



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**The Nelson family** was honored at the Minnesota Angus Banquet March 14 in Rochester, Minn., for breeding cattle for 100 years.

Their story begins in 1855 when Nels Oleson came from Norway and settled in Nevada Township in Mower County, Lyle, Minn. At the time, there were so many

Olesons that he changed his last name to Nelson. Nels Nelson sired Helmer Nelson, who followed in his father's footsteps as a Mower County farmer. He, in turn, sired Newell Nelson, the founder of Nelson Angus Farm, also known as Beaver Brook Angus. The original property, still in the family ownership 162 years later, consisted of 180 acres.

Newell purchased his first Angus bull in 1914 from Henry Lenz at Lyle, Minn. Another Lenz bull that was used early in the program was Vica's Frank, who sired the first registered Angus cattle Newell recorded.

Newell purchased his first registered Angus females in 1917 at the Minnesota State Angus Sale at the University of Minnesota campus in Saint Paul. He brought them back to Lyle on a train.

Newell became a lifetime member of the American Angus Association Feb. 22, 1921.

Newell and his wife, Bellena, are both deceased, but their son Lorimer carries the herd on today. Lorimer was born Nov. 27, 1932. He became a member of the American Angus Association March 31, 1955.

On June 13, 1964, the Minnesota Angus Field Day was hosted at the Nelson farm featuring speakers Bob Jacobs, University of Minnesota; Dean Hurlbut, American Angus Association, Saint Joseph, Mo.; Vern Kerchberger, American Angus Association, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Tom Burke, president of the Minnesota Junior Angus Association, Blooming Prairie, Minn.; and Minnesota Junior Angus Association officers Richard Leary, Caledonia, Minn., and Dean Denzer, Le Sueur, Minn. A crowd of 250 Angus enthusiasts attended.

Over the years, Newell and Lorimer participated in the Midwest Fat Steer Show sponsored by the Hormel Co. at the Mower County Fair in Austin, Minn.

In the 1950s and 1960s large drafts of females from the farm were sold to the Equen Plantation at Minter City, Miss., and to the Rocky Creek Ranch at LaGrange, Texas. They also sold cattle in the North Iowa Angus Association Sale, and the program was responsible for starting many programs in the registered Angus business and supplying many commercial bulls with their private-treaty program.

In 1967 the Nelsons bred and exhibited the reserve grand champion bull, Brookmere 1032, at the Sioux Empire Angus Sale in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Nelson farm had a unique location in that it was located next to the city limits on the east side of Lyle, right on the Minnesota-Iowa state line. Lorimer and Sandy were married in 1978; the blended family consisted

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## Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 4, Saint Johns



► The officers and directors of the Michigan Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Bob Zellmer**, Nashville, vice president; **Grace Boehmer**, Olivet, secretary; **Merle Boehmer**, Williamston, chairman of the board; **Ken Geuns**, Bath, president; **Lisa Bohlen**, Pleasant Ridge, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Kevin Beckington** and **Daniel Vaassen**, both of Ann Arbor; **Paige Tuggle**, Ithaca; **Nancy Thelen**, Saline; **Kent Nickolaus**, Addison; **Monte Bordner**, Sturgis; **Chris Pranger**, Corunna, Ind.; and **Steven Thelen**, Saline, Southeast Michigan Angus representative.



► **Monte and Robin Bordner**, Sturgis, received the Michigan Angus Ass'n Heritage award. Pictured are (from left) Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, presenting; Robin and Monte Bordner, recipients; and Merle Boehmer, Michigan Angus Ass'n chairman of the board, presenting.



► **Grace and Evan Boehmer**, Single Tree Farms, Olivet, received the Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n (MJAA) Adult Appreciation Award. Pictured are (from left) Austin Pillars, MJAA president, presenting, and Grace Boehmer, recipient.

► **Right:** Officers for the Michigan Angus Ass'n Auxiliary are (seated, from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, president; **Kris Boehmer**, Charlotte, past president advisor; **Sharon Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Laura Pillars**, Martin, historian; **Janel Horrocks-Boehmer**, Williamston, scholarship chairperson; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, Miss Michigan Angus chairperson; and **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, awards chairperson.



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►The Minnesota Angus Ass'n honored the Nelson family of Lyle, Minn., for raising cattle for 100 years. Pictured are representatives of three Minnesota herds that have reached the century mark, including (from left) Keith and Julie Ekstrom; Ruth and Phil Abrahamson; Sandy and Lorimer Nelson; and Larry, Margaret and Chris Miller.

of five children, Larry, Dawn, Joelle, Kelly and Mike.

The story of the Nelson Angus herd is remarkable, considering that this family has lived in the United States on the same farm for 162 years, spanning seven generations.

The Nelson Angus herd is the third herd in the state of Minnesota to reach the century mark, the others being the Sunnyslope herd at Lanesboro, Minn., owned by the Abrahamson family, and the Viewlawn herd at Mabel, Minn., owned by the Miller family

**Heartland Livestock Services**, Swift Current, Sask., was honored by the Canadian

► **Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, May 5, Raymond**



►The Mississippi Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **W.E. Warren**, West, director; **Kindra Whitlock**, luka, treasurer; **Stephen Gaines**, Brandon, president; **D.R. Bozeman Jr.**, Flora, vice president; **Marc Kimbrell**, Carrollton, secretary; **Ron Melancon**, Woodville; (back row, from left) **William McMillan**, Newton; **James Peden**, DeKalb; **Larry Blocker**, Starkville; **William Howard**, Canton; **Tony Thames**, Jayess; **Randy Walker**, Potts Camp; **Jon Paul Whitlock**, luka; and **Lane Smith**, Purvis.

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► **Don Patrick** (right), Terry, receives the award for breeder of the champion Mississippi-bred bull, **Patrick's First Advance K40**, at the Dixie National on Stephen Gaines (left), Mississippi Angus Ass'n president.



► **Robbie Woods**, Woods Angus, Benton, was recognized as breeder and **Austin Davis**, Yazoo City, as exhibitor of the champion Mississippi-bred heifer, **WA Lucy's Bombshell 501**, at the Dixie National. Pictured are (from left) Stephen Gaines, Mississippi Angus Ass'n president, presenting; and Robbie Woods and Austin Davis.



► **Ivan Kiani**, Kiani Angus, Morton, was recognized as breeder and **Seth Ball**, Terry, as exhibitor of the Mississippi-bred reserve champion bull, **Kiani T Rex 714**, at the Mississippi State Fair. Pictured are (from left) Gaines, presenting; Seth Ball and Ivan Kiani.



► **John Taylor McFerrin** (center), Mantachie, receives the breeder and exhibitor awards for the Mississippi-bred champion bull, **J&J Classic Creek 153**, at the Mississippi State Fair from Gaines (left) and John McFerrin (right).



► **Left: Lane Smith** (right), Smith Farms, Purvis, receives the Progressive Breeder of the Year award from Gaines.

► **Right: Doug Preuss** (right), Monogram Farms, Terry, receives the Lifetime of Achievement award from Gaines.



► **Mississippi Angus Ass'n Sale, Raymond, May 6**



► **Chris Fulper**, Fulper Angus Farm, Booneville, consigned the high-selling cow-calf pair and high-selling bred heifer at the Mississippi Angus Ass'n Sale. Pictured are (from left) Stephen Gaines, Mississippi Angus Ass'n president, presenting; Chris Fulper, consignor; and D.R. Bozeman, Mississippi Angus Ass'n vice president, presenting.



► **Ivan and Melanie Kiani**, Kiani Angus, Morton, consigned the high-selling open heifer, Kiani Duchess 1176. Pictured are (from left) Ivan and Melanie Kiani, consignors; and Bozeman, presenting.



► **Ivan and Melanie Kiani**, Kiani Angus, consigned the champion open heifer. Lot 25A consisted of Kiani Duchess 1176, a Sept. 2016 daughter of SAV Renown 3439. Pictured are (from left) Ivan Kiani, consignor; Stephen Gaines, presenting; and Melanie Kiani, consignor.



► **Stephen Gaines** (right), Gaines Farms, Brandon, consigned the champion bred heifer, 2-G Upshot 509X 520. Also pictured is American Angus Ass'n Regional Manager Mark Sims, presenting.



► **Stuart Johnson**, Golden J Farm, Tupelo, consigned the champion cow-calf pair and best in show, GJF WRM Erica Eileen 1219 and her son of PVF Insight 0129. Pictured are (from left) Gaines, presenting; Luke Chittom, farm manager; and Stuart Johnson, consignor.



► **Lane Smith**, Smith Farms, Purvis, consigned the champion cow-calf spring pair, S/F Blacklass 386 and her daughter of Whitestone Diner 5057. Pictured are (from left) Gaines, presenting, and Lane Smith, consignor.

Angus Association (CAA) with the Auction Market of the Year Award. This marks the 10th year the award has been presented by CAA.

For more than 50 years Heartland Livestock Services has been committed to providing quality, comprehensive marketing services for Western Canadian livestock producers. In an average year, the team puts 109,000 head of cattle through the ring. In the last 25 years they have handled 2.7 million head. They take pride in providing livestock producers with innovative and effective services that add value to their livestock business.

The Heartland Swift Current facility was built in 1991 and covers 130 acres. There are 60 holding pens with water and feed and 90 receiving pens. The auction area seats 150. The facility also boasts a large kitchen area with seating for 40 and a large office space.

Congratulations to Manager Lee Crowley and the staff of Heartland Livestock Exchange Inc.

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**Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 3, Louisville**

►The Kentucky Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, front row, from left) **Randy Smoot**, Campbells-ville; **Ricky Cunningham**, Dexter; **Gil Cowles**, Rockfield, vice president; **Timothy Jeffries**, Canmer, president; **Anne Stewart DeMott**, Frankfort, secretary-treasurer; **Jamie Marks-bury**, Buffalo; (standing, back row, from left) **Charles Boyd II**, May's Lick, American Angus Ass'n president and chairman of the board; **Jim Jasper**, Shelbyville; **Kelly Flanders**, Buffalo; **Bob Clark**, Harrodsburg; **Eric St. Clair**, Falls of Rough; **Kris Lynn**, Springfield; **Jason Crowe**, Irvine; **Sam Fouts**, London; and **Henry Smith**, Russell Springs.



►The Kentucky Angus Ass'n (KAA) has established a new scholarship honoring **Joe William Meng Jr. (Joe Bill)**, Louisville, with the first recipient to be named at the NJAS this July in Des Moines, Iowa. Announcing the new scholarship are (from left) Gil Cowles, KAA vice president; Timothy Jeffries, KAA president; Debbie Meng, Lucy and Daniel Kaplan, Meng's family; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.



►The **Kaitlin Fouts family**, London, received the Family of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) Stephanie, Sam, Kaitlin and Lisa Fouts; and presenting is Makayla Jeffries, Miss Kentucky Angus.



►**Reese Johnson** (right), Slaughters, receives the Herdsman of the Year award from last year's recipient, Jim Jasper.



►**Bill and Brenda Jasper**, Nicholasville, received the Joe William Meng Jr. (Joe Bill), Lifetime Achievement award. Pictured are (from left) Daniel and Lucy Kaplan; Debbie Meng, Bill and Brenda Jasper, recipients; Jim Shaw, Jim Jasper, Josh Jasper and Maggie Jasper.



►Left: **Tom McGinnis**, Shelbyville, receives an Appreciation Award for his service to the Kentucky Angus Ass'n board of directors.

►Right: **Troy Jeffries**, Canmer, receives an Appreciation Award for his support and dedication to the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n.



►**Burks Cattle Co.**, Park City, won grand champion female at the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes. Pictured are (from left) Bradon Burks, Kelby Burks and Sheldon Burks.



► **Anne Patton Schubert** (left), Taylorsville, and **Sheldon Burks** (right), Park City, receive awards for having the grand champion bull at the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes.



► **Reese Johnson**, Slaughters, receives an award for having the reserve grand champion bull at the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes.

The Auction Market of the Year Award was introduced in 2006 to recognize and honor those auction markets that work hard to promote Angus cattle. Auction markets across Canada have been recognized for their support of the Canadian Angus feeder sales program.

■ **IN PASSING**

**O.G. (Dan) Daniel**, Colbert, Ga., died at his home May 18. He was the son of Leonard and Martha (White) Daniel. Born in Paris, Ark., he attended public school there, graduating from Paris High School in 1940. Following his graduation from Arkansas State Teachers College, he served in the Armed Forces during World War II. He then received a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Maryland in 1949 and his master's and doctoral degrees from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in 1957.

He served as associate professor of animal science and then Dean of Agriculture at Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, Okla. In 1958, he was appointed head of the University of Georgia (UGA) Extension Animal Science Department, and he retired as chairman of the Division of Animal Science in 1981.

Dr. Dan, as he was affectionately known to thousands of 4-H Club members and others throughout the cattle industry, was an innovator and organizer. During his time at UGA, he revitalized the 4-H livestock program, formed the Beef Cattle Improvement Association, acted as official judge at livestock shows in more than 22 states, and supervised the activities of more than 40 animal scientists engaged in teaching, research and extension work.

His many awards and honors include Alpha Zeta, AG Hon, Ag Alumni Hall of Fame, Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame, Georgia Angus Hall of Fame, Georgia

Cattlemen's Hall of Fame, OSU Advanced Degree Graduate of Distinction and Outstanding Extension Award from the Georgia Alumni Association. His portrait hangs in the Cattle Industry Hall of Fame at the Saddle and Sirloin Club in Louisville, Ky.

He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1947.

Dr. Dan was a member of Colbert Baptist Church where he served as deacon and teacher of the Dan Daniel Sunday School class for more than 40 years. He loved Angus cattle and was a partner with his son Randy in Partisover Ranch near Colbert.

He is survived by daughters Dannette and Pam; son Randy; five grandchildren; soon to be five great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and special caregivers.

**Samuel Hay Jr.**, 85, Covington, Ga., died May 20 in Covington.

He was born in Opelika, Ala., March 26, 1932, the third child and only son of Frances (Dearing) Hay and the Reverend Samuel Hay, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Covington from 1923 until 1926. Sam spent the first 16 years of his life in Auburn, "The Loveliest Village On The Plains," and learned "War Eagle!" early on, witnessing many Auburn football games at a tender age.

He became a handsome gridiron star at Auburn High and Tuscaloosa High in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he supported his father's presidency of Stillman College during the civil rights era. Following graduation from Tuscaloosa High, he went to Auburn University on a football scholarship. A back injury during his freshman year ended his playing time, although he continued to serve as an enthusiastic team manager while majoring in animal husbandry.

Following graduation from Auburn in 1955, Sam returned to his mother's family farm in Covington. In 1959 he married Louly Fowler of Covington. Making their lifelong home in Covington, Sam and Louly became parents of four children: Buncie, Sam III, Florence and Louly.

For more than 50 years Sam farmed in Newton County, with a dairy herd in his

younger years, followed by a registered Angus herd for the remainder of his life. He received many awards and was elected to positions in the field of agriculture, including the highest-performing dairy herd in Georgia and president of the Georgia Cattleman's Association, which named him to its Hall of Fame in 2014. He also served as director of the Georgia Agribusiness Council and founding director of the Georgia Agri-Trust. Sam had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1978.

Sam was active in agricultural

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construction and equipment sales and service throughout the 1960s and 1970s and later founded Sunbelt Builders Inc., specializing in commercial construction. The business received the Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce Dick James Small Business of the Year Award in 1999. In 2007, Sam received the R.O. Arnold Award for highest community service. He was also an active member of the Covington Kiwanis Club and was recognized in 1995-1996 as Kiwanian of the Year.

One of Sam's most pivotal roles in the Newton County community was his service as a member of the Newton County Board of Education from 1970 until 1982. With a passion for social justice, he provided leadership when the Newton County public schools were integrated, acting as a mediator among community leaders to effect change.

Sam served as a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for more than 50 years on the local, Presbytery, and General Assembly levels. As a visionary leader of First Presbyterian Church of Covington, he chaired many expansion and community outreach endeavors.

In addition to his his wife, Sam is survived

by daughters Sarah "Buncie," Florence and Louly; son Samuel III; sister Martha; seven grandchildren; cousins John Dearing and Lin Dearing; many nieces and nephews special to him; and his beloved English Springer Spaniel, Lucky.

#### INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Clay Burson** and **Martha Moen** have been hired by Purina Animal Nutrition for its cattle consultant team. Burson supports beef sales efforts in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah in his role as a technical sales specialist. Moen serves as a grass cattle consultant, supporting cattle producers in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

**Donald Monke** has been honored by Select Sires Inc. with the dedication of its European Union-qualified barns at the Plain City, Ohio, facility as the D.R. Monke Production Center. Completed in 2010, these are biosecure, environmentally friendly production facilities that house bulls qualified for semen shipment to any location in the world. Monke will retire June 30 after a 40-year career with Select Sires.

**Allyson Jones-Brimmer** has been promoted by the Animal Agriculture Alliance to director of membership. **Casey Whitaker** has been promoted to communications manager, effective May 15. Both have been with the company since 2015.

**Terry Wehrkamp**, director of live production for Cooper Farms, is now chairperson of the Animal Agriculture Alliance board of directors. Wehrkamp has served on the board since 2014. **Sarah Novak** of the American Feed Industry Association was elected to be chair-elect for a two-year term beginning May 2019. Novak joined the Alliance board in 2009.

**Doug Wilson**, CEO of Cooperative Resources International (CRI) will retire from the agricultural holding cooperative in August. Wilson spent 49 years in the artificial insemination industry, 39 with CRI.



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