



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Hoover Angus Farm, Tingley, Iowa, is celebrating its 80th year of breeding Angus cattle. The original farm was homesteaded by Hoover ancestors in 1856. F.W. and Sadye Hoover founded the Angus operation in 1928, and the herd is currently owned and operated by second-generation John and Barb Kiburz, third-generation David and Joy McFarland, and fourth-generation Landi McFarland.

Jack Reich, Zap, N.D., is the new North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) president. Reich; his wife, Mardi; and their children, Vander and Kaydee, operate a registered Angus ranch in partnership with his dad, Delvin, near the Knife River.

Before being elected to the NDSA's top post, Reich, a Montana State University graduate, served two terms as vice president and, before that, as a District 4 director. He has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1996.

Robin Ruff has been promoted to junior activities director for the American Angus Association, effective immediately. She has served as the junior activities assistant since May 2007, upon completing her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University (K-State).

Ruff will oversee the activities of the more than 7,000 active junior Angus members and will continue to coordinate and implement programs of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). She will work closely with the NJAA Board to facilitate leadership programs, educational events and shows for the NJAA, which is comprised of members of the Association who are 21 and younger.

Ruff is a native of Hanston, Kan., where she was raised on her family's cattle operation. She competed in the showing at various levels. She earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness from K-State, where she was active in Collegiate Cattlewomen, College of Agriculture Student Council and Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority.

Ruff can be contacted by calling the Association at 816-383-5100 or via e-mail at rruff@angus.org.

IN PASSING

Tom Adams Jr., 82, Albuquerque, N.M., died June 10.

Tom was born Jan. 1, 1926, in Temple, Texas, and graduated from Baylor University with a degree in journalism. After residing in San Antonio, Texas, for most of his life he moved to Albuquerque in his later years to be close to his daughters. He worked as a journalist briefly at *The Cattleman* magazine, subsequently selling land and cattle across the globe.

Tom is survived by daughters Holly and Erin and three grandchildren.

Samuel Hoeper, 99, Grandview, Mo., died Aug. 28.

Samuel was born in Rich Hill, Mo., Aug. 18, 1909. After graduating from Rich Hill High School, he attended Central Missouri State Teacher's College in Warrensburg, Mo. Upon graduation he became a teacher and coach at Grandview High School.

In 1934, he completed his master's degree in high school administration at the George Peabody College and Vanderbilt University. That same year he became the high school principal and coach at Belton High School. In 1936, he was appointed the principal and director of athletics at Savannah High School in Savannah, Mo.

In 1940 he was accepted to Creighton University Medical School. Upon graduation he completed his internship at Kansas City General Hospital.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946 at Fort Meade, Md. After an honorable discharge, he began practicing medicine at Santa Fe Hospital in Topeka, Kan. In 1947, he opened his private practice in Grandview, Mo. He started Grandview Medical Center and continued there until he retired in fall 1993.

He was a member of the medical staff at Saint Joseph Hospital, Trinity Lutheran Hospital, Menorah Hospital and Research Medical Center. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Missouri State Medical Association. He was a past president of the Industrial Medical Association and the Richards Gebaur Community Council.

He was a member of the Grandview School Board for 17 years. He was a charter

member of the Grandview Lions Club and the Ruskin Heights Lutheran Church. He was a life member of the American Angus Association since 1957, dispersing the Hooper Angus herd Oct. 15, 1966.

In 1993, he was the recipient of the Creighton University School of Medicine Alumni award.

Samuel is survived by son Sam, daughter Patricia, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

David Finnstad, 60, Belvidere, Ill., died Oct 20 at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center after a sudden illness.

David was born Dec. 7, 1947, to Burdette and Alice (Barnes) Finnstad in Belvidere. He married Valerie Bruce May 9, 1970, in Belvidere. After her death, he married Debra Haskins Feb. 1, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Germany from 1967 to 1969.

He retired from the Chrysler Corp. in October 1996, where he worked for many years. He was a member of the Boone County Saddle Club, Boone County Fire Protection District #2, and the Boone County Farm Bureau. He was a part of the cattle show at the Boone County Fair for 28 years.

He enjoyed working with animals, fishing, woodworking and spending time with the kids.

In addition to his wife, David is survived by son Brian and daughter Angela, sister Cinda, brother Roger and a grandson.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Sally Angell, Centralia; **Chris Cloud**, Carthage; and **Jim Freeman**, Salem, were chosen in recent elections to serve on the Missouri Beef Industry Council (MBIC). Angell, who will represent Region 2, and Cloud, Region 4, are new to the board. Freeman was re-elected as Region 3 representative and currently serves as treasurer of the board.

Merrel Breyer, Richland, will serve on the board for a one-year term as immediate past president of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

Jason Schmidt, Medina, N.D., was elected vice president of the NDSA. New directors are **Dan Rorvig**, McVillie; and **Winton Wold**, Watford City. **Bruce Hakanson**, McLeod; **Steve Koester**, Steele; **Fred Helbling**, Mandan; and **Gabe Thompson Jr.**, Antler; were re-elected as directors.

