

Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Robert “Bob” Funk, Yukon, Okla., Angus rancher and prominent Oklahoma executive, was inducted into the



Robert Funk

International Franchise Association (IFA) Hall of Fame during the association’s 50th annual convention in San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 6.

Funk co-founded Express Employment Professionals in 1983, and the Oklahoma City-based company is a leader in the staffing industry, employing 300,000 people each year in the United States, Canada, South Africa and Australia.

Funk has served in a variety of distinguished leadership capacities and won numerous awards and accolades for his work in franchising, staffing and in the cattle industry. Funk has served as chairman of the

Conference of Chairmen for the Federal Reserve Bank System, chairman of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, and chairman of the Oklahoma Baptist University board of trustees.

An avid rancher, Funk owns Express Ranches, the largest purebred seedstock producer in America. Express Ranches has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1995.

IN PASSING

Kirk Craft, 27, La Porte, Ind., died Nov. 12, 2009.

Kirk was born April 25, 1982, to Les Craft and Anne Craft. He was a 2000 La Porte High School graduate and attended Purdue North Central and Ivy Tech State colleges. He had plans to work in the social services industry to help others in need of counseling.

Kirk loved to play the guitar and to write music. He was a nine-year 4-H member and showed cattle on local, state and national levels.



Kirk Craft

Kirk is survived by his parents, Les and Yolanda Craft and Anne Craft; his grandparents, Helen and Dick Penman; and an aunt.

He also worked with his father on the farm. Kirk was a member of the American Angus Association. He touched many lives with his warm smile and pleasant personality.

Joseph “Joe” Reznicek, 67, Aliceville, Ala., died Jan. 15, 2010, at his home on Cow Creek Ranch after a valiant battle with lymphoma.

Joe was born June 26, 1942, in Moline, Ill., the son of August and Marie (Zimmerman) Reznicek. He was raised on a diversified farming and cattle operation in south-central Illinois. Joe received a bachelor’s degree in animal husbandry from the University of Illinois–Champaign. He dedicated his career to the production of high-quality genetics in Angus and Brangus cattle.

Joe joined Cow Creek Ranch in 1985, became managing partner in 1994 and eventually became sole owner. Joe led Cow Creek Ranch to become a nationally recognized producer of seedstock. It is presently the country’s 21st largest operation.

The Reznicek family purchased their first registered Angus female in the spring of 1952, and in 2002 the family celebrated its 50th year in the seedstock business. Joe had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1964 and served two terms on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. He was active in local and civic affairs and served as a judge of many state, national and international livestock shows.

Joe was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He spent his last year preparing and mentoring his family to move the business forward.

Joe is survived by wife Joy; daughter Carrie; son Matthew; mother Marie; brothers Daniel, David and August; and four granddaughters.

Max McCuen, 58, Yale, Iowa, died Jan. 28 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

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



► Officers and directors of the Kansas Angus Ass’n are (seated, from left) **Gerald Theis**, Leavenworth, president; **Joe Hite**, Valley Center, vice president; **Anne Lampe**, Scott City, secretary; **Robert Bailey**, Quenemo, treasurer; **Debbie Lyons-Blythe**, White City, past president; **Gordon Stucky**, Kingman, American Angus Association Board; (standing, from left) **Neal Haverkamp**, Bern; **Sharee Sankey**, Council Grove; **Craig Rucker**, Burdett; **Larry Lundgren**, Gove; **David Oliphant**, Offerle; **Ron Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; **Howard Woodbury**, Quenemo; and **Harold Hazelton**, McPherson.



► **Eldo Kroeker**, Hutchinson, was awarded Honorary Member. Pictured are (from left) Cecil McCurry; Lori Fink; Kroeker; and Richard Molitor.

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Max was born Nov. 13, 1951, in Perry, Iowa, to Robert and Beverly (Lorenzen) McCuen. He graduated from Perry Community High School in 1969.

Max started his farming career with dairy cattle. He later raised purebred and production hogs and registered Angus cattle. Max had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1967. He loved farming, big John Deere tractors, big dually trucks, and cars with big engines.

Max is survived by sister Barbara; niece Rebecca; close friend LaRoyce Kress; and many other friends and relatives.

Harley Ford, 89, Adrian, Mo., died Feb. 7 at the Cass Regional Medical Center in Harrisonville, Mo.

Harley was born Feb. 22, 1920, in Deepwater Mo. He attended school in Missouri. Harley was united in marriage to Kathryn Simonson Oct. 28, 1937, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Harley had a 25-year career in the Army. Serving in the Field Artillery, he served in World War II in Italy and North Africa, and in the Korean Conflict. During that time, he was also a professor of Military Service & Tactics at the University of Missouri-Columbia and Iowa State University (ISU).

He was in the Fifth Army and received many medals, including the Army Commendation Medal; the Good Conduct Medal (6 awards); European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; the National Defense Service Medal; the Korean Service Medal; and the United Nations Service Medal.

Upon his retirement from the military in October 1960, Harley moved to Adrian and began his second career as an Angus farmer. During this time, Zodiac Angus Farm won numerous championships at the Bates County Fair, Missouri State Fair and American Royal.

In January 2004, Harley was presented the American Angus Association Historic Herd Award, an honor given to Angus herds that have continually produced registered Angus cattle by the same family for 50 years or more. At the time of his death he was managing an approximately 100-head herd.

Harley is survived by son James; daughter Sherri; numerous nieces and nephews; and his companion, Alice.

C. Bascum Smith, 90, of the Fonthill community of Russell Springs, Ky., died Feb. 8 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Somerset, Ky.

Bascum was born in Fonthill Sept. 7, 1919, the son of Henry and Mattie (Antle) Smith. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Russell Springs. He was a farmer. He was the widower of Afteel (Meece) Smith.

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Colorado Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Carbondale, Nov. 6, 2009

►Officers and directors for the Colorado Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Mark Nieslanik**, Carbondale, treasurer; **Mourine Weaver**, Fort Collins, secretary; **Curt Werner**, Merino, vice president; **Ken Likely**, Collbran, president; (standing, from left) **Emmett Jordan**, Briggsdale; **Mike Ripp**, Delta; **Tari Hoagland**, Mead; **Duane Yearous**, Fort Morgan; and **Leland Dale**, Akron.



►**Emmett Jordan**, Briggsdale, receives the 2009 Promoter of the Year Award.



►**Richard Biella**, Montrose, receives the 2009 Co-Pioneer Breeder of the Year Award.



►**Thelma Starner**, Delta, receives the 2009 Co-Pioneer Breeder of the Year Award.

Florida Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Williston, Jan. 30



►Officers and directors for the Florida Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Jan Grosse**, Ocala, secretary-treasurer; **Steven Hines**, High Springs, president; **Robert Demaree**, Bushnell, immediate past president; (standing, from left) **John Nicely**, Lake City; **Robert Sand**, Alachua; **Gaylin Bryson**, Howey in the Hills; **Matt Warren**, Chiefland; **Melissa Miller**, Brandon, junior advisor; and **Erin Freel Best**, Weirsdale.



►**Erin Freel Best** (left), Weirsdale, and **Matt Warren**, Chiefland, receive the Top Hand Award.



►**Jan Grosse** (left), Ocala, and **Melissa Miller**, Brandon, receive the President's Award for their contributions to the Florida Angus Ass'n and the Florida Jr. Angus Ass'n.



►**Steven Hines** (left), High Springs, incoming president, and **Robert Demaree**, Bushnell, outgoing president, receive President awards.



►**Steven Hines**, High Springs, receives the Outgoing Directors Award.

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Alabama BCIA Annual Meeting & Awards Program, Huntsville, Feb. 13

► **Right: Windy Hill Angus Farm, Boaz,** received the 2009 Pure-bred Producer of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) June Cooper and Jack Tate.



► **Left: R.E. "Bob" Adams, Adams Angus Farm, Union Springs,** received the 2009 Richard Deese Award. Pictured are (from left) Bob and Juliette Adams.

Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Worth, Feb. 23

► Elected to serve as advisors for the Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n (TJAA) are (from left) **Steven and Sandra Lastovica, Salado;** **Andrew and Tanya Holloway, Stamford;** and **Ann and Kyle Williams, Idalou.**



► **Left: Kim and Scott Jones, Bleiberville,** receive outgoing advisor honors.



► **Right: Tanya and Andrew Holloway, Stamford,** receive the Heyser Award for outstanding service to the TJAA from J.V. and Helen Heyser, Cisco. Pictured are (from left) Tanya Holloway, J.V. and Helen Heyser, and Andrew Holloway.

Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Jan. 30



► Officers and directors for the Georgia Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Michael Jones, West Point;** **Christy Page, Jefferson,** secretary-treasurer; **A. Harvey Lemmon, Woodbury,** vice president; **Larry Bramblett, Elberton,** president; **Carolyn Gazda, Athens;** **Melvin Porter, Jefferson;** (standing, from left) **John Jarrell, Butler;** **Chris Throne, Lexington;** **Andrew McPeake, Arnoldsville;** **Roland Starnes, Woodbury;** and **Smitty Lamb, Tifton.**

► **Right: O.G. "Dan" Daniel (right), Colbert,** receives the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame Award from Larry Bramblett, Georgia Angus Ass'n (GAA) president.



► **Jimmy Johnson, formerly of Jefferson,** was posthumously honored with the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame Award. Pictured are (from left) Dewey and Robin Johnson; Bramblett; Ruth Johnson; and Nathan Johnson.



► **The Brent Chitty family, Moultrie,** received the Member of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Horace, Macie, Whitney, Stephanie and Brent Chitty.

► **Right: Wilma and the late Ed Minix, Athens,** were honored with the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame Award. Pictured are (from left) Bramblett and Wilma Minix.



► **William Graham, formerly of Albany,** was posthumously honored with the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame Award. Pictured are (from left) presenter Bramblett, and Jimmy Bowles, Graham Angus Farm, accepting the award.



► **James Vogt, formerly of Perry,** was posthumously honored with the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame Award. Pictured are (from left) Jeff Vogt; June Vogt; and Janna Dixon.



▶The North Carolina Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Dean Crocker**, Cherryville, president; **James Scarlett**, Snow Camp, vice president; **Steve McPherson**, Snow Camp, immediate past president; **Suzanne Brewer**, Lexington, executive secretary; (second row, standing, from left) **Brooke Harward**, Richfield, North Carolina Jr. Angus Ass'n president; **John Smith Jr.**, Pink Hill; **Joseph French**, Reidsville; **John Cassavaugh**, Leno; **Cortney Holshouser**, Castalia, North Carolina Angus Auxiliary president; (back row, standing, from left) **Kenny Woodard**, Princeton; **Callie Birdsell**, Burlington; **Bettie Garner**, Smithfield; **Russell Vinson**, La Grange; **T.W. Wall**, Morganton; **Roy Swisher**, Statesville; **Edward Leagans**, Mocksville; and **Bryan Redfern**, Indian Trail.



▶**Gentry Bros. Angus/Ira Gentry Angus, King**, received the Historic Angus Herd Award. Pictured are (front row, from left) Jack Gentry, Davis Gentry, Mrs. Ira Gentry, (back row, from left) Kim Gentry, Jennifer Gentry, Betsy Gentry and Dudley Gentry.



▶The North Carolina Angus Handbook was dedicated to **Phil Goodson**, Springfield Angus Farm, Louisburg. Pictured are (from left) John Goodson, Phil Goodson, and Matthew Cox.



▶**Leonard Fussell**, Primus Genetics, Millers Creek, received the Ira Gentry Memorial Award. Pictured are (from left) Charlie Wright, accepting the award for Leonard, and Steve McPherson, sales chairman for the Spring Fever sale.



▶**Gentry Bros. Angus/Gentry Homeplace Angus, King**, received the Historic Angus Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) Donna and Howard Gentry, and Sandra and Stanley Smith.

Bascum is survived by daughters Charlene and Deborah; son Charles; sister Mary Ella; brother Hugh; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Harold Pfeiffer, 90, Gordonville, Mo., died Feb. 12, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Harold was born Nov. 16, 1919, in Shawneetown, Mo., son of Oswald and Ella (Oswald) Pfeiffer. Harold and Margaret Pteschke were married Nov. 26, 1949, in Downers Grove, Ill.

He served in the military police with the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in Luzon, Philippines, and occupied Japan.

Harold farmed in the Shawneetown, Chaffee and Gordonville communities, where he bred and raised registered Angus cattle. He also showed and sold his Angus throughout western and southern Missouri.

Harold was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Gordonville, VFW Post 3838 of Cape Girardeau, the American and Missouri Angus associations, the Missouri Cattlemen's

Association, and numerous other Angus associations.

Harold is survived by his wife; son Jerry; daughters Nancy and Janice; brother Leonard; sister Verna; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Magdalena (Mae) Montoya, 94, Moriarty, N.M., died Feb. 14, in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mae was born March 25, 1915, at Montoya Ranch to Miguel and Guadalupe (Chavez) Pino. Mae lived at the Montoya Ranch all her life. She married Manuel Montoya Feb. 13, 1940, and together they raised nine children.

Mae attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Moriarty, where she was an honorary member of the Altar Society. She was a member of the Sociedad del Sagrado Corazon de Jesús in Galisteo, N.M.

She was a member of the Honorary Chapter Farmer of the Vocational Future Farmers of America, and Camp Mima's Summer Camp for Grandchildren, Great-

grandchildren and Friends. Mae is survived by sons Facundo, Fred, Fidel, Leroy and Michael; daughters Juanita, Betty, Mary Ann and Lucy; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

W. Raymond Williams, 87, Snellville, Ga., died Feb. 14.

Mr. Williams was an Army veteran, a member of the First Baptist Church of Snellville, where he served as chairman of deacons and chairman of the board of trustees. He was one of two of the longest-standing members of the church.

He was a former Gwinnett County PTA president, and retired from John Deere after 35 years. He served as a city councilman in Snellville and was chairman of the Snellville Health Association. He also served with New Church Foundation.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Christine (Minor) Williams; sons John and David; daughter Becky; sister Ruth; and nine grandchildren.

Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Smith, Jan. 9



► Officers and directors of the Arkansas Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Lawson Hembree IV**, Fort Smith, treasurer; **Chris Ashworth**, Fort Smith, president; **John LaCour**, Berryville, vice president; **Larry Bachman**, Lamar, secretary; (standing, from left) **Mark Martin**, Lavaca; **Fred Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; **Thomas Huls**, Lincoln; and **Tom Jones**, Little Rock.

► **Right: James and Billye Sue Roberts**, Green Forest, received the Angus Heritage Award. Pictured are (from left) John LaCour, presenting the award; and Billye Sue and James Roberts.



► **Left: Olen and Marilyn Price**, Barling, were honored for their 2010 donation of Par Miss Traveler 1080-718 as the Arkansas Jr. Angus Foundation Heifer. The drawing will take place at the 2010 Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview Show. Pictured are (from left) Williams; Marilyn and Olen Price; and Nicholas Pohlman, AJAA member.



► The **Tim O'Neal family**, Branch, received the Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Gena O'Neal; Tom Jones, presenting; Tim O'Neal; and Braden, James and Monica Bateman.



► **Emerald Point Angus**, Lavaca, was honored for their 2009 donation of EPA Queen's CC Front Page as the Arkansas Jr. Angus Foundation Heifer, one of the primary fundraisers for the Arkansas Jr. Angus Association (AJAA). Pictured are (from left) Mark Williams, Arkansas Jr. Angus Foundation chairman; Mark Martin, Sonja Martin, Maxine Jarrett and Leroy Jarrett. Not pictured is Valerie Martin.

WINNERS NOT PICTURED

► **Subiaco Abbey**, Subiaco, received the Breeder of the Year Award.

► **Laura Tribble**, Pocahontas, received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Tribble serves as an AJAA advisor, secretary-treasurer of the AJAA Foundation and was committee chairman of the Arkansas Activities Endowment Fund.

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Timothy "Tim" Brunner, 60, Hamilton, Ohio, died Feb. 15 at Hospice of Hamilton.

Tim was born April 8, 1949, in Butler County, Ohio, the son of Chris and Ruth (Truster) Brunner. He graduated from Talawanda High School in 1967 and from Nashville Auto-Diesel College in 1968.

He worked for Clarke Detroit Diesel in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1969, he was hired at Armco Steel in Middletown, Ohio, as a maintenance mechanic apprentice and during that time worked in hot strip maintenance, retiring in 2000.

He owned and operated a cow-calf and grain farm in Collinsville, Ohio, for several years. He was a member of 4-H for nine years and showed Angus cattle. Tim was a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, the Miami Valley Angus Association, the Butler County Cattlemen's Association and the American Angus Association.

Tim is survived by sons Timothy and Joseph; daughter Julia; sister Karen; and four grandchildren.

Charles "Chuck" Idone, 70, Macon, Ga., died Feb. 20.

Chuck was born in Huntington, Long Island, N.Y., and was retired from Robins Air Force Base after more than 25 years of service as a program manager. He was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy, the adult Sunday School class teacher, and the former owner of Idone Angus Farm.

Chuck had served as president of the Jones County Farm Bureau, president of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association and was a member and past president of the Georgia Angus Association. He had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1989.

He was a United States Air Force veteran and a flying enthusiast.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Dot; son Rick; daughters Michelle, Elaine and Sherrill; brothers Christopher, Philip, Marc and Peter; sister Carol Anne; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Benny Holder, 68, Gamaliel, Ky., died Feb. 24 at his residence.

He was born in Monroe County, Ky., Jan. 16, 1942, to Reavly and Nell (Parkes) Holder.

Benny was a member of the Redeeming Love Church and was a former member of

Battery A 1st Battalion 623rd FA National Guard Unit in Tompkinsville, Ky.

He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1967.

Benny is survived by wife Nellgene; son Davis; daughter Angela; brother Sammy; sister Ruth; and two grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

David Dick, Sedalia, Mo., was chosen to serve a one-year term with the Federation of State Beef Councils, a group comprised of the 45 state beef councils that collect the \$1 beef checkoff.

Colm Moran has been appointed to the position of director of European Union (EU) regulatory affairs for Alltech. **Jomi Bernad** has been appointed general manager of Alltech's new office in Barcelona, Spain.

Cathal McCormack has been appointed national sales manager for Alltech in Ireland.

Thomas George has joined the Andis Co. as vice president, operations.



Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Tomah, Jan. 23



►Officers and directors for the Wisconsin Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **James Hawthorne**, Monroe, president; **Andy Mindemann**, Oconomowoc, vice president; **Ardel Quam**, Lodi, secretary-treasurer; **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, Auxiliary president; **Kevin Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, past president; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wisconsin Jr. Angus Ass'n president; (back row, from left) **Dale Heagle**, Seymour; **Dustin Henningfeld**, Wauwatosa; **Jaclyn Zimmerman**, Platteville; **Steve Wagemester**, Viroqua; **Jeff Kind**, Jefferson; **Scott Gaffney**, Barneveld; **Cody Quam**, Lodi; **Dennis Schlinggen**, Blue Mounds; and **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore.



►Officers for the Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, president; and **Christine Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, secretary-treasurer.



►Left: **Leslie Mindemann**, Sullivan, will represent the Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary as the Region 5 director.

►Right: **Casey Jentz** and **Courtney Jentz**, Lone Willow Acres, Fennimore, receive the Show Heifer of the Year Award for LW Miss Copeland 1J58. They also received the Premier Breeder of the Year and Premier Exhibitor of the Year awards.



►**Colleen** and **Kevin Zimmerman**, Platteville, receive the Show Bull of the Year Award for MSU Net Worth 807.



►Left: **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, receives the Show Cow-calf Pair of the Year Award for Royal Georgina 255 and her Jan. 2009 heifer calf.