterinary practice. In 1969, he moved the ranch headquarters to Owl Canyon, Colo., and added the Cottonwood Ranch at Sedgwick, Colo., in 1989. He continued to summer cattle at Virginia Dale and Tie Siding, Wyo.

Adrian was passionate about his Angus cattle, ranching and the rural and western lifestyle. He had been retired from veterinary practice for several years and he continued ranching until his death.

He was the first president of the Albany County Stock Growers, one of the original cooperators in the Northeast Colorado Bull Test Center and one of the first seedstock producers to pulmonary arterial pressure (PAP)-test his cattle. Adrian received numerous awards and recognition for his Angus cattle and his work in the livestock industry, including the 2009 U.S. Livestock

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Industry Leader of the Year Award from the *Record Stockman*.

Adrian is survived by daughters Susan, Mourine and Maxine; sisters Adeline and Adevee; grandson Sheldon; and granddaughter Darby.

Price Harrison Jr., 77, Dowelltown, Tenn., died Jan. 4 at his home.

His parents were Price Sr. and Ella (McKnight) Harrison.

As a young man he spent summers in

Alaska working on the railroad. He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), continued his advanced studies at Rice University, and then attended Boston University, where he earned a doctorate in health and physical education.

Following graduation, he spent 20 years as a professor at MTSU. He raised purebred Angus cattle and founded *Angus News*, a trade newspaper, which he published for 40 years. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1968.

He was a devoted member of Buckner's Chapel United Methodist Church, Smithville, Tenn.

Price is survived by sons Price III and Mark; brother James; and granddaughter Hart Harrison.

Kenneth Eitel, 84, Green Castle, Mo., died Jan. 19.

Kenneth was born July 15, 1926, in western Adair County, the son of Frank and Ollie (Hammons) Eitel. He attended Maple Grove Rural School and graduated from Kirksville High School with the class of 1944. On June 2, 1957, in Paris, Mo., Kenneth and Barbara Johnston were united in marriage. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 2, 2007.

Kenneth was a successful cattleman. He and his family raised registered Angus cattle for 70 years before dispersing the herd in 2006. His farm, Catalpa Grove Angus, was on land that Kenneth's grandparents settled in the 1870s at the western edge of Adair County.

In his younger years, Kenneth showed cattle throughout the country, winning many grand champion awards at major livestock shows (Kansas City, Chicago, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston and Denver). He later enjoyed working with his children showing cattle. He is the only person to ever have three individual grand champion steers at the American Royal in Kansas City. All three were purebred Angus.

The Kirksville Jaycees named Kenneth Outstanding Young Farmer in 1956. He also received the Outstanding Seedstock Producer Award from the Northeast Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement Association and was named the Northeast Missouri Livestock Person of the Year at the 2007 Livestock Symposium.

Through the years Kenneth provided livestock grooming and showmanship clinics for area youth and hosted numerous 4-H, FFA and university judging teams for practice sessions. He hosted the University of Missouri Extension statewide cattle tour, was a stop on the Chamber of Commerce Farm Tour, and hosted the Kiwanis Club picnic.

Kenneth was a member of the Liberty 4-H Club that his family had helped start and served the club as a leader for more than 20 years. Kenneth was a charter member of the Missouri Angus Association and had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1963. In 2010, Kenneth and his family received the Missouri Angus Association Pioneer Award.

Kenneth was a member of the Pure Air Baptist Church, Pure Air, Mo., for 53 years. He served a number of years as the Sunday school secretary.

In addition to his wife, Kenneth is survived by sons Kenneth (Kent), Lee and Layton; daughters Ann and Chanda; sisters Leora and Faye; and nine grandchildren.

Hugh Lawson "H.L." Hembree III, 79, Dallas, Texas, died Jan 21.

H.L. was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Fort Smith, Ark., the only child of Raymond and Gladys Hembree. He was raised on the family farm near Paris, Ark., and in Fort Smith, where he graduated from Fort Smith High School.

He graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with degrees in business administration and law. While attending the university he became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, where he formed many lifelong friendships. During these years he met and married Sara Young, to whom he was married for 52 years.

In 1958, H.L. became associated with Arkansas Best Freight System (ABF) as assistant general claims manager. As ABF grew, so did H.L.'s career as he learned the transportation business and then led in the formation of Data-Tronics Corp.

To accommodate the growth of ABF into other nonregulated business, Arkansas Best Corp. was formed in 1966 with him elected chairman of the board and CEO in 1973, titles he held until his retirement in 1988. During this time, Arkansas Best Corp. grew to a diversified holding company with many operating subsidiaries, including Riverside Furniture, ABC Treadco, Trans-States Lines and USA Truck.

It also sponsored the formation of Arkansas Best Federal Credit Union to provide benefits to the various companies' employees and their families. H.L. was proud of the team of people who worked to make this growth possible and these companies successful.

He was also an owner and director of Merchants National Bank of Fort Smith for nearly 30 years. For many years he was involved as a member of the board of directors of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.

H.L. and his wife enjoyed a lifetime of public service. He was especially fond of service to the Boy Scouts of America (at the local, regional and national levels); Saint Edward Mercy Medical Center; and the University of Arkansas.

H.L. is survived by sons H. Lawson IV and Scott, and four grandchildren.

Dawn (Cargill) Kessler, 46, Milton-Freewater, Ore., died Jan. 22 at her home.



Dawn Kessler

Dawn was born July 3, 1964, to Kathy Underwood and Jerry Cargill. She moved with her family to Kennewick, Wash., in 1969. Her family founded a small family farm in Finley, Wash., where she and her

sisters were raised and learned to appreciate the love of the land and animals.

She showed cattle at the Benton-Franklin County Fair from the time she was 9 years old until she graduated from River View High School in 1982. She was a champion showman, exceptional softball player and a sure-shot for the other team on the basketball squad.

Her love of animals and the fair landed Dawn her best friend and the love of her life,

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Randy Kessler, after his fair entry said he was single and looking. Before diving into rural life in Umapine, Dawn was the youngest member in Washington state on the local school board for the Finley School District at the age of 19. Dawn and Randy were married May 17, 1986, in Kennewick, Wash.

She and Randy owned and operated Kessler Angus in Milton-Freewater. Dawn was an avid supporter of 4-H, FFA, NJAA, and the Junior Cattlemen's Association. She was a member of the American Angus Association, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Walla Walla Cattlemen's Association, the Washington Cattlemen's Association and the Umatilla County Cattlemen's Association.

Dawn was a loving mother, devoted wife, faithful daughter, superb sister and fast friend.

In addition to her husband, Dawn is survived by daughters Tierra and Cheyenne; son Cody; her mother; her father; and sisters April and Cheryl.

Dorothy Varley, 80, Stuart, Iowa, died Jan. 25 at her home.

Dorothy was born Aug. 13, 1930, to Burton and Leola (Hubbard) Powell on the family farm outside of Casey, Iowa. She grew up in the Casey area and graduated from Casey High School in 1947. Afterwards, she attended one year at Iowa State University.

Dorothy was united in marriage to the love of her life, Charles Varley Jr., Aug. 15, 1948, at the Casey United Methodist Church. After their marriage they farmed south of Menlo, Iowa, raising registered Angus cattle. C.E. Varley & Son has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1945. In 1992, they built a home on their acreage west of Stuart.

Dorothy was a member of the Jefferson Center United Methodist Church. She served as a Bible school and Sunday school teacher for many years, and she was active in the United Methodist Women's Society.

Dorothy also served as a 4-H leader, a member of the supervisor compensation board and was proud to be the first woman ever asked to be a cattle judge in the United States. She and her husband were inducted into the State of Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame in 2008.

She spent many years selling insurance and real estate. One of her greatest joys was helping her clients make important life decisions. Her main passions in life were her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She also enjoyed working with her flowers, reading, cooking, making her famous fudge,

watching her grandchildren play sports, and working with her cattle. She took pride in marketing the grain produced on the family farm.

In addition to her husband of 62 years, Dorothy is survived by daughter Susan; son Evan; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Andrew and Julie McPeake, Arnoldsville, Ga., announce the Jan. 8 birth of their daughter, **Naomi Grace**. She weighed 8 lb., 12 oz., and was 21½ in. long.

Grandparents are Craig and Cindy Watson, High Springs, Fla., and Charles and Sandra McPeake, Arnoldsville.

Andrew is owner/operator of CAM Ranches and serves on the board of directors of the Georgia Angus Association.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Sector representatives and officers have been elected to the 2011 USMEF Executive Committee. Officers for the current year are **Keith Miller**, chairman, representing the Kansas Farm Bureau; **Danita Rodibaugh**, chairman elect, family farm operator in Rensselaer, Ind., representing the National Pork Board; **Steve Isaf**, vice chairman, president of Atlanta-based Interra Int'l; and **Mark Jagels**, secretary-treasurer, farmer and director of the Nebraska Corn Board.

Other members are **Jim Peterson**, past chairman, representing the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA); **Bruce Schmoll**, oilseeds producing sector, representing the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association; **Roel Andriessen**, packing/processing sector, representing Tyson Foods; **James Teitscheid**, lamb producing and feeding sector; **Wayne Peugh**, pork producing and feeding sector, representing NPB; **Calvin Rozenbloom**, farm organizations sector, representing the Iowa Farm Bureau; **Bill Rhea**, beef/veal producing and feeding sector, representing the Nebraska Beef Council; **David Fremark**, feedgrains producing sector, representing the South Dakota Corn Utilization Council; **Kurt Holdmeyer**, purveyor/trader sector, representing AJC International; **Jill Appell**, at-large representative from the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC); **Mike Skahill**, at-large representative from Smithfield Foods; **Luisa Jaca**, at-large representative from NCBA; **Dan Dierschke**, at-large representative from the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB); **Leann Saunders**, at-large representative

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from IMI Global; and **Scott Singlestad**, advisory representative from the United Soybean Board.

Sector representatives on the executive committee are elected to three-year terms, while at-large members are elected to one-year terms.

Randy Blach, Centennial Colo., was selected by Colorado State University (CSU) faculty members of the Department of Animal Sciences as the 2011 Livestock Leader. He was recognized Jan. 15 during Colorado State University Day at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Kaity Kerwin has been hired as director of communications for the Missouri Beef Industry Council (MBIC). In this new position, Kerwin will oversee all print and radio advertising, website content and maintenance, and social media, including Twitter, Facebook and the MBIC blog.

Steve McKinley, a veteran animal health, agriculture and nutritional sales and marketing specialist, has formed McKinley Consulting Inc. as a full-service animal health, agricultural and nutritional consulting service specializing in marketing solutions, product and market development, marketing enhancement programs and distribution networking services.

Emily Dalzell has been hired by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) to serve as its special projects director. In this position, Dalzell will assist with graphic design and advertising projects for the *North Dakota Stockman*; serve as the primary NDSA contact for the North Dakota Junior Beef Expo, All Breeds Cattle Tour, Mentoring Program and the Environmental Stewardship Award Program, and serve as the staff liaison to the Seedstock Council.

Richard Meadows, professor of veterinary medicine at the University of Missouri (MU), has been chosen as the recipient of the 2010 National Pfizer Teaching Award, which is

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given by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC) and sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health. He will receive the award and deliver a presentation about his teaching philosophy March 12 during the AAVMC annual conference in Alexandria, Va.

Keith Hufendick has been named the general manager at Two Rivers FS Inc., Rushville, Ill. He succeeds Ron Tomhave, who retired.

Mike Turner has been named the manager of Illini FS Division of Growmark,

Urbana, Ill. He succeeds Roger Read, who retired.



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► Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Harrisburg, Jan. 9



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►The 2011 Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (standing, from left) **Steven Upperman**, Chambersburg; **Dale Rains**, Mercer; **Harry Bachman**, Annville; **Ned Hower**, Bethlehem; **Wendall Landis**, Manheim; **Eugene Trowbridge II**, Meshoppen; **Fritz Frey**, Quarryville; **Robert Livingston**, Seven Valleys; (seated, from left) **Cheryl Fairbairn**, Coatesville, president; **Erskine Cash**, York, vice president; **Barbara Weaver**, New Holland, secretary; **Jamie Hower**, Bethlehem, secretary assistant; and **Bradford Bishard**, York, treasurer.



►Left: **Steven Schmuck** (left), Rockwood, receives the 2010 Pennsylvania Herdsman of the Year award from Cheryl Fairbairn, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president.

►Right: **Valerie and Eugene Trowbridge II**, Meshoppen, were named 2010 Promoter of the Year. Pictured presenting the award is Fairbairn, right.



►Left: **Katrina Frey** (left), Quarryville, receives the 2010 Pennsylvania Breeder of the Year award from Fairbairn.

►Right: **Marianna and Bob Hay** (right), Friedens, receive the 2010 Pennsylvania Family of the Year award from Elizabeth, Maria, Valerie and Eugene Trowbridge II.



► Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 22



►The 2011 Kansas Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (back row, from left) **Howard Woodbury**, Quenemo; **Larry Lundgren**, Gove; **Gordon Stucky**, Kingman, American Angus Ass'n board member; **Matthew Perrier**, Eureka; **Craig Rucker**, Burdett; **Shane Prill**, Wichita; **Brandon New**, Leavenworth; **Harold Hazelton**, McPherson; **Ron Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; (front row, from left) **Sharee Sankey**, Council Grove; **Joe Hite**, Valley Center, president; **Timothy Benton**, Garnett; **Anne Lampe**, Scott City, secretary; **Bob Bailey**, Quenemo, treasurer; and **Jerry Theis**, past president.



►The 2011 Kansas Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) **Megin Gaede**, Hutchinson, reporter; **Varee McCabe**, Elk City, president; **Lori Fink**, Randolph, treasurer; and **Karen Santee**, Langdon, vice president.



►**Barbara** and the late **R.D. Laflin**, Laflin Ranch, Olsburg, received the Kansas Angus Ass'n Honorary Member award. Pictured are (from left) **Jerry Theis**, 2010 Kansas Angus Ass'n president; **Barbara Laflin**; and **Timothy Benton**.

