



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

American Angus Association Vice President of Industry Relations Jim Shirley announced his retirement from the American Angus Association,® effective July 31.

“He’s been a great asset to this organization for 24 years,” Association Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bryce Schumann said. “We want to recognize and applaud that service. We’re going to miss him. I’m going to miss him.”



Jim Shirley

Shirley currently serves as vice president of industry relations and director of activities. In that position he has overseen administration of activities, junior activities, industry and member communications, and the regional manager field team. He has played a major role in the development of AngusSource® as a USDA Process Verified Program (PVP) and in furthering member communications through vehicles such as the Outreach Seminars and Cattlemen’s Boot Camps.

The Southern Iowa native was promoted to his current position in May 2004 after serving 19 years as a regional manager for Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota. He was honored with the Top Livestock Marketeer Award by his peers at the 2001 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Shirley says he has enjoyed working with Angus members and assisting in the progress they have made during his tenure, noting a marked increase in the quality and depth of quality in the breed that is available today.

“You used to see a few good Angus bulls that could combine phenotype with the data to back it up,” he says. “Today you can find those really good Angus cattle all over.”

He attributes that fact to members’ willingness to embrace and adopt new tools. “Angus breeders have always been accepting of technology, and they weren’t afraid to use data as the driving force in their selection programs,” he explains.

A true servant of the membership, Shirley says he’ll miss that interaction the most as he leaves to explore other opportunities that will afford him time to become more involved with family and in managing his home farm

near Hamburg, Iowa. Jim and his wife, Linda, have two grown children, son Matthew and daughter Megan Jewett, and a new granddaughter, Madalyn Jewett.

Before joining the Association field staff, Shirley was an advertising salesman and events reporter for the *Farm and Ranch Guide*. He also served as the executive secretary for the American Shorthorn Association and as an area coordinator for the American Polled Hereford Association. Shirley obtained his bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University and attended graduate school at New Mexico State University.

Springlake Farm, Kingston, Ill., has received the Historic Angus Herd designation from the American Angus Association for continued ownership and production of Angus cattle for more than 50 years.

In 1959, A.J. Rhode and his son, Dale, paid \$200 to W. Wilson King, Rock Falls, Ill., for their first Angus heifer, Edella 32 of Kinglore. Dale took over the diversified family farm after A.J.’s death in 1972.

Artificial insemination (AI) was introduced in the herd in the early 1970s, and embryo technology in the late 1980s in order to improve genetics. The Rhodes market their Angus through local and state association sales and by private treaty. Dale and his wife, Marilyn, raised three children, Jeff, Tyler and Dawn, who remain involved today with the 65-head cow herd.

Dale Runnion, Longmont, Colo., has been named a recipient of The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Society’s 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award. Runnion received the award at a luncheon March 7 at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow on the OSU campus.

Born one of four children and the only son, he was raised on a general livestock farm near Van Wert, Ohio. Runnion grew up participating in 4-H and was a member of the 1934 Van Wert County Livestock Judging Team that won the state contest and a trip to the International Livestock Show.

Runnion earned a bachelor’s degree in animal science from OSU. After graduation, Runnion worked as a livestock buyer until he was called to the Army in 1941. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Administration Corps, he served as Adjutant of the 1,000-bed 232nd General Hospital through its training and service on Iwo Jima. He was awarded the Commendation Medal. In 1946, he was discharged with the rank of Major.

After World War II, Runnion continued as a livestock buyer. He took a position as a

Minnesota Angus Ass’n Annual Banquet, Rochester, March 24

► The Minnesota Angus Ass’n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Dustin Martin**, Blue Earth, vice president; **Richard Walser**, Minnesota Lake, president; **James Scharpe**, Arlington, executive secretary; (standing, from left) **Gregg Johnson**, Pipestone; **Peter Hassing**, Wells; **Mark Holmen**, Fountain; and **Bruce Waugh**, Goodhue.



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► **Margaret and Louie Bulfer**, Fairmont, receive the 2009 Breeder of the Year Award.



► **Left:** Minnesota Angus Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) **Kelly Hansen**, Marshall, president; **Kari Scholtz**, Comfrey, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Nancy Johnson**, Pipestone, ways and means; and **Myrna Scharpe**, Arlington, vice president.



► **Dale Runnion** (right), receives The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award from Vice President of Agricultural Administration and Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Bobby Moser.

fieldman for the *Chicago Drivers Journal*, representing them in the East. In 1952, he took a position with the *Angus Journal*, where he stayed for 16 years, working as a fieldman, advertising manager and general manager. In 1971, Runnion founded *Limousin Journal* and 10 years later founded *Limousin World*.

In 1981, he returned to the *Angus Journal* as general manager.

Runnion has received honors from the French Minister of Agriculture, the North American Limousin Foundation, the Livestock Publications Council, the Angus Foundation and Saddle and Sirloin. His portrait hangs in the Ohio State Animal Science Hall of Fame.

He and his wife, June, are the parents of James, Joyce, Gay, John, Steven and Karen.

Kathleen Hawkins, Mason, Mich., has received the Michigan State University (MSU) Distinguished Service Award to Agriculture and Natural Resources for her commitment to agriculture and natural resources and for her leadership at the community, state and national level.

Hawkins, a graduate of Ohio State University, is executive director of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission (MBIC) and the executive vice president of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MCA). She has been an advocate for Michigan's beef industry for more than 20



► Kathleen Hawkins (center) receives the Michigan State University (MSU) Distinguished Service Award from MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean Jeffrey Armstrong (left) and MSU President Lou Anna Simon.

years, developing promotions and consumer information for the MBIC.

In addition, Hawkins was appointed chairperson of the NCBA Carcass Merit Steering Committee, which established tenderness EPDs (expected progeny differences) for 14 U.S. beef breeds. The most significant result of the project is the sizable database of information and DNA samples collected from a wide cross section of U.S. beef animals.

Hawkins and her husband, David Hawkins, a professor emeritus at MSU and life member of the American Angus Association, have two daughters, Lisa

Hawkins Moser, an instructor at Kansas State University (K-State), and Jennifer Hawkins, a resident in obstetrics & gynecology at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Mich.

William "Bill" Borrer, Tehama Angus Ranch, Gerber, Calif., was named the California Livestock Man of the Year April 4 during the Junior Grand National Livestock Show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif. The award recognizes Borrer's contributions to the genetic improvement of the Angus breed, along with his outstanding service and leadership in California's

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livestock industry and the business community at the local, state and federal levels.

In 2000, Borror received the Angus Heritage Foundation Award for his



Bill Borror

contributions to the Angus breed. He and his family were pioneers in performance recordkeeping. Borror served as president of the American Angus Association in 1999. He has also served as president of the California Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) and the International Beef Improvement Federation. Tehama Angus Ranch has received the California BCIA and the Beef Improvement Federation Seedstock Producer awards. He received the National Pedigreed Livestock Council award in 2008 for outstanding service to the industry.

Borror graduated from U.C., Davis, and was recognized with the U.C. College of Agriculture and Environmental Science Award of Distinction. He has served as a

member of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture for two terms.

Borror and his wife of 54 years, Sandy, raised four sons and one daughter. Sons Eric and Kevin and daughter-in-law Linda now operate the ranch. Son Aaron and his wife, Rebecca, have a ranching operation in Oregon. Two granddaughters and a grandson who just graduated from Colorado State University are returning to the ranch with the responsibility for carrying on the fourth generation at Tehama Angus Ranch.

Jeff Dameron, Normal, Ill., has been selected to represent the American Angus Association at the 2009 National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). The Angus Foundation will sponsor Dameron's registration and travel expenses. This is the seventh year the Angus Foundation has funded an Association member to attend the YCC.

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 from ranch to feedlot to packing plant, through marketing and regulatory affairs, and finally ending at consumer foodservice.

Dameron, a partner in his family's

registered Angus operation, has excelled in leadership roles throughout his life, serving on the NJAA Board of Directors and receiving the American Angus Association's 2006 Herdsman of the Year Award.

IN PASSING

Charles (Charlie) McRae, 86, Jordan, Mont., died April 1 at the Garfield County Health Center.

Charlie was born July 20, 1922, in Miles City, Mont., to Jack and Mary (Kerr) McRae. His first years were spent living on a sheep wagon on the open range or at his grandmother Kerr's homestead on the Big Dry as his parents moved about grazing their sheep.

He began his formal education at a country school on the Colstrip area of Montana in the winter of 1929. He completed his elementary education at the Van Norman School on the Big Dry near where his parents finally settled on their own property.

When his widowed mother moved to Missoula, Mont., in 1949 with her younger children, she sold the family ranch to him, and he took over responsibility for operating the business with his wife, Hazel (Schultz) McRae.

In the mid-1950s he completely fenced his land holdings, including boundary and cross fences, with net wire to eliminate the use of herders in tending the sheep. He switched from Herefords to registered black Angus in 1963, acquiring his first Angus cows from his uncle Harry Ross.

By the mid-1960s, Charlie began performance testing his Angus calves and using artificial insemination (AI) for breed improvement, a practice his sons continue today. In 1994, a bull Charlie produced was named National Western Stock Show (NWSS) grand champion.

Charlie was active in community service, serving as a member and chairman of the local school board. He served on the County Fair Board and contributed generously in terms of time and materials to the construction and renovation of the local fairground facilities. He was also very active in the community 4-H chapter. Charlie was a life member of the American Angus Association since 1963.

He served as a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Miles City and was a member of the Board of Advisors for the Yellowstone Boys Ranch. Charlie was appointed a regional brand inspector by the Montana Livestock Commission, and he served in this capacity for many years.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 62 years; sisters Mary and Jackee; brothers John,

Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Hebron, Feb. 7



► Ohio Angus Ass'n officers and board members are (seated, from left) **Bob Deitrick**, Zanesville, president; **David Felumlee**, Newark, vice president; **Allen Gahler**, Graytown, executive secretary; **William Levering**, Fredericktown, treasurer; **Doug Majors**, Lancaster, chairman of the board; (standing, from left) **Fred Penick**, Hebron; **James Winter**, Ashville; **Kelvin Egner**, Shelby; **Tim Harsh**, Radnor; **John Grimes**, Hillsboro; **Joe Sanders**, Harrod; **Michael McCauley**, Cambridge; **Paul Hill**, Bidwell; **Jay Clutter**, Wapakoneta; **Brent English**, Elida; and **Sandra Wallace**, Kansas.



► Ohio Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) **Lynn Hill**, Bidwell, secretary; **Cathy Miller**, Luckey, treasurer; **Jackie Egner**, Shelby, president; and **Marcia Baird**, Washington Court House, vice president.



► **Charles and Shirley Deitrick**, Zanesville, received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are (from left) **Kelvin Egner**, Ohio awards chairman, and **Shirley and Charles Deitrick**.

Robert, George and Bruce; sons Jack, Bill and Brent; and seven grandchildren.

Teddy Morelock, 65, Fayetteville, Ark., died April 18 at his home.

He was born June 13, 1943, in Fayetteville, to Ted and Fanny (Hembree) Morelock. He was a member of Church of Christ.

He graduated from Greenland High School, and received bachelor's and master's degrees in horticulture from the University of Arkansas (U of A), and a doctorate in plant breeding and genetics from the University of Wisconsin.

He returned to the U of A in 1974 as an



Teddy Morelock

He was an adjunct professor for 20 years with Texas A&M University (TAMU). Teddy's major research contributions to horticulture involved the development and introduction of improved cowpea, spinach, turnip and mustard

assistant professor in the Department of Horticulture. He served as associate professor and professor and was promoted to university professor status in 2007.

varieties. For more than 20 years, his spinach program was the only public sector breeding program in the United States.

He was named a Fellow of the American Society of Horticultural Sciences (ASHS), class of 2004. He received the John W. White Team Research Award from the U of A in 2005 and 2007. His most recent recognition was the ASHS Distinguished Researcher Award in 2009. He served on numerous university committees and grant writing teams, generating nearly \$3.5 million to the U of A.

He was an Angus breeder, and he and his

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Angus breeder leaves special request: Do a good deed in his name

Vance Uden, 68, Franklin, Neb., died April 18 at his home.

Vance was born May 21, 1940, in Bruning, Neb., to Vivian (Crays) and Harold Uden. Vance graduated from Bruning High School and was a graduate of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with a bachelor’s degree in animal science. He married Constance Sterner in 1963 in Franklin.



Vance Uden

Vance owned and operated TC Ranch where he raised registered Angus cattle. He earned many awards but felt his greatest achievements were the herd sires he produced that went on to improve cattle for other breeders. Vance loved the livestock business, following the Nebraska Husker football and volleyball teams, major league baseball, music and his family.

He was a member of the American Angus Association, serving two terms on the Board of Directors; the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA); the Nebraska Angus Association; and the Methodist Church. Vance was well-known as a cattle judge for all

breeds, judging at all major cattle shows.

He was a strong supporter of youth and had helped many young people start an Angus herd. Vance showed carloads of bulls at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) for 35 years. He always had time to visit and help anyone. He enjoyed giving pasture tours and never turned down a livestock judging team that wanted to come for a workout.

Instead of traveling to attend a funeral, it was Vance’s wish that people use that time to do something positive for someone else — take a grandchild for a walk through the cattle, reconnect with someone from the past, make an effort to resolve old conflicts or lend a stranger a helping hand. His family suggests that offering your time and energy in this way will not only honor Vance’s memory and spirit, but benefit all by touching the hearts and lives of others as he has touched theirs.

A memorial service may be read at www.hutchinsfh.com. The family would like to collect and make available a list of the good deeds done in memory of Vance; the deeds will be listed anonymously at www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RKohXC1vrl.

Vance is survived by his wife; sons Ty and Dru; sister Cheryl, and two grandchildren. TC Ranch was his life, and his Angus friends around the world were considered an extended family.

wife of 34 years, Jane, had been life members of the American Angus Association. She died in 1999. He was honored, with Jane posthumously recognized, as Advisor of the Year in 2001 by the National Junior Angus Association. Teddy loved helping youth. He served on the Arkansas Angus Board and on several advisory 4-H committees in Washington County.

Survivors include one daughter, Leslie Ann Roye; one granddaughter, Hailey Ann Roye; and many friends and associates from all over the world.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

AgriLabs is celebrating the Silver Anniversary of a meeting in Saint Joseph, Mo., of 25 small, competing companies of animal health products at which their owners reached consensus to form a buying group with a local manufacturer, Tech America. In April 1994, the companies thought that with pooled resources, they would have the capability to go head-to-head in pricing and marketing with the giant distributors of the time. The company that emerged from that meeting was AgriLabs.



Colorado State University Bull Sale, Fort Collins, March 28

► Prairie Marsh Pride 803 was donated by Prairie Marsh, Poynette, Wis., to sell at the 2009 Colorado State University (CSU) Bull Sale March 28 in Fort Collins, Colo. The proceeds from the sale of the Angus heifer went to the CSU Meat Judging Team, whose members are raising money to compete in the Australian National Meat Judging Contest. Pictured are (from left) grandson of Roger McConnell and McConnell, Fort Collins, buyer; and team members Heather Pierce, Golden, Colo.; Ruth Woiwode, Fort Collins; Renee Kinsey, Tucson, Ariz.; Amanda Greenwell, Kealakekua, Hawaii; and Scott Howard, Fort Collins, coach.



▶ **Alabama Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Cullman, April 17**

▶ The 2009 Alabama Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Tillman Griggs**, Gurley, president; **Lanny Upton**, Decatur, first vice president; **Randy Crowell**, Elrod, second vice president; **Gregg Blythe**, Madison, treasurer; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, secretary/fieldman; **Mahlon Richburg**, Auburn, past president; (standing, from left) **Len Colvin**, Bridgeport; **Jay Watson**, Lincoln; **Philip Gleason**, Springville; **Rusty Graydon**, Montgomery; **Michael Hill**, Holly Pond; **Dale Parris**, Albertville; **Jackie Thrower**, Arab; **Jason Upchurch**, Lineville; **George Richburg**, Auburn; and **Chris Wisener**, Arab.



▶ The 2009 Alabama Angus Auxiliary officers and directors are (from left) **Kimberly Barrentine**, Pisgah, past president; **Mary Richburg**, Auburn, president; **BriAnna Upchurch**, Lineville, vice president; **Bonnie Crowell**, Elrod, secretary-treasurer; **Tracy Anderson**, Opelika, director; and **Melody Barton**, Dutton, director.



▶ **Mahlon Richburg** (left), Auburn, receives the Outgoing President Recognition Honor from Tillman Griggs, Alabama Angus Ass'n president.



▶ **B.C. Jackson** (center), Hope Hull, receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from Griggs (left) and John Harrell.