A version of this 'Newsmakers' column with photos of the winners will be posted online at www.angusjournal.com by May 15.

■ Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Springfield, Feb. 26

Trisha and Brad Bergman, Top Line Farm, Mason City, received the Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n (IJAA) Appreciation Award. The Anderson family, Chrisman, received the Mitchell Widholm Memorial Outstanding Junior Family Award.

William Werner, Cordova, received the IJAA Man of the Year Award. Keith Pezanoski, Peru, received the Troy Miller Memorial Award.

Recognized for their showring honors at the Illinois State Fair were Lucas Wall, Hopedale, champion bull; Chuck Pezanoski, County Line Angus, Peru, champion female; Michael Ring, Oregon, Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Steer Award; and Prairie Creek Angus, Pleasant Plains, J. Garrett Tolan Memorial Trophy for first-place get-of-sire.

■ Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 27, Columbia

Officers and directors for the Missouri Angus Ass'n are Rick Washam, Pierce City, president; Brent Murphy, Houstonia, president-elect; Deb Thummel, Sheridan, vice president; Alan Mead, Barnett, secretary; Mary Anne Mauss, Bois D'Arc, treasurer; Steve Birk, Gordonville, past president; Josh Worthington, Dadeville, general manager; Brian Brockman, Brookfield; Kent Dye II, Elsberry; Jeff Gooden, Iberia; Mark Herd, Fair Grove; Kenny Hinkle, Nevada; Brian Meier, Jackson; Todd Ragsdale, Paris; and Cynthia Ulm, Pomona.

Serving the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are **Tammy Bartholomew**, Archie; **Susan Coon**, Bethel; and **Darla Eggers**, Mexico.

Frank Eitel and **Sons**, Green Castle, received the Pioneer Breeder Award.

Orville Birk, Jackson, received the Get-of-Sire Award.

Payree and **Tim Short**, Mansfield, were honored for their years of service as Missouri Jr. Angus Ass'n advisors.

■ Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Natural Bridge, March 6

The Virginia Angus Ass'n officers and directors are Jerry Gustin, Gloucester, president; James Young, Forest, vice president; Kevin Fleenor, Aldie, secretary; Jason Pratt, Atkins, treasurer; Jon Repair, Glasgow, past president; Rebecca Funkhouser, Edinburg, executive director; Jason Arehart, New Market; Pete Henderson, Williamsburg; Barry Holland, Buchanan; Jeffrey Kaufman, Culpeper; and John Wilkins, Middleburg.

Tom Nixon of Glenmary Farm LLC, Rapidan, was recognized as the 2009 Commercial Producer of the Year. Pine Hill Farm, Forest, received the Seedstock Producer of the Year Award. Tim Schofield, Berryville, received the 2009 Cattleman of the Year Award.



▶ Dwight Houff, Mount Sidney, made a donation to start the John Rucker Family Endowment Scholarship Fund. Pictured are (from left) Milford Jenkins, American Angus Ass'n Foundation president; Dwight Houff; Penny Rucker, Delaplane; Jerry Hall; and Ken Barnhart.

Chris Johnson, Nokesville, received the Distinguished Service Award. C.W. Pratt, Echo Ridge Farm, Atkins, received the Bartenslager Award. Ken Barnhart, Purceliville; Dwight Houff, Mount Sidney; and James Bennett, were honored with the Hall of Merit Award. Vernon Kindig, formerly of Lawrenceville, was posthumously honored with the Handbook Dedication Award.

Steve Furrow, Rocky Mount, received the Sale Chairman of the Year Award. John Seymour, Rectortown, received the 2009 Herdsman of the Year Award. John Wilkins, Middleburg, received the 2009 Manager of the Year Award.

Jon Repair, Glasgow, received the Outgoing President Award. Receiving Outgoing Board Member awards were Jon Repair, Glasgow; Jerry Gustin, Gloucester; C.S. Fitzgerald, Raphine; Jerry Hall, Upperville; and Jeffrey Powers, Moneta.

Edgewood Angus LLC, Williamsburg, was recognized as the 2009 Field Day Host. Roger Scott, McConnell Angus Farm, Somerset, was recognized as the 2009 Spotlight Sale Host.

■ Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Louisville, March 5

Kentucky Angus Ass'n officers and directors are Mark Warren, Lebanon, president; Kenley Conner, Hodgenville, vice president; Anne Stewart Clark, Sharpsburg; secretary-treasurer; Henry Smith, Russell Springs, past president; Herbert Brown, Woodburn; Eddie Burks, Park City; James Coffey, Hustonville; Gil Cowles, Rockfield; Shawn Gibson, Bradfordsville; Joe Goggin, Danville; William Jasper, Nicholasville; Keith

Johnson, Slaughters; and Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville.

Joe Neely, Neely Bros., Franklin, received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Gil Cowles, Rockfield, received the Performance Breeder of the Year Award. Lacey Radabaugh, Circle R Angus, Fountain Run, received the Herdsman of the Year Award. Gordon Conner, formerly of Buffalo, was posthumously honored with the Distinguished Service Award.

Anne Stewart Clark, Sharpsburg, received the Junior Appreciation Award.

■ Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 12

The Louisiana Angus Ass'n officers and directors are Enyart Mitchell, Coushatta, president; Chris Roussel, Gramercy, vice president; Ray Gendron, Moonshine, secretary; Gary Greene, Covington, treasurer; David Billingsley, Keithville; Warren Bryan, Choudrant; Ron Dobson, Campti; Drew Hall, Ethel; Dale Hoover, Clinton; Edward Hymel, Vacherie; Lana Myers, Jennings; Dave Means III, Gloster; and Greg Tate, Ville Platte.

South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Anderson, March 19

South Carolina Angus Ass'n officers and directors are Lewis Smith, Pendleton, president; Frankie Mullikin, Pendleton, vice president; Windy Bartee, Clover, secretary; Mike Johnson, Kinards, treasurer; Steve McPhail, Seneca, immediate past president; Jesse Adkins, Pelzer; Charles Cox Jr., Pelzer; Neil McPhail, Seneca; William Rushton, Johnston; and Bruce Stuart, Aiken.

Walter Bishop, Greenwood, received the South Carolina Angus Hall of Fame Award.

Charles Cox Jr., Pelzer, was honored with the 39th Annual Carolina Angus Futurity dedication.

Steve McPhail, Seneca, received the Outgoing President Award.

■ IN THE NEWS

Col. Ray Sims, Raymore, Mo., was approved by the Kentucky State Fair Board, upon the recommendation of the Saddle and Sirloin Committee, as the recipient of the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Award. The Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Collection, founded in 1903, is unequalled as a collection of oil paintings honoring outstanding leaders in the livestock world during the past three centuries. Today, many of the 340-plus portraits are displayed in the West Hall of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC).

Col. Sims was at the forefront of the auction movement. His auction career spanned 46 years. He traveled throughout the United States, selling for large- and small-scale livestock breeders as well as senators and three U.S. Presidents. He estimates that he worked more than 7,000 auctions.

It is the gallery's tradition to honor one recipient each year in November during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). It has been almost 60

years since an auctioneer has received this honor.

Col. Sims has received many honors throughout his career, including induction into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1989, the American Angus Association inducted him into the Angus Heritage Foundation. He has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1951.

Vance Uden was posthumously honored by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) Block and Bridle as the 76th member of its Hall of Fame.

The Block and Bridle Hall of Fame honors individuals who have made commendable contributions to Nebraska agriculture through leadership, service, youth projects and community projects. Uden's family owns and operates the TC Ranch. Uden had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1964.

The Udens hosted 4-H'ers, university students, judging teams and producer groups at the ranch on many occasions. He spoke to UNL classes and was a supporter of 4-H locally and throughout the state. He took particular pride in his support and stewardship through many different avenues of the animal science department.

Uden was a UNL graduate, member of the

UNL livestock judging team and Block and Bridle. He was a member of the board of directors for the American Angus Association, member of Nebraska Cattlemen's Beef Association, Nebraska Cattlemen and Kearney/Franklin County Cattlemen and a member and past president of the Nebraska Angus Association.

He was awarded the 2008 Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Seedstock Producer of the Year, 2008 Nebraska Angus Breeder of the Year, 2007 BIF Seedstock Producer Roll of Excellence, 2005 Inductee into the Angus Heritage Foundation, 1996 Master Breeder of the Year, and 1992 Soil and Water Conservation Steward.

James Coffey of Hustonville, Ky., has been selected to represent the American Angus Association at the 2010 National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). The Angus Foundation will sponsor Coffey's registration and travel expenses for the event, scheduled for June 3-10.

YCC allows young leaders the chance to see firsthand and further understand all aspects of the beef industry. Attendees participate in a nationwide tour of the beef production chain.

A partner in Branch View Angus, his family's registered Angus operation, Coffey

has excelled in leadership roles throughout his life. With membership in a number of organizations, including the Kentucky Angus Association (KAA) and Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, he has shown his passion for serving the cattle industry. As the chairman of multiple committees within the KAA and a past president of the Central Kentucky Angus Association, it's plain to see his peers recognize his talent as well.

"As a fifth-generation Angus producer, I have always considered it important to be involved in the Angus and commercial beef industries outside our fences," Coffey states. "I'm excited to fulfill the role of an advocate for the beef industry by being involved, having an active voice, participating in educational programs and, above all, by acting in the best interests of the beef producers I represent."

Arlie and Patricia Lohrding, Coldwater, Kan., are one of six couples named Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers for 2009. The award program dates to 1927 and is sponsored by Kansas State University (K-State) Research and Extension and *Kansas Farmer* magazine. The couples were honored at a banquet March 19. Lohrding 3 Bar Ranch is a member of the American Angus Association.

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Married in 1964, Arlie and Patricia purchased the ranch that is the base of their operation in 1989. The ranch covers 11,775 acres, with a few acres devoted to wheat and alfalfa. Nearly 600 head of beef cows, with 1,000 calves, breeding heifers, yearling bulls and breeding bulls comprise the operation. The ranch supplies recipient cows to Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan.

In addition, the Lohrdings offer hunting leases on their ranch and partner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a program to restore habitat for the lesser prairie chicken.

► IN PASSING

Sandra "Sandy" (Graham) Younts, 59, a longtime resident of Miami Lakes, Fla., died March 3 in Albany, Ga., following a courageous battle with breast cancer.

The oldest daughter of William and Patricia Graham, she joined The Graham Cos. in 1974 following her graduation with a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from the University of South Florida. Her 36-year career was devoted to her family's hotel and real estate operations in Miami Lakes, the New Town community her late father created in 1962.

In 1990 she was named president of Don Shula's Hotel & Golf Club, which included the company's two hotel properties, Shula's Athletic Club and golf course. In 2005, Sandy took on the added role of chairman of The Graham Cos. Sandy graduated from Miami Springs High School in 1968, and received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of South Florida.

An active participant in many associations related to the hospitality industry, Sandy was also very involved in her community, serving in numerous leadership positions over a 16-year span with the Historical Association of South Florida, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Orange Bowl Committee and the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes.

An avid horsewoman in her early years, her love of horses was recently rekindled as her husband, David, began a Paso Fino horse breeding operation in Albany.

Selfless, compassionate, caring — Sandy always looked to find ways to ease the burdens of those around her. Her kind, giving way will be her legacy.

Sandy is survived by her husband; her mother; brother William; sisters Carol, Cynthia and Elizabeth; an uncle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Morris Fannon, 86, Pennington Gap, Va.,

died March 7 at Lee Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Morris was born Sept. 22, 1923, in Lee County, Va., to William and Ara Fannon. He was a graduate of Pennington High School and Reppert School of Auctioneering. Morris, a well-known livestock auctioneer, was a charter member of the Virginia Auctioneers Association and served as its president as well as president of the National Auctioneers Association.

Morris received many professional awards, including the Hall of Fame Award for both the Virginia and the National Auctioneers associations, and he will be inducted into the Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame in 2010. He served on the board of directors for Farmers and Miners Bank and was a member of the Pennington Gap First United Methodist Church.

Morris is survived by his wife of 61 years, Velda; daughter Cynthia; son Sid; brother Fred; two grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

James "Jim" White, 51, Boise, Idaho, died March 17 at his home.

Jim was born Oct. 11, 1958, in Nampa, Idaho, the only son of Robert and Pauline White. Jim was raised, attended and graduated from school in Notus, Idaho.

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In 1979, he partnered with his parents and bought a cattle ranch along the Boise River in Parma, Idaho. It was at this time that he met and fell in love with Debbie Edens, his best friend and devoted wife of 29 years. Together they raised their three children in a log home they built with their own hands.

In 1982 Jim started another business, Northwest Bull Testing Center. He operated the test center for 15 years. In 1988, he purchased Energy Tactics Fence Co., operating it with his father for 13 years.

Whether volunteering as a coach in summer baseball, YBA basketball or helping his kids with 4-H steers, Jim enjoyed any activity in which his children were involved. He was the consummate coach, both on and off the playing field, and was genuinely interested in seeing that every child succeeded. Jim was an example to his friends and family of a life well-lived, full of honesty, hard work and love.

Jim had a passion for basketball that led to a 10-year period of coaching in the Parma School District, including four years as the girl's varsity coach and three years as the boy's varsity coach.

At the age of 46, Jim bought the old Eden's cabin in Donnelly, Idaho, and for two

years, prior to his diagnosis of kidney cancer, he had the time of his life learning to ski at Tamarack. The time spent at the cabin was outdone only by the arrival of his first grandchild.

Jim is survived by his wife; daughter Lauren; sons Jordan and Morgan; grandson Jack; sisters Cleo and Julie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nicholas Wehrmann Sr., 84, North Wilkesboro, N.C., died March 24 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Wehrmann was born March 31, 1925, in The Hague, Netherlands. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, became a U.S. citizen as a result of that service, and continued to be a patriot throughout his life. He was married to Virginia Rose (Van Dam) Wehrmann until her death in 2006.

He served as president, CEO, and chairman of the board of directors at Ithaca Industries for many years. He served on the board of directors of The Health Foundation. He was owner of Wehrmann Angus, New Market, Va., with cattle partner and farm manager Richard McClung. He was a member of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by wife Barbara; daughter Diane; sons Nicholas and Robert; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. **Homer Wayne Wyble,** 71, Opelousas, La., died March 24 at his home.

Wayne was born Oct. 9, 1938, to Fred and Beulah (Carriere) Wyble. After graduation from the Academy of the Immaculate Conception in 1955, he attended Louisiana State University (LSU), where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Wayne's jobs included Wyble's JP4 Ranch, Fred J. Wyble Oilfield Construction, Opelousas Concrete, Offshore Processing Service, Little Teche Farms, Farm Power and Fakouri Plumbing. His family's We 7 Angus Farm was his passion.

He served as president of the Louisiana Angus Association and had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1974. Wayne served as treasurer and vice president and on the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Board during his tenure on the American Angus Association Board of Directors from 1982 to 1988.

Wayne's leadership abilities extended to the LSU Junior Division Advisory Board, the Acadiana Livestock Show Governing Board, the Saint Landry Livestock Show and Belmont Academy Board.

Wayne is survived by wife Bonnie; sons Mark, Shawn and Matt; daughters Wendy and Sharon; brother Fred; sisters Mary and Lorna; and 13 grandchildren.

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Donald "Don" Eby, 65, Overland Park, Kan., died March 25 at Olathe Medical Center from complications with cancer.

Don was born March 22, 1945, in Newton, Kan., to Olin and Lorene (Prather) Eby. He graduated from Newton High School in 1963 and from Wichita State University in 1967, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration. Following graduation, Don enlisted in the National Guard and served at Fort Carson, Colo., as supply sergeant until 1970.

Don married Judith Bickford Sept. 10, 1966. For 20 years Don worked for Sisco Equipment, starting out as a salesman and working his way up to become president. Don expanded to Kansas City and moved to Olathe. He retired from Sisco in 1991.

Within months, his mother-in-law began to require more care because of her Alzheimer's disease. Don not only built an assisted-living residence for his mother-in-law, he also was instrumental in fashioning legislation for assisted living in several states. Bickford Senior Living has become a leading provider in senior care, with 42 branches through seven states.

Don prepared himself to retire again by beginning a new business — ranching. Within a span of six years, Don had become one of the leading producers of Angus cattle in the state of Kansas. Don had been a member of the American Angus Association since 2004.

Within the first year of founding his cattle business, Don was diagnosed with terminal cancer, given two months to two years survival. He attacked this diagnosis with the same fighting spirit with which he approached all the rest of his life, outliving his prognosis by more than three years.

Don is survived by his wife; sons Mike, Joe and Andy; and brother Richard.

Col. Calvin A. "Bear" Winter, 80,

Tallahassee, Fla., died March 28.

He was born in Greenville, Ala., Oct. 14, 1929, to George and Ruth Winter. Winter earned undergraduate and master's degrees in animal husbandry from Auburn University, where he was a letterman in football and baseball, and a member of ROTC. He went on to serve in the Korean conflict and was a decorated Korean War veteran, earning a prestigious Silver Star.

He retired from the Army Reserves as a full Colonel and retired as executive director of the Northwest Florida Water Management District. He was a business entrepreneur, owning/operating two barbecue restaurants and catering services, and the owner of Winter Angus Farm.

He was a dedicated Florida State University athletic booster and Auburn University alumni and booster. He had served as a past president, past member of the board of directors, and past member of the Florida Angus Association for more than 40 years.

Winter was a lifetime member of the Korean War Veterans Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Reserve Officers Association, lifetime member of the American Angus Association, and American Legion. He volunteered countless hours of service, for more than 45 years helping 4-H and FFA members and their families of Florida and Georgia with livestock projects. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee for more than 40 years. He was a friend to many and a loyal supporter of the Lighthouse Children's Home of Tallahassee.

He is survived by sons Calvin A. "Sonny," and Gregory; daughters Vicki, Lynn and Cynthia; 11 grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the Angus Foundation, c/o American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506 and two other charities (contact the family).

► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Mark and Miranda Reiman, Cozad, Neb., announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Karla, on Feb. 4. She weighed 7 lb., 7 oz., and was 20 in. long. She was welcomed home by brother Carson.

Grandparents are Mark and Karla Malo, East Chain, Minn., and Ed and Cathy Reiman, Butte, Neb.

Miranda is an industry information specialist with Certified Angus Beef (CAB) LLC.

■ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced 36 three-year appointments to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board: **Barbara Jackson**, Ariz.: Willem Bylsma, Calif.; Darrel Sweet, Calif.; Robert Buck, Colo.; Jeffrey Clausen, Iowa; **Dean Black, Iowa; Daniel Hermann, Kan.**; Larry Olten, Kan.; Genevieve Lyons, La.; Andrew Salinas, Mich.; John Schafer, Minn.; David McCormick, Miss.; Kevin Frankenbach, Mo.; Kristy Lage, Neb.; Judith Reece, Neb.; Annalyn Settelmeyer, Nev.; Tamara Ogilvie, N.M.; Ernest Harris, N.C.; Thomas Woods, Okla.; James Kesler, S.C.; **Danni Beer,** S.D.; **Linda Gilbert,** S.D.; Robert Reviere Jr., Tenn.; Larry Pratt, Texas; Andrea Reed, Texas; D. Rudolph Tate, Texas; Bruce Dopslauf, Texas; Laurie Munns, Utah; Jane Clifford, Vt.; Larry Echols, W.Va.; Martin Andersen, Wis.; Randall Geiger, Wis.; and Spencer Ellis,

Newly appointed members representing importers are **Alberto Senosiain**, Fla.; **Andrew Banchi**, Pa.; and **Scott Hansen**, Va.

Monte Rouquette, Texas AgriLife
Research forage scientist, has received a
Dedicated Service Award from the southern
section of the American Society of Animal
Science (ASAS) for his years of work on what
animal scientists term the soil-plant-animal
interface.

New Feature Added to Cook-Off

This summer at the National Junior Angus Show the All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off will be accompanied by a new competition — the All-American Certified Angus Beef Chef's Challenge.

The Chef's Challenge is geared much like televised cooking competitions such as the Food Network's "Iron Chef" and will feature two age divisions: adults 21 and older and National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members, ages 18-21.

Participants must prepare and serve a unique entrée using a specified cut of CAB and secret ingredients — such as vegetables, fruits, herbs, spices, condiments, etc. — provided by contest sponsors and announced by 9 a.m. the day before the challenge.

"It's our intention that the new 'Challenge' contest provide a venue for senior NJAA members and adults who are passionate about cooking and promoting CAB with the ability to be creative while learning to prepare and promote our industry's product," says Anne Lampe, co-chairman of the Auxiliary's Beef Education Committee, which coordinates the Cook-Off and Challenge contests.

The first-ever Chef's Challenge and the Cook-Off will take place simultaneously July 13 during the 2010 NJAS in Denver, Colo. Entries are limited to one or two people, and will be limited to 10 total entries.

Multiple entries from the same state will be accepted in each age division; however, NJAA members may not participate in the Chef's Challenge if they are members of a state Cook-Off team.

Three judges will evaluate the entries, and scores will be based on use of CAB and secret ingredients; taste; originality; plate presentation; and technique and preparation. Contestants will have no more than 1 hour and 30 minutes to prepare their entries.

"We're hoping the Chef's Challenge will spur some excitement among contestants and help turn up the heat in the kitchen," shares CAB Chef Michael Ollier, who will be one of the judges of this year's challenge. "Food is truly a creative outlet, and this new

Popular NJAS Cookoff features first-ever companion competition. competition is a great way to let the best chefs shine."

The first-place entry in each division will receive a *Certified Angus Beef* logo jacket and a \$100 cash prize.

Visit www.angusauxiliary.com or www.angus.org/njaa for entry forms, complete rules and procedures.

Entry applications are due to contest chairpersons by June 1. Mail or fax entries to Anne Patton Schubert, 4040 Taylorsville Rd., Taylorsville, KY 40071; or 502-477-2637. Entries also may be e-mailed to Anne Lampe at alampe@wbsnet.org or faxed to 620-872-3915.

The Chef's Challenge and the Cook-Off are sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary and Certified Angus Beef LLC.

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