



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Danny Ulmanis**, Koshkonong, Mo., a member of the University of Missouri (MU) team, was the second-place individual in the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Collegiate and Junior Livestock Judging contests. Ulmanis is a member of the American Angus Association, and a former member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

Twenty-seven collegiate, 4-H and FFA teams, including 116 individuals from many states, competed in the event Oct. 8 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg, Pa.

The MU team took second-place honors in the collegiate division with a combined score of 4,587 points, following Michigan State University, which had a combined score of 4,606 points.

Kentucky was the highest-scoring junior team with a combined score of 2,476 points.

**Mark Allan** has joined Trans Ova Genetics as the director of marketing and genomics, based at the company's headquarters in Sioux Center, Iowa. In this position, Allan will continue to develop sales, marketing and client service aspects and work to maintain leadership and growth for the company in the areas of embryo transfer (ET), in vitro fertilization (IVF), sexed semen and other advanced reproductive technologies in the beef, dairy and rodeo stock industries.

Before joining Trans Ova Genetics, Allan was the associate director of Global Technical Services for Pfizer Animal Health Genetics. He was instrumental in the development and launch of Pfizer's Angus HD 50K, a high-density DNA tool enabling enhanced genetic improvement in Angus cattle. He previously served as a research geneticist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC), Clay Center, Neb.

**Patsy Houghton** has been named the recipient of Kansas State University's (K-State's) Department of Animal Sciences and Industry Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Houghton is owner and general manager of Heartland Cattle Co. of McCook, Neb. A native of Tipton, Kan., she was the K-State

Research and Extension beef cattle specialist, based in Colby, when the idea of professional heifer development was in its infancy, according to K-State animal science professor Jeff Stevenson.

Having the foresight to see the tremendous need for this special service in the U.S., Heartland Cattle Co. was founded in 1990. Today, the company remains the premier heifer development facility in the country with more than 75,000 heifers to back its reputation, Stevenson said.

Houghton has been a strong supporter of K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry undergraduate program, Stevenson said. She has hosted tours of her facility, provided student internships and hired some of its graduates. She also has served as a member of K-State's Livestock and Meat Industry Council.

**Bill King**, Stanley, N.M., was named the 2010 Cattleman of the Year by the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMCGA) during the organization's convention in Albuquerque. Sponsored by Wells Fargo, the award is given annually to a member in recognition of that person's contributions to the industry.

The King family ranches in central New Mexico, and is known both for quality cattle and political service. King is the son of former Governor Bruce and Alice King.

King raises registered Hereford, Angus and Charolais cattle, as well as a herd of commercial cattle, on the family ranch near Stanley with the help of his three daughters. Through the family ranch, known as High Valley Angus, he has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1996.

He has served eight years as chairman of the New Mexico Livestock Board, is secretary-treasurer of the Edgewood Soil and Water Conservation District and is the immediate past president of the American Hereford Association. He is a past president of NMCGA and has been active in the association, including the Feeder Committee, for many years.

## IN PASSING

**Bobby Lovett**, 77, Cuthbert, Ga., died Sept. 30 at his residence.

He was born Aug. 24, 1934, in Cuthbert to Max and Jimmie (Avera) Lovett. He attended

Clemson University and Georgia Tech and served in the Georgia National Guard.

Lovett and his family operated Lovett Farms, which earned the reserve champion pen of steers in the 1994 and 1995 Beef Challenge. As a part of the Beef Challenge, steers were selected from Lovett Farms' pens and went on to win reserve champion honors in a nationwide performance and carcass contest.

At the Georgia Beef Expo, pens of Lovett Farms' heifers have earned champion and reserve champion titles. Lovett was named Commercial Cattleman of the Year in 1996.

He served as president of the Canyon Cattleman's Association; was a member of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association Cow-Calf and Stockers Council; and he served as treasurer, vice president, regional vice president and as a member of the executive board of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. He served on the steering committee of both the Georgia Beef Challenge and the Georgia Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) program and was in the Hall of Fame of the Pachitla Cattlemen's Association.

He was a retired board member of the First State Bank of Randolph County, treasurer of the board of Randolph Southern School. He was a member of Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church and attended Damascus Baptist Church of Cuthbert.

Lovett is survived by his wife of 55 years, Theresa (Peavy) Lovett; sons Bob and Scotty; daughter Leisa; and four grandchildren.

**Warren Rundles**, 89, El Paso, Ill., died Oct. 14 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal, Ill.

He was born Nov. 20, 1921, in El Paso to Charles and Lilly (Steiglemyer) Rundles. He married Eloise Shutt Sept. 18, 1943, in Bloomington, Ill.

Rundles was a founding member of the Central Illinois Angus Association and a life member since 1945 of the American Angus Association. The great love of his life was his Angus cattle. He did not give up caring for his cattle until the very end. He will also be remembered for his jokes and storytelling.

Surviving are his partners in Rundles Angus Farms, Brent and Jenny Henkel and their children, Abe and Kate; sister-in-law Magda; and two nieces and two nephews.

**Joe William Meng Sr.**, 88, Bowling Green, Ky., died Oct. 22 at The Medical Center in Bowling Green.

Meng was born to W.H. and Sue (Evans) Meng Oct. 28, 1922. He was in the last graduating class of Woodburn High School in 1941 and attended Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky. He was the youngest Warren County magistrate ever elected and served from 1947 to 1953. He was named Outstanding Young Farmer of Warren County in 1955 and Outstanding Adult Farmer in 1971.

Meng farmed and raised Angus cattle in Woodburn until 1998 when he sold the farm and moved to Bowling Green. He was a lifelong member of Woodburn Baptist Church. He was on the board of directors of Bowling Green Bank & Trust Co. (BB&T) from 1950-2004. He was on the Warren Rural Electric Cooperative board from 1957-

1997 and on the Kentucky RECC board for 25 years, serving as president in 1970. He also served on the National Rural Electric Central Finance Corp. board for nine years.

He was a longtime member and past president of the Kentucky Angus Association, and was on the Board of Directors and served as an officer of the American Angus Association from 1966 to 1973. He had been a life member of the Association since 1948. He also served on the Governor's Council on Agriculture under three governors, Wendell Ford, Julian Carroll and John Y. Brown.

Meng is survived by his wife of 68 years, Martha (Summers) Meng; son Joe Bill; daughters Sue Ann and Janie; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Allen Frey**, 88, Granville, N.D., died Oct. 26 in a Minot, N.D., hospital.

He was born April 22, 1923, to Edward

and Beatha (Schaeffer) Frey in Bottineau, N.D. He was raised and educated in the Kramer, Bantry, Orrin and Granville areas.

Frey enlisted in the U.S. Navy Dec. 26, 1943. He served on the naval aircraft carrier USS Makassar Strait CV391. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Frey married Arlyss Bacon June 21, 1948, at Hope Congregational Church in Granville. They began farming their home place in 1950, and continued to live there until the present time. Their four sons joined them in operating Frey Angus Ranch in the mid-1970s. Frey continued to farm and ranch with the family operation until his retirement in 2003.

He was recognized for his farming practices as a Soil Conservation District Award winner, the North Dakota Angus Association Man of the Year, the Honorary

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FFA Chapter Degree and the McHenry County Harvest Bowl award from North Dakota State University. He served on the McHenry County FHA Board and as a deacon for Hope Congregational Church. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1959, and a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Hope Congregational Church of Granville.

He loved his livestock and his farm. He was a very talented carpenter and builder, and his home, ranch buildings and corrals were the result of his talents and hard work. He also built and remodeled several homes in the community. For 14 years he planted and tended a large garden, producing vegetables to sell at the Minot Area Farmers' Market.

Most importantly, Frey loved his family. His children grew up working with him every day in the fields and with the livestock. Every grandchild has many wonderful memories of spending time with Grandpa, and helping him with farm tasks.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Lynn, Vern and Eddie; daughter Merry "Cookie"; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Kenneth "Kenny" Sherbahn**, 94, South Whitley, Ind., died Oct. 28 at the Peabody Home, North Manchester, Ind.

He was born Nov. 19, 1916, in Whitley County, Ind., son of Edgar and Nellie (Ward) Sherbahn. He graduated from South Whitley High School in 1934. He attended Repperts Auction School in 1938 and started his lifelong career in the auction business in 1947.

From 1943 until 1947, Sherbahn served in the U.S. Army, serving in England during World War II. He married Vera Penrod Oct. 18, 1941. They made their home in the South Whitley area. Vera died Dec. 2, 1994. In 1997, he married Marie Trump, an excellent friend and companion.

Sherbahn sold for Producers Marketing Association for 30 years with up to five sales per week at Centerville, Terre Haute, Lafayette, Montpelier and Columbia City. He managed and conducted numerous Angus sales in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Canada. He also conducted the National Arabian Horse Sale for four years. He conducted the Springville and Worthington Feeder Calf auctions for 50 years.

He served on the unethical fitting committee for the Chicago International Livestock Show and was elected to the Indiana State Fair Board from 1980 to 1988,

serving as president of that board. He served as president of the Indiana Auctioneers Association and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Indiana Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame at Purdue University. He received the Sagamore of the Wabash award from Governor Bowen and Governor Orr, and was appointed to serve on the Indiana Auctioneers Commission.

Sherbahn started his Angus herd in 1934 with the purchase of an Angus heifer, after having had Angus steers in earlier years in 4-H. He was very active in the Indiana Angus Association on his return from World War II service overseas, and served as Indiana Angus fieldman, editor of the *Indiana Angus News*, and as an Indiana Angus Association officer and/or director for many years. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1938.

He served on the board of directors of Whitley County Memorial Hospital, was a member of Eel River Masonic Lodge #510 F & A.M. and a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church of South Whitley.

Sherbahn is survived by son Craig; foster son John Sanders; sister Hildreth; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Dan Shike** and **Tara Felix** have joined the University of Illinois Department of animal sciences as assistant professors, with combined appointments in research and teaching.

**Paul Engler** and **Sara Wyant** have been selected as 2011 Leader in Agriculture Award winners by Agriculture Future of America (AFA). AFA sponsors the award to honor individuals whose accomplishments in their personal lives and professional careers have distinguished them as mentors to others in the agriculture industry.

Engler is the founder and chairman emeritus of Cactus Feeders Inc., based in Amarillo, Texas. Wyant is the president of Agri-Pulse Communications Inc., publisher of the Agri-Pulse newsletter and website.

**Chris Berning** has joined the ABS Global Inc. North America team as business development director. Berning will be based from his home office in Tennessee.



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